IN THE BEGINNING
The school year 1966-67 will be memorable to students at Gainesville Junior College for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that it marks the historic opening of a school destined to become a leader in the Junior College arena. Beyond the significant usual "first year" sentiment looms the vastness of precedents that will be established throughout the school year—precedents many of which have been set by students.

The opening year at Gainesville Junior College witnessed the setting of academic standards for graduation and development of plans for the first graduating class, that of 1967. Immediately the school embarked on a full athletic program and participated competitively during the first year. This alone sets Gainesville Junior College in a select group since most beginning colleges prefer to postpone such competitive endeavors. Additionally, a school newspaper began publication with the very opening of school; student activities extended into the organization of clubs, social events, election of class officers, student government organization, cheerleaders, choosing school colors, nickname, and name of school paper. The Speech and Drama Club very effectively presented performances in the name of the College Players. In the field of music, there was the development toward a school band and choral groups. So, in the field of "firsts", Gainesville Junior College stands proudly.

To be representative of all the activities of the College, a Yearbook was planned with all phases of college life in mind; not only was the Yearbook planned in such a way that every facet of life at Gainesville Junior College would be exemplified, but in the selection of a name for the publication, very careful consideration was given. A title must embody all the qualities and facets of the publication itself. Accordingly, the Yearbook was given a title which implies depth, length, and breadth in the areas of academic, social, spiritual, moral, cultural, and athletic endeavors. Wistfully, the staff chose the name, and proudly we present our first Gainesville Junior College Yearbook—PAINTOM.
A glimmer of inspiration—
Caught by an intangible spirit
And secured in a mind;
Dreams materializing in an architect’s blueprint
A blueprint not merely for buildings;
A blueprint for a future.
A clod of earth split from the ground by a silver shovel—
An event witnessed by eminent dignitaries; by a smiling sun;
An event that lives in memories—
1966—the birth of a college, the year to remember.

Gov. Carl Sanders prepares to break ground at the site of Gainesville Junior College. With him are (l-r) John Lloyd, Lanier Tech director; James Peters, state board of education chairman; James A. Dunlap, board of regents chairman; and Dr. Hugh Mills, president of the junior college.
Girders and walls spring from the earth.
Steel and concrete gradually become buildings—
Building to comply with educational needs...
Buildings to house a college.
"The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future."

—Daniel B. Washington, D.C.

Historically, Hall County possesses a rich heritage in educational facilities. The Gainesville City Schools had its beginning in 1892 with the founding of Gainesville High School, and later, the surrounding Hall County Schools. Previously, Gainesville had witnessed the founding
of Brenau Academy and Brenau College; in the early 1900's it witnessed the founding of Riverside Military Academy.

Nineteen-hundred and sixty-six brings about another milestone in education. Because of the many hours spent, because of the dreams fulfilled, and because of increasing efforts made, Gainesville Junior College is in existence. The administration, the faculty, and the student body will long remember the transitional period the college experienced in its first existing hours.
An administration is selected—
Officials of integrity and high caliber . . .
Officials concerned with others.

A follower can be no better than his leader
The "leaders" of Gainesville Junior College are among the finest.
The "followers" are proud of their administration.
Thus . . . 1966 . . . a year to remember.
The first step...
The sea of unknown faces...
The hectic rush...
The "closed classes"...
I.D. cards without pictures...
"Which dean is supposed to sign which card?"
A bookstore of wall-to-wall tables...
The beginning of the year to remember.
We are such stuff as dreams are made on.

