Nesbitt appointed to Leadership Committee

Gainesville College President Martha Nesbitt has been appointed to the American Council on Education's (ACE) Commission on Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness. She will serve a three-year term on the Commission that meets twice a year in Washington, D.C. Nesbitt will also serve as an advisory body for the Commission on Student Affairs. Nesbitt attended her first meeting with the Commission on March 23 in Washington, D.C.

Honor Society members inducted in March

The spring induction for the new members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society was held on March 6, followed by a short reception. The new students inducted are: Suzanne Anderson, Anna Buffington, Jason Carter, Veronica Crider, Natasha DeLong, Summer Decker, Stephen Green, Sarah Hightfield, Richard Horne, Berna Mangum, Cathleen McDonald, Hiromu Miyagawa, Cheryl Perez, Nicholas Scroggs, Kelley Tillery, Linh Tran, Frank Valasek, and Carolyn Wright.

Public Safety gets new phone number

Gainesville College Security has a new telephone number for its 24-hour assistance line. The new number is 770-594-7227. The old number, 770-718-3734 will remain in use until the end of the semester. The new number will now connect the caller with security via cellular phone instead of two-way radio.

New staff hired in business office

Two new staff members were hired in March to work in the Business Office. Dean Lieburn is GC's new personnel specialist. Lieburn comes to GC from Darton College where she worked as a payroll clerk. Linda Beasenburg has been hired as a cashier. She comes to GC from Griffin, Georgia where she worked as a chiropractic assistant.

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The Gainesville College administration is "very close" to hiring a potential candidate to fill the new position of Hispanic Affairs Coordinator, according to President Nesbitt. Under the new position of college policy, Stoy cannot name the candidate yet because she has not made an official commitment to the job.

"This person was interviewed by the Search Committee [which consisted of six GC officials] and gave a teaching presentation," Stoy said. "And we liked what we saw." Once hired, the Hispanic Affairs Coordinator will be responsible for developing a recruitment plan for the GC Hispanic community, working with Hispanic students to enhance their academic success, serving as an on-campus contact for Hispanic students and serving as a link with the Hispanic community.

The Hispanic Affairs Coordinator is a new position that was created by the Hispanic Initiative Task Force at the request of the Board of Regents. The Task Force received a grant of $375,000 from the Georgia Legislature in order to develop Hispanic outreach pilot programs, which the position of Hispanic Affairs Coordinator is a part of.

"The overall idea is to improve the quality of education in ESL [English as a Second Language] courses in [kindergarten through 12 grade] and to facilitate the movement of [Hispanic] students from k-12 on to college," Stoy said.

Chesstatee Review takes second

From Staff Reports

Four Gainesville College students took home two second place awards, one third place award and an honorable mention at the Southern Literary Festival in Cleveland, Mississippi. GC's literary magazine, The Chesstatee Review, won second place, with the magazine's editor, Selena Johnson, collecting the award. In the poetry category, Sarah Seaman took second place and Ken Abbott took third. Jon Krueger was awarded an Honorable Mention for his short story.

"I'm always very gratified to see how well our students do at these events," said Creative Writing professor Tom Sauret. "It is no small feat. For these students to have only taken a three-hour Creative Writing course and then be able to produce the work they do, it is really wonderful."

The Chesstatee Review, which is sponsored by Sauret, is printed once a year at GC. The magazine contains poetry, short stories and artwork created by GC students during the school year. Most of the articles in the magazine are works that were written for Sauret's Creative Writing class, but not every piece of work in the magazine was produced by a Creative Writing student.

The magazine will be available in late April. Also, GC English professor Jason Mosser was elected Vice President of the Festival for 2002. He will automatically become President of the Festival in 2003. "I'm really happy to be involved [with the Festival]," Mosser said. "I'm glad our students won some prizes and am looking forward to Gainesville College hosting the event next year."
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Gainesville College President Martha Nesbitt outlined the college’s Master Plan to the Real Estate Committee of the Board of Regents on March 13. The Master Plan consists of a new physical design that will add proposed buildings and parking to the campus. The final version will be available next week for submittal to the Board of Regents, as is required every ten years.

“Parking is a definite change we should invest in,” Ryan Stewart, a history education major, responded to the news about parking.

Several changes occurring around the campus will supplement the proposed changes. One such adaptation will be the addition of an off-ramp on Interstate 985 that will run behind the campus, in the direction of the Science Building and perhaps some additional parking.

“We are aware we need to expand parking for students, and we’ll be looking at creating more parking this summer in one of the areas designated by the Master Plan,” Nesbitt said when asked to comment on the growing need for student parking.

The Master Plan must follow a common template used to compare schools in the Georgia University System. The Board of Regents then sends representatives to review the plan. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited GC in January, making the college one of the last campuses to be evaluated. When the changes will take place is uncertain, as the college can only use money out of the budget.

