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If you have been reading our news in past issues of *The Cadence*, you are well aware that Georgia Military College is advancing proudly and relentlessly into the future, with progress evident at every turn.

Readily observable is the fact that attractive, state-of-the-art facilities are becoming a reality on all six of GMC's campuses across the state of Georgia, serving a population of more than 5,000 junior college commuter students. And, on the Milledgeville campus, anticipation continues to build as we make plans for groundbreaking on the new preparatory school building, accommodating 500 students in grades 6-12, during Alumni Weekend - on October 17 at 4:00 p.m., to be exact.

I feel compelled to share with you, though, that perhaps the most exciting news of all is the increasing involvement of alumni with the institution. Receptions across the state in places such as Callaway Gardens, St. Simons Island, Statesboro, and Augusta have been quite well attended, and, at each gathering, the enthusiasm for GMC and its continued success has been palpable. As a result of renewed interest, numerous graduating classes are making plans for reunions in October in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. Some alumni have become involved with recruitment of students, and others with grant funding efforts. Several are leading campaigns for various projects and initiatives. The word is spreading that there are opportunities for all sorts of involvement, and GMC alumni are stepping up to the challenge.

How gratifying it is to observe that our alumni respect and honor the legacy of this great institution. And, even more so, that their enthusiasm is spreading across our state...our country...and, indeed, I have to say, even our world, as I recall the soldier in Iraq who contacted us desiring to make his annual gift!

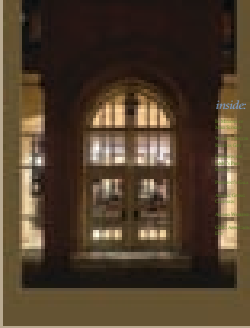
I encourage you to connect with the staff of the Advancement Office. Contact us with your news, updates, and suggestions. Let us know of your interests and your willingness to become involved. Take another look at Georgia Military College. We're in the business of changing lives . . . and we'd love having you join us.

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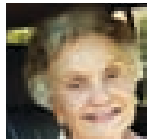
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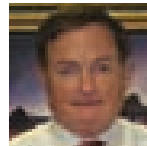
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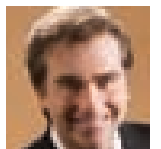
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A PROMISING FUTURE

Grand Tattoo tradition honors alumni dedicated to 'GMC's Promise'

With cadets lined in perfect formation on the parade grounds for GMC's seventh annual Grand Tattoo, a steady drumbeat marked the entrance of elaborately-adorned bagpipers, the GMC Color Guard and Drill Team. As the solemn sounds of the bagpipes filled the crisp spring air, the national col-

ors were formally retired in full military ceremony, reminiscent of a tradition born of Scotland years before.

Much like the Scottish Tattoo ceremony originally served to call its soldiers home at day's end, this year's Tattoo event at GMC served to call some of its esteemed alumni back to help fulfill a promise for future generations of GMC cadets.

They watched from the steps of the Old Capitol, not far from where GMC will construct its newest addition to the campus - a 78,575-square-foot academic building for the prep school. Though no ground has yet been broken, it is the financial pledges of those committed to its vision that will make it a reality.

Even before securing \$20 million from the state that would guarantee the addi-





Top right, from left, Maj. Gen. Peter J. Boylan and wife Kathy were joined by distinguished guests Fran and W.J. 'Bill' Usery Jr. on the reviewing stand during the Grand Tattoo parade. Below, John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums.



tion of the new building, alumni were already investing in "GMC's Promise: The Campaign for Georgia Military Prep School."

"We had so many early commitments, which just showed that they had faith it was going to happen," said Elizabeth Sheppard, Vice President for Advancement. "The results of the campaigns prove they believe in GMC and in what's being done for the students."

To date, the fund raising committee finds itself way ahead in its quest to raise over \$1.4 million through naming opportunities for the new building. On the heels of an initial donation of \$1 million by GMC alumnus and former Secretary of Labor W.J. "Bill" Usery Jr., other alumni have donated or pledged over \$293,500 of the remaining \$401,000.

Usery and other major contributors were recognized for their efforts during a black-tie reception following the retiring of the colors held in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol.

The momentous evening was marked by the presentation of the \$1 million check by Usery. Usery, who graduated from GMC in 1940, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and went on to become one of the nation's top labor relations leaders as Secretary of Labor under the Ford Administration, credits his success to his family, faith and the foundation he received at GMC.

