Lillian Welch Alumni President in 1996–97

Lillian Welch of Gainesville became the 11th president of the GC Alumni Association in June. An Assistant Professor of Physical Education at GC full-time since 1989, she had taught part-time at the College since 1977.

Her first official action as president was to acknowledge contributions and in-kind services of contributors to the new entryway/signage project at dedication in September. She thanked the GC Class of 1970, which acted as a principal sponsor of the project.

She began her education at GC in the fall of 1967 and earned an M.Ed. degree from North Georgia College. She is married to Jack Welch, an owner/manager of Custom Home Center in Cumming. The couple has two sons, Owen, a junior at North Georgia College in the R.O.T.C. program, and Warren, a senior at West Hall High School.

Lillian has three main goals for the Alumni Association. First, she would like to see an increase in the involvement of early GC students in alumni (Continued on page 2)

GC Alumni Council Holds Fall Meeting

The 1996–97 Alumni Council fall meeting took place September 17, 1996 at the GC Continuing Education Building. Lillian Welch, Alumni Association President, conducted the meeting to make plans for the events over the next year. Each chairperson reported on their committee and its activities.

The Alumni Council executive committee met in August and selected six students to receive Alumni Scholarship assistance for the 1996–97 academic year. The recipients are as follows: Violet Michelle Waldrop, Cumming; Cynthia Whitlock Williamson, Flowery Branch; Stephanie McCoy, Cumming; Jennifer Jacobs, Duluth; Stacy Hendrix, Cleveland; and Tammy Perry, Mt. Airy. (Continued on page 2)
LILLIAN WELCH (Continued from page 1)

activities, as these individuals are most likely “empty nesters” currently and might like to be more involved.

Second, she wants to develop some kind of recognition or appropriate memorial on campus to students who have died, either while attending the College or afterwards.

Third, she wants to sponsor an intramural reunion for alumni, hoping that such an activity might cause a spin-off of other campus organizations, and other reunions might take place.

Other officers of the Alumni Association are Dave Simpson as vice president and Linda Guest as secretary/treasurer. Both are Gainesville residents.

ALUMNI COUNCIL (Continued from page 1)

Three of the recipients of Alumni Scholarships for 1996-97 are pictured above with Alumni Council President Lillian Welch (left) and GC President J. Foster Watkins. They are: Stephanie McCoy, Jennifer Jacobs, and Cynthia Whitlock Williamson.

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The summer of 1996 was one that we will not soon forget. The selection of Gainesville College two years ago as the parking site for the Lake Lanier venue of the 1996 Olympics seemed somewhat uneventful even though, as that decision was made, there was concern that the parking might damage our grass. Notwithstanding that caution, the decision was made to move ahead with the full understanding that we would make it work as best we could and that this was an opportunity for the College to participate fully and appropriately in the Olympic experience.

The parking opportunity became more of a real challenge when at my encouragement we (and this must be interpreted as the "grand we") decided to undertake the parking project on a volunteer basis, and to utilize it from a fund-raising perspective for the Gainesville College Foundation. When that decision was made about 18 months ago, we only saw the "tip of the iceberg." Little did we know that it would ultimately require from 60-70 volunteers a day for 14 days to manage the process.

The Olympics have come and gone! We lived through the parking experience which in spite of rain on six of the 14 days did relatively little damage to our grass. ACOG is reimbursing the College approximately $10,000 to repair the damage. By ACOG's count, surprisingly a little above our own, some 47,100 cars were parked as we found a "parking space for the world" on our campus. At a dollar per car, that generated $47,100 which will be matched by Georgia Lottery dollars for equipment/technology purchases during the coming year.

It is apparent from a bottom line cash perspective that even for those of us concerned about the grass, the Olympic parking experience turned out quite well. All of you know that I emphasize the importance of the money in fund-raising endeavors of the Foundation and the Alumni Association, but I always hasten to add that it is the information-sharing, friend-building dimensions of those activities that also mean so much. The Olympic parking experience, particularly the way our volunteers from the faculty and staff, current students, alumni, trustees, and friends responded, was overwhelming. We started out with very skimpy lists of volunteers for days 7 through 14, but they were ultimately filled mainly by volunteers who got caught up in the process and agreed to work additional days.

