Group Proposes GC Student Housing

75 Four-Bedroom Units Would Rent for $300 per Room

By Jeannie McElroy
Staff Writer

An Atlanta-based development group has received strong support from Gainesville College officials for its proposal to build a 300-unit student apartment complex on private property adjacent to Lanier Tech.

The development group, composed of Hartsfield Builders, Jebo, and Gateway Capital, is awaiting approval from the city of Oakwood. Once approved, construction could start within 60 days, with a projected completion date as early as fall 2000.

According to Gary McElvee, President of Hartsfield Builders, and Gateways' Bob Howington, the proposal has received strong support from the Gainesville College administration, the Gainesville City School System, and the Lanier Tech faculty.

The complex will provide 75 units with 4 bedrooms per unit. Each bedroom will rent separately for around $300 per month and have a separate lockable door opening onto a shared living area and kitchen.

The complex will also provide plenty of secured parking, McElvee said. Apartments will be equipped with dedicated hookups to the Gainesville College computer system, he said; students will access the GC system via a regular phone line through the local phone company. Other utilities will likely be included in rent, McElvee said.

Hartsfield Builders and Jebo have received full financial backing from Gateway Capital Finance of Atlanta. They are waiting on the approval of the city of Oakwood to start construction. The only hurdle left to clear, McElvee said, is acquiring sufficient sewage capacity from the city for 75 units.

Gainesville College is actively supporting Hartsfield, Jebo, and Gateway in this project. "The College administration feels this could be very beneficial for our students," said Howington. "Apartments at the College would most immediately benefit students who commute long distances, he said, since they would spend less time driving and more time participating in school activities, and it would benefit the school overall by bringing in more top students and enhancing the sense of community."

Road Plan Raises Safety, Noise Concerns on Campus

By Jay Ray
Staff Writer

Gainesville College officials are warning that a state Department of Transportation plan to relieve traffic congestion on I-985 will create safety problems and noise pollution on the College campus.

Under the DOT plan, the front entrance of the College will be relocated and the land under the GC entrance will be purchased by the state. The plans are associated with an ongoing two-year, $48 million project to relieve I-985 backup traffic.

According to Terri Pope, Department of Transportation District Communications Specialist, the draft for the plan to move the front entrance includes a new four-lane divided road that connects Atlanta Highway with Mundy Mill Road. The new four-lane road will connect with Mundy Mill at Taco Bell and with Atlanta Highway an eighth of a mile south of the current entrance.

A two-lane road crossing the new four-lane will intersect Gainesville College's main entrance road and connect with the road between the new Science Building and Lanier Tech, creating a major new four-way intersection, Pope said.

According to Pope, DOT believes that the development will make it safer for students traveling to the Gainesville College campus and relieve I-985 congestion.

Bob Howington, Gainesville College Vice President for Business and Finance, said he was dissatisfied with the current draft of the relocation of the new entrance. "It

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Kitchens Wins, Bridger Tops Ray in SGA Election

By Ken Abbott
Staff Writer

Stephanie Kitchens was elected without opposition as President of the 2000-01 Gainesville College Student Government Association in voting Wednesday, April 12.

In voting for SGA Vice President, Paul Bridger defeated Jay Ray. Also due to occur is the appointment of a new Service Issues Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, both of whom are appointed by the President and Vice President following the election. All GC students are eligible for the positions.

Prior to the election, Michelle S. Brown, advisor to the Student Government Association, had said she was confident that any of the students running for office could fulfill their obligations as SGA officials.

"I feel good about any of those candidates," she said. "All three of these are responsible and willing to learn in the process."

Campaigning for the Student Government Association elections had begun on April 5. Precise figures on the number of ballots cast in the election and the margin by which Bridger defeated Ray in the voting for Vice President were not made available to The Compass.

After 25 Years, Newberry Retiring

By Jennifer Ponders
Staff Writer

This May is an ending and a beginning in the life of an esteemed Gainesville College teacher, Mrs. Margaret Newberry, who has cultivated students here for the past 25 years.

The native of Eastman, Ga., which is about 55 miles south of Macon, received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Science in Education at the University of Georgia. She started her career in Richmond County at Southside Elementary, teaching American History to 8th- and 9th-grade students. She then taught history to 8th- and 9th-graders in the Gainesville City school system.

She started at Gainesville College as a part-time Developmental Studies reading teacher. After teaching reading for two years, she applied for a full-time position. She then went to North Georgia College to complete graduate work in reading to be qualified for the position.

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Club Briefs

Physics Club Sponsors Field Hockey

The Physics Club’s Electric Field Hockey competition began on Feb. 28 and ran through April. Cash prizes of $25, $15, and $10 were awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers. Jose Jesus Martin won first, Elie Vivian was second and Qixing Zheng received third place. On March 17, the club toured the Fennbank Museum. On April 5, the Physics Club attended the lecture of Michael Ariyah at UGA. He discussed physics, geometry, and space. The lecture began at 4 p.m. Also, on April 14 the club went on a tour of Lucent Technologies.

Political Club Visits State Capitol

The Democrats/Republicans Club visited the State Capitol on March 8. They spent the afternoon attending floor debates in the House and the Senate. They also met Governor Roy E. Barnes.

