Dr. Everette J. Freeman, president of Albany State University, was introduced as one of four new members of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research (NACNR) on Tuesday, May 18, by Dr. Patricia A. Grady, director of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The NACNR serves as the principal advisory board for the NINR.

Freeman was appointed to the committee by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Other new appointees are Dr. Glenna A. Dowling, a nationally recognized expert on gerontology nursing and chronic progressive neurological diseases; Dr. Elaine Larson, associate dean for research and professor of pharmaceutical and therapeutic research at the Columbia University School of Nursing in New York City; Dr. Susan Reinhard, senior vice president for public policy with AARP and chief strategist for AARP with the Center to Champion Nursing in America.

“It is a tremendous honor for the University System of Georgia and Albany State University for me to have been appointed to the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research,” Freeman said. “One of the goals of the National Institute of Nursing Research is to develop the next generation of scientists working to improve the quality of life for all Americans. This

By Joseph West
Publications specialist

Commencement exercises at Albany State usually signal the end of a student’s college career while ringing in the beginning of a professional career. On May 18, the end-of-the-year program held in the ACAD Auditorium had a different twist as 20 pre-k students from the ASU Early Learning Center transitioned to kindergarten in a celebration that highlighted the achievements of all the center’s students.

The program featured students from the 2-, 3- and 4-year-old classes putting on impressive skits and presentations that showcased their learning, public speaking skills, singing ability, confidence and teamwork.

Students in the Albany State University Early Learning Center who celebrated completing pre-k on May 18 are (front row from left) Avari Collins; Israel Johnson; Britney Odoms; Landon Hill; Niyuana Taylor; Thomas Harris III; Samuel Miller; Tyler Miller; Willie Harris Jr.; Johnnattious Mallory; (back row from left) Felicia Lattimore, pre-k lead teacher; WaNaeshia Phillips; Brenyanna Jones; Kennede Miller; Cameron Gee; Harrison Skinner; Johnny Williams; Jessica Lennear; Jalayzha Williams; Jacqueline Cook-Curry, pre-k assistant teacher.

The students led an audience of about 100 adults in prayers, in reciting the pledge of allegiance and in singing the ASU alma mater.

Stephanie Dyer, parent of Kendyl Dyer, a 2-year-old ELC student, said, “The program was
Registration for Fall Semester 2010 will re-open at 8 a.m. Monday, May 24.

The Criminal Justice Institute at Albany State University will present a Second Chance Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the Criminal Justice Auditorium. Presenters include law enforcement officials, prosecutors and second chance practitioners. Topics include record expungement, pardon, restorative justice, second chance issues, post-release intervention, pre-trial intervention, crime and community, and economic development. The workshop is free to the public. For more information, call the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science at (229) 430-4864.

The Major Fields Test for business, chemistry, English literature, music, political science, psychology and sociology majors will be administered June 1-4. Registration for the test ends May 28. The test fee is $40. To register or for more information, call Shayla Davis at 430-1631.

The ACAT Exam for biology, history, social work and criminal justice majors will be administered June 8-11. Registration for the test ends May 28. The test fee is $35. To register or for more information, call Shayla Davis at 430-1631.

The College of Education Comprehensive Examination for M.Ed. candidates will be administered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19. The deadline for applications is June 15. Applications are available in ACAD Room 244.

Recreational swimming time will be held 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 25 through July 13 at the HPER swimming pool. Lifeguards will be on duty. An ASU student ID card is required.

Motorcyclists from middle and south Georgia will gather at Albany State University Saturday, May 22, for the 2010 Ram Roundup. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. at the HPER Gymnasium at ASU. At 10:30 a.m. the riders will depart ASU headed to Georgia Veterans State Park at Lake Blackshear near Cordele. At the park, participants will enjoy festivities from noon to 3 p.m. including free food and drinks, inflatable activities for children and volleyball. V101.7 will have a live remote from the event. Registration for the Ram Roundup is $20.10. Proceeds benefit scholarships for veterans.

For more information, contact the ASU Office of Institutional Advancement at (229) 430-4660.
ASU to host second chance workshop

By Joseph West
Publications specialist

“An offender’s criminal history never disappears in the state of Georgia,” said Evelyn Jones, owner of Second Chance, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to helping ex-offenders get a new lease on life.

There are, however, avenues available that will restore needed rights and privileges to ex-offenders who have repaid their debt to society, she said.

“I fight for the ex-offenders,” Jones said. “It is too costly not to. Keeping ex-offenders incarcerated can cost $28,000 a year, and if they don’t have access to employment, they will get welfare, which is costly, or, if not that, prison is all they have left.”

