Jubilation at the inauguration

Several Emory community members braved the cold and the crowds in Washington, D.C., to witness history at the inauguration of Barack Obama as the nation’s 44th president. Carlton Mackey from the Center for Ethics snapped this self-portrait of himself and his wife, Kari, who works at The Carter Center. Turn to page 7 to read about what the day meant for Mackey, who says: “The picture pretty much sums it up.”

Let’s see LETTER on page 4

Dear Emory Community:

With classes underway and one of the most significant events of the year — the inauguration of President Obama — already in the history books, it may seem a bit late to offer wishes for a happy new year. Nevertheless, since 2009 is still quite new, I take this opportunity to share my earnest wish that the coming year will be for you and for our university community — alumni and parents and friends as well as all of us who live and work on the campus — a year of hope, strength, and renewed commitment to all that is good and excellent.

This year greets us with both blessings and stark new challenges, from political and military conflicts to economic contraction. There is a powerful element of renewed optimism in our ability to face these challenges and prevail. Emory is not immune to the vulnerability that such challenges bring. But we can have optimism and confidence that our community has the courage and creativity to triumph in the face of these challenges and thus never to lose sight of our vision.

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EMORY PROFILE: Wanda Hayes

By CAROL CLARK

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Hayes grew up in Thomson, Ga., where her father worked in textile manufacturing and also had a small farm. “After school, I had to help feed the cows and pigs,” she says. “It didn’t matter if it was freezing cold, they had to be fed.”

At the time, it didn’t seem like much of an enviable upbringing. “In hindsight, I think every kid who doesn’t grow up on a farm should at least spend a summer on one,” Hayes says. “You learn a lot.”

Hayes retained her love of animals. She planned on becoming a veterinarian when she headed off to the University of Georgia. Then she got interested in psychology.

A professor who taught the introduction to industrial and organizational psychology helped refine that interest. “I thought that course would be boring, all about tests and measurements,” she recalls. “But the professor loved what he was doing so much, he made it fascinating. He talked about how you could take the principles of psychology and apply them in the business world to help people develop and reach their full potential.”

After getting her Ph.D. at UGA in industrial and organizational psychology, Hayes served as director of academic assessment at the University of South Carolina-Aiken, where she also taught. “Wanda was late for school today because she had to doctor a sick calf.” Wanda Hayes, now director of Learning Services for Human Resources, laughs as she recalls a note her mother wrote for her when she was in 9th grade. “Boy, I was country when country wasn’t cool!”

Since joining Emory in 2007, Hayes has worked closely with administrative leaders to revamp and expand the offerings of Learning Services. In addition to taking individual courses, staff on the supervisor and management tracks can now be nominated for a full curriculum of programs that build leadership skills (See related story on page 3). A new leadership program tailored for faculty debuted last fall, through an initiative of the Provost’s Office, which partnered with Learning Services to design and deliver the program. Learning Services is implementing the programs through its dedicated team of six staff members, as well as drawing from experts throughout the University. “Emory believes in investing in time is going to make a huge difference in how they do their jobs and help them continue to grow in their career.”

She enjoys the highly professional team she works with at Learning Services and believes she has found her niche. “Creating something that’s meeting a need for people is so much fun to me,” Hayes says. “I still am ‘country’ at heart,” she says. “I have a garden in the backyard. We put up pickles and jellies. I make salsa to bring to the office. Everyone always asks, ‘How’s your garden coming?’”

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Cultivating people

By CAROL CLARK

Farm upbringing keeps HR executive grounded

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The spirit of volunteerism in the Graduate Division of Biological and Biomedical Sciences (GDBBS) now has a formal name, a Web site and a momentum that is building community both within the division and beyond the campus.

GIVE—or DBBSs Involved in Volunteerism at Emory (http://sites.google.com/site/giveemory)—is the brainchild of Margie Varnado, business manager of the division.

“I just love helping out people when I can. It’s one of my passions,” she says.

Varnado had long wanted to create a structured approach for volunteering in the division, but she kept pushing the idea to the backburner. “We have about 500 students and 300 faculty within our division. Everybody is kind of interested around the campus. It’s hard to have a sense of community,” she explains. “I wanted to find a way to help people come together and meet one another and see that they are part of a much bigger picture than their individual program.

