GC Enrollment Tops 3,000

'Last Night of Ballyhoo' Opens GTA's 20th Year

By Kerrie Mathews
Staff Writer

This year the Gainesville Theatre Alliance is celebrating its 20-year anniversary, and GTA Artistic Director Jim Hammond says that longevity is a tribute to the diversity and uniqueness of Gainesville College.

"You won't find another place like it," said Hammond, who has been involved with GTA since the beginning and has watched it grow throughout its 20 years.

GTA's first production this season is the Broadway hit "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which runs October 5-17, at the Georgia Mountains Center on the Square in Gainesville. Hammond said the play was chosen because its mixture of comedy and drama was seen as a great way to start off this anniversary season.

The play was originally written to be performed at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta to commemorate the 1996 Olympic Games. The play was so successful that it was moved to Broadway where Joann Camp, a Gainesville College graduate, participated in the production. In 1997, the play received a Tony award. "The play is a celebration in accepting who you are," said Hammond. "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" takes place in Atlanta in 1936, focusing on a local Jewish family and the tension that they go through. The cast consists of seven members, two of whom are professionals, Lynne Ashe and Robin Hale. This will be more than 50 productions for Hale, who has played an important part in GTA's history. Ashe graduated from Gainesville College in 1982.

The Gainesville Theatre Alliance has received many awards and was recently ranked the number-one theater company in Georgia, beating out the $7 million Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. Hammond is looking forward to this year's productions. Auditions for February's production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" will be held the first few weeks of December. This year's production of "The Crucible" is set to commemorate GTA's first ever performance 20 years ago. For more information about auditions, set design, or technical support, contact Jim Hammond or Stewart Beaman in the Continuing Education Building.

GE ALUMNUS Robin Hale (R), as Uncle Rudolph, dances with Brenau University student Amy Cain, as Lala Levy, in Alfred Uhry's "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," directed by Ann Demling. The play runs through Oct. 17 at the Georgia Mountains Center Theatre on the Square in Gainesville. Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for senior citizens, and $8 for full-time students. Tickets are free to students, faculty, and staff for the performances on Oct. 12 and 13. A valid Gainesville College ID must be presented for free admission. A special audio-described performance is set for Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. (Photo by Michael Wood Associates)

Increase Brings Parking Crunch

By Victoria Clark
Staff Writer

For the first time since Gainesville College was founded in 1966, enrollment has exceeded 3,000. As of Aug. 30 enrollment had peaked at 3,036 students. That marks a 6.6% increase from the 1998-99 enrollment of 2,849, and a 5.6% increase from the 1997-98 enrollment of 2,875.

According to Dr. Susan Daniell, Registrar and Director of Admissions at GC, the enrollment increase cannot be attributed to any one factor. "It took a lot of dedicated people that joined together in a unified effort to accomplish the enrollment goal," she said.

With enrollment numbers increasing, some pressing issues have arisen for GC. Class availability, parking and security are three major concerns. "There are perhaps more issues than we are aware of," said Daniell. The one major problem that we are aware of is the lack of availability of classes for students when they would prefer to take them." Daniell suggested that pre-registration was the best way to avoid the scheduling dilemma.

The parking crunch is another issue raised by the higher enrollment figures. "It appears to me that parking is a small issue, but an issue nonetheless," said Daniell. While acknowledging that many non-designated parking spaces are currently being used around campus, Daniell suggested the problem would take care of itself. "Parking is an issue that has a way of working its problems out towards the middle of the semester," she said.

As for safety, Daniell said she was confident the increased numbers of students at GC would have little impact. "Gainesville College has always been a very safe place," she added.

New GC Dean Sees Ongoing Expansion

By Summer LaPann
Staff Writer

When asked where he believes Gainesville College will be five years from now, Dean Michael Stoy says enrollment at the college is sure to increase because "Atlanta is coming." Stoy, who has just begun his first semester as GC dean, adds that it may not be too long before GC students could obtain a Bachelor's degree at GC. Of course, these speculations are still "up in the air," Stoy said; in order to receive your Bachelor's degree the college would have to become a four-year institute, and that is not planned.

