



Smith named director of Physical Plant

George L. Smith was named director of GSW's Physical Plant effective Jan. 1, according to Dr. Alan Parks, vice president for Business and Finance.

Smith has been the assistant director for Project and Design Management since January 1999. Prior to joining GSW, he served as HUD director of the Office of Community Development at Fort Valley State University. He is honorably retired as a United States Air Force lieutenant colonel. Smith replaces Richard Ehrler, who recently retired as plant director after 17 years of service to GSW.

"I am pleased that George Smith has emerged as the top candidate for this vital position," Parks said. "He has a solid background in the field and has made many contributions to our progress in facilities management."

Other reassignments have also been made, Parks said. Arthur Clark has assumed additional responsibilities as assistant director for Landscape Design and director of Environmental Health and Safety, and Hugh Slaton has assumed responsibilities as Skilled Trades supervisor.

"Our Physical Plant department is one of the most efficient in the University System, a result of the dedication of the entire Physical Plant team," Parks said. "We are also placing increased emphasis on Environmental Health and Safety, and Arthur Clark is doing a fine job with these expanding responsibilities."

Rosalynn Carter Institute convenes panels of national experts

As America ages and caregivers face growing workloads and increasing challenges, new strategies are needed to meet evolving needs in the caregiving field.

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development at GSW, as part of the newly established Johnson & Johnson/Rosalynn Carter Institute Caregivers Program, is gathering four advisory panels of national experts to address these challenges.

The first panel, "Caregiving Across the Professions," convened Jan. 11 at The Carter Center in Atlanta. Twelve experts—representing fields including education, nursing, social work, medicine and business—shared insights.

The second panel, "Caregiving Across the Life Span," met Jan. 25. Nine experts—representing infancy through old age—addressed age specific, current and future caregiving needs in policy, prac-

tice, research, education and training.

"Caregiving is an issue for young and old alike," said Dr. Ronda C. Talley, executive director of the Rosalynn Carter Institute (RCI). "Caregiving starts when you are born and continues throughout the life span. It's not just an issue for the elderly. Quality, comprehensive care and competent caregivers are needed by every citizen at every life stage."

Remaining panels will cover caregiving and mental health, and building community capacity for caregiving. A new caregiving book series will be developed by RCI following the panels.

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development was formed in honor of Mrs. Carter in 1987. Through research, education and training, the RCI promotes the mental health and well-being of indi-

viduals, families and professional caregivers; encourages effective caregiving practices; builds public awareness of caregiving needs; and advances public and social policies that enhance caring communities.



Rosalynn Carter

James Earl Carter Library brings new computer lab online



Last fall, the James Earl Carter Library's former large conference/classroom was transformed into a state-of-the-art computer lab/instructional facility through the combined efforts of Physical Plant, Administrative Computing, Purchasing and Library staff. The facility has 20 workstations, a SMART Board instructional workstation and an LCD projection system. With its additional seating, this facility can serve up to 40 users. The workstations have MS Office, Internet Explorer, Acrobat Reader, and Front Page installed as well as DVD-ROM drives.

Safety drives mission of new institute



Safety first – GSW recently dedicated its new Training Institute for Alcohol, Drugs, and Highway Safety. Last year, GSW received a \$150,000 grant through the Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety to launch the program. Cutting the ribbon were, left to right: Dr. Sam Miller, vice president for Student Affairs; Yvonne McBride, director of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety; and Dr. Michael Hanes, president. The program’s goals are to provide training and technical assistance to Georgia colleges and universities focusing on alcohol abuse prevention and other student health and safety issues; operate an Educational Resource Center with materials centering on alcohol, drug and tobacco education/prevention and highway safety; and to promote substance abuse prevention and highway safety. The Institute serves 45 counties in Southwest Georgia.

GSW partners with Taiwanese university to expand international understanding

A new educational collaboration will convey perspectives of the Far East to Southwest Georgia.

With the goal of promoting mutual appreciation and educational exchanges, GSW has signed a cooperative agreement with the National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences in Taiwan.

Dr. Michael Hanes, GSW president, and Dr. Ren-Yih Lin, National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences president, signed the five-year pact last fall at ceremonies in the Wheatley Administration Building.

