



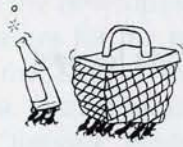
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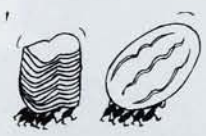
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### 1996 Alumni Family Picnic Successful



In a sunny Sunday afternoon on May 5, more than 300 GC alumni, faculty, and staff and their families enjoyed the 1996 Alumni Family Picnic. Events for the day included a Moonwalk, Water Balloon Toss, Face Painting, Horse Shoes, and a Volleyball Tournament. In addition to hamburgers, hotdogs with the works, snow cones and cotton candy delighted the children and adults. Coordinators of the event were Alumni Council members Warren and Debbie Roper, Linda Guest and Janine Hasselman.

The event was moved to the first Sunday in May from the first Sunday in June in response to an Alumni survey conducted earlier in the year. A short program was held for Alumni during the picnic, at which retiring Alumni Council members were recognized and new Council members were introduced.

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Alumna Marie Braswell shows off her artistic ability as she applies face paint to one of the many children at the picnic.



Alumna Julie Slaton, Miss Forsyth County, performed several musical selections at the Family Picnic. Julie's brother, Barry Slaton, is a member of the Alumni Council.

**Join Us in the Dedication  
of  
our New Entryway**

The dedication ceremony for the new entryway will take place on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. The program will be held at the bell tower entrance to the College closest to the track and gym.

All Gainesville College alumni and friends are invited to join the celebration. We know you will be proud of the newly constructed entrances to the college on Mundy Mill Road. Many thanks to the alumni and friends who assisted with this project. They will be recognized at the dedication.



# ROGER ROCKET

*Films Children's Video  
on GC Campus*



GC Alumnus Roger Smith (aka "Roger Rocket") produced a children's video on the GC campus on June 2. He captures children's attention and delivers a down-to-earth message. He encourages children through his music and performance to live a healthy, happy, and drug-free life.



Shown above are some of the children who attended the videotaping by "Roger Rocket." Every child in attendance received several prizes and mementoes of the occasion.

If you would like a copy of the video, Roger Smith can be contacted at 770-381-5138 or write to him at 1195-B Court Drive, Duluth, Georgia 30136.

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# President's Message



## Three Outstanding Alumni Recognized

by  
J. Foster Watkins, President  
Gainesville College

The University System of Georgia has been working rather diligently to take advantage of the opportunities brought to it and the State by the 1996 Olympics. A Systemwide initiative has involved the development of a brochure including opportunities for the member colleges and universities of the System to showcase their unique strengths. The System requested us to identify three of our most "famous" graduates. Our initial reaction to that opportunity was mixed as we had difficulty determining how to define "famous." However, our response to that request resulted in the identification of the three people listed below along with the information which we presented to support their selection.

**Ms. Joanne Camp '71**, co-founder and co-director of the Pearl Theatre in New York City (New York's only classical repertory company.) Her performance in "The Heidi Chronicles" resulted in her nomination for a Tony Award.

**Dr. Claire Hicks '74**, family physician in Jesup, Georgia, the only physician in a four-county area that treats HIV-Positive patients. While researching the disease, she is having a great deal of success with her treatment methods. The Disney Studio has contracted with Dr. Hicks to make a movie about her life with Glenn Close playing her role.

**Mr. Rich White '70**, president and CEO of Regions Bank, Gainesville, Georgia. His many community and regional leadership positions include those of Past Chairman of the Gainesville College Foundation and Past President of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce.

These three nominees represent a cross-section of the strengths of GC and its students. The fine and performing arts, and particularly our theatre program, have been among the areas of great strength and are represented by Ms. Joanne Camp. Over the years the College has prepared numerous students in our allied health transfer programs for subsequent success in the medical and health fields. Dr. Claire

Hicks is a worthy representative of this area. The Business Division, through its academic program and its extensive involvement in our Continuing Education program has touched more students collectively in Northeast Georgia than probably the rest of the College combined. Mr. Rich White, who came home to work in the banking industry after graduating from the University of Georgia, is one of the numerous students who have benefited from their initial business studies at Gainesville College.

