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Convocation recognizes academic excellence

BY JOHN PRESTON CORBIN
STAFF REPORTER

Georgia Gwinnett College recognized Dr. Robert Lutz, for receiving the Outstanding Teaching Award at the annual Convocation ceremony on September 15, 2016.

Lutz, Assistant Professor of Information Technology, received the Award for his innovations in delivering instruction. The ceremony further honored faculty, staff, and students for their outstanding achievements.

"I am surprised, humbled, and honored to receive the Outstanding Teacher Award," Dr. Lutz said after stepping up to the podium. As part of his acceptance speech, he thanked his family for their support and explained his approach to teaching.

Dr. Lutz's wife was present along with her parents, Jim and Patti Leathers, who spoke to The Globe shortly after the ceremony. "We were proud as



Convocation

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we could be," Mrs. Leathers said.

"Convocation is a celebration of academic excellence," President Preczewski said as he delivered the opening remarks for this year's Convocation. "We are proud to say that we have 584 returning honors student with GPAs exceeding 3.8."

President Preczewski took a moment to welcome the 47 new faculty members.

"GGC has a mission and a vision like no other and is a place like no other, and I hope you are finding that out."

Awards were presented to students, faculty, and staff. Simone Seerattan, a senior English major, received the award for Outstanding Student Scholarship for the School of Liberal Arts.

"You never really feel like anyone's watching you until someone recognizes you with something like this," Seerattan told The Globe. "This is amazing."

The award for Outstanding Staff was presented to Sgt. Rebecca Lawler of the campus police department. Lawler spoke with The Globe afterwards: "I was very surprised, and humbled, and proud to represent the campus police department and GGC." **Continued on page 3**



SGA President Tammy Lu

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GGC dedicates library to first president

BY ALLYSSA KLINGBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

The library and learning center closed for the Kaufman Dedication Ceremony from 2-3 pm on Friday, Sept 16, 2016 when the library was officially dedicated to GGC's first president.

Faculty and students honored Dr. Kaufman, Vice Chair of the Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce. He is one of few to have a building named after him during his lifetime.

"We are delighted to honor him with the very first naming of a building," said President Preczewski.

Dr. Kaufman left retirement in 2005 to establish Georgia Gwinnett College, the first 4-year college to open in Georgia in over 100 years.

"GGC as we know it simply would not exist nor enjoy its level of size, reputation, and stature. This college stands as a testament to Dr. Kaufman's resolve to create an innovative, game changing model for higher education," GGC's current President, Dr. Preczewski said. **Continued on page 2**



Founding President of GGC, Daniel J. Kaufman

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Kaufman speaking during the dedication ceremony
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GGC dedicates library to first president, cont'd

BY ALLYSSA KLINGBERG
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President Preczewski praised Dr. Kaufman for changing the model of four year higher education programs and making it possible for all students to obtain an education.

"That's the model that Dr. Kaufman envisioned, that's how he recruited us, that's how he created us, that's how he nurtured us, that's why we gathered here today to recognize him and his accomplishments," President Preczewski said.

Dr. Gene Ruffin shared a humorous anecdote about the day

he met Dr. Kauffman, as well as the changes the library has undergone since that day. In those days, the much smaller library was on the first and second floors of B Building.

"I've told many of you the stories about Dan, when we first met, when I first came on board. He first came up to me and said, 'Gene, you need a building.' And my response was, 'okay.'"

Chancellor of University System of Georgia, Hank Huckaby, spoke freely of Dr. Kaufman's contributions to the campus. "It's easy to talk about Dan Kaufman," Huckaby said.

"Many people in this commu-

nity worked ten, twelve, fifteen years on the idea and the vision of a college in Gwinnett County, and it finally came to fruition, but that would have meant nothing if we had not selected the right person to implement that vision," Huckaby said.

"In this occasion, the university system regents hit a grand slam because I can't imagine anyone else having the ability, having the intellect, having the drive and commitment to bring about what is, to me, the Georgia Gwinnett College."

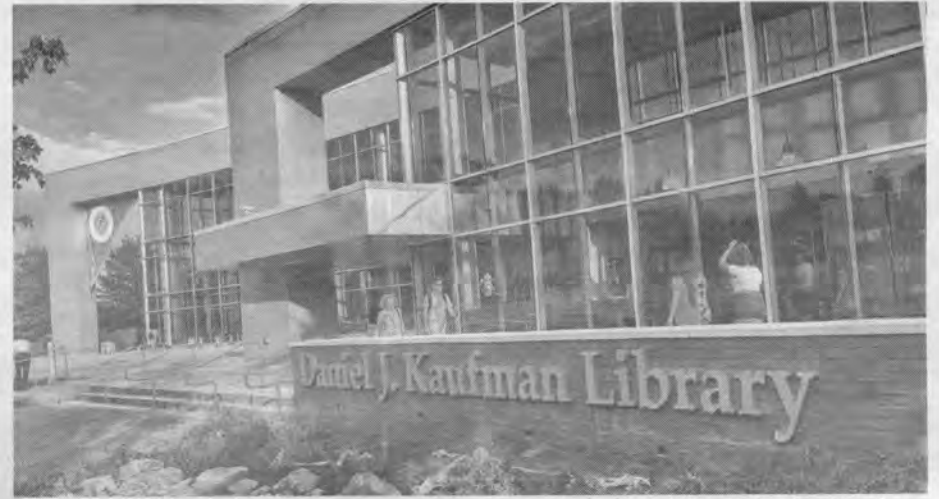
Besides being the former President of Georgia Gwinnett College, Dr. Kaufman ranked as a

Brigadier General in the U.S. Army and received the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his service. He also served at The White House as a member of the National Security Council. His complete list of achievements are on the GGC website in a tribute to the first President.

"We are particularly happy that, unlike so many other institutions, we have the ability to bestow this honor on our founding president in his lifetime," President Preczewski said regarding Dr. Kaufman's honor. "He and his loved ones can enjoy this special experience and expression of our gratitude."



Attendants during the dedication ceremony
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New wall dedicated to Dr. Kaufman
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Students and faculty debate during Constitution Week

BY TY MERROW
DEPUTY COPY EDITOR

Faculty and students celebrated Constitution Day with three days of political debates from September 14th to September 16th. The debate topics included changing how the U.S. picks its Presidents, amendments to the Constitution, and changing the voting age.

Both students and teachers participating in the forums gave speeches about the U.S. government and its practices.

The Organization of Latin American Studies, Office of Student Integrity, and Tiffany Tuma, Coordinator of Student Integrity, helped coordinate the events with Dr. Richard Rawls. The debates were free to all participants.

Dr. Michael Lewkowicz, Assistant Professor of Political Science, began the debates arguing that the Electoral College (EC) system works and should remain the same. He cited the founding father's arguments in the Federalist Papers and how the current system does provide a mechanism where if the public makes an erroneous choice, the EC could override that presidential pick. Dr. Lewkowicz did clarify this would be political suicide for members of the EC.

Dr. Dovile Budryte, Professor of Political Science, presented after Dr. Lewkowicz. She argued for the U.S. adopting a parliamentary system for electing Pres-

idents.

"It's basically a fusion of the executive and legislative powers. This is a much simpler and cleaner process. The campaigning process would be much shorter. We would have less influence from interest groups, powerful individuals, and people with money," Dr. Budryte said.

Dr. Mazin Tadros, Assistant Professor of History, closed the first day's debates. He argued that the EC system is broken and needs to be replaced altogether.

"When what we imagine ourselves to be clashes with the reality of our circumstances, it creates a cognitive dissonance so great that in despair we turn to that imagined world and enfold ourselves in nationalistic triumphalism and turn our backs to the brutality of the American empire," said Dr. Tadros.

Dr. Amir Azarvan, Assistant Professor of Political science, participated in Thursday's debate, arguing for amending the U.S. Constitution to allow for referenda at the national level.

