Alumni Family Picnic Attracts 250

The GC Alumni Family Picnic, annually held in June, was a fun day for all this year. The day included activities for alumni of all ages ranging from the purple dinosaur for children to the volleyball tournament games for the adults.

Over 250 GC faculty and staff and alumni families attended this event which was held on June 5. All enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by the GC Alumni Association. Family picnic chairmen, Sheri and Tony Millwood, and Gail and Steve Musselwhite, did an excellent job of organizing the volunteers and the day’s events. In addition to the appearance of the purple dinosaur and volleyball, there was a balloon toss, a hula-hoop contest, Raggedy Ann and Andy face painting, and horseshoe throwing.

The dinosaur and his friend talk with Erin Cutlip, granddaughter of Alumna Diane Carpenter, and Brad and Phillip Coker, twin sons of GC Registrar and Alumnus Rick Coker.

Before the four volleyball teams kicked off their tournaments, a meeting of the Alumni Council was held. Members rotating off the Council were recognized and presented with a gift by outgoing Alumni Association president, Harriett McNeal. New officers were officially elected: Wesley Winkler, President; Joe Booth, Vice President; and Lillian Welch, Secretary-Treasurer. Also, new Alumni Council members were recognized.

Alumni—You’ll Be Hearing From Us!!

For the first time, GC alumni are going to be contacted by mail with a solicitation for financial assistance through the GC Foundation. When your letter arrives this summer, please carefully consider making a contribution to help a deserving current or future GC student.

Balloon Toss winners pose with Lillian Welch, Picnic Planning Committee member (left). Shown are James Clark, Brandon Haag, Luke Haag, Kevin Brown, and Janine Hasselman. All are alumni except “future alumnus” Luke Haag.

Rebekah Hunt, daughter of GC Math Department Chair, Dr. Kathy Hunt, talks with “Raggedy Ann.”
Picnics Fun Break
For GC Students

Each spring the GC Alumni Association hosts a picnic during the day for sophomores, and in the evening for all students. The purpose of those picnics is to let the GC students see what the Alumni Association is doing for them. This year’s picnics were held on May 24.

Alumnae Sheri Millwood, Harriett McNeal, and Freddie Webb prepare hot dogs for the Night School picnic.

Alumna Harriett McNeal (right) serves students Kimberly McClure, Gainesville; and Daldra Partee, Lawrenceville; and GC lab assistant Garry Merritt, Gainesville.

President Watkins prepares to shoot a free throw. He made five out of six attempts.
Anniversaries

by
President J. Foster Watkins
Gainesville College

We have probably all heard the words or thought that "time passes fast when you are having fun or when things are going well." That has certainly been the case for me during the 11 years that I have been at Gainesville College. It seems just like yesterday that our family left Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and headed to Northeast Georgia.

My 12th year started officially on July 1, and I am looking with anticipation to a year during which we will:

- dedicate Academic Building III, which will house the Business Division, Math/Computer Science Department, and a consolidated and expanded Open Learning Lab with a new name, Academic Computing, Tutoring, and Testing (ACTT) Center;
- initiate major renovations of the science building with particular attention to the lab facilities;
- venture into the distance learning area with the establishment of a two-way interactive classroom through lottery funding sometime during the fall quarter;
- continue to participate in the development of the University System Center in Cumming, a cooperative venture with North Georgia College, to meet the public higher education needs of the growing Forsyth County area;
- live through the widening of Mundy Mill Road and see a traffic light installed; and
- welcome a new Chancellor to the University System of Georgia who has a strong background in two-year college operations.

The life cycle of Gainesville College as an educational institution also came to mind recently when I attended the 30th Anniversary celebration of Kennesaw State College, a sister institution in the System. Both of our institutions were founded in 1964. Many of you will recall that we made quite a "to do" in 1989 around the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Gainesville College. We will acknowledge during the year our 30th Anniversary and renew our commitments made in 1989 to emerging Northeast Georgia.

Reflecting further on anniversaries, we are going to make special recognition in 1994-95 also of the 10th Anniversary of our Alumni Association. Some special events are being planned for the year which will highlight this plateau in the evolution of the Association. This summer edition of Anchors Away is among those new initiatives being undertaken. I encourage each of you to be alert for opportunities to participate as we acknowledge the maturation of the Alumni Association to this point and to accept the challenge to help it become even more effective in the years ahead.

