NEW OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Alumni Association officers for 1991 - 92 were elected and installed in June. They are: President, Linda Stokes; Vice President, Lee Chapman; Secretary/Treasurer, Harriett McNeal.

Committee chairs include: Staff Recognition Committee, Jean Buffington; Alumni Recruitment Committee, Connie Dennis; Recognition Committee for Distinguished Alumnus and Distinguished Service Awards, Marsha Hopkins; Nomination Committee (Immediate Past President), Bobby Whitlock.

Alumni Association officers and committee chairs make up the Executive Committee. Other members of the Executive Committee are Steve Wood, President of the Student Government Association; Fred Kelly, Chairman of the Gainesville College Foundation; J. Foster Watkins, President of Gainesville College; and Pat McArthy, Director of Foundation and Alumni Affairs.

The Executive Committee met on July 18 at the College to formulate plans for the year.

Meadows Selected For Top Staff Award

Frances J. Meadows, long-time staff member of Gainesville College, is the 1991 recipient of the Eleanor Crawford Award. The award, an annual recognition of an outstanding staff member, is presented by the Alumni Association. It was presented at the College’s annual Work Conference in September.

Ms. Meadows joined the institution in the Registrar’s Office in 1969. Through promotions, she became director of records processing, records coordinator, and has been Student Financial Aid counselor since 1987. She earned an A.A. degree in business administration from the College and is working on a baccalaureate degree from North Georgia College.

According to GC retiree Bill Edmonds who nominated Meadows for the staff award, “she is a dear and cherished part of my past and... if you are looking for a dedicated, genuine Gainesville College staff member, you need look no further than Frances Meadows.”

The staff award, named in honor of the College’s first staff member, Eleanor Crawford, was presented for the first time last year. Criteria for the selection included loyalty, dedication, and commitment to the College. Serving on a Selection committee were Jean Buffington, Chairman; Sid Chandler, Wes Winkler, Steve Wood, Deborah Bolding, Peggy Stevens, and Steve Tilley.
TRIBUTE TO
LINDA CHITWOOD COFER
(1949 - 1991)
By Lillian Welch

When I became a student at Gainesville (Jr.) College, I enjoyed, more than anything else, the homelike atmosphere that the small campus offered. There were few enough students that students could easily come to know each other and our classroom teachers very well.

Had it not been for my enrolling at "Oakwood U," the chances are slim that I would've met Linda Chitwood, who became a special friend in my life. Both physical education majors, we shared many interests and labored (and giggled!) thru many classes together. My favorite class with Linda was Senior Lifesaving, but Linda's choice probably would've been Anatomy and Physiology where she met Phil Cofer, her future husband, who had just enrolled at Gainesville after completing military service.

Linda and I probably enjoyed everything two young girls could dream of doing during their college years. We cheered at Laker basketball games, went shopping, went to the beach, double dated, later became roommates at a four-year college, and eventually were bridesmaids in each other's weddings.

I loved Linda's entire family. Her Grandmother Savage not only sewed our cheerleading uniforms, but prepared delicious meals for us, as well, and attended many of our home games. Linda's dad, the late Evard Chitwood, attended Gainesville (Jr.) College at night, and her brother, Joey, became a student there after high school graduation. Many will remember the 18 faithful years of service given by their mom, Jean Chitwood, in the Controller's office. This fine family's involvement with Gainesville College continued into the second generation when Linda and Phil's older daughter, Heather Cofer, enrolled in '88 and later was honored as an Outstanding Math Student for 1990. (Their younger daughter, Holly, just may enjoy automatic acceptance at GC when she graduates in '96!)

I observed Linda's willingness to work and her leadership skills in action as she was president of our P.E. Major's Club while we were students. It came as no surprise, then, that she would be equally effective in her role as Fund Drive Chairman for Gainesville College Alumni in Gwinnett County more than twenty years later. The contribution she made as a student easily evolved into service as an Alumni Association member.

Sadly, Linda fought several battles with the dreaded disease called cancer, the last one ending her life on June 26, 1991. We'll miss her as a friend and as a supporter of Gainesville College, and, with her family, we will mourn our loss.

Happily, we can celebrate the remaining friendships that were formed while we were at Gainesville College. We also can continue to expect the homelike atmosphere that Linda and I enjoyed at GC in the "good ol' days" to foster new friendships among our students and future students. And we can continue to observe entire families like the Chitwoods and Cofers as they form wonderful alliances with Gainesville College, hopefully spanning several generations.

