

# GSW builds momentum for the future

The 2004-05 academic year is underway, and GSW is an institution on the move.

“Our campus community, and our alumni and friends in the larger community, are committed to purposeful growth and progress,” said President Michael L. Hanes, Ph.D. “This will be a year of landmarks in the history of our campus.”

Revitalizing GSW’s historic infrastructure, while continuing to explore new learning opportunities for students, are integral components of the University’s commitment to education.

“In the next 12 months, we will see the completion of the \$22 million Student Success Center; the initiation of new academic programs on campus as well as programs reaching out to our various constituencies in Southwest Georgia; and the restoration of our most cherished historical structure, the Wheatley Administration Building,” Hanes said (see back cover).

“Meanwhile, our campus is adding men and women’s golf and soccer; enhancing facilities resources with the addition of the GSW Golf & Conference Center by the Georgia Southwestern Foundation; and continuing preparation to celebrate the institution’s centennial in 2006,” Hanes added. “This progress comes as the University pursues a \$12 million capital campaign to raise money for much-needed scholarships, programs and facilities. To date, more than \$7.9 million has been secured (see campaign newsletter, page 9).

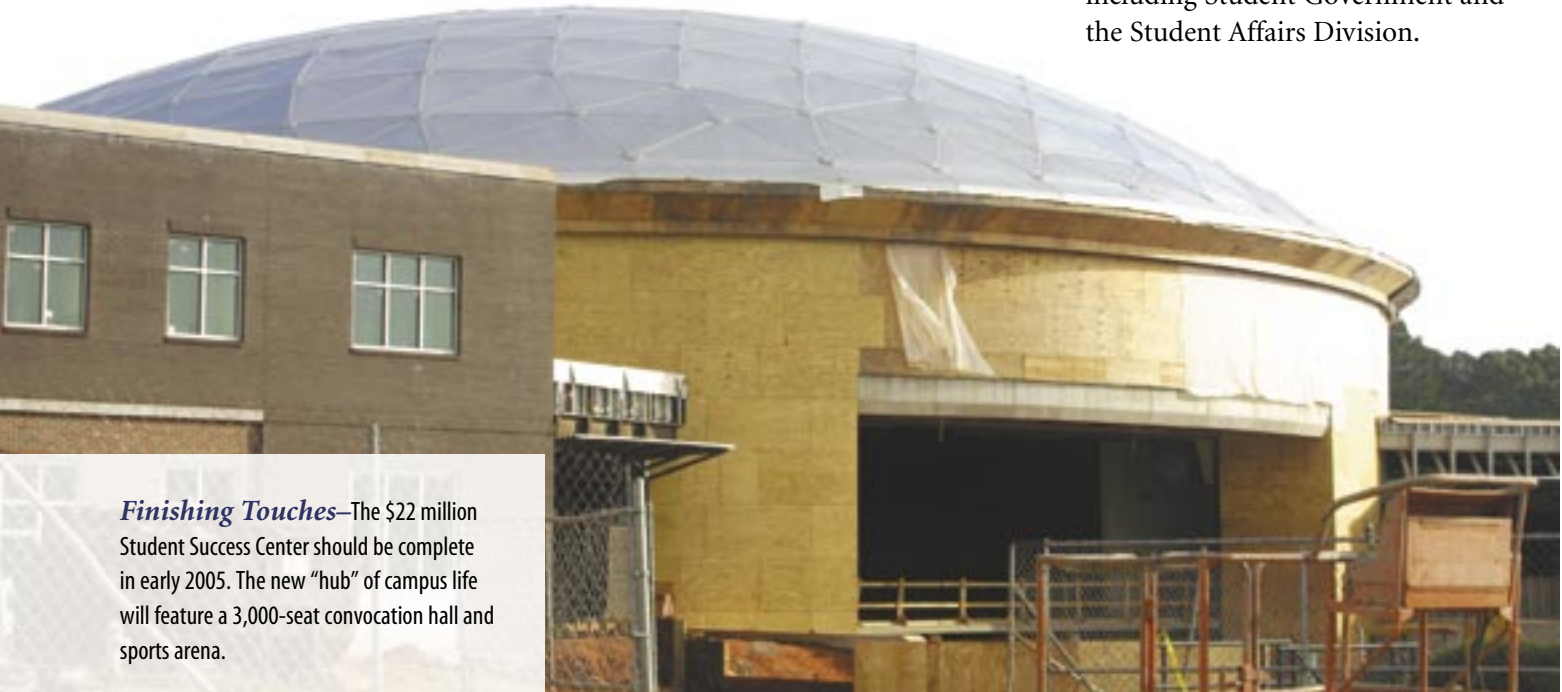
“It’s a great time to be a part of this very special institution,” Hanes said.