Nesbitt explained that although some money will come from tuition, tuition prices will not rise because of the plan. She said that tuition is set by a standard regulated by those in charge of the University System.

The college must hire an outside firm to handle the project. The Architecture Group from Atlanta will be in charge of instating the changes. These changes will take place at a time when funding is available and enough need is present to require that additions be completed. Everything from landscaping to construction will be handled by the firm selected by the committee, which oversees the Master Plan.

Separate from the plan, but also an important addition, is the campus in Athens. While no definite plans have been established for a new campus, the proposal went to the Board of Regents to use Piedmont College during the day, when it is usually vacant. The campus would consist of staff currently residing in Athens, and, were it to become successful with a large student body, perhaps one day earn its own building. The major reason for this addition is the general consensus that the University System undererves Athens.

“I think it would be good for people who want to finish their associate degree, but also want to go [the University of Georgia] at the same time,” said business major Christine Arevalo, commenting on the Athens campus.

By Jessica Stanifer

This year there was a low turn out for the elections. Only 150 students voted. The Vice President was decided by only 13 votes.

Michelle S. Brown said, “It is discouraging that only about 5% of students voted this year.”

Amber Miller a psychology major said, “I didn’t hear anything about the elections or see them campaigning on campus, so I didn’t vote.”

Jason Murphy a Business major said, “I didn’t feel that they did any work campaigning. All I saw was a sign half-ass done for Noah; whoever he is.”

On April 11, the Student Government Association (SGA) held its annual elections. Paul Bridger, a two year student of Gainesville College, was the only candidate running for President. There was more of a computation for Vice President with Jessica Chesbro a major and Noah Anderson a major running against each other.

Paul Bridger a Business Management and Biblical Science major, the undisputed winner for president has a strong background of organization involvement at Gainesville College. He has served on Students In Free Enterprise, ISU, Campus Crusade, Student Advise Council for Georgia, Culture Committee, and Budget Allocations Committee. Paul said that his goals for next year are, “to bring student unity, make SGA a stronger organization on campus, more night student involvement.” Another big concern for Paul is that he wants students to come to him with their ideas and problems.

Anderson was the winner of the Vice President election. Anderson had a more interesting outlook, because he just now getting involved with Student Government and has an outsiders view point. He wants people to know that he is not doing this for the popularity he is serious about making a difference in the school. Anderson wants to get student opinions about the things that he has proposed for the school. Anderson says that he wants, “more benefits for night school students, have the library open on Saturdays, lower student activity fees for night students, and wants to have more non-traditional students involved in SGA.

Anderson is in favor of the reversing of the scantrop policy for next year and he was able to do that without being in SGA. Anderson says, “I’m not afraid to do new things and get involved.” His philosophy is to “get out and get your foot wet."

Jessica Chesbro is the other person running for Vice President. She says that “she’s a very responsible person.” Chesbro grew up with policies and looks up to her father in that aspect. She wants to be just like him. She was on SAF Committee, went to SAC two semesters, sat in Athens Affairs Committee, and Issues Chair. Chesbro wants to make a website for SGA, wants more student involvement, and more fighting on campus.

Dangers of smoking

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There is a memory from my freshman year in high school that sticks out vividly in my mind. I was riding to the fair with my friend, Amandas and her boyfriend. Her boyfriend, Mark, lit up a cigarette and passed it to me. This was my first smoking experience. Yes, I coughed and gagged; yes, it tasted disgusting, but I survived. Not only that, I began smoking afterward. Why? It made me feel accepted. Once upon a time, cigarettes were harmless. In the early 1900s, in fact, a cigarette in one’s hand was quite the status symbol. All the great movie stars smoked. It was the cool thing to do. However, it is a new century and the world is a lot smarter than it was 100 years ago. We now know that smoking can lead to lung cancer and emphysema and also speed the signs of aging. Cigarettes shouldn’t be cool anymore; so why are they?

I used to tell everyone I was a “social smoker.” Translation: I only smoke when other people can see me so I can live up to their expectations. Chances are you’ve heard the term “social smoker” before. The majority of people I know that smoke use it. It reigns true to the concept, “monkey see, monkey do.” Don’t you wish everyday was like that kind of sense? Another case of “monkey see, monkey do” is the reaction to advertisement. We flip through the pages of magazines constantly coming across glamorous images that attract people to sell cigarettes. Think about it. If the tobacco companies send out...
Domestic violence panel speaks at GC

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On March 28, a domestic violence forum was held as the second Gainesville College sponsored event in Women’s History Month. Speakers consisted of Deputy Donald McDuffy of the Hall County Sheriff’s Dept., Sgt. Carol Martin of the Gainesville Police Dept. and Laura Howell of Gateway House.

