Banks, Shops, Offices Headline October Job Fair

By Chris J. Keen
Contributing Writer

Prominent business names like Wachovia, Best Buy, and Banana Republic appeared at the Gainesville College Job Fair on Oct. 25, in hopes of recruiting students for future employment.

"[The Job Fair] is just another door," commented Mike Thurmond, a computer information systems major. "People should take advantage of it."

The procedure is designed to help students find work with flexible hours comparable with their major so the student can explore aspects of his or her major. Seasonal, part and full time work is available in almost every company.

"I believe it was very successful," said Becky Smith, job fair volunteer. Smith reported that more than 42 companies were present, all of which intend to return next year.

Many of the visiting companies offer 401k retirement plans, as well as stock options. Some of the businesses also offered scholarships, insurance, and sick pay as a reward for remaining with them for a pre-determined length of time.

"The door of opportunity is open for the taking," said Chad Thomason, a business major. "People need to take advantage of any chance they can get."

At many of the tables, students could have submitted an application to the companies' representatives.

Nursing major Joy Goodrum is considering employment at Lanier Park Hospital. She was impressed by the visual presentations given at the job fair.

"It's interesting; there are many diverse jobs," said Goodrum.

Several tables were scattered around the Student Activities Center, providing students with information and brochures from any or all of the participating companies.

Alison Gaines, the event's host, said the spring 2001 job fair will host more companies, hopefully relating to GC-offered majors.

On Oct. 25 the Student Activities Center was crowded with employers and prospective employees. Students were given the opportunity to collect brochures, discuss employment, and pick up applications from several local businesses.
Student Suspended From Campus In Oct.

Male student not allowed on GC campus until summer 2001; Must receive psychiatric evaluation before return

By Jon Krueger and Joy Harper
Contributing Writers

A Student Disciplinary Hearing Panel suspended a freshman male student on Oct. 5 for "unauthorized use of a college facility...specifically the ladies locker room," according to a letter written to the student by Vice President of Student Development Tom Walter.

The student is suspended until at least summer semester 2001.

A female faculty member at GC, who was in the shower when the student was in the locker room, filed the complaint against him on Sept. 26.

The letter written to the suspended student by Walter also stated that the student would have to provide a written letter by a "licensed psychologist, professional counselor, or a clinical social worker stating [he] is no present danger to person or property in a post-secondary environment..." in order for him to return to the college in 2001. If the student is caught on campus any time before 2001, he will be charged with criminal trespassing.

The Student Hearing Panel was composed of four GC students, randomly selected by Student Government President Stephanie Schatz. The vote to suspend the student was unanimous.

According to Walter, this is the first time a GC student has been suspended for disciplinary reasons during his 12-year tenure at the college.

The suspended student, who wished to remain unnamed for fear of personal incrimination, disagrees with the testimony given against her by the Hearing Panel, but said he "understood" why they kicked him out of the college.

The student said he has no plans of returning to GC or seeking psychological treatment because, as he said, "I am not a psycho.

The student said he realized that being in the ladies locker room meant a stiff penalty, and he even believed that he would be suspended. His only request to the Hearing Panel and the administration was that he could be refunded his tuition money. According to Walter, he was not entitled to a refund because he was suspended for a disciplinary matter.

The suspended student stated that he felt the Hearing Panel was disorganized and felt "overwhelmed" by all the questions being asked. The suspended student's first language is not English, so Post-Secondary Readiness Enrichment Director Lee Anzola acted as a translator for him at the panel. According to the student, Anzola "changed my words" when translating for him.

Anzola disagreed with the student's accusation.

"[The student] is completely bilingual," Anzola said. "The only time I intervened was to translate a couple of words [for the Hearing Panel]."

The locker room incident occurred on September 21 in the GC gym, according to Richard Thompson, Public Safety Officer. He said the suspended student was "observing [the faculty member] in the nude" as she showed up.

According to Walter, the faculty member was unaware that she was being watched in the locker room. Physical Education Department Secretary Martha James walked into the locker room and saw the student. She then alerted Physical Education Chair Glenn Preston, who then confronted the student.

Walter stated that the student then fled the locker room.

The suspended student disagrees with Walter and Thompson's accounts of the incident. In a statement read at the Hearing Panel, he said that on the afternoon of the incident, he went into the gym to work out. When he finished working out, he called his girlfriend from a gym phone, and then went to buy a soft drink from the vending machine. At that time, he said he became sick and ran to the nearest bathroom to avoid an accident.

The student said he didn't realize the bathroom he ran into was the women's locker room. He said that he quickly ran to a stall, and when he was getting ready to exit the stall after relieving himself, he heard women's voices. The student decided to "wait it out" in the stall to avoid an embarrassing situation, but was seen by James and then confronted by Preston.

"Preston was obviously very angry and aggressive and I was scared," the student stated. According to the student, he told Preston that English was not his first language.

"He told me "if you don't speak English, you won't be here," meaning GC," the student stated.

"I don't believe what he said," Preston stated. "It says women on the door and women right beside the door. He was up to no good."

The student claimed that he "walked out the back exit," not running, as Preston said he did.

The student also believes it is "crazy" that the female faculty member in the shower filed a complaint against him if she never saw him.

GC disciplinary panels can be composed of either faculty members from each division or randomly selected students, according to Walter. The fourth student serves as an alternate.

"[The suspended student] chose to have a complete student panel," Walter stated. "The panel was selected by [Kitchen]. There was no protocol [for the people she selected]."

Walter stated that the student contacted him the following day by telephone and was told that he would be suspended until 2001. Walter also wrote the student a letter outlining the details of his suspension.

No criminal charges were filed against the suspended student because, according to Walter, the faculty member chose not to do so.

Walter also stated that the image of the college had nothing to do with the incident not being disclosed to the student body.

"The concern was the privacy of the people involved," he stated. "The person who presented the charges wanted to keep this as private as possible."

Walter also points out that a notice was posted in the Student Center stating that a Hearing Panel would be held.

Walter was out of town when the incident occurred. When he returned, he found the accused student in class but could take no action against him because no formal written complaint had been filed.

When the complaint was filed, Walter banned the student from campus until the panel was held.

According to custodian Ray Hughes, this was not the first time that the student had been caught in a suspicious situation. A week before the locker room incident the student was spotted by Hughes coming out of the ladies bathroom in the gym at 8:45 p.m. Hughes stated he was vacuumin the gym and saw a young man leaving the ladies bathroom after everyone else in the gym had left.

"I thought nothing of it at the time," Hughes stated. "Later I heard Mrs. James and someone else talking about catching [someone] in the locker room. I told them it sounded like the person I saw come out of the ladies bathroom.

"Later I saw Dr. Walter and [the student] and a security guy talking next to the [ladies] locker room and I could tell it was the same guy I saw coming out of the ladies bathroom," Hughes said.

Hughes stated he was vacuumin the Hearing Panel and told them what he had seen, but he thinks they did not believe his story.

The suspended student also disagrees with Hughes' statement. The student claims he was in math class at the time Hughes said he saw him. He also believes that Hughes' statement "shouldn't be considered since he never reported any thing."