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Lillian Welch is an instructor of physical education at Gainesville College.
Alumni Council Meets: Plans Year's Activities

The Alumni Council of the GC Alumni Association met on August 19 at the College to make plans for the new academic year. Twenty-seven members and several guests were present. Linda Stokes, President, presided.

Following dinner Dr. Norma Seerley and Mr. Doyle Webb of the College’s Office of Institutional Research and Planning presented a summary report on the results of the Community Needs Assessment which had been conducted in the fall of 1990. Following the presentation, President Foster Watkins responded with steps that the College is taking to address needs identified in the survey. He encouraged Alumni Council members to help make the College programs more visible in their communities.

After a report by Foundation Chairman Fred Kelly in which he expressed gratitude to alumni for their time and financial support on behalf of the College, Carol Nobles, Director of Admissions, spoke about some of her ideas on recruitment and how the Alumni Student Recruitment Committee might assist in that effort. Dr. Tom Walter, Vice President for Student Development, presented some ways in which alumni might assist students already enrolled in college.

Steve Wood, Student Government Association President, encouraged Council members to serve as liaisons with the several clubs and organizations on campus. Pat McArthy, Director of Alumni Affairs, reviewed the forthcoming events.

Two Alumni Scholarships Awarded For This Year

Two Gainesville College students — one a recent high school graduate, the other a nontraditional student — have been awarded Alumni scholarships in 1991-92.

- Andrew (Andy) Michael Bateman, Gainesville, is a 1991 honor graduate of Maranatha Christian Academy where he was salutatorian and was on the Student Council and the Yearbook staff. He played varsity basketball and was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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He is majoring in pre-veterinary medicine and plans to transfer to the University of Georgia following his study at Gainesville College. His hobby is hunting. He is the son of Tom and Kathy Bateman and has a brother, Joey, 12, who attends North Hall Middle School. His mother attended Gainesville College in 1972-73.

- Cynthia (Cindy) R. Queen, Flowery Branch, is a 1983 graduate of Buford High School, where she was listed in Who’s Who Among American High School Students. She enrolled at Gainesville College in the 1990 fall quarter as a freshman and is now a sophomore majoring in early childhood education. She plans to complete her baccalaureate degree requirements at North Georgia College.

She is the daughter of Robert W. and Joan G. Brown of Buford and the wife of Jimmy Queen, who attended Gainesville College in 1983-84. She and her husband have a daughter, Cara, 2. Her brother, Brad Brown, attended the College in 1978-80.

Top Honor Graduates Recognized In June

Three Gainesville College students were recognized as top honor graduates in their respective degree programs at the College’s 25th Commencement held June 8 at the Georgia Mountains Center.

- Donald Wayne Turner, Braselton, received the Associate of Arts degree. The son of Richard Andrew Turner, also of Braselton, he graduated with a 3.98 grade point average. Turner is continuing his education at the University of Georgia where he is majoring in business administration.

- Stacy Breeden Whitfield, Gainesville, received the Associate of Science degree. The daughter of Dr. Kenneth Breeden, also of Gainesville, she graduated with a 3.93 average. A biology major, she is attending North Georgia College.

- Deborah Y. Eades, Gainesville, received the Associate of Applied Science degree. The wife of Gary Mack Eades, she graduated with a 3.33 average. She is a graduate of the Gainesville College-Lanier Tech dental hygiene program.

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Linda Stokes, Gainesville College Alumni Association President (right), presents the Alumni Scholarship to Cynthia (Cindy) Queen. Looking on is Jimmy Queen, Cindy’s husband.

Six GC Alumni On Chamber Board

A scan of the Gainesville-Hall County Chamber of Commerce newsletter, Horizon, reveals that six of the thirty members of the Chamber’s Board of Directors for 1991 are Gainesville College alumni. They are: Rich White, Jim Hardman, Joyce Stephens, Robert Thorpe, Lee Chapman, and Steve Heinen.

GC alumni are becoming more and more visible not only in Gainesville-Hall County but in other counties in the College’s service area. GC DOES make a difference!
QUALITY OF STUDENT LIFE ENHANCED EVEN IN BUDGET CRISIS

By J. Foster Watkins, President
Gainesville College

We are entering our 23rd consecutive quarter of enrollment increases with the College up over 50 percent enrollment-wise in the last five years. It is difficult to provide all the academic and supporting services needed in increasingly limited spaces.

