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The House That Science Built
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Gainesville College enrollment is up by 200 students since Fall 1999, an increase of over 6 percent according to Susan Daniell, GC Registrar.

GC exceeded their goal for 3000 students last fall when 3,636 students enrolled. There are more than 3,200 students currently at GC.

"Exceeding 3000 in fall was a big accomplishment," Daniell said. "We had pursued that goal for several years. I speculate this trend will continue."

Daniell cited many reasons for the steadfast growth of the college. Nationally, there are larger numbers of graduating high school classes. The spread of population to this area from metropolitan Atlanta has made GC more accessible to commuter students.

"For fall of 1999, approximately 90 percent of our students enrolled were from north-east Georgia counties and the north metro Atlanta area," said Daniell.

Gainesville College offers learning support classes for students who cannot directly enter larger universities. On average, more non-traditional students are taking advantage of these courses. According to Daniell, 32 percent of students enrolled in 1999 and 23 percent in 2000 were 25 years of age or older.

Joint enrollment for GC is up 50 percent since 1998. This program, popular among local high schools, admitted 157 joint enrollment students at GC fall of 1999 and 118 more in fall of 2000.

Enrollment among minority groups is rising. Hispanic enrollment is up 33 percent from 1999 to 2000. There are 79 Hispanic students currently attending GC. Enrollment among blacks shifted the trend down 17 percent for 2000. In 1999, there were 135 black students enrolled compared to 112 in 2000.

Graph represents the enrollment increase at GC from 1995 to 1999. As shown, GC has had a steady growth increase over a five-year period. There are more than 3,200 students as of the start of fall 2000. Data compiled by Jeannie McElroy.
New Building Opens for 2000-2001 Science

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The state-of-the-art "Science, Engineering, & Technology Building" was officially turned over by the contractor, Jay Kinison Cook on August 24, four days after classes started for fall session.

According to Lewis Rogers, Science Division Chair, the building was meant to be an 18-month project. The original completion date was May 25.

"It came so close to being on time," said Rogers, "Other places have to wait six to eight months and then they have serious problems."

The keystone of the new building is the availability of computers. There are over 250 computers housed in three computer labs, in 10 of the 12 discipline labs.

"The accessibility is much easier," said student Dane Moster. "Each discipline has its own computer in their specific lab, so you do not have to worry about getting kicked out when a class comes in."

The facility also has a Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system, which maintains the air quality throughout the building. The Microbiology Lab has a special sterilization method, which kills any specimen used in the labs. The chemistry labs also have fume hoods that direct the exhausts into a vent leading out of the facility's roof.

The building was designed by Kyle Epstein of Warren Epstein & Associates, Architects, Inc. Epstein designed the building with the help of the professors from each discipline of science so that the facility would meet the needs of that particular subject area.

"All in all, the architects designed for us a fantastic building, bigger than anything I would have ever expected for the money that we had," said Rogers.

"The building cost was approximtely $8 million dollars. This includes architect fees, all furniture, and construction. A 10 percent contingency fee was also added, in case the cost of the building went over the original budget. There is a lot of excitement among GC administration about the future of Gainesville College, as a result of the new building."

"I think it will be very attractive for potential students and certainly potential science faculty," said GC President Martha Nesbitt. "We have long had a really strong science program and now it will just flourish even more. It will allow us to expand our science curriculum and possibly get some of those other institutions to come in and offer upper level courses."

ACAD I Important in Long Road to New Science Building

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For nearly 17 years, the Gainesville College administration and faculty fought for the Board of Regents' approval for a new science building.

The old science building, built in the 1960's, was the first academic building on campus. The building only had one chemistry lab when it was built. As the college grew, more labs were needed. By the early 1980s, ACAD I no longer met regulations for chemistry labs. This resulted in only 20 people being allowed in a lab that should hold 32.

"We've made every effort to operate in a safe fashion," said Lewis Rogers, Science Division Chair. "We've never had any kind of accident, but it required us to cut down on the number of people in the labs."

According to Garry McGlaun, head of the GC chemistry program, it often takes an outside organization to gain the attention of the Board of Regents. In November 1995, Dwaine Eubanks and Lucy Eubanks, Professors at Clemson University, evaluated the chemistry department and facilities.

"We had the American Chemical Society check our chemistry program," said Rogers. "Of course the faculty was deemed of excellent quality. courses we were teaching were excellent, but obviously our facilities stunk."

Former GC President Foster Watkins sent the report to the Board, who allotted money to build a two-story addition and to renovate the old building. The addition was to be built between ACAD I and the Library.

In 1998 Martha Nesbitt became president of GC and learned that funds had been allotted for ACAD I. "When I first came, I knew that [addition and renovation] had been funded," said Nesbitt. "What makes this campus so nice is the green spaces and this was going to take away that between the science building and the library."

She asked the Board to consider allowing GC to construct a new facility rather than renovating the old. In October of 1998, they consented and plans for the new building began.

GIL Upgrade Provides Access to Other Libraries

By Jeremy Edge
Contributing Writer

A new system evolved in the Gainesville College Library this summer.

The Galileo Interconnected Library (GIL) system of Georgia is not limited only to the Library, but can also be accessed around the campus or from a personal computer at any student's home. Students can access GIL through the GC Library webpage, which can be linked through the Gainesville College homepage.

GIL is funded by the Georgia General Assembly. The system is designed to link Gainesville College with other colleges and universities throughout the state. All renovations of the system, however, have not yet been completed.

"The system should be complete and fully functional by the first of October," said Angela Megaw, Reference Librarian.

When the system is completed, it will allow any person to access libraries from any school in the University System of Georgia.

Renovations for the system have been planned for the past five years, but did not begin to operate at GC until this summer. When complete, GIL will enable students to put holds and recalls on books already checked out by other students. A hold will enable the student to receive a book at its earliest availability, while a recall will enable the system to e-mail the student who has the book, and request for the book next when turned in. A recall would come before a hold. With a recall, there will be a dollar per-day late charge instead of a five-cent-per-day late charge after the due date.

Bringing new technologies like GIL to the campus can be costly, but Megaw reassures that it is affordable to the school.

"The system cost has been worked into the current budget for Gainesville College's spending," said Megaw.
Technology Fee Imposed onto Student Payments

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The need for increased computer and Internet access has forced GC to impose a new technology fee among students' annual expenses, which was added for the first time this semester. Students taking less than seven credit hours for courses must pay $15, while students taking seven credit hours or more must pay $25.