Registrar No Longer Sending Grade Reports to Student Homes

Students must access grades through Banner Web; Can make request for mail delivery

By Kami Stevens
Contributing Writer

Effective immediately, grade reports will no longer be sent to the homes of Gainesville College students.

Student grades will be posted on the GC website under Banner Web. Students can check their grades on campus using computers in the Library's ACCT center.

Prior to Thanksgiving break, the Registrar's Office sent each student a flyer in the mail explaining this change.

"Computers are a more efficient way to [display grade reports]," said Registrar Susan Daniel. "Many colleges are beginning to take this approach."

In order to access their grades, students must know their personal identification number. PINs can be attained at the Advising Center or the Registrar's Office, but students must present photo ID to obtain their PIN.

They can also be given to students through their advisers.

Fall semester grades should be available to view on the GC Website by Monday, Dec. 18. Grades will not be posted until every faculty member has turned in their semester grades. While waiting for final grades, an "in progress" report can be checked by accessing "Transguide" under the student record menu on the GC banner web.

Daniels believes that most students have access to the technology that allows them to retrieve their grade reports.

If any student has problems in gaining access to a computer, the college will mail the student's grades, but only with the written request of the student.

"We're not doing this for our convenience," said Daniels. "This is for the students. We don't want anyone to be disadvantaged [by the new system]."
News Briefs

GC Office Hours Change for End of Semester
Gainesville College now closes at 3 p.m. every Friday for the rest of the semester. This includes all offices, the Library and the ACTT Center.

Library Renovations Begin in April
The Library will be closed for renovations beginning on April 17, 2001 and will not reopen until June 3, 2001. During this time limited resources will be available in the ACTT Center along with a Librarian to help with research needs. Emergency Funds Available as Last Resort

Scholarships Awarded on Need Basis
During the April 25, 2000 meeting of the Gainesville College Women’s Organization a proposal for an emergency scholarship fund was accepted. The $500 per year is awarded based on need and is available to both men and women. This is a last resort and is a one-time opportunity. Any student who needs more information should talk to someone in Financial Aid, a class professor, or Becky Webb at (770) 718-3655 or bwebb@mercury.gc.peachnet.edu.

Chestatee Review Wins Award
Gainesville College’s literary magazine, The Chestatee Review, won third place in the Southern Region Community College Humanities Association National Literary Magazine Competition. The magazine was honored at the Southern Division Conference awards ceremony in Miami Beach, Florida on October 27.

Linguistics Course To Be Offered in Spring
The Foreign Language Department is offering MLAN 2010 in spring semester in addition to other foreign language courses.

Road Trips Available to GC Students
Global Volunteers, a private, non-profit organization, offers one to three week volunteer service programs that allow students to travel to other countries and do community service.

Wild Goose Chase to be Held in Dec.
The GC Wild Goose Chase 5k run and one mile walk/run will be held on the GC trials with the 5k beginning at 12:15 p.m. and the 1 Mile Run/Walk at 12:45 on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Awards will be presented to the top three female and male winners in each category. There is an entry fee of $10, which includes a T-shirt. The race is open to GC students and the public, for more information contact Elaine Bryan 770-718-3799.

GC Gives 65 Pints to Red Cross
Gainesville College held a blood drive on Oct. 31 in the P.E Building. Approximately 86 participants— including GC students, faculty, and staff—donated 65 pints of blood.

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"I think it is important to the college to give back to the community," said Elaine Bryan, Fitness Center Director. "(Giving blood) is a great way to do it. The students coming in have been great."

The Red Cross, located in Gainesville, supplies 99 percent of the blood to hospitals in North Georgia. According to Cheryl Vandiver, Senior Resource Development Manager for the NE Georgia Red Cross, the blood bank holds two to three days supply of blood for emergencies. There is a shortage, however, of type O negative in the blood banks. O negative is needed most because it is the universal blood type. "It is so important to donate blood," said Vandiver. "It saves lives whether it is for surgery, or an accident. If people do not give, the blood will not be there in an emergency."

Irene Jones, Coordinator of Volunteers for the Red Cross blood service, believes donating blood is very important. She has been volunteering for the Red Cross for 11 years.

"Each pint we collect helps to save at least three lives," Jones said. "After donating, people can rebuild their blood within 56 days" Many students who donated blood know how important it is. Aaron Frost, a general studies major, hopes that by donating blood, it will help him if he is ever in need of it.

"I would like someone to donate blood to me if I were in an accident," said Frost. Julie Randolph, a pre-pharmacy major, knows donating blood saves lives.

"I donate blood mainly to save children's lives," said Randolph. "I do it about twice a year."

For more information on donating blood or setting up a blood drive, donors can contact the NE Georgia Red Cross at (770) 532-8453. They are open three days a week and provide a calendar for off-site blood drives.
Club Briefs

SIFE Calendar Sale Underway

The Students In Free Enterprise participated in Make a Difference Day on Oct. 28. This national day of service is supported by USA Weekend, the Wal-Mart Corporation, and the Points of Light Foundation. GC SIFE has received national recognition for its “Learning Equals Earning” program by working with its partner elementary schools. The group also teaches Junior Achievement classes at local elementary schools. SIFE held a leadership retreat skills and getting to know one another.

And SIFE is once again sponsoring the Custom Calendar Sale. The calendars are $20 each. Those interested in having a calendar made should submit up to 12 pictures. The final deadline is Dec. 15. If students want the calendars ready by the end of finals, then the deadline is Dec. 11, and to guarantee a Christmas delivery it is Dec. 13.

Submissions Needed for Literary Catalog

The Literature and Film Club is currently accepting artwork for the 2001 Chestate Review. The club will consider all types of media. A prize of $100 will be given to the person who enters the winning artwork. The deadline for submission is Dec. 8 at noon. Artwork must be given to Tom Saurer in room 172 of Academic II.

The club hosted poet Greg Miller at one of its recent meetings. They also went to Shakespeare Tavern to see the play “Dr. Faustus.”

SORBA Receives Charity Funding

The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association recently received a donation of $2,750 from Free-Flite Bicycles, which is located in Marietta, GA. The money will help students purchase tools to maintain mountain bike trails.

BSU Raises Money to Help Others

The Baptist Student Union went trick or treating for canned goods on Halloween. The cans they received will be donated to the Good Samaritan, which is an outreach for people in need. The club also held several events to help raise money for summer missions. They hosted a "Bike for Missions," and Bid-At-Date. The group also sponsored a Faculty/Staff Appreciation Dinner. Each Friday there is a high school student group held and students gather to pray at 6:30 p.m. on Wed. Anyone interested in joining either group is welcome.

Culturalists Visit Local Museum

The Cross-Cultural Connections club took a field trip to the Fernbank Museum of Natural History to see an exhibit called “Life and Death Under the Pharaohs,” and to see the IMAX film titled Mysteries of Egypt. The club also watched the movie Soldiers’ Daughters Never Cry.

Math Club Discusses Voting Methods

Statistics professor Ellen Rehak gave a lecture at a Math Club meeting called “The Politics of Numbers.” In her lecture she showed comparisons among various voting techniques, including the plurality method, used in the 2000 elections.