As citizens and taxpayers of Georgia, all of our alumni are aware of the fiscal crisis which is confronting all levels of government and which has become particularly crucial at the state level. The relative level of funding for higher education in Georgia, when viewed in light of state revenues available for allocation, has been on a gradual decline for several years.

For example, last year Gainesville College operated on a full-time equivalent (FTE) student allocation which was up only 6 percent from a similar allocation six years earlier. With the almost $475,000 budget cut which the institution suffered as we began this academic year, we are probably operating at an FTE allocation basis even less than what it was six years ago. Notwithstanding the constraints introduced into the day-to-day operations of the institution, particularly at the staff support level, the faculty and staff of Gainesville College continue to operate the institution from a student-centered perspective where every student receives "preferential" treatment.

We share these budget realizations with you along with the gradual growth figures of the institution in anticipation that, as an informed alumnus, you will be able to effectively participate in the developing discussions within the state about Georgia's educational future and the role that institutions like Gainesville College will play in that future. I would call your attention particularly to the work of the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education. The year-long work of some 225 Georgians is reflected in a summary report which will be receiving widespread consideration hopefully by the Governor and members of the Legislature and other decision-makers as we move into the 1992 legislative session.

Even in a year of extreme restrictions which have been intensified by the state budget crisis in Georgia, we are very much excited about some steps which are being taken at Gainesville College to enhance the quality of student life.

Toward the end of last year, the transition was completed to the new Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center which freed the Student Center for a return to its intended use for out-of-class activities for our commuting students. A limited number of changes were made during the summer to assist in the transition of the Center in that direction.

The Financial Aid Office was moved to a new location behind the fireplace, making that crucial service more readily available to students in less cramped facilities.

The bookstore was expanded with the cashing operation and the entrance and exit to the facility adjusted, which should improve the service ability of bookstore personnel to meet the growing demands of our ever-increasing student population. A shift in responsibilities has freed our Ms. Phelps to focus her efforts on a more defined role as Director of Food Services.

A limited number of facelifting efforts were undertaken including painting, the purchase of lounge furnishings for the area behind the fireplace, and the installation of wall cases which will display art pieces on a regular cycle. The expanded gameroom proved to be quite popular during the summer quarter and should provide a change-of-pace opportunity for our students.

When the campus was designated as a smoke-free environment, a smoking lounge was established in the Student Center. It is equipped with a large screen TV, appropriate furnishings, and adequate ventilation to allow it to serve this purpose for the total campus. We solicit your support in this health-related adjustment.

We want to especially make our alumni aware of the addition of two administrators who directly impact students. Ms. Karen Hawkins, Director of Student Activities, comes from the University of Central Florida at Orlando and promises to bring some new ideas as she works with Steve Wood, SGA President, and other student leaders and organizational advisors across the campus. Ms. Carol Nobles, Director of Admissions, previously was associated with the University of Georgia where she was responsible for transfer admissions to that institution. In addition to these two new employees, there will be 13 additional members of the faculty and staff who joined Gainesville College at the beginning of the fall quarter. With one final passing reference to the budget squeeze — we will not be filling eight new or vacant positions due to the late summer cuts.
In the fall of 1990 Joe Wardlaw came home to Commerce to the quiet and green where five generations of his family have farmed and prospered.

He came with his family — wife Jana and sons Wesley, 2, and Derek, 8 — and with nearly three years of private practice as a Savannah obstetrician-gynecologist behind him. He also came with an innovative and welcomed surgical technique designed to reduce dramatically the trauma and recovery time of hysterectomy.

But his primary reason for coming back to northeastern Georgia is for the underserved population of mothers-to-be needing prenatal and delivery services.

"We came for the babies, not just for the surgery," says Wardlaw of himself and his wife, a registered nurse and highly trained ultrasonographer and mammographer. "We felt we could make a difference for the babies. I am happy to be home, though. I love it here."

Wardlaw grew up on a chicken and cattle farm in the community of Nicholson. He is the only child of Rene Fleeman Wardlaw, now deceased, and Jack Wardlaw, retired and living still on the family farm. Reflecting on his childhood and youth, Wardlaw says he was a "happy camper."

