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TimeShop: Wartime England VICTORY IN 2005

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Thanks to grants from the Georgia Humanities Council, the Georgia Southern Faculty Service Committee, and our Friends of TimeShop, this year's *TimeShop: Wartime England*, our innovative world history program was successful beyond our wildest dreams.

With new activities including movie-going, popular song, and even a wartime wedding reception, there was non-stop excitement. Even kids who returned from the 2004 program gave the "new & improved" TimeShop a big thumbs up.

The expansion of the TimeShop Team also led more Georgia Southern students to put their learning to practical use in an increasingly professional-quality program. TimeShop Team



History graduate student Paulette Thompson plays Mrs. Vera Edwards.

members who helped research this year's program were Jeanne Akridge, Nicole Komisarow, Lauren Lane, Donnie McGuire, Lelia Mack, and Paulette Thompson.

Among other highlights, our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County helped more than thirty Club kids to become enthusiastic TimeShoppers.

Enjoy this issue of TimeLink.

Do please contact us with your suggestions and feedback. And, of course, don't forget our web site:

<http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/timeshop>

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Dr. Annette Laing, Director, TimeShop

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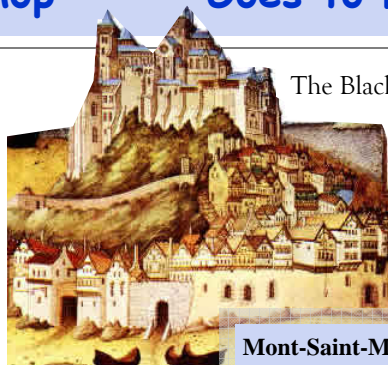
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New TimeShop Goes to France

in the abbey and town of Mont-Saint-Michel, perched on a steep rocky mountain island off the northern coast of France, the fourteenth century (1300s) is not a good time.



Mont-Saint-Michel, setting for *TimeShop: Medieval France*.

The Black Death has swept through the countryside, killing thousands, and the English constantly threaten the coast, including the abbey itself. Meanwhile, the abbey monks are preparing for the arrival of an important guest.

This is the setting for our

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Former Evacuees Add to The Magic at *TimeShop: Wartime England*

it's fun to play at being a British evacuee child during World War II, but what was it like actually to be one?

Kids at the 2005 **TimeShop: Wartime England** got to find out, when they were joined by our surprise guests Lilian Earls (Saturday) and Bob Lake (Sunday).

Lilian Earls lived in the industrial city of Coventry, which endured horrific bombing raids in 1940. She was sent to live with relatives in Ireland. After the war, Lilian married an American, and settled in Georgia. Her two grandsons were TimeShoppers in 2004.

Bob Lake was evacuated from west London to Wales, where he witnessed a Lancaster bomber crashing on its

return to base, a story he told to a spellbound audience at TimeShop.

TimeShoppers peppered Bob and Lilian with questions about their lives in World War II, asking what it was like to go to school, whether they were scared during air raids, and

whether the food was really that bad. Bob and Lilian were a hit

with everyone at TimeShop: Both kids and Team members were fascinated to meet people who were actually *there*.



Lilian Earls (right) with *TimeShop: Wartime England's* Mrs. Sawyer (Dr. Mary Hadley)

Meet TimeShop Team Member Don Guillory



the wartime wedding reception of Fl. Lt. Donald Guillory, an American volunteer flyer with the Royal Air Force, and his English bride, Margaret, is in full swing. Suddenly, an air raid siren wails, breaking up the party as adults and kids head for the shelter....

While the real Don Guillory didn't get married at *TimeShop: Wartime England*, and although he has never joined the R.A.F, he does have military and global connections. His father is retired from the Army, while his

mother is still on active duty as a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel. Don, a graduate student in the department of history, spent his childhood moving from base to base in Europe and America.

Don, 27, earned his B.A. from the history department at Georgia Southern, and is now enrolled in the master's program. His thesis deals with 19th century British and American attempts to annex Cuba. Don is also a popular soccer coach in Statesboro. He plans to teach in the state's public schools, and hopes to enter law school, or doctoral study in history. Don says he was drawn to TimeShop "because of my personal interest in history and in working

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Medieval France

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NEW TimeShop program, *Medieval France*, coming April 8 & 9, 2006. Disguised as pilgrims, TimeShop kids will visit Mont-Saint-Michel.