When Varnado enrolled in a new Manager Development Program, offered through Learning Services in Human Resources, she finally got the impetus to launch GIVE. The management curriculum lasts several months and brings staff from throughout the University together to brush up their leadership skills. Each participant is required to complete a project that benefits their department or Emory overall. Varnado decided to make GIVE her project.

She formed a committee, sent out e-mails on a listserv, and GIVE got up and rolling in October. “We had an overwhelming response,” Varnado says. “We put out a request for a volunteer to create a Web site, and Roe Hu, a first-year student, stepped up to do it. He continues to keep the site up to date.

Each volunteer project is headed by a member of GDBBS, who plans and coordinates the details. GIVE has already raised money for breast cancer research through the collection of Vonplat yogurt lids and organized a winter clothing drive for local shelters. One Sunday, 30 students, staff, and faculty showed up at Project Hand On, where they donated hairnets to prepare meals for those in need.

For Christmas, GIVE adopted three families through the Monroe County Fire Department Auxiliary Club who were going through financial challenges. GDBBS staff, faculty and students fulfilled the wish lists of the 11 children, then pitched in more for the parents. “We did not request people to buy things for the parents. They just did it,” Varnado says. “Everybody really came through.

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Pajares passes

M. Frank Pajares, Samuel Daniel Dobbs Professor of Education in the Division of Educational Studies and in the Department of Psychology, died Wednesday, Jan. 24. For the last 15 years, Pajares’ wishes of Pajares and his family, no memorial service will be held if individuals wish to make contributions in his memory. Pajares’ favorite charities were Save the Children, UNICEF (the United Nations Children’s Fund), the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and Doctors without Borders, said DES chair Robert Jensen.

“Pajares recognized the achievements of faculty and staff. Listings may include awards to individual recipients, to boards and societies; and similarly notable accomplishments at Emory or in the wider community. Emory Report reserves the right to make editorial changes. Contact: taike@emory.edu.”

Volunteer spirit takes form in GIVE

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The 39-member Board of Trustees oversees the organization and long-range fiduciary health of the University. New term trustees serve a six-year initial term; a four-year renewable term may follow. Term trustees are selected by the Governance Trustee and Nominations Committee and submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval.

Final approval rests with the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church.
TAKE NOTE

Where to tune in if weather is bad

With winter finally and firmly here, in the event of severe weather, Emory, the University may announce delayed openings, cancellation of nor-

omal campus activities (which apply to Emory University only).

Members of the University community should obtain updated information by call-

ing the University's Weather Information Line at 404-727-1234; checking www.edu,

e.edu, consulting local radio and TV news locally. Tips for watching for an all-Emory broadcast e-mail.

Emory Healthcare employ-

ees should consult the EHC Inclement Weather Policy and also check with supervisors. EHC staff are expected to report for work as scheduled when patient care needs exist. Responsibil-

ities must continue to function when severe weather conditions,

wagen discusses budget with College faculty

BY NANCY SEIDEMAN

At the Jan. 21 spring meeting of the Emory College faculty, President Jim Wagner gave an overview of the how the University is adjusting to new economic realities. AND MOODY's adjusted revenue from this source, and an additional reduction of $10 million in annual revenue from interest on working capital funds due to a reduction in interest rates. Although the University is still moving through the fiscal year 2010 budget preparation, Wagner noted that Emory's overall budget would grow approximately 1.6 percent next year, compared to 6.8 percent in recent years. He said that budgets would remain flat or see small increases for non-profits and, administrative unit.

With assistance from Carl Lewis, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and Mike Mandel, executive vice president for finance and operations, Wagner reviewed the University’s priorities for the use of its financial resources. Emory must not merely prepare to “weather the storm,” but respond to an emergency. The University leadership will be making decisions as a top-tier research university that support excellence in our students and the academic experience, assure that our work force of faculty and staff members is appropriate for maintaining programs of the highest quality and maximum financial self-sufficiency, and maintain transparency and ownership, the availability of educational resources; and fostering financial stability and the availability of educational resources; and fostering financial stability.

