

## Neale helps put hunter ed on the net

By Stephen Snyder

A GSW professor is targeting hunter education for a wider audience.

The course was developed by the Hunter Education Coordinators of the Southeast, associate professor, James R. Neale, III, Ph.D., and the School of Education.

In the sixth year of the grant, with a budget of over \$250,000, the two digital formats of the Hunter Education course are in use by nine Southeastern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. There are over 100,000 copies of the CD-ROM version and over 10,000 registered online users since August 2003.

The purpose of hunter education is to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become safe, responsible hunters. Typically, students meet these needs by attending a traditional, instructor led course including classroom lectures and field/range experiences. In today's society, students have less free time to devote to attending a hunter education course. Alternative delivery formats improve accessibility and allow the student to complete a portion of the hunter education course at home in a more user-friendly environment.

For more information on this course, go online at <http://soelab.gsw.edu/huntered>.

## Griffin Bell Lecture Series features Marshall

*Words of Wisdom*—The Spring 2004 Griffin Bell Distinguished Lecture Series featured GSW alumnus and Americus native George O. Marshall, Jr., Ph.D. (center). Marshall, who graduated from GSW in 1941, is a professor emeritus of English from the University of Georgia. He received an A.B.J. degree from the University of Georgia in 1942. From January 1943 to October 1945 he served in the U.S. Army, stationed in the European theater with an anti-aircraft battalion. His World War II unit was awarded five battle participation medals, and he won the Bronze Star. The Lecture Series is made possible through a gift from Griffin B. Bell, alumnus and former U.S. Attorney General.



## GSW, SAM Shortline host University System of Georgia facilities personnel

Nearly 160 representatives from the 34-unit University System of Georgia, the Board of Regents and Southwest Georgia contractors and engineers boarded the SAM Shortline Railroad near the entrance to campus Oct. 23. The group was in town for the Board of Regents Annual Facilities Conference, and attendees stayed at Lake Blackshear's The

Retreat while riding the train in to tour Americus and GSW. Representatives reviewed the extensive campus renovation and construction projects, including the upcoming \$22 million Student Success Center and recently completed \$3.2 million renovation of Crawford Wheatley Hall. "We were complimented many times on having one of the best looking campuses in the University System of Georgia, and we were happy to show it to them," said George Smith, director of GSW's Physical Plant. For more information on riding the SAM Shortline, call (800) 864-7275 or go online: [www.samshortline.com](http://www.samshortline.com)

## Jackson Hall concert marks renovation celebration



*Refurbished*—The University recently completed a \$2.7 million renovation of Jackson Hall, home to music classes and science labs. A Rededication Ceremony and Concert was held March 25. A special joint concert in the new Performance Hall with ABAC and Darton College concluded the evening.



## Chemistry Department upgrades equipment

By Stephen Snyder

The Chemistry Department has a new component for peering inside the smallest of structures. The updated equipment for the existing Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer allows students to examine the nucleus of atoms and determine their molecular structure, while defining the carbon and hydrogen framework of molecules.

Department professors said

this is an update from a donated piece of equipment from the 1960s and it consists of software and a computer to run the machine. As a result of this additional technology, students in the Chemistry Department will be able to test chemical compounds that they produce in their various lab and lecture classes. In the past, students could only look at numbers that were printed off of a database. Now, they can generate their own spectrum, thus generating their own numbers.

The Chemistry Department was in need of and had desired this updated software and equipment for many years, but the \$70,000 was only recently available.

“It’s a plus for students going into industry, and for ones going into graduate school,” said Dr. Gregory D. Thomas, assistant professor of Chemistry. Since experience plays a large role in obtaining many jobs, having access to the NMR could potentially open several doors for GSW chemistry students, he said.

This updated piece of equipment will also provide new opportunities for the Chemistry Department. According to Thomas, having this equipment in house will increase the Department’s attractiveness to potential students, and some grants may be easier to obtain.

## ‘Milestones in Georgia History’ win top honor

GSW’s innovative project that gives radio listeners a refresher on the Peach State’s past has won high praise from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The University’s Public Service Announcement (PSA) series dubbed “Milestones in Georgia History,” designed as an educational and informa-

tive glimpse into pivotal moments of the state’s

270-year saga, has won the 2004 Grand

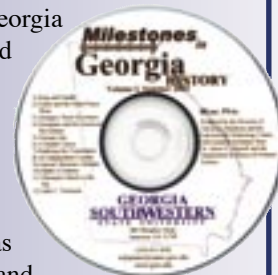
Award for its category. This means that the project placed first among all competing colleges and universities in the Southeastern United States.

“At Georgia Southwestern, we take our commitment to provide educational information to the state’s citizens very seriously, and view this project as a unique way to bring some interesting stories to a diverse audience,” said President Michael L. Hanes, Ph.D. “Our goal is to add to the knowledge base of all Georgians.”