Growing up during the Great Depression in Hardwick, Usery wore

his patched-up, second-hand uniform proudly, never underestimating the sacrifice of his family who worked to make sure he could attend GMC.

He exited the gates of GMC in 1940 and entered a world on the brink of war. And like so many of his fellow cadets, dutifully entered the Armed Forces to serve his country in World War II, working on a Navy repair ship in the Pacific.

Realizing how fortunate he was to be able to return home and once again walk through the gates at GMC, Usery made the decision to dedicate his life to the betterment of his country. While studying law at Mercer University and working at Armstrong Cork in Macon, he was introduced into the world of organized labor and ultimately went on to pursue a career in labor/management relations. This career took him to the White House and around the world, championing the causes of American workers regardless of race, creed, sex or religion.

He became the close friend of U.S. Presidents and labor leaders throughout the country and heads of corporations throughout the world. As President Nixon's Assistant Secretary of Labor and later President Ford's Secretary of Labor, he negotiated some of the nation's most crucial labor disputes during an era of evolution for the U.S. workforce. After leaving government, he established Bill Usery



Associates Inc. and continued his work as one of the nation's top mediators, settling major disputes from the coal mines to Major League Baseball fields.

His is a life that epitomizes the watch words "Duty, Honor and Country" that were instilled in him during his days at GMC.

"I have come to realize that the great GMC legacy must be preserved and extended



far into the future," wrote Usery in his message as honorary chair of "GMC's Promise" campaign. "Among the things America needs at this critical time in its history, probably the most important, is to be able to call on future generations who will put Duty, Honor and Country first, and will possess the character, intellect, integrity and leadership skills that only an institution like GMC provides."

It is his hope, Usery said, that his contribution will enable countless other students to benefit from the education and opportunity provided by GMC, as he did, for many more years to come.

Upon accepting the \$1 million donation, GMC President Maj. Gen. Peter J. Boylan announced that the new prep school will bear the name "Usery Hall" in honor of WJ Usery Jr., one of GMC's most distinguished alumni.

"Future generations of students will be affected by the history of the person who endowed this building," said Boylan, "and thus their lives will reflect the qualities that Mr. Usery has so manifested through a life of service to his country."

And though his life has included six presidential appointments, distinguished military service and a successful private sector career, Usery said he could think of no greater honor than to have his name on a building at GMC.

Other major gift contributors were introduced and recognized for their support during the reception by prep school principal Col. John Thornton.

He announced the new prep school's Health Services Center will be named in honor of Maj. and Mrs. J. Luther Ferguson thanks to the \$30,000 donation contributed by their children, Dr. John Ferguson (HS '61, JC '63), David E. Ferguson (HS '65) and Judith Ann Smith.

Maj. Ferguson served as a dean and science instructor at GMC from the early '40s to the late '60s. His son, Dr. John Ferguson said GMC was always an important part of his family's life, and continues to be today. So when the opportunity arose to give back to their alma mater, he and his siblings rose to the occasion.

"We felt like contributing to GMC was something we really wanted to do," said Ferguson. "And it was a great way to honor our parents as well." As a den-

tist, Ferguson said he felt like the new Health Center should be the focus of his support.

Dr. George Echols, who graduated in 1948 from the high school and in 1950 from the junior college and spent his career in pediatric medicine, donated \$30,000 toward the prep school's new biology lab.

Echols said he and his wife have very close ties to GMC - it was where they met and where her mother taught for over 40 years. So when the opportunity came to give back, he said they wanted to "jump right in" and do as much as possible.

Echols not only pledged his monetary support for the new building, but also took on the role as chairman for the GMC's Promise campaign - an honor, he said, to work toward bettering the school that gave him, and so many others, their start in life.

"For many of us out there in my generation, we feel like we owe our school a lot," said Echols. "For me and others, I was provided a very firm foundation to pursue my life and my career."

Knowing the importance of GMC to her husband James and to her whole family over the years, Beeger Baugh made the decision to contribute \$30,000 toward the school's new Music Suite.

As a former art teacher at Georgia College and Baldwin High School, Baugh understands the roles music and art play in a well-rounded curriculum for today's students. She said she decided to focus on the new music suite because music and art never quite get the emphasis of other academic subjects. "It's the cultural things that make life worthwhile," she said. "They make life more interesting and fulfilling and give students the opportunity to see a larger world."