International Math Topic of Meeting

On March 15, the Math Club had students and teachers speak on math that they had learned in other countries. The main focus was on the differences in how math is taught in other places. Jerry Graveman will speak on Design Theory on April 12 in Room 138 of ACAD III. Also, the third and final Math League Test will be held on April 15.

BSU Raises Money for Scholars

The Baptist Student Union held a car wash on March 25. The club raised approximately $220 for the Battle of the Clubs. The Battle of the Clubs is the Student Government Association’s fund raiser for Summer Scholars.

SGA Prepares for Spring Flying

The Student Government Association sponsored the Spring Flying on April 5. It lasted from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The activities included air volleyball, super soaker war, air brush tattoos, cow plop, and free food.

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SEA Celebrates Earth Day

By Jennifer Ponders
Staff Writer

Global warming, alternative energy methods, and technology are pressing topics for the Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA). The SEA is an organization that promotes student concern for the future of our environment. "It is a self-educating club," according to SEA's president Jason Kendrick. "It puts the environmental problems in student's hands."

The club teaches the effects that each one of us has on our environment. It also gives everyone a chance to see that they can make a difference.

The most recent event was held on March 11. The SEA members, along with Katherine Baer and The Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeepers, participated in a bank restoration along the Suwanee River.

The 12 active members are also preparing for the month of April. There will be many events and many opportunities for anyone to get involved. The first event will be on April 2. The SEA, along with the Georgia Runners, is hosting the Second Annual Run In the Jungle 5K. The club is looking forward to having between 300 and 500 runners in the event. All participants will receive a T-shirt and there will be awards for first, second, and third place finishers. The participants will be broken into five year age brackets and those will be the ones competing against one another.

Kendrick is also planning on the SEA attending the Earth Festival that is scheduled for April 7. "It is a way to raise interest in Earth Day," according to Kendrick. It will be held in Atlanta at Centennial Park. Environmental organizations from all over Georgia will be in attendance. They will display booths, answer questions and talk to people who come through on that day.

Another event scheduled is the Earth Day Celebration on April 12. The SEA will be giving away tree saplings for planting. Currently, the club is planning on Friends of the Park of Gainesville Georgia, The Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeepers, and Katherine Baer at the Earth Day Celebration. They will inform Gainesville College students on environmental concerns, and how they can get involved in the welfare of our earth.

Kendrick believes that Earth Day and conserving the earth are very important and that is the main purpose behind the SEA. The club allows students to learn about environmental concerns, voice opinions, and figure out how they can save our resources. Finally, "It is up to students to make decisions regarding the environment," relays Kendrick.
SGEA Promotes Reading Program

By Jennifer Ponders
Staff Writer

“Happy Birthday to You” is usually sung to living people. But on March 2, nearly 150 Oakwood Elementary after-school students sang the Birthday Song in honor of the late author of “Green Eggs and Ham,” “The Cat in the Hat,” and “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish.”

The students gathered in the school’s cafeteria at 2:30 and had chips, punch and cake. One of the two cakes read, “Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss.”

Gainesville College’s Student Georgia Association of Educators (SGAE) was highly involved in the nationwide event called Read Across America. The SGAE had been collecting books, and donations to buy books for the past few months. The club received 223 books and $50 in donation. The donated money was used to purchase additional books for the students at Oakwood Elementary.

SGAE President Amanda Montgomery was one of the members present at Read Across America. She fully supports events like this one. “It promotes reading. Literacy is very important in school and in life.”

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Jeannie McElroy
Staff Writer

The Gainesville College ACTT Center and library are trying out a new weekend schedule for summer.

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Hikes to be Held in Chicopee Woods

A series of hikes through Elachee’s Chicopee Woods will celebrate Earth Day on Sat., April 22, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Hikes range in length from a half-mile to 6 miles. Hikes pass through woods filled with flowers, and along the banks of several streams. Registration is $6 for ages 3-11, and $8 for 12 and over. The first 175 hikers to register will receive a Celebrate Earth Day T-shirt. An information fair and hands-on environmental activities will also be held.

Blood Drive Comes Up Short of Goal

The American Red Cross held a blood drive on March 1 in the gym at Gainesville College. Eighty-one pints were donated during the six-hour drive, four pints short of the goal of 85. “I did it to save a life,” said Gainesville College student Diana Pettrey while giving. She was quickly corrected by a nearby nurse, who said, “You can save three lives.”

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**Bombing Described In Colloquium Speech**

By Jennifer Westmoreland

Author Melissa Fay Greene spoke to Gainesville College faculty and students on March 14 about her most recent nonfiction book, "The Temple Bombing." The speech was the last in the Colloquium series of speeches at the College this year.

"The Temple Bombing" portrays the hate-bombing of the Atlanta synagogue in 1958. Greene gave a vivid description of the attack—"not only the physical destruction, but the destruction within Atlanta's Jewish community as well." While enlightening and entertaining, Greene's lecture was filled with educational stories about the history of segregation in Atlanta. Not only did she speak about segregation within the Jewish community, but she also took time to speak about segregation within the African-American community as well.

Greene's desire to write about the temple bombing was fueled by the fact that her husband is currently a defense attorney working with the law firm that defended those accused of the bombing. Ironically, the five suspects in the bombing still live in Atlanta, and Greene was able to talk with the most notorious of the five.