“We are very pleased to establish a cooperative relationship with the National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences,” Hanes said. “This agreement opens the door to a world of educational opportunities for our students, faculty and staff. We look forward to learning from our new friends, and in turn, sharing the very best of what



International Ideas—**Dr. Ren-Yih Lin, National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences president (left) and Dr. Michael Hanes, GSW president, signed a five-year cooperative agreement Nov. 6.**

Georgia Southwestern has to offer.”

The agreement outlines six areas of cooperation: exchange of undergraduate and graduate students; exchange of faculty and staff; joint research activities and publications; participation in seminars and academic meetings; exchange of academic materials and other information; and special short-term academic programs.



Taiwanese official speaks at Third World Seminar

Understanding Eastern Affairs—Maggie Tien, director-general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, spoke Feb. 20 at GSW’s Third World in Perspective Program seminar. “Contemporary East Asia, with Special Emphasis on Taiwan’s Domestic and Foreign Relations,” was the title of Tien’s talk. Taiwan’s evolving role in the world’s political and economic realms was the theme. Dr. Shu hui-Wu, an assistant professor of history at Mississippi State University, who has a Ph.D. in Chinese history from the Free University of Berlin, also spoke at the event. The seminar was moderated by Dr. Raymond C. Ho, Americus physician and adjunct professor of nursing at GSW.

SIFE team finishes second at international academic competition

GSW students recently demonstrated their business acumen, finishing second in an international contest.

The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team sent six members and their Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow to compete in the Rumble by the River, a competition organized by their counterparts at Northeastern State University.

Sixteen invited teams met in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where they were presented with a case study on the future of Jo-Ann Fabric Stores, Inc. Each team had 36 hours to analyze the history of the company, financial statements, and make recommendations for future direction. This analysis included an assessment of Jo-Ann's prior decisions that contributed to their current financial problems and recommended action steps for recovery.

In the first round, the GSW SIFE defeated teams from Alaska Pacific University, Elizabethtown College, and Southwest Texas University to advance to the final four. Finalists presented their assessment of the company to Jo-Ann Stores' CEO Alan Rosskman and other top executives along with judges from Office Depot, Walgreens and Sherwin Williams.

GSW SIFE placed second overall with the University of Mexico taking first, University of Florida placing third and West Texas A&M taking fourth.

"After winning, students had the opportunity to review their case study with the executives of Jo-Ann's and found out that some of the key suggestions presented by the GSW SIFE team were in the process of being implemented by the corporation," said Professor Russ Henley, SIFE adviser and a Sam Walton Free Enterprise Fellow.

"One of the key points made by the students was to locate a distribution center in the South, specifically in a Tier 1 county in Georgia," Henley said. "The students received information on incentives for business location from the Georgia



Bright Ideas for Business—SIFE team members hold their trophy after finishing second in international business competition (left to right): Travis Passinault, Jason Wicker, Niki Knox, Trae Sims, Becky Northrip (Northeastern State University SIFE), Brian Bice and Ashley Stith.

Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism that was utilized in the development of this site location plan."

"The most rewarding part of this competition was that it was an actual case study," said Ashley Stith, SIFE president. "It's a different kind of learning, and well worth the energy and effort."

The invitation to participate in the Rumble by the River came after GSW SIFE's award-winning presentations earlier in the year at the SIFE USA National Exposition.

The students who participated for the GSW SIFE team are Business School students Ashley Stith, Trae Sims, Brian Bice, Jason Wicker, Niki Knox and Travis Passinault.



Griffin Bell Lecture Series features J. Frank Myers

Southwestern Memories—Griffin B. Bell, GSW alumnus and former U.S. attorney general, stands with J. Frank Myers Feb. 13 after Myers spoke as part of the Griffin Bell Distinguished Lecture Series. A lifetime Sumter County resident and a GSW graduate, Myers holds economics and law degrees from the University of Georgia, and served as a U.S. Navy aviator during World War II. He discussed his public service experience that spans five decades and includes numerous terms as a member of the Georgia General Assembly, district attorney and mayor of Americus. Myers, who also served as publisher of the Sumter Free Press, is now retired.