Shakespeare

The potential is innate.
The perfecting of a talent is acquired.
Young minds, young bodies
Seek a way of life . . .
a path to knowledge . . .
the fulfillment of a dream.
A time to meet, a time to mix . . .
A time to talk, a time to listen . . .
A time to study, a time to learn . . .
A time to work, a time to play . . .
A time to love, a time to live . . .
A time to remember.
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A MAN OF DEPTH!
BECAUSE . . .
he is dedicated to the task of teaching about lasting values . . .
he is always concerned about us and our problems . . .
he is a possessor of a dynamic personality which he shares
with one and all as a friend and adviser . . .
he is a reverent and gentle man, able to smile under all
circumstances . . .
he is enthusiastic and persevering in his challenging task
of leading in the development of an outstanding community college . . .
AND BECAUSE
he is the depthful spirit which procures from all who journey
with him a sense of teamwork and a burning desire to achieve,
we, the charter student body, humbly dedicate this FATHOM to

DR. HUGH M. MILLS, JR.
President, Gainesville Jr. College
ADMINISTRATION
GAINESVILLE-HALL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TASK FORCE

Hard work, planning, struggling, and decision making have characterized the contributions of the Gainesville-Hall County Educational Task Force. This dedicated group has represented the people of Gainesville and Hall County in their efforts to finance and build Gainesville Junior College. Faced with insufficient funds for campus development, the Task Force as a group and as individuals has done a miraculous job. The struggle is not over, but the people of this entire area and State should be exceedingly proud of these individuals who have already accomplished work far in excess of what should have been expected with the public money provided for this purpose.

Students and others who benefit from this institution's presence should be forever grateful to this capable group for its hard work in carrying out the voters' wishes. Gainesville Junior College is obligated to become a useful instrument for educational progress because of the efforts of the taxpayers whose wishes are being coordinated and executed by this Educational Task Force.

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Mr. James Mathis
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The DECA Club at Gainesville Junior College is a national youth organization with professional, civic, and social activities designed to help students develop those leadership traits and characteristics closely associated with success in business.

The club, which has as its motto "Developing future leaders for marketing and distribution", is joined by all Distributive Education Students. The members of the G. J. C. Chapter are also members of the Georgia State Association and National DECA Association.

Gainesville Junior College is the first new college in Georgia to have a DECA Chapter in its first year. The initial slate of officers are as follows:

In deep appreciation of Jim McManus... Photographers
"The First Year"

LAKER'S — OPPONENTS

South Georgia Tech
Columbus College
Berry "B"
West Georgia Frosh
Shorter Frosh
North Georgia Tech
North East State Jr. College
Oglethorpe Frosh
Georgia Frosh
North Georgia Tech
DeKalb College
Berry "B"
Gordon Military College
Shorter Frosh
Columbus College
Truett-McConnell
Gordon Military College
North East State Jr. College
South Georgia Tech
DeKalb College
Oglethorpe Frosh

Colors: Blue and Gold

Nickname: LAKERS
Al Westmoreland  Paul Bloodworth  Bobby Vaughan  Frank Martin
Henry Shaddix  "T-Bo" Taylor  Rikki Richardson  Captain  Ronnie Clark
Tommy Bryant  Eddie Miller  Skip Fuller  Moe Brooks  Butch Jones

The Lakers of "66" "67"
Al Westmoreland, Butch Jones, Eddie Miller, Skip Fuller, Frank Marin,
Anthony Barrett, Rikki Richardson, Lamar "T-Bo" Taylor, Tommy Bryant,
Marvin Brooks, Paul Bloodworth, Ronnie Clark, Henry Shaddix... Not
pictured Bobby Vaughan.

Coach James A. "Bubba" Ball.

Bobby Herring
Manager
James A. "Bubba" Ball—coach, athlete, and friend to all—graduated from Bessemer High School, Bessemer, Alabama, where he participated in football, baseball, basketball, tennis, and track.

He attended Howard College in Birmingham and graduated from Auburn University.

He has played professional baseball and has served as the player manager for a period of four years; he also has had professional basketball experience. During World II, he continued to participate in athletics and was a member of the famed Great Lakes basketball team.

During his fifteen years' tenure as coach, and then head coach, at Baker High School in Columbus, Georgia, he built championship teams in both football and basketball.