**Women’s History Contest Winners**

By Jeannie McElroy

Tina Wright won first place in the Gainesville College Women's History Month contest held in March.

The Women's History contest was one of many activities featured during the monthlong celebration of Women's History Month. Other activities included a library display, art gallery exhibit, and artist's reception.

Ten displays were set up around campus for the contest. Each display featured women who have made significant contributions in a variety of areas of study, including math, science, literature and art. Students were asked to visit each display and answer a quiz for the contest. Other winners of the contest were Qixing Zheng, second place; Amanda Gaddis, third place; Jesse Christian, fourth place; Diane Wilson, fifth place; Jennifer Gilliam, sixth place; and Pam Slappey, seventh place. Prizes of mugs, magazines or posters were awarded to the contest winners.

Much effort was put into the organization of these events. Dr. Penny Mills, part of the Special Recognition Activities Committee, spoke highly of the contest. "We had very active participation in the contest," she said. "A good turn-out means success."

Members of the committee were Penny Mills, Ellen Rehak, Amy Reeder, Beth Sinquefield and Stacy Koffman.

**GC Students Attend Honors Conference**

By Shana Stevers

Special to the Compass

Several students from Gainesville College were recently invited to attend the seventeenth annual Georgia Collegiate Honor's Conference.

This year's conference was held on the Georgia State and College University campus in Milledgeville, Georgia. The three students, Matthew Pritchett, Ryan English, and Shana Stevers, were also honored with the privilege of doing one of the student presentations for the conference.

The group used this opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of the experimental nature of their English 1104 class, taught by Dr. Patricia Worrall. Students and professors from colleges throughout Georgia observed their panel discussion and were very interested in the TechJNC and WebX programs that were used in their English course.

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Her years at Gainesville, which began in 1976, have been memorable. She was awarded the Teacher of the Year in both 1987 and 1992. She was also the first faculty advisor of the Baptist Student Union. Yet, for her, the students have been most important.

"They have probably taught me more than I have taught them," stated Newberry. "The first thing that I learned when I started teaching was that I came from a family background that had shielded me from the reality of what was out there."

Newberry finds joy in watching her students mature. She also loves to hear a current student say, "You taught my mom, dad, or sibling."

Wendy Etris took Newberry in Fall 1999 for American History 2112. Etris said, "I have never enjoyed history until I took Mrs. Newberry. I always looked forward to attending her class because she brought history to life by teaching it like a story." Wendy Etris' mother also had Newberry for history. Bonnie Etris (formerly Flanagan) said, "I had Mrs. Newberry in the late 1960s at South Hall Middle School. She never appeared to have a bad day and always made history class interesting and fun."

Dr. Cathy Fuller, former Dean of Gainesville College, said that Newberry was well prepared for her classes and that she was a great teacher in both reading and history. Fuller recalled, "I never walked into her office when it was unorganized, adding that an organized office is "indicative of an organized mind." Fuller also said that Newberry "sparkles, has an infectious laugh and is able to involve her students in her class." The key is that she really cares about her students.

Newberry does not see herself as a born teacher. Yet, "It was the best profession for me," she said.

She never thought that she would be retiring after 30 years. In fact, when she first started teaching she told her husband, "I am only going to teach for 15 years and then I am going to quit. I don't want to be one of those teachers that dies in the classroom." She also hated the thought of being called "that old teacher."

She was inspired by a history teacher her 12th-grade year. "She was a lady that made you love history because she loved it so much. I looked forward to going to her class. She made history come alive." For many years, Newberry has done the same for her students.
Nesbitt Cites Technology, Community in GC’s Rise

By Ken Abbott
Staff Writer

On Feb. 23, Gainesville College President Dr. Martha Nesbitt spoke to a small group of students concerning plans for the college’s future. Citing Gainesville College’s rise in prominence over the last five years, she claims that this is a result of Gainesville College’s focus on technology, such as computer registration and the GALILEO system, and the college’s somewhat unique mission statement.

“Part of our mission—that is not prominent in other colleges—is to consider the cornerstone of access,” stated Nesbitt, adding “there are still too many students in Georgia who don’t even finish high school.” Nesbitt views this as a horrible situation, given the importance of college education in future career and personal success.

“A college education is about a lot more than just making money;” she said. “It’s about having a lot more options in life... about becoming a better person.”

GC President Martha Nesbitt says college is about ‘having a lot more options in life.’ resulted in changes such as conversion from quarter-hours to semester-hours, which she views as a good thing because it keeps the college on track with the national average, as well as with international study programs and faculty training.

“Two-year colleges are what we consider the cornerstone of access,” stated Nesbitt.

Another highlight was meeting South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, the oldest serving U.S. senator in the history of the United States.

The club also got a chance to see the impressive sight of the changing of the guard in Arlington Cemetery, and a presentation at Ford’s Theater, the site of President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination, was very moving.

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needs to be safer,” he said. Howington added that he, GC President Martha Nesbitt, and members of the Board of Regents are concerned with DOT’s plans to create another major four-way intersection for people entering the campus to cross. “They are not planning to put a stop light there,” said Howington.

Howington speculated that when traffic backed up on I-85 extramp, drivers would find it more convenient to drive through campus to get to Mundy Mill Road, increasing the amount of traffic.