Following his graduation from Commerce High School, where, he says, he was an uninspired student, he attended Athens Tech while working for two different companies that put to good use his electrical engineering and systems design capabilities. After stints in Athens, first as a fire fighter and rescue unit member and then as a United Parcel Service driver to raise funds for further schooling, Wardlaw came to Gainesville College with an eye toward a degree in electrical engineering. His time at GC was to prove a critical turning point in his education and his future.

"I would never have gone to medical school had I not started out at GC," Wardlaw says. "The faculty was so supportive. There were a number of us who had been bored in high school. We weren't dumb; we tested well. But no one had stimulated us enough. The GC faculty did that for us."

"The teachers were so helpful, encouraging us all the time. It felt almost like they were family. They were very excellent instructors, as well."

Wardlaw’s early emphasis in microbiology brought him into contact with division head Dr. Lewis Rogers, Dr. Glenda Michaels, and Garry McGlaun.

Left to right: Jana, Wesley, age 2, and Joe Wardlaw.

"Garry is 'Mr. Wizard.' He is incredibly brilliant. He made science really fun and allowed us just to work our way through things," Wardlaw says.

Wardlaw has equally high praise for other teachers in other departments.

"There were a lot of excellent professors in the humanities, too," he says. "Barbara Hermann was so good to us; she took care of us when we had emotional problems. GC will always be a good school with people like these."

Wardlaw's graduation from GC in 1978 included awards for outstanding chemistry student and for one of two outstanding biology students. From GC he went on to the University of Georgia where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. Four years at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta followed, with Wardlaw finishing in the top quarter of his class. He then relocated to Savannah for internship and residency at Memorial Hospital. It was during this period that he met his future wife, Jana Kay Power. The two were introduced by a mutual friend, and both agree it was love at first sight. At the end of a prolonged "commuter" courtship between Savannah and Athens where Jana was an obstetrical nurse, they were married. Wardlaw started his private practice not only with a bride but with top honors as chief resident and as outstanding laparoscopist during his final year of residency.

After some two years, Wardlaw departed Savannah, eager for the opportunity to apply his training where it was much needed, though he strongly commends the Banks/Jackson family practitioners who for years have served the obstetrical and gynecological needs of women in their extended
community. He is quick to cite the “crisis” in medical malpractice insurance as the reason so many areas, including his own, have an inadequate number of OB/GYNs.

“This situation has driven so many obstetricians out of practice,” he says. He added that the number of medical school graduates going into the field has diminished over the years.

Wardlaw’s decision to move his practice to Commerce came as a result of an “invitation” from the Banks-Jackson County Medical Center, which made a “tremendous investment” in equipment and personnel in order to be able to extend up-to-the-minute surgical and obstetrical services to its patients through Wardlaw’s presence there.

“The Board of Authority is really committed to making BJC a top-notch facility,” he says.

Foremost among the services being offered now is laparoscopic video laser hysterectomy, a procedure that had only been performed by two Atlanta surgeons prior to Wardlaw’s arrival at BJC. The operation precludes the need for major abdominal surgery, substituting the traditional four-to-six-inch incision, week-long hospital stay and six-week convalescence period for a much smaller incision, a day-long hospital stay and the capacity to return to work after a single week.

A flurry of national media attention followed initial performance of the procedure. Wardlaw’s operation at BJC was covered by 18 newspapers, including USA Today, and by both radio and TV.

Intensified interest in his work also has picked up the pace of his life, but he manages a balance; taking time with his family and making time for his community. He is an active Kiwanian, Scottish Rite Mason, and Shriner. In addition, he serves as a member of two medical societies and several prestigious medical boards and associations.

Time for family life is precious to him, whether that time means trips to Show Biz for pizza and heated Nintendo games or simply going fishing, an activity the whole family enjoys.

Joe Wardlaw’s sharpness and skill are continually tempered with his compassion for his patients. He is clearly an advocate for the women who come into his care: he is committed to their health, to their comfort and to the safe delivery of their children.

His passion for his work is tempered, as well, with his desire for the closeness of family and the richness to be experienced in this place he calls “home” once again.
GC Family and Alumni Picnic
A Rousing Success

Frisbees were thrown — swimmers splashed — volleyball were heaved — delicious food was consumed — Desert Storm returnees were greeted warmly — in all it was a lovely afternoon on the GC campus as more than 200 GC families, alumni, and friends gathered for a picnic on Sunday, June 2.