Mr. Ball is more than a coach; he has that professional quality that gives inspiration to his team members and a desire to win.

We at GJC are fortunate in having an athletic director and coach of Mr. Ball's caliber, knowing that as a result of his guidance and efforts, our expectations in athletic endeavors will be highly rewarded.
AKERS
The Charter Cheerleaders for the "Lakers" first basketball team were selected after two weeks of strenuous workout. They were selected by a panel of five judges. The judging was based on pep, personality, individual and team cheering and responsibility. These girls worked hard planning pep rallies and bonfires and cheering at games. Their main objective—to support the "Lakers" on to victory.

Both the Freshman and Sophomore classes are represented on the squad. Miss Barbara Landers serves as cheerleader sponsor.
HAVE
YOU
GOT
THAT
SPIRIT
Hats off to the spirit of GJC, Miss Barbara Landers. For a native of Wisconsin, she has turned “Georgia” all the way. Miss Landers attended North Georgia College, Florida State University, and the University of Georgia where she obtained both an M.S. and B.S. degree. She taught school for nine years: three years at Avondale High, one year at Florida State University, and five years at Briarcliff High. Her greatest assets are a love of young people and a devout enthusiasm for sports. From her you hear the familiar cry, “GO LAKERS!”

Miss Landers’s middle name is “enthusiasm.” Here at GJC she is sponsor of the newspaper, director of the intermurals, sponsor of the cheerleaders, and will coach an intercollegiate basketball and swimming team next year. She hopes to develop her first love, water sports, with the help of Lake Lanier and the college’s new Olympic-size swimming pool.
ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

HOW ABOUT BOWLING?

PING-PONG OR CARDS?
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Judy Hawkins
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This office in the Civic Center was the temporary setting for my third administrative quarters. It was a far cry from Room 503 at the Dixie Hunt Hotel. Yes, Gainesville Junior College started in a hotel, then moved to a wing of South Hall High School, but since the buildings were delayed, it was back to town and the Civic Center where we completed our first quarter.
A temporary gateway to knowledge, to friendship emerges into a permanent avenue to academic achievement.

A parking lot for outside social gatherings emerges into the Ginko court.
A laboratory in a junior high school emerges into completely supplied labs.

A Spanish class in a church building yields to a well-equipped lab for the individual student.
A wooden-frame house quartering the temporal library evolves into a spacious library facility.

A disheveled method of storage yields to a uniformed and organized arrangement.
Shared faculty offices in temporary facilities yield to individual private offices.

A borrowed gym for basketball games emerges into the GJC gym—a home for the Lakers.
This office in the Library-Administration Building is at the college's permanent site. The contents of unpacked boxes, a constant problem in the beginning, have been placed neatly on shelves. The formerly nomadic administrative and faculty offices are now stationary. The students have well-equipped rooms and modern facilities at their disposal. The transitional period is over. Yes, now we are home and ready to grow.

Dr. Hugh Mills
President
Epilogue

As the sands of time slide through an hour glass, so does time slide through our hands. A year at Gainesville Junior College has elapsed; yet, with its elapsing have remained memories.

The seemingly endless waiting period for moving into our own school was in reality three months. Although we were fortunate to hold temporary classes during this time in the First Baptist Church and the Civic Center, we did not feel the union that established student bodies possess. We not only attended borrowed classrooms, but also attended basketball games, plays, assemblies, dances in other places than our gym, our auditorium—our buildings. Time will smooth these conflicting situations; for now Gainesville Junior College is home. As the first year at Gainesville Junior College ends, we find that we are not only a part of GJC, but GJC is a part of us—it is our school.

Countless hours have passed in the preparation and the completion of the FATHOM. The cooperation received from staff members, faculty and administration, and you the student body made this edition possible. It is hoped that the FATHOM will be a token of a lasting collection of traditions, activities, friends for all at Gainesville Junior College.

Time may be measured by an hour glass, but the memories we collect at GJC can never be measured.