Jerry Spiceland, GC Plant Operations Manager, said that the current plans for construction would cause problems with commercial through-traffic around the Physical Education building and other parts of campus. Spiceland said many students currently cross over to the PE building, and more traffic will create a greater risk in crossing.

Nesbitt pointed out that the new exit would run behind the Continuing Education building, threatening the acoustic quality of the GC auditorium and rendering the field by the entrance sign to the school useless for community soccer practice.

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College Hosts ArtFest

Exhibit, Festival Feature Youth Art

By Jessica Malcom
Staff Writer

With March as Youth Art Month, Gainesville College did something a little different to celebrate it this year. The first annual Youth Art Exhibit and ArtFest 2000, co-sponsored by the Gainesville College Art Department and led by Art Professor Anne Bessac, was a big hit. Twenty-seven county schools participated in the event, which Bessac described as "a celebration of the visual arts."

From March 13-27, the Youth Art Exhibit was on display in Gainesville College’s Continuing Education/Performing Arts lobby, consisting of all of the county’s public schools’ art programs’ works from their students. Each art teacher in grades K-12 submitted four to six works to represent their school. Of her support of the project, Bessac said, "We wanted to feature what the county schools wanted to do to celebrate Youth Art Month."

Accompanying the exhibit was a festival, ArtFest 2000, which took place on March 18 from 10-4 in the Continuing Education/Performing Arts parking lot. Despite the sudden relapse of cold weather, ArtFest 2000 went "unexpectedly well," said Shelly Ledford, an art student at Gainesville College.

The parking lot was full of booths being visited by people of all ages. Some of the booths were demonstrational, like Gainesville College professor Ron Clay’s stained glass exhibit, and many were interactive. The Art Club, sponsored by Stacy Koffman, allowed you to be in a famous painting by reproducing life size versions with their faces open for your head to go in.

Nadine Howarth, a representative of Lanier Elementary, described the whole event as "a lot of fun," and said, "We’ve been very creative."

Two area middle-school students weave rugs during Artfest 2000

One Gainesville College art student thought it was “Good to outreach to the kids.”

To top it off, the art scholarship students at Gainesville College hosted a chalk drawing contest between the high schools. The students were given a copy of a famous painting and asked to reproduce it onto the sidewalk with their chalk.

Delores Diaz, head of the art department at West Hall, who also co-sponsored ArtFest 2000, described it as “A time to recognize the importance of art in the total education of all students, and the individual accomplishments of students engaged in the arts at all levels.”

Deal Art Exhibit Held

By Jay Ray
Staff Writer

Gainesville College hosted “An Artistic Discovery,” the 2000 National High School Art Competition for Nathan Deal’s Ninth Congressional District, in the Art Gallery of the Continuing Ed/Performing Arts Building. The exhibit, which opened March 22, is part of the annual competition sponsored by members of the United States House of Representatives.

First place was won by Layla Mae Hage of North Hall High School; second place went to Loray Gay of Cherokee High School; third place to Larkin Grimm of Rabun Gap Nacoochee, and fourth place to Nathan Hall of Lakeview Academy. Honorable mentions went to Emily Marton of West Hall High School, Anna Winter of Gainesville High School, and Brandon Simmons of Mamanacsa Christian School.

This is the third year Gainesville College has hosted the exhibit. Hage’s first-place work from the competition will hang in the tunnel leading to the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

GC Literary Magazine Unveiled

By Jay Ray
Staff Writer

A reception sponsored by the Literature and Film Club for the unveiling of Chrestee Review, the Gainesville College literary magazine featuring works by GC students, was held April 17 in the Student Center.

The Literature and Film Club also represented Gainesville College at the Southern Literary Festival in Monroe, La., April 12-15. The festival included seminars by published authors and was attended by college and university students and faculty.

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Gainesville Offers Fine Thai Cuisine

By Michelle Rice
Special to The Compass

Thai food in Gainesville? Yes! What a gourmet treat! Welcome to the Thai Dish—the best Thai cuisine in the Gainesville area.

If you have never had Thai, this is one Asian dish that is distinctly different from those of other Asian countries. You will taste the great imagination of Thailand in the combinations of herbs, spices and chilies found in these traditional Thai dishes.

Thai cuisine also performs culinary magic with coconut milk, cilantro and fish sauce. Thai food is lightly cooked so it's crisp, colorful, sharply flavored and nutritious.

It also can be fiery hot. The menu at Thai Dish begins with a star system to indicate the degree of spiciness, starting with one star for "Mild" and running up through five stars for "Extremely Hot."

We started out with a couple of appetizers. The Thai Spring Roll was a deep-fried roll stuffed with ground pork, mixed chopped vegetables and jelly noodles with a peanut-plum sauce. (The sauce is excellent!)

We also had the tiny Angel Rolls, which are deep-fried rolls stuffed with shrimp, carrots and cream cheese, served with chili-plum sauce. (My favorite!) Appetizers are $3.29-$6.99.

The main entree was the Swimming Rama for $8.99. It is steamed chicken sautéed with Thai Dish peanut sauce on a bed of broccoli, carrots and spinach, served in the "Extremely Hot" style.

Jack had the Himalai Chicken, which is a cashew chicken dish ($8.99). This dish was stir-fried chicken with cashew nuts, baby corn, zucchini, bell peppers and onions in a roasted chili sauce.