The purpose behind the additional pay is to supplement the costs of maintaining and upgrading the computers on campus, as well as the status of students' abilities to connect to the Internet and to work in computer labs located across campus.

"Every year, we add new technology to the campus," said Bob Howington, Vice President of Business and Finance, "But we're also upgrading three or four-year-old equipment at the same time." GC did not make an immediate decision to require that technology fee to be added to the students' matriculation costs. An executive council that proposed the new payment held off seeking the approval of the Board of Regents and Chancellor Stephen Perich for nearly five years.

They wanted to wait until they observed the effects caused by the demand for a technology fee in other colleges and universities around the state. The committee learned that students at Clayton College and State University must pay $300 per semester for a technology access fee, which funds student computers with Internet access that are provided to Clayton students on an academic term basis.

"The purpose behind [GC's] fee is to increase every student's access to the information technology," said Howington. "For the cost that we ask for from all students, I think they get just as great a benefit as any student from another college who is given a laptop computer.

"The purpose behind this fee is to provide GC students with free access to daily newspapers five to seven days a week. After the inclusion of free newspapers in campus life, a study conducted at Penn State discovered that students like to read at least one newspaper a week. The study also shows that they actually prefer a printed copy of a newspaper to an electronic version.

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Atlanta Constitution Provides GC Students With Free Daily News

AJC intending to study young generation: Where they get their news from; How daily events affect them

By Michael McDaniel
Contributing Writer

Newspaper stands laden with the Atlanta Constitution seem to have popped up overnight on the Gainesville College campus. The recent addition of these newspapers is part of a pilot project laid out by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to see how the printed word measures up against electronic media.

The survey will provide GC students with daily copies of the newspaper at no cost. A pre-and post-test will be sent out to assess general information from students and ask questions about where they typically get their news, according to Michelle S. Brown, Director of Student Activities.

Brown went on to say that there would be 300-400 copies delivered everyday, depending on the day of the week. This pilot program will last throughout the entire semester. Beyond fall semester, the newspapers' staying power will be questionable.

The reception of the newspapers on campus seems to be positive.

"I think it's helpful and beneficial for the students as far as being able to use it for resources inside the classroom and outside," said Brian Dover, a business administration major.

"Getting the AC's pretty cool," said Bo Satterfield, a psychology major, "That way we can keep up with the news and not have to pay for it. You know, for [economically] broke college students."

He also went on to say that it was "interesting that it's out there so that we can keep up with the news and the presidential election." A program that is not very dissimilar to the one instituted at Gainesville College was initiated at Penn State University by their president, Dr. Graham Spanier.

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University Center to Begin Occupying Former Science Building

New project will open doors to four-year colleges and universities, provide daytime and evening courses

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Because of the new University Center, soon to be set up in the new ACAD I building, Gainesville College students may soon have the chance to attend classes for four-year institutions without leaving the GC campus.

"I really think if we market what's going on, we'll get plenty of students," said Dr. Ronnie Booth, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. "It's been a real challenge.

The advantages, he says, are numerous. Not only will it allow students to obtain four-year degrees without leaving the GC campus, but it also gives those students a sense of identity. It will also gain revenue for Gainesville College.

With more than 25 percent of North Georgia College's business major students currently enrolled in Gainesville College, this can turn out to be very advantageous for North Georgia College, Gainesville College, and the students from both institutions. Currently planned are Associate degrees in nursing. Bachelor's degrees in business administration, accounting, finance, management, marketing, computer science, and criminal justice; and Master's degrees in public administration. Education courses may be introduced, but plans have not yet been made.

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Overcrowding won't be a problem anytime soon, says Booth, because the majority of these courses will be offered as night classes. One-third of the student body consists of night students. Daytime courses may not yet have been made.

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Survey work is also planned to aid in determining what new courses should be added.
By Nick Brown
Contributing Writer

Several months ago Assistant Professor Dan Cabaniss, of the Journalism and News department, approached the Gainesville College school board with the idea of adding a school radio station on campus. The school board, which was quite pleased with the idea, gave him approval to go ahead with the idea and apply for the appropriate permission.

Last May, the school applied for approval from the FCC for a LPFM, Low Power FM, 100 watt station. The college should receive word later this semester as to whether the school can proceed forward with the project.

A 100 watt LPFM station would allow for a 3.5 mile radius of local area coverage, and would only take an initial $10,000 investment to get it running once the school is approved to broadcast. A larger coverage area would call for replication in several years.

The station would be non-commercial, so it would more than likely need a donation from the GC Foundation to help get it started.

With ACAD I now empty, and the library up for renovations, a small studio could easily be built into one of these buildings, and the 20ft. antenna could be placed on the top of the library. The radio station would mainly be focused toward students, but would also be available to the local community as well. The station would run Monday through Friday for about 12-18 hours a day giving students and locals a plethora of great music, but not limited to music. The station would keep students and faculty up to date on on-campus activities, colloquium speaking engagements, concerts, campus news, and also community information for non-students. The station would allow five bands on experience all aspects of a radio station for the aspiring radio engineer, programmer, or on air talent.

It would also give students “a great deal of freedom to present a diversity of views,” said Professor Cabaniss.

With the school now growing by leaps and bounds an on-campus radio station would bring nothing but good fortune along with it. On campus newsletters, magazines, and even the growth of the school paper provides a great source of information for Gainesville College students, but a radio station would allow for day to day hourly updates of campus news along with giving students some on-campus music to listen to.

Professor Cabaniss noted that the school, “has applied to the FCC and is confident of approval.” The GC station should be up and ready by fall of 2001.

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Pool Renovation Holds Up Courses

By Jon Krueger
Contributing Writer

When the Gainesville College swimming pool was closed for renovations last spring, no one thought it would still be closed during the fall semester.

Glenn Preston, Department Chair of Physical Education, said the pool will remain closed until at least November and any pool related class will not begin until January.

"Students who signed up for the fitness swimming, regular swimming, and water aerobics classes had to pick a different elective," Preston said.

The Continuing Education's swimming camp also had to be cancelled.

The 30-year-old swimming pool itself will not be renovated. Only the pool's surroundings will be improved. The ceiling tiles have been removed and now black beams cover the pool. A new heating and cooling system is being installed. The lighting and the glass walls around the pool will be replaced. The pool will also, for the first time, be handicap accessible.