Mr. Asbury Stenbridge, a 1948 graduate of the high school and 1951 graduate of the junior college, donated funds for the computer lab to be named in honor of his wife, Charlotte, a retired teacher who served Georgia students for over 30 years.

Stenbridge said he chose to contribute to the campaign to reflect not only the value of his wife's life-long teaching career but the value of his own education received at GMC. "If not for GMC, I would not be where I am



W.J. 'Bill' Usery Jr. addresses guests at the Tattoo reception.



Dr. George Echols, chairman of 'GMC's Promise' campaign.



The legislative chamber provided an elegant setting for the Tattoo festivities. Guests enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and music by the Classic City Strings.

today," he said. "I was able to get a good education at GMC, and though I received my undergraduate degree from Mercer, GMC built the foundation for me. They are doing such a tremendous job at GMC, even more so than when I was there years ago."

And, inspired by her husband's strong dedication to GMC, Fran Usery contributed her own \$25,000 for the school's Conference Room. Though she never walked through the gates at GMC as a graduate, Echols said her contribution is especially appreciated because of her commitment to join the GMC family. Usery said she was immediately struck by the caliber of cadets she encountered after visiting the GMC campus. She was able to see how the legacy of character, lived out by her husband, continues to be the cornerstone of his alma mater. It's something, she feels, should be found in all schools today.

The significant financial support of these contributors was not the only thing celebrated at the Grand Tattoo event. The ongoing efforts of the prep school campaign leaders were also recognized during the reception. It was their mission, Echols said, that became GMC's Promise. The committee includes Usery as

honorary chair, Echols as campaign chair and committee members Inez Hawkins, Bill Craig, Pam Grant and Col. Thornton.

Echols said that from its inception – sketches of President Boylan's vision – the committee has supported the master plan for a new prep school and will soon be able to join Boylan in breaking ground on the actual facility in October.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 17 during Alumni Weekend. It will signify the prep school's transition into a state-of-the-art facility slated for completion in 2010 that Boylan said is "being designed to last a century."

Its exterior design will reflect the surrounding Gothic-style buildings on the capital square. The 78,575-square-foot, three-story facility will house 36 classrooms and laboratories for grades six through 12.

The new prep school will allow GMC to consolidate its middle school and high school which currently utilize classrooms in five different buildings. It will essentially replace the outdated Jenkins Hall, which was built in 1926.

GMC high school student Julianna Grant,

who will be in the first graduating class to occupy the new prep school, joined fellow classmates Christen Cox, Jalen Smith and Timothy Seo at the Grand Tattoo event to represent the Class of 2011. "From the plans I've seen, I know that the new prep school will be state-of-the-art, and we will have an even better environment in which to learn," said Grant.

Grant follows in the footsteps of a long line of family association with GMC. Her grandfather graduated from the prep school and the junior college. Her mother, Pam Grant, taught at the prep school for 18 years before serving as the assistant principal for the past three years. Her sister Jessica graduated in 2005. And, she said she is looking forward to continuing this tradition when she graduates in 2011.

For those committed to GMC's Promise, their support will insure this tradition of excellence at GMC continues for years to come.

For information on how to become a part of GMC's Promise through remaining naming opportunities, contact Elizabeth Sheppard or Sally Throver in the Office of Advancement at (478) 445-2692.

(Contributed by Andrea Gable, HS '96)



Guests at the Tattoo reception.



Maj. Gen. Boylan and Mr. Bill Usery.



Dr. Les Hough, left, and daughter Beth Hough talk with Melvin Usery.



Above: Dr. Mike Holmes. Right: Col. John Thornton, principal of the prep school.



2008 Grand Tattoo

Award Recipients

Grand Tattoo

During the Seventh Annual Grand Tattoo and Command Retreat President Peter J. Boylan honored Georgia Military College faculty members who distinguished themselves during the school year 2007-2008. GMC began formally recognizing a Junior College Faculty Member of the Year in 1996. The GMC Preparatory School Teacher of the Year was first recognized in 1998. The GMC Character Educator of the Year was first recognized in 2004.

GMC-Major Charles Harbor

was the GMC Preparatory School Teacher of the Year. Major Harbor was cited for representing the values, ideals, and caring nature essential to successfully teaching the youth of our preparatory school.



GMC-Atlanta Professor Heyward Washington

was the GMC Junior College Faculty Member of the Year. Professor Washington was cited for representing the values, ideals, and caring nature essential to successfully teaching the youth of our college.