My mom ventured out to try the Royal Broccoli ($7.99), a variety of meats including chicken, beef and shrimp stir-fried with broccoli, carrots and zucchini in a brown sauce. She loved it, especially the vegetables, because they were lightly cooked and crisp.

Lee, the hard-to-please-I-know-I-won't-like-it-one, a.k.a. La Choy Lee, actually found something that interested him in the Roummint ($7.99). This Thai dish is a variety of meats including beef, chicken and pork stir-fried with mixed vegetables in a light sauce. He actually thought it was interesting and, much to his amazement, it wasn't too spicy for his tame tastes.

The owners started in Long Beach, Ca., moved to Seattle, Wa., and now call Gainesville home. The cuisine is excellent, and I highly recommend this restaurant. We keep coming back time and time again. The service is impeccable, with white linen table clothes and elegant pieces of authentic Thailand art throughout.

TECHNOWATCH

Creating a Web Page

So, you want to create a web page, but you don't know where to begin. Don't worry, there are many ways you can go when creating a web page: 1) Use site development software or 2) Use the editor provided by the site host.

There are many site development titles on the market, some of which work with your browser. Netscape, for instance, has a site development tool known as Composer, while Internet Explorer has FrontPage Express. Then there are the independent titles, such as Dreamweaver, WebSuite2, and Corel Web Designer.

Even though all of these titles, along with many others, are good to use, it is important to decide whether you are going to take the next step to learn HTML, the language used to create a web page, or use software that offers easy substitutes to typing out HTML. If you are familiar with HTML, then any title will do. On the other hand, if HTML is too complicated to deal with, then something like Dreamweaver or WebSuite2 is a better choice.

If you choose to use the editor the site host provides, then you need to find one that gives you the options you require. Such options include: drag-and-drop ability, provided services (counter, guestbook, etc), and the host's reputation. Of many different places that offer free space to host a web site, a majority of them allow you to upload files to the site by selecting the file(s) needed and then clicking a button and your file(s) is (are) located in the proper directory.(ies) A directory is like a folder where you can save different types of files, such as pictures, web pages, and sounds.

Some site hosts require or offer FTP (File Transfer Protocol). FTP is a way of transferring files to your directory(ies) by using a special software. Site hosts like Xoom.com only allow for FTP.

For more web building information or questions, see The Compass web page at:

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Mission To Mars

One of the most memorable commercials of the 2000 Super Bowl was that for "Mission to Mars." The audience of this sporting event got their first sneak peek at one of the most special effects-enhanced movies in some time. The preview left us in awe, and we were left wondering if it would save the science-fiction movie scene. Many wondered whether this beat out the last great sci-fi classic. It has been a long time since a decent sci-fi movie has come along. Even back to "Aliens," though some cult followers might argue for "Star Wars: Episode IV." Everyone I talked to could not wait to see this movie, and I was thrilled on release date. Others and I entered the theater with tremendous anticipation, only to be baffled. "Mission to Mars" would have to be on my top ten list of worst sci-fi movies of the decade. The movie was built to such extremes that it made its crash that much worse. Don't get me wrong, this movie would have made a great three-part mini-series on NBC. But it was not in the least a sci-fi classic that it so desperately wanted to obtain the title of. Scenes dragged on for what seemed like eternity. And things were very slow from the start. As one gentleman loudly cried after the movie had ended, "That was single-handedly the worst movie I have ever seen!" The only things that saved this movie some face was the incredible CGI (computer-generated imaging), special effects, and some downright great actors trying to bring it together. The acting was fine, the effects were great, and the plot and story line could use a little tweaking. What killed this movie were the director and producer. The team just did not have an eye for this kind of film, and it ruined possibly a great movie. Hand the script, actors, and special effects over to George Lucas or Steven Spielberg, and you would have a work of art. Until then, save your money.

Nick Brown

Wonder Boys

"Wonder Boys" is a clever, witty, and delightfully funny movie. Michael Douglas plays an English professor experiencing a midlife crisis. After writing one prize-worthy book, Douglas is desperately searching for an ending to his second. Recently separated, he has impregnated his boss's wife. While struggling to move on to the next step of his life, he bonds with a student who has great potential for becoming a writer but needs direction. The time that they spend together helps both teacher and student realize their own self-importance. The teacher becomes the student learning to live his life to its fullest, and the student leaves his dream world to become a published author. "Wonder Boys" is an exceptional comedy that finds humor in the most serious elements of life. I truly enjoyed this movie, and the thought of certain scenes still makes me laugh. This is a new genre for Michael Douglas, and his performance was spectacular. It is the feel-good movie of the year and gets an enthusiastic thumbs up.

Jennifer Westmoreland

Pitch Black

In the not-too-distant future a docking pilot is forced to crash-land her ship on a hot planet far away from home. The film stars Keith David, Vin Diesel, Radha Mitchell, Cole Hauser, and Lewis FitzGerald. After a crash landing that doesn't spare many of the crew, the passengers (including a convicted murderer and a cop) find themselves on an arid and uninhabited planet. The fun on this place doesn't start until the sun goes down. With a mass murderer and demon-like creatures on the loose, the movie makes for a good, generic sci-fi horror-thriller. Rated R for violence, language, and gore. I give it a three out of five.

