

Campus in Action

Dr. Ross Alexander and **Dr. Brent Paterline**, political science and criminal justice, co-wrote the article "Boom or Bust: Casino Gaming and Host Municipalities" that was published in the spring 2005 edition of the "International Social Science Review," a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal.

Several members of the language and literature department gave presentations at the annual meeting of the American Literature Association held in Boston, Mass., May 26-27. Presentations included: "'Will the real Louise Erdrich please stand up?' Unearthing German heritage and culture in 'The Master Butchers Singing Club'" by **Dr. Thomas Austenfeld**; "Textual Mourning: Textual Creation/Negation of Cultural Identity in Lee Smith's 'Oral History'" by **Dr. Tanya Bennett**; and "Making the Meaning of Consuelo: Judith Ortiz Cofer's 'Psychic Reconfiguration'" by **Dr. Donna A. Gessell. Austenfeld** also chaired a session on "Determining the Tragic in Katherine Anne Porter's Life and Work."



Sgt. Major Byron Barron, military science, the scoutmaster for Boy Scouts Troop 36, took seven scouters from his troop on a 53-mile canoe trip down the Etowah River on June 10-14. The group started at the Hightower Road Bridge in Lumpkin County and floated all the way to Yellow Creek Bridge in Cherokee County.

The following nursing faculty members presented research or posters at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference in Ft. Lauder-

dale, Fla., June 17-21: **Dr. Toni Barnett**, "Middle Ear Infection (Otitis Media): Update on Clinical Guidelines"; **Kim Hudson Gallogly** and **Kathy Smith**, "A Comparison Study: Is There a Greater Psychological Impact of Medical Abortion vs Surgical Abortion?"; and **Jan Partin**, "Adolescent Mother's and Adult Mother's Perceptions of Maternal-Infant Communication Cues During Feeding."



Todd Eason is the new head coach for the Saints intercollegiate soccer team. Eason has coached the past three years at Southern Wesleyan University. Eason received 2003

GACC Soccer Coach of the Year as well as GACC Women's Sports Coach of the Year for his work. He was the inaugural women's soccer coach of the Lady Eagles at Asbury College. He graduated in 1998 from William Carey College with a bachelor's in physical education. He is a certified coach with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Dr. Sraboni Ghosh, math and computer science, has been selected as a Project NExT Fellow for the 2005-2006 academic year. Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) is a nationwide faculty development program sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America.

Dr. Charles Hawkins, director of Institutional Research and Planning, served as secretary of the University System of Georgia Administrative Committee on Institutional Research and Planning for 2004-2005, and has been elected to serve as the vice-chair of that committee for 2005-2006.



Dr. Jim Kirley and **Dr. Bob Orwig**, business administration, attended the 2005 INFORMS conference at Emory University during June. Kirley presented the paper they co-wrote titled "Analogical Discourse: A Method of Inquiry."



Judy McHan, information and instructional technology, achieved senior-level certification as a WebCT Certified Trainer on June 17. The four-week certification

process included an online component and face-to-face training with other colleagues in the University System of Georgia. WebCT Vista is a Web-based course management tool for faculty to develop online courses and institutions to develop e-learning programs.

Dr. Reza Nourbakhsh, physical therapy, was recently certified as an orthopedic clinical specialist by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Dr. Richard (Bud) Reiselt, health and physical education, was elected for a second term as the president of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for 2005-2006. The association represents all of the health and physical education teachers in the state.

Dr. Robert Thomas, leadership initiative director, completed his doctorate in higher education at the University of Georgia this summer. Thomas also was hired as an advisor for a project promoting Corporate Social Responsibility in the Carpathian Region for the Carpathian Foundation, which serves Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine. In June, he made a presentation to the foundation's board in Budapest, Hungary.