WELCOME BACK GAINESVILLE STUDENTS

by Katie Cofer

Hotdogs and hamburgers, live entertainment, and some encouraging words by Gainesville’s President Dr. Nesbitt all contributed to the start of a new year. Gainesville’s student body gathered in the student center for a “Welcome Back” picnic August 27, sponsored by Student Government Activities (SGA) and GC faculty and staff. This event was conducted “to welcome back returning Gainesville students and welcome in new students,” commented Jon Holt, SGA committee chairman. There are no classes held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, so that students have the opportunities to take advantage of community service, social events, and intramural sports.

Dr. Nesbitt addressed all majors in her speech, reminding that whatever career one may choose, “investing in a college degree is the best investment you can make.” “If you apply yourself, you will succeed,” promised President Dr. Martha T. Nesbitt during her welcoming speech. At the end of her speech, Dr. Nesbitt reflects on Gainesville’s faculty and staff and how they are here to help each student.

“We are here and our services are available, but you must choose to take advantage of them,” Nesbitt remarked. Gainesville, take these words of advice and have a great year.

Weigh The Anchor

by: Robert Gittens, Managing Editor

Hello valued readers of The Anchor. If you haven’t noticed yet we have changed the name of our beloved paper to The Compass. We thought long and hard about this change and came up with a name that represented the idea of moving forward as opposed to remaining sedentary.

The new motto of Gainesville College is “Leading the Way” and as the news source at GC decided that we should be the guide for students. The job of a compass is to show a traveler where they are going. In the same way the principle job of a newspaper is to show the direction that it’s readership is going.

I do not think a newspaper should tell the readers where to go, but only reflect in which direction they are headed. This should be accomplished by reporting what is happening and scheduling events will happen in the future.

Editorials are for opinion only and should be designated as opinion. A real news story has only facts and all opinions are from an interviewed person and should be shown as such.

I believe we have a good staff and will produce a paper that does not reflect any one person’s opinions over another. The only thing I ask is that you remember we are all learning and we need your constructive criticism.

Art Exhibit Opens

On Thursday September 17, Gainesville College Art Department held the first Art Gallery opening of this academic year. The artists reception took place at 11:00 am in the Continuing Education Performing Arts Building.

Contemporary Fiber Art from two professors teaching at the University of Georgia are on display from now until October 21. Edward Lambert uses computer-manipulated images from popular culture, such as wrestlers and tattooed bodies. His ideas are then simplified and organized before being screen printed on canvas.

Glen Kaufmann uses the grid as a framework. Kaufman silhouettes aspects of architecture and landscape using photographs that have been transformed through xerography and other photo processes into strongly contrasting black and white images.

Make plans now to stop by and see innovative fiber artwork. The exhibit can be seen through October 21 in the Art Gallery. The Arts Exhibit is located in the Continuing Education Performing Arts Building.
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Hurricane Bill Can Be A Natural Disasate For Democrats.....

By David Cusumano

The Democrats are now trying to distance themselves from Bill Clinton in the wake of the scandals. Many Democrats have already jumped ship by either retiring or switching parties. Sam Nunn stepped down from the Senate and Lt. Gov. Howard dropped out of the Governor race. The list of party switchers include Mike Bowers, Rep. Deal and more recently State Senator Sunny Perdue who was at the time the highest ranked member in the State Senate. A few months ago in a fund raiser for Michael Coles, Clinton appeared for the candidate. Coles is now distancing himself from Clinton. He saw his chance for the Senate blown away. Another sign of trouble for Clinton is that some members from his party are calling for impeachment.

Michael Coles is not the only Georgia Democrat who will be effected in November. The chances of Roy Barnes becoming our next governor are not good. Governor Glendening of Maryland has turned Clinton away from his campaign fund raiser.

In Georgia, Democrats are seeing their control of the Georgia State House and Senate, as well as, State Constitutional offices being turned over to Republicans. The reign of Speaker Tom Murphy could be over and Tom Irwin's days are numbered as Agricultural Commissioner. The state of Georgia is coming to the end of a one party rule.

The Grand Old Party (GOP) could win over in 1998 like they did in 1994. The GOP congress can become veto proof and win the majority of the governorships as well as becoming a majority party in the General Assembly of Georgia. Clinton is now a lame duck limping along to the year 2000 and taking with him Al Gore’s chances of winning the White House.

