1985 ALUMNI HOMECOMING REVIVES MEMORIES

The Gainesville Junior College Alumni Association held its first Alumni Homecoming on Sunday, November 17th. Over two hundred alumni, their families and GJC faculty and staff attended the buffet luncheon at the College.

Dr. Foster Watkins, President of the College, recognized Dr. Hugh Mills, President Emeritus of GJC, and Dr. Herbert Robinson, former Dean of College Relations, and presented GJC ties and scarves to Cliff Starr (Blakely), alumnus who came the greatest distance; Jacque Wilkes (Jefferson), alumna with the most children who have also attended GJC; and Mike and Susan Miller (Dawsonville), alums who have had between their two families, five brothers and sisters who attended GJC. Bill Stephens, President of the Alumni Association, was unable to attend due to the birth of his first child, Joshua Blaine — destined to be a member of the GJC Class of 2005.

Everyone enjoyed looking at old pictures, scrapbooks and annuals and then went on to the Georgia Mountains Center Theatre for a special performance of My Fair Lady and cake and coffee with the cast. Doug Dillard (Cornelia), Vice President of the Alumni Association, welcomed everyone at the theatre and thanked the GJC Foundation for its support of the Alumni Association.

GJC ALUMNI & FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WORKSHOPS

Six Gainesville Junior College faculty members and alumni recently participated in a series of workshops design to train North Georgia area teachers about the events judging of the Science Olympiad Regional and State Tournaments to be held in the spring.

During the fall, GJC hosted three training sessions North Georgia College hosted one. Average attendance was over fifty with seventy-five different participants representing twenty-five school districts.

GJC faculty members involved as session leaders trainers were: Garry McGlaun, Ed Mayhew, Jim Kirkland, Roy Forrester, Deborah Bolding (GJC Class of '74), and Jeff Skarda (GJC Class of '75).

Claude Elliott, a professor in the North Georgia College

Mr. Eddy Reynolds, seated right, was a member of the GJC Class of '71, and now teaches at North Forsyth Junior High.
FROM THE PRESIDENT
J. FOSTER WATKINS

The past two and a half years seemingly have passed more rapidly than any previous period of time in my life. It seems like only yesterday that we came to Gainesville and I assumed the responsibilities as the second President of Gainesville Junior College. The saying — "If you are enjoying what you are doing, time is of no essence" — certainly applies to our lives during these past months which have passed so rapidly.

Of all the exciting and challenging opportunities and possibilities we have been involved with, none has been more rewarding than our participation with Pat Hennen and her leadership efforts in developing an alumni association at GJC. My limited involvement with the steering committee under the leadership of the first officers of the association has made me realize more fully the strategic role this College plays in the lives of people who come this way. Such knowledge challenges us repeatedly to be certain that the strength of the College is maintained so that in future years it will continue to play a similar role in the lives of its students.

Many successes have occurred under the alumni development efforts. The alumni newsletter has served not only as a valuable communications link with our alumni but is helping us in many ways in communicating with other publics we need to reach. The first alumni homecoming, which featured a trip to Mrs. Phelps' table and to My Fair Lady in the Mountains Center, could not have been more successful. Plans are to make this an annual affair during the fall quarter.

It is my understanding that plans are taking shape rapidly for an alumni/friends golf tournament to be held in May. In conjunction with that activity, Janice and I will be hosting an Open House for alumni on the evening before the tournament. We look forward to having all the golfers and spouses, as well as those who might not have golfing as an interest, in our home on that occasion.

Please continue to know of our continuing interest in you as alumni of Gainesville Junior College. Let us know if we might be of assistance in any way in your current activities and responsibilities. Let me encourage you to assume the continuing responsibility of letting us know if there are any ways in which we might make this a better institution and increase its ability to serve emerging Northeast Georgia.

