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## **Miss Georgia Southern pageant Feb. 3**

*JANUARY 24, 2007*

The 58th annual Miss Georgia Southern University Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). The theme of this year's pageant is '80's Ladies." Dress, music and culture from the 1980s will be incorporated into the evening.

Contestants are judged based on a private interview, artistic expression, on-stage question, lifestyle and fitness in swim wear, and presence and poise in evening wear.

The Miss Georgia Southern Pageant is a preliminary for the Miss Georgia Pageant, which is held in June.

The pageant is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

The PAC is located on the Georgia Southern campus at the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. The box office is open every Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The box office is also open one hour prior to the start of each performance.

To purchase tickets, call 912-486-7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

## **"Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Birds" will be topic of Jan. 30 lecture**

*JANUARY 24, 2007*

One of North America's leading paleontologists will give a lecture at Georgia Southern University.

Canadian scientist Philip J. Currie will speak at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.

'Feathered Dinosaurs and the Origin of Birds" is the title of Currie's lecture, which is free and open to the public.

Currie is the Canada Research Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Calgary and the former curator of dinosaurs at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology.

As a researcher at Tyrrell, Currie focused on the growth and variation of extinct reptiles, the anatomy and relationships of carnivorous dinosaurs, and the origin of birds. His work in the field has been concentrated in the Arctic, Antarctica, Argentina, Canada, China and Mongolia.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Currie has given hundreds of lectures all over the world and published 12 books and more than 100 scientific articles. He was awarded the Sir Frederick Haultain Award for contributions to science in Alberta, and he also received the Michel T. Halbouty Human Needs Award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

The lecture is sponsored by the Georgia Southern Museum and the Campus Life Enrichment Committee.

For more information, contact the Museum at (912) 681-5444.