Maddox, Batusic Lecture Christ Crusade

The Campus Crusade for Christ has hosted Johnny Maddox and John Batusic as speakers to recent club meetings. The club also had two game booths at the Halloween Carnival sponsored by the Student Government Association for Partners in Education. The group held the month of October with a Fall Ball that featured volleyball, basketball, and dancing. The organization is currently forming prayer partners and discipleship groups.

Club Speaks Against Smoking

Future Health Professionals’ Vice President, Janny Packer (left) speaks with GC student Christy Ruiz about the dangers of tobacco and smoking at the Health Fair, which was held on Oct. 18 in the gym.

The club raised $87 through the bake sale. The money will be used to help pay for upcoming club events, such as a social, and AIDS Awareness Day on December 1. In conjunction with the bake sale, the organization held a raffle in which nearly 45 students participated. Later in the week, at the Health Fair the students handed out information from the American Cancer Society, along with a pamphlet that they had published. Their purpose was to show other people what the effects of smoking are.

“If we can influence just one person to stop using tobacco, then that is one life saved,” said Schwartz. “Every person is important. That is why we do not like to see people hurting themselves with smoking.”

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Family Concert to Kick Off GC Christmas Festivities

MUSIC
Family Holiday Concert on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Gainesville Episcopal Church including the GC Chorale and Jazz Combo.

Lobby Recital in the Continuing Education Building on Dec. 6 at noon.

Lobby Recital for Faculty, Staff, and Students in the CE lobby on Dec. 8 at noon.

SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS
Colloquium Series- Eileen O’Brian, “A Moveable Feast” on Dec. 4 in the Continuing Education Room 108 at noon.

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

Return to Steamboat - Colorado Ski Trip on Dec. 16-22.

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

Wild Goose Chase on Dec. 6. Entry forms in the Fitness Center.

ACADEMICS
Hispanic Student Scholarship Representatives will be in Student Activities on Dec. 5 at noon.

Final Exams on Dec.

CLUBS
Baptist Student Union -Christmas Banquet on Dec. 14

Send calendar info to Sarah Grzesiak at sgrz3002@mercury.gc.peachnet.edu

Horoscopes for the Month of December

**Aries**
Now that you have taken hold of the reigns and seem back in control, there is still a lot going on that connects to joint partnerships, enabling progress. Due to this, luck seems on your side. The end of the month might just tip the scales in your favor bringing changes that you are hoping for. Don’t expect too much, everything is a process but certainly steps can be taken to bring more security.

**Taurus**
You may feel as though situations are a bit weighty. Saturn restricts for a reason, this time is best used to go over the past to get all in perspective. You feel that you need to expand especially with the experience you gained over the last couple of years or so. There is still an accent on partnership and negotiations which are taking place.

**Gemini**
Discussions are moving fast in your line of work, coupled with a lucky break, it seems likely. Relationships still seem demanding and may relate to domestic issues that haven’t healed, you seem to take a step forward and then back. This month will clearly define all, but changes alter ones life style for a purpose.

**Cancer**
The new moon stimulates active communications and this flows smoothly helping to bring about a clearer understanding in friend relations and work. You’re trying to complete some thing that began some time ago. The sun indicates more social aspects, but life’s demands seem to take up too much time. Getting the status quo right seems problematic but safe and sure steps get you where you want to go.

**Leo**
The sun works to your advantage but you will need to be cautious because this is a time to get to the bottom on all that has been a burden. Tread carefully. Special attention may be needed to get to the roots of your dilemma. Getting in touch with intuition and the instinctive parts of you will help in learning all that has made you feel uncomfortable at times.

**Virgo**
Striding forward over the last few weeks has been a burden as you have had to look at all channels you have been working towards and re-align everything, its taken its toll. You have been working towards the completion of something in relation to authoritarian figures and it’s not exactly easy.

**Libra**
Accent is with friends, associates, and the energy that you’re putting in to these areas. Are you pushing your self too far? Only so much can be done to keep the balance. Your solar chart shows alterations within relationships that may end a chapter and so brings in the new. Luck seems on your side as far as a financial arrangements is concerned.

**Scorpio**
The early part of the month points to careful planning that will help later as well as now, what ever is dealt with has taken quite a bit of time to get there, Mars has been diligent laying down good ground work so that all is clear, leaving nothing to chance. If this relates to joint resources then this may be an expensive time, however indications also point towards healing, which will bridge the gap. The sun will open the way to a New Year and reinforce confidence.

**Sagittarius**
Venus, the planet of love and justice, is there to guide, help and bring equilibrium into your sphere. Recently, life has opened up, being much kinder. Although things are nicely being corrected, everything is coming to a point where an expenditure of energy may be demanded. Take this into consideration before taking on more than you can handle.

**Capricorn**
You will find your self going back over some thing that you felt was not only mystical but also has solid roots. This relates to how you earn a living but also the creative side of your nature. Work that is taking place now with Jupiter in your 6th house of work will enhance and safeguard all that you do. However you will need to watch your energy.

**Aquarius**
Ideals and perceptions walk hand in hand, your attention is focused on home and work, where there’s a bit of a weight that needs your time. This also links with other’s with which you work. You are striving through shared commitments in order to get these areas the way you want them. When these flow well together you can be sure that healing will take place and so help nurture and bring caring qualities in life.

**Pisces**
This month is connected to work, home, relationships, personal, and friendships. This may be some thing you couldn’t quite get over, but now the planets are helping to reveal your secret yearnings and although these may not be viable. You will finally let this go and end one chapter in life.
Dear Abbott:

I have a problem with my boyfriend. We never get to spend any time alone because his best friend is always with us. I like his best friend, but it’s very frustrating. When I talked to my boyfriend about it, he just laughed! What should I do?

Frustrated:

It seems to me you really have two problems. One, of course, is your boyfriend’s best friend. The other is his response to your concern. I’d be the last to say that he needs to leap to your every need, but if you bring him a problem and he laughs, something’s wrong.

It also seems to me that to take care of one problem, you need to take care of both. Sit down with your boyfriend, at some time when you’re both calm — and when this friend is not around, and speak seriously with him. Tell him that there are certain things that need to change, if the two of you are going to have a good relationship. Make it clear that this is a problem, and that some of the burden will be his.

I wish you luck.

— Ken Abbott
Sandler Avoids Letting Celebrity Success Go To Head

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Over the past 15 years, Adam Sandler has taken his comedy and built it into a remarkable career that sets the stage for him to become a true comedic legend. Some of the hilarious, but dim-witted characters he created for television shows such as MTV's "Remote Control" and NBC's "Saturday Night Live" have paved the way for the comedian, writer, actor, and producer to become a household name—or at least a college dorm name.

His films usually portray an underdog who triumphs over those who oppose him.

His comedic genius and respect for his fans—most of whom are in the 16-30 age range—has allowed the non-show-business public to perceive Sandler as a "real" celebrity: Someone who hasn't let the Hollywood lifestyle take control of his ego.

Sandler's new film "Little Nicky," which opened on Nov. 10, is a sign of things to come. Sandler has proved himself capable of doing more than just playing the son of the Devil and an angel—giving him evil powers, but enough compassion and kindness to not use them against anybody. Though many of the scenes take place in heaven and hell, none of the characters—or the plot—stretch too far into the specifics found in any religion's rules of heaven and hell.