Looking back, it is apparent that the College, in its brief history, has benefited from generous support and leadership of many people who had a vision but who did not have the opportunity to experience Gainesville College as an educational institution. If this institution is to continue to be viable in the years ahead, that visionary leadership and support must increasingly come from those of you who have had the Gainesville College experience in your background. I am optimistic that such will be the case.

Our Alumni Council, currently 39 members strong, is increasingly a valuable source of support to the College. Currently, 15 of the 36 members of our very supportive Gainesville College Foundation are alumni. Repeatedly as I travel through the region, I come across GC alumni who speak in glowing terms about this institution. A challenge I always leave with our alumni individually and collectively when I meet them is to let us hear your thoughts about how we might become an even more effective institution.

To this point in the development of our Alumni Association, we have not emphasized unduly the importance of financial support from our alumni. An aspect of maturation is that many of our alumni now are in positions in their business lives and professional careers to be able to assist the College financially. During the year, we will giving ample opportunities to do so, and I personally solicit your participation in these opportunities. We will continue our alumni phonathons in some 15 locations during the late summer and early fall, include a mail-back opportunity in each edition of Anchors Away, and, for the first time, conduct a direct mail solicitation to almost 12,000 alumni requesting your financial support.

As I always say to friends and supporters who give us money, the money is important as it helps us to do good things for our students, assists faculty and staff in their professional development, and provides needed equipment purchases for the institution. However, the friendship and positive support and the role alumni play in spreading the word about the institution and continuing to be our "best recruiters" are more important.

Stop by and see us when you pass Exit 4 on I-85. Watch for news of and participate in the 10th Anniversary activities which will be announced. Most of all let us hear from you about how we can make this an even better place for the students who come this way in the future.
GC Retirees Honored

Seventeen retiring GC employees, the most ever in one year, were honored at a reception held in May at the College. GC President J. Foster Watkins acknowledged their 310 combined years of faithful and dedicated service to the College.

The retirees and their years of GC service are:

- Della R. Barker, Custodian I, 10 years.
- Mildred C. Bryan, Custodian I, 10 years.
- Charles E. Davis, Professor of Reading, 7 years.
- Erdine P. Donovan, Coordinator of Public Relations/Marketing, 12 years.
- Louise M. Gee, Library Assistant II, 21 years.
- A. Heyward Gnann, Associate Professor of History, 26 years.
- C. Stephen Gurr, Executive Vice President and Dean of the Faculty and Professor of History, 10 years.
- M. Anne Jackson, Associate Registrar, 27 years.
- Aubrey James Kline, Professor of English, 22 years.
- Robert H. Lowe, Program Coordinator, 2 years.
- Joel H. Paul, Professor of Political Science and Geography and Coordinator of the Evening Program, 28 years.
- Clara R. Phelps, Food Operations Manager, 24 years.
- Earl G. Poole, Skilled Trades Worker, 27 years.
- Sarah E. Russell, Associate Professor of English and French, 19 years.
- George H. Smith, Trades Helper, 10 years.
- Billy J. Taylor, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, 27 years.
- T. Doyle Webb, Associate Professor of Education and Coordinator of Planning and Institutional Research, 28 years.

Music Students Continue Education

Four Gainesville College Alumni have received scholarships to attend four-year colleges or universities. These students have excelled in their musical areas of interest.

Laura Attaway

Ross Carlson

Kayren Jones

Jamie Smith

Laura Attaway of Braselton has received a scholarship to attend Toccoa Falls College. She was a member of the GC Chorus and played several instruments in the GC Symphonic Band, including the piano and clarinet.

Ross Carlson of Gainesville will be attending Georgia State University this fall on scholarship. He is a reed player. He was the lead tenor player in the GC Jazz Band.

Kayren Jones of Gainesville has received a scholarship to attend Brenau University. She was a member of the GC Chorus and lead vocalist in the GC Jazz Band.

Jamie Smith of Cumming will be attending the University of Georgia this fall on scholarship. He was a member of the GC Chorus, GC Jazz Band and GC Symphonic Band. He is a singer and plays the piano and saxophone.