Overall, 315+ different individuals worked as volunteers, many of them on multiple days. Their comments to me during the process, and particularly as we moved toward the end, made it clear that this had been an enriching experience for all of us. As a special note to the primary audience of this publication, many alumni were among those volunteers. Five banks in Gainesville (Gainesville Bank & Trust, Georgia First Bank, Lanier National Bank, Nations Bank, and Regions Bank) came to our rescue when ACOG officials at the last minute made our volunteers also responsible for the ticket sales. Many of the 15 volunteers who came daily from the banks were our alumni as many of our graduates enter the business world through banking.

I personally have never felt more proud of this institution, its faculty and staff, its students, its alumni, and its friends. I can scarcely go anywhere in North Georgia now without running into someone that we parked. Their comments are uniformly positive about the experience. I have an opportunity to participate in an educational exchange program in Poland this fall. I wonder how many people I will meet there who will remind me of their "parking experience" at GC in the summer of '96.

Another special project which was culminated during the summer was the restoration of our signage and entryways to the campus. I direct your attention to an article on page 7 which describes the leadership role the Alumni Association played in this process. I hope many of you were able to join us when we dedicated the products of their efforts on September 17 as a part of our back-to-school breakfast.

If you have an occasion to drive by the College, please notice our new entranceways. Also, if you have the time, please stop by and visit with us. We have a lot of "new to show" in addition to the signs.
Fall is the season for alumni phonathons! Over a two-month period I travel to surrounding counties to conduct calling of alumni. It is impossible to take on such a large project without a lot of help from members of the GC Alumni Council.

In each county there is a member of the Alumni Council who assists with securing a location to do the calling (i.e. banks, schools, businesses) as well as helping to obtain other alumni volunteers to assist with the calling. Our objective for the phonathon is simple—to update alumni addresses and personal information, and ask for a pledge to the Gainesville College Foundation.

It is easy for me to see the many students who benefit from scholarship money. They are everywhere on the GC Campus. In 1996-97 alone, over 425 students will receive scholarship money from the Foundation.

Thank you for saying "yes" when an alumni volunteer calls you this year during our campaign. If we did not reach you at home, please use the form on page 9 to make your contribution. With your help, we can continue to offer GC students the best education possible!

Michelle B. Brown
Director of Alumni Affairs

Assistant Professors of Physical Education Lillian Welch and Jimmy Kirkland show off the "big catch" of the day reeled in by Lillian. Coach Kirkland held the 1996 Intramural Fishing Tournament on October 15 at the GC lower pond.

Lillian, Jimmy, and Michelle Brown—Director of Alumni Affairs met the afternoon of the intramural fishing tournament to discuss plans for a get together for all past intramural students. We are in the process of formulating a committee with representation from all classes. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please call Michelle Brown in the Alumni Office at (770) 718-3648. More details about this event will follow in the winter issue of Anchors Away.
Your Nominations Are Needed

The GC Alumni Association Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for two annual awards to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gainesville College Foundation on January 26, 1997.

To be nominated for the Distinguished Alumnus Award an individual must have attended or graduated from Gainesville College; demonstrated a continuing interest in the College and distinguished himself or herself in professional and personal life.

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award must have also demonstrated a continuing interest in the College and distinguished himself or herself in professional and personal life.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

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Herbert Robinson
Sammy Smith
Eleanor Crawford
Bob Scanlin
Bob Hamrick
The Regents Players
(Cathy Holderfield, Della Ruth Johnson, Dianne Martin, John Melvin, Jene Robocker, and Doug Stewart)

Jerry Jackson
Joe Telford
Frank Turk
Don Shubert

Please send in your nomination!

I would like to nominate: ________________________________

Your Name: ___________________________________________

Your Address: _________________________________________

Your Phone Number: ___________________________________

Please send in this form and a short write-up about the person you are nominating to:
Gainesville College, Attn.: Alumni Office, P. O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503
or call in your nomination to:
Michelle B. Brown in the Alumni Office at (770) 718-3648 or fax 718-3859.
e-mail address: mbrown@hermes.gc.peachnet.edu
Blanche Kinney Receives Staff Award

Blanche Kinney, an employee of GC who lives in Pendergrass, received the Eleanor Crawford Staff Award at the annual faculty/staff breakfast and work conference in September.