"We kept it pretty generic," Covert said. "Heaven is for good people and hell is for bad people.

During the press conference, Sandler made it clear that he was not trying to offend anyone with "Nicky," but rather he was just trying to "make people laugh."

As with all other Sandler movies, "Little Nicky" achieves his goal, but when asked which of his movies he thought was his favorite, the comedian looked to the back of the conference room for some expert input—his father Stan, who responded with a very definite "Billy Madison." The younger Sandler agreed.

"It was my first one and it was really a lot of fun," Sandler said. He also noted that "Billy" was his mother Judy's favorite, as well.

Throughout his career, Sandler has always been close to his family. After being told by his NYU theatre professor that he "had better find another major because he was not fit to be an actor," Sandler said, "I haven't heard from that guy in a while."

He feels that his close relationship to his family is the kind of behavior that his fans will notice and imitate. Perhaps they will be able to learn this lesson from one of his "works in progress"—a movie about quintuplets separated at birth.

Sandler, of course, would play all five siblings.

Many of the comedian's trade-mark performances come by way of his college tours, which usually consist of bizarre, story-telling songs and off the wall sketches. While he opens his comedy to all ages, he loves to perform for his primary target—college students.

"I'd really like to take some time off to work on some new stuff," Sandler said. "So that I'm not playing the same material that I've used over the years."

Because of his packed movie production schedule, Sandler does not know how he has the chance to perform on one tour again, but is hoping to do so soon.

At 34, Sandler has already accomplished more than he—or anyone else—thought possible, and he is nowhere near finished. From his comedy routines to his movie producing, Adam Sandler has proven his brilliance an infinite number of times and the future is sure to include more of his unprecedented achievements.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Meet the Parents
Universal Pictures

Think again about getting the blessing from your perspective in-laws after seeing Meet the Parents.

"Do you live with my daughter? Have you had pre-marital relations?"

Nothing compares to the humor of the awkward, Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) meeting his girlfriend's dity songs and her prominent father (Robert De Niro). He has a hard time trying to get an approval of trust from her father let alone a blessing of marriage.

Still, working around the clock trying to please his girlfriend's father, ends up with a continuous string of bad luck and misadventures.

De Niro brings out all the stops, snoothing and analyzing. His very scheduled and anal character would make any son-in-law nervous. He even schedules a party at his daughter's ex-fiancé's new mansion, Stiller becomes very uneasy when the whole house is filled with old pictures of the former couple.

Making me laugh till I cry, this is every boyfriend's nightmare. Are there really dads like this?

—Sarah A. Grzesiak

Pay It Forward
Warner Brothers

Pay It Forward is a nice change from the "ho-hum" movies that are carelessly marketed upon today's unsuspecting consumers.

It tells the story of Eugene Simonet, wonderfully portrayed by Kevin Spacey (American Beauty), a seventh-grade social studies teacher who challenges his students to think of an idea that will change the world and put it into action.

Trevor McKinney, played by Haley Joel Osment (The Sixth Sense), is one of Eugene's students who develops an idea that becomes known as "paying it forward." His program involves helping a homeless man get back on his feet, helping his alcoholic mother Arlene, played by Helen Hunt (As Good As It Gets), and Eugene, whose facial scars and routine life prevent him from being close to anyone.

This all-star cast proves to be an excellent combination that has the audience in awe of their performances.

Pay It Forward is a compelling drama that leaves the audience with faith that, in an age where typical movies are welcomed with open arms, there is still hope, and that dream lives in movies like this one.

—Joy Harper

If Your Father Was The Devil And Your Mother Was An Angel You'd Be Messed Up Too.

ADAM Sandler
Be Unafraid. Be Very Unafraid.

 Courtesy of New Line Cinema
Polly, Bobby Find Love in Gershwin Musical

By Jamie LaNier

The Gershwin's write a new hit! Wait a minute, they've been dead for years!

Alright, so it was Ken Ludwig and Mike Ockrent who set out to revive 22 Gershwin tunes. They succeeded in turning out a 1930's hit in the 1990's. Crazy For You won the Tony Award for Best Musical in 1992.

Jim Hammond, artistic director for GTA, was extremely impressed by the show when he saw it in New York a few years back.

"I wanted to give that gift, not only to the audience here, but to allow the students, community members and professionals who have participated to be a part of such a performance," said Hammond. "It allows us to forget the worst in ourselves and remember the best."

During the Crazy For You stage tour on Oct. 26, the audience was given a small taste of the final product. Stuart Beamam, set designer, discussed what went into the full-scale sets. The enormous sets were on full display, including an enormous saloon. The immaculately designed saloon is covered in detailed examples of life on the range. The romantic sunset gave a lovely hue to the ghost town and its inhabitants.

The scene in New York came complete with a rotating door and a sliding bank sign from which Bobby, played by Neil Tankersley, happily sings, "I Can't Be Bothered Now."

"At the first sing through of the music, I heard this cast and my eyes filled with water," said Hammond about how moved he was by the cast's performance.

Dale Grogan, GTA's musical director, explained the magic behind Gershwin's tunes. He gave a sampling of the score from the digitized tract. He boasted that the show will use the largest compliment of musicians in the pit since he has been working with the GTA. Both lead singers were gracious enough to tickle our ears with songs such as the unforgettable "Someone To Watch Over Me."

"It is a typical musical comedy kind of story," said Hammond.

Crazy follows a young playboy to Nevada where he finds the love of his life Polly, played by Rebecca Ramsey. Misunderstandings and mistaken identities cause for random outbursts in song and dance. The "armpit of America" is a ghost town where men sit around all day. That is until Zangler's follies come to town. Sexual tensions run high as characters find someone to hold on to, literally. At times the story can be confusing, but it adds to the sense of chaos that makes Crazy so fun.

Having the look and feel of the 1930s, one would never guess that the play was written in the late 1980s. The unmarried sexual movements give some hint to the time in which the audience was meant to view it. The classic dance movements, period costumes and familiar songs give it the air of an age old hit.

"I could tell that this cast had fallen in love with this Gershwin musical," said Hammond.

Students from both Gainesville and Brenau have been in rehearsals for months, some of which ran late into the night. The final dress rehearsal took place there were seamstresses on hand taking care of last minute touches. In the last week of rehearsals the magic of the stage pulled every unfinished detail together to produce a grand off Broadway production. The GTA players were able to turn the Georgia Mountain Center Theater into a Vegas show hall.

Crazy For You was the first show of the 2000-2001 season. GTA sold out the first two performances in a matter of hours. The show ran from November 7th to November 19th. They also held an audio-described performance for sight-impaired audiences on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

GTA held auditions for the southeastern premiere of Pride and Prejudice on November 29, at Gainesville College's Ed Cabell Theater. The play, directed by Jim Hammond, will run February 19-25 at Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium. Auditions are open to both amateur and professional actors for roles for 11 men and 13 women ranging in ages from 18 to 60.

To schedule an appointment please call (770) 718-3606.
Students Kept Away From Books

Full-, part-time jobs create problems for students

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One student spends all night studying, another one is partying tonight, another is on a date.

Gainesville College Student? Obviously not. A large number of GC students work, and sometimes it affects their college careers.

"It seems that over 20 hours, they start dropping courses," said Dale Crandall, a GC foreign languages instructor.