Gainesville College President Martha Nesbitt says the community and students have been "surprisingly patient" with the delayed renovations. As of yet, she has not heard of a single complaint.

According to Nesbitt, the bidding process is to blame for the renovation delays. The pool is to be renovated in two phases and because of government regulations, the two phases have to be bid on separately. Therefore, when the first phase was complete, GC had to ask for another bid for the second phase.

GC officials have estimated the cost for both construction phases to approach $600,000.
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The Gainesville College student body is represented by Stephanie Kitchen, Student Government Association President, and Paul Bridger, Vice President.

This school year is the third year that Kitchen has been a member of SGA. In Spring 1999, her second semester here, she was appointed Vice President. She then served as secretary for the 1999-2000 school year. She has served on several committees including Student Issues, Advisory, Student Fee Allocation, and Dean Search.

Bridger is in his second year as a member of SGA. He has served on Student Fee Allocation, Cultural, and Student Issues Committees.

Kitchen and Bridger must be available to listen to the requests of the students. They serve as liaisons between the administration and the student body.

"I try to be open to everyone," Bridger said. "I look at the whole picture, not just my point of view. I put the students' interest first because this is their school and they pay to go here."

As executive members for the SGA, they also represent the over 3,000 students that attend this college at conferences, such as Student Advisory Committee (SACS). It is their goal to act in a manner that is representative of the students at GC.

"My actions reflect the school," Kitchen said. "If I act maturely, responsibly, and professionally, that is how the school is perceived."

Through SGA, Kitchen and Bridger have learned a lot. Kitchen feels that she has gained leadership skills and has learned to compromise. She feels that she is a well-rounded person. But there is also a sense of accomplishment from helping the student body.

"You learn that you are not in it for yourself," Bridger said. "You learn how to help people and you get satisfaction from that."

The SGA began this school year with only four members. Currently, Kitchen and Bridger are accepting applications and interviewing potential members.

Transcript Service Gives Credit for Extra-Curriculars

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The Co-Curricular Transcript is a service provided by Gainesville College to compliment its students' academic transcripts when transferring to a four-year institution.

According to the CCT website, "A co-curricular transcript is an official document that records verifiable student activities which occur outside the classroom."

Susan Smith, professor of mathematics and Coordinator of Assessment of the CCT, has been responsible for the development of the program here.

"It supports the college's missions statement to offer academic support services," said Smith.

Many college applications provide space to describe extra-curricular activities. The CCT attempts to take the place of that.

"People wanted to have documentation of what someone has done," said Tom Walter, Vice-President for Student Development. "[The Co-Curricular Transcript] shows true experience."

All students have to do is participate. Club advisors, with the help of officers, fill out the forms sent to them by Smith at the end of each semester. There are 314 activities that receive documentation. Students receive recognition for being a member of a club or organization, participating in community service projects sponsored by the college, intramurals, various tournaments, Colloquium Series events, participation in or attending Gainesville Theatre Alliance productions, and being involved with student publications, among other things.

Participation in campus events has increased. In Fall of 1998, 2,848 students were enrolled and only 13.9 percent were involved in the extra-curricular activities. But in Fall of 1999 we had an enrollment of 3037, 28.6 percent of the student population participated.

GC students may request a Co-Curricular Transcript by accessing the website at http://www.gc.peachnet.edu/www/smith/cct.htm.
Guide to Clubs and Student Organizations

Art Club: The Art Club is for all students wishing to share their ideas about art. Last year the club participated in Spring Fling, and visited the Arts Festival, Georgia Museum of Arts, and the University of Georgia Art Department. Meetings are held every other Monday at 12:00 p.m. in room 119 of the Music/Arts buildings. For more information, contact Stacy Koffman at skoffman@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3874.

Ambassadors: The Ambassadors are a group of students that are strong in leadership skills, and speaking ability. They are chosen through an application and interview process. Members assist the Alumni with several events, give campus tours, and assist when high schools visit Gainesville College. For more information, contact Michelle B. Brown at mbrownw@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3648.

Baptist Student Union: The Baptist Student Union is a Christian Fellowship of college students seeking to find and implement God’s purpose. BSU provides opportunities for the inward journey of spiritual growth and the outward journey of service to others. The meetings will be held in Lanier ABC from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday. There will be no meeting on November 22. Events scheduled for International Student White Water Rafting Trip on Nantahala (Sept. 15-16), BSU Fall Convention at the Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa (Sept. 29-Oct. 1), Staff/Faculty Appreciation Dinner in Lanier ABC from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Nov. 21), and the Christmas Banquet (Dec. 14). For more information, contact Jason Ponds at jponders@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770)718-3771.

Campus Activities Board: The Campus Activities Board is responsible for planning most of the events on campus. These activities are cultural, recreational, educational, or social in nature. They include obtaining tickets for a play at the Fox or arranging lectures, ski trips to Colorado, or hiring comedians. CAB is looking for creative students interested in making Gainesville College a fun and interesting place to be. For more information, contact Michelle Brown at mbrownw@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3622.

Campus Crusade for Christ: Campus Crusade for Christ is an interdenominational Christian ministry that is dedicated to providing encouragement, outreach, Christian fellowship, and friendship to students. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 12:00 p.m. in Lanier AB. Meetings involve singing, praying, and studying God’s word. Last year the CCC had several guest speakers, a concert by Chris Orr, provided Freshman Survival Kits, and had a booth at the annual Halloween Carnival. For more information, contact Sarah Booker at sbooker@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3892.

Computer Club: The Computer Club is for students who are interested in learning more about technology, playing computer games, and attending conferences. Members also tour computer facilities at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. For more information, contact Tom Burns at tburns@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3838.

Cross-Cultural Connections: The Cross-Cultural Connections club is for students of all nationalities and ethnic origins interested in learning about other cultures. Past Activities have included trips to the High Museum to see a Picasso exhibit, performance of Quebecois musicians, salsa parties and dance lessons, and foreign films. They also visit a variety of restaurants including Russian, German, Vietnamese, French, Japanese, Moroccan, Thai, and Mexican. This February members will host French exchange students. For more information, contact Chaudron Gilie at cgilie@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3692 or contact Belinda Sauret at bsauuret@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3893.