The award, named for the first staff member employed by the College, is sponsored by the Alumni Association. It recognizes "extraordinary loyalty, dedication and service to the College and its employees and students."

Mrs. Kinney welcomes each new college employee with a gift of homemade sourdough bread. She also bakes bread for the 210 faculty and staff on their birthdays each year. Her smiling face greets all who go through the Cafeteria each day.

Mrs. Kinney, who is married to Clelle Kinney, cares for her invalid mother-in-law in addition to her benevolent work at the College and at her church, Mountain Creek Baptist Church in Pendergrass.

Alumnus David McLeod, chair of the award committee, presented the award.

Also at the breakfast, the following faculty/staff were recognized for their years of service to the College:

- 30 years: Barbara Thomas.
- 10 years: Francine C. Dibben and Sarah M. Harrison.
The official dedication of the new entryway for Gainesville College was held on September 17 with approximately 300 GC faculty and staff, trustees, alumni, and friends attending. The function was combined with the annual faculty/staff breakfast and fall orientation.

In addition to the entryway dedication, GC Vice President for Business and Finance Bob Howington recognized the Georgia Department of Transportation for the campus street resurfacing project. Andy Holmes, on behalf of ACOG, acknowledged the fact that the GC Foundation volunteers raised $47,100 by parking cars during the Olympics.

Leadership for the entryway project, completed in the summer of 1996, was provided by the Alumni Association. The entryway/signage was rebuilt and essentially completed before the Olympic parking experience began. Initial fund-raising efforts for the project were begun two years ago by the GC Class of 1970 when that class celebrated its 25th reunion.

A decision was made to delay the dedication of the new entryway until the beginning of the fall quarter so as not to lose the impact of the project in all the fanfare surrounding the Olympics. The planning committee worked with Michelle Brown, Director of Alumni Affairs, in designing the signage and spearheading in-kind contributions to support reconstruction. Members of that committee included Dave Simpson and Mike Stephens of the Alumni Council; Debbie Ames of the GC Foundation Board of Trustees; Jerry Spiceland, Steve Thellman, Pat McArthy, Sloan Jones, and Bob Howington, all GC employees.

After several meetings, Mike Stephens took the suggestions of the committee and made a preliminary sketch which was shared with GC Alumnus Steve Hill of H. Lloyd Hill and Associates Architects. Steve converted the preliminary drawing into architectural plans which gave direction to the construction project.

Clark McDonald (GC Class of '81) of Charles Black Construction Company coordinated the construction process and assisted in pulling in a number of in-kind contributions which allowed completion of a $50,000+ entryway project with less than $24,000 in "real" money.

The contributors of in-kind services and products are listed in the box below. The College is very appreciative of the support of those friends of the College, many of whom are alumni.

Chancellor Stephen Portch, on his first visit to Gainesville College, made a comment that the entryway signage was somewhat "timid." After seeing the new entryway the Chancellor made the comment of the GC Signage... "timid no more."

It has been exciting to watch the project come to fruition, from preliminary ideas and discussions, to the architectural plans, to the bricks and marble which emerged. It is hoped that you as alumni will be pleased. You will note that the bell and bell tower have been retained in keeping with the tradition established by the erectors of the first sign which was built in part by the Class of 1973.

If you were not with us at the dedication, you are invited to stop by and see the new entryway soon.

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**In-kind Contributors to the GC Entryway Project**

- Charles Black Construction—Charles Black, Monte Black, Clark McDonald
- Blue Circle Williams Brothers—Lamar Tipton
- Candler Concrete—Ray and Carol Beasley
- City Plumbing—Stewart Teaver, Wayne Aldridge
- Ditler Brothers—Mike Stought
- GC Class of 1970
- Georgia Marble—James Hazelwood
- H. Lloyd Hill Architects—Steve Hill
- Jackson EMC—Benny Bagwell
- The Jaeger Company—Dale Jaeger
- Landscape Management Company—Jim Davis
- Perma Clad Products—George Frazier
- Simpson Brick—Dave Simpson
Roy Forrester

- **TITLE:** Associate Professor of Music. Joined the GC faculty in 1982.
- **HIGHEST DEGREE:** M.F.A. from the University of Georgia.
- **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Teaches instrumental music, music theory, music appreciation. Directs the internationally renowned Jazz Band and Combo and assists with the Symphonic Band. Developed the Jazz Band and Combo into official Georgia goodwill ambassadors.
- **FAVORITE AREA OF TEACHING:** The learning process, watching the student gain confidence, greater self-esteem. Affirms the mission of the two-year college.
- **INTERESTS:** Traveling, Physics-related reading.