One of the causes of this is student expenses. Items are available now that were once far beyond a student's reach 20 years ago. Quite possibly they still are, but now credit ensures that some students will purchase them despite inability to do so.

According to Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Ronnie Booth, one-third of GC students are enrolled in night courses. The enrollment of non-traditional students is also on the rise.

Another possible cause is GC's switch from the quarter system to the semester system. While the switch has simplified GC courses and brought us to compatibility with other Georgia colleges, Crandall notes that 15 quarter hours used to mean 3 courses. Now it takes an average of 5 courses to equal 15 semester hours. He adds that after the switch to the semester system, the number of courses that students drop have increased greatly.

But perhaps the largest factor in the rate of working students at GC is the city of Gainesville itself. This area of Georgia is experiencing an economic boom, and nearly every business is desperate for employees. According to Crandall, college students who are willing to work part-time entry-level jobs are the perfect prospect.

"[Employers] are begging for workers," said Crandall.

Students Balance Pressures Between Work And School

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Students at Gainesville College are different in a few ways. Not only do GC students have to study, but some are faced with having to work and raise a family.

According to David Johnston, counselor and coordinator of testing in the PACE Center, college students have it harder now than when he was going to school.

"There are more demands on your average college student than there was 10 or 20 years ago," said Johnston.

The main reason that students choose to work is to make money so that they can pay for things that they need or want.

The amount of time that students study is affected by the amount that they work.

"I work full-time and I go to school full-time," said Tasha Brinley, a pre-med major. "It does affect my grades. I had to drop one class because my grade was not as high as I would have liked."

"Sometimes I am a little too tired to study whenever I get home," said Robert Palmer, an accounting major. "Sometimes I wish I had more time to study."

Some students also have the flexibility in their jobs, allowing them to set their own schedule. This has proven to help some students.

"I took Mondays and Wednesdays off from work because my hardest class is on those days," said Tom Rowles, a health and physical education major. "I have to get my school work done."

Students like Zachary Vaughan, a business administration major, is choosing not to work as he continues his education at GC.

"I spent most of my high school career working and I have quit my job after coming to school here," said Vaughan. "My grades were struggling and I knew that I could do better. I have saved up and I have found that it'll can live off savings then I can focus more on school."

According to Johnston, time management is the key to balancing school, work, and other important goals in life. One person's method of managing time may not work for someone else.

"There are certain things that are more important in a given day," said Vaughan. "I study until I am done with my homework and I am satisfied with what I have done. Then I move on to other things."
Academic Resources Seem Limited at GC

By Michael McDaniel
Contributing Writer

One Saturday morning, a group of men take a break to smoke. They talk about their families, jobs, and the daily grind.

One comment that taking weekend morning classes was a bad idea.

Another says the class isn't the problem, rather it's the availability of everything else.

"It's almost impossible to get here for advising, registration, to buy books or any of those other services," said Michael Kelley, a business major. "You can't get to those services; the bookstore opens after I am at work and closes before I get off."

Students who work full-time jobs sometimes experience lack of availability to services that the college provides.

Some of the typical problems are not being able to meet with an advisor, having access to the library, or having access to college personnel that traditional students get during class registration.

Jackie Mauldin, the manager of the bookstore, says that after the first few weeks of every semester all the business that the bookstore does is mostly with students who come in for last second items like pencils and notepads before a class.

During registration the bookstore always extends it's normal hours.

From Monday to Thursday they are open 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., sometimes even 9:30 p.m. The bookstore is also open on the first day of Saturday classes from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., so that sufficient time is provided for all students to buy the materials they need for classes.

"We set the library hours by how much staff we have," said Byrn, Drew, GC library director. "It is difficult with our current staff to stay open more than we already are. We are open 73 hours a week."

He went on to say that a survey is conducted every three years among the faculty and students in which they get to comment upon the availability of library services. As recent as 1998, the survey percentages stated that 91 percent of students and faculty found the hours to be adequate.

The problem concerning student advisement is that few advisors work at night.

Carol Pinson, who coordinates academic advising and learning support, said that though few advisors work at night there are other ways to get in touch with an advisor.

"The communication route is there," said Pinson.

You can e-mail or call your advisor and that many advisors will try to meet you later in the day.

"I work so that I have money to spend on myself or other people. Sometimes I use the money for books."

"I work so that I have money to spend. I am on scholarship so I do not have to worry about paying for academics. But I do have to buy books, gas, and personal stuff."

"I work because I have to pay for my car and my cell phone bill."

"[In the Ivory Coast] students do not work. I work to pay the bills."

"I work for money."

By Clayton Shaw
Contributing Writer

A majority of Gainesville College students are working. Everyone needs their spending money for clothes, cars and food. The majority of the students at GC work either in food service or retail, which not only provides mad money, but also offers an excellent introduction into the world of business.

Several valuable life lessons can be attributed to a college job. In retail, the lessons of sales, advertising, organization, deadlines and relating with the general public have become learned skills that come into play in future careers.

Retail sales and food service are excellent and widely used job outlets for high school and college students to make spending money. It allows starting employees to establish an introduction to the business world. Newly hired employees are taught the "how to's" in training, and in the long run, establish themselves as viable members in the work force.

Any job can become a reference that is placed on a life-long resume, providing a base for future occupations. Several techniques are found and applied at this level of work which are the foundation for making the leap to the next level.

Many GC students have taken advantage of internships, which are the ultimate way to narrow specific career goals. An internship is important for students who want to get acquainted with their career goals. It allows the student to attain a clear understanding of the desired field and allows the benefit of experimentation.

College students are working more than ever. The increase in the prices of car maintenance, clothes, gas and fast food play a significant role for working students.

It's safe to say that money is the number one priority in the mind of student workers, but the skills they learn during this time of their lives can play a significant role in their future.
EDITORIAL
Watch Your Back

Notice the number of bushes and trees that exist on the Gainesville College campus. While they offer beautiful scenery and a shady place to study, they also provide places for people to hide. This could make walking across campus at night a scary event and can cause you to question whether or not you should walk to your car alone.

While Gainesville College is not considered a dangerous campus by some students on this campus, incidents still happen and students should be aware of this. We should also realize that many of us will transfer to a larger school, where accidents happen more frequently.

At the University of Georgia there were five violent crimes and 497 property crimes known to the police in 1999. Violent crimes are classified as murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes are classified as burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Georgia State University had 22 violent crimes and 668 property crimes. Georgia Tech had nine violent crimes and 907 property crimes. While they offer beautiful places to study, they also provide places for people to hide. This could make more aware or personal safety and to be more aware of personal surroundings.

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Why or why don't you feel safe on GC campus?

"I feel safe on the GC campus because I've never been given a reason to feel otherwise."
-Kyle Wood, Political Science, 20

"I feel safe because there is always Safety Patrol people around and I'm here during the day and I feel protected."
-Carey Ragan, Pre-Med, 19

"I feel very safe actually but I'm here during the day. So I don't really think about it cause there is so many people around."
-Natasha Delong, Undecided, 25

"I feel perfectly safe on campus and any where else around here, even the trail. I walk it constantly. I have no fear on campus. This is probably the safest place to be in Gainesville."
-Mark Page, Pre-Nursing, 50

"I took two night courses last semester and one didn't get out until after ten o'clock and walking by yourself is dangerous at night time. I didn't like not being escorted out of the building after ten o'clock."
-Mayra Thrasher, Business, 21

Letter to the Editor

In response to the article Yeah, You Heard Me... in the October 18, 2000 issue of The Compass, I must say that a very sensitive and debatable issue has been brought to attention again. I agree with what David Brandt previously stated: "The Civil War is OVER, and it has been for a very long time."