Dr. Richard Rawls, Professor of History, pulled double duty during the events, serving as moderator the first day in place of Dr. Cara Minardi, Assistant Professor of English, who missed the event due to illness.

Dr. Rawls also presented on the 26th Amendment. He argued that it should be changed so that no-

body under the age of 30 could vote. While Dr. Rawls does not actually believe the position he presented, he sought to encourage students to think.

"I recognize that some students were not happy with the argument that I presented. However, if it stimulated one student who otherwise would have sat at home on Election Day and/or encouraged students to take our constitution seriously, then my presentation succeeded," Dr. Rawls said.

Student Matt Davis also presented a position he did not agree with and argued that the voting age should be raised to 24.

"Overall I feel that the event went well," Davis continued. "There were very good questions posed by other students in attendance."

"We held an incredible three days of reflections, debates, and discussions on the Constitution," Dr. Rawls concluded. "We demonstrated that it is still possible to have responsible and mature discussions about our Constitution without the mudslinging, name calling, and nastiness that so characterizes our contemporary political climate."

"It was interesting hearing ideas I've never heard before," Rebekah Hall, an English student with a Political Science minor who attended the first debate, said. "I don't like the Electoral College system. I learned more about it by going to the debate, but ultimately the information I gathered at the debate just reaffirmed my preference for the parliamentary system."



Constitution week
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Convocation recognizes academic excellence, cont'd

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Senior History major Jordan Sanders, a senior, performed the national anthem at the beginning of the ceremony. Dr. Marc Gilley, Associate Professor of Music, coached Sanders before the performance.

"I thought Jordan did great," Gilley later said. "This is her fourth time singing the national anthem for an official event; each performance has been stronger. The only thing I would tell her is take a bow next time because everyone applauded."

Convocation is one of the best attended events on campus, according to SGA Vice President and Political Science major Usama Lakhani.

"This is one of the great occasions for GGC," Lakhani said. "We come together to celebrate our past success and how well we can go into the future. I was part of last year's

Convocation and this year I can see is one of the best yet in terms of organization, participation, and collaboration."

"Maybe a little too big; it was standing room only. This year we weren't emphasizing the 10-year anniversary, but we still had overflow use," said Dr. Jo Galle who was responsible for organizing the last seven Convocations. "Last year's was probably bigger," she said.

"I thought it went very well," Galle told *The Globe*. "It is a way to showcase faculty members and staff and recognize their achievements surrounding the Four Pillars."

"Overall, it seems to serve that purpose and I'm proud to have it be just one of the many different responsibilities that I've had at GGC."



Erin Lucier receiving honors
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Simone Seerattan with her honors
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Dining Hall upgrades

BY JANIE DURHAM
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On the first day of school, August 15th, Grizzly Dining unveiled several new upgrades to the dining hall—the end result of surveys done by Auxiliary Services in 2014, as well as Grizzly Dining's yearly Campus Dining Style Survey and Your Voice Counts surveys.

Although there was no additional square footage added, the layout of the dining was changed to improve flow, and there were also upgrades to include a smoothie station, larger salad buffet, or healthier eating options.

When asked what she thought about the upgrades, returning senior Rachel Patti, 26, said, "visually, it's exciting. I've only been once [since the new upgrades], but I was pleasantly surprised." Although Patti has only been to the dining hall once, she said she would return. "Some of the stations were out or not functioning, but it's visually the best and that's what calls people down. I would go back."

The two requests that were mentioned the most frequently by students were for more seating and more varieties of food. The seating needs led to the closure of Subway and private dining. Also, the fresher ingredients in the new made-to-order deli section with fresh-cut meats and veggies alleviated the need for Subway.

"It's a culmination of a few things, in that we thought it was a healthier option and we saw the space need. It also provided a solution to the entire



Overhead view of the dining hall
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campus," said Justin Solomon, former Senior Food Services Director. "It hurts my heart to see somebody sitting on the floor eating food because it's just so crowded."

The idea was to add value to the dining and hall and give students what they wanted. "Every single day I get a student or faculty or staff member come up to me and say 'I absolutely love this', and that's fantastic," Solomon said. "That tells me that we're doing exactly what we've heard from the students, faculty and the staff."

"The appearance is better, although the food is still ter-

rible. And just as last year, I choose not to eat the dining hall food. The quality is below garbage... Although I do see progress," said Tyler Commodore, 19 year old sophomore and resident.

"The food is the same, but it looks prettier," said Madison Anderson, 20, junior, when asked what she thought of the dining hall upgrades.

"Feedback is a gift," said Victoria Hanson, Director of Auxiliary Services. She also gave credit to Georgia Gwinnett College for the way things are done in Grizzly Dining. "All campuses will you tell that students come first, but



Entrance to the dining hall
Photo Credit, Katelyn Lindsey

at this campus, they actually mean it."

Moe's Southwest Grill was added because survey data showed that students wanted Mexican food. "That made it very clear for us to see that this was going to be the next genre," said Solomon. But there was also a question of what type of menu was offered.

"We considered a few options, and Moe's covered the vegetarian and vegan diet restrictions, the popular paleo diet, the variety of toppings... It's a very diverse menu. It also helped that Moe's is a local brand."

"Every day, including Fridays, it's packed," Solomon said. "And we are seeing through our surveys that we are at the highest satisfaction scores in regards to both service and overall satisfaction in the dining hall."

"Food brings people together," Solomon said. "It's got to create community, and I do believe with all my heart that we have created a unique community here on campus for the students, faculty, and the staff to come together."

Hanson loves seeing students sitting in the dining hall with their professors, eating and talking. But most important, perhaps, is what students think of the new dining hall upgrades. If students want to share their feedback, they are encouraged to visit <https://ggc.campusdish.com/> and fill out the "Your Voice Counts" feedback form.

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Grizzlies attend fair celebrating national safety month

BY JULIE THOMPSON
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Students put out fires and viewed instructive safety demonstrations at Georgia Gwinnett College's fourth annual Preparedness and Safety Fair, held on the lawn from 11 am - 1 pm on September 14th, 2016.

GGC holds the Preparedness and Safety Fair each September, National Safety Awareness Month, to showcase safety procedures and equipment that the police utilize.

Between 380 and 400 students attended the fair, according to Buck Buchanan, Director of Emergency Management who coordinated the event.

One of the event highlights was the Jaws of Life demonstration, which shows students how to free wreck victims from inside a car. The Jaws of Life uses hydraulic pressure a pump to free individuals from small spaces, and is a popular rescue tool, Buchanan informed *The Globe*.

"These activities encourage individual safety and emergency preparedness and fit nicely into the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA READY campaign encouraging public involvement to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation" said Buchanan in a press release from the Office of Public Relations.

Students from GGC's Criminal Justice club attended the event, and several nursing students demonstrated how to give CPR.

The Gwinnett County Fire Department's interactive exercise, in which students took turns putting out a fire, is one the most interesting parts of the event to Criminal Justice major

Anne-Marie Pollacia.

"I get way more excited about fire safety than any college student rightly should. But even objectively, it's an amazing event," said Pollacia.

Safety and Emergency Prevention professionals from across Gwinnett county and greater Atlanta areas manned booths about drug awareness, sexual assault, motorcycle safety, counseling centers, and disaster response training programs.

Pollacia attended the event to network with fire safety professionals, and has already interned with Gwinnett Fire Education booth and the Gwinnett Emergency Management Office, two organizations which were at the event.

"This event is how I first got involved with the county (through the Citizen's Fire Academy), and set me on the professional path I'm now on," said Pollacia.

Lawrenceville police parked a Mobile Command Unit outside B building. Officers gave students a tour of the command unit and explained that with the command unit, the force can reinstate radio and satellite signals to a disaster struck area.

The Lawrenceville Community Emergency Response Team's booth gave free key chains, frisbees, and pamphlets on how to join their community classes and outreach programs.

Representatives from the Gwinnett County Fire Department, Gwinnett County PD Crime Prevention Team, Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association also manned booths.