Give us your opinion: What do you think should happen to our President???

Smoking: A Right To Freedom
by Smokey the Bandit

Another year and yet another controversy regarding smoking on campus. Rumors float around vowing that designated smoking areas will be removed and all smoking will be banned from campus. Banning smoking will not “clean” our air. Nauseating aromas from Crystal Farms and Cargill will still linger in our nose cavities like pollen after springtime even after our precious smoking pavilions cease to exist. Doing away with smoking on campuses will inevitably lead to total chaos. God forbid all the smokers clan together and start rioting.

Smokers and nonsmokers can be as easily compromised as menthols and regulars (sorry, smoker’s humor). I don’t look down on you because you bake yourself in a fluorescent oven or pop diet pills like they were Pez candy, so don’t look down on me because I smoke.

Ten minutes in a “smoking area” explains why they are so desperately needed. “Smoking is a right, and a choice. Neither which I have abused,” commented someone in a blue shirt, as she lit up another Marlboro Light. Another smoker with a pack of cards is convinced that there is no way this new smoking policy could be fair. “We’re not supposed to smoke unless we are in the designated smoking areas. Probably 40% of the school smokes. Obviously, people are going to walk around and smoke,” he comments. Smokers are banning together already. “We are not taking this sitting down,” says someone resting on a bench, as he reaches for another Camel.

So, how can we resolve this problem? A good way to make it equal would be to designate several nonsmoking pavilions around campus. That way, smokers and nonsmokers alike can fully enjoy a ten minute break in between classes. Nonsmokers, take this into consideration: You can take away our benches and ashtrays, but you cannot take away our freedom!

To Smoke Or Not To Smoke...
That is the Question???

Environmental Survey
Opportunity For Students
by: Robert Gittens

The Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) will hold an environmental survey and educational project of the automotive repair/paint and body shops in Hall County. GTRI has offered to allow interested Gainesville College students to accompany them during this survey.

Students will be able to count this as community service for social sciences classes that have this requirement. Those students going into the environmental science field will be able to list this service as an internship with GTRI on their resume.

The survey will begin in September and run through Oct. 1. Those interested should contact Linda Brown, Natural Sciences/Technology Division (brown@hames.CFRed.NM.EDU), by Tuesday, Sept. 22.
Student Spotlight: Will Orkin
By: Jennifer Lynne Ponders

Will Orkins is a sophomore here at Gainesville College. The 19 year old Dahlonega resident is a Biology major specializing in Exercise Science. But between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., he is not just attending classes. Orkins spends his whole day at Gainesville College studying and working out.

Orkins got his start in lifting weights while training for high school football and other sports. His former assistant principal encouraged and pushed him in his training. Every day Orkins and the assistant principal of the high school would meet at 6:00 a.m. to workout.

The National competition has just recently become one of Orkins’ goals. “Will began serious training for Nationals about two months ago and his strides are amazing,” says Coach Glen Preston. Orkins is currently working out about two hours a day, five to six days a week. The guys that workout with him are the ones that inspire him to be a competitor.

Orkins intends to reach his personal goal of qualifying for Nationals. He is currently lifting the requisite amount. To qualify for the 193 pound weight class, one must lift 202 1/2 kilos. The judges consider not only the amount the lifter lifts, but also their form. A lifter has three chances to perform the snatch and the clean and jerk lifts. The judges then average the best score of each lift to determine the final score. His coach says, “Will has the strength, but he needs to work on his technique. Weightlifting requires more than just strength.”

Orkins has one more competition before Nationals. This event will be held in Marietta during September. Nationals will be held October 10-11, 1998 in Shreveport Louisiana. Yet recently, the USA Weightlifting Organization decided to move the Nationals to February beginning in 1999. Orkin will use the upcoming October competition for experience, and then he will go for it all. After he works on the technique portion of his skill, maybe he can use the Midas touch that was evident at the Georgia State Competition.

Will Orkins and Glen Preston have enjoyed the training time. Mr. Preston just simply said, “he da man,” when asked about Will.