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Health care: The good, the bad and the ugly

This year marks the beginning of a new political and economic era. With recent changes in our economy and the inauguration of a new president, the time is ripe to examine new solutions for our broken health care system. The good news is that our country has the best medical specialists in the world. We have the finest researchers, the best educators, and the most exciting discoveries being pioneered today. Our technology is peerless, with the best diagnostic and therapeutic options available anywhere in the world.

And yet, we all know that our health care costs are skyrocketing. We don't always get the outcomes and safety we expect and deserve. Tens of millions of Americans can't access the system at all. And those of us who do are all too often dissatisfied with the service we receive. The value we receive for U.S. health care expenditures is far below that of dozens of other countries by many measures. That's the bad news.

SNAPSHOT

Emory's King Week celebration kicked off with a tree planting project in the Martin Luther King Jr. historic district on the national holiday. About 60 Emory volunteers teamed up with Trees Atlanta to plant 50 trees in a 3-block area in Old Fourth Ward, where neighbors also turned out to help.

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Notice to parking and cliff permit holders

In an effort to limit fee increases for University faculty and staff, Emory will not increase its parking fees in February 2009 as previously planned. The annual parking fee, which typically increases each year to reflect inflationary costs, will remain fixed at $630 for a general permit and $1,500 for a reserved permit through Aug. 31, 2009. The carpool and vanpool parking fee structures will also remain unchanged through that date.

Cliff permits for the various commute options (carpool, vanpool, bike, walk, public transit and Cliff transit) will be extended through Aug. 31, 2009. The number of daily uses will be pro-rated to 14 daily uses for the period of Jan. 31, 2009, to Aug. 31, 2009, 2009/2010 parking registration information will be distributed in June 2009. Additional daily uses can be purchased through the Parking Office at $75 for 20 daily uses.

Additionally, the registration for employee parking will shift from Jan. 31 to Aug. 31 in order to align with the academic calendar and fiscal year. Even though the current physical permit indicates a Jan. 31, 2009, expiration date, parking permit holders paying for their permit through payroll deduction will be able to continue to display their current hangtag without penalty until the August 2009 renewal. Current payroll deductions will continue through Aug. 31 at the same monthly amount. 2009/2010 parking registration information will be distributed in June 2009.

If you do not wish to continue parking on campus beyond Jan. 31, 2009, please return your permit to Parking Services in order to stop payroll deduction. For questions about the change in the renewal period, please call 404-727-PARK or e-mail parking@emory.edu. For more information and specific details for transportation commute option programs, visit www.transportation.emory.edu or call 404-727-1829.
A $13 million NIH grant will allow Emory scientists like Rafi Ahmed, director of the Emory Vaccine Center, and collaborators to focus on a key protein’s role in chronic infectious diseases.

By HOLLY KORSCHUN

A grant in support of AIDS research from parents who in 1989 realized that all children are at risk for contracting the disease has paved the way for a much larger NIH grant that could lead to promising new treatment targets.

Concerned Parents for AIDS Research, a New York-based group of parents, some of whom have lost children to AIDS, last year contributed $250,000 to the Emory Vaccine Center, led by Rafi Ahmed, a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar. The seed grant made it possible for Ahmed’s laboratory to collaborate with scientists at Harvard University on studies of a protein that inhibits the immune response to chronic infectious diseases like HIV.

Two years ago scientists at Emory and Harvard made the exciting discovery that the immune inhibitor protein PD-1 (Programmed Death-1) helps switch off the immune response to chronic infectious diseases. This results in apparent “exhaustion” of the T-cell response.

Because of the progress made through the initial seed grant, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded a $13 million, five-year program project grant that will allow the Emory scientists and their collaborators to focus on PD-1 and its specific role in HIV and other chronic viral infections. They plan to identify new targets and pathways and possible drugs that could aid in tackling this molecular trigger, turn off the PD-1 protein, reactivate the immune response and possibly clear HIV infection.

“Emory put together amazing teams to leverage our private funding,” says Andrew Lipschitz, emeritus director of the Center for Philanthropy and Leadership at Emory.

“This collaborative grant, which includes an outstanding team of investigators, provides us a fantastic opportunity to investigate the unique properties of this PD-1 pathway that inhibits the immune response and protects our defense against deadly infectious diseases. Our work also has clear implications for the treatment of tumors and autoimmune diseases and for investigating the success of transplantation, he says.”

