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Gov. Perdue Welcomes New, Familiar Faces to Board

Gov. Sonny Perdue swore in one new member and re-appointed two current members of the Board of Regents in a March 8 ceremony at the Gov.'s office. Several regents attended the ceremony, including Board Chair **Joel O. Wooten, Jr.**, as well as Chancellor **Thomas C. Meredith**. The event was witnessed by family and friends of new Regent **Richard L. Tucker** of Duluth; and current regents **Donald M. Leebern, Jr.**, of Columbus; and **Wanda Yancey Rodwell** of Stone Mountain. All three regents will serve a seven-year term.



(Left to right): Regents Donald Leebern, Jr., Richard Tucker and Wanda Yancey Rodwell, with Gov. Sonny Perdue at their March swearing-in ceremony in the Governor's office.

USG Sets New Record Of \$980.7 Million In Grants, Contracts

The University System of Georgia's income from extramural funding has set another record, exceeding \$980 million in Fiscal Year 2004. The numbers, released at the March Board of Regents meeting, represent a 14 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2003's total of \$861 million.

Extramural funding includes grants and contracts for research, public service and instruction.

"One of our goals as a System is to increase our extramural funding by \$100 million a year, and this latest report indicates we are on target," said University System Chancellor **Thomas C. Meredith**. "While all extramural funding is up, in particular our research programs continue to garner national attention

and financial support, as measured by the record levels of income they are generating."

Of the \$980.7 million, \$651,581,363 was for research, \$234,945,211 was for public service, and \$94,156,702 was for instruction. In Fiscal Year 2004, funding for research alone jumped 22.3 percent over Fiscal Year 2003.

The report for Fiscal Year 2004 shows that 71.6 percent of the System's research income came from federal sources, while 4.2 percent came from the state of Georgia. The non-profit sector accounted for 8.6 percent of the total, with business contributing 8.6 percent. Other sources combined for the remaining 7 percent.

"In recent years, we have

seen a continual and marked increase in the grants and contracts our research institutions are earning," said Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs **Dr. Daniel S. Papp**, in a presentation to the regents. "These dollars represent a tremendous vote of confidence by key federal agencies and the private sector in the quality of our research. These dollars also reflect a significant return on investment relative to the state's support of public higher education."

Papp said the University System follows a number of key strategies that are contributing to the ability of institutions to secure greater levels of research funding. These include:

- ◆ focusing institutions on research;

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USG National Sports Champions Recognized During March Board of Regents' Meeting

A number of University System national championship teams were recognized at the Board of Regents' March meeting. Presidents and other officials from the championship-winning institutions introduced coaches and athletes in a range of disciplines, including basketball, football, cheerleading, equestrian and skydiving.

Included in the recognition were: **Columbus State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, The University of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, Valdosta State University, and the University of West Georgia.**

Clubs" program, the university's skydiving team has been a fixture on the campus since 1969. Since that time, Georgia Tech has been one of the most successful civilian teams to compete with the US Air Force and military academies.

On hand for the presentation were members of Tech's 2003 Four-Way Formation National Championship Skydiving Team. Many world renowned skydivers started the sport as students at Georgia Tech. Former members also have been involved in setting world records for the largest freefall formation.

Kennesaw State University: Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer

During the 2003-2004 academic year, Kennesaw State University squads won national championships in three areas: men's basketball, and women's soccer and cheerleading.

The 2003-04 Season is known as the "Year of the Champions" at Kennesaw State University. In soccer, KSU won the NCAA Division II women's national championship under the direction of Head Coach **Rob Knight**. In only its second year of existence,

the Owls dominated all comers en route to winning its first title. The team compiled a 25-1 record and set an NCAA record by not allowing a goal in the postseason.

In cheerleading, KSU's all-girl competitive cheer squad, under the direction of Head Coach **Felecia Mulkey**, won its first-ever national championship by taking the 2004 NCAA Division II Women's Competitive Cheer top spot. And this year, Kennesaw State again has the top-ranked team in this category as the squad plans to defend their national title during the first weekend of April.

