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Bridge eases partnership path access

A new 210-foot-long suspension bridge over Peachtree Creek in Lullwater Preserve provides easy pedestrian access between the Emory campus and VA Medical Center. The $177,000 structure was constructed to be minimally disruptive to the natural environs and touches ground in only two places on either side of the creek, at the foundations of its 27-foot-tall towers and cable anchors. It replaces a previous bridge that was removed in the early 1990s.

The bridge symbolizes a longtime partnership between Emory and the VAMC, where virtually all physician staff are Emory faculty. Above, School of Medicine Dean Thomas Lawley (right), VAMC Director James Clark, and Vice President of Campus Services Bob Hascall walk across at the June 11 dedication ceremony.

Team formed to balance safety, privacy

“At the time he called me, nobody knew the magnitude of the event,” Watson says.

Within hours, the impact of the tragedy was being felt not just at Virginia Tech but around the country. The Virginia Tech gunman had a history of mental illness and troubling behavior, but myriad privacy laws had made university officials reluctant to share information. The long-simmering issue of how to keep institutions safe while protecting the privacy of individuals soon moved to the front burner on many campuses.

One way Emory responded was by creating a Threat Assessment Team: a 10-member panel of specialists from key areas throughout the University, including the police, Campus Life, Student Counseling Services, the Faculty Staff Assistance Program, the General Counsel, Human Resources and University Communications.

“This is about connecting the dots,” says Watson, who chairs the TAT (see Emory Profile, page 2). The panel serves as a collaborative

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Special “News You Can Use” Insert

$73 million to boost health care facilities

From Staff Reports

With a special focus on fighting cancer, heart disease, pediatric ailments and neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s, Emory trustees have authorized the next stage of program definition and design work for redevelopment and innovation of Emory Healthcare, the state’s largest and most comprehensive health care system.

The board agreed to spend $73 million for programming and schematic design for the clinic, hospital and research facilities on Emory’s Clifton Road and Midtown (Crawford Long) campuses. In addition, the approved funding will be used for utility relocations, preliminary infrastructure modifications, an expansion of the Clairmont parking deck and site preparation for the Clifton Road clinic facility.

“We are pleased to move ahead with state-of-the-art programs

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Multiple changes at Emory College

By DAVID RANEY

It’s been a busy year in Emory College, with plenty of news worth noting as faculty, staff and students pause for summer recess — and research, course preparation and classes — and look forward to 2008-09.

In the College office, Bobby Paul has agreed to stay on as dean of Emory College for two more years, through 2009-10. This extension, as Provost Earl Lewis put it, “will amount to a decade of high level administrative service to the College and the University.”

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EMORY PROFILE: Craig Watson

By CAROL CLARK

"You can be friendly while arresting someone—I've done it," says Craig Watson, Emory's chief of police. "Once, the wife of somebody I arrested wrote me a thank-you note. She said she appreciated the way that I had treated her husband when I took him into custody."

Watson has the laid-back, chatty manner of Tim Allen from the TV sitcom "Home Improvement." You could easily imagine him hanging over a fence, catching up with his neighbors. As a matter of fact, he added a gate to the back fence of his family home near Emory, so children and dogs could pass freely between the two yards. He brings the same warmth and openness to the campus every day. "You don't have to be at ease-faced and mean to do this job," Watson says, smiling.

But don't be fooled by the easy-going demeanor: Members of the Emory Police Department are just as prepared to take on crime and other emergencies as they are to help you recharge your car battery. "Some folks have the old conception that the campus police are more like night watchmen, as opposed to what the department really is: a full-service law enforcement agency," Watson says. "Emory is a safe campus, but it's not surrounded by 20-foot walls. We deal with the same issues any other police department does—we just don't have to deal with major crime on a daily basis. Violent crime is rare, so we can focus more on crime, prevention and education."

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Cincinnati Reds select alum in Major League Baseball draft

By JOHN FARINA

Former Emory third base- man Frank Pfister ’08C was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 17th round of the 2008 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

Pfister was chosen by the Reds with the 509th-overall pick, the highest an Emory position player has ever been selected. He will join the third Division III player to be chosen in the 2008 draft.