Associate Professor of Music Roy Forrester said of his former students: "As this crop of fine students indicates, first-rate musical students are realizing that they can get an excellent start at a two-year school such as GC." He went on to say: "They realize that GC offers something unique that they might not get at a larger four-year institution, that being a good foundation academically and a boost in self confidence."
LOST ALUMNI
1979

Please help us find these lost alumni...
Send in the correct mailing address and phone number and we will send you a thank you gift.

Bobann Allen
Sandford Kimsey Blackburn, Jr.
James Gilbert Blose
Debra Jo Boyd
Crisstie D. Brooks
Randy P. Cagle
Jimmy R. Cain
Gary Lee Cowart
Janice Crumley
W. Bradley Dunagan
Marsha Janet Earle
Elizabeth Arlene Edwards
Daniel Byron Farmer
Mattie L. Freeland
Paula Jo Gibbs
John A. Gilman
Cynthia Dawn Grizzle
Martha Carol Harris
Gregory Keith Holland
Sandra Allen Hollifield
Lisa Joan Ingram
Lamar Hallman Johnson, Jr.

Walter Otis Justus, II
William Mark Kelly
Henry "K" Kenimer
Jack Kilpatrick
John Paul Luke
Elizabeth Ellen Marshall
Karen Underwood Mays
Alonza A. McGough
Patricia Joan McKay
Janice Elaine Mize
Lynn Bennett Nahlik
Helen Graham Nuckolls
Lorraine Gay Orr
Elvis Ray Owens
Dennis Michael Pace
Lester P. Pearson
Susan Elaine Porter
Charles Raymond Posey
Patricia Lynn Raines
Margaret Irene Retzlaff
Harry Rich
Timothy Joseph Roberts

Sonya Elaine Scott
Stephen Douglas Seabolt
Kenneth James Shaw
Martha Hulse Shuler
Alwayne Singleton
Helen E. Smith
Jennifer Joan Smith
Kimberly Leigh Smith
Mary Deanna Smith
Rida Lynn Smith
Marcia Lynn Stewart
Donna Smith Tipton
Phillip Kevin Turner
Sherry Ann Wages
Ellen Kimberly Waters
Nancy Rebecca Watkins
Leanne White
Larry Dean Wilbanks
Andrea Ellen Stevens Yates

Fall Phonathon Dates
The 1994 GC phonathons will be held in the months of September and October this year.
Expect a fellow alumnus volunteer to be calling during these months.

PHONATHON DATE
September 1
September 12
September 13
September 19, 20, 21
September 26
September 27
September 29
October 4
October 6
TBA
TBA
TBA
TBA

LOCATION
Cleveland
Commerce
Cornelia
Gainesville
Banks County
Jefferson
Winder
Gwinnett County
Gwinnett County
Athens
Clarkeville
Dawsonville
Cumming

COORDINATOR
Allyson and Kurt Westmoreland
Terri Kellum
Pat Perry
Joe Booth
Martha Ramsey
Patti and Jeff Robinson
Cathy Borders
Clarice and John Bailey
Betsy Jordan
Susan Cargile
Barry Slaton
Alumni Association Adds 412 Members

At Gainesville College's June, 1994, commencement, the record number of GC graduates—412—were presented with an alumni membership card, a key chain memento, and a letter from Wesley Winkler, current Alumni Association president, encouraging them to visit the campus and to stay involved in GC activities.

Winkler inducted the graduates into the GC Alumni Association, congratulated them on their accomplishments, and wished for them a bright future.

The 1994 Gainesville College Honor Graduates were recognized at Gainesville College's Graduation. Pictured L to R: (front row) Michelle Hope Fitzpatrick, Braselton; Jana Leigh Grimsley, Blairsville; Patricia Noel White-Hillz, Lawrenceville; (back row) Michael Andrew Elliott, Suwanee; Jonathan Paul Lindman, Grayson; and Marla Kim Burel, Douglasville.

Graduates listen to Dean Gurr as he speaks to the group.

Retiring GC faculty member Heyward Gnann turns over the College mace to Barbara Hermann, who will become Marshal of the College in 1994-95. Gnann served as Marshal for 10 years. He was selected by President Watkins based upon service to the College and collegial esteem.

Play It Safe—Playground Safety

The following article was produced by the National Safety Council for use in our newsletter. Excerpts of the article follow.