McDuffy, part of the Domestic Violence Task Force for 11 years, deals directly with both the perpetrators and victims of domestic violence.

“Hill County does have a domestic violence problem, but it has gotten somewhat better over the past few years,” said McDuffy.

He attributed this decline to the law passed in 1995 that requires officers to respond to domestic violence even if the victim chooses not to prosecute. McDuffy also said that “there are victims speaking out.”

McDuffy is very dedicated to his job.

“The victim can call me day or night. If I’m not on duty, someone can find me. I work on a case until it’s complete.”

Martin, totaling 14 yrs at the Gainesville Police Dept., works with the criminal investigation aspect of domestic violence. Her unit is involved with warrants, reviewing reports, and other related duties.

While McDuffy and Martin presented mostly legal facts, Howell spoke of the more personal and emotional elements of domestic violence. Howell, a former victim of domestic violence, is Gateway House’s Community Outreach and Education Coordinator of six years.

“Domestic violence is not a simple problem,” said Howell. “My whole life has changed because of domestic violence. It has shaped who I am,” said Howell.

Gateway House is a temporary emergency shelter for domestic violence victims. Some of Gateway House’s services are a 24-hour crisis telephone line, counseling services, a children’s program, a school curriculum program, a life enrichment program, a legal advocacy program, and a community outreach/education program. In 2000, 46 volunteers contributed over 2,000 hours to the children’s program and shelter work.

“It takes a special, caring, loving person to do this job,” said Howell. “If you don’t have these qualities, you can’t work in domestic violence.”

Campus Life
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GC professor also works as author of various books

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English Professor Brad Strickland believes that he has found a gold nugget among the hills in GC. The truth is that GC has been fortunate to find a gold nugget like Brad Strickland within its faculty.

Well-respected by his peers and well-liked by his students, Strickland is a modest man with an amazing talent. Over the years, Strickland has successfully mastered the combination of his storytelling lineage with his love for the written word. He has written 45 books and received numerous awards for his writing.

Strickland states “I am always grateful for the awards that I receive but I don’t write to win them. I simply write to tell a story.”

On March 17, Strickland received his most distinguished honor as Georgia Author of the Year from The Georgia Writers Incorporated and Mercer University. The award was granted for a children’s young adult book entitled When Mac Came Back.

“The book is not your typical boy and dog story because the dog is neither heroic nor is he a Lassie kind of a dog. He serves as a bond between the characters within the story,” says Strickland.

Although Strickland has written for the book series of many famous television programs such as Star Trek, Full House, Wishbone, and Sabrina the Teenage Witch, he has never been boastful about his accomplishments in the 15 years that he has worked for GC. He teaches English full-time and is the Coordinator for the Fine Arts Program. Nevertheless, Strickland manages to write one or two books for a television series per semester as well as one book during the summer.

Although he concentrates mainly on young adult and children’s books, Strickland has written science fiction, mystery, fantasy and horror for adults. However, he prefers writing for children.

“It is a lot of fun to write for kids. One thing about writing for a younger audience is that I get a lot more fan mail. Adults hardly ever send fan mail, but kids write to me all of the time.” says Strickland.

1st Place Finishers at GC Swim Meet held March 7, 2001

Women’s 18-24
Andrea Crawford (18) 25, 200 yd. free; 25 yd. breaststroke
Heather Foster (21) 25 yd. backstroke
Robin Marshall (19) 50 yd. breaststroke

Women’s 25-29
Dana McRrrocher (28) 25 yd. freestyle

Women’s 70-74
Marilyn Seidler (71) 25, 50, 200 yd. free; 50 yd. backstroke

Women’s 75-79
Corry Moolenaar (76) 25, 50 yd. free; 25, 50 yd. backstroke

Men’s 18-24
Aaron Frost (20) 25 yd. free; 25 yd. breaststroke; 25 yd. fly
Marc Hill (21) 50, 200 yd. free; 50 yd. back; 100 yd. IM
Ken Sharpe (20) 25 yd. back

Men’s 25-29
Elle Viviant (27) 25, 50 yd. free
Daniel Henson (25) 50 yd. breaststroke

Men’s 40-44
Jud Davis (41) 25, 50 yd. free; 25, 50 yd. backstroke
Jeff Isaacs (40) 25, 50 yd. breaststroke; 25 yd. fly; 100 yd. IM

Men’s 75-79
Walt Seidler (79) 25, 50 yd. free

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Local rally draws National Alliance protestors

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On March 31, a group of protestors stood outside of the Hall County Courthouse armed with an anti-Nazi flag and a disdain for racial supremacy. As they watched from behind a police barricade, approximately 35 men and women protested illegal immigration through speeches, chants, and picket signs.