"We had many organizations represented and a lot of first responder

equipment on display. It was a good turnout, but I always want to get more people out to see it and participate. National Preparedness Month is about creating Awareness," said Buchanan.

Pollacia advocates that the entire campus community attend future Safety events at GGC to learn safety procedures.

"The ability to help yourself and

the people around you is incredibly empowering, and it's everyone's responsibility," Pollacia said.

While the Preparedness and Safety Fair was the only event that GGC hosted for National Safety Month, Buchanan sent weekly emails on various safety communication methods throughout the month of September.



The mobile command unit outside of B building
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Student visiting a booth at the fair
Photo Credit, Georgia Gwinnett College



Firefighter allowing student to wear his helmet
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Jaws of Life fire presentation
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Link to Lawrenceville blazes connection between GGC and Downtown

BY KATELYN LINDSEY
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The Sustainability Committee and the Environmental Club will host the Link to Lawrenceville bike ride that connects the GGC campus to downtown Lawrenceville. The event will be on October 7th, 2016, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm and helps draw attention to the connection between the campus and the community.

"Like last year, the Environmental Club will help organize and lead student involvement for the event while working closely with the Sustainability Committee and other organizers and supporters," said Brandon Seay, President of the Environmental Club.

Environmental Club.

The bike route begins at H building and is a four-mile ride to the Lawrenceville Lawn and back. In previous years, when the route came to steep hills, students then had the option to simply walk their bikes up the incline.

"Everyone who was able to ride and wanted to ride could ride," said Dr. Paul Grant, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

This event has been popular in the past to Jessica Estep, Assistant Professor of English at GGC who founded the event.

"Last year about 60 students, faculty, staff, and community members came out to ride," said Dr. Estep. Each year, Mayor Judy Jor-

dan Johnson sends a representative from the city to speak at the event. In 2014, the Mayor herself made an appearance.

Local Republic, a restaurant in downtown Lawrenceville, provides a free picnic lunch for anyone who signs up to participate. Last year the restaurant provided sandwiches (which were adjusted to suit various dietary restrictions), chips, and drinks. Previously, students who struggled to ride were given a ride Downtown so that they could still enjoy the provided lunch.

This will be the third year that GGC has hosted the Link to Lawrenceville event.

"I felt last year's event was great," said Dr. Grant. "The first

year it was only faculty and staff, and what was so much better about last year is that it included students, and I think that's how it should be."

"Everyone had a great experience. We had just enough bikes for everyone to participate." Dr. Grant is planning on attending this year's Link to Lawrenceville as well and bringing his two bikes in case a student who doesn't have a bike needs one."

Dr. Estep encourages anyone with questions regarding the Link to Lawrenceville Bike Ride to email her at jestep@ggc.edu. Participants are expected to bring their own bikes and to RSVP on My GGC. RSVP will be capped off after the first 100 sign-ups.



Link to Lawrenceville bike ride 2015
Photo Credit, Jessica Estep



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Atlanta Barbecue Store claims first place at Rock'n' Ribville 2016

BY JULIE THOMPSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Atlanta Barbecue Store in Gainesville Georgia took the 2016 award for best pork at the 2016 Rock n' Ribville barbecue competition and music festival held on Lawrenceville Lawn on September 17, 2016 from 12-8 pm.

The Atlanta Barbecue Store also won second place for chicken and thirteenth place for barbecue, according to the Rock n' Ribville and Atlanta Barbecue Store facebook pages.

"Rock'n Ribville was already one of our favorite competitions of the year and now it's even more special to us. We had a once in a lifetime cook there," owner Randy Boswell said on The Atlanta Barbecue's Facebook page.

Each year, Rock n' Ribville attracts 14,000 people according to the City of Lawrenceville's web page. The event featured concessions and live music. Kristian Bush of Sugarland performed at the event along with a lineup of country artists.

The 2016 Rock'n' Ribville was sanctioned as a Kansas Barbeque Society, the world's largest barbeque society.

"I had rib tips. They were awesome," pottery vendor Shannon McKee said. McKee, a resident pottery artist at The Dizzy Gypsy in downtown Lawrenceville, sold his work in a tent on the lawn. "This was a huge venue.

Lots of people. Family friendly. Really pretty well organized."

Jen Friedlander, 25, a Junior Marketing major at Georgia Gwinnett College attended the festival with her husband and two children. She enjoyed walking around to see the

vendor tents and her kids enjoyed the cotton candy stands.

"There were cotton candy stands everywhere," Friedlander said. "I got there around 4:30 pm. When we got there, there were so many people, and I had my kids. They are 5 and 7.



Photo from Rock'n' Ribville competition
Photo Credit, Jason Friedlander



Alex and Amber Friedlander
Photo Credit, Jason Friedlander

They were more excited about the cotton candy stands than anything."

"We were in line for BBQ. There was a lot going on. I stood in line for about 45 mins, and was the fifth person in line by the time they announced they were out of everything except sausage" Friedlander said.

McKee enjoyed the music while he made sales at a vendor tent.

"The music wasn't too loud. For Art Fest it was too loud. For this they toned it down. Art Fest it was overwhelming and you had to yell to speak with your customers," McKee said.

"The musicians were fantastic and the weather was perfect! I wouldn't have changed a thing! And from the crowds, I would say everyone who went had a blast!" Robin Eve, a Lawrenceville local, said. She attended the event to watch her son, Max Eve, perform on stage.

Rock n' Ribville serves as a community-building event and aims to draw attention to the businesses and vendors in the downtown Lawrenceville area according to the City of Lawrenceville's webpage.

"Throughout the years, Rock'n Ribville has also served as a means of enhancing Lawrenceville's sense of place, supporting and promoting local businesses and serving the community-at-large," a post from the City of Lawrenceville's web page said.



Fall updates from SGA

BY RACHEL KEMBEL
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As the Student Government Association prepares to celebrate its ten year anniversary in Spring '17, President Tammy Lu opened up to *The Globe* about upcoming events, projects in October, and what remains for Fall '16.

It is SGA's goal to represent the whole of the community by reaching out to all students on campus. Lu explained that SGA holds events to achieve this mission. One example is the Town Hall event on October 20th, which will encourage students to meet committees and the executive board. All SGA members will attend the council.

The Quiet Reflection Space has been an ongoing project over the years. President Lu is advocating for setting up the Quiet Reflection Space for students of all faiths and beliefs. She saw the demand for a designated space on cam-

pus, when she noticed students praying in various locations on campus.

The Quiet Reflection Space will open within the school year, if all goes according to plan. Lu met with the Provost, Dean of Students, and Director of Operations regarding the allocation for the space on Tuesday, September 20th.

"The [then called] Interfaith Meditation Space is a reserved space to create an environment for students from all faiths or no faith. It provides a quiet place for prayers, meditation and reflection," wrote Usama Lakhani, now Vice-President of SGA. Lakhani's editorial appeared in the May '16 edition of *The Globe*.

When SGA formed in 2007, six founding members assumed the responsibility of representing the entire student body.

"They are truly an amazing group of students. I've had the privilege of watching them discuss and resolve some complicated issues, and to found

their inaugural constitution. Now they will have the opportunity to further dedicate their energy toward the needs of our students," one of the first faculty advisors, Dr. Thomas Hancock said in an article posted on GGC's website in 2007.

The early beginnings of SGA played an important role in providing information to help facilitate the creation of new organizations according to Hancock's article.

Since 2007, GGC students have formed 136 other organizations. Five other clubs started in 2007 along with SGA: Biology Club, Psychology Club, the Organization of Latin American Students, Georgia Gwinnett Golden Guild, and SCRUBS (Starting Careers and Research Using a Bachelor of Sci-

ence)

Today, there are 345 members, four committees, and 23 Senators representing five different schools and incoming freshmen.

SGA meets every Thursday from 2pm to 3pm, and begins every month with a Green Jacket Senate meeting.