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DEAN MICHAEL STOY comes to GC from Albany.
Club Briefs

Ambassador Club Holds Retreat
The Ambassador Club held their get-to-know-each other retreat at Blairsville Heights on Fri., Sept. 17.

Baptist Student Union Visits Beach
The BSU took a Labor Day weekend trip to Panama City Beach.

College Republican Hears Barr
Stephanie Kitchen, founding member of the GC College Republicans, went to UGA to hear U.S. Representative Bob Barr speak. She also went to a training seminar lead by the area’s National College Republican field representative, Jason Shepard. Shepard also joined her on Sept. 1 for the Club Fair. On Sun., Sept. 19 she also attended a state meeting at Mercer University in Macon.

SGA Stages Millennium Madness
SGA held a trivia game called Millennium Madness on Sept. 8, a 9-ball tournament on Sept. 9, and a rock-wall climb on Sept. 15. The SGA plans to open the Cyber Cafe in the near future. The hours will be 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Film Production Club Forming
A Film Production Club is being started at Gainesville College, and anyone interested in participating should contact Jeff Buchino at jbu9474@mercury.gc.peachnet.edu.

Club Directory

Baptist Student Union
Contact: Tommy Johnson (tjoh1471@mercury)
Meetings: Tuesdays 11 a.m., Lanier A&B

Campus Crusade for Christ
Contact: Jessica Purvis (jpur480@mercury)
Meetings: Fridays 11 a.m., Lanier A&B

College Republicans
Contact: Stephanie Kitchen (skit3857@mercury)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Stage in Student Center

Cross-Cultural Connections
Contact: Ryan Terrel (wter3790@mercury)

English Club
Contact: Traci Avrett (l_avrett@yahoo.com)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Tom Saurel’s office, Room 171 ACAD II

Film Production Club
Contact: Jeff Buchino (jbu9474@mercury)

Latino Students Association
Contact: Claudia Monreal (cmmon6051@mercury)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Prep Office in Student Center

Math Club
Contact: B.J. Cooley (boco2496@mercury)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Room 138 ACAD III

Multicultural Association
Contact: Jamie Hunter (jhub5290@mercury)

Political Science Club
Contacts: Susan McFarland and Douglas Young
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Lanier A&B

Psychology
Contact: Daniel Henson (dhen7135@mercury)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Room 158 ACAD II

Student Georgia Association of Educators
Contact: Amber Jarrod (ajar3728@mercury)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Lanier C

Student Government Association
Contacts: Cody Guind (mgui9561@mercury) and Jeff Holt (jholt3492@mercury)

Students for Environmental Awareness
Contact: Dr. Chapman

Students in Free Enterprise
Contact: Stephanie Cox (stephacos@aol.com)
Meetings: Wednesdays 12 p.m., Room 186 ACAD II

New Political Clubs at GC

By Jennifer L. Ponders
Staff Writer

As politics becomes more popular, the need for education becomes more necessary. This year GC will be home to two new political clubs; the College Republicans and the Democrats/Republicans club.

The College Republicans is a branch of the national organization. Stephanie Kitchen, a GC student, has started this club locally. The club will meet on the stage in the Student Center. The meeting time will be Wed. at 12 noon. This club’s faculty sponsor is Dr. Douglas Young. The Democrats/Republicans club is a non-partisan club also sponsored by Young. Young was the sponsor of a similar club at Gordon College in Barnesville.

He believes that the purpose of political clubs is to increase student awareness about the government’s role in our lives. He wants to teach students how to get involved in the government process. He emphasizes voter registration, voting, working with campaigns, and writing letters to lawmakers and newspaper editors.