Kerry Banks
Spring Concert April 24; Graduation May 4 at 7 p.m.

Art
Gainesville College Student Art Exhibit shows April 19 – June 2, 2000. Opening Reception, Monday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in the GC Art Gallery.

Music
Spring Concert on Monday, April 24, 2000, at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the GC Cont. Ed./ Perf. Arts Building featuring a Jazz Band, Chorale, and Chamber Winds. Free and open to the public.

Theatre

Student Activities
Honors Day at noon in the Gym on April 19.
Pancake Study Break in the SC from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on April 19.
The Big Final 8-Ball Tournament at 11 a.m. in the SC Game Room on April 25.

Academics
Spring Semester
Classes end, April 28.
Final Exams, May 1-4.
Graduation, 7 p.m. at the Georgia Mountains Center on May 4.

May Semester
May Semester 2000 Registration and Classes begin on May 11.

Summer Semester
Summer Semester 2000 Orientation and Registration on June 2.
Summer Semester Full Session and Session I Classes begin on June 5.

Independence Day holiday, Fourth of July.
Summer Session II Classes Begin on July 1.
Summer Full and Session II Ends on July 31.
Summer Full and Session II Final Examinations on August 1-2.

‘Godspell’ Opens April 18
‘Godspell,’ a musical about the Book of Matthew told through parables, song, and dance, will be performed by the Gainesville Theatre Alliance April 18-30 in the Ed Cabell Theatre on the Gainesville College campus. GTA Artistic Director Jim Hammond has updated the 1971 counterculture classic for a contemporary audience. Tickets are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors, and $10 for children and full-time students with ID. Call (770) 718-3624 for reservations.

Big Band Show Sells Out
3 Nights for ‘Jazz Vibes’

By Matt McClure
Staff Writer

Three nights of sell-out crowds filled the Ed Cabell Theater at Gainesville College for the Big Band Show 2000 earlier this month. The glitzy, show-style performance is put on every year by the GC Jazz Band, Jazz Combo and Chorale, and this year’s performance has been hailed as one of the best in college history.

Hosted by Bill Maine of WDUN News/Talk 55, the show kept audiences entertained from the moment the doors opened. The theater was transformed into a “jazzy” dance hall, straight from the era of black-and-white checkered floors, grand chandeliers, and swing music. Students, alumni, and teachers were all showcased in the two-hour show that featured many new and classic jazz pieces.

The Chorale, under the direction of Lynn Latham and accompanied by Neil Larson, showed off not only their singing abilities, but also their talents as dancers. Dance moves were performed by the group as a whole and by individual couples. A crowd favorite was “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B,” and featured the group doing the famous “Charleston,” a dance named for the city of its origin. Several soloists from the group were also featured in many different styles of jazz, from the slow, lyrical “The Way You Look Tonight,” to the light grooves of “That Old Black Magic.”

The Jazz Band and Combo, directed by Dr. Andrew Santander, featured current students and alumni. They jammed to such tunes as “Samba Nautica” and “Desafinado,” both of which captivated the audience with their lively beats and contrasting styles. Another audience favorite featuring the Jazz Band and soloist April Allison was the Gershwin classic “Summertime,” from the musical “Porgy and Bess.” Santander was also featured on a piano solo.
Your Voice, Your Vote

Students, you do matter. Your ideas, beliefs, and needs can be met. Yet, they will only be met if you utilize three hallmarks of our democratic society: the right to vote, the right to be informed, and the right to express yourself. Our country’s government system would work and would be beneficial if everyone chose to be active, educated members of society.

Every day around the world countries are fighting wars that they hope will give them the right to choose their leaders. We have that right, but choose not to use it. For those who say, “My vote doesn’t matter,” it does; moreover, everyone in a democratic society should choose to vote because as citizens it our duty.

Yet, people should be informed if they are going to cast a ballot. Too often, we vote based upon the political party and fail to know exactly what the candidate is proposing. This leads us to being irritated when a new piece of legislation is brought to the floor and we do not feel that it will benefit us. We also fail to research what individual candidates have done in other political offices, careers, and key leadership positions.

Another important role of citizens in a democratic society is the ability to express themselves when they disagree with the acts of politicians. As Americans, we do not have to let politicians run our lives. We elect them to be of public service to us. Therefore, they must meet our needs. Recently, Georgia’s Governor Barnes was trying to pass legislation to limit HOPE coverage. Students and education leaders raised objections to the proposal. Student governments passed out petitions and encouraged students to write letters to legislators to protest the proposal by Governor Barnes. Gainesville College scheduled a rally in which students would have an opportunity to voice opinion and become informed about the actions of the governor. The SGA invited students from all 34 institutions in the University of Georgia system to attend the rally. The rally was never held because Barnes took note of the students’ objections. See, each vote does count.

We encourage you to register to vote in this year’s elections. And after you register, do two more things: Inform yourself on the candidates and issues, and then vote.

Opinion

Above All ... Don’t Fear the White Trucks

By Nick Brown
Staff Writer

Last week I arrived at school twenty minutes early. If you know me at all or are in one of my classes, then you know that this is highly unusual. I am one of those people in your classes who slips in right at the buzzer just as the professor is ushering out the first words of his or her lecture.