Democrats/Republicans Club: The Democrats/Republicans Club is a non-partisan student organization dedicated to discussing political issues of interest to students, hosting politicians as guest speakers on campus, and going on a variety of field trips. Last year members traveled to Washington, D.C., state capitol buildings in Atlanta, and the home of Richard Russell, late U.S. Senator from Georgia. Meetings are held Mondays at 12:00 p.m. in room 103 of ACAD II. For more information, contact Douglas Young at dyoung@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3872.

English and Film Club: The English and Film club is for students interested in studying literature and film. The English Club is responsible for the publication of two literary magazines. Hot Poets, the non-fiction magazine, is published in the Fall semester. The literature, the literary magazine, is published in the Spring. The club members attend plays, movies, lectures and poetry readings, and organize the Gainesville College writing contests. Members also attend the Southern Literary Festival each Spring. For more information, contact Tom Sauret at tsauuret@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3732.

Math Club: The Math Club exists to provide academic and social activities for students outside of the classroom. The club offers lectures on math and related subjects, math league competitions, a problem of the week, and food and drinks at weekly meetings, Math Awareness Month. For more information, contact Dr. Robert Croft at recroft@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3674 or contact Belinda Sauret at bsauuret@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3893.

Latino Student Association: The Latino Student Association encourages Latino students by promoting leadership, education, and culture. They serve as role models for Latino youth in our community. They tutor middle school students, visit high schools, sponsor salsa dances, hold food drives, and participate in the SGA Halloween Carnival. This semester they plan to create a chapter at Gainesville High School. For more information, contact Lee Anzola at lanzola@hermes gc. peachnet.edu or call (770) 718-3732.
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"Crazy For You," the Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical kicks off the 2000 season for the Gainesville Theatre Alliance (GTA) running from Nov. 7-19. The theater troupe will also stage "Pride and Prejudice" and "Bus Stop" during their upcoming performance season.

"The great thing about this season is there is something for everyone," said Jim Hammond, Director of the Gainesville Theatre Alliance.

"Crazy For You" is set to take the stage at the Georgia Mountains Center on November 7-19. This Tony Award-winning Broadway musical tells the story of a New Yorker who travels to Nevada on business only to fall in love with his colleague's daughter.

"There is a good freshman class. "Crazy For You" is going to be a great show," said Neal Tankersley, a veteran actor with GTA who made his debut in "Music Man."

On Feb. 20-25 "Pride and Prejudice," a theatrical take on the famous novel by Jane Austen, will be performed at Brenau's Pearce Auditorium. This period piece is a comedy about a mother trying to find husbands for her five daughters.

"Bus Stop" will open at the Ed Cabell Theatre on April 17-29. This comedy follows a group of travelers who become stranded at a Kansas diner during a snowstorm. In a change from last season, GTA will not be performing "A Christmas Carol" this season.

"We've been scheduling other things instead of 'A Christmas Carol,'" Hammond said. ""Crazy For You" is such a huge musical that we felt it should take the place of "A Christmas Carol" this year."

All shows are Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 pm with the exception of the Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm. The shows are free, which "I think is great," said Michael McCracken, a theatre major who has starred in such performances as "Godspell" and "A Christmas Carol."

Gainesville College students are admitted free to all shows with the exception of Saturday shows where the cost for students is $3. Ticket prices for the general public range from $7-518. Interested students may contact the Theatre box office at (770) 718-3624.

GTA Receives Award for Improving Education

By Candace Moore
Contributing Writer

This summer the Gainesville Theatre Alliance (GTA), a collaboration of Gainesville College and Brenau University, was honored by the American Council on Education.

The Council presented the GTA with the "Academic Excellence and Cost Management" Award which recognizes colleges and universities that have taken steps to improve the quality of higher education while controlling costs. The competition involved 115 colleges and universities across the country with only six winners being chosen.

The award was received by GTA director Jim Hammond, Brenau President John Burd, Gainesville College President Martha Nesbitt, and Brenau Vice President for Academic Affairs Helen Ray.

"We were very excited to receive this prestigious award," Nesbitt said, "especially since we were the only two-year college named as a national winner."

Brenau University and Gainesville College decided to create the acting coalition more than 20 years ago. The alliance works with students and faculty from both institutions, as well as with the Gainesville community, to produce three main stage and two touring repertoire productions each year. GTA has three major priorities: quality productions, education, and accessibility. This enables the troupe to provide outstanding programs and services.

"Few communities in this country have access to the exceptional level of theatre produced by Gainesville Theatre Alliance," Nesbitt said.

The GTA program was showcased at the Kennedy Center in 1990 as a winner of the American College Theatre Festival. In addition, the Georgia Council for the Arts ranked the GTA twice in the last five years as the number one theatre in the state.

In addition to public recognition, the program has a history of outstanding graduates. Among these are Tony Award nominee Joanne Camp, Yale graduate Sandra Williams, who served as South African playwright Athol Fugard's stage manager for a number of years, and Austin Jones, who recently completed his graduate degree at Yale's highly competitive acting program.
Film Series Underway at Brenau University

Brenau University International Film Series recently announced its tentative schedule of films for 2000-2001.

Films:  
Topsy-Turvy  
The Nasty Girl  
Year of Living Dangerously  
Il Postino  
Red  
Cold Comfort Farm  

Origin:  
United Kingdom  
Germany  
Australia  
Italy  
France  
United Kingdom  

Show Dates:  
October 20  
November 16  
January 12  
February 16  
March 16  
April 20  

These films will be shown in the Brenau University library building. Refreshments are offered prior to the film (provided by The Times and the Humanities Division at Brenau). Season tickets are $25 individual; $45 couple.

For information and tickets, contact Brenau's Humanities Department at (770) 534-6179.

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Calendar of Events  

October 25 - Job Fair in Student Center

ACADEMIC

Mid Semester Break on Oct. 13.

Thanksgiving Holiday on Nov. 22-24.

Classes End on Dec. 8.

Final Exams on Dec. 11-14.

CLUBS

Baptist Student Union
- Fall Convention in Augusta on Sept. 29-Oct. 1.
- Staff and Faculty Appreciation Dinner in Lanier ABC from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Nov. 21.

FRANCIS TAYLOR

Talk on Nov. 8 at noon.

ART

"The Spirit and The Medium, Paint and Clay"- Recent works by Steve Frazier and Brian Taylor. Exhibition dates are Sept. 7 through Oct. 20.