It should be noted that for the first time this year the key leadership positions in the GJC Foundation are held by GJC alumni. Martha Simmons, Class of '73, after a highly successful year as Chairperson for the Annual Fund Drive which to this date has generated in excess of $120,000, is moving up to the position of Chairman. She is being succeeded in the Fund Drive position by Dan McNeal, who along with his wife Harriett were members of the Classes of '70 and '71. Dan served this past year as an effective Trustee. He and Harriett were involved in the development of our Alumni Association. These transitions of our own alumni to key leadership positions may be saying something about the future. In the past we have depended on "they" for GJC to make its way. In the future, "we, the Alumni" will be increasingly held accountable for maintaining and extending the progress which has been made in the past.

Dean Steve Gurr presented a “License Tag Exhibit” during the month of January in the GJC Library. He is a member of the Peach Plate Collector who recently met on campus. Dianne Barrett is serving on the Board of Directors of the Gainesville Ballet.

Steve Tilley was elected Vice President of the Stephens County Historical Society and Chairman of the Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Tish Searcy served as 1985 Publicity Chairman for The Love Light Tree at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Robbie Gooch is working on the development of a new degree program, Associate Degree in Applied Science — Hotel, Motel and Travel Management.

Brenda Purvis, Director of the John Harrison Hosch Library/LRC, completed a post-master's sixth-year program and received the Diploma for Advanced Study in Librarianship from Emory University.

Foster Watkins has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Gainesville-Hall County Adult Learning Center.

Janie Wolf attended the National Council on Family Relations in Dallas in November. She presented a paper titled "The Institutionalization of Wife Abuse." Her Ph.D. research centers around this topic.

William B. Edmonds spoke at the National Workshop on Recruitment, sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, D.C. on December 11-13. His topic was "Recruiting Non-Traditionals in the Work Environment."

Ed Mayhew, Associate Professor in the Biology Department, has been actively involved with Lake Watch, a local environmental group, in its effort to clear up the polluted Flat Creek area.

Wendell Whiteside is serving on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Frances Meadows and Pat Voyles attended the Georgia School Counselors Workshop at the Ironworks in Columbus, November 5-7.

Christy Gregory, GJC alumna and Associate Professor of Mathematics, was invited by the Navy to attend an Educators Orientation Session at the Nuclear Submarine Base in Charleston, S.C. during fall quarter.
HOMECOMING REVIEW IN PICTURES...

Left to right: Class of '70: Randall Townley, Dawsonville, Debbie Duckett White and Tom White, Banks County.

The Deans return: (left to right) Janey Dean Davis, '68, Mrs. Inez Dean — mom of Janey and Harriett who worked in GJC bookstore for 12 years, Harriett Dean McNeal, '70.

Left to right: Dedra Pardue Martin, '73; Debbie Pardue Lane, 72, and Dr. Lee Martin, '73.

Left to right: Alvin Cash, '69; Sue O'Dell, Former Trustee of GJC Foundation; Bill Edmonds, Registrar and Director of Admissions at GJC; Virginia Edmonds; and Doyle O'Dell.

Mike and Susan Carter Miller, Class of '82.

Left to right: Frank Martin, '70, and Terry Barnhardt, '72, joined many others at the scrapbook and picture tables.

Left to right: Mike Hall, '77 and Barry Ladd, '69, Jill Hastings Goforth, '72 in background.
During the past holiday season, there were several times that I listened to a group of people discussing their most “memorable” Christmas gift. It made me start thinking about a special gift that I received.

Many more years ago than I care to remember, I attended a small elementary school in Fannin County. The total student population was probably 200 or so for grades 1-8. My particular class had 33 students and, as would be true for most school systems in the mountains of Appalachia, there were a number of classmates who were “less fortunate” than others.

It was a custom at the time for the Christmas season to be a time of celebration, with class parties coordinated by grade mothers and a great deal of emphasis placed upon the true meaning of the holiday.

It was also a tradition for all the names of classmates to be placed in a box and “drawn” for the purpose of exchanging gifts. It was a matter of great distress if one’s name was drawn by the “wrong” person. The luck of the draw was an important consideration for a materialistic fourth grader.

