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# The GEORGE-ANNE

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## NewsBriefs

### Erk testifies for panel

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Head GSC football coach Erk Russell told a joint meeting of the House and Senate Retirement Committees about the University of Georgia football coaches who illegally tapped into the state-run Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), according to a report from the Associated Press.

Russell said three coaches, part of UGA's private Georgia Athletic Association (GAA), went through UGA officials to better their retirement plans although they did not work for the state.

Russell said he did not get similar benefits and refused to identify the three UGA coaches and whether or not they were still on staff.

These practices occurred during 1964 through 1981 when Russell coached for UGA before being hired by GSC.

### Tagged for Southern

GSC commemorative tags will again be available from July 1 until August 31.

Cost for the special tag is \$25 plus fees and any taxes.

People interested in getting a GSC tag must visit the Bulloch County Tax Commissioner's office in the courthouse downtown.

### AIDS panel meets

A GSC committee on AIDS, made up of faculty, staff and students, is working on a plan to educate the student body about the disease.

According to committee member Audrey Campbell, plans are in the beginning stages in hope that by fall quarter the committee will be prepared to take action with information and counseling services.

Some ideas include a required health class which includes extensive curriculum on AIDS and continued residence hall programs on campus.

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## Regents choose Henry as 10th GSC President

GEORGE-ANNE STAFF REPORT

Although Dr. Nicholas L. Henry doesn't officially take office as the 10th president of Georgia Southern until September 1, the 44-year-old administrator got a head start on preparation for his new position with a busy summer quarter visit to campus which included meetings with faculty and staff, a press conference, and a college community reception.

Dr. Henry praised the college, its faculty, research and service to Georgia. "It's a superb institution and one which I am deeply privileged to be associated with," adding that his decision to accept the college's presidency was immediate. "I didn't even ask what the salary was."

The president-elect assumes the leadership of Southern at a time when GSC must meet public expectations for what Dr. Henry called a "phenomenal growth in standards for



Dr. Nicholas Henry  
Visited campus in July

higher education." Additionally, the new president must cope with demands related to the physical growth of the college which is forecasting a 10

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percent increase in student enrollment for fall quarter.

"I think there is going to be a popular demand for Georgia Southern to grow," he said, adding that the "growth mode" of the college was one of the things which attracted him to Southern.

"I don't think there should be any limits on (the college's) vision" for educational service. However, "growth is kind of like (a) porcupine: it has to be handled very carefully."

All was not formality during his visit, however, as Dr. Henry was introduced to a tradition on campus when he was asked to don an apron, take knife in hand and slice up watermelons served lakeside each summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays to students, faculty and staff.

## Black appointment approved

GSC NEWS SERVICE

Dr. Charlene Black has been named dean of the Graduate School and associate vice president for academic affairs, a post she has held as an interim appointment since 1985.

Black was appointed acting dean of the Graduate School in February 1985, following the death of Dr. Georgelle Thomas who was heading the school during a national search for a dean to replace Dr. Leslie Thompson. He had resigned to accept another position.

A nationally-travelled speaker on subjects ranging from attitudes toward death to problems of latchkey children, she has focused in recent years on how to encourage excellence in teaching and has headed the college's effort to improve and reward instructional quality.

A sociologist with more than two dozen grant-funded research projects and a score of published works in her field, Black has served on Georgia

Southern's faculty since 1971. Previously she taught at South Georgia College and Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tenn.

She earned her undergraduate and masters degrees at the University of Georgia and her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. Black has presided over

the statewide Georgia Sociological Society and edited a quarterly publication of the American Sociological Association (ASA), as well as chairing a number of its national committees.

Among her honors and awards, she has been cited as Georgia's Outstanding

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## Record enrollment forecast

GEORGE-ANNE STAFF REPORT

Summer quarter enrollment is at its highest level ever, with 3,280 enrolled currently and over 3,400 expected before the end of all registration sessions.

The summer registration totals are a preview of what college officials anticipate will be an all-time high with 8,300 to 8,500 students enrolling for fall quarter classes, said GSC Acting President Harry Carter.

Current figures for summer quarter indicate "a 10 to 12 percent increase over the previous summer (registration)," he said, adding that graduate school enrollment has shown a 200 student increase over last summer. "We're very pleased with that."

Growth at Southern alone is not responsible for all of the increase this

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# Successes key minority recruitment effort

GSC NEWS SERVICE

Georgia colleges working to boost minority enrollment realize that recruiting more black students to campus isn't enough.

"It's not just a matter of how many students come, but how many stay and succeed," said Dr. Michael Moore, a developmental studies professor on campus.

Moore is heading an academic booststraps program this summer to give "less prepared" incoming minority freshmen a leg up on college-level academics.

Funded by the Board of Regents, the Summer Enrichment Opportunity

Program (SEOP) is open on a first-come basis to 30 black students who will be starting GSC this fall in the developmental studies program.