Academically, GSW is now collaborating with Albany State University and Dalton State College to offer the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management, or WebBAS. The degree program is designed with working professionals in mind and is offered entirely online. Graduates will be qualified for technical managerial positions in fields encompassing avi-

onics, automotive technology, electronics, construction, telecommunications, and other areas. For more information, visit [www.WebBAS.net](http://www.WebBAS.net).

A collaboration to offer four-year degree programs in Nursing, Early Childhood Education and Business Management with a concentration in Survey Management on Middle Georgia College’s Cochran campus will begin Spring Semester 2005.

Construction of the 130,000 square foot Student Success Center, designed as the new hub of campus life, is expected to be complete in early 2005. Highlights of the domed, two-story facility include a convocation hall/sports arena with seating for 3,000; updated athletic facilities, including training areas and a fitness center; recreational facilities, including racquetball courts and a climbing wall; new and improved Health and Human Performance facilities, encompassing classrooms, conference space, fitness areas, and offices; room for various student organizations including Student Government and the Student Affairs Division.



**Finishing Touches**—The \$22 million Student Success Center should be complete in early 2005. The new “hub” of campus life will feature a 3,000-seat convocation hall and sports arena.

## Police chief recognized as "the students' guardian"

The University's lead law enforcement officer is in the spotlight for his service to students.

Public Safety Director Oris W. Bryant, Jr., known across campus simply as "Chief," was profiled in the August issue of "E-SOURCE for College Transitions," the electronic newsletter of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina.

Bryant is highlighted as "the students' guardian," who invests extra effort in getting to know and help campus community members. He is involved in diverse aspects of campus life, from coordinating GSW cookouts to simply listening to students who need to talk.

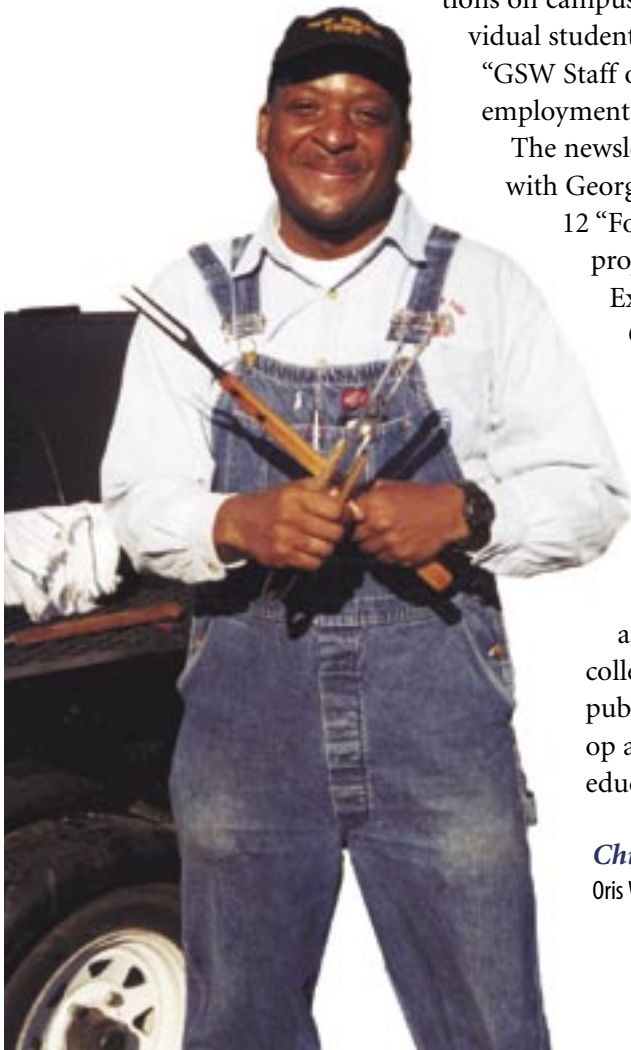
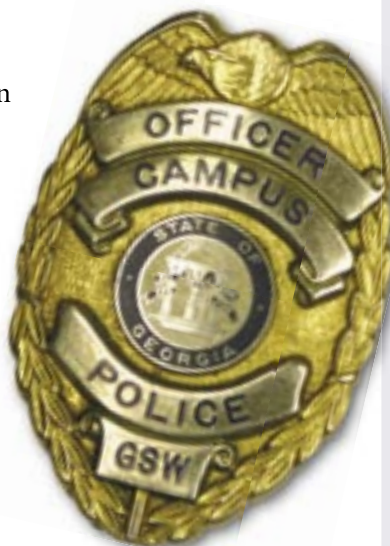
Bryant holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Management from Fort Valley State University. He holds Georgia Law Enforcement advanced training, Executive Certification. Bryant has served as president of the Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and also five years as district vice president for the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. He is an active supporter of student organizations on campus. He has received numerous individual student recognition awards and was voted "GSW Staff of The Year" in 2000. He began his employment with GSW in January 1995.