Sloan Jones

- **TITLE:** Coordinator of Public Relations/Marketing. Joined the GC staff in 1992.
- **HIGHEST DEGREE:** B.A. from North Georgia College.
- **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Handles College advertising and promotion of College events, both on and off campus; coordinates special events; reviews College publications.
- **FAVORITE AREA OF JOB:** Interaction with faculty and staff and students, variety of tasks and challenges of each day.
- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** President of Northeast Georgia Ad Federation; 1996 Class of Leadership Hall County.
- **INTERESTS:** Gardening, hiking.
- **FAMILY:** Married to Ed Jones, also employed by Gainesville College; twin son and daughter, Seth and Adeline.
Alumni Calling Alumni!

During the Fall members of the Alumni Council and alumni volunteers call alumni to update our records as well as ask for your financial support for scholarships.

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The remaining county where we will be calling is Gwinnett County.

If we do not reach you by phone, please use the contribution form below.

We ask your support of the Gainesville College Foundation this year. If you have not given in the past we challenge you to give $25 or more. Your tax-deductible gift is used to provide scholarships for over 425 students each year.

Enclosed Is My Gift of $ ___________________

Name ____________________________

Address __________________________

City ______________________________

- You can double your gift! A partial listing of companies that match gifts is listed to the left. Your gift may be worth two, three, or four times as much. Contact your personnel office to obtain the matching gift form.

- Matching Gift Company Information:

  (Name of the company which will match your gift.)

Thank You
Alumna Kelly Mull Working On Capitol Hill

Kelly Mull, a 1991 GC graduate and a former GC admissions counselor (1988–94), has been working in Republican Congressman Nathan Deal’s Washington Office since July 8, 1996. In her exciting position, she handles the Congressman’s schedule with the Chief of Staff, manages all issues regarding the budget, and has some responsibilities for legislative issues including agriculture, land-use, and emergency passport cases. She responds to constituent requests relating to these legislative issues. She updates the Congressman and Chief of Staff on matters concerning the budget, schedule, and federal grants.

She has met many celebrities in Washington, including a brief encounter with President Bill Clinton. She has been photographed with Elder Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

Kelly received her A.A. from Gainesville College, her B.S. degree in public administration from Brenau University in 1993, and the Master of City Planning degree from Georgia Tech in 1996. While at Tech, she was a graduate research intern with Georgia Power Company. She also has received a graduate certificate in real estate from Georgia State University.

Kelly plans to be in Gainesville on November 5 for Congressman Deal’s victory celebration, which will be held at the Quinlan Art Center.

Lost Alumni

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.

**LOST 1989**

Aaron, Gail R.
Andraos, Roushdi
Bottoms, Tracey Denise
Elrod, Lori Ann
Freeman, Melanie Joy
Gaunce, Cheryl Jean
Johnson, Kimberly Michelle
McDonald, Sandra Lynne
Sartain, Stephanie Lynn McDonald
Stringer, Lillie Elizabeth
Whitney, Michele Deanne

Wiley, Tracy Arleen

**LOST 1990**

Aaron, Michael Anthony
Asher, Daniel D.
Benton, James M.
Beverly, Karen Ann
Bondurant, Stanley James
Boswell, Michael Charles
Cain, Michele R.
Carr, Kathy Krista Bailes
Catledge, Michael Robert
Childress, Debra A.
Clark, Marie Metcalf
Clements, Leigha Rhyn
Cohran, Clarence Michael
Dooley, Lisa Pruitt
Edmondson, Tammy Marie
Fleeman, David Sean
Freedman, Kimberli J.
Gallagher, Kellie Ann
Garner, Kellie Annette
Greer, MaryAnn
Griffith, Richard Wayne
Halley, Lori Lord