GMC-Atlanta Professor Jeffery Wells

was the GMC Junior College Character Educator of the Year. Professor Wells teaches at the GMC-Atlanta campus. Professor Wells was cited for elevating student understanding of ethics and for the creative and innovative manner in which he inspired students to value ethical behavior.



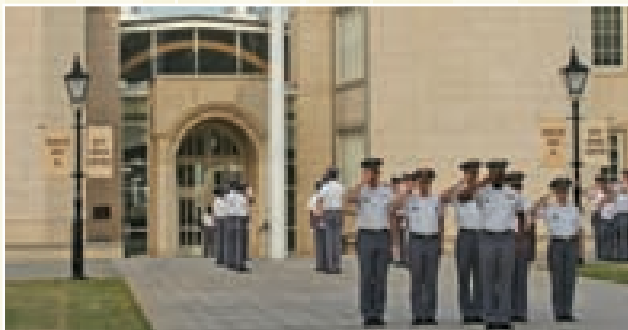
GMC-Major Emily Fairbrass

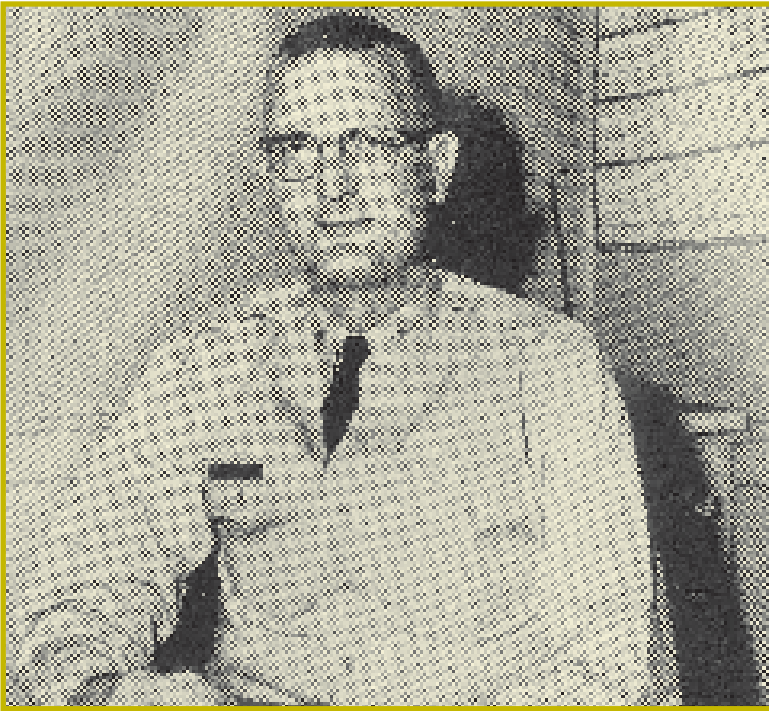
was the GMC Preparatory School Character Educator of the Year. Major Fairbrass was cited for elevating student understanding of ethics and for the creative and innovative manner in which she has inspired students to value ethical behavior. GMC-Major Emily Fairbrass is coach of the Preparatory School Odyssey-of-the-Mind team, which was in Columbus, Georgia competing for a state championship. Accepting the award for Major Fairbrass was her mother, Mrs. Kathy Boylan.



Mr. George Hogan, Vice Chairman of the GMC Board of Trustees and **Mr. Bill Craig**, Chairman of the GMC Foundation, assisted **President Boylan** with the presentations.

Each award recipient was presented with The President's Award for Excellence medallion, a check for \$500, a GMC Certificate of Achievement, and an engraved watch presented by the GMC Foundation.





GMC President, MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.), has commented, "I have had many graduates refer to this man as one of the more instrumental people who affected their lives. I dare say that there would be a substantial number of alumni who would wish to contribute to the growth of that endowment."

1960's GMC Cadet Anonymously Establishes \$100,000 Endowment Honoring Former Commandant

A former cadet has stepped forward to establish a scholarship endowment honoring the legacy of Colonel William McCord Kemp, who gave extraordinary service to Georgia Military College for thirty-five years. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, was a cadet at GMC under the leadership of Colonel Bill Kemp (at the time, Major Kemp) as Commandant of Cadets. The former cadet explained, "It was the contributions he made as Commandant for so many of us that I will never forget, and which have resulted in this honor of his memory. He was also a great, memorable teacher of mine, but as Commandant he was superb in many ways, having impacted the lives of so many individuals at a very critical time."