The Confederate flag, though, shouldn't have to be taken down on the basis of ignorance. As a matter of fact, I insist that we keep it high and mighty, not for past symbolism, but for what it represents today: American heritage. I am not "proud" of the history of one race controlling another and I don't think anyone is, unless they are sadistic, but I am "proud" of our heritage (the trials and tribulations that all people had to endure as America became an individual country). I am proud of America, for we have come a long way from where we first started. I am proud to be an American. I think that "Modern America for Dummies" could be read by those who obviously can't forget what happened in the past and those who fear living in the present.

-Aonymous GC Student

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When I first attended Gainesville Junior College, as it was known in 1986, I was scared to death. What if the young students laughed at me, a non-traditional student? What if the teachers treated me differently because I was older than many of them? What if I couldn’t keep up? Would I be considered “dumb” because I had to take remedial math?

All these fears failed to materialize and I learned and flourished under the outstanding faculty and administration here:

I was associated with the literary magazine Perceptions in 1988, when Sallie Russell was the editor, and actually learned to write a little. She also helped me through French.

I took art from Robert Westervelt and found out I could draw and paint.

Ed Cabell took away my fear of public speaking, and consequently I was a part of the GC Forensic speech team.

Tom Tuggle and Sallie Duhling taught me about literature and criticism.

Barbara Hermann made me think about changing my major to anthropology. Priscilla Rankin helped me with research.

Lewis Rogers taught me how to really look at rocks, and how to look at my classroom door so late-comers have to knock to get in.

Heyward Gnann taught me about Hitler, and he showed me how he researched all his students’ verbal SAT scores so that he would know which students might need extra help.

Ann Purdy was my advisor, as well as my friend.

These and other outstanding faculty members and staff helped erase my scholastic insecurities.

They came, they voted, they recounted...And the winner is George W. Bush. Does that mean this election mess is over with? Far from it. Until we see Persian Gulf War II, this will be at the top of the news.

Speaking of proper procedure...We don’t think any students really understand GC’s student disciplinary panel system. It’s not anyone’s fault, really, and it isn’t used very often. Despite that, however, we think there needs to be a more secure and formal process ready and waiting—just in case it is needed again.

What’s all the noise about?...It’s kind of rare to be in a college class with someone who still acts like they’re in elementary school. It’s one thing to have fun; it’s another to be an annoying pain in the ass. Decide which one you fall under before interrupting your’s and everyone else’s education in class.

At least we’ve got some good news...Finals are almost here! Okay, that didn’t sound so good. But it does mean that Winter Break is not far behind. And if you read the bottom story on page 3, then you know GC is giving some of you a great holiday gift: the gift of never letting your parents see your grades come in the mail.
Searching For The Mystical Chocolate Eclair

One doesn’t see many fat backpackers on the trail. So I must have made an unusual sight huffing and puffing my 5-foot 8-inch, 250-pound frame up and down the southern Appalachian Mountains, passing thin, office-palleted hikers as if they were standing still. That weight, for a man of that height is crepuscularly morbidly obese: it was also the best shape I had ever been in. It was not always thus.

I thought my first experience hiking the southern highlands would be my last. Not that I thought I would quit, mind you, just that I thought I was going to die. The trip down Tear Britches Trail in the Cohutta Wilderness of northern Georgia was relatively uneventful. Tear Britches is a colorfully and aptly named trail descending in an almost straight line from the top of Little Bald Mountain to the confluence of the Conasauga River and Panther Creek. The wit who mapped and named Tear Britches apparently was unaware of the concept of the switchback, turning repeatedly back and forth across the face of a steep slope to slow one’s descent and to ease one’s climb. The name refers to the seat of the hiker’s pants after the descent.

I spent quite some time at the bottom of Panther Creek Falls, trying not to think too much about the climb that was to come, or about murdering the friends who goes down must come up, at least into Alabama, fear spread through the mountains, everything that the climb that was to come, or the descent. By the time I reached the base camp, I had found the northern highland would have no doubt, might not fear, maybe not, maybe there is just another mountain to climb, but that’s alright. You see, I can climb mountains.

I didn’t buy a chocolate eclair on that trip. The trips got harder, progressing from day hikes to backpacking trips. The mountains got bigger, from North Georgia to the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. The trips became more far-flung, from the mountains to the lowland swamps of Carolina, but I knew all would be well. You see, I can climb mountains. I became what my friends and I like to call a trail monster. I worked as little as possible and spent as much of my time as I could on the trail. I often followed that shining chocolate eclair out of danger or just fatigue. It was always where I needed it, but I never did actually get and get a physical chocolate eclair. It became for me the mystical chocolate eclair, a symbol of all the good things in my life that I had found through the outdoors.

My own personal trail led to college and nursing school, from the hospital, both as nurse and patient, to hospice as a nurse. As a hospice nurse I have watched folks climb that last mountain. And like always, the trail monster in me wants to know what’s on the other side of that ridge. I found the strength for a difficult rewarding profession on a trail in those hills; you see I can climb mountains. I think when I climb that last mountain I’ll sit down with whoever is on the other side waiting, and have that chocolate eclair. But then, maybe not, maybe there is just another mountain to climb, but that’s alright. You see, I can climb mountains.

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Class Disruptions Not Only Bother Teachers; Students Bugged, Too

When I was in high school, I sat and watched a teacher disappear before my very eyes. Mrs. Ferguson was an energetic lady ready to satisfy the curiosity that came her way. She had traveled the world and even had pictures from her trip to Italy 30 years before. But she did not feel ready to give students what she felt they might want, so she went on to study and learn more.

When she finally got to the classroom after so much preparation, the students she met were sacrifices that she had to make and the great distances she had traveled to make the information she was teaching come alive.

Mrs. Ferguson was grateful for the occasional respectful student, but she became tired and walked in one day and announced that she was retiring. It was not like giving up after a year of two to pursue a more lucrative and satisfying career. It took her 30 years to give up.

The students were too busy listening to themselves talk. Mrs. Ferguson's words just faded away mid-sentence, as she was trying to end her career at our high school. She then faded away and disappeared with her words. Most of the students never even noticed her absence.

When I came to college, I thought that the students would be glad to be in the classroom. I had this vision that we were all striving for a higher education and that the student body would respect the esteemed position of our professors. But alas, there are always a few in nearly every class that feel they have somehow earned the privilege to talk whenever their professor is speaking. This intensely sad-ness and terrifies me because I could not bear witnessing another teacher vanishing.

I heard one student refer to a teacher as “Man” about three times in one sentence. I get the impression that some teachers do not discipline ignorant behavior because they feel that students should come equipped with manners and it is not their job to send students in the hall for talking. I just hope that none of our professors give up, fade away, and disappear like Mrs. Ferguson.