"Being a leader is a thankless job so you have to be prepared," she says. "It's also time consuming but I highly recom-

mend it," Tammy Lu said to welcome prospective members and senators.

There are two requirements to be an SGA member. Students must maintain a minimum of 2.50 GPA and must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours each semester.



Get to know your Dean: Dr. White On balancing Life and School

BY JULIE THOMPSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Dianne White, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, believes that with the right habits, students can have the best of both worlds.

She began working at Georgia Gwinnett College in 2012 to begin the challenging task of writing curriculum and documents for the nursing program. Two years later, the first nursing class has graduated and joined the workforce.

Dr. White smiled as she told *The Globe* that 100% of GGC's nursing graduates are now employed in the profession of their degree. Nineteen of the twenty-three nursing graduates passed the NCLEX, the final exam that determines whether they become registered nurses or not. The others passed on their second try.

In her undergrad years, White was not the academic type. She considered herself the average student who occasionally goofed off with her friends. But she made sure that her education was well-rounded. She participated in medical mission trips, and frequently volunteered at hospitals. She made time for fun, and to her, these diverse experiences made all the difference.

As an administrator, professor, private healthcare practitioner, mother, daughter, and assistant coach, Dr. White wears many different hats. She takes pride in each role, and advocates that self-awareness and time management are key to balancing a full and meaningful life.

Q: How does being a mother affect your job?

A: "I think there's a few components. I have more compassion probably than I would have if I didn't if I didn't have children in trying to relate to parents who have

healthcare and childcare issues. It puts things in perspective. It doesn't mean the expectations are not the same for all students, it just gives me more empathy in understanding their challenges in having various responsibilities other than college."

"I time-manage very well, and I think it's because of the children, because I know that when I leave here I go into Mom Mode and I either have to transport them to the ballpark, or we got to go to the school for something. I make it a point to focus on them when I am away from work. If I must bring work home then it is accomplished after they are in bed to meet whatever deadlines are for the next day.

"Another thing being a mom does is keep me centered and grounded. Many times at work with the stressors and emotions of students and faculty, one can become unsettled. Having kids helps in knowing why I do what I do and for who. They have taught me not to 'sweat the small stuff.'"

Q: You describe yourself as a visionary leader. Can you elaborate on this?

A: "There's different kinds of leadership styles, and I think that when I started in a leadership role I was probably just very democratic."

"What I call a visionary or a transformational leader, that's the person that cares about strategic planning and always thinks to do something even better, not being ok with status quo."

"It is the leader who doesn't focus on the present but the future and takes time to relate to followers, building trust and relationships.

You aren't a leader if you don't have followers to stand upon their shoulders and see the future."

Q: The stereotype is that a woman leader is cold, someone who has sacrificed femininity and family for success. Why do you think that stereotype exists?

A: "There was only one choice historically, as women didn't really work outside the home and that's just the way the typical family defined the role of women."

"I think the women's movement and the empowerment of women has fostered that women can be compassionate, yet strong, and have family with professional success. You don't have to settle on one or the other."

Q: Is there a key to making both worlds work?

A: "I think you have to be grounded in yourself. I call that emotional intelligence. I think that when you know what your passions are and strive to be aware of other's feelings, it keeps you grounded. It's what gets you moving and going and helps you discover your meaning and purpose."

Q: Some people say college is all work and no fun. Do you agree? Do you think that students can have fun and have a full college experience and still succeed?

A: "I think to have a full college experience, you have to have some fun. I mean the full college experience is social. There's a lot of education, but there's a lot of social things and relationships that you build from."

"Being well-rounded may take your further in life, and having emotional intelligence can take you

to the top and get careers and jobs, especially in the business world. Relation building--you have to learn that--it's not what we're going to teach in a classroom."

Q: What do you do to enjoy yourself?

A: "I play sports, I play softball. I am an assistant coach my daughter's team. I shoot baskets with my son."

"I love sitting in the bed in the morning and watching 'Good Morning America' with my Ipad on social media and a good cup of black coffee! That's just crazy! I don't get to do that during the week. I could veg for two hours. I love it."

"I enjoy festivals, both seasonal and wine festivals in North Georgia. The food and wine keep me in crossfit class a few times a week!"

Q: What plans do you have for the nursing school for next semester?

A: "I think the next big thing for nursing is our application for accreditation. The Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education will come for a site visit and they come look at your program to decide if it's got the stamp of approval or not."

"The CCNE is very well known. Emory, Kennesaw, and GSU are accredited by them. Our application was accepted, we graduated our first class, and they should be here Spring 2018 for the onsite visit."

"There's a lot of preparation to get it together, but hopefully we'll have it. It's exciting."

"I am currently working with the Provost on the next programs for SHS."

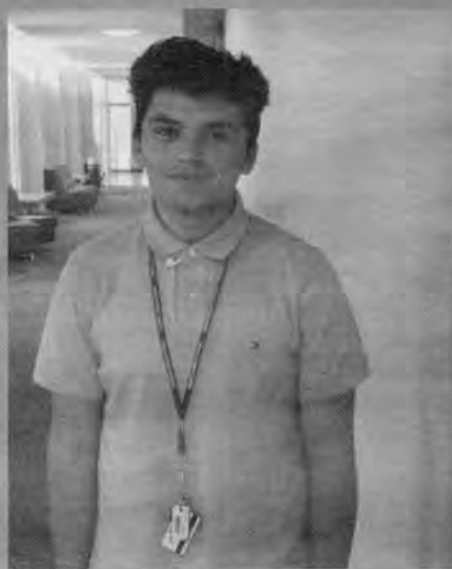
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Arts & Culture



Humans of GGC: Hispanic Heritage Month

BY RACHEL KEMBLE AND JULIE THOMPSON



Alejandro Uribe

Major: Biology
Both parents are Mexican
GGC freshman who loves music and has been playing the guitar for three year. He enjoys hiking and catching the sunset at Stone Mountain.

He wants to become a Biology high school teacher.

"A lot of people think that it sounds harsh, being a high school teacher, but I think that everybody has a calling and I want to offer my qualities to future generations," Uribe said.



Rose Sandoval

Major: Business Management
Rose's mother is Puerto Rican and her father is Salvadoran. She is pictured above with her best friend, Edith Bartolon, who is Guatemalan.

Rose just transferred to GGC from Ultimate Medical Academy in Florida and has a 2 year old. When asked what her hobbies are she says, "I dance and stuff... Merengue and Bachata."



Silvia Alvarado

Started working at GGC in Fall 2016. She has two kids who are her primary motivation to do well in life. She supports them as they go to school. One of her kids is 15, the other is 13. The older one goes to Discovery High School, and the other goes to Richards Middle School.

When asked what made her a unique individual, Alvarado said, "I am outgoing and friendly. I love my work. I like to go camping with the kids, but church is the priority."

"Faith keeps me going."

Students gather together to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

BY RACHEL KEMBLE
BUSINESS MANAGER

About 300 students gathered in the Student Center Plaza to join the Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), for the Hispanic Heritage Month Festival that took place on September 20, 2016 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Students that attended the festival had the chance to learn about and embrace the Latino culture by exploring Latin American history, traditions, live mariachi band Mariachi y Coro Santa Cecilia, music, and Caribbean food.

The festival is the first of five events that will be hosted to recognize Latin-Americans during the next 30 days of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th through October 15th.

HHM recognizes the culture and contributions to the United States by Latino Americans. The festival and other HHM events put a strong emphasis on educating students about Latino cultures, as well as bringing the campus community together.

"The purpose of the festival is to create cultural awareness. Here at GGC we have people from all around the world, and every student should have the opportunity to learn about those details and customs that make us proud of our Hispanic heritage," OLAS Vice President Mariela Tejada-Garcia said.

Students had to pass an activity similar to a scavenger hunt to reach the food table. OLAS representatives manned booths which were set up to represent Latin-American countries. Cultural artifacts for each country decorated the booths as well as posters that held information regarding the history and demographics of each country.