Surrounded by Georgia State Patrol, Department of Corrections, Lumpkin County Police, and GBI officers, an ideological demonstration group known as the National Alliance (NA) stood on the steps of the courthouse and advocated their public agenda. Members from the city of Gainesville and across the country came out on the windy Saturday morning to rally community support for banning illegal immigrants from entering the United States. The two-hour and fifteen minute display included guest speakers from the NA, singing and chanting, and greeting anti-NA activists with Nazi salutes.

NA protestors also carried posters that read phrases such as “Close our borders now!” and “It’s not the economy stupid!” In addition to these anti-immigration-related messages, some members held signs that had ethnic-targeted phrases such as “Jew world order!” “Who needs more Hispanics?” and “Mexico is where Mexicans live!”

Gainesville NA affiliate spokesperson Chester Dole was among the guest lecturers at the demonstration. Dole campaigned to the public and the media about the federal halting of immigration and encouraged Gainesville citizens to sue the city for treason, due to the “allowance” of growth in the city’s Hispanic population.

“The media provides enormous influence over this country’s future,” said Dole. “Sources such as MTV and rap music persuade kids to adopt behaviors and lifestyles that contribute to the weakening of wholesome values.” While the NA repeatedly attempted to push the envelope of peaceful demonstration with their race-targeted posters and several Nazi salutes to anti-NA protestors - who were blocked off by law officials - one block away from the NA members - the rally began and ended without violence.

William Williams, North Carolina Regional Coordinator for the NA, was not pleased with “the limitations made upon [their] right to free speech.”

“We were underrepresented here today,” Williams said. “There are others in [Gainesville] who feel the same way we do, but they weren’t allowed in.”

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By a year of cultural awareness events geared toward the French and a visit from students at our sister school in Lorraine, a group of 20 students left for a week in France over Spring Break.

“I went to have a new experience,” said Micah Lawson, a business major, who was among several students sponsored by the SIFE club to participate.

Students gained that new experience when they spent two days in Paris. While there, they explored the Palace of Versailles, climbed the Eiffel Tower, and attended mass at Notre Dame. They enjoyed a foot tour of the central part of the city, including the Latin Quarter and the Champs Elysees, and were treated to a night river boat tour of the Seine.

After only a short time in Paris, they took a traditional European train ride to Metz. There they visited a cathedral and the Consul Regional.

In the days that followed, the students explored the eastern regions of Lorraine and Alsace, the two areas of France that were under German control during the two World Wars. The group took tours of ceramics and crystal factories, a casino where townpeople hid during German opposition, and of the city of Strasbourg where the European Union has its headquarters.

“I thought it was a beautiful country,” said Diane Sargent, also a business major. “I would like to move there.”

The group had the opportunity to attend English, Math, and Business classes with their host students. The education system in France is considered to be more rigorous and strict than that of America. Students do not have part-time jobs while in school. They also choose their area of study when they are sixteen and rarely have the opportunity to change that decision.

“What they learn and what we learn is similar, but their whole school set-up is completely different,” said Business Major Zachary Vaughan.

Although the students enjoyed their day excursions into the country, they longed to return to their host families to spend time learning more about them.

“I learned that we stereotype too much,” said Sargent. “I don’t spend time with my family like the families we stayed with who ate together and did things together.”

French Families often sit down to meals for up to two hours at a time. The group had different experiences.

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Ecstasy: Is it worth the risk?

A special report from Piedmont College’s The Lions’ Roar

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It only takes one pill to feel carefree and lose all worries. One pill can create a feeling of freedom. A raver can dance all night, amazed by techno music and blacklights. One pill can make you feel loving and open to finding yourself. One pill can ruin your life.

In the 1960s, MDMA (ecstasy) was thought to have few adverse effects. As with amphetamine, the widespread use resulted in reports of depression, depersonalization, hallucinations, paranoia, and psychosis. While ravers are feeling free and inhibited, ecstasy is working hard on their brains to lower serotonin. This causes depression.

Ecstasy also damages nerve terminals in the brain so that messages are bounced around and the user will become confused and disoriented. Eventually, the user will go crazy, unable to distinguish between fantasy and reality.

Like with LSD, hallucinations caused by ecstasy are unpredictable and can be very dangerous. A college student in Wisconsin fell into a state of toxic delirium after taking no more than 200 milligrams of pure MDMA. She was completely disoriented and began talking to people who did not exist. She was a one time user.

A one time user may also experience severe depression after coming down from ecstasy. This is due to the lower serotonin. While on the ecstasy, the user may feel free and happy. Immediately afterwards, the user may fall into a depressed state. Frequent users of the drug may use other drugs such as marijuana to help ease them off of the ecstasy. This may lead to further drug use. Ecstasy has been called the “stepping stone” to other drugs.

The possibility of hallucinations and depression is not the only gamble that an “E” user takes. The person can never know what is in the pill that he or she is taking. Because ecstasy is rarely sold in the pure MDMA form, one never knows what one is going to get. The pill could contain any amount of numerous drugs.