On May 25, Jones and other professionals involved in second chance issues will participate in a workshop sponsored by the Albany State University Criminal Justice Institute. The workshop, free and open to the public, will be devoted to informing citizens about the laws, rights and privileges related to giving ex-offenders a new start at civilian life. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Criminal Justice building.

Bibb County Chief Judge of the Civil and Magistrate Courts, William C. Randall, will be one of the speakers at the workshop. Judge Randall, a former member of the Georgia House of Representatives, was instrumental in passing Georgia’s Second Chance Law prior to being appointed to his present position by former Governor Roy Barnes.

Dougherty County District Attorney Greg Edwards, a graduate of Albany State University and the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University, will also speak at the program.

Other participants in the program include representatives from the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles, law enforcement officials and ex-offenders who have overcome the challenges associated with re-entering civilian life with a criminal record.

Topics to be discussed during the workshop include: record expungement, pardons, restorative justice, second chance issues, post release intervention, pre-trial intervention, crime and community, and economic development.

For more information on this program, contact Dr. Charles Ochie, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, at 430-4864.

Albany Early College honors star students

The Albany Early College recognized its eighth-grade valedictorian and salutatorian during an honors program held Wednesday morning in the ACAD Auditorium. Brianna Jolly (right) was honored as the valedictorian for having the highest GPA in the eighth-grade class. Whitney Gipson (left) was honored as salutatorian for having the second highest GPA. The Albany Early College is a collaborative of Albany State University and the Dougherty County School System. Participating students attend grade-level classes in Andrews Hall on the ASU campus.
Albany State transforms new student orientation program

By Joseph West
Publications specialist

The more than 160 people who attended Albany State’s new student orientation program Monday were the first to participate in the university’s redesigned program. According to Sherrell Byrd, program coordinator of the First and Second Year Experience Program at ASU, the new orientation format decreased the time potential students spent in lectures and increased the time for one-on-one contact with ASU faculty and staff.

“The new student orientation was wonderful,” Byrd said. “The different format we used gave attendees information in a more entertaining and fun way.”

The program, which began at 8:30 a.m., retained the opening general session where ASU administrators briefed program participants on the events of the day and gave them an overview of the university. Presenters included: President Everette J. Freeman, SGA President Ashlee Fogle, Vice President for Academic Affairs Abiodun Ojemakinde, Director of Financial Aid Thomas Harris, Director of the Honors Program and Academic Success Initiatives Melvin Shelton and Byrd.

New to this year’s orienta-

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Alumni recognize Griffin High School students headed to ASU

Griffin High School recently held its first Academic Acceptance Day Ceremony. During the event, Albany State University alumni recognized Griffin High School students who will enroll at ASU this fall. Participating in the recognition are (from left) Portia Lacy, Griffin High School Counselor; Fannie K. Delaney (’58), chair of the Griffin-Spalding County School Board; Dr. Charlotte King Eady (’72); Jaquerius Elachadia Bibbs, student; Darius Lamar Harris, student; Terene D’Sheai White, student; and Janet Ware, principal of Griffin High School.
ASU Golden Rams, Lady Rams eliminated in Regional tournament

By Edythe Y. Bradley
Sports Information Director

Both Albany State University baseball and softball teams fell short of their dreams of an NCAA Division II South Region championship after losing in tournament games last week. The Golden Rams and Lady Rams were eliminated from the regional tournaments after heart-breaking losses by one point in each game. The Golden Rams lost 8-9 to the #5 Rollins College Tars on Friday, May 14, at the University of Tampa's Spartan Field, and the #4 Lady Rams lost 3-4 to #2 University of West Florida on Saturday, May 13, at Valdosta State University's Lady Blazer Field.

The #8 Golden Rams, who closed out their 2010 season at 33-16, scored the game's first run in the top of the second inning when second baseman Corbin Williams hit a sacrifice fly to left field to score designated hitter Joel Williams. Later in the second, right fielder Corey Reeves singled to the left side to score center fielder Eddie Mathis. Williams scored a run in the fifth inning off a 6-3 groundout by first baseman DeMarcus Price. The Rams picked up five runs in the top of the seventh inning, including a score by catcher Jarvis Beck from a right field single base hit by Price. With the bases loaded, third baseman Brandon Marcus scored when left fielder B.J. Stewart walked in a run. C.J. Williams, who entered the game to pinch hit for Joel Williams, knocked a double down the right field line for three RBIs, scoring Stewart, shortstop Brandon Small and Price. Price's score tied the game at 8-8.