Returning Desert Storm veterans were honored at the GC Family and Alumni Picnic. (L to R) Dr. Lewis Rogers, Chairman of the Math/Science Division; Joe Chitwood; Chris Conley; Charles Dennis Evans; Lisa Rhinehart; Barry Ladd; and Bobby Whitlock, outgoing President of the Alumni Association.

A highlight of the afternoon was the welcoming of Desert Storm veterans, several of which attended with their families. Also, new officers of the Alumni Association and of the Alumni Council were elected.

The winning alumni volleyball team poses with the horse liniment presented to it. Left to right: Bobby Whitlock, David Mote, Mitch Chapman, Britt Henderson, Kim Clark, Chris England, Steve Heinen, Lee Chapman, and GC President Foster Watkins.

Retiring members of the Alumni Council were recognized. They are: Shirley Childers, Connie Davis, David and Judy Kennerly, Ricky Pugh, Sherrie Rowland, and Sammy Smith, all of Gainesville; Joe Turnell, Athens; Joe and Vicki Hayes, Madison; and Danny Farmer, Winder.

Two volleyball games were played. Two alumni teams competed — one with Todd Burke and Jean Jarrett Buffington serving as co-captains, the other with Britt Henderson and Judy Woods Anderson serving as co-captains.

Plans are to make this GC family and alumni picnic an annual event.

Meet Your Leaders for 1991 - 92

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Council solicits your suggestions and participation. Left to right: Bobby Whitlock, Connie Dennis, Harriett McNeal, Linda Stokes, Lee Chapman, and SGA President Steve Wood.

ALUMNI...

Would you like to continue your education?

Are you considering a career change?

Do you know someone who needs to be a part of Gainesville College?

Call the GC Admissions Office at 535-6241 (Gainesville) or 1-800-745-5922 (outside Gainesville).
Exhibition Series of the GC Art Gallery

American Paintings from the Collection of the Georgia Museum of Art
Opening reception 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday, October 3
October 3 - November 1, 1991
Musical accompaniment by Atlanta Musica Antiqua

Slide Lecture: Crosscurrents: European and American Art — 1890 - 1960
Donald Deyes, Curator, Georgia Museum of Art
Tuesday, October 15, 11:00 a.m. (Auditorium)

Student Exhibition
December 2 - 10
Gallery hours:
12:00 - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

The Gainesville College Art Gallery is located in the new Continuing Education and Performing Arts Building on campus

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
Foundation Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 1991
12:30 p.m.

Lost Alumni
Please help us find these lost alumni...and we will send you a thank-you gift. Call the Alumni Office at 404/535-6248.

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Mary Ann Akins
Randy Dee Billew
Herman Thomas Brown
David Rodney Burkett
Sheila Diane Clark
Terry Wayne Cotton
Jacqueline Elizabeth Davis
Deborah Lynne Drake
Frank Olivier duCille
Cornelius Edward Fleeman, III
Kenneth Martin Fortson
James Michael Fowler
Lawrence Eugene Fuller
Beverly Hughes Gillespie
Barbara A. Goddard
Charlotte Patricia Grant
Joyce Ellen Reeves Hansen
Terry Ervin Hobbs
Kathy Loretta Hogan
Cary Wayne Howard
Edith Louise Hulse
Frank William Jacks
Perry Bush Jackson
Kathy Lee Jensen
Bobby Lamar Jones
Joyce Diane Jones
Timothy Alton Lawson
Suzanne Maynard
Larry Woodson Parks
Glenn Eldon Pethel
Terence Alan Propes
Sheila Ann Pruitt
Gwendolyn Pope Rice
Miriam Ellen Robinson
David Lee Saye
William Wayne Short
Jerry Loyd Smith
Robert L. Stargel
Barry Alan Stewart
Joan Elaine Trammel
Hilda Allison Veatch
Joseph Wayne Wages
Howard Eugene Watson
Sheila Lee Wayne
Jimmy Allen Williams
Judith Ann Benton Williams
ALUMNI SUPPORT NEEDED TO REACH $215,000 GOAL

Each of you knows the value of a Gainesville College education. You came to GC for a variety of good reasons...the low cost, the convenient location, the caring faculty and staff are just a few. You know personally what the College has meant to you and to your community.

