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From the President

Gainesville State College continues to “lead the way” with our streaming media webpage. The College has received calls from several System institutions wanting to implement this project on their campuses. When asked about the success of our project, IT director, Brandon Haag responded: “I think one of the key reasons for success was the collaboration/cooperation that has occurred between IT, the Library and Media Staff. Each area contributed their expertise to part of the project and it would not have been as successful without the areas working together.” This is another outstanding example of the great spirit of cooperation that distinguishes **GSC** and makes possible the great things we do!

FROM THE OCONEE CAMPUS

Beyond getting ready for up-coming SOAR sessions and registration, search committees interviewed applicants for Academic Advisor, Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid Specialist, Testing Coordinator, Spanish Tutor, Math Tutor, and Front Desk Manager/Night Coordinator. Names of the new staff will be announced in *Tower Talk* when they officially start in their positions.

Welcome to **Angela Megaw** who joins us from the Gainesville Campus. She replaces **Rebecca Coates** who is leaving to work on her Masters in Social Work.

Oconee held its first Student Life-sponsored field day on Tue. June 20. Students and some faculty and staff braved the heat to enjoy the activities.

The campus hosted a very successful Oconee County Chamber of Commerce After Hours on Thu. June 15. The event was sponsored by the **GSC Foundation**. A special thanks goes to **Tricia Bunker** who made all the arrangements.

Announcements

The **Oconee Campus** will be open for regular weekend hours on Sat. July 1 (10am to 4pm) and Sun. July 2 (1 to 6pm). The campus will be closed on Mon. July 3 and Tue. July 4. The Library will be closed July 1-4.

Due to Banner end of year processing, the Banner will be taken down at 11am on Fri. June 30. Normal activity will be resumed on Sat. July 1.

Mon. June 26 is the deadline for Petty Cash Reimbursements to be submitted to the Business Affairs Office.

The fee payment deadline for pre-registered students for Fall 2006 is Tue. Aug. 1.

The new academic year contracts were mailed last week. Please sign your contract and send both pages to President Nesbitt. You can make a copy of the second page for yourself, but it must be sent to the President's office.

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Contracts were mailed to the address on file. If there were problems with your mail, you may want to update your personnel file.

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Fall Planning Week Schedule:

Fri. Aug. 11 New Personnel Orientation
 Mon. Aug. 14 8:30am Annual College Breakfast.
 Joint faculty/staff meeting.
 Separate faculty meeting & staff meeting.
 Pm Division meetings
 Tue. Aug. 15 Registration
 Wed. Aug. 16 Am Standing Committee meetings
 Thu. Aug 17 Classes Begin

Note: we will have a Faculty-Staff Professional Development Day Thu. Oct. 12.

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The HOPE book check for Summer 2006 will be available on Fri. July 14 for ALL Summer sessions, including May session.

- Checks are picked up in the Business Affairs Office in the Administration Building on the Gainesville Campus and in the Front Office of the Administration Building on the Oconee Campus.
- Students who have at least one class in Oconee will pick up their checks at the Oconee Campus.
- Students must complete the HOPE authorization in Banner Web in order to receive the book check.

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July Birthdays



Kelly Dahlin	1	GC
Allison Doty	1	GC
Julie Noelke	3	GC
Kayne Gibson	4	GC
Nina Lamson	5	OC
Mary McDade	5	GC
Joy Evans	6	GC
Peggy Strickland	6	GC
Julia Davies	7	GC

Merlin Childers	8	GC
Al Walters	8	GC
Stephanie Austin	10	OC
Charles Croy	10	GC
Gina Reed	10	GC
Jim Hammond	12	GC
Tashiana Cheeks	13	GC
Teresa Leckie	14	GC
Mark Nabors	14	GC
Michelle S. Brown	17	OC
Linnea Haag	19	GC
David Thomas	20	GC
Laura Moncada	21	GC
Susan MacFarland	23	GC
Debbie Pierce	27	GC
Bea Chapman	28	GC
Daniel Davis	28	OC
Donna Kindon	28	GC
Harry Childers	29	GC
Emily Cook	29	OC
James Howard	29	GC
Heather Howington	29	GC
Stacy Koffman	31	GC

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WELCOME

The Office of Student Activities' new Night Manager, **Tia Pearson**, started last Monday and will be working Mon. – Thu. evenings. The Student Activities Building will be open until 7pm during the summer and until 8:30pm when the fall semester begins.

Tia will be keeping the Game Room open on Mon. and Wed. nights from 5 to 7pm. On Tue. and Thu. she can be found in the Student Activities main office.



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Congratulations

Becky Smith's daughter Ashley and husband Jonathon Collins had a baby boy June 14. Jackson Mark was born at 1:30am and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. All are doing great.



The difference between an Emergency and a Disaster? An *Emergency* is any natural or man-made incident; either potential or actual, which endangers human life or the safety and well-being of persons on the campus of **GSC**, or which damages any college facility or causes disruption of the overall operation of the institution. Report incident to **GSC Public Safety** at 770-718-7227.

A *Disaster* is any event or occurrence which has taken place and has seriously impaired or halted the operations of the College. In some cases, mass casualties and severe property damage may be sustained. A coordinated effort of all campus-wide resources is required to effectively control the situation. Outside emergency services will be essential. In all cases of disaster, an Emergency Command Post will be activated and the appropriate support and operations plans will be executed.

A *Media Relations Crisis* is any incident which has the potential for adverse publicity concerning campus resources, and/or instrumentalities of the College should be promptly reported to the College Public Relations Office at 770-718-3836 or to the Office of Public Safety at 770-294-7227.

These definitions are on page 8 of the **GSC Emergency Response Manual** which can be found on the College web site under the Public Safety Department.



Ringin' Our Bells

Thomas Hancock, Clay Ouzts, and Dan Cabaniss took 30 **GSC** students to spend a busy week in Paris and northern France as part of a Maymester study-abroad course entitled "*Paris in the 20s.*"

Highlights of the trip, which focused on World War I and its subsequent impact on the culture, psychology, and art of the succeeding decade, were visits to the historic town of Verdun, the spectacular palace of Versailles, and the various and infinite attractions of Paris.

Trip participants spent two days in and around Verdun, concentrating on the crucial role the city played in World War I and the epic battle that raged around it for over a year. Students visited museums, cemeteries, and forts associated with the battle, and reflected on the emotional impact of being on the site of an event that claimed the lives of more than 600,000 French and German soldiers.

On a less sobering note, the return trip to Paris led through the region of Champagne, and tour participants had the chance to visit a centuries-old winery and sample some of the product that gives the province its fame.

The balance of the trip was spent in Paris, where participants took in the full range of sights and sounds the *City of Light* has to offer. Organized daytime tours included stops at the Louvre, Versailles, Notre Dame, and the Latin Quarter (where American expatriate writers such as Ernest Hemingway lived and worked in the '20s); while evening and nighttime excursions took students to the windy top of the Eiffel Tower, a boat ride on the Seine past the illuminated monuments of the city, and a jaunt to the top of the hill of Montmartre, with its glorious view of the glittering city below.

Closer to earth, tour participants also vigorously ate, drank, and shopped their way throughout the city, and shattered the language barrier in their interactions with the Parisians all along the way.

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July 2006						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fall Semester Application Deadline
2	3 Holiday	4  Independence Day Holiday	5 July Session Classes begin	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Summer Scholars Graduation 	21	22
23	24	25	26 SOAR	27	28 Classes End Full & July Sessions Admin Council Workshop 8:30 to 1	29
30	31 Final Exams	1 Final Exams				