I usually arrive at school at five minutes till, zip in a parking place and head straight to class. Some would say this is lazy, and that I need to be more prepared. I say I am task oriented and like to use every available minute of my current day.

But like I was saying, I pulled in twenty minutes early this day. I then proceeded, without luck, to drive around every parking lot for the next 25 minutes. It seemed that no one decided to skip classes on this particular day, which is highly unusual, we are in college.

Finally I was fed up! I had seen others sneak in and out of these hot spots, and decided to take my chance at the tables. I parked and rushed into class. An hour later I approached my car, and everything seemed fine. That is, until I noticed the little yellow piece of paper on my window.

I have now come to find out that even when there are many faculty parking places available, you still can’t park there. I was penalized for not only parking in a faculty spot, but also for not having the holy GC window sticker. What could I do?

Well, I had three days to take care of it. So on the third day (I told you I’m task oriented) I went to pay my fine, and found the lovely lady at the Comptroller’s window my story. She told me to go talk to the gentlemen at the security office. I then proceeded to what I like to call the “couch room” and paid for a new window sticker. Then it was time.

I eased my car down the forbidden drive of the big white security trucks. I parked with care in a visitor spot, and knocked on the door. To my surprise, I was greeted with a friendly “Come on in.” I kindly explained my story of how I had recently had my car stolen, and had not yet had the chance to get a new sticker, and also explained how I had arrived at school 20 minutes early only to drive around for 25 without any luck.

I also threw in “This school is admitting more students than they have parking places for.” And how “in several years the whole school would be nothing more than giant buildings with students just driving around in circles outside of them because there was no parking.” He agreed, and to my surprise thanked me for getting a new sticker. Then he threw out my fine, just this once.

My one get-out-of-jail-free card, and I used it on my first year.

I am proud to have folks like these driving around our campus in their large white trucks. They are not out to get us, like many might imagine, but are here to give a helping hand when needed be. So don’t you be scared, my fellow GC students. Next time you see the big white truck, give a wave and a smile. Who knows when you might need that freebie too?

Women Again in the Forefront of Healing

By Boone Dunham
Special to The Compass

Not long ago I was sure my body’s energy centers were perfectly balanced. I kept my pager on my belt, my cell phone in my right pocket, and my palmpilot computer in my purse. After all, I am a mom, wife, teacher, daughter and woman. Supposedly this technology would simplify my life.

Instead, it led to tons of stress which bummed holes in my system. Neglect caused me to age quickly and painfully. Ulcers, gallstones, migraine headaches and fatigue were a normal part of my every day life. When the drugs failed or produced side effects, I was offered antidepressants.

My father was an old-school physician: penicillin and aspirin cured everything and, as the head of a patriarchal family, he was the sole person entrusted to our health. But the kind of traditional, male-oriented medicine he advocated had not led the way toward my being a terribly healthy adult. I began to wonder how the “weak gender” could do so much, and so much stress, and I began to re-evaluate my healing techniques.

I knew perfectly well how to care for others! What I realized was that modern, male-dominated medical practices seemed to fragment body and spirit, but the healing of all the while using her healing touch. It is interesting to note that during the Middle Ages women were not allowed in the male-only medical schools. As a result of this exclusion, many females were burned and tortured for their healing wisdom.

Women healers are re-emerging in the 21st century after being forced underground for centuries. In 1991, female medical students in the U.S. comprised close to 50% of the enrollment. It is our rightful, ancestral place to be at the forefront of all healing practices. “We’ve come a long way, baby!”

From a patriarchal viewpoint, we find in every culture that men are generally active, build buildings, make decisions, have love affairs, make a living and make the world. On the other hand, women are trained to be silent and passive, and are actually reinforced in this. We are to be nurses because the important work is for the male doctors. Being a builder is a man’s job; being a decorator is a woman’s. Thank goodness the millennium is here, but I feel there are many places in which this structure is still very alive.

I shed my beeper, cell phone and palmpilot computer when I recognized that healing meant the wisdom to visualize a working-system in flow with the natural law.

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Bush and Gore on the GC Campus? With Your Help, it Could Happen

An open letter to the GC community:
What if Vice President Al Gore, Democratic nominee for president, came to our Gainesville College campus to speak?? Or about Texas Governor and Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush?? Say WHAT? Get out the ol' election buttons:

An invitation to each nominee is, in fact, now being sent, as Dr. Douglas Young and I am working hard to make separate visits from each candidate a reality.

Where did this idea come from and how is it going to happen, you might ask? I was looking for a memorable public speaker to visit my Introduction to Human Communication classes. I reasoned that if we had the opportunity to watch and perhaps communicate one-on-one with a potential future President of the United States, students could experience firsthand a speech they could tell their friends and family about for the rest of their lives. Whether students agreed or disagreed with a candidate's politics, or even if the students are apolitical, the encounter would still be memorable.

But how to make this idea happen? To make the visits a reality, I knew I would need a lot of advice and help. I found a willing associate in Dr. Young, who started the Democrats/Republicans Club here on campus. Building support for this idea, Dr. Martha Nesbitt, president of GC, and Department Chairs Dr. Sallie Dahling and Dr. Charles Karcher have given us the green light.

Now Dr. Young and I are writing letters to each candidate extending our personal invitations. This is the core of information our letters will contain; we are inviting the candidates separately to come speak on our campus during their presidential campaigns ANY DAY, ANYTIME, and on ANY SUBJECT. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for each candidate to schedule a visit!

