

First Book-Savannah to Donate New Books to Local Literacy Programs

First Book-Savannah/Chatham announced today that 755 new books will be given to a number of literacy programs that serve the Savannah/Chatham children in need. Programs include Hodge Memorial Daycare Center, 2nd Ebenezer Christian Coalition Against Crime, Abundant Life Christian Center International, and YMCA of Coastal Georgia. Each child will receive one book per month for a year, which enables the children to start their own home libraries that they can share

with their siblings and families. They will also receive a bookplate on which to place their names celebrating the importance of book ownership.

First Book-Savannah/Chatham is part of First Book's national network of volunteer-led Advisory Boards who provide new books to children in need in communities across the country. These book grants were made possible through local fundraising efforts by First Book-Savannah/Chatham.

First Book-Savannah/Chatham, has

been distributing books to programs serving low-income children since 2002. Since 2002, First Book-Savannah/Chatham has distributed more than 15,000 books to children participating in programs including Greenbriar Children's Center, Southwest Elementary School's L.O.V.E. Program and Spencer Elementary School. For more information or to get involved with First Book-Savannah/Chatham, please access www.FirstBook.org/Savannah.

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Tigers Down Stetson

Five players scored in double figures as Savannah State defeated Stetson 82-68 on February 15 in DeLand, Florida. Tracy Rankins scored 24 points followed by Rashad Hassan who had (18), Preston Blackmon (15), Patrick Hardy (11) and Arnold Louis tossed in (10). SSU shot 50 percent from the floor in the game. The Tigers traveled to Farmville, Virginia on Feb. 20 and fell to Longwood 68-54. SSU out-rebounded the Lancers 41-27 but only shot 36 percent from the floor. Longwood raced out to a 20-6 lead and never looked back. Hardy led SSU (10-15) with 12 points and Rankins chipped in 11. Louis grabbed nine rebounds.

Longwood Topple SSU Women

Savannah State shot 27.5 percent from the floor and committed 27 turnovers in a 60-36 loss to Longwood at Tiger Arena on February 20. Longwood scored the first eight points of the contest and jumped out to a 20-9 advantage. The Lancers held SSU scoreless the final 4:50 of the game and finished on a 12-0 run. Ashlee Barley had eight points for Savannah State (9-20).

SSU Softball Falls To Armstrong

The Savannah State softball team is riding a six game losing streak after losing five games last week. Armstrong swept SSU 7-2 and 9-1 on February 16; South Dakota State shut out SSU 10-0 on Feb. 17; and Presbyterian swept the Lady Tigers 11-3 and 9-0 on Feb. 19. The losses drop SSU's record to 3-8.

Tigers Open Baseball Season

Savannah State opened their 2010 baseball season by losing a three game series to Central Florida. The Tigers lost the opener 7-2 on February 19; fell 14-4 on Feb. 20 and lost 8-6 on Feb. 21.



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Hall Returns To Savannah State Coaching Staff

Alan Hall will return to the Savannah State University football coaching staff as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, interim athletics director Marilyn Suggs announced. Hall's first day at SSU will be March 1, 2010. "We are excited about Coach Hall rejoining our football staff," said Suggs. "He did a great job as offensive coordinator for us in 2008 and we are confident that he will pick up where he left off." While at Savannah State in 2008, Hall served as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach and helped the Tigers win five games, the most since 1999. "I am happy to be back at Savannah State. I really enjoyed my time here," Hall said.

SSU To Revive Sports Hall of Fame

Idle since 1974, Savannah State will revive their Sports Hall of Fame this year. To nominate, go to the SSU athletics homepage and click on the Hall of Fame link on the left side of the webpage. Nominations can be made in four categories: Individual athlete, former coach/administrator, athletics staff and honorary. A selection committee will choose the new members. The deadline to have nominations in is April 1, 2010.

Nominations can be mailed to: Savannah State University Athletic Hall of Fame

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