The dozen 60-second PSA spots were researched by History Professor James E. Bagwell, Ph.D., and produced by the Division of University Relations with assistance from the University’s Instructional Technology Center. GSW distributed the free PSA’s to 214 FM and AM radio stations across Georgia. Topics include milestones in the Civil War, the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the accomplishments of former President Jimmy Carter, and more.

Recognized for organizing the effort were: President Hanes, Wes Sumner, Bob Slenker, Dr. Bagwell and Pat Embleton.

For more information on the “Milestones in Georgia History” Radio PSA Project, including downloadable audio clips, visit [www.gsw.edu/~univrel/news/milestones.html](http://www.gsw.edu/~univrel/news/milestones.html).



## NASA exhibit touches down on campus

### Gateway to the Stars—

Educational and governmental representatives gathered to offer a “Tang toast” upon the ceremonial opening of NASA’s Benefits of Space on Tour traveling museum Feb. 5. Pictured, left to right: John Mills, Georgia Tech; James Compas, NASA; Cathy Rozmus, DSN, GSW; Daniel Askren, Ph.D., GSW; Gabriele Stauf, Ph.D., GSW; Kenneth Cutts, Congressman Sanford Bishop’s Office; Stefan Dieters, Ph.D., GSW; and William Wysochansky, Ph.D., GSW. The 100-foot tractor trailer exhibit was part of the Springfest Celebration.



## Comer talks free enterprise with GSW students

### *Voice of Experience—*

Entrepreneur Larry Comer addressed students and other members of the campus community during the School of Business



Executive Lecture Series in January. Comer shared his thoughts on keys to success in the business world. The local businessman graduated from Americus High School and later Georgia Tech, with degrees in management. In 1964, he formed his own company, Metalux Lighting, Inc. In 1987, Comer organized and began local operations of Caravelle Power Boats, a producer of lake boats and off shore sport fishing boats.

# 'Canes Corner

## GSW Golf & Conference Center Opens



*Recreational Resource—* April 15, the GSW Foundation, Inc., closed on the \$600,000 purchase of the former Americus Country Club. The New Georgia Southwestern Golf & Conference Center adds 147 acres to the campus, including an 18-hole golf course, food service and conference facilities.



*Under Renovation—* Currently, the GSW Foundation is investing up to \$1 million to improve the infrastructure of the new Golf & Conference Center, including rehabilitating the pool.

## 'Canes field soccer, golf teams for Fall 2004

The Hurricanes are adding two new sports to their athletics program.

Intercollegiate soccer and golf, both men's and women's teams, will begin Fall 2004, said Randolph Barksdale, GSW athletics director.

"We're excited about these additional sports coming to our campus," Barksdale said. "It will be a wonderful enhancement to Hurricane athletics."

"These new sports will enrich our strong athletics program," said President Michael L. Hanes, Ph.D. "Now, students interested in competing in soccer and golf will have one more excellent reason to consider attending Georgia Southwestern State University."

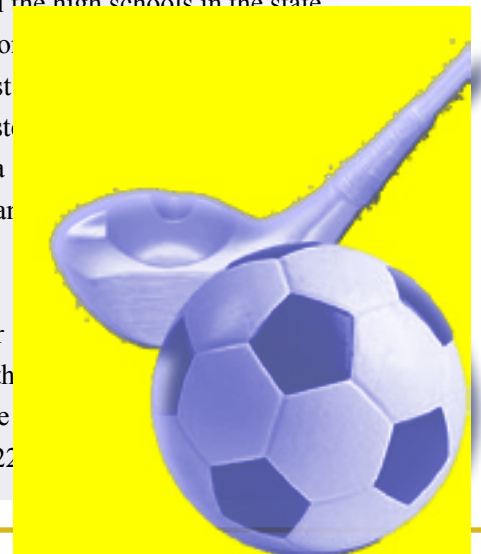
Barksdale said he expects each soccer team to have 25 to 30 players, and each golf team to have 10 to 15 players. The teams will play on GSW's 10 acres of regulation and intramural soccer fields off Simmons Street, and at the new Georgia Southwestern Golf & Conference Center, formerly the Americus Country Club, purchased in April by the

Georgia Southwestern Foundation, Inc. The Foundation has agreed to fund start-up costs for the programs, \$125,000 a year for three years, Barksdale said.

"Currently, we're searching for a full-time soccer coach to run our men's and women's programs," Barksdale said. "The golf coach will be a part-time position."

Barksdale is already fielding calls from a preliminary letter he sent out to all the high schools in the state announcing the addition. He is receiving great interest

Georgia Southwestern is a member of the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Conference (GACC) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). For more information on the new programs, call the Office at (229) 931-2222.