Will would like to thank his coaches Glen and Gary Preston for their dedication to him. He would also like to thank his weightlifting buddies Bryan Cantrell and Casey Moye for being their motivation.

A Message from the G.C.’s President...

I want to thank students for observing the College policy of smoking only in the Smoking Designated Shelters. Although I have seen a few cigarette butts on the campus, most of you are using the proper receptacles. Please encourage all students to keep our grounds pretty and to dispose of their cigarette butts in the receptacles.

As an educational institution, Gainesville College considers it a major responsibility to encourage healthy lifestyles for its students, faculty and staff. The use of tobacco is harmful to one’s health, and the effects of second hand smoke have been proven to harm non-smokers. Therefore, the College wants to discourage the use of tobacco products.

Dr. Joy Evans on the PACE Center will set up a Smokers’ Cessation Support Group for those of you who want to quit smoking. Dr. Evans can be reached at 770-718-3800 to discuss this or alternative approaches to “kicking the habit.” Please take advantage of this campus resource if you are addicted to the use of tobacco.

Please remember that there will be no smoking as one walks across campus. The three designated smoking shelters on campus are between the Library and Academic II Building, beside the Student Center, and the third is located outside the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Building. Use of tobacco products is RESTRICTED to these areas.

If you know of a student who should be spotlighted then let us know!!!
Mr. John Weeks
Kerry Banks

Mr. John Weeks, a Biology teacher here at Gainesville, was new to the school last year as a night teacher. He has started his job full time this year. Mr. Weeks is a native of Mississippi, where he went to school at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss. He transferred to Louisiana State University and there he received his masters degree. His first intentions in school were to become a research biologist, but soon decided that was not the road he wanted to travel down. When Mr. Weeks started working for the Mabeline Corporation as their microbiologist. He decided that the makeup industry wasn’t going where he was, so he changed jobs.

This time he went to work for the government in the catfish business. He helped pass many new laws for catfish quality standards that are in effect today. Then, he went to work for one of the largest meat companies the United States. The company was called Con-Agra, and is the fourth largest meat business in the continental United States. In 1995 Mr. Weeks and his family moved here so he could work in a new chemical division of the company. After a year the company decided the chemical division was not such a good idea and wanted to transfer him back out west, but Mr. Weeks decided he did not want to go. So he opened a soccer shop here in Gainesville. In 1997 John Weeks came here to teach night school. This semester he started his full time job as a biology teacher.

We would like to welcome all of our new professors. Hope that you like here at G.C. College.

Dr. Kristen Kelly
By Melanie Porter

Dr. Kristen Kelly is a new professor at Gainesville College this year. She is teaching English Composition in the Academic II building and says she enjoys all of her students “so far”. This is not her rookie year teaching. She has past experiences at Truett-McConnell College and University of Georgia. Her credentials include a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in English and a PH.D. from Georgia State University. When asked why she chose to pursue a career in English, she replied that she “has always been a voracious reader.” Dr. Kelly wants to show people that they can learn to love reading. She believes that if you have fun with reading, everything will come easier.

Kelly’s plans to teach her students “to become life-long readers.” When questioned on her strictness as an instructor, she replied, “try my best to be approachable and helpful, but I also try to hold my students to very high standards.”

Although Kelly loves her teaching job, her life at home is also very important. She is married to an electrical engineer and has two cats. Her hobbies are reading (of course), taking long walks, hiking. She is also currently trying to learn the art of birdwatching. Dr. Kelly says that she is working on a book and will try to get it published in the future. Advice she would like to give to all her students, “Keep up with your reading from day one and try not to get behind.” If you follow these words of wisdom, you’re sure to make it in her class!

If you know of a professor who should be spotlighted in The Compass, please let us know!

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English Club

The English Club has several events scheduled for this semester. They will be attending a writer’s convention in Mississippi and a Shakespeare convention in Alabama. The club is also involved in charity and community service. Hoipolloi is the club’s magazine printed each semester. Those interested in joining the English club should contact Tom Sauret, Humanities Division. The English Club meets on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Mountain Bike Club

The Montan Bike Club is looking for new members who are interested in biking off road. will host a race at Chicopee in October. This is the second year of the racing event. The Montan Bike club has a budget this year and is planning events for later this year. Anyone interested in joining should contact Tom Sauret, Humanities Division.