The very first pill that a user takes could contain such a potent mixture of deadly drugs that he can overdose and die. It only takes one pill to cook your brain, or kill you.

Potential ecstasy user must ask themselves before the drug is ever offered, “Do I believe that it is worth the risk?”
End of semester calendar

MUSIC
Spring Concert on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cent. Ed/Perf. Arts Lobby. Featuring the Gainesville College Chorale and Jazz Band. Free!

Starlight Concert on Saturday, June 9 at 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Lower Pond Area. Live music and fireworks sponsored by the GC Alumni Association. Free!

THEATER
"Bus Stop" runs from April 17 to the 29 at GC's Ed Cabell Theatre.

Summer 2001 events calendar

The Fox Theatre
660 Peachtree Road
404-877-8700
thefoxtheatre.com/index.html
Amie Get Your Gun starring Rebe McEntire: April 17-22
Otelio: May 3-6
Atlanta Ballet's Peter Pan: May 10-20

Center for Puppetry Arts
1404 Spring Street at 18th
404-873-3391
puppet.org
A Midsummer's Night Dream: April 23-May 6

Phillips Arena
1 Phillips Drive
404-878-3000
phillipsarena.com/sto3800/
- Matchbox 20: April 18
- 98 Degrees: April 20
- Elton John & Billy Joel: April 24
- Bon Jovi: May 11

Lakewood Amphitheatre
404-249-6400
atlantaentertainment.com
KC & Joel: April 28
Allman Brothers Band: July 1
Ozfest (Black Sabbath, Marilyn Manson, Slipknot, Papa Roach, Linkin Park, Crazy Town, Disturbed, and 14 other bands): July 7

MUSIC MIDTOWN: Bob Dylan, Arrested Development, EnVogue, Fuel, Indigo Girls, Live, Marvelous 3, Offspring, Our Lady Peace, Run D.M.C., Wallflowers, Blues Traveler, Drivin' N Cryin', Erykah Badu, and MUCH MORE!!! Location borders Ralph McGill Boulevard to Pine Street from Piedmont Avenue to Bedford Place
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May 5 starts at noon.
May 6 starts at noon.

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"Get Over It," which also stars Kirsten Dunst. The teen romance/comedy is Mark Andrews' (Sisqo's) first movie performance.

Phillips, a 31-year-old recording artist from Baltimore, Maryland, is currently working under the recording label of Def Jam Music. His most recent album release, "Then There Was X..." features singles including "Party Up," and "What These Bitches Want." Previous hits, such as "Ruff Ryders Anthem," from "It's Dark and Hell is Hot" also received much positive attention.

Future acting gigs for Simmons include a role in upcoming film, "The Crow: Lazarus."

Robert James Ritchie (Kid Rock) is playing the character of "Robbie" in the comedy film "The Adventures of Joe Dirt." The movie is about a slow-witted, mulleted (David Spade) in search of his parents, who abandoned him at birth.

30-year-old Ritchie, who is most popular for his 1998 album release "Devil Without a Cause," delved into his signature music style, which is most accurately labeled rap-rock, with singles such as "Cowboy" and "I Am the Bully." "The Adventures of Joe Dirt" is Ritchie's first film appearance. His voice will be featured in the upcoming animated film, "Osmosis Jones."

Sisqo, a former member of the R&B quartet Dril Hill, co-stars in the semi-recently produced film "Get Over It," which also stars Kirsten Dunst. The teen romance/comedy is Mark Andrews' (Sisqo's) first movie performance.

Cristine Patterson, a Political Science major at GC says that she plans to see "Get Over It," but says that she is "skeptical about musicians who get parts in movies simply because they're already famous."

The 23-year-old Andrews hails from Baltimore, Maryland (the same city as DMX), and is most prominently recognized for his racy "Thong Song," which helped him obtain Billboard's New Artist of the Year Award in 2000.

In the fall, Andrews will be co-starring with 71-year-old Bob Newhart in a currently untitled NBC pilot. He is also putting the finishing touch on a new album.
**Arts & Entertainment**

**Top Ten**

**SIGNS THAT YOU ARE TOO NOISY ABOUT YOUR FINAL EXAMS**

10. Your boyfriend/girlfriend asks if you've been cheating on him/her, and you respond with, "Can we make this multiple choice?"

9. You're the person responsible for drinking all of the coffee in the Cyber Cafe.

8. The smoking hut is full of cigarette smoke, and you're the only one in there.

7. You chain yourself to the stairs inside the library, so that they won't close it until after you've studied for all of your finals.

6. You're trying to break the record for the shortest number of days it takes to complete your required foreign language labs.

