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## From the President

Forty-five faculty, staff and administrators participated in the College's Strategic Planning workshop on May 17. Dr. **Tom Walter** facilitated the identification and discussion of important issues the institution should address. The broad participation reflected various perspectives and concerns, but there was general agreement on the following issues:

- 1.) Clearly define our mission and image and communicate internally and externally;
- 2.) Enhance our student's freshman year experience;
- 3.) Evaluate academic standards at the division level;
- 4.) Balance our high technology and soft touch; and
- 5.) Provide expanded student support services

All of these need to be addressed within an environment of planned growth.

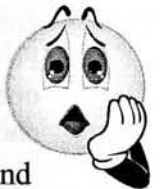
These issues fit in the broader College Strategic Plan. If they are not clearly identified under one of the goals, they will be added. These issues will also be the focus of our 2006-07 Institutional Goals. The revised drafts of the Strategic Plan and 2006-07 Institutional Goals will be communicated to the college community by June 16.

## FROM THE OCONEE CAMPUS

A number of GSC staff, faculty and Oconee County dignitaries attended the May 15 dedication of the Oconee PE complex. **President Nesbitt** cut the ribbon, officially opening the complex which houses a walking track, sand volleyball court, and pavilion and will be used for PE classes starting spring 2007. Student Life and other campus activities will be scheduled in the area, as well.

## Announcements

Oops! The Math Club was left off the list of clubs and advisors in the last issue of *Tower Talk*. Thank you to the Math Club and advisors **Delbert Greear, Robert Guyton, and Nicole Krochak**.



The HOPE book check for summer 2006 will be available on Friday, 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 checks at the Oconee Campus

Students must complete the HOPE authorization form in Banner Web in order to receive the book check.

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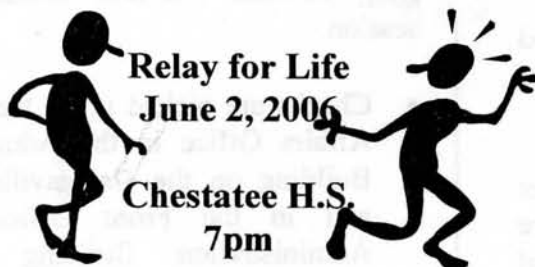
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Gainesville, GA 30503  
770-718-3639

When students login to Banner Web, ALL students will be prompted to authorize permission for Gainesville State College to deduct fees not paid by HOPE from the HOPE book allowance. ALL HOPE eligible students should click "Authorize" and "Submit" on the HOPE Book Authorization if they have not already done so. Students who are not currently HOPE eligible should also click "Authorize" and "Submit" in order to allow the Financial Aid Office to award HOPE funds if a student becomes eligible in the future.

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**Alumni Starlight Concert**  
 &  
**Fireworks Show**  
**Friday June 9, 2006**  
**GSC's G.W. Bailey Amphitheater**  
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**6pm - After Fireworks**

Bring a picnic dinner and spend the evening beside the GSC back lake in the company of family and friends. The concert, featuring the Power Play Band, will begin at 6pm with gates opening at 5:30pm. Gates will close at 8:30pm and the fireworks show will begin at dark.

There is a \$5 per car parking fee with proceeds benefiting the **GSC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund**. For more information call 770-718-3844.



Just 7 days away!! If you haven't already purchased luminaries or made a donation, please think of doing it now. Contact **Sheree Gravenhorst** at [sgravenhorst@gsc.edu](mailto:sgravenhorst@gsc.edu) to purchase luminaries or make a check payable to the American Cancer Society and give your

donation to any one of the team members: **Dean Lieburn, Susan Smith, Lois Lynn, Dana Nichols, Dru Thomas, Beth Wheeler, Alfred Barker, Sheree Gravenhorst, John O'Sullivan, Kelly Dahlin, Linnea Haag, Cheryl Harris, or Thomas Hartfield.**

The Relay will begin at Chestatee H.S. on Fri. June 2 at 7pm and end on Sat. June 3 at 7am. With your support we hope to make this year's Relay our best ever.

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 Effective Wed. May 24, all Word documents that are sent via e-mail will be blocked. This restriction will affect Word documents that end in .doc, .rtf, and .mcw. There is a major security flaw in Word that could allow a hacker to take control of your computer if you open an infected Word document. Microsoft will be issuing a patch for this flaw in June. At that time, we will remove the restriction and allow the e-mail delivery of Word documents. If you have any questions contact [wbeck@gsc.edu](mailto:wbeck@gsc.edu).

