Emergency sirens testing to begin on campus

Between Oct. 22 and Nov. 6, Emory will conduct tests of a newly installed outdoor siren system. The seven sirens, installed at strategic spots throughout campus, are part of the University’s comprehensive emergency notification system being rolled out this fall.

No single technology can ensure that all members of our community will be alerted in time of crisis,” said Alexander Isakov, executive director of the Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR). “The installation and testing of these devices is another important step toward having a multi-modal, fully functional emergency notification program for Emory and its neighbors.”

The sirens will serve two purposes, said Robert Nadolski, senior administrator of CEPAR. Sirens will perform the traditional weather alert function, for example to warn of a potential tornado, and will be used to alert people of a crisis or emergency on campus. That general emergency alert, he said, “will be a signal for people to look to another medium of communication for additional information.”

What will you hear during testing? “Since the devices are capable of emitting a range of tones, we will be testing those and the public address function,” said Nadolski. The emergency notification system task force is developing a protocol for the sirens, spelling out types of warnings and simple, specific directives. This protocol will be communicated widely as the system is rolled out, said Nadolski. The sirens will be controlled from a console at Emory Police headquarters.

Where are the sirens? At the top of Peavine Parking Deck, top of Emory Children’s Center on Haygood Drive, top of Starrine Parking Deck, on North Gatewood Road (near Yerkes), near the CDC main entrance on Clifton Road, and the top of Michael Street Deck. A seventh siren is at the Briarcliff Campus, and the Oxford College campus also will have a centrally located siren.

How loud are they? “Their loudness will depend on where they are located and the terrain around them,” said Nadolski, but added, “You may not be able to hear them if you’re inside a building; they are primarily designed to notify people who are out and about.”

Bottom line? Listen for yourself. —Elaine Justice

Preparing for the Dalai Lama

Preparations under way for historic Dalai Lama visit

BY CAROL CLARK

Call it Dalai Lama fever. In recent weeks, some people have reported glimpsing His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama walking around campus. Actually, they have seen Tibetan monks who are preparing for his Oct. 20–22 visit. The upcoming installation of the Dalai Lama as Emory Presidential Distinguished Professor, and the myriad events surrounding it, have created a surge of anticipation at the University and in the Atlanta community.

For Emory, it is the culmination of a long-standing interest that became official in 1998, when the Emory-Tibet Partnership formed to bring together the best of Western and Tibetan-Buddhist intellectual tradition. For Bobby Paul, dean of Emory College, the story goes back more than four decades, when he set off as a graduate student to research Tibetan culture in the northern Himalayas of Nepal, near the Tibetan border. It was 1966, and most Americans had only vague knowledge of Nepal and Tibet. “People asked me, ‘Where’s that?’” Paul recalled.

“When I came back more than a year later,” he added, “people said, ‘Wow, Katmandu! Dynamite hash! Who was your guru? What was your mantra?’ I realized that I had missed 1967, which turns out to have been the pivotal year in the transformation of American culture.”

Paul went through a transformation of his own during his immersion in the language, religion and philosophy of Tibetan culture that had survived in remote villages of the Himalayas. “I realized that this really was a tradition from which the West has much to learn,” he said. “And, at the same time, I was aware that the culture was in danger of dying out within a few generations."

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BY KIM URQUHART

Emory’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion will anticipate and articulate the hardest questions facing the world in the future during a major conference, “From Silver to Gold: The Next 25 Years of Law and Religion,” Oct. 24-26 at Emory Law School.

In celebration of the CSLR’s 25th anniversary, the conference features presentations by two dozen of the world’s leading scholars, including Robert Bellah, University of California at Berkeley; Stephen Carter, Yale University; and University of Chicago’s Jean Bethke Elshtain and Martin E. Marty.

“We’ve asked our speakers to be forward-thinking, even prophetic, in their presentations, with an eye to giving legal and religious professionals and activists something of a map and manifesto for this field,” said CSLR Director John Witte Jr., Jonas Robitscher Professor of Law.