In basketball, KSU won the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball national championship under the direction of Head Coach **Tony Ingle**. In KSU's first-ever nationally televised appearance, the Owls, who set an NCAA Division II record for wins in a season with 35, defeated Southern

Indiana for the national title – the first championship for the KSU basketball program.

University of Georgia: Equestrian

Now in only its third season of varsity competition, the UGA Equestrian Team is the two-time defending national champion in the sport, having first won the title in 2003 and repeating in 2004.

Under the leadership of Head Coach **Meghan Boenig**, Associate Head Coach **Beth Bass**, and Assistant Coach and former equestrian team member **Collins Daye**, the 2004-05 team is currently undefeated and is winding down the regular season. The team now is in pursuit of its third national crown.

In its inaugural varsity season in 2002-03, the UGA Equestrian Team began the year by first winning the Southern Equestrian Championships before going on to win its first national title. The team followed that season with another national crown.

University of West Georgia: Cheerleading

The University of West Georgia's coed cheerleading squad, under the direction of Coach **Sherry Cooney**, won its fourth straight Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) national championship in January 2005. This marks the squad's fourth straight championship in the last four trips to the competition.

In addition to the co-ed squad's championship, UWG's All-Girl squad and All-Girl partner stunt teams each nabbed second place.

Valdosta State University: Football

Valdosta State University's football team earned the NCAA Division II National Football Championship in 2004, defeating Pittsburg State from Kansas 36-31.

The Blazers 2004 team finished the season 13-1 and advanced to the national title game for the second time in three years and claimed the University's first national football championship. Head Football Coach **Chris Hatcher** was named Division II National Coach of the Year, by the American Football Coaches Association. 🏆



Representatives from three of Kennesaw State Universities national championship teams (left to right): **Georgy Joseph**, **Tommy Thompson**, Head Basketball Coach **Tony Ingle**, **Bethany Lee**, **Jamie Walderman** and Cheerleading Coach **Felecia Ingle**. (Photo courtesy of KSU.)

Columbus State University: Cheerleading

The Columbus State University Cheerleading Program, directed by Coach **Jimbo Davis**, has developed a reputation as being one of the powerhouse programs in Division II cheerleading, placing the large squad in the top five in national championship competition in each of the last five years.

Last year, the program added a second competitive team, a small coed team, meaning no more that four males are on the floor. This allowed more students to get involved. In their first year, the small coed team won the UCA College Nationals, and they repeated as national champions this year at the January national tournament in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Georgia Tech: Skydiving

Operating out of Tech's "Sports

**Dorothy Lord
Recognized**

Dr. Dorothy L. Lord, president of **Coastal Georgia Community College**, has been awarded the Phi Delta Kappa Service Key, a chapter award of Phi Delta Kappa International.

The award Lord received recognizes outstanding Phi Delta Kappa members for their meritorious service, outstanding leadership, and significant research.

Phi Delta Kappa is a professional and collegiate education association that promotes quality in education, especially publicly supported and universally available education.

**Wallace Selected
for National Group**

William Wallace, Jr., the University System's associate vice chancellor for Human Resources, has been invited to join the national University Pathfinder Group, an invitation-only program sponsored by Hewitt Associates. Participants in this program are identified as the national "thought leaders" in higher education for healthcare and employee benefit programs. Invitation is extended to approximately 40 institutions or systems of higher education.

The Hewitt Group is a global outsourcing and consulting firm that helps companies manage human resource and employee programs and services.



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GPC Breaks New Ground in Newton County

Newton County dignitaries and residents joined with **Georgia Perimeter College** (GPC) officials and representatives from the Board of Regents to break ground on March 16 on the College's new campus in the southeast metropolitan Atlanta county..

Construction of the Newton Campus is slated to begin in September 2005, with the first multipurpose, 85,000-square-foot-building for the campus scheduled to open early in 2007. The new campus will replace the current Rockdale Center. The campus will be funded through a public-private

partnership, including a donation by private citizens of Newton of approximately 100 acres of land valued at \$2 million and a one-time gift of \$2.5 million from the Newton County Board of Commissioners.