It just so happened that a little fellow named Bruce Collins drew my name in the fourth grade. Bruce, you understand, lived with his grandparents, and often lacked for money for any purpose, much less the purchase of an adequate Christmas gift in the opinion of his 9-year-old classmate.

As the day of the Christmas party approached, the gifts were placed under the tree and, just as I suspected, my gift was the smallest of all. The day to open the packages was always the Friday before the beginning of Christmas holidays. The day arrived and the packages were distributed. As my friends opened their gifts containing trucks, cars, and other goodies, I opened my small package and found a small black Bible wrapped in tissue paper and placed in a box slightly larger than it should have been.

As I remember, I did a fairly good job at hiding my disappointment in not receiving an airplane, pocketknife, or anything similar. But now, some 20 years later, the gift that disappointed me so much is still tucked away in a special place. The “little” fellow that I mentioned moved away to Pennsylvania a few years later and became an all-conference linebacker at the University of West Virginia in the late 1970’s, and now owns and operates his own prosperous business near Philadelphia.

Sometimes events and circumstances correspond to give us an “education” in things that we may not understand at the time. Whether those events take place at a small elementary school in the North Georgia mountains, at Gainesville Junior College, or elsewhere, the real lessons learned come from knowing and understanding the people around us.

As we get older, classmates are replaced by co-workers, formal education is replaced by a different type of “schooling”, and we almost always begin to lose contact with friends we made along the way.

The Gainesville Junior College Alumni Association and its newsletter give you the opportunity to keep in touch with those who may have given you a special “gift” along the way. I urge you to write, come by, or call to see how you can become more active in this association.

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Membership is open to all former students, not just graduates. There is no membership fee.

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Years at GJC ____________________________
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          P.O. Box 1358
          Gainesville, Georgia 30503
INTERMURALS! INTURMURALS! INTIRMURALS!

by Jimmy Kirkland

No matter how you spelled it when you were here, you knew what intramurals were. You either participated in them, watched them, or didn’t care anything about them. For those of you in the first two categories, here’s a little update. I’m still here! I’ve always been involved with intramurals since I was a student. I’ve always been involved with intramurals programs. In those early years, it was known what intramurals were. You either participated in them or not.

In the 1970’s, we began an extramural program with Floyd Junior College in Rome. We still have the quarterly competition—flag football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and softball in the spring. Flag football has evolved from the 11-man “full contact” to a 7-man “pass oriented” game. Of course, our women participate in all of our programs. We have had over 200 students participate in a single quarter.

Our extramural program has expanded on a major scale. Our women have played basketball against Brenau and Agnes Scott, winning all the games. In 1985, we participated in our first State Flag Football Championship. We carried two men’s and one women’s team to the state finals in New Orleans, the week of the Sugar Bowl. We hope to make that trip next year! In basketball, Shick Corporation now sponsors a National Three-on-Three Tournament. We hold our own local tournament with the top two teams advancing to the regional tournament at Georgia Tech. Our men almost qualified for the finals in 1985 held in the Omni in Atlanta during halftime of one of the Hawks games.

Softball has been equally popular. There are as many as twenty-one teams participating one spring quarter. There is also a state intramural softball tournament, now in its fifth year. Our men finished third in 1985 while our women have placed in all the three years we’ve entered. In 1983, they finished third, 1984 WON IT ALL!, and finished third again in 1985. We were all really excited about the tournament which is also held in Atlanta each year.

Back on the local level, we have initiated an Annual Intramural Golf Tournament, now in its third year. If you alumni are interested, we can have an Alumni Division. Just let us know. We also have plans to begin our first annual Intramural Bowling Tournament. Plans call for both team and individual competition.

While the team sports have been the dominant avenue of participation, we still attempt activities in other areas. We offer competition in volleyball, tennis, free throw, video games, board games, cards, etc. LACOSA sponsored an arm wrestling tournament in 1985 which was very popular.

Awards are t-shirt oriented. We give shirts for champions and runners-up in team sports and individual activities, and trophies for our golf and bowling tournaments. We give four annual awards on Honors Day: Male and Female Student of the Year, and Male and Female Athlete of the Year. The students select the athletic awards while I select the Students of the Year.