Over 300 students will be assisted by the Gainesville College Foundation this year if fund drive goals are met. Gainesville College alumni can push the 1991 Annual Fund Drive over the top.

Say "YES" — all gifts regardless of the size are needed and appreciated.

There are two ways you can participate:

1. If you are called during one of the alumni phonathons listed below, make a pledge:
   
   **Thursday, October 10** — Barrow County — Kathy Jackson, coordinator.
   **Tuesday, October 15** — Commerce — Beverly Vanderhoef & Don Shubert, coordinators.
   **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 21, 22, 23** — Gainesville & Hall County — Lee Chapman, coordinator.
   **Thursday, October 24** — Forsyth County — Sandra Farrer, coordinator.
   **Monday, October 28** — Jackson County — Steve Kinney, coordinator.
   **Monday, November 4** — Banks County — Rita Crane & Bobby Whitlock, coordinators.
   **Tuesday, November 5** — Habersham County — Linda Smart, coordinator.
   **Tuesday, November 12** — Clarke County — Linda Lord, coordinator.

2. Mail a check TODAY to: Gainesville College Foundation, P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503

   VISA / MasterCard Accepted
Alumni Participate in Many Ways

The winning team in the Gainesville College Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, left to right: Ronnie Forrester; Steve Sorrells, tournament chairman; Darryl Smallwood; Chris England; and Jimmy Wallace. Two teams tied for first, resulting in a playoff. Held on May 17 at the Chattahoochee Golf Club, the tournament had 111 players and netted over $3,500 for the Alumni Scholarship Trust at Gainesville College.

Runners up in the Gainesville College Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament were, left to right: Roger Stapp, Joyce Stephens, Sam McGee, and Randy Nelson.

Steve Gurr, Executive Vice President and Dean of the Faculty (left), and alumni grill hot dogs at the Night School Picnic. Pictured are Sammy Smith, Rita Crane, Lee Chapman, and Karen Chapman.

The Habersham County Mini-campaign got off to a fine start on September 17 when volunteers gathered for a kick-off breakfast at the Community Bank and Trust. Left to right - Back row: Keith Hulsey; Kathy Palmer; Jim Garner; Doug Dillard, coordinator of the campaign; Joe Chipman, GC Foundation Fund Drive Chairman. Front row: Sandra Sosebee; Diane Moss; Richard Webb; Kim Jones, GC student from Habersham County and Foundation scholarship recipient; Janis Underwood; Miriam Duncan; Linda Smart; and Pat Nix. Nix, Moss, Palmer, Smart, Duncan, Garner, and Hulsey are all GC alumni.

GC Trustee Aaron McKinney, coordinator of the Jackson County mini-campaign (left), talks with volunteer and alumnus Bill Sims.

Tim Perry, alumnus of Gainesville College, is coordinating the GC Foundation mini-campaign in Forsyth County. He is vice president of Peoples Bank of Forsyth County.
Sammy Smith Among GC Alumni Honored in AACJC Publication

Essays from three Gainesville College alumni were featured in a new publication of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Profiles in Success: Reflections on the Community College Experience. The essay, by Donn M. Peery, Lawrenceville, was featured in the Spring 1991 issue of Anchors Away. The essay written by Carol King will appear in a later issue. Sammy Smith’s essay follows:

Gainesville College was established in part to provide an opportunity for an affordable higher education for first-generation college students in north Georgia. Conceived upon the notion that only several hundred students would avail themselves of this opportunity, the college has continued that basic purpose, but for more than 2,300 students enrolled there today. I am pleased to be categorized as an alumnus based upon the academic and extracurricular activities that were available to me, for not only am I a first-generation college student, but I am also the first of 17 grandchildren to have attended college.

It has been 17 years since I was a student at Gainesville College. Since that time, I have actively contributed as a member of the board of trustees as well as the alumni association board of directors. During those years, I have come to appreciate the college’s dedication to fellow north Georgians. Unlike schools that have evolved into major research institutions or those that have become forums for athletic events, Gainesville College has stayed the course — growing with the emergence of our geographical area and with the needs of baby boomers such as myself.

