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Upcoming EVENTS

Back by popular demand! The **Albany State University Theatre Ensemble** will present an encore performance of **“A Piece of Broadway Our Way”** at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, in the ACAD Auditorium. Admission is free. Come enjoy scenes from popular Broadway productions featuring African Americans, including “Dream Girls,” “The Wiz,” “The Color Purple,” “Rent” and others. For more information, contact [DeRon Williams](#), director, at (229) 430-0504.

ASU will host **Campus Visitation Day** on Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the ACAD Atrium. Scheduled activities include registration, greetings from ASU President Everette J. Freeman; an inspirational session; an overview of admissions, financial aid, housing and residence life; a campus tour; academic life and success strategies; and a group discussion of life as a Golden Ram. Lunch will be available in the Ram’s Place Dining Hall immediately following the program for \$5 per person. For more information, contact [Robert Newton](#) in the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at (229) 430-7863.

Camp Adventure Youth Services is an internship opportunity that allows college students to see the world while conducting, planning and organizing summer camp activities for youth. All majors are welcome. For more information, attend the interest meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, in HPER 246 or contact [LaTonya Conner](#) at (229) 430-4755.

Albany State University will hold its **Fourth Annual Poetry Festival, “Convergence: History & Poetry,”** Nov. 4-6. Featured poets are [Sunni Patterson](#), [Juan Manuel Perez](#), Raymond “Moose” Jackson, Poet On Watch, Karen Rubin, [doris davenport](#), [Tony Morris](#) and Reginald Sweet. For more information, contact the Department of English, Modern Languages and Mass Communication at (229) 430-1715 or e-mail doris.davenport@asurams.edu.

The ASU Theatre Ensemble will present



Time for our voices to be heard

By now you’ve probably heard about the liquor store that’s proposed to be built at the corner of Oglethorpe Boulevard and Radium Springs Road/South Broadway at the site of a former Chinese food restaurant.

While I agree that it would be good for the community to have a new business at that location, I have some serious concerns about having a liquor store so close to Albany State University. I’ve expressed my concerns to the Albany City Commission, who voted to table the vote on the business’ alcohol permit. The Commission will hold a second public hearing on the issue on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Another issue is that our Early Learning Center is so close to the proposed location, as is Union Baptist Church.

Albany State University is an alcohol-free campus. That status enables us to better protect our students by ensuring their safety. My concern is that by having alcohol available in such proximity to campus may prove to be a temptation that can’t be resisted. Students who bring alcohol on campus would face serious reprimands for violating our alcohol-free campus policy.

Statistics prove the downfall college students suffer when a liquor store is located so close to campus. I don’t want our students to suffer because there’s a liquor store so close to campus.

I have nothing against the businessman who’s trying to construct the store. Actually, I applaud his interest in the location. My concern lies in the proposed business’ plan to sell alcohol. Why not use the property for some other business venture?

If you agree that a liquor store so close to ASU is a bad idea, sign the online petition on our website (www.asurams.edu). You can also join us for the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. at 222 Pine Ave.

It’s time to stand up for what’s right. It’s time for our voices to be heard.

“Black Nativity,” Langston Hughes’ masterful telling of the Christmas story from an ethnic perspective on Nov. 11-14. This gospel telling of the Christmas story is a soul-stirring musical celebration and a testament to the power of gospel music through the use of scripture, poetry, dance and song. The narrator leads the audience on the journey along with Mary and Joseph as Christ is born. The evening brings to life the real meaning of Christmas, faith and love. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, through Saturday, Nov. 13, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. Admission is free. For more information, contact DeRon Williams, director, at (229) 430-0504 or deron.williams@asurams.edu.



Conservation Tip of the Week

Adjust your watering schedule each month to match seasonal weather conditions and landscape requirements.

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BET Black College Tour to visit ASU

By Camile Matthews
Student writer

At noon Friday, Oct. 29, Black Entertainment Television network’s Black College Tour will visit the Albany State University campus. This is the ninth year of the Black College Tour, but this is the first year it will stop at Albany State.

“This will build rapport and bridge a gap between the Albany State campus and the outside community,” said Charity Starr, ASU student activities program coordinator. “We want to showcase that ASU is a progressive institution and this will help us expand our horizons.”

Tour activities will be held at the Reese Student Union. The schedule includes:

- Noon – Tour jump-off
- 12:30 p.m. – Singing contest
- 1p.m. – Drop the Beat contest
- 1:30 p.m. – Free-style Rap Battle
- 2 p.m. – Concert
- 2:30 p.m. – Three-point contest
- 3 p.m. – 2-on-2 basketball contest

Tents will be set up by tour sponsors for different activities. There will be a career tent, BET games tent, Video Skillz Challenge tent, Rap-It-Up health screening tent and inflatable games.