"Diaries: July 1973"- Recent works of art by Sally Speed. Opening Reception and Gallery Talk on Nov. 8 at noon. Exhibition dates are Nov. 1 through Nov. 21.

"Imagine Imagination"- Jeanne Anne Davidson. Opening Reception and Gallery Talk on Dec. 6 at noon. Exhibition dates Nov. 29 through Dec. 17.

MUSIC

French Concert on Nov. 1 in the Continuing Education Building.

SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS

Colloquium Series- Delia Fine, "From the Page to the Screen" on Oct. 16 in the Continuing Education Room 108 at noon.

Colloquium Series- Nancy Babcock, "The French Culture" on Nov. 8 in the Continuing Education Room 108 at 1 p.m.

Colloquium Series- Michael Coles, "The Political Process" on Nov. 15 in the Continuing Education Room 108 at noon.

Colloquium Series- Eileen O' Brian, "A Moveable Feast" on Dec. 4 in the Continuing Education Room 108 at noon.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

American Gladiators on Sept. 18 outside at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stress Breakers on Sept. 19 in the Student Center at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Education Fair on Sept. 20 in Lanier AB from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Eight Ball Tournament on Sept. 25 in the Game Room at noon.

Fall Fiesta on Sept. 27 in the Student Center at noon.

Winging Wednesday on Sept. 27 in the Student Center at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ping Pong Tournament on Oct. 4 in the Game Room at noon.

Retta, Comedienne on Oct. 9 in the Student Center at noon.

PIANO CONCERT

"Piano Recital" by Mary Brown, on Nov. 20 in the Student Center at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

Now Showing

Gainesville College Art Gallery Presents
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INTRAMURALS

Fishing Tournament on Sept. 20 at the Lower Pond at GC from noon-8 p.m.

Golf Tournament on Oct. 11 at Chicopee Woods at 1:30 p.m.

Flag Football State Tournament on Nov. 10-12 at the University of Georgia.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Dec. 5 in the GC Gym at 6:30 p.m.

THEATRE

"Crazy for You" showing Nov. 7-19 at the Georgia Mountains Center (free with ID, Nov. 6, 8, & 9, 14-15; @ 718-3624).

"Pride and Prejudice" showing Feb. 20-25 at the Pearce Auditorium at Breaux University.

"Musical" showing April 17-29 at the Ed Cabell Theatre at Gainesville College.

IN-TOWN ACTIVITIES

American Gladiators on Oct. 18 in the Gym at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Virtual NASCAR Racing on Oct. 23 outside at 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Job Fair on Oct. 25 in the Student Center at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fall Festival on Oct. 30 in the Student Center at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Blood Drive on Oct. 31 in the Gym at 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monte Carlo Madness on Nov. 1 in the Student Center at 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Duathlon on Nov. 1 in the Gym at noon.

Celebrate French Week on Nov. 6 in the Student Center at noon.

Extended Orientation on Nov. 9 in the Student Center at 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pancake Study Break on Dec. 4 in the Student Center at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT

"Come Visit us upstairs from 2 Dog Cafe"
Dear Abbott...

A new advice column is coming to The Compass: “Dear Abbott”. Now you can ask “Dear Abbott” (and the people he’ll go to if he doesn’t know the answer himself) about anything. Just get online, either through your own Internet Service Provider or through the GC campus network, and send an e-mail to Dear_Abbott@hotmail.com. While your answer may not be featured in the newspaper, you will still receive a reply.
Opinion

Student Opinion Poll:
What do you like best about Gainesville College? Dislike?

Laura Weekly:
Likes: "I don't know if it is anything tangible. It is just a feeling you get here. I have been to Georgia State University, University of Georgia, Brenau, and Gainesville College twice. I have to say this is my very favorite one. You don't feel like a number. In the classroom, it is almost like your teacher is a tutor because it is one-on-one."
Dislikes: "I would like to see colleges and universities use their students to solve crucial community problems. We learn so much from our professors and books and we just take our knowledge elsewhere."

Baron Mullis:
Likes: "I like the size and the ability to talk to professor on a more personal basis."
Dislikes: "I dislike the size. When going to a bigger school there is more diversity."

Derrick Prater:
Likes: "It is convenient because I have to work."
Dislikes: "I dislike that it is a two-year school. It would be a lot easier if it were a four-year school than commuting to take night classes to finish."

Lekasha Dotson:
Likes: "It is a good transition between high school and college. You are doing college level work, but you have a smaller classroom."
Dislikes: "We don't have dorms. I dislike the drive because I have to drive 45 minutes."

Anna Na rdis:
Likes: "I have learned a lot. People here will help you. Also, the curriculum is good and it allows you to go straight into a four-year school."
Dislikes: "There is not as much of a college atmosphere as I would like."

Alejandro Oropeza:
Likes: "I think this school is very organized. I am pleased with the services, especially the computers."
Dislikes: "This school is in Hall County and has many Hispanic students. We need more orientation. There are not a lot of services for us or people that can help us."

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The Compass welcomes all letters to the editor and will print letters on a timely and space-available basis. Letters should be hand-delivered, mailed to Gainesville College, or E-mailed to dace7326@mercury.ge.peachnet.edu. Letters should be addressed to David Brandt, Editor-In-Chief. All letters must be signed. Letters should not exceed 100 words. Any letters not meeting these criteria are not considered by the Editorial Board of the Compass to be valid intent will not be printed.

Just a Few Reminders...

Parking On Campus

As of September 5, Gainesville College students should no longer park in the Lanier Tech parking areas. Also, students are to park in designated areas; not faculty/staff parking spaces.

Campus Tobacco Policy

Because of the harmful effects of smoking and use of other tobacco products on an individual's health and also because the college wants to protect non-smokers from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke, the college has established the following policy:

No use of any tobacco products is allowed in any buildings on campus or on the grounds, except in the shelter areas designated as smoking areas. All tobacco products are to be disposed of in the receptacles in the smoking shelters.

Students, faculty, and staff are urged to abide by the policy which means that there will be no smoking as one crosses the campus. Such a policy also helps with the cleanliness of our College.
Apathy in America

College environment can open eyes to larger issues

Could you locate Indonesia on a world map? Do you know who Augusto Pinochet is? If asked, could you explain to your grandmother why NATO bombed Serbia last year? And if you answered yes to any of the above, a follow-up question is: Do you care?