Young said he hopes the clubs’ activities will be student-decided and student-led, with his role only as a moderator. Young has ideas that stem from his time at Gordon College. Those are touring CNN, Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the Georgia State Penitentiary in Jackson, the State Capitol, and President Carter’s home in Plains. He would also like to visit the home of Senator Richard Russell in Winder.

In addition to trips, he will also encourage the students to invite speakers. He wants to invite Congressman Nathan Deal, and other state officials and politicians.

The Democrats/Republicans club will meet Wed. at 12 noon in Lanier C.

“You pay for what you get in democracy,” according to Young.

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Health Fair Scheduled in GC Gym

By Matt Crawford
Staff Writer

Not everyone has the time to make it to the doctor’s office all the time. So be sure to stop by the Gym on Oct. 20, when various organizations will be giving various kinds of physical exams.

Over 500 students will be helping chiropractors, hospitals, and eye clinics give exams, and the Health Department will be offering flu shots for $7 and pneumonia shots for $15.

There will be trained professionals on hand to check blood pressure, to screen for diabetes, and to answer other health-related questions.

Groups participating include Lanier Park Hospital, the March of Dimes, and the Gainesville Eye Clinic.

The American Red Cross will have a sign-up sheet for the blood drive here on Oct. 26.

RUN WITH IT: Max Callas makes the catch during recent play in the GC Intramural Program Flag Football League.

(Phot by Luke Bareis)

News Briefs

Smokers Reminded of GC Policy

The College administration has issued a reminder to on-campus smokers that GC policy limits smoking to the shelters designated as smoking areas. Tobacco products must be disposed of in the receptacles in the smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited as one crosses the campus.

10-week, 8-week Sessions Offered

Gainesville College’s new 10-week session for Fall Semester began Sept. 27, and an eight-week session begins Oct. 16. Students already registered for Fall may add these courses to their schedules at any point up through the first day of the session. New or former GC students must complete the admissions process and required testing prior to registering for courses. For further information, call the GC Admissions & Registrar’s Office at (770) 718-3641.

Summer 1999 Merit List Named

The following students were named to the GC Merit List for Summer 1999:


Villanueva Talk Highlights Hispanic Heritage Month

By Jay Ray
Staff Writer

In conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month, Dr. Henry E. Villanueva, Executive Director of Student Academic Services at California State University, Hayward, and a nationally recognized authority on Hispanic issues, will give a presentation at Gainesville College at noon on Oct. 6. Villanueva will also participate in a forum at 4 p.m. on that same day. Both events will take place in the auditorium of the Continuing Arts/Performing Arts Building.

“The I.D. of this country is changing,” said Lee Anzola, Coordinator of the Post-Secondary Readiness Enrichment Program and organizer of the GC Latino Student Association. Anzola pointed out that 14% of Hall County is now Latino.

Recently Villanueva, whose visit is sponsored jointly by Gainesville College and the Gainesville Times, has made presentations on “Insights on Working with Latinos” and “Moving the Latino Agenda Forward” to the National council on Race and Ethnicity in America. Also, he is recognized nationally for his attempt at enhancing the understanding of Hispanic relations.

Villanueva’s demonstration will focus on where Hispanics live and are predicted to move; how this will affect the United States socially as well as culturally; some tactics for working with the Hispanic population in society; and historical information on Hispanics/Latinos in the United States.

Dr. Martha Nesbitt, President of Gainesville College; Cindy M. McCurry-Ross, Executive Editor of the Times; and other Northeast Georgia business education leaders will participate in the forum. Religious leaders, health professionals, and officials from local schools are also expected to attend the forum. Both affairs are free and open to the community.
Blackened Seafood Stars at Up the Creek

By Michelle Rice
Staff Writer

Pull the handle of the canoe paddle, and you're inside the newest restaurant in Gainesville - Up The Creek Fish Camp and Southern Grill. A beautiful salt-water fish tank full of blue tang, clown fish and goby's greet little ones' delighted eyes, and a friendly hostess greets you, too. The decor is surrounded by fish memorabilia and gives one the feeling of being next to the ocean (or in our case, close to Lake Lanier).