We found it difficult to narrow the list to these three individuals and could generate multiple "sets of threes" to represent the College on such a list of distinguished graduates. We do not know what steps the System will take in its utilization of the "famous" alumni, but we thought it timely to present the names of these outstanding graduates this summer to the readers of *Anchors Away*.

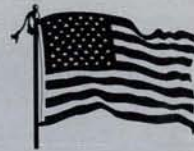
We are ending what has been perhaps the most successful and easiest of my 13 years at GC. We are looking toward the Olympic experience of "parking the world" at GC and are looking with positive thoughts toward a successful 1996-97 Academic Year. We hope these words find you in a similar upbeat state and invite you to visit us the next time you pass Exit 4 of I-985.

## Student Lawana Peterson Involved in Olympics

Art major Lawana Peterson, Gainesville, is working on a project making presentation plates to give to Olympic officials including judges, starters, and timers when they leave Lake Lanier in August.

"Leaves in Clay" is a folk pottery project involving several artists. Each plate will have a raised design of leaves entwined with the Olympic rings.

Lawana Peterson learned about the project through a sculpture class at the College. She has worked with clay for two years, but this is the first time she has thrown a plate.





## Alumni Family Picnic

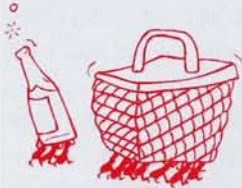
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Following the picnic, GC faculty member Julia Cromartie said: "It was a wonderful day... one of my students from 10 years ago walked up to me, covered his name tag and said, 'Remember me?' Believe it or not, I remembered, and we had a great time catching up."

Children of Alumni had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the picnic next year. See you on Sunday, May 4, 1997.



Alumni Council Member Stephen Trammel (second from right) and his wife Rhonda enjoy snow cones prepared by Sloan Jones and her son Seth.



## Annual Golf Tournament Attracts Over 100 Participants

The 11th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament was held on April 1, 1996, at Chattahoochee Golf Club. On a cool, windy April Fool's Day, players raised \$3,000 for the Alumni Scholarship Trust.

The winning team repeated its performance of last year. It captured the first-place, low-gross award last year. That team consisted of Alumni Chris England and Darryl Smallwood, and Jack Moore and Jimmy Wallace.

Lunch was served prior to the tournament.



The second-place team, shown left to right: Bob Scanlin, David Carlton, Buzz Lee, and Leroy Harper.



Shown is the winning team in the tournament. Left to right: Jimmy Wallace, Darryl Smallwood, Chris England, and Jack Moore. Smallwood and England are GC Alumni.



Another team that turned in a good performance included Alumni Bill Doxey, Frank Kubitz, Taylor Sholes, and Dr. Tom Sholes. Taylor is the 11-year-old son of Dr. Sholes.



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**A**s the director of Alumni Affairs at the College, one of my responsibilities is to organize the publication and the contents of this newsletter. I am very excited to introduce to you our new



*Michelle B. Brown  
Director of  
Alumni Affairs*

### **Eleventh "Day For GC" Held**

**A**pproximately 120 community volunteers gathered at the College on April 25 at 8 a.m. to give a half day of their time to raise approximately \$20,000 for GC students through the GC Foundation. They enjoyed breakfast provided by Sally and Bill Wilson of Burger King and received instructions and encouragement before the fundraising blitz of Gainesville-Hall County.

GC Foundation Fund Drive Chairman Lee Chapman presided at the meeting. GC Student and Scholarship Recipient Tracy Stanley enthusiastically thanked the volunteers for their hard work and dedication on behalf of all scholarship recipients. Honorary Fund Drive Chairman Dr. Herbert Robinson gave the volunteers a great send off.

After making their assigned calls, most of the volunteers met at noon at Holiday Hall to report their calls and enjoy a delicious lunch, compliments of Holiday Hall/McKibbon Brothers, with the Gainesville Jaycees. The GC Chorus performed several selections at the luncheon, after which GC Student

improved grade of paper used for this and future issues of Anchors Away. The decision to upgrade the paper was made in order to improve the quality of pictures as well as the brightness of the paper. Our alumni are important and deserve the best newsletter we can provide.

Again, I hope you enjoy our new and improved Anchors Away. If you have suggestions or alumni story ideas, please let us know. Gainesville College Alumni Office, P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, GA 30503.