5. Sleep occurs as often as a George W. Bush pronounces a word correctly.

4. You daydream about the entire campus being attacked by ducks and geese during finals week.

3. You truly believe that Mentos will make everything okay while you're taking your exam.

2. Every time a professor asks you how you've been, you ask, "Will that be on the final?"

1. You've prepared as much for your finals as the only letters of the alphabet that you remember are A, B, C, D, and E.

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**Horoscopes for the Month of April**

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

You will be struck by a profound and life-changing thought, today. Fortunately it will only be a glancing blow, and will do little actual damage.

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**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

Don't forget your towel today, you looked really funny walking backward down the hall to the showers in the nude last week.

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**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Today is a good day to travel. Why don't you head on down to the Quicksie Mart and buy a York Peppermint Pappy.

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**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

It's going to rain today, and tomorrow, and maybe the next day. Go outside and splash in the puddles, looking like the idiot we know you are.

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**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

That new haircut really makes you look fat and almost green. Too bad you don't have any real friends to tell you the truth.

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**Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)**

You will get a flat tire... some day in the future. It could be today, or tomorrow, or a few years from now.

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**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

You will have theological doubts today and think of converting to an eastern religion. Subconsciously, this is because you really want to try on those silly hats they wear.

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**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

You are going to get a paper cut if you put this paper down too quickly. Take your time and enjoy a long read.

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**Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)**

Stop forgetting to do your homework. Haven't you figured out that college professors don't know what a dog is.

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**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

Today you will become a member of an exclusive club. Your initiation will take place in a dark alley in the middle of the night, so bring a flashlight so you

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**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)**

The next time that guy's phone rings in class, walk over and turn it off for him by throwing it out the window and calling fetch. The teacher will remember the act when she grades your final.

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**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

Just know that you and all of your friends will make an A on at least one of your finals.
Local sports car ‘tuner’ scene rolls into area

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Outkast and Ludacris. Two names synonymous with excitement, adrenalin and Atlanta. At the Fox Theatre on Saturday, April 7th, and Sunday, April 8th. Outkast and Ludacris made sure to let everyone know how glad they were to be back in their home town, "Hotlanta.

Ludacris opened up with a stunnin DJ spinning and getting the crowd in the mood. And ending with the favorite, "What's your fantasy?" - one that got the entire crowd on their feet and rapping with the former DJ for 97.5 whose fame has risen off the charts. Outkast proved their worth in a concert that was probably better than last year's Music Midtown. With energy and intense rapping to songs from old and new. ATLien to Stankonia, the Fox Theatre was on their feet grooving with Dr. Dre and Big Boi for the entire concert. The concert was packed, with sweaty bodies standing in front of every seat, with the smell of alcohol and other substances filling the air. Outkast and Ludacris proved how much they love Atlanta and their concert truly proved it.

The Dave Matthews Band's latest album, Every­day, scores again as another sweet experience. My first play of their CD seemed awkward and not as flavorful as their many others. But it only took a little time until I was hooked. The songs are truthfully more elaborate and enchanting than ever. It's distinctive lyrics and melodies create a slight uplifting draft of "a good ole time."

The first song to hit the public, probably because it was the most catchy was "I Did It. This has been played nearly every thirty minutes on MTV and every local radio station from here to kingdom come. The arrival of this newest unveiling was practically shoved into the spotlight and I believe it was well worth it. The best words to describe it would have to be funny and very smooth. Growing on you and adding more emotion with every play, this CD rocks!

Containing twelve powerful songs, some slow and painful while others are all too delightful and totally bizarre. My favorites include The Space Between, Angel, and of course, the funkiest of all, When The World Ends.

-Sarah Greszliak

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Gainesville College's own Ed Matthews, March 13th release, "Reptile," co-produced by Clapton himself and Simon Climie, includes some new Clapton material, along with covers of songs by James Taylor, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, and J.J. Cale. On the album are seven new Clapton songs, including instruments at the beginning and at the end of the album.

Clapton leads off the album with the polished, catchy and upbeat "Reptile," and wraps it up with the slow and reflective "Son & Sylvia." Clapton covers Ray Charles' "Come Back Baby," J.J. Cale's "Travelin' Light," "Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight" by James Taylor, and a mirroring rendition of Stevie Wonder's "I Ain't Gonna Stand for it."

In the sleeve of the album, Clapton describes a "Reptile" as being similar to a "loa r or a vi olet," and goes on to say that the term is "used sparingly and with the greatest respect."

This album is characterized by diversity, and has a little bit of everything for the musical tastes of the eclectic.

Frank Reddy

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Bus Stop runs through Gainesville College
Co-founder of Georgia Shakespeare Festival is directing Spring production

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Gainesville Theater Alliance's season finale, Bus Stop, pulls out all the stops to make this production superior. William Inge's play is directed by Richard Garner, co-founder and producing artistic director of the Georgia Shakespeare Festival. The play will be seen in Gainesville College's own Ed Cabell Theater.