The CPPA grant is part of the CPFA’s goal was to bring support being sought for Campaign Emory, a $1.6 billion fundraising endeavor that combines private support and the University’s people, places and programs to make a powerful contribution to the world.

Blocking immune protein in monkeys

In rhesus macaque monkeys infected with SIV (the nonhuman primate version of HIV), scientists blocked the PD-1 protein, which significantly reduced the viral plasma load and prolonged the monkeys’ survival. The therapy worked by boosting anti-viral killer cells (CD8 cells) and improving antibody response.

“Our findings raise the possibility that PD-1 blocking antibody therapy could improve the anti-viral T cell response to chronic HIV infections, but it also could generate an effective antibody response in neutralizing the virus of the infected host,” says principal investigator Rama Amara, a Verbes and Emory Vaccine Center scientist.

“This therapy was effective without anti-retroviral drugs and in monkeys with severe AIDS. It is critical to induce protective immune responses targeting the mutated virus for developing a successful immune therapy against control HIV infections.”

“Our findings are important not only because they highlight a potential therapy approach, but also because of the insights they offer for other challenging chronic infectious diseases such as hepatitis C virus and tuberculosis,” says Vaccine Center Director Rafi Ahmed. “Through the Grand Challenges in Global Health initiative, which also funded the current study, we will begin testing the PD-1 blockade against HCV in nonhuman primates.”

The research was published in Nature in December.
History and hope at inauguration

Taharee Jackson

By TAHAREE JACKSON

The last thing I could afford to do was attend the president-rial inauguration at the National Mall, but I simply couldn’t miss it. I had to go and represent my multiracial family. As a multiracial woman, I am seldom presented with the opportunity to see someone just like me in the public eye.

Tiger Woods has made multiracialism somewhat “cool,” yet people still have trouble identifying him in photos. That being said, to have the entire globe of gaze finally affixed on a fellow biracial person — on Barack Obama — compelled me to travel to Washington, D.C. to support him. He wouldn’t know if I was there, but my family and I would… and it would mean the world to us.

The elation and pride I felt standing inside the National Mall is indescribable. As I cheered in the freezing cold, clutching and occasionally waving my miniature American flag, I couldn’t help but feel overjoyed. Yes, I was excited about the possibility of striking up conversations with total strangers who were just as excited about Obama as me. Yes, I was elated about the opportunity to hear Obama’s voice for myself, and to see him with my own, slight-ly myopic eyes. But no, I was not excited about the possibly of his being introduced as our nation’s first “black” president.

Is that how Obama chooses to name himself? How he chooses to enter history?

I braved subzero tempera-
tures, no sleep, millions of peo-
ple, closed train stations, and hours of no food or bathroom usage, not because I think of Obama as our first black presi-
dent. True, I am part black, but so is he. He is part black. Bar-
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culated figure because just like me, everyone gathered here brought so many other people with them.

Though I could barely turn around to see her face, when I heard the older African Ameri-
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ple, closed train stations, and hours of no food or bathroom usage, not because I think of Obama as our first black presi-
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ack Obama is half black, and half white — he is biracial. To ac-
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ADVANCE NOTICE

Inaugural poet here Feb. 11
Fresh from delivering her poem “Praise Song for the Day,” at Barack Obama’s inaugu-ration, poet Elizabeth Alex-ander will give a free, public reading Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. in Glenn Memorial Auditorium.
Alexander’s books, includ-ing the inaugural poem and a limited edition broadside, will be available for purchase and signing following the reading. Alexander is also an essay-ist, playwright and professor at Yale University. “This will be her first public appearance as a poet on the presidential slate,” says Kevin Young, curator of literary collections and the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library at the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library. Alexander’s appearance is part of the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library Reading Series. Other series events include: Campbell McGrath, March 18, 6 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library; and Li-Young Lee, April 7, 6 p.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

 Spend Super Bowl Sunday with Bach
 Timothy Albrecht, University Organist, performs the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach in “Super Bowl Sunday Bach Bowl,” Sunday, Feb. 1, at 4 p.m. in the Schwartz Center’s Emerson Concert Hall. This free concert, which begins with a brief introduction and includes the “Organ Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major” from “Clavierburoh III,” selections from the “Well-Tempered Clavier” Parts I and II, “Wake, Awake!” from “Six Chorales” and more.
Albrecht recently returned from a sabbatical Bach project at the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany. For information visit www.arts.emory.edu.