Despite all the advances in information technology, we Americans seem just as blissfully ignorant about the world as we did before the Internet and CNN news. The 1994 genocide in Rwanda, for example, in which 850,000 Tutsis were slaughtered in the greatest mass murder campaign since World War II, was page three news in the U.S. because we were more interested in the soap opera of the OJ Simpson trial. What gives?

Part of the explanation is practicality. Events that occur outside of the United States—indeed, outside our own neighborhoods—are often difficult to take to heart when they seem so far removed from our daily lives. Work, school, family and let’s face it, football, make far more immediate demands on our time and interest. More broadly, though, historical American attitudes towards “globalization” also help explain our parochialism. From the time of our founding until at least World War II, we have been reluctant to become involved, or ‘entangled’, in world affairs, particularly alliances. Even today, many Americans are skeptical of the United Nations and other international organizations that seem to infringe on American sovereignty.

But it is important that we at least be knowledgeable about some of the important issues of the world. Whether we know it or not, and regardless of whether we like it or not, we are inextricably linked to the rest of the globe through trade, travel, the Internet and countless other ways. Indeed, even our actions, individual or collective, have profound consequences. The shoes we buy might affect workers in Indonesia (for better or for worse?), or the sympathy we feel for starving victims of war and famine might pressure the President into sending the U.S. Marines to intervene, as we did in Somalia in the early 1990s. Issues involving global trade, peace keeping, and international justice will all be shaped by our responses, so it is important that we be aware of what is at stake.

Fortunately for us, there is no better place than a college environment to broaden one’s world view. Global studies courses, study abroad programs, or simply the array of resources at the library all offer great opportunities to move our own horizons a little further offshore.

Jeff Purdue is a professor of history and political science at GC.
New Faculty/Staff Faces Around Campus

**Sara Arko** — Admissions & Records, Receptionist. She has worked at Pharmacia & Upjohn and J.M. Huber in Commerce. She received the associate degree in business administration from Gainesville College. She and her husband, Ron, have two daughters, Melissa and Haley.

**Donald Hooton** — Plant Operations, Custodian. Groundskeeper. Before joining the GC staff, Ms. Hooton worked for Prichard’s in the Student Center. She and her husband, Paul, have a son and daughter and one grandchild. She says that being a grandparent is “the best.” Her hobbies are reading and music.

**Margaret Bailey** — Vice President for Academic Affairs, Administrative Assistant. She formerly worked at the Medical College of Georgia in the office of the Dean of the School of Medicine. She and her husband, William Ray Bailey, have a son and two daughters.

**Ronnie L. Booth** — Academic Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. He received the B.S. degree from the University of South Carolina at Columbia, the M.A. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and M.Ed. from USC, and the Ph.D. from USC-Columbia. He served as associate professor and assistant dean of the School of Education at Piedmont College. He and his wife, Sara, have two daughters, Erin and Ashley.

**Julie Clark** — Admissions and Records, Counselor. She received the B.A. degree from Wofford College and the M.Ed. degree from the University of South Carolina. Before coming to GC, she was a graduate assistant and a graduate coordinator for testing at the University of South Carolina.

**Amy Collins** — Human Resources, Personnel Specialist. She has an associate degree from Gainesville College and a B.S. degree in human resources management from Brenau University. She formerly worked in group health insurance at MAG Mutual in Duluth, Georgia.

**Steven Ferguson** — Continuing Education, Information Technology Coordinator. He received the A.S. degree in Engineering from Gainesville College. Before coming to the College, he was self-employed in the I.T. industry. He is interested in martial arts and rock climbing.


**Brandi Keeton** — (Part-time), Continuing Education, Staff Assistant. Formerly, she worked at Regions Bank as a loan operations assistant. She received the associate degree in business administration from Gainesville College. She spends most of her spare time working with the college and career group at Blackshear Place Baptist Church. She likes to do anything creative.

**Diann Kiser** — Office of Information Technology, Computer and Network Support Specialist. She earned the B.S. degree in criminal justice from West Georgia College. He has been a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service, a Gwinnett County police officer, and a law enforcement instructor with the Gwinnett County Schools. He has two children: Justin and Jordan.

**Susan MacFarland** — Social Sciences Division, Assistant Professor of Political Science. She received the B.A. degree from Iowa Wesleyan College, the M.A. from Oklahoma State University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma. Formerly, she taught at Reinhardt College, Perimeter College, and Kennesaw State University. She is serving as a District 9 delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles in August. She enjoys reading, gardening, and music.

**Jason Mosser** — Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Assistant Professor of English. He earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from West Virginia University and the Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. He has taught at Rockford College and at UGA. He was a Brittain Fellow at Georgia Tech. He enjoys playing Scrabble and going for long walks with his dog, Sidney.

**Jeffrey D. Pardue** — Social Sciences, Assistant Professor of History. He received the B.A. degree in History and English from the University of Wyoming, the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Waterloo in Ontario. He taught in Chicago prior to coming to GC. He is married to Michelle Pardue and they have two children, Emily and Thomas. He enjoys good fiction and fly fishing.
New Faculty/Staff Faces Around Campus

CONNIE S. RINGER — Social Sciences, Assistant Professor of Psychology. She received the B.A. degree from Hendrix College and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. Before her appointment at GC she was on the faculty of Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. She also taught at Linn-Benton Community College.

TODD SMITH — Academic Computing, PC User Support Specialist. He attended North Georgia Technical Institute. Before coming to GC he worked at Appalachian Mortgage in Cornelia. He and his wife Sherry have a son Jake and a daughter Katie. Todd’s main interest is computers.

KERRY R. STEWART — Social Sciences, Assistant Professor of Political Science. He holds the B.A. degree from the University of Hawaii, the M.A. from Bowling Green State University, and the Ph.D. from Georgia State University. He was formerly Assistant Professor of Political Science at Georgia Southwestern State University. A musician, he enjoys diving and golf.

ANDREW (DREW) URBANEK — Library/ACTT Division, Access Services Librarian. He received the B.A. in English, M.A. in Comparative Literature and Rhetoric, and M.L.S. degrees from State University of New York at Albany. Before coming to GC, he served as temporary reference librarian at Syracuse University and team leader of the Reference Outreach working group. He has an interest in interactive improvisational theatre and is a kendo enthusiast and an aspiring writer.