Spring and summer are outside play time. Unfortunately, each year approximately 280,000 children will be treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries involving playground equipment and surfacing. Sixty-two percent of these injuries occur when children fall from playground equipment, often onto hard and unforgiving surfaces. Other causes include: collisions with equipment or other children; contact with protrusions, pinch points and sharp edges; and strangulation.

In order to make playgrounds safer, the National Safety Council offers a few simple guidelines for backyard, school, park, or other types of playgrounds.

- Make sure the surfacing can cushion falls. Loose-fill materials such as sand, bark/wood chips, and pea gravel of about 12" deep under pieces of equipment where falls are likely are sufficient. Synthetic surfacing systems such as multi-layered and interlock rubber matting are also good. However, grass, dirt, and asphalt do not afford enough cushioning in the event of falls. A general rule of thumb is—taller equipment requires more cushioning.

- Loose materials need to be replenished because wear, weather, and other factors reduce their effectiveness. Sand and other similar materials should be raked on a regular basis.

- Rust and erosion can cause problems; therefore, routine maintenance checks are good. Check all nuts, bolts and clamps to be sure they are tight and capped, and check swing chains and metal tubing for rust.

- Some equipment can present hazards because of design or poor maintenance. Check for pinch or
We Heard That...

'73 Horace F. Maddox has been promoted to postmaster at the Buford Post Office.

'76 Garland P. Barrett has retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

'78 Christopher “Chris” England, vice president of Lanier National Bank, graduated June 3 from the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

'81 Harry M. Propes, Jr., graduated from Georgia Southern University. He is Senior Territory Sales Manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. Harry and wife Jo Helen are expecting their first child in December.

'82 Debbie Dale was promoted to banking officer in the Credit Administration Department at First National Bank of Gainesville.

'83 Cookie Puckett has been on mission trips to Chile, Brazil, and Canada. She worked for Medicare for over six years, and is currently employed by Hand in Hand, the Home Health Network for Northeast Georgia Medical Center, where she has worked for two years.

'84 Deneen Trammel Boyer recently received her master’s degree in Education from Georgia State University. Deneen is employed by the Dawson County Board of Education where she teaches high school Social Studies. She married Gregg Boyer on June 18, 1994.

'85 Susan Ann Hamby Roberts and husband Wayne have a daughter, Katherine, who was born on January 30, 1994. Katherine joins three brothers, Jeremy, Jonathan, and James. They currently live in Huntington Beach, California.

'91 Debbie Hulsey has purchased The Coffee Shop at Lawrence Pharmacy, Gainesville’s only surviving drugstore lunch counter.

'92 Stacey J. Hogan recently graduated from UGA with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Stacey is employed with Moser Properties in Pendergrass, Ga.

Brenda Smith and Scott Rogers received the Hal B. Rhodes III memorial award at North Georgia College this year.

Valerie Maxwell has been promoted to Public Service Program Coordinator at Gainesville College. She was first employed at the College in September 1989 as a student assistant. Valerie began working on a full-time basis in July 1992. She is currently enrolled at NGC in the Business Management Program.

'94 Tonya Morrow began to serve in her position as Staff Assistant for the Environmental Health and Safety Department at GC on July 5, 1994.

Play It Safe—Playground Safety

crush points, sharp edges, or rough surfaces. Especially guard against open “S” hooks and accessible moving parts which can pinch, crush, or cut off fingers. Openings such as hanging rings, stair rungs, or spaces between railings should be less than five inches or more than ten inches in diameter; otherwise, they could trap a child’s head.

Although school administrators and park/recreation officials should make sure all play areas are well-maintained, parents need to become involved and be aware of possible playground hazards. If they see such hazards, parents should write a letter to the appropriate individual in charge. This identifies the problem so that action can be taken to make the playground an enjoyable place.

No play area or piece of equipment can be complete accident-proof. But, proper equipment choice, placement, and upkeep can help prevent injuries. Whether it is at a public or backyard playground, one of the best ways parents can help to prevent accidents is through supervision.
1994-95 Alumni Council

Please call a member of the Alumni Council if you have suggestions, questions, or would like to volunteer to help, etc.

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Would you like to receive an Alumni Association membership card?

Have you:
- changed jobs?
- married?
- moved?
- continued college?
- added to your family?
- done something else that's noteworthy?

Membership is open to all former students, not just graduates. There is no membership fee.

Tell us about it!

Name __________________________________________
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Social Security Number ____________________________
I attended GC from _______ to _______
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