Hicks, Daren Wayne
Ingram, Gina Hosch
Jones, Loyce Randall
Kent, Darren Lane
Kijem, Matilda Bi
Lee, Robert Williams
Lloyd, Steven Patrick
Lorraine, Stacey Suzanne
Martin, Cindy Marie
Meeks, Amy Lynn
Merritt, Cindy Whitney
Page, Alana Renee
Porter, Christian Leigh
Rademacher, Jerome James
Rigsby, Debra Anderson
Ross, Derrick L.
Sartain, John Michael
Smith, Stephanie Joyce
Tatum, Dianna Lea Sexton
Williams, Donna Lynn
Wood, Pamela Smith
Escap e from the sun! Foster Watkins, Delbert Greer, and Lewis Rogers (left to right) enjoy a break under what became known as the "napping" tree. Dr. Watkins claimed this as his post during much of the Olympics Parking at GC.

Shift change under the Olympic tent! Parking Volunteers would return to the tent after their shift was over to turn in their vests and flags and grab a snack. GC Alumnus Gerald Turk of Tom's Sales kept us supplied with Little Debbie Oatmeal Pies which helped nourish us during those two weeks. Olympic Parking Volunteers were made up of faculty, staff, students, and friends of GC, several of whom are shown left to right: Nathan Corn, Rick Coker, Mary Williams, Sheryl Williams, April Mulroney, Austin Freeman, Claire Beal, and Delbert Greer.

"Can I get you something to eat or drink or can I take you for a ride down the hill?" Approximately halfway into the Olympic Parking Sloan Jones wore out the GC golf cart. Chicopee Woods Golf Course came to the rescue and was good enough to loan one of theirs which was used for the rest of the two-week period.

Joel Scoggins... GC Entrepreneur on the Go!

Joel Scoggins, GC Class of 1991, enjoys a beautiful fall day while selling pumpkins and other festive front door decor along Thompson Bridge Road. While at Gainesville College Joel was influenced by the excellent history teaching of Heyward Gnann. He says, "Mr. Gnann had the ability to help students understand the lives of historical figures even if you don’t agree with their actions." After GC Joel graduated from UGA and majored in History.

Since attending GC he has also been involved with Young Life. In January Joel plans to work in his home state of Colorado with the Frontier Ranch which is a segment of Young Life. If you missed seeing Joel during the pumpkin season, you have one more chance to meet this GC Alumnus. During the Christmas season look for Joel’s Christmas Tree Lot on Browns Bridge Road.
Upcoming Fine Arts Activities

“Second Tuesday” Recital Series, 12 noon, GC Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center Lobby, features a different artist or musical group each month. Details (770) 718-3865.

“Pietà to a Lost Generation,” by artist Jana Kopelentova-Rehak, September 9–November 26 in the GC Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center. Artist’s reception, 11 a.m. Monday, November 25, Stunning black and white portraits of ecological refugees from the Chernobyl disaster and former political prisoners from communist Czechoslovakia. Artist’s talk on Czechoslovakia, co-sponsored by the GC Multicultural Committee, 11 a.m., November 26. Details (770) 718-3635.

Jazz on the Green, November 6, 11 a.m., outside the Student Center. Sponsored by the Student Government Association. Details (770) 718-3865.

“Oliver!” November 12–24, Georgia Mountains Center Theatre. This best-loved Dickens story is filled with gorgeous music by Lionel Bart, big dance numbers, and unforgettable characters. Ticket information (770) 718-3624.

Family Holiday Festival, November 26, 7:30 p.m., GC Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center Theatre. The GC Symphonic Band and Chorale present an evening of festive music to get the holiday season off to a harmonious start. Ticket information, (770) 718-3865.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Gainesville College Foundation
Annual Meeting/Luncheon
January 26, 1997
12:30 p.m.
GC Student Center

All contributors to the GC Foundation will receive an invitation late December.

Andy Holmes, of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (center), is shown with GC Foundation Fund Drive Chairman Lee Chapman and Foundation Chairman Kelly Miles. Andy presented a check to the Foundation from ACOG for the 47,100 cars volunteers parked during the Olympic Games in July-August.
GC faculty and staff mourn the loss of Ann Matthews Purdy, Assistant Professor of English at Gainesville College. Two weeks prior to the tragic car accident that claimed Ms. Purdy’s life we interviewed her for our Faculty/Staff Profile section of this newsletter. We were able to stop the article before we went to press, but still wanted to share with our readers what a special person Ann Purdy was.