CATHARINE WHITING — Natural Sciences, Physical Education and Technology Division, Temporary Instructor of Biology. She received the A.S. degree from Waycross College, the B.S. from the University of Georgia, and the M.S.T. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida. She has taught part-time at GC and was an assistant professor at Wingate College. She is married to Mark Whiting.

JAMES AWAREY — Social Sciences, Instructor. Before joining the GC Faculty, James taught at Brenau University and is currently completing his dissertation at UGA. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Texas Tech University. He and his wife, Amy, have two children, Austin and Steven. James enjoys playing the guitar and is an amateur archaeologist.

ROBERT BECKER — Social Sciences, Visiting Professor of History. He comes to GC from Georgia Perimeter College. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. all from the University of Colorado. He is married to Vivienne "Jo" McClendon and enjoys reading, traveling, people, and gardening.

DERITA BROWN — Plant Operations, Custodian. She was employed by Prichard’s Party Planners as kitchen manager before joining the GC Staff. She has one daughter, Rachel Yates.

ELAINE BRYAN — Physical Education, Fitness Center Director. She will hold this position for one year. A recent graduate of Georgia Southern, Elaine was a Graduate/Teaching Assistant in Health & Professional Studies. She received her M.S. in Kinesiology for Georgia Southern and her B.B.A. from UGA. Elaine enjoys running, riding horses and playing golf.

SHEREE CORBIN — Academic Affairs, Administrative Assistant. Prior to coming to the GC, she worked for six years in the State of Georgia, Department of Corrections at Phillips State Prison in Buford, GA. She earned her Secretarial Science Degree from Lanier Technical Institute. Sherree has two daughters, Christa and Don, and enjoys reading, riding motorcycles, and writing poetry.

DARRELL IVES — Public Safety, Security Officer. He is retired from the Hall County Sheriff’s Department. Darrell and his wife, Judy, have three children and three grandchildren. He enjoys flower gardening.

JOHN O’SULLIVAN — Social Sciences, Associate Professor. He received his M.A. and Ed.S. from West Georgia College and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. When asked what he did before coming to GC, he replied: "teach, research, think, read, write, hike and bike."

DIANNE T. PARKER — Humanities and Fine Arts Division, Instructor. She earned her A.A. from Gainesville College and her B.A. and M.A. from Georgia State University. Prior to joining the GC Faculty, she taught at a private high school and part-time at GC and Georgia State. Dianne enjoys reading, sailing and fishing. She is married to William A. Parker.

CLAYTON TEEM — Social Sciences, Assistant Professor of Psychology. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Berkeley. Before joining the GC Faculty, he was a Consulting Psychologist. He enjoys the Arts (reading, movies, writing, and music) and computers.
Club to Pay for Fees

By Kami Stevens
Contributing Writer

The Gainesville College Mountain Biking Club will pay the membership fee of any student who is interested in joining SORBA, the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association.

To become a member, volunteer at the next scheduled work party to assist with trail maintenance. That party will be held at 9 a.m. the GC Trail. Tools and lunch will be provided.

Tom Sauret, the Executive Director of SORBA and a professor at Gainesville College, emphasizes that “SORBA is not a race organization,” though SORBA does promote some bicycle races in order to raise money for their many programs.

To participate in SORBA activities, students can contact Sauret at (770) 718-3674.

“[If you can only come for two hours, that’s fine],” said Sauret. “We ask anyone who is interested to donate whatever time they can.”

SORBA established in 1987 after Kennesaw National Park banned bicycle riding due to a user conflict with horseback riders and hikers. The group wanted to gain land access in parks and wilderness areas.

Though SORBA started out as a small group, the association now has over 700 active members.

SORBA runs almost solely on volunteer effort. Volunteers build and maintain trails, lead bike rides, and educate cyclists on safe and environmentally sound riding.

SORBA also does many things to ensure the preservation of nature. They construct bridges over creeks, plant trees in barren trail areas, dispose of litter, and practice low-impact cycling which ensures that the bicycles’ impact on land is minimal.

“We’re very interested in making the land happy,” said Sauret.

Flag Football Headlines Intramurals

By Nicky Willis
Staff Writer

The Gainesville College intramural program is once again up and running for the 2000-01 school year.

“[Intramurals] are a great way to have fun, and get needed exercise,” says Michelle S. Brown, Director of Student Activities.

Upcoming intramural events include a fishing tournament scheduled for September 20 from 12-7 p.m. on campus at the lower pond. A golf tournament will also be held at October 4 at the Cherokee Golf Course on Atlanta Highway in the city of Gainesville.

The intramural program is designed to provide fun social activities and sports events at Gainesville College.

“Intramurals are fun and exciting, they are a good way to develop skills, build friendships, and establish teamwork,” said student Andrea Smallwood.

“Participation is the key,” said Glenn Preston, Director of Intramurals. If there is any sport that is not available, students contact Preston, who will make an effort to sponsor the event.

Anyone who has or would like to join a flag football team, may contact Preston. An all-star team will be selected for the state tournament to be held at the University of Georgia on November 10-12.

The intramural program is open to all faculty, staff, and students. Awards will be presented to all winners of intramural events at the end of the intramural season.

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Film Course Offered

Sauret to teach small class in Spring 2001

By Crixi C. Stewart
Staff Writer

tom Sauret, professor of English, will be teaching a new film class next spring at Gainedesville College.

The "Film and Literature" course will be a small class that will focus on many aspects of literature from classics like "Hamlet" and "Wuthering Heights" to lyric poetry and literary anthologies. But this class is no typi
call literature class - films replace essays and term papers.

"There are really great films worthy of time and consideration, just like great literature works and paintings," said Sauret. "I want my students to be able to see them and know, to be able to distinguish them."

From literary sources, students will pick an element or concept that appeals to them and put it up on the big screen.

Students will form groups and learn the editing filmmaking process. Each group will be in charge of their film treatment, script, storyboard, shooting script and the actual production.

"Each group will be in charge of being creative and finding locations to shoot the film," said Sauret. "It really is 'guerrilla filmmaking.'"

That style of filming may lack in production sites, but makes up for it in materials and equipment. The Fine Arts department budget permitted him to get a state of the art movie camera, lighting equipment and high-tech editing tools.

Sauret believes that the class is just the first of several more and just the beginning of what he hopes will soon be a film department at GC. With talk of hiring a film expert with a degree in Cinema, Sauret stated his reasoning.