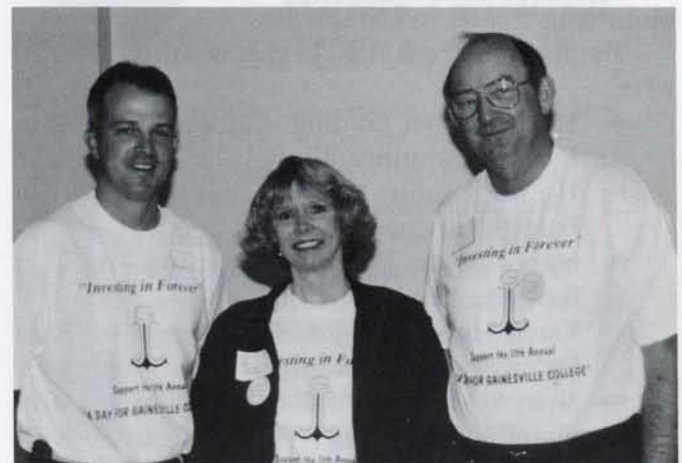
Government Association President Tundi Kertez and Alumna Kelly Coker expressed their gratitude to the volunteers for their efforts.



*Volunteers for "A Day..." who have worked for five years pose with Lee Chapman. They are: Pat Cochrane, Ken Crenshaw, Tony Millwood, J. C. Smith, and Rob Chambers. Others who have given five years were: Diane Carey-Bradley, Jeff Gay, Rick Slay, and Brad Patten.*



*Enjoying lunch at Holiday Hall are Sally Wilson and Sheila Nix, former GC Trustee.*

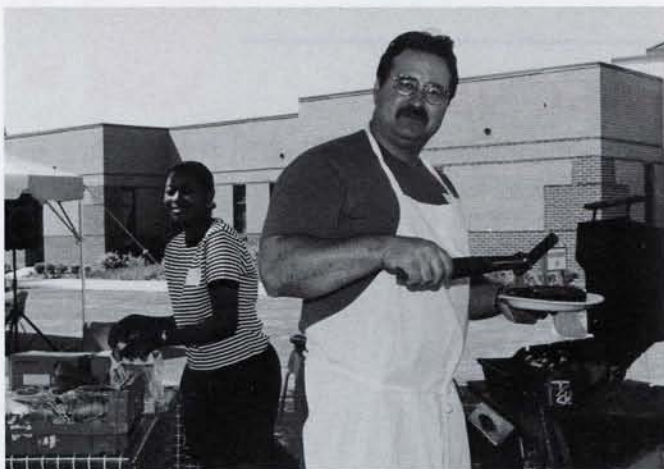


*Gloria Brown (center) has been a volunteer for "A Day..." for 10 years. She is shown with Fund Drive Lee Chapman and GC President J. Foster Watkins.*



## Sophomore, Night School Picnics Held in May

C sophomores and night school students were honored at the annual picnics sponsored by the Alumni Association, held on May 21 on the campus. Sophomores attending the daytime Picnic were entertained by DJ Roger Smith. All sophomores were presented with coozies and enjoyed hotdogs provided by the GC Alumni Association. Chips were donated by Alumnus Gerald Turk of North Georgia Tom Sales. Drawings were held for giveaways.



Alumni Betsy Stringer Ross and Rick Slay help at the Sophomore Picnic. Rick and Jeff Dale were co-chairmen of the event.



Alumni Martha Montgomery, Terry Baker, Mike Stephens, and Tony Millwood make preparations for the Night School Picnic.



GC Ambassadors (left to right) Patti Cantrell, Brandy Freeman, and Crystal Elrod assist Sophomore Julie Higgins at the table.



## 380 Degrees Awarded at GC's 30th Commencement



Six top honor students were recognized at Gainesville College's 30th Commencement at which more than 380 associate degrees were awarded to GC graduates. The ceremony was held on June 7, 1996, at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville.