Pfister gained national rec- ognition during the Eagles’ 2007 run to the NCAA Division III World Series, capturing the South Regional Tournament’s Most Valuable Player honor while batting .640 over the five- game stretch. In 2008, Pfister was named the University Athletic Association’s Most Valuable Player and the South Region’s Gold Glove third base- man, along with a selection to the ABCA/Rawlings all-South Region team. Pfister is a three-time all-UAA first team honoree.

The 21-year-old from Los Angeles batted .379 in 2008, leading the team with six home runs and his 143 runs batted in over 162 career games, fin- ished his career with 220 hits, sixth best in school history. “Frank was not only one of the most talented players to ever put on an Emory uniform, but one of the best kids,” said Emory Head Coach Mike Twardoski.

“I am so proud of his maturity level both on and off the field, and his hard work, that has allowed him to become this cali- ber of player.”

Pfister is the fourth Eagle drafted since Emory reinstated its varsity program in 1991 after a 100-year absence.

Alumni make the connection

By ERIC RANGUS

What did you do for your summer vacation? Did you go home? That’s what more than 100 alumni did the weekend of June 13–15.

“Home,” of course, was their alma mater, Emory. And the occasion was Emory Alumni Leadership Weekend: Building the Network, an ambitious Emory Alumni Association effort to bring together many of its most engaged volunteer leaders for three days’ worth of high-level, el education, conversation and fun.

“The sessions were informa- tive and will help in our plan- ning,” said Tiffany Willin ’97B, a volunteer leader for the EAA’s Alumnae and Women of Emory interest group in New York. “The opportunity to network with other alumni leaders was very beneficial. The conferences enabled conversation that has been long coming and will have positive results for the future.”

The conference combined the regular summer meeting of the Emory Alumni Board with a gathering of EAA regional chapter leaders who came from as far away as Seattle and 12 states to attend.

Building the Network was split into two tracks suited to each group with a variety of mixed programming to spice up the schedule. EAB members con- ducted their standard committee meetings, and the regional chap- ter leaders attended a variety of breakout sessions. Those focused on alumni engagement initiatives that they could hold in their areas and outlined marketing, strategic planning and management techniques to help them not only encourage more alumni to get involved in those programs, but also make them more enjoyable.

That’s what made the social programming that broke up the business side of the weekend — a New Orleans-themed social at the School of Medicine, and “The Big Finale Network,” which mixed poetry, music and Carlos Museum exhibit tours along with the drinks and the mingling — so important. Underlying the cocktail small talk were the essential connections being that made all the effort worthwhile. Many e-mail addresses were exchanged and ideas floated.

“I had several conversations with regional chapter leaders who expressed their excitement about meeting board members,” said RAB President Dusty Porter ’98.

“Just like the title of the conference implies, the EAA’s goal is to bring together our alumni leaders and build the alumni network,” said Allison Dyke and Helen Haidas, our regional relations. “Our alumni network is already strong, but like any organization, it can grow strong- er, and this conference was just another step — and a highly suc- cessful one from all indications — in that long but very fulfilling process.”

Wagner tapped to lead metro higher education council

By ERIC RANGUS

President Jim Wagner will become chair of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHIE) board of trustees effective July 1.

“Appointed” is an occasional column that highlights the stories and promotions at Emory University.

ARCHE brings together the region’s public and private colleges and universities to build awareness of the size, scope, impact and value of higher education’s role in the region and help them share strengths through cooperative programs.

Two recent reports from ARCHE found that in key rankings, Atlanta’s rate of growth leads other top higher education centers in the nation and outpaces population growth in the region.

“Higher education is one of Georgia’s most vital strategic assets in the competition for jobs, business development, and an ever-improving quality of life for everyone,” Wagner said.

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TAKE NOTE

Senators seek panel volunteers
University Senate President Kathleen Lauer and Emory community members to serve on one of the Senate's standing committees.

The committees review University policies and propose amendments, and provide a forum for discussion of policies and practices in areas of University life. Committee meeting minutes can be viewed at www.emory.edu/SENATE/

Culler emphasized volunteers for the Senate Diversity Committee, the newest panel. Terms of membership are one academic year renewable for up to three years.

Send an e-mail by July 30 to the chairperson of the committee with a brief statement of interest in the committee's work.

Emory Athletics is 7th in Director's Cup

Emory's Department of Athletics has achieved seventh in the 2007-08 United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup Division III standings.

The Directors' Cup, a joint effort of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and USA Today and program sponsor, the United States Sports Academy, awards points based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports.