This is the first restaurant of its kind, and it is the dream of owner Bill Palmer that there will be more to come. Palmer has lots of experience in the restaurant business, as he is the founding father of the first Applebee's restaurant. Palmer and Chef Buddy Chandler have put together a menu that is unique and exciting. Chandler's signature dishes are "authentic blackened," patterned after the world-renowned Chef Paul Prudhomme by using black cast iron skillets with real butter and Cajun spices. The skillets are heated up to a whopping 550 degrees to give the food a blackened, seared, crispy outside while sealing the juices inside.

Chandler is also proud to say that each entrée is dipped in fresh egg batter, then hand-breaded with his secret recipe as it is ordered - and not beforehand - because it will make the breading soggy. His original signature dishes are marked on the menu with a fish-hook symbol which means, "One taste and you're hooked! It's an absolutely original Up The Creek recipe. So don't even try findin' it elsewhere."

When we visited Up The Creek, we had four people in our party, given us ample opportunity to try a variety of the items on the menu. We started with some appetizers, averaging $3.99-$6.99. We had "Our Soon-to-be-Famous Fish Soup," Black Jack Quesadilla, Double Clam Chowder, and Stuffed Bobbers.

The fish soup was thick and spicy, full of fish, tomatoes, onions, celery, jalapenos, and secret ocean spices. (Warning: this is a hot dish, only for those who like spicy.) The clam chowder was chunky and cream-based, swimming with potatoes, scallops, and TWICE the clams.

The crowd pleaser was the queso adilla, a grilled flour tortilla with pepper jack cheese, blackened catfish, roasted corn and red pepper. It was served with a salsa created by Chandler that is not the traditional Tex-Mex, but more flavorful, with tomatoes, capers, corn, carrots and special spices.

My personal favorite was the Stuffed Bobbers: fresh whole jalapenos filled with crab, shrimp and cream cheese, breaded, fried and served with a spicy dipping sauce.

The lunch menu averages $3.99-$6.99. However, we were there for dinner, when entrées average $8.99-$12.99. The most popular entree is the Fish Camp Boil. It is a blackened skillet heaping full of shrimp, crab claws, catfish and sausage stewed with corn, carrots, potatoes and onions over fish camp rice, fried green tomatoes and hushpuppies. (You'll need a to-go bag with this one.)

The other side of the Up the Creek menu is the Southern grilled section. The Baby Back Rib was a full rack of ribs slowly cooked and so tender the meat just fell off the bone. It is served with lots of the secret BBQ sauce, baked beans, a Southern biscuit and french fries.

Shrimp and Crab Claws Scampi includes lots of fresh shrimp and crab claws sautéed in herbed garlic butter with mushrooms and diced tomatoes, tossed with linguine pasta and shredded parmesan cheese. (The presentation was eye-popping.)

My personal favorite was the Low Country Shrimp Cakes. The cakes were made from lots and lots of fresh shrimp mixed with herbs, corn and red pepper, pan-fried in a blackened skillet, drizzled with spicy remoulade sauce with Up the Creek salsa, fish camp rice, incredibly delicious fried green tomatoes and hushpuppies.

Our group agreed that the food was plentiful, the presentation excellent, and the service impeccable. Up the Creek is casual dining with a fine-dining flare but without a fine-dining price.

By Jessica Malcom
Staff Writer

Gainesville College is able to boast a lot of talent walking the campus each day, but it is not just the students who hold claim to these gifts. Two of our own faculty members, Anne Bessac and Stacy Koffman, will display their work in the Gainesville College Art Gallery this month. Bessac's and Koffman's paintings, prints, and computer-generated art hit the gallery Sept. 20, and the exhibit will run through Oct. 29. An opening reception and gallery talk was given by both on Sept. 22.