The newsletter is published in connection with Georgia Southwestern serving as one of 12 "Founding Institutions" in a national project known as the "Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year."

GSW is one of only two institutions in the Southeastern United States invited to participate.

The project, jointly sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), will develop a model of excellence for the first college year. This model can be used by public colleges and universities to develop and refine their overall approach to educating new students.

*Chief Chef*—GSW Public Safety Director Oris W. Bryant, Jr., often grills for campus events.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Students building homes, hope for the future

The campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity International invites alumni to participate in a Centennial Celebration House Sponsorship. The chapter is raising funds to build homes for one local family and three international families as part of GSW's 2006 Centennial Celebration.

"We want alumni to be a part of our efforts by working with us on Habitat build projects, locally and internationally, as well as helping with our fundraising," said Tom Weiland, Ph.D., chapter adviser. He said the group is sponsoring several fundraising activities to reach the goal of \$45,000.

The New Horizons Chapter of Habitat is co-sponsoring the effort.

For more information, visit: [www.gsw.edu/~gswfhfc](http://www.gsw.edu/~gswfhfc) or call (229) 931-2327.

### School of Education pursues national collaboration

GSW was recently awarded a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE).

The grant award totals \$402,676 over three years.

This FIPSE-funded project, titled "Documenting and Disseminating the Effectiveness of Professional Development Schools in Improving Teacher Quality & Retention, Student Learning & Achievement" is national in scope and a fully collaborative initiative. According to Mary Gendernalik Cooper, Ph.D, dean of

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the School of Education and the project's director, the grant will be used to create and implement an enhanced Web sharing of Professional Development School (PDS) effectiveness.

The overall project commitment totals nearly \$600,000, which includes the \$402,676, or 67 percent, federal funding. The remaining \$197,160 is being contributed by non-federal sources—the project's collaborating partners.

## Campus leaders achieve

Several GSW faculty and staff have been recognized for their leadership and expertise in recent months:

- Maria Warda, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing, was elected vice president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.
- John Kooti, Ph.D., dean of the School of Business, was honored when his paper on the use of technology in college business programs was selected to receive the "Best Paper" award at the International Business and Economic Research Conference.
- Frieda Jones, director of Financial Aid, was elected to the presidency of the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and vice president of the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.
- Gregory Davis, director of Auxiliary Services, received the 2004 President's Award from the Georgia Association of College Stores, while serving as the organization's vice president during the 2003-2004 term. He was also elected to serve as president of the organization for 2004-2005.
- Nancy Rooks, director of Procurement, was named the Government Purchasing Officer of the Year by the Government Purchasing Association of Georgia.
- Continuing Education Director Bobbie Duncan and her staff were recognized by Elderhostel, Inc., for the University's two decades of commitment to lifelong learning experiences for older adults. GSW Elderhostel has the largest program in the 11-state southeast district and the 10th largest program in the United States.

## New "milestones" mark history

The second installment of GSW's award-winning "Milestones in Georgia History" radio PSA project was distributed to radio stations across the state this summer.

Topics of the 60-second history vignettes include Napoleon's Peach State connection and why President Jackson once sided with Georgia against the highest court in the land.

The public service announcements are provided free to FM and AM radio stations. You can hear downloadable audio clips here: [www.gsw.edu/~univrel/news/milestones.html](http://www.gsw.edu/~univrel/news/milestones.html).

# Alumni tapped for Georgia Trend's 40 Under 40

Two of GSW's business graduates are spotlighted in the October 2004 issue of Georgia Trend magazine, ranking among the state's "40 Under 40."

Tina Anderson, Ed.D., president of Moultrie Technical College, and Brad Lofton, president and CEO of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority, earned the annual nod to Georgia's up and coming professionals.

Anderson, 39, earned a BBA in 1987 and her MSA in 1992 from GSW. She was named president of Moultrie Technical College in 2003.

Lofton, 27, earned his MBA from GSW in 2004. He is the former executive director of the Lee County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority.

Georgia Trend calls the 40 chosen for its eighth list "the best and brightest young people" in the state. They reflect a sampling of Georgia's rising superstars, including a mix of entrepreneurs, traditional businesspeople, civic leaders, public servants, academics and nonprofit workers from every corner of the state.

*Staying Connected*—Motorola executives Tom MacTavish (left) and Eduardo Bicudo Coccozza recently visited with students, faculty and staff. MacTavish, vice president and director of Motorola Labs' Human Interface Laboratory, gave a presentation titled "Understanding Business and Technology." Coccozza is a senior business development manager for the company. The visit was sponsored by the Southwest Georgia Technology Council and hosted by GSW's School of Computer and Information Sciences.