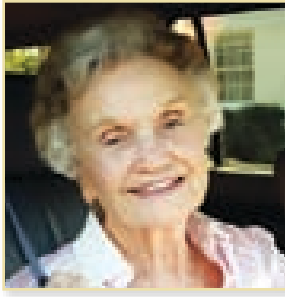
Colonel Kemp joined the GMC faculty in 1955-56, teaching history, political science, and world literature in the junior college and then becoming Commandant of Cadets in the fall of 1957. He served the institution well in many capacities until his retirement at the close of the academic year in 1990. In an article for a previous issue of *The Cadence* celebrating Colonel Kemp's service at GMC and commemorating his passing in 1995, A. Alling Jones, HS '59, wrote, "Bill Kemp had a strong sense of right and wrong based on values he taught his students,

as much by the way he lived and conducted himself as by any other method. He knew the mind of the adolescent male and seemed to be everywhere, all the time. He would anticipate the most secretly planned pranks and thwart any midnight forays which might arise among the corps of cadets. Underneath his Olympian facade was a truly caring man concerned that his wards grow to become upright, responsible adults. We always respected his rule of order, looking up to him as a father figure in many instances. With the passage of time we have come to feel a deep affection for him and the wise ways, often underlined with subtle humor, by which he imparted the knowledge and code of conduct he always knew we would need later in life."

The Colonel William M. Kemp Scholarship Endowment will provide a scholarship annually to a second-year junior college cadet who has demonstrated a high degree of motivation and integrity, and possesses the potential for future success if given some financial assistance. It is the intent of the donor that the scholarship honoring Colonel Kemp's memory "...would always maintain the high standards that he set and demanded of his students, as demonstrated by the future achievements and successes of those receiving it."

Those wishing to make donations to the Colonel William M. Kemp Scholarship Endowment should send their gifts, noting their intent, to the

GMC Foundation,
201 E. Greene St.,
Milledgeville, GA
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Charlotte Edwards Thames



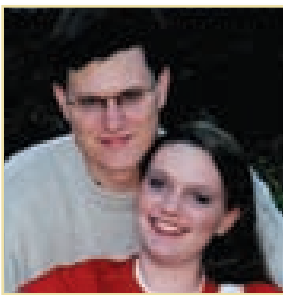
Leann Hardy

Charlotte Edwards Thames Scholarship

Leann Hardy of Milledgeville was recently awarded the Charlotte Edwards Thames Scholarship. This scholarship was established by family and friends to benefit a student seeking to pursue a career in education.

Charlotte Edwards Thames grew up in Claxton, Georgia, and was the youngest of six children. Surrounded by a large extended family of well-educated people, she was nurtured in the importance of relationships, family and education. Charlotte's life was dedicated to the care and teaching of the very young and her legacy will live on through this scholarship.

"This will help me on my path to becoming a great teacher and help touch the lives of the students that walk through my classroom. I will enjoy helping children reach their full potential without considering teaching just a job." -- Leann Hardy



Phillip & Amanda Smith



Dawn Hayward

Amanda Smith Scholarship

Dawn Hayward, a Prep School senior, has been awarded the Amanda Smith Scholarship.

"Without GMC I would not have been able to accomplish as much as I have. The scholarship has helped me in a tremendous way by allowing me to go back to a school that means so much to me." -- Dawn Hayward

The Amanda Smith Scholarship was established in memory of Amanda Smith who died in a car accident on May 29, 2004. Ms. Smith was married to Phillip Smith, formerly of Milledgeville, who graduated from GMC High School in 1992.

Dan Watkins Memorial Scholarship Awarded

Each winter term the Valdosta campus invites students to apply for the Dan Watkins Memorial Scholarship. They are also asked to submit an essay explaining why they would like to be considered for this award and the effect it would have on their college career if they were selected. Each application is reviewed by the Assistant Academic Dean, the Assistant Director, and the Financial Aid supervisor. The applications are then evaluated based on several factors including financial need, GPA, number of terms remaining at GMC, LSS requirements and finally their essay. **Serwa Collins, Yelena Prous, Jahan Muhamova, and Lashaunda McGhee** were chosen unanimously by the panel and each received \$500.