The speakers will address the themes most central to the CSLR’s study during the past quarter-century, including religious liberty, human rights, and the relations of religion and states; sex, marriage and family life; and Christian, Jewish and Islamic legal studies.

Emory President Emeritus James Laney, who established the University’s Law and Religion Program in 1982, will...
Clock is ticking on Grady’s ‘golden hour’

By Katherine Heilpern

Grady doctor Katherine Heilpern is Ada Lee and Pete Carroll Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory School of Medicine.

O n any given day at Grady Memorial Hospital, the Emergen-
cy Department treats thousands of people with acute illnesses and injuries; 575 ill, admitted patients receive life-saving care in the intensive care units and operating rooms; ten patients with life-threatening trauma are resuscitated and taken to the emergency room; one patient with major burns is admitted to the Burn Unit; the Grady EMS Call Center receives 270 calls from the City of Atlanta and sends paramedics and an ambulance to the scene nearly 200 times a day; ten babies are delivered; and the Georgia Poison Control Center fields 304 calls about poisonings or overdoses from throughout the state.

The funding was responsible for 72 percent of the annual Emory awards. Funding from the state and counties of Health made up approximately 62 percent of the total and 9 percent of total federal funding.

It is in which funding from the NIH has been essen-
tially flat each year, or has even decreased relative to inflation, this is an extraordinary accomplishment on the part of our colleagues and students.

Three years later, when the Grady doctor KBG was named to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, he was among the Coalition for Teacher Educators held last month.

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AROUND CAMPUS

Distance library science degree to be offered in Ga.
A select group of North Georgia residents will have the opportunity to earn an accred-
ited master’s degree in library and information science at the University of North Texas.

Emory, the University of North Texas and the Atlanta University Center’s Woodruff Library will offer a three-year, distance education curriculum starting in 2008. The joint program will provide the only American Library Association-accredited education in Georgia.

Two information sessions will be held: one at Emory on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in Woodruff Library, Virginia Lady Jones Exhibition Hall. For more information, contact Kim Urquhart at 404-727-7431.

EMORY’s research funding continues to rise

Emory scientists last year earned about $860 million in reserach grant funding, the most any university in Georgia.

Emory researchers increased funding by 8 percent over the previous year, according to Woodruff Health Sciences Cen-
ter records. That translates to $78 million, or more than 93 percent of the $358.7 million in research grant funding, that the Woodruff Health Sciences Center received nearly $358.7 million in research grant funding, the most any university in Georgia.

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Wendy Partin, Emory’s Partin Sr. Director of Athletics, said “Doc” Partin, is in a league of his own. It’s what he is all about; it’s what makes us all so proud.

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By Stacey Jones

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The policy can be read in its entirety on the University Web site at emory.edu/8.5.

Free speech on deeply contested issues is often messy and painful. Listening to others, even others with whom we may vehemently disagree, is part of our duty as citizens and part of our education as members of a learning community. We ask all students, faculty and staff to maintain toward outside speakers an intellectually open position of consideration and engagement, while being willing to express agreement or disagreement, as the case may be, both vigorously and respectfully.

—Earl Lewis is provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. John Ford is senior vice president and dean of campus life.
Imagine all the ideas, knowledge and interests of Emory’s students and faculty as separate neurons. Now imagine sparking more synapses between these neurons, creating new networks and generating more research across academic and social boundaries.

Construction is under way on a state-of-the-art psychology building designed to do just that. When it is complete in 2009, the new facility will consolidate the Department of Psychology, while also serving as an important resource for the faculty and students.

Psychology expansion boosts Emory’s power for behavioral research

by carol clark

“Architecture is crucial to getting people to circulate and talk to each other. Hopefully, the new building will help us strengthen and build our scientific community, in the midst of our academic disciplines,” said Patricia Bauer, Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Psychology and neuroscience, who is studying changes in behavior and function that precede the onset of mental illness.