Koffman's works are large acrylic paintings. She describes her works as being "abstract ... a personal expression of [herself]." She encourages viewers to make their own interpretations of her art. After all, says Koffman, abstract is defined as "extracting the essence of an idea."

Bessac says she has been showing her work for 20 years now, and feels that doing exhibits is part of the artistic process. She said she couldn't encourage her students to show their work if she never showed hers.

For years she painted with oil, but in the last three years she has been doing printmaking, which is what she will have on exhibit in this show. She said she enjoys the process in printmaking "It's like cooking," she said, "but you don't get fat."

Her works are both representational and abstract.

Art is beautiful in any form, because it comes from directly inside a person. Everyone is encouraged to attend the show and see what Koffman and Bessac have to offer.

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**Fall '99 Calendar of Events**

Through Oct. 29: Anne Bessac and Stacy Koffman, both of the Gainesville College Art faculty, exhibit their works of painting, printmaking, and computer-generated art.


Oct. 6: Baseball Blast. Outside Student Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Game, hot dogs, and popcorn.


**'KEEPING THE BALANCE OF THE HOLE'** Gainesville College Art faculty members Stacy Koffman (painting above) and Anne Bessac exhibit their work through Oct. 29 in the GC Art Gallery. (Photo by Stacy Koffman)

Oct. 12: Zap Attack Laser Tag. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. See Student Activities for further information.

Oct. 13: On the Healthy Side. Student Center, 6:30-8 p.m.


Oct. 20: Health Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.


Oct. 15: Deadline for reservations for ski trip to Breckinridge. Trip is Jan. 3-9, 2000; $200 deposit due to reserve space. See Student Activities for further information.

Oct. 29: GC Halloween Carnival. Gymnasium, 11 a.m.

Nov. 8: GC Colloquium Series presents Kenneth Rosen, poet. Continuing Education Center, Rm. 108, 11 a.m.


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safe and secure place to be," she said. "If you ever have any car trouble from batteries to keys, GC has wonderful security officers. If you are in doubt of anything, please bring it to our attention."

The higher enrollment figures are not a result of the lowering of academic standards, Daniell said. All of 15 two-year colleges in Georgia must meet Georgia's Board of Regents standards, and Daniell said that GC has retained its own standards. "Gainesville College has not lowered its standards," she said. "We have actually very gradually been increasing them. GC has always had higher standards."

Daniell said the make-up of the student body remains a significant issue. "We are always hoping for an increase in minority enrollment," she said, "and each year that it increases we are pleased." This year, minority enrollment is 9%. In terms of gender, this year at GC 58% of the student population is female.

Daniell said she is pleased by the upward trend in GC enrollment. "The personnel is very excited to see the growth throughout this college. We would like to shoot for at least a 2% enrollment growth each year," she said.
GC Students Don't Fit Media Stereotype

With seemingly endless press reports of illegitimate births, crimes, declining test scores, etc., too bleak a portrait is painted of American youth. Because it’s so unfair to broad-brush an entire group with such a litany of depressing clichés, I’d like to do my part in redressing this imbalance.

As a professor at Gainesville College, I’m privileged to teach scores of young role models, and Gainesville isn’t some elitist private school. Indeed, I’m so proud that much of our enrollment boasts first-generation college students. Truly, our school is making a tremendous difference in people’s lives. Far from waiting on some Sugar Daddy to pay their bills, I see my students energetically working as many hours as their studies permit. That so many of their jobs are relatively low-status, minimum-wage positions should earn them even more respect.

Quite a few students’ schedules are stretched incredibly thin not only due to classes, studying, and work, but also to make time for a spouse and children. How admirable that several are in their mid-20s or older, determined to broaden their horizons, better their careers and provide more for their families by going back to school. Unfortunately, sometimes a spouse feels threatened by their getting a college degree and isn’t supportive. Other students are divorced and suddenly in need of more education to provide for their dependents. Such courage in the face of hardship demonstrates real character.