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a club for students that are interested in being involved in the policies and activities of the school. Students that may be interested in joining should go to the SGA office in the student center and apply.

Physics Club

The Physics Club is planning several field trips this semester. Among these are trips to Furlbank Science Center, Sci-Trek, Buford Dam, and more. They are also involved in areas of community service such as the Science Olympiad and a K-12 outreach.

Campus Crusade for Christ

Campus Crusade for Christ is a chance for students to get together and study the Bible with others during the semester. “It is the longest running academic tradition on campus.” Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 11 a.m. every Monday and Friday in Lanier AB.

Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union offers an opportunity for students to have fellowship with others of their faith. The BSU has gone on several mission trips around the world including one last summer that was in New York City. Those interested in joining should contact Jason Ponders.

If you have any Club News, please let us know!

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The 300 Club

Brett Cook

Students, please be aware that the ACTT Center, (Academic Computing Tutoring Testing) staff along with the information staff are initiating a new printing policy for students. The new policy states that each student will be allowed 300 free pages of print each semester, and additional pages will cost $5 per 50 pages. This policy will go into effect on September 1, 1998. In addition to the new policy, the Library and ACTT Center will stop using the generic login, i.e. STU_ACTT and STULIB, and students will be required to use their individual account log-ins. The new policy was instituted to reduce the amount of wasted paper.

Byron Drew, “The paper limit was needed to encourage conservation of paper on campus. The limit will probably only affect less than 5 percent of students at Gainesville.” The library and ACTT Center are the only areas affected by the new policy.

The limit has been instituted to prevent students from printing many sheets per day pertaining to various events that are non-school related. Some students were doing what Drew termed, “trivial printing.” This new policy also benefits the students of Gainesville College because it will now be easier for you to have access to a computer to help you with your studies.

In an effort to conserve disk space students should not save all their e-mail. Students can check their space at computer start-up with the space meter and then, clean their directory. If you have any questions about the new policy or the space meter do not hesitate to ask a member of the ACTT Center staff or librarian for further details.
**Movie Reviews**

by: 
“There’s Something About Mary”

The latest from Peter and Bobby Farrelly who brought you “Dumb and Dumber” have crudely out did themselves this time. This is the only film of the summer so far, that will make you cringe, gag, and gasp while still trying not to fall out of your seat from laughter. You will be surprised how the age old story line about a “nerdy”, but sincere guy falls for a blonde, blue-eyed babe can get this twisted. Guaranteed to make you come out laughing and singing.

“Saving Private Ryan”

Spielberg has definitely shown in this film his diverse talents of film making. The documentary style of the film will horrify you while making you feel a strong sense of patriotism at the same time. For those of us who didn’t fight in World War II, we were introduced with a bang into the war with an incredible D-Day combat sequence at the beginning and a happy but sorrowful end. This film is definitely not for the weak at stomach.

“The Mask of Zorro”

If you are going to do a classic you better do it right. This film starring Anthony Hopkins and Antonio Banderas delivers an action packed sequence of Zorro fighting off their polar opposite Don Rafael (Stuart Wilson). It is a perfect blend of romanticism, action, and best of all old style western comedy.

Intramural Sports

by Mike Mazza

Jim Kirkland is the director of intramural sports and has held that position at Gainesville College for twenty-eight years. Intramural sports are for students, teachers, and faculty that want to participate.

Flag football and tennis teams are being planned this semester for men and women. The flag football state intramural championship is only two months away. Also this semester Gainesville will be holding tournaments for golf and fishing. The fishing tournament will take place at the lower pond on the Gainesville Campus. First place last quarter was a five-pound catfish.

Coach Kirkland is also starting a new game called “half rubber.” He refuses to tell much about the game to keep everyone in suspense. “Half Rubber” is at least a six-person game, somewhat like baseball, and is played with half of a rubber ball, hence the name, and a broomstick.

Spring semester will hold tournaments in badminton, bowling, and basketball. For more information check out the “Intramural” bulletin board in the Student Center or in the Hugh Mills Physical Education Complex, which is located behind the library, or visit Coach Jim Kirkland.
**“Old Tyme” CountryFest**

**“Whittles, Vittles & Fiddles”**

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