The resources concentrated in the new psychology building — from MRI to show real-time changes throughout the brain, to scanners that can track the brain’s electrophysiologically responsive regions and movements of the eye — will be used in ways as yet unimagined, as new discoveries lead to new paths of exploration. “We’re on a quest for knowledge that is leading us into uncharted territory,” Paul said. “The future of science is truly unpredictable, incredibly exciting. However it turns out, in the next couple of decades we’re going to see a whole new way for science to be organized, taught, learned and investigated — and Emory will be one of the top universities leading the way.”

We are at a time in our development when there are problems that we face that require an interface between traditional, physical, natural science methods and social science methods.”

Elaine Walker, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology and neuroscience, who is studying changes in behavioral and biological function that precede the onset of mental illness.
W e call it the dream project. We have a great team," Carole Meyers said of the more than 100 people who have been working on plans for a new psychology building.

The vision began forming eight years ago under the leadership of Rosemary Magee, who was then senior associate dean of Emory College. Meyers started shepherding the plans in 2005, when she became senior director of IT and facilities — one of the college’s key “space people.”

“IT takes a lot of people and a lot of time to pull off a building,” Meyers said.

“It’s been a truly collaborative experience. Everybody came to the table with their best ideas.”

Faculty from the department of psychology, key administrators and architects from the HOK architecture firm visited other top universities with cutting-edge psychology facilities to glean ideas. “Our goal was to create not just a state-of-the-art research facility, but a hands-on learning environment where the educational experience extends beyond the classroom,” Meyers said.

The $49.8 million building will be constructed with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles, raw five stories and extend in a boomerang shape along Eagle Row. Its two wings will embrace green space and walkways connected with the chemistry department in Atwood, forming a “continuous campus commons.”

Upon completion in 2009, the 119,000-square-foot structure will have more than double the space of the existing psychology building, and will boast offices and open spaces along with laboratory, study and graduate student areas, classrooms and clinical work that are now spread over six locations. (The only psychology labs not housed in the new building will be those involving animals.)

The high-tech classrooms will feature comfortable, movable furniture and a studio-like feel, where students can interact in small groups. The building’s public areas will be filled with “touchdown” spaces, modeled after those in the Cox Hall computing center, where scholars can gather around 60-inch screens for ad-hoc discussions.

“If you leave a classroom, you can walk over to one of these collaborative areas and have the same functionality,” Meyers said. “Two or three of you can hook up a laptop to a screen and look at a brain scan, a Web site or a PowerPoint presentation. Our idea is to have a building that feels alive everywhere and encourages people to linger and have conversations.”

Among the building’s features requested by the faculty are three open staircases. “The faculty really wanted them,” Meyers said, “both for health reasons [so they’d be more likely to take the stairs] and so they would have opportunities to run into each other more. It’s called ‘vertical circulation.’”

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Emory women celebrate accomplishments, confront challenges

T his was the kind of gathering where old friends and new partners, old and new friends were made while savoring a dessert of organic strawberries, where no one minded if you slipped out of a talk at 5:30 p.m. to get your toddler from daycare or go to your daughter’s recital concert; where a few tears were shed over poetry, and a feminist analysis of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” was well received.

“The keynote was follow- ed by a work-life panel of professors from Emory. They pulled on the thread of history and the near-impossibility of perfectly balancing the demands of family and career and the “productiv ism fetishism” that characterizes many workplaces. In some ways,” said the sole male panelist, professor Brad Shuster’s Emory’s MARILAR Center, “we need less flexibility and more islands of space, time, or ritual, storytelling time.”

The first evening concluded with a showing of the Oral History Project video. The project began with the PCSW and now showcases the voices of the Center for Women. The project currently consists of 30 interviews with trendsetting Emory women past and present that are available as podcasts at www.pcsw.emory.edu/ audio.htm. A link on the PCSW homepage also provides access to a short video about the project.

Professor of Psychology Nadine Kaslow, chair of the symposium, said an open dis cussion of the issues raised by Cantor’s talk is critical, enabling changes to occur so that “access is something that mean the same thing to all of us.”

Kaslow opened the next day’s gathering, which offered sessions of such diversity and breadth that attendees were torn over which to attend. The morning began with a Women’s Studies plenary, featuring alumni, professors and graduate students from the department discussing topics ranging from the legacy of slavery for women and girls to the intersections of gender, race and ethnicity in politics.

