It's That Time: A Month for Women

by Jennifer L. Ponders

During the month of March we recognize women's accomplishments and the contributions they make toward the progress of our society and world.

On March 4, seven Gainesville College students made up a culturally diverse panel that informed GC and Lanier Tech faculty, students and the community on the current condition of women in their native countries.

Women's History Month began with a seminar titled Global Status of Women. The event was held in the Continuing Education Building.

To open the event, one of the panelist and moderator of this event, Monica Y. Plazarte, who is from Peru, made announcements about the events that will occur this month. One event is an art exhibition. The Multicultural Committee sponsors events related to Women's History Month.

Ingrid Bolton of Germany talked about how the status of women had changed for the better in the past 50 years. Women are now almost equal with men in terms of education and those in the workplace. Paragraph 1356 of the German Civil Code that defined housework as women's work was abolished in 1977. The government also provides an allowance of $350 month for a stay at home mom during the first two years of a baby's life.

Azra Cesko of Bosnia moved here two years ago. Con't on three.

The Antics of Romantics

by Brett Cook

The Gainesville Theatre Alliance's final show of the season is The Antics of Romantics, and it will run from April 13-25 at the Gainesville College Performing Arts Theatre.

At 6 p.m., March 30, in the GC Performing Arts Theatre there will be a behind the scenes tour of the stage. Admission is free and open to the public. In attendance will be Jeff Wirth guest improv artist and author of The Antics of Romantics. Some of the cast of the performance will also be on hand.

Jim Hammond, GTA Artistic Director, also invites the public to attend that evening's rehearsal, either as observer or as "spect-actors," participation being purely voluntary. The rehearsal will run from 7-10 p.m. Theater wing members will serve refreshments. Details about the stage tour: (770) 718-3624.

American Bar Association Approves Paralegal Program

Staff reports

The Gainesville College Paralegal Program is one of only three paralegal programs in the state of Georgia to receive the American Bar Association approval, and the first University System of Georgia institution to receive the approval.

To receive the ABA approval, the GC paralegal program had to be 100 percent compliant with the approximately 90 specific and stringent guidelines for legal assistants as required by the standing committee of the ABA.

"This is quite a feather in our cap," said GC Paralegal Program Director, Joan Marler. She went on to say, "Our graduates are now guaranteed transfer to other ABA approved institutions without loss of credit. Also, many firms prefer to hire paralegals who have graduated from an ABA approved institution."

The goal of the paralegal program is not only to teach students the practical application of legal theory, but to help improve their communication ability and organizational skills, while always being aware of the unauthorized practice of law prohibition. Local practicing lawyers serve as the instructors for the paralegal courses. The courses are skill oriented. Details about the GC Paralegal Program, call (770) 718-3760.
Editorials

Immorality Today ...

Tragedy Tomorrow
by Brett Cook

Here is a familiar question: What is wrong with kids today? It is not a difficult question to answer, but do we really want to know? The answer lies in the definition of one word morality. Is it just today's youth that seem to be less moral? I believe not, and it should be easy for anyone else to see that it can be traced all the way up to this nation's political leader. So it would seem reasonable to say that when a country's leaders and public figures are taking place in immoral acts that it can only effect the next generation in a negative way. So what do we do about it?

Here is one idea: Why not elect leaders that best represent the values and morals of what we as Americans hold sacred. I could be wrong, but I was under the impression that our nation's government should be expected to be stronger in morality than the majority of American citizens. They are our leaders, and in my opinion, they should well represent this country. This however, can fall back in the hands of the voter. We are responsible for electing this country's leaders, but it is unfortunate of how uninformed most voters are today. We elect leaders not really knowing what type of person they are and it seems that in some situations it comes back to haunt us.

I hope at the least we can all learn from our mistakes. Something good can come out of any situation if we have the ability to look for it. History does repeat itself and we should pay close attention to it. Time is a cycle; things go out of style and eventually come back. The downfall of most great countries, kingdoms, and empires started as a result of the people of their society losing strength in morals. Are we already on that road? Maybe not, but in my opinion, we are on the ramp attempting to take that route. As for tomorrow who knows? If we will continue down that freeway. We can only guess, but I am merely making a suggestion in the next election read between the lines before voting. Cast your vote not only considering party affiliation, but also on what beliefs the candidate possess that you hold close to your heart.