But all the pressures of school, jobs, family, leaving home, and/or the pains of adolescence are not what’s remarked good cheer. Indeed, my classes are brimming with students eager to learn and contribute to class discussion. They are at Gainesville College because they want to be and due to their own sacrifices. They have earned the right to be here. Contrary to public perceptions, I see young people responsibly exercising delayed gratification every day.

Any doubts about their studiousness are dispelled by spotting them in the library the first week of the semester or their coming by my office early to discuss a course. I see far more respect for authority and traditional virtues like hard work among this generation than among my own college peers in the early 1980s. That some students also make time to serve in the army reserves is just one manifestation of their open patriotism. A university buddy of mine wouldn’t even wear his ROTC uniform for fear of campus rebuke.

This generation is also superior to mine (I’m 37) regarding alcohol and illegal drugs. When I was their age, I rarely knew anyone who didn’t drink and smoke dope. But recent statistics reveal today’s youth are much more clean and sober.

This new generation is also better at taking people as individuals and not succumbing to easy destructive stereotypes. I see many more inter-racial friendships at Gainesville College than at other places I’ve worked, and I’m spoiled by the relaxed atmosphere in free-wheeling class discussions of controversial political issues. This crowd is much more frank and open about such matters than my classmates were.

With all the frightening news stories (not least how the young may pay through the nose for our national debt), I’m amazed at how realistic and enthusiastic these students are. It gives me genuine hope to experience the energy and commitment of these youthful citizens to improving our country and planet.

Like all their forebears, today’s youth have their faults. But despite the often unrelentingly pessimistic press coverage accorded them, they sport scores of unsung inspirational success stories not on the evening news. So next time you digest another sad report about young folk, chase it down with your knowledge of all the determined twentysomethings putting themselves through college in the face of often difficult circumstances and appreciate that life is a lot more complex and far less devoid of hope than some media elites want you to believe.

Teach Both Sides in Evolution Debate

By Jennifer L. Ponders
Staff Writer

A decision made on Aug. 12 added fire to an already heated debate. This was the day that the Kansas Board of Education decided unanimously to remove any question about evolution from standardized tests. However, this does not prevent a teacher from mentioning evolution in class.

Why has there been such a long debate about the teaching of evolution and creation in schools? People are afraid of what they do not know about or understand. If you ask someone why he or she does not believe something, you will inevitably hear the response “I just don’t!” or “I wasn’t brought up believing that.” That is why education is the key. Today’s students need to be equipped to make their own decisions.

Students need to be taught about both disciplines of evolution and creationism. According to Phillip E. Johnson, in his book “Darwin on Trial,” in 1981 the State legislature of Louisiana passed a law requiring that if “evolution-science” is taught in public schools, the schools must also teach “creation-science.”

The teaching of evolution is very important to the educational process. Evolution, however, should not be taught as a fact because it has never been proven. It is a belief or theory. The same is true for creationism. It should be taught as a theory.

By allowing creationism to be taught we are not ignoring the First Amendment. Teachers can teach creationism without being an advocate of this belief.

The more information our students are provided with, the better-equipped they will be to make informed decisions. By having “facts” in hand about both creationism and evolution, they will be able to make meaningful arguments. They will also be able to make a judgment about their beliefs based on information they have acquired - not on what someone else tells them is right.
**New Faculty, Staff Arrive at GC**

The following personnel are new hires at Gainesville College for 1999:

**Tammy Bookover:** Child Care Solutions, Data Management

**Richard Browning:** Plant Operations, Custodian. Before joining the GC staff, Mr. Browning held various positions in the Gainesville-Hall County area.

**Terrie Buckner:** Childcare Solutions, Project Director. BS in Management from Shorter College; MED in Adult Education/ Human Resources from the University of Georgia. Before coming to GC, Buckner was Corporate Director of Training and Development for LaPetite Academy in Overland Park, K.S. She is currently completing the final coursework for an EdD in Adult Learning and Occupational Studies at UGa. She and her husband, Jerry, have three children, Jason, Jeff, and Tyler.