The top honorees and the degrees they received were:

- 🎓 Heather Noel Bolding, Gainesville—A.A. in Business Administration.
- 🎓 Howard John Keeling, Winder—A.A. in Foreign Language
- 🎓 Mary White Turner, Cumming—A.A. in Business Administration.
- 🎓 Karen Hewell Seagraves, Oakwood—A.S. in Social Science Education.
- 🎓 Shari L. Lewis, Dacula—A.A.S. in Physical Therapy Assisting (Joint degree with Gwinnett Technical Institute).
- 🎓 Heidi Church Prince, Cumming—A.A.S. in Dental Hygiene (Joint with Lanier

Technical Institute).

The graduates were inducted into the Alumni Association by AA President Joe Booth who challenged the graduates "to never forget Gainesville College but to 'keep the vision alive' that has made this College great." The graduates were presented with key chain mementoes and an alumni card.



Honor graduates Heidi Prince, Karen Seagraves, and Heather Bolding pose with GC President J. Foster Watkins following the commencement.



# We Heard That...

**'81 Maureen Mary Minor Howe** and her husband, who is on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in Ohio, have three children, Robert Everett, 5; Rachel Noel, 3; and Rylee Ann, 1. **Maureen** has been an elementary school teacher, but is currently on leave.

**'84 Susan C. Camp** has been employed by Peoples Bank & Trust in Buford, Georgia for 11 years. She is currently Compliance Officer and Internal Auditor. She recently graduated from the 1996 Advanced Compliance School.

**'85 Patsy Denise Cantrell Lewis** and her husband Steve have two sons, Dylan James, 4; and Joseph Dakota, 1. She teaches English in the 11th and 12th grades at White County High School. She was named Teacher of the Year for 1995-96 at White County High School.

**'87 Roger Troy Dunagan** and his wife Sharon are the parents of Clarissa Victoria, who was born on April 4, 1996. **Troy** has been employed as Visual Merchandising Manager for JC Penney for nine years.

**'88 Jackie Cantrell Hall** and her husband Tom are the proud parents of a girl, Jensen Leigh, who was born on February 18, 1996. **Jackie** works for the Georgia Lottery in Oakwood.

**'89 Sandee K. McGlaun** received her M.A. degree in English degree from Ohio State University, where she has been accepted into the doctoral program to study rhetoric and composition. She also freelances in professional theatre in Columbus, Ohio.

**'91 Richard Kelley Myers** finished his pre-medicine requirements at the University of Georgia and is currently a senior medical student at the Medical College of Georgia where he has been elected Student Government Association President for 1996-97. He is planning on completing his residency in Family Practice and practicing medicine in the Gainesville area.

**'92 Curtis Raymond Weaver** married Alicia Casteel on August 12, 1995. A 1995 graduate of Kennesaw State College with a B.S. in Psychology degree, he is an accounts executive for the *Cherokee Tribune*.

**Steve Wood** and his wife Sonya are the proud parents of their first child, Hannah Rebecca, born in April, 1996.

**Sarah M. Clark Gary** graduated in May from Brenau University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is employed as a bookkeeper with the Jackson County School System.

**'92 Valorie Shawn Thomas Bohannon** and her husband Wade have welcomed Meghan Laura who was born on January 15, 1996. **Valorie** is employed by the University of Georgia in the area of Directory Assistance/Campus Transit.

**Sherry Lynn Bynum** married Paul Thompson, Jr. on June 15, 1996. A 1994 graduate of UGA with a bachelor's degree in Education, she is employed as a certified teacher/paraprofessional with the Hall County Board of Education.

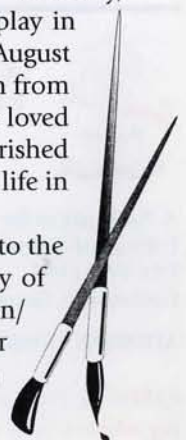


GC Alumni Council Members Sheri & Tony Millwood were awarded a weekend trip to Glen Ella Springs from the GC Alumni Association. They received the trip for selling the most tickets to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Alumni Association last fall.

## Georgia Folk Artist's Works Featured in GC Art Gallery

Works by Mattie Lou O'Kelley, Georgia Folk Artist, are on display in the GC Art Gallery through August 20, 1996. The works are on loan from a variety of Georgians who have loved and collected her works and cherished her vision and memory of rural life in Georgia.

The exhibit, free and open to the public, is located off the lobby of the Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center. For more information, call (770) 718-3865 or (770) 718-3639.





## 1995-96 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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  - done something else that's noteworthy?

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