"So much work, so little time..." by Jennifer Rickett

Do you ever feel like your head is about to explode because of all the new information you've just learned in your classes? Do you ever feel like you just can't take anymore and then your teacher throws yet another assignment your way? Well, the truth of the matter is most of us have. Have you ever noticed that most of your teachers seem to think that you only have one class, and that class just happens to be theirs? Last semester, I personally ended up dropping one of my classes because of the workload. The teacher expected us to spend around 5-6 hours a week in a lab and still have time to study for the two quizzes per week, not to mention do our other class work. Why do they do that? They all assign homework and other various assignments like there's no tomorrow. I thought that when the semester system began, our lives as college students were supposed to get easier and less stressful. Evidently that's not the same idea that most of the teachers got, even though there are a few exceptions. During the quarter system, our lives as students seemed to flow a little bit better and didn't seem as cluttered with so many assignments that are all due on the same day.

I just can't take anymore. Yet, I know that if I drop out of school, I will have made the biggest mistake of my life. Its time for these teachers to realize just how much pressure they are putting on their students. Yes, I understand that college is supposed to be a time of sacrifice and devotion to learning, but this is pushing it. College is also supposed to be one of the best times of our lives, yet somehow it just doesn't seem that way right now. I guess when the quarter system was wiped out, so were the good times.

Scholarships available for Social Science Majors

Applications are now being accepted for several available Division of Social Science Scholarships. To qualify for one of these scholarships the student must have declared a major in one of the social sciences (i.e., sociology, psychology, social work, history, political science, anthropology, early childhood education*, middle school*, or secondary education in the social sciences). A minimum GPA of 3.3 and an SAT of 950 are also preferred. Interested students may pick up an application in the Social Science Division Office, room 164, ACAD II. The application deadline is April 9.

*Although not required for the education scholarship, consideration will be given to qualified applicants who are proficient in more than one language and/or have a declared interest in an area of education in which there is currently a demonstrated need for qualified personnel in the state of Georgia.
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High School Artists
by Jennifer L. Ponders

Currently the GC Art Gallery is the exhibition hall for the Ninth District Artistic Discovery Exhibit. This display will be up until March 24. The competition is initiated by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Honorable Nathan Deal is the Congressman for the Ninth District.

reception was sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company. On March 4, a reception was held to announce the winners and present the artwork. The opening was on June 1999. The Coca-Cola Company and the GC Foundation Trustees gathered in the tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol. This trip is scheduled for Washington D.C. with their high school art teacher and GC Art faculty member. The artwork will be displayed in the tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol. This trip is scheduled for June 1999. The Coca-Cola Company and the GC Foundation will provide the funding for this trip.

All high schools in the Ninth District were encouraged to enter four students. Then, at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, a reception was held to announce the winners and present the artwork. The opening reception was sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company.

A panel of judges chose winners from this group of artists. The grand-prize winner receives a trip to Washington D.C. with their high school art teacher and GC Art faculty member. The artwork will be displayed in the tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol. This trip is scheduled for June 1999. The Coca-Cola Company and the GC Foundation will provide the funding for this trip.

The winners are:

Grand Prize: Michelle Rheaven Dulcie, Cherokee High School, Pen and Ink- "Geometric Face"
Second place: Nathan Williams, Riverside Military Academy, Pastel- "Portrait of a Lady"
Third place: Jonathon Carrol, Riverside Military Academy, Pencil- "Peace at Mynd" (not pictured)
Fourth place: Nina Steigele, West Hall High School, Dye on Silk- "Sanctuary"
Fifth place: Catherine Carnet, North Hall High School, Lino-Block Print- "Luna"

Women's Month
She spoke very briefly about childcare. Children are not left in day care. The grandparents or the parents will take care of the children.

Darya Komova of Belarus talked about how women are interested in education and profession. Women go to college right after high school. Their priorities are the house, the family and their job. They also have no babysitters to care for their children. Women do not drive; they take the bus. She stated, "I feel more independent." She moved here over a year ago.

Aki Nakamura of Japan moved here three years ago and has experienced more freedoms than in Japan. In Japan, women are expected to be more modest, quiet, and they have more housework. The number of women in education has increased drastically.

Currently 50 percent of women are educated, 20 percent in her mother's generation, and five percent in her grandmother's generation. Arranged marriages are not very common anymore, but parents are still very strict concerning dating. Girls are not allowed to sleep with guys before they are married.