**Dan Cabaniss:** Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Assistant Professor of English and Journalism. MA in English from UGa and BA in English from Harvard University. Before joining the GC faculty, Cabaniss was Intern and British Fellow in the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Shaye Gambril, have one daughter, Sarah. He enjoys gardening.

**Marietta Carlisi:** Library, Circulation Librarian.

**Kiel Carter:** Plant Operations, Groundskeeper. He worked in the home healthcare field before coming to GC. Carter and his wife, Tina, have two children, Tamara and Blake. His hobbies and special interests include watersports, camping and tennis.

**Ron Clay:** Natural Sciences, Physical Education and Technology Division, Assistant Professor of Biology. (See story, next edition of The Compass.)

**Charles L. Crey:** Plant Operations, Groundskeeper. Before joining the GC staff, Crey was a Sales Manager with Flower’s Baking Company and retired from the company with 36 years of service. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children, Wayne and Trace, and four grandchildren.

**Verlin Curry:** Plant Operations, Custodian. Before joining the GC staff, Curry was with Crystal Farms. She and her husband, Oscar, have two children, Undre Cia and Oscar II. She enjoys gardening and working on her house.

**Holly Davis:** Child Care Solutions, Data Management.

**Bunderali “Boone” Suto Dunham:** Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Assistant Professor of Spanish. MA from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Before joining the GC faculty, she taught as an adjunct faculty member at Kennesaw State University. Dunham and her husband, Adam, have four children, Jessika, Kristen, Ryan and Austin. She considers herself to be a part-time artist and paints furniture and murals. Other interests include reading, writing and traveling.

**Paul Fox:** Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Instructor of English. BA at Jesus College, Oxford, in English Literature and Language; MA in English at UGA. Fox is currently completing his PhD at UGA. He enjoys contemporary British music, reading and chess.

**Jerry Graveaman:** Mathematics and Computer Technology Division, Department, Instructor of Math and Computer Science. BS, MS and MA, all in mathematics from Auburn University. Before coming to GC, Graveaman was a part-time instructor and graduate student at Auburn University. His hobbies include tennis and racquetball.

**Kimberly M. Griffl:** PACE Center, Coordinator of Career Counseling and Job Placement. BFA in Public Relations from Valdosta State University; MA in Psychology from Clark Atlanta University. Griffin worked in the Career Planning and Placement Department at Clark Atlanta University before coming to GC. She and her husband, Terrence, have one daughter, Dallas. Her hobbies and special interests include planning events, traveling, shopping and spending time with her family.

**Amy Ivester:** ACTT Center, Instructional Lab Assistant in Computing and Business. AA from GC in Business Administration; BA from North Georgia College and State University in Accounting. This is Ivester’s first “real” job since graduating from NGC&SU. She and her fiancé, Eric, plan to be married in May 2001.

**Carol S. Jones:** Advising Center, Staff Assistant; AA from GC. Jones retired from BellSouth with 33 years of service before coming to GC. She has two children, Rob and Wes. She enjoys reading and gardening.

**Sara Looney:** PACE center, Receptionist. BA from MacFarland: Social Science Division, Instructor of Political Science. PhD from the University of Oklahoma. Before joining the GC faculty, MacFarland taught at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. Her hobbies and special interests include reading and gardening.

**Martin O. Mote:** ACTT Center, Lab Assistant in Math & Computer Science. BS in Computer Science from Armstrong Atlantic University. He is married to Melissa V. Mote. This is his first position since college graduation. Computers are also his special interests.

**Paul Murray:** Mathematics and Computer Science Department, Instructor of Computer Information Systems. MS from the State University of New York Institute of Technology.

**Tony R. Phillips:** Plant Operations, Custodian. Phillips has one son, Clay. He was a machine operator for 16 years before coming to GC. He enjoys camping.