Breakout sessions on women in the professions, women’s health and women in culture and society offered insights into women in pivotal roles from medicine to law to social advocacy, as well providing inspiration from strong female role models. Speakers “pulled on the thread of history” to offer incentives for “leaving doors ajar” for the next genera tion of women leaders.

In a fascinating presenta tion about disabled women in the public sphere, Associate Professor of Women’s Studies Rosemari Garland-Thomson showed visuals portraying the “entertainment” discourse of disability, such as conjoined twin circus performers, and the “celebrity” disabled, including the first disabled Playboy cen terfold. Graduate students from Women’s Studies examined Quentín Tarantino’s “Kill Bill” movies for their violent female protagonists, as well as discussing the concept of the “final girl” (i.e., the woman spared) in the horror genre. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Associate Professor of English Natasha Trethewey read the title poem from her book “Native Guard” as well as deeply personal works about the burial of her mother. As Trethewey first stepped to the podium, she received a standing ovation from an audience filled with colleagues and admirers. The Pulitizer, she joked, is especially valuable if it lends her more credibility with her students when she gives them tough feedback.

In the final session, Dean Jon Love, Vice President and Secretary Rosemary Magee praised Tedesco and Professor Claire Sterk spoke about being a woman in leadership at Emory and what the next steps for the institution need to be. “We don’t check our identities at the door,” said Tedesco. “I have a really hard time drawing a line between me and as a person and as a scholar.”

President Jim Wagner gave the symposium’s closing comments, saying that he finds the situation for women in the academy to be better. “Thirty years later,” he said, “why do we still need a President’s Commission on the Status of Women? [In a metaphor, why are there still gen der differences? I have to imag ine, how many women were not given opportunities to excel?”

The event closed with a dramatic reading of excerpts from Theater Emory’s upcoming production of “The Trojan War.” There is no justice in life,” said one. “You must wait to up that.”

Emory awarded $25.5M for landmark child health study

E mory has received $25.5 million to participate in a landmark national study of children’s health. Emory is one of only 22 new U.S. study centers, and the only institution in Georgia, selected to take part in this phase of the National Children’s Study. The multi-year study examines the effects of environmental and genetic factors on child and human health in the U.S.

“The National Children’s Study will bring greater understand ing of the integral effects of environmental factors on the health and well-being of children from diverse backgrounds,” said François Durvieux, chair of the Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics. “This major undertaking will more clearly define what we must do to assure that our children develop and thrive into healthy adulthood.”

The National Children’s Study is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
The electric power feeds serve highly controlled lab environments at Clinic B, and sit within the footprint of the New Emory Clinic.

Excavation for the new clinic is not expected to begin until next fall, but these existing utilities that serve Clinic B are being moved now to ensure that there is no interruption of service once that excavation begins.

This phase of utility relocation will last approximately six months. During that time, drivers and pedestrians can expect possible temporary lane closures at Gambrell Drive, and occasional, off-peak lane closures on Clifton Road. Notifications of closures will be posted on the "urgent update" portion of the new construction update Web page, www.construction.emory.edu.

Dalai Lama
Events during "The Visit"

The visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama is an opportunity for Emory and the Atlanta community to engage in a remarkable meeting of hearts and minds through art, music, dance, rituals and scholarly and religious dialogues. Following is a brief summary of some of the events surrounding his visit. All of the events require tickets, unless otherwise specified. For more details, visit www.dalailama.emory.edu.

TALKS, CONFERENCES & INSTALLATION

Friday, Oct. 19 at 4:30 p.m. in Cannon Chapel — Members of the Jewish community who met with the Dalai Lama in 1990, as chronicled in the best-selling book "The Jew in the Lotus," will reflect on their experience and the long-standing relationship between Shabbat services — one traditional and another meditation-based. Two Shabbat services — one traditional and another meditation-based — will follow the talk.

Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at WoodPEC — The conference "Mind and Life XV: Mindfulness, Compassion and the Treatment of Depression" will feature scientists and scholars making presentations to the Dalai Lama and engaging in a moderated discussion.

Sunday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at WoodPEC — His Holiness the Dalai Lama will deliver a special teaching titled "Introduction to Buddhism."

Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. at WoodPEC — The first "Emory Summit on Religion, Conflict and Peacemaking" will feature the Dalai Lama in conversation with religious leaders from Hindu, Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities.

Monday, Oct. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at WoodPEC — His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be installed as Presidential Distinguished Professor at Emory in a vibrant ceremony, followed by his inaugural lecture, "Reality as Interdependence.

Monday, Oct. 22, from 3 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Centennial Olympic Park — His Holiness will give a talk titled "Educating the Heart and Mind: A Path to Universal Responsibility." No tickets are required for this free public event, to include musical entertainment and other activities.

PERFORMANCES & CEREMONIES

Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carles Museum — A Tibetan music concert will feature the singer Tezchnge, winner of numerous world music awards.

Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Glenn Auditorium — "The Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music Sacred Dance for World Healing" will feature monks in traditional costumes performing ancient temple music.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at WoodPEC — The Drepung Loseling monks will perform a traditional ceremony to dismantle the "Mandala Live Exhibit" and release it into a nearby body of water.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

The "Mandala Live Exhibit" features a traditional Tibetan sand painting of various dimensions, displayed for free public viewing. No tickets required, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Woodruff Physical Education Center, through Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The "Missing Peace: Artist Consider the Dalai Lama" is a free, rotating exhibition created by artists who met with the Dalai Lama at Emory's Visual Arts Gallery, through Saturday, Oct. 27.


LIGHTS OUT EMORY

Friday, Oct. 19 at 9 to 9:30 p.m. to welcome the Dalai Lama to campus and raise awareness about energy conservation, the University is holding a special event. Faculty, staff, students and alumni around the world are asked to voluntarily turn off their room lights, desk lamps and under-cabinet lights during this half-hour period. Emergency lighting and other essential lighting will not be affected. This collective act of mindfulness can lead to long-term changes in daily habits.

Modeled on a similar event held in Sydney, Australia, and organized through the Office of Sustainability Initiatives, this voluntary event supports the University's overall goal over the next eight years to reduce energy consumption by 25 percent from 2005 levels.

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Over several centuries, Tibet developed a way of life that was largely based on the search for enlightenment and compassion for others. "One can imagine how the Dalai Lama would use his influence for the taxes and riches of a nation," Paul said. "There is something special about Tibet, not just because of its historical circumstances, that made it a rare example of a place in which the entire community was, in a way, devoted to higher spiritual value. The results of that need to be valued and understood."

Paul was a key nourisher of Emory’s growth into one of the leading centers for study of Tibetan religion and philosophy in the West. The exchange of knowledge between Emory scholars and those from the Tibet region has served as a foundation for the future realms of research and discovery.

"Bringing different traditions together in a living dialogue is one of the best things that a university can do," Paul said. "People are changed by that, both sides are changed. And we’re in a world that needs some change."
PERFORMING ARTS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17
Concert
Richard Stoltzman, clarinet, and Emory Wind Ensemble, performing. Scott Stewart, directing. 8:30 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

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Jazz Masterclass
Richard Stoltzman, presenting. 7 p.m. Thrash Recital Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

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Tochung, Tibetan singer and songwriter, performing. 7:30 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-2108. Tickets required.

Concert
Emory Symphony Orchestra, performing. Richard Prior, conducting. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall. Free. 404-727-5050.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21
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Richard Stoltzman, clarinet, with Emory Chamber Music Society, performing. 4 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall. Free. 404-727-5050.

MONDAY, OCT. 22
Theater
“Comedy of Errors.” Tarbuton Performing Arts Center. Free. $5. 770-784-8389. Also Oct. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26
Concert
“Love, Marriage ... and ART?” Film excerpt, “Save Grady,” and panel discussion with Grady stakeholders. 6:30 p.m. White Hall 208. Free. public.relations@savegrady.com.

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