Albany State's multiple hits came from Reeves, who went 2-for-4 with one RBI, and Price, who finished 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Tyler Rich took the loss for the Golden Rams.

The Tars, scored one run in the second inning, three runs in the third inning, and four runs in the sixth inning. The Tars tallied the go-ahead run in the bottom of the eighth inning when left fielder Tony Brunetti hit an RBI single to score shortstop Justin Yount for the win. Brunetti and Yount both finished 3-for-5, and Brunetti had three RBIs.

In the Lady Rams' game, designated hitter Alyssa Spellman and shortstop Ta'Shelya Bynum were the big playmakers. Spellman hit a sacrificed fly to center field and scored Bynum in the bottom of the second inning. The Lady Rams rallied back in the bottom of the sixth inning, picking up two more runs when Spellman hit a homerun and scored Bynum. Spellman went 1-for-2, with three RBIs, while Bynum finished 0-for-2. Pitcher Sasha Reece got the loss for the Lady Rams.

The Argonauts scored one run in the top of the second inning and one in the third. They took the lead in the top of the sixth inning with two runs. Pitcher Ashleigh Allgood went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and scored two runs for West Florida.

In opening games of the regional tournaments, both teams lost to #1 seeds. The Golden Rams lost 1-6 to the Southern Arkansas University Mulieriders, and the Lady Rams lost 0-8 to the Valdosta State University Lady Blazers.

The University of Tampa beat Southern Arkansas, 20-3, and won the baseball South Region championship. They advance to play Central Missouri in NCAA Division II championship finals on May 22-29 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C. Valdosta State and the University of Alabama-Huntsville won the South Region softball tournaments. The teams will face each other today in Valdosta for the South Region championship and the right to advance to the championships in St. Joseph, Miss. next week.

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excellent. I loved how the students were able to showcase their wealth of knowledge at such a young age.”

Connie Leggett, director of Title III programs at ASU, said the end-of-the-year program recognizes the excellent work of the staff.

“Teachers have worked very hard preparing the students for this day,” she said. “Now just look at them.”

Robert Skinner, the father of Harrison Skinner, who is transitioning to kindergarten, said he is very happy with his son's learning at the ELC.

“Harrison is putting together sentences and reading exceptionally well for a 5-year-old,” Skinner said. “I feel blessed to have the ELC, the convenience of the program, its location and the excellence of the staff and the facility. I like it all.”

Students transitioning to kindergarten this year are Avari Collins, Cameron Gee, Thomas Harris III, Willie Harris Jr., Landon Hill, Israel Johnson, Brenyanna Jones, Ny’Asia Jones, Jessica Lennear, Johntaviou Mallory, Kennede Miller, Samuel Miller, Tyler Miller, Caden Moser, Brittney Odoms, Wa’Naesha Phillips, Harrison Skinner, Niyuana Taylor, Jalayzha Williams and Johnny Williams IV.

“My daughter just started two weeks ago, but I am really impressed with the center,” Dyer said.

The ASU Early Learning Center is supported by funds from Title III. The director of the center is Jeannette Lucas. Her faculty and staff are: Felicia Lattimore, pre-k lead teacher; Jacqueline Cook-Curry, pre-k assistant teacher; Jessica Cutfiff, teacher, 2-year-old class; Patricia Jackson, assistant teacher, 2-year-old class; Katina Lowe, teacher, 3-year-olds; Gloria Wilson, assistant teacher, 3-year-olds; Teresa Walker, office manager; and, Marilyn Yon, assistant teacher.
goal is in perfect alignment with the University System of Georgia’s strategic goal of producing the next generation of nurses and other health care practitioners and researchers for our state, region and nation as a whole. I am thrilled!”

The NINR is one of 27 institutes and centers that comprise the National Institutes of Health, part of the Department of Health and Human Services. The NINR supports basic clinical research that develops the knowledge to build the scientific foundation for clinical practice, prevent disease and disability, manage and eliminate symptoms caused by illness, and enhance end-of-life and palliative care.

Members of the NINR’s National Advisory Council for Nursing Research meet three times a year at the National Institutes of Health to provide recommendations on the direction and support of the nursing, biomedical, social and behavioral research that forms the evidence base for nursing practice. An important role of the NACNR is to conduct a second level review of grant applications that have been scored by scientific review groups.

In introducing Freeman as a member of the NACNR, Grady called him “an eminent scholar and admired strategist” and said that he “is a leader in higher education and is well-known for his commitment to equity in the academic community.”

Freeman is ASU’s eighth president and has served in that role since 2005.

Fall registration is currently closed but will resume at 8 a.m. Monday, May 24.
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