If, even for a single second, the thought flashed through your head that you might come to hear the candidates speaking in person on your campus, help us make that event a reality. We would like every member of this future audience to join us by extending your own personal written invitation.

We are asking that you add your voice to our cause. Write or e-mail the candidate of your choice—or both candidates—at the addresses below to express your interest in their visit to Gainesville College to speak. What day? Any day during the presidential campaign. What time? Any time—morning, noon, or night. About what? Any topic of their choice. All the campus, plus the general public, would be invited to attend.

Just think how our numbers add up: If just half of our 3,000 students (and that definitely includes the students who take night classes!), plus half of our 140 faculty members (and that includes you adjunct instructors too!), plus half of our 128 professional administrators and staff members all send one letter each, think of the impact! The voices of Gainesville College would be heard loudly and clearly by the candidates.

Realistically, what if neither candidate can schedule a visit to GC before the November election? Well, hasn't this letter-writing campaign laid a solid foundation for an invitation to the new President after the election? What have we got to lose?

Please add your voice to our letter-writing campaign. For your convenience, street addresses and email addresses for each of the candidates are provided.

Remember, the more letters and e-mails of invitation sent to each candidate, the better! So please find a pencil, pen, or computer, and write AND SEND your letter or letters of invitation today.

Thank you!

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It's an external world in which people of every color care for and about each other, where racism, classism, ageism, sexism, hunger, poverty, anti-Semitism, rape, abuse and incest cannot exist. It's an internal world, too, where a woman through free choices creates her own life and well-being, goes after what she wants and needs on all levels, and has abundance and goodness for herself and others. Health and healing are chosen, and are mutual fusion of the healer and the healed working together. It's a world where respect, love and caring are extended also at the time to die.

A few years ago I went to a music festival at about the same time my migraines had become excruciating. There I spoke to many women healers. I had my first massage, and I learned about nutrition, vitamins and herbs, yoga and meditation, biofeedback, crystals and gemstones, and ways to alleviate stress. I began to understand the concept and politics of women's versus patriarchal health care, and it changed my life. I took no more drugs, not even my papa's good ole' aspirin, became conscious of caffeine, sugar, additives and nutrition and, within a few months and some effort, felt better than I had in years.
Banick Wins Mini-Biathlon

By Jon Krueger
Staff Writer

The first mini-biathlon in Gainesville College history was held April 12 on the trails behind the gym. Participants Matt Banick, David Park and Josh Logan began by running 1.5 miles, then biking 4 miles and ending with another 1.5 mile run.

Banick, a GC student, placed first with a time of 39:21. Park, a Fitness Club member, came in second place with a time of 41:00, and Logan, a GC student, placed third with a time of 45:04.

Coach Glenn Preston, the mini-biathlon organizer, said he was pleased with the biathlon, despite the fact that the biathlon was originally planned as a triathlon that included swimming. The GC pool is currently closed for renovations.

Signs of Spring
Ryan Casper (L) and Rommel Castaneda take part in a recent volleyball tournament behind the Student Center.

Low Turnout for Spring Swim Meet

By Jon Krueger
Staff Writer

On March 8, five people participated in the Gainesville College Spring Swim Meet at the GC swimming pool.

Melody Wangemann swam the 50-yard freestyle in 38.09 seconds, and the 200-yard freestyle in 3:05. Wangemann’s sister, Heidi, swam the 50-yard backstroke in 47.10 seconds, the 50-yard breaststroke in 41.81 seconds, the 25-yard butterfly in 14.95 seconds, and the 100-yard individual medley in 1:20.

Swimmer Scott Nanney swam the 25-yard free in 13.56 seconds, the 25-yard breaststroke in 16.72 seconds, the 50-yard breaststroke in 25-37 seconds, and the 25-yard butterfly in 15.87 seconds.

John Shirley swam the 50-yard free in 14 seconds and the 25-yard breaststroke in 25 seconds. Robert Bouwman swam the 50-yard free in 34.33 seconds and the 200-yard free in 3 minutes.

SORBA Constructing New 8-mile Bike Track

By Kerry Banks
Staff Writer

Gainesville’s own SORBA and the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center have underway the construction of a new 8-mile ready-bike trail in the 200 acres of the Agricultural Center.

The trail will be used for everything from local to international races. When it is not in official use, it will be open to the public. Eight more miles added on to the already impressive trail that we have here at Gainesville.

The agreement was signed in December 1999 between the director of the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center, David Mott, and Tom Sauret, the president of SORBA, to begin the construction in January. Funding will come from donations, and work will be voluntary. The trail will have sections of both single and double-track trails. As always, SORBA is looking for people who are interested in doing trail work. If you are interested in getting a little exercise and finding out more about SORBA, contact Tom Sauret at (770) 534-1279.

To add to the fun, Trips For Kids is opening a new chapter through SORBA. With donations from GT, Trek, Biketown USA and Woody’s Mountain Bikes of Helen, a new workshop will be opened so that disadvantaged children can experience the joy of the outdoors on a mountain bike. The workshop will be built on the GC campus.

Trips For Kids is a non-profit organization seeking tax-deductible donations. If you are interested in making a donation, call Sauret.