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**GSC Oconee Campus** is hosting the Business After Hours for the Oconee Chamber of Commerce, Thu June 15 from 5-7pm. There will be a campus tour, "Smart Classroom" demonstration and recognition of donors. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet GSC President **Martha T. Nesbitt**. For more information call 770-718-3844.

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**REMINDER** - The Visa p-cards have been suspended until July 1, 2006. If you have charges pending to hit your card and the transaction will not authorize, contact **Donna Kindon** at ext. 3616 or [dkindon@gsc.edu](mailto:dkindon@gsc.edu).

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 Have you ever wondered what you could do to responsibly rid yourself of old cell phones, pagers and PDA's? State and university system employees now have the opportunity to donate these items and have a portion of the proceeds benefit Earth Share of Georgia and its environmental member groups. These devices



will be properly recycled, or refitted, and made available to developing nations for use in communications or sold domestically. Please be sure to include the battery and charger with the devices and to erase all information stored prior to submitting for recycling.

There is no charge to the donor for this recycling service. If you wish to receive a receipt for your donation, go to [www.collectivegood.com](http://www.collectivegood.com), click on "donate" tab, click on "Environmental" link, click on "Earth Share of Georgia", fill out form to be attached to and sent with the phone/PDA/pager. This enters the donor information into the Collective Good database so that the charity you select will receive your name to send an acknowledgement letter. Cell phones, pagers and PDA's can be sent to Employee Benefits & Work/Life Services Division Georgia Merit System, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Room 1016 West Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

The search for a Director of Institutional Effectiveness will be conducted by a committee chaired by **Chuck Karcher**. Other members are **Sue Doyle, Susan Smith, Alicia Caudill** and **David Slutsky**. The committee will begin reviewing files on June 12.



**Stephanie Austin** attended a "How to Design Attention-Grabbing Brochures, Catalogs, Ads, Newsletters and Reports" workshop in Atlanta on May 15.

**Penny Mills** participated in the Oconee County Community Leadership Seminar on May 16. The seminar, sponsored by the Oconee Area Resource Council, brought together leaders of various agencies and activities in Oconee County to share data about the county with an emphasis on both the achievements and special challenges of the

county. It was the first in a series of meetings to address the challenges facing Oconee County.

**Christine Jonick** attended the Teachers of Accounting at Two-Year Colleges (TACTYC) conference at Georgia Perimeter College on May 19 and 20 and participated in two group presentations on "Sharing What Works" for online course delivery.

## June

### Birthdays






<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Campus</u>
Beata Hebda	1	GC
Tricia Bunker	2	GC
Judy Forbes	4	GC
Carol Marinelli	9	GC
Lynda Gastley	10	GC
Andrea Barnette	12	OC
Sue Gittens	13	GC
Eugene Hendrix	14	GC
Brenda Perry	14	GC
Charles Agner	17	GC
Polly Swilley	17	GC
Angie Seabolt	22	GC
Alex Burgess	25	GC
Larry Busby	25	GC
Helene Hendon	25	OC
Nick Kidd	25	GC
Tim Howell	26	GC
Tina Carter	27	GC
Guillermo Rodriguez	27	GC
Eric Mullins	29	OC
Donna Grizzle	30	GC
Janice Hartsoe	30	GC

### Congratulations



**Paul Murray** and wife Theresa are the proud parents of Savannah Faylynn born May 10 at 8:44am. Savannah weighed 7lbs. 4oz. and was 20.51" long with a head full of hair. Mom, dad, baby and big sister Emily are all doing well.

## June 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <b>Relay for Life</b> 7pm Chestatee H.S.	3
4	5	6 <b>Classes Begin Full &amp; June Sessions</b> Staff Council 3pm	7	8	9 <b>Starlight Concert and Fireworks Show</b> 6pm until fireworks are finished!	10
11	12	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 	15 <b>Oconee Chamber of Commerce After Hours 5-7pm</b> Oconee Campus	16	17
18 	19	20	21 <b>Happy Summer</b> 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 <b>Classes End June Session</b>	30 <b>June Session Final Exams</b>	

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