Ann joined the GC faculty in 1974. At the College, she was responsible for Coordination of the Developmental Studies and Regents’ Testing Programs and in addition taught developmental and college-level English.

When asked about her favorite aspects of teaching, she quickly named her colleagues, her students, and her subject. She said that she enjoyed watching bright new students, who were not adequately prepared for college advance and triumph and graduate from GC.

Always a standout, Ms. Purdy was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 1989 by the Gainesville College student body. In 1995 she was recognized as one of seven excellent Gainesville College teachers who received medals at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference (NISOD), a Community College Leadership Program in Austin, Texas.

When asked about her special interests, collecting fossils was her response. She has been collecting for years and all of the collection is at least 10,000 years old. She enjoyed antiquing, and studied Gullah—the African-American population on the South Carolina and Georgia barrier islands.

Ann Matthews Purdy is gone but not forgotten. Her memory will live on at Gainesville College through the faculty, staff, and students.
We Heard That...

Kay Handran graduated from North Georgia College in 1995 with two degrees, accounting and finance. She is employed by Liberty Mutual.

Michael Strickland is a CPA and has opened his own firm in Gainesville.

Tracy and Susan Adams are the very proud parents of triplet sons, Joseph Timothy, Peter Smith, and Benjamin George, born April 22, 1996.

Benita Bower Burrus and her husband Phil announce the birth of their son, Phillip Collin, who was born on May 9, 1996. The couple also has a daughter, Carly, 3. Benita has been employed as a math teacher at West Hall High School for eight years.

Marie Merck Roberts received her bachelor’s degree from North Georgia College and her Ed.S. degree from Brenau University, both degrees are in Early Childhood Education. She is a teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School in Hall County. She and her husband Jim are the parents of four-month-old Peyton.

Wayne McGonigal is a senior engineer for NORTEL. He lives in Cumming.

Lance G. and Alison Jockell live in Gainesville. He is a Preload Supervisor at United Parcel Service and she is employed by Prudential Georgia Realty.

Heather H. Daly moved to Texas after her graduation and has continued her education at the Court Reporting Institute of Dallas. She is currently working part-time for the largest law firm in Texas. She says she misses Georgia "very much" and plans to "return here upon graduation."

Attention Alumni...
Your Response Is Needed!

Many of you will be receiving an Annual Survey in the mail soon. All of the GC Class of 1992 will receive a survey, and a sampling of 1,000 alumni with 45 quarter hours or more will be included from classes 1988-1996. Please take a minute to complete the survey and return to us as soon as possible in the postage-paid envelope provided. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Left to right: Alumnus Joe London, Arline Teal (President of The Dogwood Garden Club), and GC Scholarship Recipient Jennifer Knight. Pat McArthy, Director of Advancement, and scholarship recipient Jennifer Knight recently attended a meeting of The Dogwood Garden Club to receive a scholarship check for Jennifer who is majoring in landscape architecture. What a surprise to meet Joe London a 1992 graduate of Gainesville College and employee of Fit for Life, who was there to present a program. Even more of a coincidence was that Jennifer and Joe already knew each other through church activities. Yes! Gainesville College alumni are EVERYWHERE!
Some of the callers during the Hall County phonathon held at Georgia First Bank are left to right (seated): Megan Roper, Lillian Welch, Marie Braswell, and Dave Simpson; (Standing): Ben Armour, GC President Foster Watkins, Debbie and Warren Roper, Gala Hester, Kendra Childers, and Linda Stokes.

Celebrating their victory with kiddie-horns at NationsBank in the Hall County phonathon are left to right (seated): Harry Chapman and Sheri Millwood; (standing): Keith Echols, Martha Montgomery, Kathy Hembree, Craig and Lola Smith, and Tony Millwood.

The Winder Phonathon took place at Alumni Council member Mark Still's office—O'Neal Broach & Still. Left to right: Mark, Cathy Borders, and Mike Stephens. Cathy and Mike are also currently serving on the GC Alumni Council.

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