

# *Skidaway Scoop*

December 2007

## **Skidaway Institute to break ground on new laboratory building**

Skidaway Institute will break ground on the institute's new laboratory building on Thursday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. on the building site, adjacent to the library.

The Marine and Coastal Science Research and Instructional Center (MCSRIC) will contain 11,000 square-feet of research laboratories, space for visiting scientists and instructional space for marine science students from throughout the University System of Georgia.



During the 2006 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly approved a \$5 million appropriation for the construction of a new laboratory and instructional building.

Governor Sonny Perdue signed the budget package that included the appropriation.

The architects for the MCSRIC are Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc.. The construction manager is Choate Construction. Engineering work will be done by Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung International Inc. and Nottingham, Brook & Pennington, Inc.

The building is expected to be completed in the spring of 2009.

## **New USG Chief Academic Officer to visit Skidaway**

The University System of Georgia's new executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer, Susan Herbst, will visit Skidaway Institute on Friday, December 14. Herbst is responsible for overseeing the University System's non-research four-year institutions and Skidaway Institute.

Herbst joined the USG on November 1, 2007 from her previous position as acting president of the State University of New York at Albany.

This will be Herbst's first visit to Skidaway.

## **Party Time December 15**

Everyone on campus is invited to celebrate the holiday season with an all-campus holiday party on Saturday, December 15, at 6 p.m. in the MECA cafeteria.

The menu will include pit-cooked Boston butts, roast turkey and oysters. Organizers are asking each employee to bring a side-dish, desert or salad to share.

Please RSVP to Stephanie Edgecombe at 598-2335 or [mared@uga.edu](mailto:mared@uga.edu).

## **Faculty Activities**

Bill and Dana Savidge judged the 8th grade Science Fair projects for St Andrews School in November. Bill also judged the Savannah Country Day Science Fair earlier in the month.

Dana Savidge gave talks at two recent conferences. She gave a 30-minute talk at the Southern Ocean GLOBEC Circulation and Modeling Workshop entitled, "Circulation on the West Antarctic Peninsula from 6 yrs of shipboard ADCP data."  
(GLOBEC is 'GLOBAL ocean ECosystems dynamics')

She also gave an invited-talk to the Georgia Marine Educators Conference in Savannah entitled "The Ocean is Poorly Observed - Methods of Observing."

## **Adopt-A-Wetland training classes set**

The Adopt-A-Wetland program has scheduled a series of training classes for current and future volunteers. The training sessions are designed for grade 5 to adult participants. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Recertification sessions are designed for renewing active volunteers.

### **Skidaway Island Classes at the UGA MAREX Shellfish Lab Classroom**

Wednesday, December 19 -- Chemical Training from 2pm-4pm

Thursday, January 10 -- Chemical Training from 5pm-7pm

Thursday, January 31 -- Biological Training from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, February 21 -- Biological and Chemical Training 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Brunswick Class at the UGA MAREX Lecture Room**

Thursday, February 7 -- Chemical Training from 2-4 p.m.

### **AAW Volunteer Recertification Sessions**

#### **Skidaway Campus at the UGA MAREX Shellfish Lab Classroom**

Thursday, January 17 -- Chemical Recertification from 10am-Noon

#### **Brunswick at the UGA MAREX Lecture Room**

Thursday, February 7 -- Chemical Recertification from 5-7p.m.

Reservations required for all training and recertification sessions.

Contact Angela Bliss at 912-598-2348 ext 2 or [acbliss@uga.edu](mailto:acbliss@uga.edu)

## **BOTTOMS-UP researchers to meet**

The principal investigators of the Benthic Observatory Technology Testbed on the Mid Shelf - Understanding Processes (BOTTOMS-UP) Project will meet on the Skidaway campus on Monday, December 10, to discuss progress in the establishment of a functioning, state-of-the-art benthic observatory on the Georgia coast. Lead PI Bill Savidge and SkIO co-PIs Jim Nelson, Rick Jahnke and Dana Savidge will meet with co-PIs from University of South Carolina and Stanford Research Institute to review the project thus far and plan for 2008 efforts.



SkIO divers Trent Moore (right) and Michael Richer begin a dive to service BOTTOMS-UP sensors during a cruise in April 2007.

BOTTOMS-UP is funded by the National Science Foundation via the Coastal Benthic Exchange Dynamics (CBED) initiative.