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Panel of experts will discuss "Scholarly Communication in the 21st Century"

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Are books becoming obsolete?

With so much information becoming available for free via the Internet, will there come a time when traditional libraries are not necessary?

These are just a couple of the questions that will be addressed at a special Georgia Southern University Centennial forum sponsored by the Zach S. Henderson Library and the Office of Academic Affairs.

'Scholarly Communication in the 21st Century: Trends and Issues' will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Free and open to the general public, the forum will feature a panel of national experts who will discuss a number of relevant issues.

The panel will include James Neal, the vice president for information services and librarian at Columbia University; Bob Stein, the research director for the Institute for the Future of the Book; Ann M. Bartow, an associate professor of law at the University of South Carolina; and James Pringle, the vice president of product development and government markets for Thomson Scientific.

The panel will address these questions:

- What are some of the most promising emerging alternative models to the traditional monograph?
- What are some of the most promising emerging alternative models to the traditional scholarly journal?
- What are some of the biggest challenges being created for the legal systems of the U.S. and other countries by the emerging scholarly communication technologies?
- If these scholarly communication trends continue, what are the most pressing challenges for access to and preservation of content?

'Scholarly communication is undergoing tremendous change due to rapidly evolving technologies, escalating publishing costs, pressures to publish or perish,' and increasing confusion over how to balance intellectual property rights and fair use in an international market," said W. Bede Mitchell, the dean of the Henderson Library.

'Of course, the same issues also affect mass commercial publishing, such as best-selling novels, but the advancement of science and human understanding depends on effectively and equitably answering these difficult questions.'

Held in conjunction with Georgia Southern's Centennial celebration, the forum is supported by funding from the Campus Life Enrichment Committee and University Advancement.

For more information, visit <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/support/centennialforum.html> or call (912) 681-5115.

Annual conference for composition teachers set for Feb. 1

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The Department of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern University will host the 10th annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference on Friday, Feb. 1.

The conference brings together college writing professors and high school English teachers in an effort to help bridge the gap between high school and college.

The Student Success organizing committee is accepting proposals for papers that address theory and practice in the teaching of composition. Suggested topics for proposals include, but are not limited to: successful teaching strategies, reading/writing connection, research practices, assessment of writing, collaborative learning strategies, multiculturalism, portfolios, and multimedia instruction.

All presenters must register in advance. The deadline for submitting a proposal is Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The conference is interdisciplinary, and educators from disciplines outside of composition are encouraged to submit proposals that explore the use of student writing in other classroom subjects. In addition, high school principals, media specialists and counselors are encouraged to attend.

The fee for the conference is \$60 per person. The fee includes lunch.

To submit a proposal or to register for the conference, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ssfyc.html> . Interested educators can also register by calling (912) 681-5551. For more information, email seminars@georgiasouthern.edu or call (912) 871-1763.

Eagle Entertainment sponsors trip to Appalachian State game

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Eagle Entertainment is sponsoring a bus trip to the Georgia Southern at Appalachian State football game in Boone, N.C., Saturday, Oct. 20.

Cost of the trip is \$25 per student and includes transportation by bus and a ticket to the game. With only 50 seats available, interested students should visit the Office of Student Activities in Russell Union Room 1058 to sign up soon.

Payment may be made by cash, check, debit, Visa, or MasterCard.

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Office of Student Activities at 912-486-7270.