There is no cost to the student for four-week session, including campus room and board, books and weekly field trips.

Students who sign up for the voluntary program are promised "a head start, lots of personal attention, field trips and new friends" among its benefits, Moore said. The curriculum is intense, covering reading, writing, math and computer skills. "Classes will be taught by some of our most valued teachers, with other black students as

peers and counselors," Moore added.

The program is one of several approaches the Regents are taking to improve the ratio of blacks in predominantly white colleges in the University System. Georgia Southern, with 945 black students in a population of 7,611 last fall, is one of the few traditionally-white schools where the percentage of black students who stay in school exceeds the overall retention rate.

About 600 students in Georgia Southern's freshman class are provisionally admitted to college under the developmental studies program. Although developmental classes offer no college credit, they offer borderline

students a chance to raise their verbal and math skills so they can go on to the regular degree program.

Some of the SEOP students may work their way up to admission in regular for-credit courses by the end of the summer session, Moore said, but SEOP is really intended to help the student in passing developmental studies rather than skipping it.

"The focus of the program is more on enrichment less on remediation," he said. "We not only want to improve the student's academic abilities, but we also want to help them begin to enjoy learning, if they haven't discovered that already."

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'MELON TIME AGAIN — GSC's president-elect wasted no time getting a handle on campus traditions as he sliced up the first watermelons of the season. Dr. Nicholas L. Henry, who handled the knife in southpaw fashion, did the honors at the long-standing summer tradition. Watermelons are served to students, faculty and staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., adjacent to the campus lake. (GSC photo)

## Propst lauds Henry, praises Carter's job

GSC NEWS SERVICE

The chancellor of the University System of Georgia praised president-elect Nicholas L. Henry for his leadership abilities and the acting president Harry Carter for contributions to the college's growth.

"Dr. Henry impressed the members of the special Regents committee and me with his vigor, his intellectual depth and his sound grasp of higher education issues," chancellor H. Dean Propst said. "I am confident that he will provide outstanding leadership as president of Georgia Southern. I am equally confident that he and Mrs. Henry will be enthusiastically welcomed into the Georgia Southern community."

"I take great pride in the excellence that is exemplified by Georgia Southern College. Great things have been accomplished at the college in the past," said Propst. "There is every reason to

expect even greater accomplishments in the future."

"Acting President Harry Carter has provided Georgia Southern College superb service. It is to his credit that there was no interruption of the forward momentum of the college. I personally salute him for a job well done," said Propst.

### '87 yearbook previewed

Acting president Dr. Harry Carter and president-elect Dr. Nicholas Henry were presented with "preview" copies of the yearbook, *Reflector 1987*, by Michael Cheek, editor of the edition.

General distribution of the yearbook is scheduled early in fall quarter for students who attended GSC this past year. Time and place for distribution will be announced later.

Carter and Henry simultaneously received their copies of the edition prior to a reception last week for Henry during his first visit to GSC as the president-elect.

## GSC's 10th president is no stranger to Georgia

GSC NEWS SERVICE

Dr. Nicholas L. Henry, 44, dean of the College of Public Programs at Arizona State University, has been named the 10th president of Georgia Southern College effective September 1.

No stranger to his new home state, the president-elect taught political science on University of Georgia's honors faculty from 1972-75. Henry and his wife Muriel have college-age twins.

In his past seven years as dean of a college of 3,000 students on Arizona State's campus of 45,000, Henry has more than doubled his college's state budget, expanded its faculty by 60 percent, multiplied research grants, built a \$2.5 million endowment, and founded the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunication, among other benchmarks.

His credits include author and editor of a dozen books, some in several vo-

lumes, and a long list of articles in major professional journals. His book on public management to be translated and published in Japanese. In frequent demand as a consultant by state and federal agencies, Henry has directed projects sponsored by grants totalling nearly \$350,000. He serves on national boards in the field of public administration, and is president-elect of the national public administration honor society.

A native of Seattle, Wash., he did his undergraduate work in government and English at Centre College, earned his masters in political science at Penn State and the Ph.D. and masters of public administration at Indiana University.

Henry also taught political science and public administration at the University of New Mexico and Indiana University, before joining the Arizona State faculty in 1975.



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# Orientation designed to ease freshmen transition

By Michael Cheek

Business Manager

As freshmen from around the nation plan to come to GSC in the fall, many are wondering what college life is like. That question is answered by a team of 16 students during a two-day event called SOAR: Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration.

New students are invited to visit campus during one of eight different sessions. During their visit, usually with parents, questions are answered, registration for fall classes occurs, and freshmen get a taste of college life. It is also an opportunity for them to get to know one another.

The 16 student leaders are currently enrolled. They were carefully selected and trained for the job they perform. The SOAR team is led by counselor Audrey Campbell.