As you will recall, all of the intramural years were not as successful as this article appears. The activity hour has been taken out, moved to 12:00, been “cussed” and discussed by students, faculty and administrators. It would appear, however, that with former President Hugh Mills and now with President Foster Watkins and Dean Steve Gurr, we have ample support to maintain these programs and perhaps initiate some more.

A special thanks for support goes to Alum Anthony Barrett of Archie’s Sporting Goods, who has supplied all our State Teams with shirts.

Alas, all is not as good as it might seem. The “officiating” in our sports program is as “bad” as ever. As when you were here, “they” still are the reason most teams “lose” and of course “they” call “great” games when we win.

All in all, intramurals are going well at this point in time and we would like to issue a special invitation to alumni to come and join in the fun.

Jimmy Kirkland is Assistant Professor of Physical Education and has been at GJC for 15 years.

After seeing Kirkland in action, who would play against him???

Georgia Tech Center Foster Watkins shows “old” form receiving a pass as Auburn wide receiver Wendell Whiteside whizzes by!

“But Coach Kirkland, he grabbed me like this!”
Left to right: Steve Blair, Ray Caughron, Jimmy Kirkland.
Physics Department who received his A.S. in Physics from GJC in 1974, was also a session leader. Other alumni participating were: Chris Embrick (Jackson County High School), Eddy Reynolds (North Forsyth Junior High School), Noland Floyd (Forsyth County High School), and Margaret McGlaun (Otwell Junior High School).

Pioneer CESA is the regional coordinator and sponsoring agency for the Science Olympiad in the North Georgia region.

Claude Elliott, Class of '74, conducted a session on circuit lab and trajectory.

Dr. Ed Mayhew, Associate Professor of Biology at GJC, conducted a session about the energy contest.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CAMPUS...

Please join us for the following events.

WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 14
“Black History Exhibit”
GJC Library/LRC

FEBRUARY 5
Plant Vogtle Seminar
GJC Student Center — 11:00 a.m.
Presented by “Education Campaign for a Prosperous Georgia” (ECPG)

FEBRUARY 6
“Two Headed Woman” — a play by Dr. Doris Davenport.
GJC Music Building — 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 11
Black History Film — “Legacy of a Dream”.
A film about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
11:00 a.m. — place to be announced.

FEBRUARY 12
Apartheid Seminar: Speaker — Ms. Tandi Gcabashe, representative from American Friends Service Committee.

FEBRUARY 14-28
“Carved Wooden Fowl” Exhibit by Scott Wiederholt — GJC Student, GJC Library/LRC.

FEBRUARY 18
Black History Film — “Gotta Make This Journey” by Michele Parkinson; a documentary about a black, female singing group, Sweet Honey on the Rock.
11:00 a.m. — place to be announced.

FEBRUARY 19
Charlie Chaplin Film Festival.
GJC Student Center — Lanier AB — 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 1
“J.B.” presented by The College Theatre
Georgia Mountains Center — Call 535-6206 for ticket information — REMINDER: GJC Alumni get a discount!

FEBRUARY 20
Fireside Chat with the President & Dean
GJC Student Center.
Day — 11:00 a.m., Night — 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26
LeRoy Powell Day! — Channel 5 Special Commentator.
GJC Gym — 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 27
Black History Month Speaker: Beauty Baldwin, Superintendent, Buford City School System.
11:00 a.m. — place to be announced.

MARCH 5
Laurel & Hardy Film Festival.
GJC Student Center — Lanier AB — 11:00 a.m.

MARCH 12
Arm Wrestling Tournament.
GJC Student Center — 11:00 a.m.

MARCH 13
Classes End.

MARCH 14, 17, 18
Final Exams.

MARCH 19
Public Service Seminar — “Environmental Issues In Emerging Northeast Georgia” — Speaker: Bob Kerr, Executive Director of the Georgia Conservancy.
11:30 — “Dutch” Buffet Luncheon;
12:30 — Seminar Program.
GJC Student Center.