## School of Education launches innovative initiative partnering with regional schools

The School of Education is partnering with area school districts to promote professional development and give student teachers new opportunities to hone their skills.

GSW has been working for months to formalize its new Professional Development School (PDS) network, said Mary Gendernalik Cooper, Ph.D., dean of the School of Education.

“Professional development schools are learning environments that support student teacher and faculty development within the context of meeting children’s needs,” Gendernalik Cooper said. “Increasingly, our children are expected to know more at younger ages, and translate information

into knowledge at a more rapid pace. Maintaining a strong, professional development framework for our existing K-12 teachers, as well as offering appropriate educational opportunities for our student teachers, remains critical to ensuring success in our schools.”

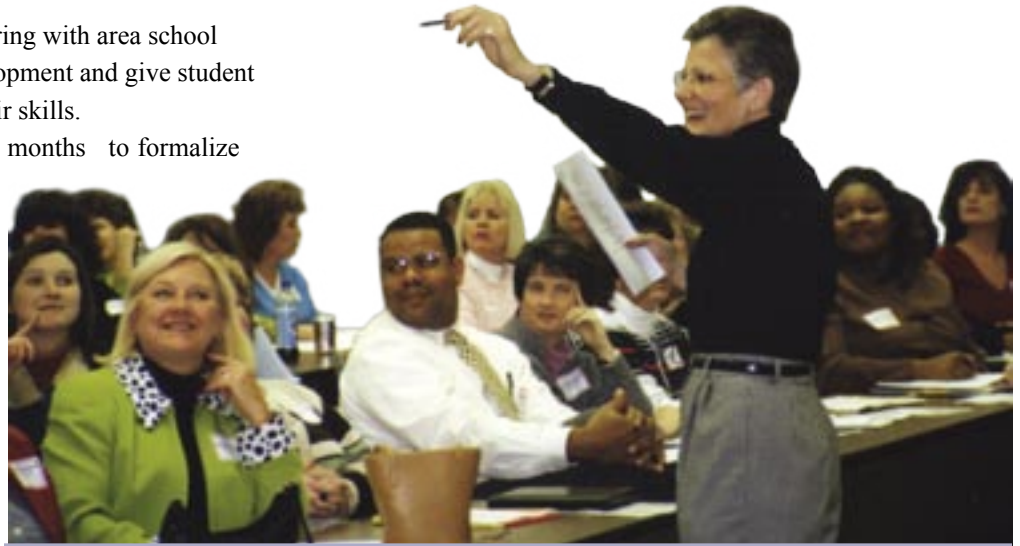
By agreeing to national Professional Development School standards, and committing to an ongoing partnership with GSW, participating school districts and their individual institutions will benefit from continuing professional development opportunities. Meanwhile, GSW student teachers pursuing their degrees will have structured environments in which to complete their practical experiences.

“The heart of a PDS network is collaboration,” Gendernalik Cooper said.

After a competitive selection process, 26 schools in the following school districts have been accepted to join GSW’s PDS network: Ben Hill County Schools, Crisp County Schools, Houston County Schools, Lee County Schools, Macon County Schools and Sumter County Schools.

GSW student teachers will begin their field experiences in the new network of schools in Fall 2004.

“Fostering professional development among our regional school districts and enhancing learning opportunities for GSW student teachers is of great interest to Georgia Southwestern State University,” said GSW President Michael L. Hanes, Ph.D. “I am extremely pleased that Dr. Gendernalik Cooper and the School of Education faculty have initiated this partnership program, and believe that all participants will benefit, beginning with our children in the schools.”



**Educational Involvement**—Mary Gendernalik Cooper, Ph.D., outlines the new Professional Development School Network for interested representatives from area school districts.

Gendernalik Cooper’s philosophy of education emphasizes partnership and the professional development of teachers.

“Fostering collaboration among school systems, parents, teachers, the University and the community at large is critical to the field of education,” she said.

“Teacher leadership is probably closest to my heart,” Gendernalik Cooper added. “We must do more to ‘professionalize’ teaching. Teachers must assume more leadership positions in schools in order to make better use of their experience and knowledge, and further improve the educational process for students.”

Since her appointment as Dean last year, creating the PDS network has been a priority for Gendernalik Cooper. From 1996 to 2002, she served as a tenured professor of Educational Administration and chair of the Department of Teacher Development at Augusta State University. She was also coordinator of the Central Savannah River Area P-16 Council and director of their nationally recognized PDS network.

**Graduation Celebration**—David Williams, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Habitat for Humanity International, speaks with graduates at Spring 2004 Commencement May 8. An estimated 216 students earned their diplomas. Habitat for Humanity International is based in Americus.