 Artist and critic to lead panel
 The Center for the Study of Public Scholarship’s next “Artists & Critics” panel is Thursday, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. in Winship Ballroom, One Emory University Center. Terence Blanchard, internationally renowned jazz trumpeter, bandleader, composer and arranger; and Alex Ross, The New Yorker’s musical events critic since 1996, offer a lively discussion moderated by Emory Music’s Dwight Andrews. The panel also includes music as an integral component to American history and social change.
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 Events

**Athletics**

**Friday, Jan. 30**

Women’s Basketball v. Carnegie Mellon. 6 p.m.

Men’s Basketball v. Carnegie Mellon. 8 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 1**


Women’s Basketball v. University of Rochester. 7 p.m.

Women’s Basketball v. Berkeley. 8 p.m.

Woodruff FC. Center. Free. 404-727-6447.

**Performing Arts**

**Friday, Jan. 30**

Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Emerson Concert Series. Compi Quartet and Vega String Quartet, performing. 8 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. $20; $15, discount categories; Free, students. 404-727-5050.

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY BACH BOWL! Timothy Albrecht Performs Bach Livestreamed** 4 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

**Monday, Feb. 2**

St. Olaf Choir. 8 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. $40; $30, discount categories; $10, students. 404-727-5050.

**Religion**

**Sunday, Feb. 1**


**Seminars**

**Monday, Jan. 26**


**Tuesday, Jan. 27**

**Fats: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly!** 3 p.m. Fifth Floor Conference Room, 1525 Clifton Rd. Free. 404-778-7777.

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“American Clock,” by Philip Glass.

“American Clock,” set during the 1920s stock market crash and the depression that followed, is described by playwright Miller as a “vaudeville” about the tragedy and comedy of this period in American history.

**April 23–25**

Student Directed One Act Plays. 8 p.m. Tablinton Theater. $5.

For a calendar of Theater Oxford events visit http://oxford. emory.edu/life/events/

**Workshops**

**Monday, Jan. 26**

Blackboard Introduction. 11 a.m. 215 Woodruff Library. Free. leah.churchan@emory.edu.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**

Understanding Geographic Information Systems. 1 p.m. 315 Woodruff Library. Free. mcpcage@emory.edu.

**Visual Arts**

**Monday, Jan. 26**

Mondays at the Museum. 10-3:50 a.m. Carlos Museum. $10; $8, members; $2, children. 404-727-5019.

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“Art by the Emory Visual Arts Faculty” Lobby and First and Second Floors, School of Medicine. Free. 404-712-9894. Through Feb. 28.


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**Faculty photographer captures land’s beauty**

Leslie A. Real, Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Biology and director of Emory’s Center for Disease Ecology, captures the beauty of the American Southwest in “Time and Silence,” a free photography exhibition in the Schwartz Center’s Chace Lobby closing Jan. 31.

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**“Rebuilding an Imperial City in Pisidian Antioch.”** Elaine Gazda, University of Michigan, presenting. 4 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-5019.


**“Abolition: A Historical Musical.”** 8 p.m. Allen Memorial. Free.

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**“The Spitting Game”** (Feb. 14, 5 p.m.) explores contemporary sexual behavior through six short plays by emerging playwrights, including Emory alumni.

Among the plays are three workshops presented in conjunction with the Emory Center for Creativity & Arts’ “Evolving Arts Festival,” a month of new theater, dance and visual art presentations based on themes explored in the “Evolution Revolution: Science Changing Life” symposium presented at Emory in October. Biological and evolutionary themes such as primates behavior are explored in “The Fifth Great Ape” (Feb. 20, 7 p.m.) by Kenneth Wietman and Out Of Hand Theater, and “Two Evolving Plays” (Feb. 21, 5 p.m., “Wax Wings” by Matthew Maguire and “What’s Wrong With Me?” by John Walchi.

Items are compiled from the University’s master calendar, Events@Emory, and from individual submissions to Emory Report. Submit events at least two weeks prior to the publication date at emory.edu/home/events or christi.gray@emory.edu. Listings are subject to space limitations.

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