I have continued to appreciate the notion that first-generation college-bound students in the southern Appalachians could excel given an affordable opportunity. Even today, Gainesville College reaches beyond all expectations in providing financial assistance to virtually all students who demonstrate the need.

Perhaps it has been through my work as the chief of staff for a U.S. Congressman that my appreciation for Gainesville College has flourished. One third of our staff resources is dedicated to helping individuals on a personal needs basis. Those, by and large, are the parents and grandparents of my college classmates who had no opportunity for college. They are individuals reaching retirement age and beyond who seek guidance in the myriad programs which might be available to them. They are citizens bettering themselves as we learned to do. My association with classmates from similar backgrounds at a time in our nation’s history when much significance was thrust upon the South stays with me daily.

Could my parents have afforded other schools for me? Perhaps so, but they were pleased with my selection and the results thereof. And, as they had no educational opportunities whatsoever, they are proud of me today. Instilled in my generation is the attitude that we must provide for the next. Although it may seem trite (and Lincolnesque notwithstanding), Gainesville College remains of, by, and for the people.

Sammy Smith graduated from Gainesville College in 1972 with a degree in political science and lives in Gainesville, Georgia. He formerly served as chief of staff for Congressman Ed Jenkins, and now is director of public affairs for Fieldale Farms Corporation.

Shown at Chateau Elan after enjoying lunch are, left to right: Assistant Professor of Mathematics Billy Taylor, Sherrie Rowland, Bobby Whitlock, Sammy Smith, and Associate Professor of History Heyward Gnann. The group lunches together following recognition of Smith and Donn Peey at the College Honors Day on May 7. The honorees got to lunch with their “favorite professors.”
Alumni Recognition Committee Seeks Nominations for Annual Alumni Awards

The GC Alumni Association Recognition Committee is currently accepting nominations for two annual awards to be presented by the Association at the Annual Meeting of the Gainesville College Foundation on January 26, 1992.

The awards will recognize alumni and friends of the Association and College who have made significant contributions to the Association, the College, and the community.

Criteria for Nomination

The criteria for nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award are:

1. The nominee must have attended or graduated from Gainesville College.
2. The nominee must have demonstrated a continuing interest in Gainesville College and the Alumni Association. This interest may have been demonstrated through on-campus service, financial support, recruiting efforts, or other tangible means.
3. The nominee must have distinguished himself/herself in professional and personal life and through community involvement and service and thereby have brought recognition to Gainesville College.

The second award will be presented to an individual (could be other than an alumnus) who has contributed time to the College and is worthy of recognition by the Alumni Association. The criteria for nomination for the Distinguished Service Award are:

1. The nominee must have demonstrated a continuing interest in Gainesville College. This interest may have been demonstrated through on-campus service, financial support, recruiting efforts, or other tangible means.
2. The nominee must have distinguished himself/herself in professional and personal life and through community involvement and service.

Method and Schedule of Nomination and Presentation

1. Nominations must be submitted by a member of the Alumni Association.
2. Nominations will open on September 1 of each year, and will close on November 15.
3. Each nomination will be considered for two consecutive years.
4. Nomination forms will be available upon request from the Alumni Office.
5. Nominations are to be submitted to:
   Chairman, Recognition Committee
   GC Alumni Association
   P. O. Box 1358
   Gainesville, GA 30503
6. The award(s) need not be presented every year, if the Committee determines there is not a qualified nominee.
7. If a suitable recipient(s) is found, the award(s) will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gainesville College Foundation.
8. A permanent plaque listing all recipients of the awards will be on display in an appropriate place on campus.
9. The Recognition Committee will consist of five members appointed by the President of the Alumni Association.
10. The Recognition Committee will review all nominations each year and make award recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association for approval.

The members of the Recognition Committee this year are:

Marsha R. Hopkins, Chairman
Joe Chipman
Harriett McNeal
Herbert Robinson
Bob Scanlin
Sammy Smith

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I would like to nominate:

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Signed

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION
Lillian Sartain Chandler is Head of the English Department at Madison County High School, and resides in Ila. She has taught for nineteen years.

Bob and Darlene Emmett live in Boston, Georgia, with their three children. Bob is General Manager for Holiday Inn in Thomasville, and Darlene is a fifth grade school teacher.

Susan S. Young is a guidance counselor at Madison County High School. Susan met her husband Steve Young at GC and they will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary in June.