Participants received passports with questions about the Latin-American countries featured at the festival. This required students to engage with OLAS members stationed at each table and to learn about the selection of Hispanic countries. When students completed the questions on their passports, OLAS members then served Cuban food.

The food was catered from Papi's Cuban & Caribbean Grill in Lawrenceville. Papi's provided Cuban sandwiches, maduros, and guava pastries.

Small groups of students sat on the lawn by the sidewalk to observe the Grito Mexicano competition. El grito is a call-and-response that is used to celebrate Mexican independence the

night before September 16th.

"If one thing should be taken from today's event it's that contrary to popular belief, not all Hispanics are from Mexico. The Hispanic culture is very broad and full of different subcultures," OLAS member and Venezuela representative Karen Ortiz said.



Mariachi y Coro Santa Cecilia during Hispanic Heritage Month
Photo Credit, Mariela Tejada-Garcia

In The Heights at Aurora Theater celebrates diversity

BY REBECCA TWIGGS
STUDENT SUBMISSION

Aurora Theatre's *In The Heights* tells the story of a community of immigrants living in Washington Heights, ran from July 21-August 28 in Lawrenceville, GA.

In The Heights tells a compelling story with cultural significance. The musical is narrated by the central character Usnavi (spectacularly played by Diego Klock Perez), a bodega owner who takes the audience into the lives of the people in his neighborhood as they experience love

and loss.

The score set the pace for high-energy dance numbers to intimate and emotional ballads which were wonderfully performed by a diverse cast. Other standouts in this cast include Diany Rodriguez (Nina), Felicia Hernandez (Abuela Claudia), Christian Magby (Sonny), and Juan Carlos Unzueta (Piragua Guy).

Having listened to a few of the songs prior to seeing the show live, I enjoyed the upbeat feel that it had, taking inspiration

from hip-hop and traditional Latin music. The soundtrack had been written by Lin Manuel Miranda, composer of the highly popular, critically acclaimed hip-hop musical *Hamilton* and son of Puerto Rican immigrants; it is unsurprising to see how the show got its catchy sound.

While I was familiar with some songs, I had no idea what I was in for when I sat down in the audience of Aurora Theatre's mainstage. By the time intermission hit, I regarded the play as one of

the best I have ever seen.

Aurora Theater displayed the value of diversity in the play. In a world of whitewashed casting and racial tensions, it is beautiful to see a cast celebrate their culture. In the song "Carnaval El Barrio," the residents of the heights proudly raise the flags of their home countries. This was met with thunderous applause and even some tears.

In my opinion, this was performance art at its best.

Arts & Culture



Get involved and get fed

ANONYMOUS STUDENT SUBMISSION

Someone asked me if I would be attending a certain event here at Georgia Gwinnett College.

"Will there be food?" I asked.

"Of course," he responded.

Then yes, I will definitely be there.

Being a college student has really forced me to think about saving money, and food is a huge expense. Sometimes I have to skip meals, because I just can't afford to eat those three square meals each day.

It wasn't until I started hanging around in the Student Center and getting involved with student groups that I realized how much money there was to be saved in the way of obtaining free noms.

My advice to new students? Get involved, and get fed.

The first week of school, I realized that all the leftover ice cream from

the August March through the Arch ceremony was in the 3rd floor student lounge in the Student Center. Ice cream for days, whenever I wanted it. Plus, there are usually some cool people to hang out with, and there's a flat screen TV.

While I was sitting there eating an ice cream sandwich between classes, someone from the office next door came in with vases full of granola bars, for students. I took a couple and had them for breakfast the next day. After my morning class ended, I went to the Game Room on the 1st floor, and they were having a Gaming Expo. Not only did I get to play some video games, but I had free lunch and dinner from attending that event.

A whole day of meals, for free.

Whenever a speaker comes to E-LVIS, I'm right there in line. I'm starting to learn the faces and names of student and staff employees, which is

cool. They know a lot about the school and give me useful advice.

After the speaker is done talking, I've learned something and gotten my lunch on at the same time. I only bring non-perishable lunches to school now, because it's a waste for me to bring a frozen dinner to school to heat up when I keep being presented with event food like hot dogs with international toppings or a dazzling seasonal fruit tray.

I don't even eat until after 2:00 now either, because if there's an event going on in or near the Student Center, the chances are high that I'll at least get some cookies and juice. Maybe hot wings and veggies. Word to the wise: water down those Grizzly punches and lemonades-- they're a bit strong.

I realized when I joined an RSO (registered student organization), that I would be fed at least once a month when I attend meetings. It's nice to meet other students, too. I was able to

share with them about how I volunteered on campus last semester, and not only did I get a free lift to the place, but I got free food. Not only was volunteering good for my heart, it was good for my tummy. My RSO is going to collaborate with the volunteer group next month, and I'll be there!

Man, I really know my way around this place now. As a commuter student, I never thought I'd get to know so many people. It works out, because someone in my RSO recommended a great tutor to me at the AEC, and they were awesome! I never would have known about the tutoring people otherwise.

It's a lot easier to concentrate on my schoolwork with a full stomach.

Disclaimer: this story is for entertainment purposes

Stretching to infinity

ANONYMOUS CREATIVE SUBMISSION

A wolf howls at the moon, and the earth quakes in a way that convinces you that the world is ending; but that would be too convenient. Life is never about conveniences, only challenges. Funny little mishaps that trip up your path and send you spiralling away in a direction entirely impossible for you to predict.

The world will give you moments of foresight, glimpses of what can and can never be, but if you believe them for an instant then you suffer from an overabundance of optimism.

Cosmically speaking the world exists. This is a definitive fact - more definitive than anything you can really say about anything else, like life, or death, or love.

That is, unless you ascribe to the theory of the holographic universe where we are merely a projection onto the event horizon of a black hole: the dying throes of a world, played back like a memory, already destroyed and waiting for the never-ending stretch of existence to finally whittle away to nothing under the duress of existing in a black

hole.

Depression isn't so different than that: a projection of yourself onto the shell of who you are, your body smiling and laughing on cue while internally your existence is stretched so thin you begin to wonder if it ever existed at all.

At first you think that it's impossible: how would you feel, and breathe, and walk, and talk, and do anything at all if the world was merely a recording? You can't deny the fleeting tickle that comes with the brush of your finger under your nose, the way the breeze tosses your hair and makes you shiver. These facts are undeniable, and yet --

Perhaps the idea that we are slowly stretching ourselves out of existence is the truth. Or at the very least, an unpleasant metaphor better left ignored.

Depression isn't so different from that: an unpleasant metaphor better left ignored, if you have the strength left in you to do that.

Unfortunately, it isn't so simple, to ignore yourself. Much like you can't ignore the howl of a wolf late at night, or the way the earth trembles like the world is ending.

Waving at the stars

ANONYMOUS CREATIVE SUBMISSION

Staring out of my window on a warm but breezy night, the smell of the ocean is poignant in my nostrils, but as a child of eleven years old, I focused on the visual.

Perhaps it was just my imagination, but I could have sworn that the star moved, not like a shooter, or a comet. It just seemed to wave at me in a celestial greeting. Was this my imagination getting the better of me? Perhaps, but I chose to think that the star had seen me too, had felt my stare as cold as the breath of Mars. I had spoken to a star, and what child of eleven years old could say that?

It was my star. And I was its child. What a thought! I never told anyone about my star, but whenever anyone pointed out shooters from then on, I was unimppressed. I had something better to wish upon.

Perhaps this was a pattern. I also believed that I had the unique ability to see little blurs of color on my retina, little spots of magic, I told myself. I had the unique ability to see fairies, I told myself. When I was fifteen I discovered a word that disproved my theory. It was on Tumblr,

and I found a post about "floaters." Apparently I had eye deficiencies and needed to see an eye doctor. But my vision is superb, so I disregarded the post. In fact, my vision was above average, because I was able to entertain myself with vibrant colors that no one else could see.