The Eagles had seven overall top-10 finishes in this year's standings: men's tennis, second; men's swimming and diving, fourth; volleyball, fifth; women's tennis, sixth; outdoor track and field, seventh; and women's soccer, ninth.

Emory had 14 teams compete in NCAA Tournament action during the 2007-08 season while claiming a total of seven University Athletic Association championships.

Vaccination program

Emory's flu vaccination program is one of the most important initiatives in Emory Healthcare.

“We look forward to working with our surrounding communities and government leaders to provide our students and Atlanta a destination health care system that will be an unsurpassed source of civic pride and competitiveness, high-quality patient care and job growth well into the 21st century,” says Pete Huneke, president and CEO of Emory University Hospital East.

“Emory’s growth in programs and facilities will enable us to create the ideal patient and family experience, now and for the future, as we pursue our vision of healing and in the 21st century,” he says.

“As we continue to develop the ideal integrated model for health care delivery, the dedication to quality is at the heart of all of our facilities planning,” says John T. Fox, CEO of Emory Healthcare. “Dedication to quality will drive everything we do now and in the coming years.”

In concert with the Clifton Community Partnership, Emory has pledged to continue its dedication to meeting the needs of a pedestrian friendly environment, a landscaped public realm, the aesthetic transformation of Clifton and North Decatur roads, and alternative transportation and improved traffic flow.

The new plans are founded on several years of planning culminating in eight months of concentrated study involving more than 190 Emory faculty and administrators, along with patients, their families and the community.

Emory’s new approach is predicated on building smaller-scale projects that can be executed more nimblly and economically in response to many variables including patient demand, the success of fundraising, national business cycles, and the health care policy and financing environment.

Research — particularly research that can translate discoveries from the laboratory into patient care — is a central component of the vision of Emory’s Woodruff Health Sciences Center. The University received nearly $384 million in external research funding last year.

Over the past decade, Emory’s research funding has increased nearly two-and-a-half fold.

Emory’s new plan will support new collaborative relationships with the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Grady School of Medicine, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, the Grady Health System, and the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center, as well as with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia Research Alliance, the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Read more about these plans at emory.edu/presskits_campus.cfm.

Key site components

Clifton Road site:

• A 250-bed hospital (100 beds will replace beds currently in Hillside) for new set gain of 150 beds on Clifton Road.

• A new $395,000-square-foot Emory Clinic to be built next to the current Emory Clinic.

• A new 100,000-square-foot research facility located on Haygood Drive across from Emory Children’s Center.

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Sudan and Ghana shoulder about 96 percent of the remaining cases. Mali, Nigeria and Niger are expected to break the transmission cycle soon. In 2007, Ghana reported its lowest case number in 25 years, and in the Sudan program reported approximately 6,000 cases, a reduction from about 60,000 cases in 2003.

Known as the “forgotten disease” of forgotten people, Guinea worm is a parasitic disease that inflicts major pain on the infected. In reality, if you have concerns that a student might pose a risk to themselves or the community, that information can and should be brought to our attention. That doesn’t mean we’re throwing privacy laws out the window,” she adds, explaining that the TAT works in strict confidence. Names are revealed only on a need-to-know basis.

Students lead diverse lives, making it easy to mask patterns of behavior that could indicate they are in crisis, Adelman says. “A faculty member may see just one piece of the puzzle, while a roommate and a friend may see other pieces. The TAT is the way to bring the pieces together.”

The TAT also reviews concerns about faculty and staff members. “The threat could even be coming from someone outside of Emory, such as a domestic situation where a relationship is coming apart,” says Del King, associate vice president of human resources.

The Emory community of 11,000 students and 22,000 faculty and staff, spread over an open, bustling campus, is like a small city. King says, “When you get that many people together, of course you will have situations. The TAT brings together expertise from across the Emory University to handle situations in a centralized, systematic way, rather than on an ad-hoc basis.”

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Unlocking memory’s secrets

Magnetic gene shows imaging potential

By QUINN EASTMAN

Scientists have discovered a way to force animals to make tiny magnetic magnets inside their bodies. The technique could become a valuable tool for tracking stem cells’ movement through the body or exploring the nervous system via magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), says Emory/Georgia Tech biomedical engineer Xiaoping Hu.

