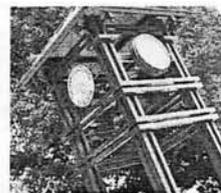


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Many of you may have read some recent articles in the press regarding a proposal to merge the University System's two-year colleges and the technical colleges. As a state college we would not be included. Nevertheless such a merger is a bad idea for students, for the University System and for the state.

Early last week, 13 of the 16 presidents of the USG "access" institutions (the two-year and state colleges) met to discuss common issues. We agreed to ask the Chancellor to have the System put together an aggressive campaign to support all sectors of the System and to promote the excellent work that is being accomplished by the access sector. I have spent a good part of this and last week writing letters to legislators, the President's Advisory Council for the Foundation, College Trustees, the Alumni Board and other friends of the College, letters that express the potential negative results of such an action.

The Chancellor has appointed a Task Force to study both the potential merger as well as the Move On when Ready legislation that the Georgia Legislature passed which could present significant problems for higher education in the state and to make recommendations for a coordinated, comprehensive response to these challenges. Members of the Task Force are Dr. Anthony Tricoli, President of Georgia Perimeter College; Dr. David Bridges, President of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; Dr. John Black, President, East Georgia College; Dr. Bill Bloodworth, President of Augusta State University; Dr. Tim Mescom, President, Columbus State University; Dr. May Wyatt, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Savannah State University; and, Dr. Tim Renick, Associate Provost, Georgia State University.

Many students who graduate from our flagship and comprehensive universities begin college in the access institutions. The system works well, and it would be a tragedy to dismantle it by stripping away the two-year colleges. There have been no in-depth studies to demonstrate that such an action will save significant money, and the costs of merging two types of institutions with very different missions, and the potential undermining of academic quality, have not been considered.

As you know, there are hundreds of cooperative arrangements between System access institutions and technical colleges to accommodate students who decide after entering technical colleges that they want to earn an associate degree. We have such agreements with Lanier Tech and North Georgia Tech. It is the technical system that is pushing for their institutions to offer transfer associate degrees. Such duplication is not necessary and even wasteful.

For those of you who take the Gainesville's "The Times", I have written an opinion editorial that goes into more depth and should appear in Sunday's paper.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Janyce Cole** has worked here for many years. She began working in the College cafeteria until it was privatized. She then was moved to Plant Operations as a custodian and has worked in all the buildings on campus. As most of you know, Janyce has been out of work for several months due to an old shoulder injury that continues to keep her from working. She has used up all of her annual and sick leave and will now have to begin paying for her medical insurance in order for medical care to continue. Many of you will remember those wonderful "cinnamon rolls" in the cafeteria that she baked or how she was so kind to bake and bring food for many occasions, especially at Christmas and birthdays, or you may have received a special card from her. Whenever there was a need to help others she was always one of the first to give. Now it is our turn to return the favor. Plant Operations will be collecting money to help Janyce and would like to ask those in other departments to help too. For more information, contact Sabine Davis, Tina Carter or Teresa Leckie at Plant Operations.
- Congratulations to the **GSC Students in Free Enterprise Team** on being named one of five SIFE Teams from the USA as winners of the Goldman Sachs Foundation Teaching Capital Markets Special Competition! These five teams, along with five from China and five from France, will attend the 2009 SIFE Capital Markets Summit to be held in conjunction with the SIFE World Cup in Berlin, Germany, October 3-7, 2009.

## COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

### 2009 Summer Semester Workshop Schedule *Counseling & Career Services—Student Center*

#### Testing Anxiety

Presented by Dr. Joy Evans  
June 17, 2009  
12 noon

#### Study Skills

Presented by Major Nelson  
June 18, 2009  
12 noon

#### Time Management

Presented by Major Nelson  
June 23, 2009  
12 noon

#### Relaxation and Stress Management

Presented by Dr. Joy Evans  
July 14, 2009  
12 noon

**Advance registration is required.  
Please call 678-717-3660 to register.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION—ON COURSE

#### Adult Summer Classes, Fee: \$99

- **Photography I**, June 16-June 21, Tues., 6:30—8:30pm
- **Photo Editing & Enhancing**, June 17-July 22, Wed., 6:30—8:30pm

#### Computer Classes

#### 6-Hour One-Day: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee: \$119

- **Basic MS Word 2007**, Monday, July 6
- **Basic Quickbooks I**, Thursday, July 9

#### 6-Hour One-Day: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee: \$99

- **Basic Internet & E-Mail**, Tuesday, May 19
- **Touch Typing (Keyboarding)**, Tuesday, July 7
- **(Very) Basic PC Skills**, Wednesday, July 8

**TO VIEW ALL CLASSES AND TO REGISTER,  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN](http://WWW.GSC.EDU/CE/MAIN) OR CALL 678.717.3605**

## RINGING OUR BELLS

- An essay by **Dr. Douglas Young** was recently posted at [www.samizdata.net](http://www.samizdata.net).
- **Dr. Douglas Young** was the keynote speaker at the 6/7/09 centennial celebration of the Confederate Joe statue in Gainesville's downtown square. The event was featured in the 6/8 Gainesville, "The Times".
- On June 4, [www.the-classic-liberal.com](http://www.the-classic-liberal.com) posted the latest op-ed column by **Dr. Douglas Young**.
- **Dr. George Danns** has been selected as a participant in the 2009-2010 Leadership Hall County Class. Leadership Hall is a program organized and administered by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce.
- **Stephen Smith's** paper on "The Greening of the Multifamily Residential Sector" has been published in the Journal of Engineering, Design & Technology.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE FAMILY

- **Stacy Koffman's** father Leroy Huehls, passed away on May 29, in Cookeville, TN after an extended illness. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Algood United Methodist Church Garden fund (931-537-6111), the Putnam County Library for large print texts (931-526-2416), or Helping Hands of Putnam County (931-526-3838). Our thoughts and prayers are with Stacy and her family.
- **Julia Hewell's** father, Lee Stewart, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Julia and her family.
- Congratulations to **Melissa and Eric Adams** on the birth of their first child! Emily Adams, was born June 8, at 5:57pm. She weighed 7lbs 15oz and was 20.5 in length. Mom, Dad, & Emily are all doing well.
- Congratulations to **Nicole and Mark Dowd** on the birth of their son, Connor Joel Dowd. Born on June 10 at 4:36 a.m. He weighed 7.7 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long. All are doing fine.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Starlight Concert & Fireworks Show**, June 12, 6:30pm
- **SOAR Session**, June 13
- **Goizueta Scholars**, June 18, 1pm, Student Center—Ballroom
- **Time Management**, June 23, 12-1pm, Counseling & Career Center
- **Annual Fall Breakfast for faculty, staff and retirees**, August 12, 8 am, Gym
- **SOAR and Registration**, August 13
- **Bongo Ball Mania**, August 19, 12 noon, Outside Student Center—Volleyball Area

# FAREWELL TO BUDDY WALDREP, YOU WILL BE MISSED!



Receiving the Gainesville State College Foundation "Loyalty" print.

Receiving "The Goose Chaser Emeritus" award.



Receiving a shadow box of Buddy's badges from Gainesville State College's Public Safety Department.

Hey! Did you hear the news? Buddy retired.