"For someone who spends most of their time dealing with Shakespeare and a day in the average life of a Shakespearean char­acter, to work on a play like Bus Stop was really exciting," said Garner.

The story takes place in a diner in the midwest where several bus passengers and a few locals are stranded during a blizzard. The story doesn't revolve around; but is influenced heavily by, the romance of Bo, a rodeo rider, and Cherie, a nightclub singer. Bo, Cliff Smith, has convinced Cherie, Rebecca Ramsey, to travel with him back to his Montana ranch, where he would like to marry her whether she likes it or not. Other players will take their turn to liven the action a bit, such as the stern sheriff, the tough but understanding owner of the diner, her innocent young niece and an entire load of stranded passengers, including an ex-college professor with a shady past. Each character has an interesting story to tell and each actor has his/her turn to play with the audience a bit. Such a play is a challenge to the actors, who don't have much time to make a lasting impact. According to Garner, the audience doesn't get too much out of any one character. This creates a delicate and intimate relationship between the audience and the diners.

The design crew includes Bob Upton, who has done an incredible job of creating a realistic 50's diner. He also had the challenge of creating the blizzard that rages outside. The realistic 50's style costumes were sculp­turally designed by Christine Beaman. Rob Dillard takes the lighting to the next level to illuminate the diner for a believ­able theatrical affect.

The run of the play will take place Tuesdays-Saturdays, April 17-29. Shows start at 7:30pm and tickets are $13 for adults, $11 for seniors, and students (with ID) are $3. As always, there are nights that are free to GC students. Call the box office at (770) 718-3624. Within the GTA tradition, the last show, on April 29 at 2:30, will be audio described for sight-impaired and signed for hearing-impaired.

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Student Opinion Poll

Should profanity be allowed in media?

“I have no problem with it. It’s already there.” - Seth Thompson

“I don’t think it should. Profanity should be a choice whether to hear it. Children don’t have the choice whether to hear it or not. Children shouldn’t have to hear it.” - Ashley Jarvis

Would you want to watch Timothy McVeigh’s televised execution?

“No. I think if they televised it, it would make him a martyr for all those militia groups.” - Mike Beckman

How do you think Bush has performed so far?

“He is doing what he said he would be doing about abortion, that’s really the only thing I focused on.” - Juwairiya Yusuf

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Heres What We Think

Maybe we can get a real mascot instead of that anchor-thing. GC will be sharing an academic building (Acad IV?) with Piedmont College. It is located on Milledge Ave. in Athens, right next to the home of beer-guzzling, weed smoking Ga. Bulldogs. This new plan will provide convenience for GC students interested in attending school in Athens. If you’re going to attend GC in Athens, then make sure you go to class and not the downtown bars.

We’re not going to have to hold a recount, are we? Student government elections were held last week, and we don’t even know 5 people who voted. Was it a matter of confusion with the ballot? The dubiousness behind SGA influence on campus matters? Or was it simply a lack of interest? Maybe the new president and vice president will answer these questions next year.

Every answer is “D,” as in Daytona. Finals are right around the corner, but so is summer. Here is how to do well on your finals: 1.) Go to Athens on the reading day, 2.) Professors only take $50 bills, 3.) If all else fails, stand up in the middle of your exam, scream “There are smurfs running around in my nose!” and then jump out the nearest window.
Cancer links to abortion

The month of March was Women's History month. During this period of time, important issues were discussed (if not here then elsewhere)—among them, women and the workplace, domestic violence, and of course breast cancer. Breast cancer is an important issue that concerns millions of Americans.

In 1999 alone 176,300 new cases arose, and of these 43,700 women died from this disease. Certainly, anything that can be done to avoid this disease should be known to all women. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Many factors are considered: heredity, weight, age, and whether or not the mother has had any children. One very important factor, however, is not considered in these discussions—abortion.

Dr. Joel Brind, president of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, says that 27 out of 33 worldwide studies demonstrate an ABC (Abortion-to-Breast Cancer) link, with increased risk for pregnancies aborted before the 12th week. One of these studies has been featured in the Spring 2000 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. One month later, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists confirmed that Dr. Brind's research "could not be disregarded."

In addition, abortion increases the risk for premature births in subsequent pregnancies by about 127 percent, and such births also increase the risk for breast cancer. A study published by the National Cancer Institute in 1994 adds a more disturbing detail: a woman with a history of breast cancer who has an abortion before the age of 18 is virtually guaranteed to come down with breast cancer before the age of 45.

If you're not told already, I am pro-life—adamantly so, and proud of it. The New England Journal of Medicine has confirmed one more on the list of reasons that I oppose measures making the taking of a life for convince more readily available than they already are. If you are considering an abortion, or if you know someone else who, please keep this in mind, and beg you to take advantage of the many alternatives available. Once it's over with, it's not over with.