The Middle Ages was not the romantic time of knights and castles that we may imagine. We'll find out what life was like for ordinary people, and how a pilgrimage was the only vacation that most people would ever take. Kids will sample the real food of the Middle Ages (hint: they won't

be chomping on turkey legs), and we even have plans to recreate the smells of 14th century France. As one member of the TimeShopTeam put it, "Most people who do medieval re-enactments take out the nasty stuff. We put it back in!"

With a third session of the popular *Wartime England* program (February 18 & 19), and the debut of *Medieval France*, 2006 is shaping up to be the most exciting year yet for TimeShop.

Meet TimeShop Kids *Geremy and James Bostic*

geremy and James Bostic (age 9) are not only twins, but also both big fans of TimeShop.



James and Geremy Bostic

Geremy and James, who live in Portal, came to this year's *TimeShop: Wartime England* program with the Boys and Girls Club. James says that he wasn't sure what to expect. "I wondered, would we really jump into a time machine?"

Geremy said he decided to go to TimeShop because he likes to read about history, especially battles, and because "it sounded cool."

James says his favorite part of TimeShop was the food: "It was pretty weird. I liked the little biscuits with jelly in them, and the sausage rolls." He also enjoyed playing Pass the Parcel, although he was disappointed not to win the prize, a book on wartime England, because

"I love books!"

Geremy's favorite part of TimeShop was shopping for groceries. "I got to see the English money," he said. However, like his brother, he declined to identify anything he *didn't* like: "It was all fun: It had a lot of activities." What do Geremy and James think that life was like for kids in England during World War II? "It would have been very hard," Geremy says, "because they had to leave their mothers and fathers." James agrees. "Not being scared would have been the hardest thing, not to panic when bombs were coming your way."

TimeShop for Grown-Ups Coming in 2006

timeShop is great fun, you tell us. But you can't go, because you are, sad to say, an adult. But hey, why should kids have all the fun, anyhow?

For one evening, Thursday, February 16, 2006, starting at 7 p.m., we'll give you grown-ups a chance to have TimeShop all to yourselves.

Check out our real wartime British posters, furniture, and other artifacts...Visit the movie theatre and join in the heckling...go shopping with shillings and pence....Play a round of "pass the parcel"...

The adults-only event will include delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres (we won't make you eat Spam, we promise.) Tickets go on sale in early January, and they are limited. **Friends of TimeShop** can purchase discounted tickets, and will receive priority notice when tickets are available. For more information, contact us at TimeShop@GeorgiaSouthern.edu or call 912.681.5586.

Don Guillory

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with children." He is enthusiastic about TimeShop's success in stirring kids' interest world history. "The kids get the experience of the 1940s," he says. "They feel they get to participate in England's history."

Don enjoys working with the diverse TimeShop Team of Georgia Southern students. "It is very easy to work with everybody," Don says. "Everybody feels that their role is important, but nobody is more important than anybody else."

TimeShop Wartime England Makes News in ...England.

timeShop has an international focus. Now, news about TimeShop is going global, too.

TimeShop has had a lot of media attention lately in England, and especially in the region north of London, where *TimeShop: Wartime England* is set. In March, stories and photos of TimeShop appeared in *The Stevenage Herald* and *The Comet* newspapers, and on their affiliated website. And in May, BBC Radio interviewed TimeShop director Dr. Annette Laing live on an afternoon chat show. We look forward to TimeShop making even bigger news in 2006, on both sides of the Atlantic.



Visiting American dignitary Mrs. Theodore Macmillan (Sharon McMullen) chats with kids at this year's *TimeShop: Wartime England*.

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TimeShop is an immersive program on themes in world history for kids ages 8-12, serving children in rural southeast Georgia.

Our mission is to engage Georgia Southern University students from a variety of majors in providing enjoyable, thought-provoking programs that stimulate kids to think historically, and to spark their interest in diverse cultures, past and present, across the globe.



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