Smokers in this country have received a lot of grief. Restaurants put them into corners and they are unable to smoke in public buildings. And on this campus, they are forced to huddle in smoking pavilions. I am not a smoker, but I believe that some of the policies are unfair. I understand the harm of second-hand smoke. Therefore, I understand why smokers sit in certain areas of a restaurant and are not allowed to enter public facilities. But there should be some change in the smoking policy of this campus

There is a large number of smokers at GC made up of students, faculty, and staff. Everyday I see smokers in the huts and they are attempting to abide by the campus policies. However, the smoking areas are not really large enough to accommodate the number of smokers and they stand around the perimeter of the pavilions.

I see no problem with that and frankly I see no problem with someone smoking as they walk across the campus. One thing I have noticed is that people who have spent time in the pavilion have a strong cigarette odor on them. That is just as offensive as the smoke. While it may not be harmful, it is annoying and I find that my eyes are watering and nose is burning during class. This makes it difficult for me to concentrate.

By allowing smokers to step outside of the pavilions, I believe it will cut down on the amount of stench that adheres to their clothing. As long as they do not stand next to a building door there is little chance that a non-smoker will get blasted by the fumes from the cigarette.

Another consideration is that there are only three smoking pavilions on campus. Students must walk to these pavilions and they may not be convenient to the building that their next class is held in. Therefore, students risk being late to class. This also increases the number of students that smoke anywhere they please.

Some would argue that this may increase littering on campus because people would throw their cigarette butts on the ground. I have seen them on the campus grounds, despite the current GC smoking policy. People still smoke as they walk across campus and I do not think that the trash would increase if they were “allowed” to walk as they smoke. We consider the litter that seems to be caused by cigarettes, we then have to think about the coke cans, fast-food bags, and the gum that can be found littered the parking lots.

Studies have shown that smoking is harmful to the body and that second-hand smoke is more dangerous than actually smoking. But people smoke and will continue to smoke. Therefore, these smokers need to be accommodated in a more comfortable and convenient manner.

Jennifer Ponders is Clubs and Op-Ed Editor for The Compass.

Ponders Ready to Move On

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, good night! I hate to go and leave this pretty sight! Adieu, adieu, to yieu and yieu and yieu," from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical The Sound of Music.

It is on this note that I present to you my resignation from The Compass as Clubs and Op-Ed Editor. It is hard to believe that my two and a half years at Gainesville College have lapsed and my time to move has come. I have found my time at GC to be an enjoyable experience, one that I will always remember for some time to come.

I am nervous about the challenges waiting for me at Kennesaw State University, the school that will become my new home in January. But I know that the professors at this school have prepared me for the classes that I will take.

The time I have spent here has served as a learning experience for me. I have not only grown as a student, but also as a journalist, thanks to my mentor and newspaper advisor Dan Cabaniss, as well as members of The Compass. To each of them I leave a small part of me:

* To Dan- I give back to you the classes that I did not attend and the three-story escalators in Washington, D.C.
* To David- Well, I am leaving. That should be enough.
* To Haley- I leave you picture-perfect layouts and picture-perfect pictures.
* To The Compass Staff- I leave you the patience to put up with David and his strange personality changes. It has been cool getting to know you this semester. Good Luck with the spring semester issues. Oh, and, I am keeping my eye on you!
* To the Administration, Faculty, and Staff- I leave you my gratitude for the college experience that you have provided. I also leave you the cluttered parking lot, and strange air-conditioning in Academic 1. It is really really cold during the day and hot at night. It has been nice to share a little part of myself with you, the members of this college community. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and will cherish the friendships that I have made. And so I part, "adieu, adieu, to yieu and yieu and yieu."
By Jon Krueger
Contributing Writer

Many students at Gainesville College seem unaware that among them is the young man who holds the title of "Mr. Teenage Georgia." Sophomore Corey Mote won the title on July 8 at the World Congress Center profile in "Muscle and Fitness." Mote says that he will travel to Venice Beach, California to do a photo shoot for the magazine in June 2001.

Despite Mote’s recent notoriety in the fitness world, no one at Gainesville College recognizes him.

"I don’t think anyone around here really cares," Mote stated with a chuckle. "I have been getting about thirty e-mails a day, though.

There is no doubt that Mote is dedicated to the sport of bodybuilding. From his watch with a bulging forearm on its face, to his knowledge of professional bodybuilders and their current rankings, it seems amazing that Mote has only been involved in the sport for a year.

He also knows the detailed aspects of the sport well. Mote trains in one of three Gold’s Gyms six days a week for about an hour and a half. He eats 4,000 calories of high-protein food every day. He doesn’t eat any processed food and drinks nearly two gallons of water per day. Mote trains in the gym year-round and changes his weight lifting routine from time to time to "keep from getting bored."

"The sport is very motivational," Mote stated. "It’s taught me discipline and keeps me looking out on the nutrition side. It’s very good for me."

Mote is also familiar with another aspect of bodybuilding: the use of performance enhancing drugs such as steroids. Mote has never used steroids, but has "mixed feelings" about the people who do.

"I can see [enhancement drug users] do it to better themselves, but they’re destroying their health," Mote stated. "This sport is based on health, and steroids ruin that. You don’t look at them like druggies, but they are destroying their health."

Mote even says he knows people who use steroids.

"I’ve got friends that are on it, and they’re also addicted to it," he stated. "It’s an addictive thing. Once you get off [steroids] you’re depressed, you can’t work out. So I’m just never going to start.

Mote endures a busy training and academic schedule. He works as a personal trainer at Factory Health and Fitness in Cornelia for 20 hours a week. As a sports medicine major, he is taking 14 semester hours this fall. He also works out for nearly 15 hours a week in the gym.

"It’s really hard," Mote said. "This is the toughest semester I’ve ever had."

Mote is an only child from Clarksville, Georgia. He still lives there with his parents. He began working with weights while training with the football team at Habersham Central High School in Mt. Airy, Georgia. Mote played with the team for two seasons.

"The reason I got out of football was because of bodybuilding," Mote stated.

Mote says bodybuilding was more appealing to him than football. He wanted a sport that concentrated more on his body and its appearance.

"Originally I started lifting weights because I was into football, but then I wanted to work on my physique and bodybuilding is where I turned," Mote stated.

But before Mote entered any bodybuilding competitions, he entered two powerlifting competitions in the summer of 1998. The first competition was the Georgia State AAU Powerlifting State Championship, which was an event associated with the Junior Olympics. The second was the National Power-lifting Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mote set national records at both competitions for his age and weight division.

"After the accomplishments I had made in powerlifting, I was looking more and more into something more difficult, something requiring more discipline, something with much more show and spectators involved," Mote stated.

Mote entered his first bodybuilding competition in the summer of 2000. He placed second at the NPC Southeastern Gold’s Gym Classic in Gadsden, Alabama. After that, Mote went on to place third in the Mr. Teenage America Show in Cleveland, Ohio. He then won the title of "Mr. Teenage Georgia.""I felt real good about winning ["Mr. Teenage Georgia"]," Mote said. "I wasn’t shocked [about winning], but I was surprised that four out of the five judges voted first [place] for me."