“We have found a very simple way to make mammalian cells have a magnetic signature,” he says.

The results were published in the June issue of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine by Hu, graduate student Omar Zurkiya and geneticist Anthony Chan.

After the introduction of a single gene called MagA from bacteria, mammalian cells accumulate lumps of magnetite (what a compass needle is made of) a few nanometers wide, they found.

The gene MagA comes from magnetotactic bacteria, which can sense the Earth’s magnetic field. It encodes a currently nontoxic protein that transports dissolved iron across cell membranes.

Turtles, fish and migratory birds have all been shown to have the ability to sense magnetic fields, and biologists hypothesize that they do so using magnetite embedded in parts of their nervous system.

The advantage of borrowing a gene from bacteria was that researchers had already dissected MagA’s role and it was possible to force cells to make magnetite by inserting only one extra gene rather than several.

Although Hu’s team tested MagA’s effects in human kidney cells, Hu says it will probably be most useful in animal models.

“MagA can be thought of as the equivalent of green fluorescent protein, but for magnetic resonance imaging,” Hu says.

The breakthroughs around the world use green fluorescent protein, originally found in jellyfish, to follow cells’ movements within animals’ bodies. Hu says he anticipates that MagA could find similar applications, with the advantage that magnetic fields can penetrate tissues more easily than light.

‘Intrabody’ cleans up in Huntington’s disease model

By QUINN EASTMAN

Emory scientists have created a tool for mopping up the clumps of mutant protein that drive neurodegeneration in Huntington’s disease.

A team led by geneticist Xiao-Jiang Li engineered a virus to make an intracellular antibody or “intrabody” against huntingtin, the protein whose mutant forms poison the brain cells of people with the fatal inherited disease.

Injecting the virus into the brains of mice that make mutant huntingtin improves their ability to move their limbs, although it does not prolong their lives.

The results were published in the Journal of Cell Biology in May.

Delivering the intrabody to brain tissues in people would be a formidable challenge, because it would require some form of gene therapy. However, it may be possible to use information about the intrabody’s structure to find drugs that mimic its effects, Li says.

Huntington’s usually begins in young-to-mid-adulthood with the destruction of brain cells and leads to involuntary movements and cognitive impairment. Disease-causing mutations in Huntington are found in only one amino acid, poly-glutamine, which makes the proteins clump together inside brain cells.
I’ve remained interested in how black women are represent- ed in the media, particularly by those who claim to provide “pos- itive” and “alternative” images. I was asked by the National Ur- ban League to weigh in on the current state of the representa- tion of black women in the me- dia and felt compelled to probe this notion of “good” representa- tion.

What follows are my reflec- tions on one pusher of the “posi- tive” Writer/producer/director/ actor Tyler Perry has branded himself as the arbiter of quality pictures he wants and rewrite what constitutes “progressive” and “alternative” images.

Additionally, positive black masculinity in these films is equated with the black male character’s ability to achieve the heteronormative, patriarchal, capitalistic “American Dream.” It is the acquisition of this assimilationist fantasy that provides the Hollywood ending.

This goal is reached through the often-violent resolution of hierarchal gender roles. Black women must be put back in line or pushed out of the way by the black men in these narratives.

The film follows four couples into the mountains for their an- nual marriage retreat. As the promotional advertisements for the film suggest, it is the women who are the source of the mari- tal problems. Each female char- acter is identified within the trailers as having an extrava- gant or overly perfect style. Viewers are primed to expect the fe- male leads to overcome their initial disparaging characteriza- tions. How black women are made normal, comic, and necessary for the attainment of a positive black masculinity, making intraracial violence against black women off-screen tolerable.”

— Moya Bailey

I’ve been working in the area of stereotypical and media repre-sentations since I was little. In third grade I brought the book “Cornrows” to school to educate my classmates about my hair-styles (and forestall future un- solicited hair touching and ques- tions). In high school I wrote a term paper on the rash of school shootings and the media’s inat- tention to race, class and gender, as they informed the tragedies. My first year of college, I was part of a national youth anti- censorship group where I spoke out about the need for free speech and the right to critique problematic renderings of mar- ginalized populations including people of color, women, the LG-BTQ community, and people with disabilities.

