

Tessier Promoted To Head Athletic Trainer at Savannah State

Ken Tessier, who's served on the athletic training staff at Savannah State University for the past year, has been promoted to head athletic trainer at SSU. Tessier served as assistant athletic trainer for the Tigers since June 2007.

Tessier replaces Kevin Lehmann who recently accepted the position of assistant athletics trainer for men's basketball at Western Michigan University.

"Ken has done an excellent job as second in command," says SSU athletics director Bart Bellairs. "We are excited that the program will keep moving in a positive direction."

Prior to coming to SSU,



Ken Tessier

Tessier was the athletic trainer at St. Andrew's in Savannah, Ga. for three years. Tessier was also employed by the University of South Carolina, Aiken, where he was the assistant athletic trainer for two years.

Tessier has also held various internship positions with the Providence Bruins of the American Hockey League and with the Curry College football and hockey teams.

Tessier is a native of North Smithfield, Rhode Island and earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Medicine from Endicott College in 2002. He has been nationally board certified since June 2003 by the NATABOC and is licensed to practice athletic training in the state of Georgia. He is also CPR/AED certified and a member of the NATA, SEATA and GATA organizations.

Tiger Sports With Walter Moore

Tigers Open Football Season

The Savannah State football team will begin the Robby Wells era on August 30 at Memorial Stadium when the Tigers host Jacksonville at 7 p.m. Coming off a 1-9 season, SSU will have a young squad. All-American candidate Javorris Jackson will lead the Tigers defense which will feature five linebackers. The offense will employ a four receiver set and one running back. Rashad Jackson will anchor the offensive line while JaCorey Kilcrease should get the nod at quarterback. Jacksonville is coming off a 3-8 campaign but return 56 lettermen including six who were picked pre-season all conference (Pioneer League) selections.



Walter Moore

Florida. Tyrone McCoy of Statesboro is the top runner for the SSU men while Antoinette Elam will lead the women. The SSU volleyball team will start their season under new head coach Malik Jones by hosting former SIAC rival Paine at Wilcox-Wiley Gym on August 30 at 12 noon. On August 31, SSU will host Division II Livingstone at 12 noon and NAIA opponent Edward Waters at 5p.m. April Hayes, who had 522 assists, and Kari Parker who tallied 216 kills will lead the volleyball squad.

SSU Begins Volleyball and Cross Country Seasons

The Savannah State cross country team will kick off their 2008 season by participating in the Jacksonville Short Course Duals on August 29 in Jacksonville,

SSU Grad Named SID At Clark Atlanta

Ruben Perez has been named

sports information director at Clark Atlanta. He succeeds Charles Ward, who stepped down from his post to pursue other career opportunities. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Perez spent last year as Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information at Chicago State. Prior to his appointment at CSU, Perez served four years as media relations assistant at Savannah State. Perez earned his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Public

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Cultural Arts Theatre Auditioning for 'In Hidden Rooms'

The City of Savannah's Cultural Arts Theatre announced that it will be holding auditions for "In Hidden Rooms," Sept. 2 and 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Black Box at S.P.A.C.E., located at 9 W. Henry St. The performance will be directed by singer/writer Ina Williams. Callbacks will be held Sept. 5.

The show calls for performance artists who write, from diverse races and cultures, to create a poignant play about the role of racism in life, culture and history. "The purpose of the show is to create a reflection," Williams said. "The audience should walk away sad, entertained, embarrassed and provoked to re-evaluate the

way they look at other cultures and races."

Auditionees should come prepared with a 1-2 minute monologue and be prepared to share special talents in other areas such as poetry recital or dancing. Writing samples are required. The selected cast will participate in creating the show during a three-month workshop. The performance will take place in March 2009 in the Black Box at S.P.A.C.E.

Williams hails from Atlanta, and is an actor, singer, poet and choreographer, as well as a composer of original freestyle poetry and lyrics. She has been performing and writing for close to a decade. In May, she held a lead role in the Savannah

Shakespeare Festival. She has released her debut album entitled, "Masterpiece."

For more information, contact Savannah's Cultural Arts Theatre at 912-651-6783 or Ina Williams at ina.onyx@gmail.com.

SSU Homecoming Tailgate Spaces Available for Purchase in Sept.

Tailgate, RV and vendor spaces for the 2008 Savannah State University Homecoming football game will be available for purchase by the general public on Sept. 9, 11 and 18, 4-6 p.m., at the Cashier's Office window, located on the first floor of the Colston Building. Spaces will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Homecoming tailgate spaces are \$100 each. RV spaces are \$165 each; an additional \$35 will be charged for RVs arriving on Oct. 30. Each RV and tailgate space purchased includes two game tickets. Vendor spaces are available for \$350 each. A licensing agreement is required for vendors to sell clothing or other parapherna-

lia bearing the university's name, initials, logos and/or tagline. For information about licensing, call (912) 351-3812.

Payment options include a money order or cashier's check made payable to Savannah State University Athletics. For more information about tailgate and vendor spaces, call (912) 353-3035.

Vehicle parking for all home football games has increased from \$5 to \$10. Parking passes are not available for advance purchase.

The Savannah State Tigers will face Concordia College Selma (Alabama) on Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. in T. A. Wright Stadium, located on the Savannah State campus.

Parenting With Dignity

Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah and Jewish Family Services Present Parenting with Dignity Tuesday, September 9th - 7pm - at the Jewish Educational Alliance

Do you ever find yourself feeling like you would like to compare or discuss your parenting techniques and strategies with a clinically trained parenting professional? How about with other parents? Do you often wonder whether your 'rules' make sense and how to best implement them?

Presenter, Helen D. Schandolph, LCSW, has over 12 years experience in assisting families and their young,

adolescent & adult children how to communicate, compromise and conciliate; therefore function most optimally.

The learning objectives for the program are: learn to objectively assess your parenting style; explore the foundations of your thoughts and feelings about parenting; determine whether your parenting style is the most effective; learn skills to identify & cope with difficult emotions associated with parenting; learn to respect yourself as a parent and feel more comfortable in a parental role.

Free and open to the public. It begins at 7:00 pm and will be held at the JEA (5111 Abercorn Street).

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