I made the choice as a teenager to believe that the phenomena I experienced was truly supernatural. It's a better alternative to believing I have an eye deficiency when the eye clinic had always told me my vision was 20/20.

One thing I have taken from my childhood is that I don't have to accept the conventional self-diagnosis.

I am as capable of creating meaning as a scientist or a doctor. At the end of the day, the elements are more than the definition. Stars are not only balls of burning gas, and floaters are not only deficiencies. They are the fuel of childhood fantasies, they are the raw materials of dreams. To know the universe in an authentic way, through first person rather than from a filter, that is how I choose to live. So I'll keep my star friend--and my fairies.

Stars lost in the dark

BY KATELYN LINDSEY
DESIGN EDITOR

Sometimes I see the stars fall in your eyes,
Like all the days and nights held on a line.
I wonder if you know the type of crime
The gods would pay to see what they comprise.
Your thoughts eclipse, blot out the morning's rise
On what your heart has yet let mind consign,
Of thoughts like comets raced along, divine.
Craters left by impacts - fingers on thighs,
Astral tails like chains across the soft dark.
I wonder if colliding stars should fall
For want of just a glimpse of all the spark
Which hides amongst the falling solar wall
You placed around your heart to hide the mark
Left by clumsy hands you can't recall.

A moonless night in Athens

ANONYMOUS STUDENT SUBMISSION

Moon sisters
looking for their mother
but amid the electric stars of Ancient
Greece
her nighttime kiss could not be found
they called to their mother
singing lyrics she had taught.
pierced the air as the cosmic twins
skipped and frolicked along empty
streets
and when in their dance they were caught
strangers obliged toxins and conversation.
Of their mission they digressed to hear

vibrating strings and sip
Sacred libations.
Though tavern lights were warm
and their bellies full
The kin yearned for a mother's midnight
kiss.
Yet amid the electric stars of Ancient
Greece
Mother Moon's face was nowhere to be
found
but in the silence of the night
with beams smooth like milk and honey
she embraced her daughters in their beds.

Editorials

Starbucks introduces fall flavors to GGC

BY IMANI EDGECOMBE
MEDIA MANAGER

Grizzlies should know that they will not miss any of their favorite seasonal drinks on campus.

"The Starbucks menu follows the national menu. So if you see it on the street then you are going to see it in our store," Director of Auxiliary Services Victoria Hanson said.

Not only do Grizzlies get the full Starbucks menu, but they might even experience it early, as Hanson explained that "the pumpkin spice latte was nationally introduced and (GGC) did start a few days early."

As someone who goes to Starbucks everyday and gets the same order every time, I decided to switch up my usual orders and to try the fall season drinks.

I recommend the Pumpkin Spice latte for those who are getting into fall now. The Pumpkin Spice has cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, steamed milk, & espresso topped with Pumpkin spice to give it that nice, spicy fall flavor. The drink is very

sweet and you can get it cold.

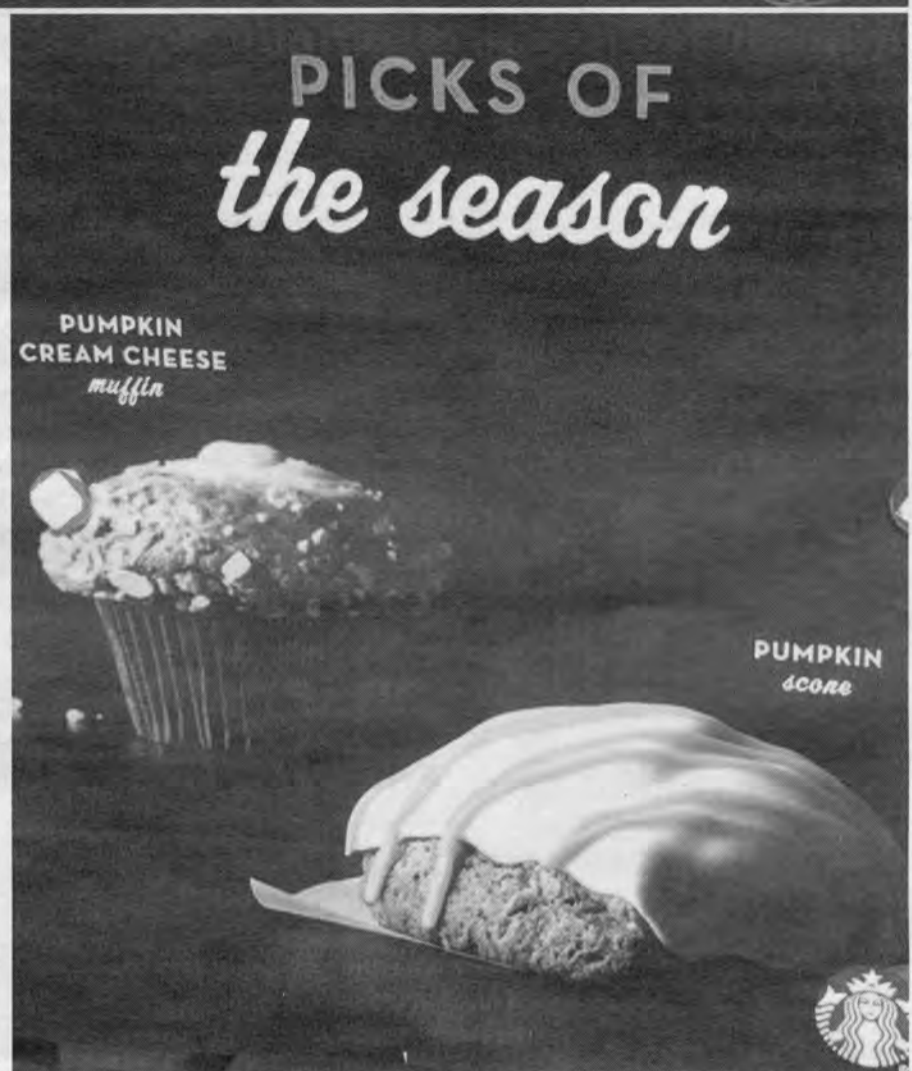
I also recommend the Chile Mocha frappuccino, since I also get this drink everyday. The Chile Mocha frappuccino has milk, brewed espresso, & whipped cream with chili mocha powder and spiced mocha topping. The Chile Mocha has a sweet taste and the spice heats the tongue with the first sip.

"Starbucks is also doing a sneak peek. They are doing a Frappula for Halloween in October," said Stacey Watkins, the Marketing Coordinator of Grizzly Dining.

With a Starbucks fall season drink in hand, I feel excited about the upcoming season. But it should also be exciting for other students as well because it's great that the GGC Starbucks on campus has seasonal drinks, like other Starbucks, to go along with the four seasons.

I interviewed a student at Starbucks and asked about her opinion on the new drinks.

"I like their fall season drinks. I think it's good," said Nia Le, 25, Biology major.



Advertisement outside of the campus starbucks
Photo Credit, Imani Edgcombe

College Hacks

BY AMY WARNER
STUDENT SUBMISSION

Here are a few hacks to make this new semester easier!

Waking up late? Try putting your phone in a glass cup in order to make your alarm go off louder. You can also put your alarm across the room so you have to get up to turn it off.

Parking problems? Get a few friends together who come and leave at the same time as you, and all park far away. Then get in one car together, now you are looking for one good spot and not four! Keep in mind classes often end at fifteen or forty-five minutes past the hour, which means students will be coming out and leaving empty spots.

Missing a class? If you know you are going to miss a class, tell a friend to record the class on their phone so you can listen to it later. Also, make sure that you get the contact information from a couple of "good" students who seem to pay close attention. That way when you miss class, you can call them about the work you missed.

Feeling overwhelmed? Smelling an orange can have a stress-relieving effect on people. If you don't want to keep oranges around just to smell, you can try using orange essential oils in a diffuser, this will also make you feel energized.

Accidentally close your tab on a computer? If you are on a PC, you can press control, shift, and t all at the same time and your tab will re-open.