Johna Norman gave an overview of women's history in the United States. She said that women had to work for every ounce of education, jobs, and respect they have. Talish Monajjem moved to Brazil when she was three and then moved back here just recently. Women there are very hard working although they have very little skill or education. Yet, women make up 40 percent of the workforce.

Monica Piazarte, the moderator, was the seventh and final speaker of the day. She lived in Lima, Peru. It has a population of 24 million people and men make up 49.6 percent of the population. In Peru's Congress there are 80 men and only six women. Women are getting more involved in the politics. They say what they think, hold demonstrations, and women have voting rights.

The floor was open for questions. "What do you think should be improved in our worldwide society?" was one question. Bolton answered, "We should recognize what women can do," and Piazarte followed with, "We need to inform women that you can be what you want to be."

SIFE Consumer Tip
You can get a copy of your credit report when you are denied credit. In Georgia, you can get two free copies a year. To get a credit report, send a request to one of the three major credit bureaus along with your identification such as full name, date of birth, Social Security number, and your address. Here's one: Equifax, (770) 612-3200.
SIFE Prepares for Regional Exposition

The Gainesville College SIFE team is busy preparing to defend their Regional SIFE Championship title at the Coca Cola Atlanta regional Exposition at the Crown Plaza Ravinia on April 16, 1999. They will be presenting their annual report in competition against SIFE teams from around the Southeastern United States. The top teams selected will compete at the Hallmark SIFE International Exposition to be held May 16-19 1999. Some of the projects the GC SIFE team will be discussing in competition will be the make A Difference Day at White Sulphur, Junior Achievement classes, tutoring at South Hall Middle School, responsible credit awareness activities, Entrepreneurship Development workshops and the VITA tax workshop. These and several others will be part of the SIFE Team’s Multi-Media presentation. GC SIFE has won 14 regional and national awards since 1994. Wish us luck at the “Big Dance!”
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During this past fall semester the Student Government Association conducted a survey of some current events and issues. The results of the 1998-99 Student Survey are:

Daytime classes (430 students turned in surveys)
Traditional students (25 years or younger) — 395
Non-traditional students (older than 25) — 35
Female — 265
Male — 148

Have you adjusted to the semester transition?
Yes — 221
No — 106
Top reasons:
Length of semester, meeting every other day and more classes to be considered full time

Are you aware of the new smoking policy? (Having to use the pavilions)
Yes — 325
No — 64

Do you have health insurance?
Yes — 377
No — 68

Did you know the college has a student health insurance plan available?
Yes — 35
No — 408

Top events that students would like to participate in if available:
Skiing in Colorado, sand volleyball tournament, horseback riding, camping or hiking trip, and rafting trip

Top comments or concerns about student’s advisors:
My advisor is nice, well informed, and very helpful — 18
Unavailable or never in office — 9
Too busy to talk — 7
Semesters were new to them, wasn’t well informed — 4
Teachers were helpful when advisor was not available — 2

Nighttime classes (251 students turned in surveys)
Traditional students (25 years or younger) — 141
Non-traditional students (older than 25) — 110
Female — 176
Male — 75

Have you adjusted to the semester transition?
Yes — 151
No — 65
Top reasons:
Length of semester, length of classes, and classes starting at 5:30 is too early for those who work

Are you aware of the new smoking policy? (Having to use the pavilions)
Yes — 223
No — 27

Do you have health insurance?
Yes — 82
No — 30

Did you know the college has a student health insurance plan available?
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No — 224

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Spring Semester 1999 - Calendar of Events

March
24 - Spring Fling, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Outside the Student Center.

April
8 - Colloquium series: Jane Holtz-Kay, “Asphalt Nation,” 11 a.m.-noon, Continuing Education auditorium, Extended Orientation, 6:25-7:25 p.m.
14 - Field Day and Sand Volleyball Tournament
15 - Honors Day, in the Gym
22 - Reptile Discovery Program
27 - Pancake Study Break, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
28 - Farewell Picnic

Puzzle on page 4.
They conquered everything but death.

Fact: world rulers like Alexander the Great, Napoleon and Julius Caesar have all had one thing in common: they died. They're dead now. It makes one wonder if there's a rule that has conquered death... and a world leader who promises to someday rule the world through peace.

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Starting date is June 14.