Mote went on to represent Georgia in the National Bodybuilding Competition in Pittsburgh in late July. He seemed uncertain about scoring a win after seeing his competition.

"I was a little discouraged when I saw my competition, because some of the guys were [drug-free], but some weren’t," Mote said.

He was also upset at the competition because it "didd away with its [drug free theme]...which I don’t agree with."

Mote finished in sixth place, and he believes that was "very high for that competition."

Mote wants to continue bodybuilding and pursue a career as a personal trainer. He also hopes to one day own a gym of his own and teach others this craft at which he works hard for every day.

"This sport has taught me discipline and keeps me looking out on the nutrition side," said Corey Mote - a.k.a. "Mr. Teenage Georgia."
Fall 2000 Ends With Hits, Misses, and No Parking Spaces

Keith Curry (left) and Jared Robbins battle it out in jousting style during a part of a campus-activity afternoon.

Student parking was affected this semester when Gainesville College's enrollment rose around 2,200. Some of the parking problems were curbed by an additional lot added on the grassy area across from ACAD III.

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Disruption a Problem on Campus

Some GC students' behavior has been adding to national trend

By Jennifer Ponders
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A professor teaches. A student sitting in the front middle desk pulls the plastic label off of a juice bottle. A male and female student discuss their plans for the weekend. Another student, who is sitting at the back of the room, sleeps.

Disruptive behaviors, as described by Gainesville College's policy, are acts that obstruct or disrupt the class or its learning activities. Inappropriate actions in a classroom include sleeping, eating, inappropriate classroom behavior, interrupting others, or the teacher, or other behavior that may be disruptive.

"Students do not realize that [items in disruptive behavior] can be very distracting to a professor," said one GC faculty member. "Whenever a professor is looking across the classroom, whatever a student is doing pulls the teacher's attention away from the topic of the lecture. Anytime a student is making a connection and that is distracting".

Several professors on the GC campus have experienced problems with students not following the guidelines that are mentioned on the first day of class. The disruption policy clarifies what is expected of the students.

Teachers for the most part do not know why students are disrupting class. But several teachers stated that the number of classroom interruptions has risen in the past few years.

"When I first came here 12 years ago it really was not an issue," said Tom Walter, Vice President for Student Development.

"Now, more and more faculty members are talking about how to deal with situations."

Gainesville College is not the only school in the nation that is experiencing problems with student behavior in the classroom. According to Walter there is a national trend.

"There is national concern about civility on the college campus," said Walter. "There have been national workshops conducted by professional organizations like American Association of Higher Education."

While many people on the GC campus say there is a problem, some students and even teachers do not see this problem occurring in their classes.

"I really have not had any disruptive students in my classes," said another faculty member. "One reason may be that I am laid back and what some see as disruptive behavior, I see as nervousness."

"Another reason why I haven't taught any disruptive students is that instead of just calling students out, I actually treat them as adults. I trust them to do their own work until they prove themselves trustworthy, and not the other way around."

Self-Defense Class Starts with a Bang

By Kami Stevens
Contributing Writer

If you've ever had the desire to shoot a handgun or break into a professor's house, Gainesville College can fulfill that yearning.

A 10-week self-defense course offered at GC teaches students self-defense tactics and methods to prevent physical attacks. The class also investigates the psyche of criminals.

Harry Chapman, a retired Gainesville police officer, instructs the course. Chapman is a retired police officer and law enforcement instructor. He is a former officer with the Gainesville Police Department and has taught public safety courses for over 30 years.

Chapman teaches the course by demonstrating techniques for self-defense, using a range of real-world scenarios. The class includes instruction on basic firearms safety, basic self-defense techniques, and situational awareness.

"I think that the shooting was really fun," said Dayleen Mathews, a social work major. "That, and trying to break into [Chapman's] house." Chapman also brings students to his house to conduct a mock break-in.

The course also includes instruction on safe traveling and simple car maintenance. Outside assignments include videotaping people in parking lots and photographing Chapman off campus without being detected.

Chapman teaches students to be cautious at all times. By the end of the course, students report that they are constantly aware of their surroundings. This class is extremely well-rounded and Chapman makes interesting.
Programs Target Minority Students

By Jeannie McElroy
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Gainesville College offers many education services to minority students that provide counseling and activities for students and encourage minority students to continue their schooling.

"Many minorities would not make it through without some type of support like we offer our students," said Major Nelson, Coordinator of Minority Affairs.

The Office of Minority Affairs offers the Minority Advising Program (MAP) to students. According to Nelson, it is intended to promote academic success, develop human potential, and create an environment to promote success of minority students.

The Post Secondary Readiness Enrichment Program (PREP) is also offered at GC. According to PREP Director Lee Anzola, it is an outreach program created by the board of Regents to inform seventh and eighth-grade students of the new admission standards.

"The new requirements will mostly affect minorities because students in high school may get deviated from academics," said Anzola.

Summer Scholars is a program targeting underprivileged kids who want a better education for themselves.

"We place high expectations on the kids," said Anzola. "They do real work in classes for 18 days. It is fun, but the underlying purpose is education." Anzola also created a new club called the Latino Student Association, intended for students to be a resource within themselves. They participate in community service and talk to Latino youths about going to college.

Stated that her "symbols" were "spontaneous, organic, and clunky." When viewing the pieces these statements are indeed true.

The Sally Speed exhibit, "Diaries: July 1973," is on display from November 8-21. The exhibit is located in the Art Gallery in the Continuing Education Building.

This is an exhibit truly worth seeing for all lovers of animals and impressionistic/expressionistic art.
The holidays are almost here and your plans are probably much like my own: Eat, sleep, and do anything other than touch a book or any kind of mind challenging work. I think of these nuts and present filled days and I think of all the food while my stomach rumbles in anticipation. I picture myself absolutely stuffed wearing my new outfit lying on the living room couch trying to fall asleep to the hum of voices as they fade in and out on their travels from room to room in our relative packed house. Amid the clutter of bows, wrapping, and suitcases I lay there satisfied.

Yet even as I picture this scene, waves of dissatisfaction hit me. New scenes pop into my head and rob me of the warm feelings my thoughts had provoked and leave me with a cold and bitter truth. While we can look forward to this holiday season ahead there are those out there who can’t. These people will not find a comfy couch to nap on but instead fall asleep to the chilli night on a hard and merciless ground while the hum of their stomachs screams its empty outrage. While we open presents and watch the children of our families playfully giggle, there is a child out there who will never know what a present is or the joy of finding one underneath a tree. As these scenes leave me cold, I realize that I need to take the time to help these less fortunate people.

We should all care enough to take a few hours of our time and devote it to a local charity or food and shelter service this holiday season. I guarantee you that the feeling you will away with at the end of your few little hours will be greater than any present you have ever received. It will start somewhere in your chest as a little girl smiles up at you and move from there to your arms. The hairs on your arms will stand up as a woman beaten, shares with you her story. They will feel shaky as you hand a plate to a man who cannot look you in the eyes due partly to pride and partly to embarrassment. The feeling will move from there to make your feet freeze when you turn to leave because your heart now hurts for these strangers who in just a few short hours have become your friends and you their hero.

Please take the time this holiday season to volunteer your time or your money to any of the following charities and services.

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