"It's time," Sauret said. "I've been to many conferences where other two year schools already have full film departments and offer film as a major."

Artistic field or not the class is open to any GC student who is interested and willing to spend time making a movie both inside and out of class. There will be a class syllabus for Film and Literature posted on the web before spring registration so that anyone interested in the class can get an idea of the workload and schedule.

"The class is very time consuming, challenging, and extremely hands-on practical stuff," said Sauret "yet while it is challenging it still should be a lot of fun especially to students going into an artistic field."

By Tricia Madison
Contributing Writer

In the spring semester of 2000, Gainedesville College became the only two-year college in Georgia to offer an associate's degree in religion to its students.

The program for religious studies will be listed in the Associate of Arts section of the Gainedesville College Catalog for 2001-2002. However, the new courses that accompany this degree will not be implemented into the Gainedesville College curriculum until 2001. The originator of the new program, Professor Teresa Dove-Waters, expects students to acquire a better understanding of the religious diversities in the United States as well as throughout the world.

P.E. Offerings Expanding

By Clayton Shaw
Contributing Writer

New classes have been added this semester to enhance the variety of physical education course requirements. For the first time, horseback riding, skiing/snowboarding, canoeing/kayaking, and rowing have become available courses to students.

This course increase is largely due to student interest in the one credit hour PE classes, which fulfill quickly. The unique new classes offer an added selection to the current curriculum, but carry additional fees.

By Clayton Shaw
Contributing Writer

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Students, faculty, and staff are urged to abide by the policy which means that there will be no smoking as one crosses the campus. Such a policy also helps with the cleanliness of our College.
Non-traditional Students Strive to Keep Learning

Clarkson credits GC science department, Gopalan says that college is “unmatched”

By David Brandt
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Staff Writer

For non-traditional students such as Toby Clarkson and Anu Gopalan, Gainesville College has proven to be a perfect solution for changing career goals.

A 29-year-old Gainesville lawyer, Clarkson has a bachelor’s degree in banking and finance from Auburn University and is a graduate of the University of Georgia law school. He has spent the last four years building a successful local practice, a firm that has offices in Oakwood, Athens and Dahlonega. But after accomplishing these goals, the husband and father had serious doubts about his career as an attorney.

“It is really hard having to argue all of the time,” Clarkson said. “I guess I decided that this kind of career wasn’t really for me.”

After thinking over his options, Clarkson chose to make a move into the medical profession.

“It’s really something that I’ve always wanted to do,” he said, “but when I was a kid, my family really hated lawyers. I guess I was just in a rebellious stage when I was getting ready for college.”

Since he is originally from the Gainesville area, GC was one of Clarkson’s first choices when it came to answering his new calling. What specifically attracted him to the school were the affordable tuition costs and the convenience of its location. Those factors were already well known to him because of his long-time association with the community. The strongest recommendation he received came from his wife, Deanna, who toured the school’s science department last year while working on her doctorate in quantum physics at another university.

“Gainesville offers a wide variety of courses,” Clarkson said. “I can learn any subject here, Gainesville provided the opportunity for me to learn quantum physics without having to go to another university.”

For many students a flexible, part-time job is needed. Donna Grizzle, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, is responsible for helping students locate on-campus jobs.

“For students with on-campus jobs, education has top priority,” said Grizzle. “A job on campus provides convenience. Students are able to work between classes and they are needed resources for departments.”

There are two types of campus jobs available for students. The Federal Work Study Program is based on the student’s needs. He/she is paid through government funds for the hours they put in. Another program is Work Aid, which is funded through the division or office that the student works. These jobs are mainly receptionist jobs in various offices on campus. Other jobs include grounds crew, lab assistants, tutors, lifeguards, and library aides.

Class size, among other considerations, were part of what made Anu Gopalan choose GC over other Georgia colleges and universities. A 25-year-old resident of Flowery Branch, Gopalan found the same appealing qualities that many students, like Clarkson, are attracted to: location, low financial costs and a well-rounded education.

“I’ve been rather impressed with the [sociology and statistics] classes that I’ve been taking at GC,” Gopalan said. “The math department seems to be quite good, and because the classes are small, I’m able to interact in class more and approach the teachers when I need to. I have had a good, quality education, that I wasn’t expecting, at an affordable price.”

GC also allowed Gopalan to stay very devoted to her family by allowing her the opportunity to register for classes that would fit around her schedule.

“Homeschooled my brother for the past two years,” Gopalan said, “but now that he has graduated, I’m looking to go back to nursing, and GC offered the classes I needed at a suitable time.”

With a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Rutgers University and teaching experience, Gopalan worked on her required courses this summer at GC and planned to begin work on a master’s degree in nursing at Emory University in the fall. She’s hoping to take her education farther after she obtains her second degree.

“I’d like to return to my home in India,” Gopalan said, “perhaps to establish some clinics in the poorer areas.”

Many students who attend Gainesville College walk away with the same appreciation that Clarkson has found during his time here.

“If you want to learn anything, Gainesville would be unmatched when compared to the larger universities,” Clarkson said.

On-, Off-Campus Jobs Now Available

PACE Center, Grizzle can provide assistance to students in need of part-, full-time jobs

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Gainesville College provides several job services to aid students in finding jobs. Both the student and the employers are benefited.

Mandy DeSaussure, former PACE Center Office Manager, assisted students in finding off-campus jobs. Local businesses and organizations contacted her when they have a position available. She would then place them on the GC Job Board, which can be accessed at http://data.gc.peachnet.edu/asp/ tool/jobboard/.

There are over 200 full- or part-time jobs currently listed on the site.

“We do not know how widely it is used,” said DeSaussure. “But we believe it is used a lot.”

There is no way to document the success of the job board, but she often hears that someone has obtained a job through this resource.

For many students a flexible, part-time job is needed. Donna Grizzle, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, is responsible for helping students locate on-campus jobs.

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The pay is $6 per hour for both programs. Student workers can only work up to 19 hours per week because they could receive a benefits package once they reach 20 hours, and can only work when classes are in session. Working on campus also has the potential to lead to other jobs. It allows students to become familiar with the people in the office which gives them references for future jobs.

At a four-year school, students will be able to say they have experience working in a college office," said Grizzle.

"Students interested in on- or off-campus employment should contact the PACE Center or by calling or visiting Grizzle at (770) 718-3747 in the Financial Aid Office in the Student Center."