Imogene Maley Turner Roncadori received her B.S. Ed., M.Ed. and Ed.S. from the University of Georgia. She teaches third grade at North Jackson Elementary School in Jefferson.

Mary English Sells is a lab technologist in the Gwinnett County System, and resides in Lawrenceville.

Kathi Fulford Langlois is a graduate of Georgia Baptist, and is currently Research Coordinator for St. Joseph’s Hospital in Atlanta. She resides in Lawrenceville with her husband, Steve, and seven-year-old son, Chris.


Steve and Sandy Heinen are the proud parents of Stephen Hurst Heinen, born 8/8/91. Steve is currently the President of the Gainesville Jaycees.

Kathy (Kesler) Elrod and her husband Joe are the proud parents of Kathryn Allene “Ali” Elrod, born July 24, 1991.

Jim Foote and his wife Melinda are the proud parents of Jameson, born May 13, 1990. He’s a true future alumnus of GC.

Jeffrey P. Allbritten graduated from U.S. Army Aviation Flight School as an Army Aviator, April 1991. He also graduated from U.S. Army Warranty Officer School and Air Assault School. He resides in Winder.

Terri Lee Kellum Evans was promoted to Resource Center Manager at Standard Telephone Company, Cornelia, November 1990. She resides in Commerce.

Melinda Gayle Segraves Berryman graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. Ed. in Early Childhood Education and has taught at Benton Elementary School in Nicholson for four years. She and her husband, Richard, are the proud parents of Abigayle Claire, born July 11, 1991.

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'85 Melinda Kay Walley is enjoying her third year entertaining at Walt Disney World’s MGM Studios in Orlando. Prior to this she entertained at Carowinds; University of North Carolina in Greensboro; Carnival Cruise Lines; and Hershey Park, PA.

'86 Sharon Stinchcomb Ellis is the Administrative Coordinator for Houghton-Mifflin School Publications and is married to Rick Ellis who is a sergeant for the Cobb County Sheriff’s Office. They reside in Winder.

Teri Kay Whitmire Parks graduated from the University of Georgia in August 1987 with an AB in Political Science. She is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Special Agent, and is married to Andrew Parks. They reside in Dallas, Georgia.

'87 Kenneth Wayne Sexton graduated from Valdosta State College in June 1991, and is the new Band Director for Irwin County High School. He will be teaching grades 6-12 with a marching band and music appreciation class. He resides in Ocilla.

'88 Regina Lynn Cantrell graduated from the University of Georgia with a BBA in Accounting, June 1990; and received her Master's of Accounting, June 1991. She is currently working in Gainesville for Bates Carter & Co. PC as an accountant.

Anita Lynell Moore Tomlin married Tracy A. Tomlin (Class of 1984) on August 7, 1991, in Key West, Florida. Anita is an elementary school teacher, and they reside in Augusta, Georgia.

Kenneth David Pruitt and his wife Donna are the proud parents of Sean Patrick, born March 7, 1991. They reside in Dawsonville.

'89 Audra Dawn McDaniel graduated from North Georgia College with a degree in Business Education. She is currently a hairdresser, and resides in Snellville.

'90 Michele Lee Bryan married Rick Christopher Carney, July 14, 1990. She is a confidential secretary for HHL Financial Services, Inc. in Gainesville.

Jeanine A. Blachly transferred to North Georgia College in the fall of 1990 and has upheld her 4.0 standing. She is a biology major.

Five GC Retirees Honored At Reception

Five Gainesville College retiring faculty and staff with 88 years of combined service to the institution were honored at a reception on May 28, in the Lobby of the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center at the College.

• John B. Bailey, Athens, Professor of History, was appointed to the faculty of the College in 1967. He also served as Chair of the Division of Social Sciences in 1968-73. Previously, he held teaching and administrative positions at Piedmont College. He retired June 7.

• Clara D. Murray, Gainesville, Acting Director of Student Activities, joined the institution in 1968. While originally employed in the Continuing Education area, she transferred into Student Activities where she has worked since 1972. She previously was employed at the University of Georgia for seven years. She retired July 1.

• J. Harold Norris, Gainesville, Groundskeeper I, has been associated with the institution for 10 years, having joined the staff in 1981. He retired July 1.


• O.B. Reed, Gainesville, Security Guard, has been a member of the staff of the College since 1981. He retired July 1.

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