I continued to develop my analysis around race, representa- tion and media throughout my college years both in my scholarship and activism. I was writing about the ways black women were depicted in the na- tion’s large and small screens while simultaneously simulta- neously considering the real world consequences of those images in how I was perceived and subsequently treated in my day-to-day life.

As president of the feminist group on my campus, I and oth- er group members brought the issue to the nation’s attention by requesting a sitdown with rapper Nelly about misogyny in his lyrics and videos when he was scheduled to come to campus to promote a bone marrow drive. His refusal, and the subsequent media coverage, launched my unofficial career as a media crit. By MOYA BAILEY

FIRST PERSON

Why I’m over Tyler Perry

‘Positive’ images can spell negatives for black women

Moya Bailey is a doctoral student in the Department of Women's Studies.

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alternatively, Tyler Perry’s assertions imply an interdependency between binary gender role expressions, where proper “positive” black masculinity can only be obtained through a subordinate femininity. Acts of filmic violence are censored as such but if enacted in the real world could warrant police action.

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In “Why Did I Get Married?” black women are subject to viol- ence designed to remind them of their place in relation to black men. We must examine the po- tential problems of films that tout themselves as being “posi- tive” or providers of “good” images by continually asking, good for whom and to what end?

As professor Bell Hooks of- fers: "Black Looks," we should be “asking ourselves questions about what type of images sub- vert, pose critical alternatives, and transform our world views and move us away from dualis- tic thinking about good and bad?”

MOVING FORWARD ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

Emory’s Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions and the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease convened in Washington, D.C., May 7 to spotlight the integral role chronic disease prevention must play in health reform. When we talk about health care reform, espe- cially in the context of the presidential election — there’s no question that we need to talk about fighting chronic disease, one of the most common, and the most costly, health condi-

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— Casey Dunning

SOUNDBITES

Hospital holds Midtown history

Tours of Emory Crawford Long Hospital, which had a personal touch, conducted by Ren Davis ‘79C, project manager for Emory Health- care and grandson of one of the hospital’s founders.

Davis noted that “by pre- serving the original building in Midtown and those after it, you can see how the de- sign philosophy (of hospitals) has changed over the years.

The original 1911 facility, he said, was built to look like a peal as an apartment house should the hospital fail because it was feeling away, felt its location was “too far out.

A mural in the employee lounge illustrates what’s been built, leased or torn down over the decades, including “Antwone Fisher,” “The Pursuit of Happyness” and “Daddy’s Little Girls” are produced, writ-

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Candler concerts feature illustrious performers

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet*
Friday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.; $48; $36 students; $5 Emory students. Grammy winners presenting standards plus world and classical music. kom.

Lynn Harrell, cello*
Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.; $48; $36 students; $5 Emory students. A consummate recitalist, conductor and teacher whose international tours have placed him in the highest echelons of today’s musicians.

Warsaw Philharmonic; Antoni Wit, conductor; and Valentine Lisitsa, piano
Friday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.; $80; $60 students; $10 Emory students. Poland’s national orchestra presents Lutosław’s “Piano Concerto no. 1,” E-flat major, and Beethoven’s Symphony no. 2, op. 73, D major.

Philip Glass “Akhnaten,” performed by Atlanta Opera
Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, 5 p.m.; $76; $57 students; $10 Emory students. The concert-staged Atlanta premiere of Glass’ mesmerizing historical drama about the Egyptian pharaoh.

Emory College presents: New York Philharmonic, Lorin Maazel, conductor
Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, 8 p.m. (limited balcony tickets on sale; no discounts). $80. In his final season as New York Philharmonic music director, Lorin Maazel leads a performance of Berlioz and Schumann’s “Symphonie fantastique.”

Guarneri String Quartet
Sunday, March 2, 2009, 8 p.m.; $52; $39 students; $5 Emory students. Emory’s Quartet of the Final Atlanta performance before retiring from a 40-year career.

Lionheart* with the Vega String Quartet
Friday, March 20, 2009, 8 p.m. (pre-concert lecture, composer Philip Kline, 7 p.m.); $48; $36 Emory students; $5 Emory students. Vega premieres Richard and Phoebe’s string quartet “Three Essays” then joins vocal sextet Lionheart for Philip Kline’s “John the Revelator.”

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ER: What was the most memorable moment of your trip? Deemer: [Laughing]. Coming back, seeing my wife (law librarian Pam Iseiner) for the first time in six weeks.

---Kim Urquhart
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