She began the orientation program four years ago. Since then, the team has grown in size, just as the

increased amount of freshmen have. She has also gained much experience.

Team members are selected in late winter quarter. Student applicants must go through several interview and evaluation sessions. As well, there is an academic requirement of 2.25 GPA.

The 1987 team, after it was selected, attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW) in Athens. Members saw how other teams worked and performed. It was an opportune time to exchange ideas.

SOAR returned excited, ready for a good planning session. Notes from SROW in hand, they began work in early spring quarter for what would happen.

Several training sessions were required attendance, including a full weekend program. Skits and songs were written.

Then came putting it all to-

gether. Mical Whitaker of GSC's Theatre South added sparkle and a professional touch to the skits and songs.

Finally, schedules were arranged and the first session rapidly approached.

On the edge, leaders prepared for the first surge of over 200 students and their parents. Leader notebooks in hand, they were prepared.

After the first skit, "Building a Perfect Freshman," the tensions eased a bit. But a high intensity remained.

Audrey nervously watched her leaders in action, then breathed a sigh of relief seeing the job they performed.

Freshmen are divided into smaller groups for a more private session with leaders. There, questions are answered, ice-breakers and mixers introduce new students to one another, and future events and blank forms explained.

Later in the evening, after students have been advised and eaten a nice dinner, they are invited to a special program. Parents attend an inside information session while students be-

come the studio audience in "The Okra Wynahue Show."

Everything they never heard in high school—safe sex, depression, drugs, alcohol and more—is discussed openly and candidly. It becomes quite funny, though it has a rather serious side.

Afterwards, it's a cool down at the Deck Shoppe pool for the "Splash Dance," although the first two were rained out and had to be held in Hanner.

Students and parents are invited to stay on-campus in a residence hall. Some do, some don't. SOAR leaders are on hand for more questions and making sure guests are doing fine.

The second day, housing and student life are extensively discussed. The day ends with registration.

After the students leave, they have had a course in college life through skits, songs, slide shows, lectures, publications, and question & answer sessions.

Exhausted leaders and Audrey Campbell settle down to relax before the next session.

## Campus Calendar

July 16 & 17	Family Nurse Practitioner Update	Conference Ctr.	All day
July 17	Mini College Fair	Landrum Hallway	10 a.m.
July 20 & 21	Regents' Exam	Campuswide	2 p.m.
July 20 & 21	Orientation	Conference Ctr.	Daily
July 21-25	Twirling Stars Camp	Conference Ctr.	All day
July 22	Conference on personal care homes	Williams 111	8 a.m.
July 23	Summer visitation day	Conference Ctr.	All day
July 23	Agent training/Extension Svc.	Williams 111	8 a.m.
July 23	Southern Connection TV show	Channel 18 (Cable)	8 p.m.
July 24 & 25	Orientation	Conference Ctr.	Daily
July 25 & 26	Regents' Exam	Williams Dining	2, 9 p.m.
July 28-31	Ga. Assn. Of Educators meet	Conference Ctr.	Daily
July 27	Banquet, Upward Bound	Williams Dining	7 p.m.
July 29	Dance, Ga. Assn of Educators	Williams Dining	9 p.m.
July 30	Luncheon, Ga. Assn. of Educators	Williams Dining	Noon



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Tom Grovenstein & "Jake" the snake

## Summer series a museum highlight

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"Jake the Snake," the GSC museum mascot, slithers out to center stage Tuesday night for the program "Snakes Alive!," the third in a series of summer programs in the Rosenwald Building.

Museum staffer Tom Grovenstein will present the program on these fascinating reptiles, including tips on snake identification and bite treatment.

The one-hour program features a

slide show and an up-close look at other real snakes in addition to "Jake," the six foot, 15 pound boa constrictor who serves as museum mascot.

The series closes July 28 by exploring the secrets of ancient civilizations in "From Katmandu to Langtang," a slide show narrated by Statesboro Visitors and Conventions Bureau Executive Director Judy Russell, who retraces her trek in the Himalayan Mountains.

Both programs begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

## NewsBriefs

### AIDS

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State health department official Charles Matthews said GSC is further along than any other institution in the system as far as implementing a program and policy.

Locally, the Bulloch County Health Department has announced anonymous AIDS testing for \$10.

### Enrollment

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summer, Carter said. Georgia's Quality Basic Education Act, which provides incentives for teachers who upgrade skills, has prompted many teachers to further their education.

College officials are holding firm on their estimates of a record-setting fall enrollment. "I see no real reason to revise our projections for next fall," Carter said, noting that key indicators, such as prospective students who attend summer orientation sessions, are showing increased numbers of participants over previous years.

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ing Young Woman, one of the Outstanding Young Women of America, and in Who's Whos Among Women. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi national honor societies and has twice served as president of GSC's chapter of the Sigma Xi research society.

Black and her husband and two sons live in Sylvania; the family raises and shows cattle.

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