Lance Gross, an actor from “Tyler Perry’s House of Payne,” is contributing to the Go Green movement in conjunction with the Toyota Green Initiative for HBCUs. Gross will serve as a judge for the Toyota Green Initiative Contest and will mentor students on the benefits of turning their HBCUs green. The contest will allow a student to win a one-year lease on a 2011 Toyota Prius. Students must take the “Promise Drive” and then upload documentation of their project to make their school greener.

The Black College Tour targets historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) around the country every year. It is a key component used by the BET network to display its support for HBCUs and to highlight different institutions.

The tour kicked off at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Ga., on Sept. 1, and will end Nov. 12 in Prairie View, Texas, at Prairie View A&M University. Sponsors for the tour are the U.S. Air Force, EA Sports, Toyota, BET Digital, BET’s Rap-It-Up and Coca-Cola Zero.

Albany State alumna appointed department chair at Macon State College



By Camile Matthews
Student writer

Albany State College alumna Dr. Debra Holmes Matthews has been the chair of the Humanities Department for the past two years but was recently appointed as chair of the English Department at Macon State College.

A native of Hawkinsville, Ga., she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in English Education from Albany State and received a Master of Education Degree in curriculum and teaching (secondary) from Howard University. Matthews earned her Ph.D. in English from Georgia State University while teaching full-time at Macon State and received the MSC 2006 Outstanding Teaching Award.



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While at Albany State, Matthews fondly recalls interacting with classmates and participating in the English Club and Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

As I reflect on my experience [while a student] at Albany State, I am reminded of the sense of community that I experienced both in and outside of the classroom," Matthews said. "Albany State College, now Albany State University, provided me with a strong academic foundation that made it possible to be successful in graduate school at Howard University and later at Georgia State University. My professors in the English department and in education had high expectations, and they equipped students to meet those expectations. I had instructors who created a rigorous classroom, but it was also nurturing."

Her first full-time teaching position was at a Washington, D.C. business college, where 85 percent of her students were from foreign countries, and many of them were having their first experience with the English language.

Matthews joined the Macon State faculty in 1990. She said she enjoys teaching there because she believes there's cooperation between the faculty to make a difference by helping students develop skills and an appreciation for literature as well as the writing process.

"I want students to leave my classroom with a deeper appreciation for literature and for the writing process," Matthews said. "I also want them to leave with the confidence and the skill set to continue to develop as scholars."

Composition courses are her favorite to teach because they challenge her to create a non-threatening environment for students who may have different levels of writing abilities while addressing their different needs.

"Differentiating instruction in any classroom is often challenging," Matthews said. "I teach the writing process in a workshop format to a certain extent. In the writing classroom, I find it beneficial to use multiple approaches. Students engage in both collaborative and individual assignments in an environment that is both challenging and nurturing. I want the underprepared student and the advanced student to experience success and a challenge at various points in the course. All of the composition courses are taught in computer labs, and students write at each class meeting."

Matthews said the most rewarding experience for her is speaking with former students in the Macon community and hearing them express that the education they received has made a difference in their lives and has benefited their family members as well.

ASU lecture series to focus on violence against women

*By Joseph West
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Dr. Padmini Murthy, an assistant professor from the Department of Health Policy and Management at New York Medical College School of Public Health, will address Albany State University students, faculty, staff and guests Thursday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. in the ACAD Auditorium.

Murthy, also a physician, activist and assistant professor in the Department of Family Community and Family Medicine, will speak on the topic of Violence against Women as part of the ASU First and Second Year Experience Lecture Series.

Murthy did her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and has practiced medicine in several countries. She serves as chair of the Women's Rights Committee of the APHA and section councilor in the International Health Section of the APHA. Her research interests include women's health with an emphasis on violence against women and HIV/AIDS.



Dr. Padmini Murthy

She holds a master's degree in public health and one in management from New York University. A certified health education specialist, Murthy has been on the Dean's List at NYU Steinhart School of Education and named Public Service Scholar at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School at New York University.

This is the second installment of three lectures this semester as a part of an agreement between Albany State University and the United Nations Higher Education Alliance. The program is free and open to the public.



African-American business leaders inspire ASU students

Business leaders who participated in the 2010 ASU Business Lecture Series and Black Executive Exchange Program on Oct. 19 who inspired students to plan and work to succeed included (from left) Myron Williams; Derrick Craver; Jonathan Ware; Maurice Eiliard, assistant professor of marketing at ASU; Pamela Character Bryant; Shawn Coates; Lois Jennings; and Dwayne Walker.

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