Computer getting grimy from all this schoolwork? Try using the sticky side of a sticky note to clean in between those keys!

All-around hack: A lot of issues are caused by dehydration, so make sure you are drinking plenty in this HOT weather!

Gaspocalypse

BY KATIE CHOY
STUDENT SUBMISSION

For the past week, gas stations have seen a spike in business as Georgians frantically search for gas stations that have not run dry. Earlier in the week, GGC students may have even noticed a reduction in class attendance, presumably due to the shortage. The culprit was a leak in Colonial Pipeline's chief gasoline line in Alabama. The media has been following the situation closely, and causing more undue stress than the situation calls for.

As a Lawrenceville resident who drives daily in different areas of Gwinnett County, I have not experienced any difficulty finding gas. I drive daily to different areas of the county—for work, school, and miscellaneous errands—and in that time, I have only seen one gas station out of service. Lines have certainly been longer at other gas stations, as people wait to fill up their vehicles, and when I filled up over the weekend, the process felt like a race that everyone knew about but no one was talking about. Drivers seemed to race each other to the pump with the shortest line, sometimes parking in front of the line in hopes of squeezing in. The uncertainty of the situation has reduced human behavior



Mining retention ponds near the site of a leak in Colonial Pipeline's Line 1
Photo Credit, Colonial Pipeline

to an every-man-for-himself attitude. The resulting frenzy is not unlike every winter's "Snowpocalypse" that results in empty bread and milk shelves. Aside from the wait, gas prices have risen about a quarter since the shortage was announced. Although there have been a few reports of gas stations gouging prices, I have not seen prices beyond \$2.40 per gallon of regular unleaded fuel in my trips

around Gwinnett.

The faulty pipeline was repaired as of Tuesday, and fuel was flowing into Georgia again on Wednesday. Already I have noted a slight decrease in prices, three to four cents per gallon. Hopefully, as things return to normal, prices will continue to drop and filling up will go back to being an easy, five-minute process.

Editorials



Letter from the Editor

Hello,

It's that time again. The time that the editors, reporters and constituents of The Globe have been work so hard for. The newspaper is in stands again just in time for the leaves to start falling and creating that lovely ombre effect in the trees. What is The Globe up to these days?

As some of you may know, we are preparing room E3151 of the student center for The Globe's new office. When that's done we will celebrate with a chartering ceremony at which time we will have an open house and give students, faculty, and staff the chance to take a tour and see what we've done with the place. I will announce the dates in my next letter.

As for The Globe's operations on campus, we are invested in expand-

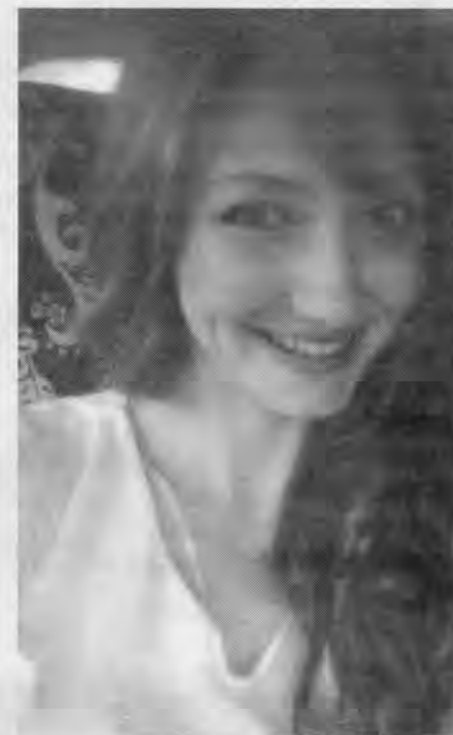
ing our staff. We are looking for new reporters to cover beats on campus. A beat is a section of news stories; for example, police stories are beats. We need students who are eager to create ties with the faculty in the department of the beat they choose, and we want students who show traits of a team member. We need someone who is invested in the organization's success and is willing to go above and beyond to see that we succeed. It may seem like we expect a lot, but the rewards will speak for themselves. The experience one will gain from being part of The Globe is invaluable, as it creates a line of networking opportunities and experience.

Anyone who is interested in writing for The Globe should attend our news writing, reporting and Journalistic

Ethics training sessions. The Globe's advisors, Dr. Vollaro and Dr. Sepulveda, have agreed to teach these. We will meet in room E3151 from 11-1 pm with Dr Sepulveda on October 5th. Dr. Vollaro will teach the next session to be held in the same place on October 13.

The Globe is committed to creating a voice for the students, so give us your input! If you want to see something change in The Globe, if you want to read certain kinds of stories, just shoot me an email. We are committed to ensuring that we cover the issues that students care about and to providing a reliable news source for the campus.

Sincerely,
Julie Thompson



Julie Thompson
Photo Credit, Julie Thompson

Pokemon Go in the Avenue

BY ALEJANDRO URIBE
STAFF REPORTER

It's nighttime in Snellville, and usually this means the shops and restaurants are closing. People are leaving an outside shopping center but another group's adventures are just commencing a group of people who classify themselves as "Pokemon Go Players."

One by one, cars start to pull into "The Avenue," the shopping center with sidewalks and marked trails. Next thing you know, it's past midnight, but there are over 40 cars parked and over 60 people walking, skating, or using any means of transportation to catch Pokemon. I know what you are thinking, "Wow, just a bunch of grown kids with nothing better to do." That statement is inaccurate. Most people I have met on these nights are

trainers who just finished their work shift. People play for hours on end trying to catch as many rare Pokemon as they can.

On one of the many nights Playing Pokemon go at The Avenue I was looking for a Snorlax (a rare pokemon nearby). After spending 5 minutes looking around I still had not found anything. I saw a group of people in the corner of my eye and I approached them.

I asked, "Hey have you seen this Pokemon?" They told me where it was, and after I captured it I went back to the group of people to thank them. I then introduced myself, and next thing I knew, I made six new friends just like that.

I ended up hanging out with them as the weeks passed during the summer and to this day I still talk to each one of them. It amazed me and everyone else

playing this game how easy it was to make friends. Even if you did not end up being friends with someone, you still had fun meeting them. Although it is not possible to be friends with everyone, socializing is very important because talking to people is part of life.

My experience at The Avenue made me feel comfortable speaking out to strangers and helped me be less shy and afraid. I have met a lot of people playing Pokemon Go. Some interactions were short, while others led to conversations and friendships that otherwise would have not formed. A conversation can start with something about a game and can end up with the two people talking about other hobbies and interests. If I'm making dozens of friends over the summer, so were the other millions of people playing Pokemon Go.

I was playing this phenomenon of an app for a week when it hit me: if it wasn't for this game, I would probably be at home watching TV by myself. This game brought me together with many people. We started to become more social. I made friends that I would have never met before Pokemon Go. We all knew school would start soon, and the fun would end. One thing that didn't have to end was the experiences I had and the social skills I gained. Many trainers who started playing never talked to many people or bothered to start conversations with strangers, but this game gave them that chance to be social... and everyone did just that. Being social is very important in today's society and an app that encourages you to be more social is a great step to fostering a closer community.

Georgia Gwinnett College: a campus without edges

BY KATELYN LINDSEY
DESIGN EDITOR

Getting involved in the community sounds like a heavy burden, but Georgia Gwinnett College's Environmental Club can act as an easy introduction into learning how to better care about the community.

The Environmental Club has several opportunities available for GGC students who are interested in a more active role in promoting a healthy and environmentally aware community.

Along with a community garden, the Environmental Club is the driving force behind the school's participation in Gwinnett County's Adopt-A-Stream program and the yearly Recyclemania competition.

"Identify the smaller things," Brandon Seay, president of GGC's Environmental Club said. "It's not that you shouldn't do the bigger things, but that the smaller things are easier to do. Usually smaller

incremental changes can be maintained for longer, and then we can build on those."