MARCH 25
Registration for Spring Quarter.
1968
Larry Pardue now has three children who have joined him as GJC Alums — Debbie, Dedra and Jimmy.

1970
Doug Dillard is serving as President of Habersham County Chamber of Commerce this year.

1972
Cliff J. Starr married Angela Barefield, a 1973 GJC graduate. They live in Blakely and have two children, Josh, 7, and Lacey, 5.

Deborah Pardue Lane is currently President of the 9th District Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Pharmaceutical Association, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Gateway House, a shelter for battered women in Gainesville.

1973
Susan Jones Ferguson graduated from North Georgia College in 1985 with a B.B.A. in Accounting and is currently working at the Bank of Dahlonega as Accounting Officer.

1974
Dan W. Patton is Superintendent and Lab Director for the Winder Water Department and is serving a two-year term as District Director of the Georgia Rural Water Association for the Tenth Congressional District.

Claude Elliott is a professor in the North Georgia College Physics Department.

1975
Kip Pirkle has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Management from Clemson University.

Ricky and Lynn Pugh are the proud parents of a baby boy, Matthew Eric Pugh, born on January 9, 1986.

1976
Reggie Forrester took office as Hall County's first Public Safety Director on November 18th.

1977
Dr. Larry E. Gibson is a member of the Board of Directors of the Middle Georgia American Red Cross and, in 1985, developed a medical claims review procedure for Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

1978
Joe R. Wardlaw is a second-year resident at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. He earned his M.D. degree in 1984 from the Medical College of Georgia. He and his wife, Carolyn, have one son, Derek Joseph, who is three years old.

Barbara Ann Lewis graduated from Brenau in 1980 and has been teaching music for six years. Presently she is at the Dawson County Elementary/Middle School.

1979
David McArthur is now performing in “Jubilee” at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and attending the University of Nevada.

1980
Deborah L. Stevenson graduated from North Georgia College in 1983 with a B.B.A. in Marketing. She owns BOXED IN, a postal and secretarial service center, in Gainesville.

Deborah Fowler was named “Teacher of the Year” at Chestatee Elementary School where she has been teaching since 1982. She and her husband, Mike, have three children: Peggy, Janice and Katie.

1982
Mary Denise Haynie graduated from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 1985. She is currently employed as a pharmacist at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

1983
Shannon McCary Shelton graduated from the University of Georgia in June, 1985, with an A.B. in Psychology. She married Joseph Shelton on August 3, 1985, and is now employed at Merchants Business Machines. They reside in Lilburn, Georgia.

Anita Lynn Jones graduated Cum Laude from the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing on June 8, 1985, with a B.S. in Nursing. She now works as a registered nurse at Gwinnett Medical Center.

Shirley Ann Jones is employed as a Staff Accountant with the C.P.A. firm of Rushton, Henry and Company in Gainesville. She received a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Georgia and plans to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Lisa Young is the new Program Director for the Gainesville/Hall County Girls Club.

1984
Barbara Avaritt Williams is continuing her education at North Georgia College, majoring in physics and minoring in math. She hopes to graduate in June, 1986.

NEW BENEFITS ANNOUNCED FOR GJC ALUMNI

New benefits recently approved for alumni of Gainesville Junior College include the discounts on College Theatre tickets and Foundation Century Club memberships.

The College Theatre is offering a discount of $1.00 per individual ticket and $3.50 per season subscription for GJC Alumni. Call the theatre office at 535-6206 for details.

A discount of $20 off the regular $100 donation is now available for alumni membership in the Century Club of the GJC Foundation. Century Club privileges includes use of the GJC gym and pool. Call the Alumni Office at 535-6249 for more information.

Don’t forget that, as alumni, you can continue to use the GJC library. All that is needed is an alumni card which is available from the Alumni Office.

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GJC ALUMNI & FRIENDS
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Chattahoochee Golf Course
Friday, May 9, 1986
Details in next issue

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