If you are interested in voicing your opinion in The Compass, send all responses to Oped_compass@hotmail.com

Anti-racism group stands against hate and prejudice

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I always knew I hated racism. I just never knew how much.

When I covered the National Alliance rally at the Hall County Courthouse on March 31, my primary job was to take photographs. I always thought that photos were able to capture the true, and often hidden, beauty of any subject. After snapping pictures of NA members engaged in Nazi salutes and laughing while holding signs with messages such as "Pollution of Our Population Is Stupid" printed on them, I realized that beauty cannot be found in everything.

The NA's objective is to promote a "white standard of living" in America.

"I want my children to grow up in a clean, healthy, White world," said Brandi Hesse as quoted on the NA web site, "I want them to go to White schools and live in a White community. I want them to learn White values, not TV values."

I have numerous problems with these ignorant statements made by Hesse, a member of the National Alliance of "racist assholes." First off (and this is me being extremely picky), Hesse must not realize that minorities are underrepresented on American television; "White programming" dominates the airwaves.

And speaking as the parent of a three-year-old, I don't want my son—or any other child—growing up in a "White world", going to "White schools", and living in a "White community". Besides the fact that I have no clue as to the definition of a "White world" (the NA conveniently fails to supply the meaning of this phrase), it sounds too bigoted, boring, and stupid for my liking.

But back to the rally. Because I see children as innocents, I was disgusted when an NA member brought a boy—who couldn't have been more than three —onto the steps of the Hall County Courthouse. As I fervently attempted to get a good picture of the boy holding up a sign that read, "No way Jose" and then waving a rebel flag, tears began to form in my eyes. Standing in front of me was a child that knew nothing but hate. This child overwhelmed with pity. I knew that this child would most likely grow into a man that I would despise. As I wondered what could be done to stop this inevitability, I took the picture that contains this heart. Then I lowered the camera and stopped my tears.

Whether or not the child standing in the midst of the NA's abhorrent protest can be saved from a life of hatred cannot be determined, but something can be done to combat groups and organizations that promote racial supremacy.

Anti-Nazi protestor Carl Smith, presented at the NA rally, is a man of action. I learned this when fellow journalist David Brind and I interviewed Smith after spending an agonizing 2-hours and fifteen-minutes listening to and speaking to members of the NA. Smith, a member of Anti-Racist Action (ARA), an organization backed by Positive Youth, is in the process of forming an ARA chapter in Gainesville.

After witnessing the March 31 NA demonstration, I am no longer content with merely voicing my opinions and beliefs. I know that I must take some sort of action against racism, sexism, homophobia, and all other discriminatory practices occurring in today's society. This is why I plan on joining Carl Smith and the Gainesville branch of the ARA. Though I am not confident that I will not see an end to discrimination during my lifetime, I can only hope that I will be a positive factor in the progression of this significant movement.

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How is our new president doing? I'll try to be objective, as we all should in the academic world, but it's difficult. My bias is toward the Democratic party, so I start off with low expectations. Here are my opinions on a few issues.

The Cabinet. President Bush did a good job of creating a diverse, mostly moderate cabinet. John Ashcroft, Attorney General, is an exception. However, concerns about his ultra-conservative record that were voiced during his confirmation process should prompt Ashcroft to promote moderation in his department.

The Economy. President Bush believes a 10-year $1.6 trillion tax reduction plan will boost America's economy. I'm no economist, but does it really make sense to reduce the deficit for ten years, given the difficulty of knowing what national and global factors will affect our economy next month, no less in ten years? He's hoping tax cuts will stimulate economic growth. President Reagan had that sweet dream, too. In reality, sometimes that happens but sometimes it doesn't. Fortunately, the Senate is being more prudent than the President on this.

Education and Childcare. The president plans to promote education programs that have worked in the past and to not support programs that have not worked. Makes sense. He believes private school vouchers will improve public schools, although that logic is unclear. Local school districts would have to make them a reality, however, which may never happen.

Foreign Policy. It's too soon to judge the president in this area. He has put together a sound foreign policy team which has not done any damage yet, inspite of some unique opportunities. I don't think we've totally alienated the Japanese, in spite of bursting their fishermen with our submarine.

Social Security. Bush's plan to allow citizens to invest a portion of their Social Security money in the stock market is a questionable idea that could weaken the whole system. Hopefully, Congress will respond rationally, seeking advice from multiple unbiased experts in this area. Medicare. The President plans to promote a prescription benefit, which is great. Let's hope he doesn't devise a plan that would benefit powerful pharmaceutical companies more than senior citizens. Overall, in my view the President is not doing a wonderful job but I really can't say he's doing a terrible job, either. He's doing what we might expect.