**Carol Riley:** Natural Sciences, Physical Education and Technology Division, Instructor of Biology. MS from Colorado State University. Before coming to GC, she worked at Colorado State University in Fort Collins teaching and working on her PhD in Ecology. She has two children, Emma and Ethan. Her hobbies and special interests include horses and hiking.

**Andrew Santsater:** Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Assistant Professor of Music. BA and MA from Indiana University; DMA from UGA.

**Bettie Singsafield:** Student Activities Office, Staff Assistant. BS in Social and Rehabilitation Service from the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition to working at GC, Singsafield also works as a part-time Media Clerk at Flowery Branch Elementary School. She and her husband, Steve, have two children, Chris and John. She enjoys watching and supporting her sons’ sports teams, exercise walking, tennis, bicycling, reading, cooking and baking.

**Ray-Lynn Snowden:** Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Assistant Professor of Speech Communication. BA from Florence State University; MA from the University of Memphis; Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law; ABD on PhD from University of Southern Mississippi. Snowden has been teaching communications courses at the college/university level since 1984. An avid tennis player, she also raises, trains, and exhibits AKC show dogs; collects art and rare books; and is interested in Alternative Dispute/Conflict resolution.

**Michael Stey:** Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. (See story, Page 1)

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SORBA Ready to 'Rumble'

By Kerry Banks
Staff Writer

Do you like fresh air, trees, and exercise? Are you interested in mountain biking? If your answer to these questions is yes, then maybe Gainesville College has just the thing for you: the Southern Off Road Bicycling Association, or SORBA. Gainesville College is the regional headquarters for the hottest mountain biking club in the southeast. SORBA has a full calendar of events that include everything from trail-work parties to prize-winning races.

On Oct. 16 SORBA is holding the Tumbling Creek Mountain Bike Rumble III here on the Gainesville campus. It is going to be the only event of this magnitude for the fall '99 season, so if you ride a bike it would be a shame to miss this one. Sponsors from all over the region will be here demonstrating products, handing out literature, and talking to the general public about the sport. The festival begins at 8 a.m. and runs through 6 p.m. Races will be held all day, with categories for persons of different ages and gender. Oct. 14-15 will be the days of preparation for the event.

It doesn't matter if you are a professional or just a beginner, all are welcome. If you are interested in SORBA and would like to join or just lend a hand, please contact Tom Sauet in Academic II. SORBA is always looking for new faces, so come and join! It's fun, it's exercise, and you make a lot of new friends. See you on the trail!

WHACK: Robert Bishop (L) blocks Michael Mocny's shot during a recent volleyball match. (Photo by Pamela Duez)

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By Matt Crawford
Staff Writer

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Intramural Programs Swing Into High Gear

By Nicky Willis
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The intramural program at Gainesville College is in full swing. The intramural program is a program of sports that offers students, faculty, and staff a time to relax, have fun and meet new people.

There are many sports offered in the intramural program at Gainesville College, including flag football, co-ed volleyball, basketball, tennis, bowling, golf, softball, and fishing. If you do not see an event you enjoy, or want to play another sport, contact Coach Jimmy Kirkland. He will try to accommodate your wishes if possible.

To be eligible to play intramurals at Gainesville, you must be a currently enrolled student or faculty/staff member. You must also sign a waiver form that is good as long as you attend Gainesville College. This must be signed before you may participate.

You are welcome to join at any time for any sport. Information and dates of intramural events are located on bulletin boards located in the Student Center and in the gym.

There is also a need for referees for all sports. The pay is $5 an hour, and if you are interested please see Kirkland. Play any time that participants are available, but most events are conducted beginning at noon.

Awards are given in each event. For individual sports winners the prize is a trophy, and for group events the award is a T-shirt.

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any event, contact Kirkland in Room 139 of the Fitness Center or at (770) 718-3687.

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How High Can You Go?: Jaro Tweedy climbs a simulated rock wall recently during an exhibition of climbing outside the Student Center. (Photo by Luke Bareis)