Additional efforts are underway to raise \$1.5 million. The remaining \$18 million needed to support the campus will be funded via privatized third-party financing. The campus is expected to generate more than \$60 million of regional economic activity on an annual basis. 🏡

West Georgia Continues Win Streak in Debate

The **University of West Georgia** (UWG) debate team captured the Second Annual Cal-Berkeley Tournament held in January with a victory over Northwestern University in the championship round.

The team's 3-0 decision in the final round completed a successful meet in which UWG won unanimous elimination round victories over teams from Dartmouth and Harvard in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. Combined with a 3-0 decision over Fort Hays in the octafinals, UWG was an impressive 12-0 in the elimination rounds

"It's extremely difficult to defeat Dartmouth, Harvard and Northwestern in consecutive rounds," said **Mike Hester**, director of UWG's debate program. "To [achieve this] while winning unanimous decisions in every single debate is nearly impossible. 🏡



The University of West Georgia's championship debate team: (standing, left to right) James Thomas, Joseph Koehle and Coach Micheal Hester; (seated) Assistant Coach Sarah Holbrook. (Photo courtesy UWG.)

Georgia Southwestern Launches "Green Campus" Effort

Georgia Southwestern State **University** has launched two new initiatives, "Green Campus" and "Healthy Campus 2010" aimed at improving the health of both the campus and those who work and study there.

The Healthy Campus initiative encourages GSW students, faculty and staff to pursue healthful options in all aspects of their lives – from diet and exercise to buckling up in the car.

The Green Campus initiative also launched in fall 2004 with a survey of faculty and staff that dealt with topics ranging from waste disposal, to energy consumption, to pest control. The answers to those questions are laying the foundation for future discussions of environmentally friendly decision-making.

"Georgia Southwestern is pleased to take a leadership role in these critical areas," said **President Michael L. Hanes**. 🏡

USG Research Hits Another Record High In FY04

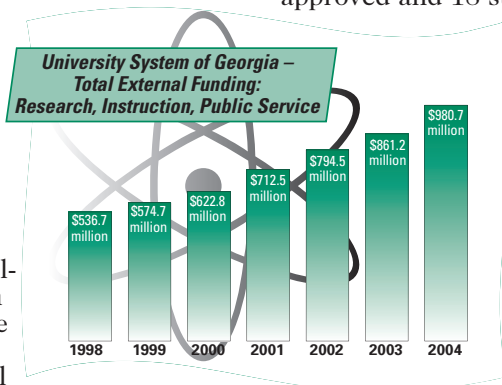
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- ◆ increasing collaboration among System institutions;
- ◆ increasing collaboration with government and industry through entities such as the Georgia Research Alliance and the Georgia Cancer Coalition;
- ◆ diversifying funding sources beyond federal and state agencies; and
- ◆ competing nationally and internationally.


While the recent track record of research in Georgia is good, high-volume research activity in the University System is still new, relative to other states. "Research in the System is reasonably impressive by national standards, but it's growing as indicated by this latest report," Papp said. "This type of activity provides another engine to help Georgia's economy. When we are successful in this arena, the national reputation of our programs and institutions grows,

which fuels additional increases in research funding and, ultimately, more economic growth for the state."

The extramural funding report also details technology transfer and license and equity income in the University System. In 2004, there were 420 research disclosures in the University System, 185 patents filed, 137 licenses approved and 18 start-up companies.




The presidents of three of the System's four research institutions participated in the presentation, prepared by the Regents' Office of Strategic Research and Analysis: Dr.

Wayne Clough of the *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Dr. Michael Adams of the *University of Georgia*, and Dr. Daniel Rahn of the *Medical College of Georgia*. Each addressed the infrastructure at their respective institutions, which contribute to the record-level success in research funding. 

GPLS Staffer Has the "Right Stuff"

The *Georgia Public Library Service's* (GPLS) own Brad LeJeunesse is featured in the March 15, 2005 issue of *Library Journal*. LeJeunesse is a system administrator who heads up the software development team for the 251 public libraries (in 44 dif-

ferent systems) that comprise PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services). The article, headlined "Daredevil," details the GPLS effort to develop its own integrated library system (ILS) with open source software and LeJeunesse's key role in the program. 

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