These changes can be sincerely small - as small as taking the extra time to throw away your plastic Starbucks cup into the green recycling bins instead of into the general trash. Even this seemingly insignificant action has positive repercussions. A huge part of environmentalism is in setting an example so that the others around you follow suit and take the same steps to maintain a healthy environment. Seay explained the concept as a world without edges, where the act of one individual can have impact through the world in a very simple but no less meaningful way.

"With technology and social media, an individual's actions can go much further. Everything is interconnected now, in some way, and so what you do here can have a ripple effect, and somebody who notices a good policy can then try it

in their community."

For those who are interested in taking a more active role in the community here at GGC, the Environmental Club has several opportunities.

One of the events GGC takes part in is Recyclemania, where the school is put into friendly competition with other colleges around the globe. Schools are ranked based on their recycling levels per capita, which school generates the least waste, and which school has the best recycling rate. Last year, GGC managed to reduce greenhouse gasses by 70 metric tons of CO₂, which is the equivalent of taking 14 cars off the road.

Other, more localized ways to affect change and promote environmental stewardship are Gwinnett County's Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Stream systems. GGC's Environmental Club has adopted a stream of its own: Tree Creek. "We've been actively monitoring

Tree Creek for a few months," Seay said, "and when you sign up for adopt a stream, you sign up for a year. As part of that, you do stream cleanups, and we're looking to do one or two clean ups this year." These cleanups involve going to the creek and measuring the pH levels of the water, which might be of particular interest for science majors looking to get out into the field.

"I think as a student and a county resident, the common mission is to support the environment," Seay said. "I would encourage people to find a way to get involved, whether it be through through Environmental Club or an environmental program with another club."

For any students interested in participating, the Environmental Club meets from 2pm to 3pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in room E-3116 or as specified on their Get Involved page.



Dr. Darin Wilson Named NAIA Athletics Director of the Year

BY TY MERROW
DEPUTY COPY EDITOR

Director of Athletics was selected as the The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The NAIA bestowed this honor to Dr. Wilson for his leadership, innovation, and within collegiate athletics. Wilson was also recognized for upholding the NAIA's mission, which is to offer character-driven intercollegiate athletics and to uphold the five core values of Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship, and Servant Leadership.

"I am extremely humbled to receive this honor from the NAIA," Wilson said. "There are many outstanding athletic directors across the country who could have also received this award. To be chosen by my peers is truly something special."

This is the second year Dr. Wilson has received the NAI award. Wilson received the Director of the Year award when he worked at Union College in Barbourville, KY during the 2010-2011 academic year, according to a press release from Ja-



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son Hendrix, GGC's Director of Sports Information.

Dr. Wilson has accumulated many awards in the past few years. He was named the Association of Independent Institutions' Athletics Director of the Year for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, was twice recognized by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) as the Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year 2009-2010 for Union College and 2014-2015 for GGC.

Under Dr. Wilson's supervision, GGC has collected a .782 winning

percentage (165-42-4), winning NAIA National Championships in men's tennis (3) and women's tennis (2) and the Association of Independent Institutions' (A.I.I.) championships for men's soccer (2), baseball (2), softball, and men's tennis(2) according to Hendrix's press release.

Twenty-six student athletes were placed on the All-Conference team. In addition, GGC brought home 16 NAIA All-American selections and four Coach of the Year awards. Capping the successful season, two baseball players were selected in

the 2016 MLB First Year Player Draft.

"Under Dr. Wilson's leadership, GGC has won five national championships and seven conference titles and has produced 47 All-Americans, one National Player of the Year, and six MLB drafts," GGC's president, Dr. Stas Preczewski, said.

"It is astounding that a new intercollegiate program can achieve such a record in its first four years, while maintaining high academic and community service standards. Dr. Wilson has established a game-changing culture of winning both on and off the field," Preczewski said.

Dr. Wilson is currently active as the president of the A.I.I, a member of the National Administrative Council where he serves on the Executive Committee and is the chair of the Rules, Ratings, and Statistics Committee, and continues his duties on the NAIA-Athletics Directors Association's (ADA) Executive Committee as past president for 2016-2017.

Mid-Season Q&A with Steve DeCou

BY TY MERROW
DEPUTY COPY EDITOR

The Grizzlies men's soccer team had a 3-3 win/loss record with one tie in September 2016 which marks the halfway point for its fifth season.

The team has acquired new assistant coaches Stephen Magennis and Claudin Dalle Siakam and 11 new players. Head coach Steven DeCou is looking for another double digit wins season and more.

DeCou spoke to The Globe about the team's current progress, new members, and the goals for the remainder of the season.

Q: The team is six games into the season (at the time of this interview). What are your goals for the remainder of the season?

A: "Championships. That's the goal. That's not the point of emphasis every day. The emphasis is on the process. Are we getting better as a team? Are we improving all aspects of our game? We don't talk about championships; we talk about improving the one percent every day."

Q: The roster features 16 returning players and 11 new ones. Who do you have that's new that you're really excited about?

A: "I think you'd have to go first and foremost with Cameron St. Prix Mitchell, a senior transfer from Ashford University. Cam's an attacking center midfielder, a dynamic player. He's quick, powerful, and scores goals."

"Then there's Jumar Oakley, a freshman from the Atlanta area. He's done very well for us. There's Myles Barber, a University of Virginia transfer who redshirted there last year."

"Malik Thornell, another local guy. We've got a great balance of the international flavor as well as Georgia boys who are really coming in and helping us."

Q: What do you think have been the keys to the team's victories so far this year?

A: "Just hard work and executing the game plan. We've stuck to what we're supposed to do, and that's the reason we've won."

Q: Do you consider the team more of a defensive or offensive threat?

A: "I want balance with both. I want us to be offensive in that we're creating chances. I also want us defensive; I want clean sheets, no goals against. You have to have a balance. Great teams do both. They score goals and don't concede. You do that, you're going to win championships."

Q: As far as your defense goes, it definitely helps having Lewis Sharpe (goalie) out there.

A: "Oh yeah. When you get a 6'6" player, cleans up everything in the air, great shot stopper, great leader, great student...He's the poster boy of what you want at Georgia Gwinnett Athletics. When other teams walk in, they look at him like, "Oh boy, you know you've got to be good to beat him." That gives us one step in the right direction before the game's even kicked off."

Q: Coming back home after two losses in Nebraska, what has the team been working on?

A: "Offensive and defensive shape. Some of the things we did in our buildup or the way we tried to move the ball around pulled guys a little bit out of position, which led to turnovers, which led to more work on the defensive end. When you have to do extra work defensively, which we were having to do at too many times that weekend, then we started to have some fatigue and breakdowns, which led to the other teams' goals. Dealing with shape on both sides of the ball is what's really helped us get to where we need to be against our future opponents."

Q: What are you looking forward to the most for the remainder of the season?

A: "We have to be consistent, determined, and ruthless. Consistent that no matter the situation, no matter the time, I know my players are going to do what they're supposed to. Determined that they're going to just get after it. Ruthless that when they get those opportunities, they're just going to put teams away. The midfield, they're going to make their passes. The defenders are going to defend like they're supposed to, and Sharpie's going to stop the shots. We do those three things, then the score takes care of itself."

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Q: What are you looking forward to the most for the remainder of the season?

A: "I got asked this question by Matt (Mahony) in the Grizzlies Live on Wednesday (9/14/16), "What other than a win is acceptable?" It goes back to that first point I made. We don't really talk about the wins. We talk about the process. If everybody does their job, then at the end of the 90 minutes, we should be ahead on the scoreboard. We have to be consistent, determined, and ruthless. Consistent that no matter the situation, no matter the time, I know my players are going to do what they're supposed to. Determined that they're going to just get after it. Ruthless that when they get those opportunities, they're just going to put teams away. The midfield, they're going to make their passes. The defenders are going to defend like they're supposed to, and Sharpie's going to stop the shots. We do those three things, then the score takes care of itself."

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