In a thank you letter written to Mary Beth Watkins, mother of the late Dan Watkins, Ms. Muhamova stated, *"When I graduated from high school I had to choose where to study, either in the Ukraine or in the U.S. When I found out that I was accepted to GMC, my mom hugged me and started crying; I was crying too. I could not believe that it happened to me. Now I am here and my parents are very proud that I am studying at GMC because they understand how hard it is to study in a foreign language. My parents will be very happy when I tell them I received the Dan Watkins Scholarship. Since I have never received any scholarship, this will be the first and the most important award for my parents and me."*

The Dan Watkins Memorial Scholarship was established by family and friends to honor the memory of Dan Watkins. A dedicated member of the GMC Valdosta Campus faculty who passed away in February 2004, Mr. Watkins served as the faculty advisor for the Student Government Association and the Honor Council.

Donations may be sent to the **Georgia Military College Office of Advancement, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061.**

The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship

GMC Junior College freshmen **Michael Eubanks** and **Will Grant** have been awarded The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship for 2008-2009. This scholarship is awarded annually to individuals who have demonstrated financial need and who have shown drive and focus in their high school career.



"I am very appreciative to this family for their generosity in providing assistance to GMC students. I hope that I will one day be able to give others the opportunities that I have been given."

-- Michael Eubanks



"The scholarship will help me immensely for my first fall quarter at GMC. I can concentrate on my studies more now that I won't have to work as much. This was a great gift. Thank you so much Mr. and Mrs. Tucker!"

-- Will Grant

Pass It On Scholarship

In 2004 the Pass It On Scholarship Fund was established by Dr. Ramona Rice, Chair of Natural Sciences, and Dr. Paula Payne, Vice President for Institutional Research and Planning. It was their desire to assist deserving students with the purchase of needed textbooks. Each recipient who benefits from the generosity of faculty and staff is asked to, at some time in life, "pass it on" through a generous deed toward someone else.

The Georgia Military College Pass It On Scholarship is available to non-traditional students currently enrolled. A non-traditional student has been out of high school for more than one

year, is currently employed (30-40 hours per week), and has family responsibilities. Students must have completed one quarter at GMC and earned a 2.0 GPA to be eligible. No more than \$200.00 is awarded to any student per year.

The recipients for 2007-2008 are **Jasmine Howard, Justine Duru, Joseph Rentz, Crystal Hughes, Dana Ford, and Joane Reddick.**

Anyone interested in making a gift or pledge to this scholarship should contact the **Office of Advancement** at 478-445-2692.

DUTY HONOR COUNTRY: Scholarships Established in Memory of GMC Cadets Killed in Action

David D. Settle, promoter of the *Milledgeville Thunder Rally*, recently presented a check to **MG Peter Boylan**, GMC President, **Robert Stokely** and **Sgt. Charles Crowder** for the scholarship funds established in honor of GMC Cadets **Sgt. Michael J. Stokely** and **Sgt. Chad M. Mercer** who were killed in action in 2005 while serving with the 48th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq.



Class of '53

Members of the Georgia Military College High School Class of 1953 recently hosted the Third Annual Awards Dinner honoring **Miss Kristen Whipple**, Outstanding Student and **Major Emily Fairbrass**, Outstanding Teacher. The dinner was held at 119 Chops on May 30, just prior to GMC Prep School graduation.



(back L-R) COL Charles L. Cheeves, Sr.; CDR William H. Curry, USN (Ret.); COL Robert N. Tredway, USA (Ret.); Mr. James E. Vinson; MAJ James L. Patterson, USA (Ret.); (front) Miss Kristen Whipple; Major Emily Fairbrass

COL Bob Tredway, award presenter for 2008 stated, "The HS Class of 1953 is honored to be able to recognize Emily Fairbrass, Character Educator of the Year and Kristen Whipple, Valedictorian. GMC continues to have incredibly talented faculty and students who demonstrate the leadership qualities that reflect most favorably upon both the institution and the team of administrators."

In October of 2004 a group of graduates of the High School Class of 1953 joined together to establish a perpetual

Will Robinson Memorial Run

Capt. Christopher Spires and **Mrs. Suzanne Ratliff**, co-chairs of the 12th Annual Will Robinson Memorial Run, presented a check for \$1,000 to Earlene Hamilton, Alumni Coordinator for Georgia Military College. This contribution benefits the Will Robinson Scholarship Fund, which honors the memory of Deputy Will Robinson, a 1987 graduate of GMC Prep School who was killed in the line of duty on December 17, 1995.



Suzanne Ratliff, Capt. Christopher Spires and Earlene Hamilton

fund with the GMC Foundation. This fund provides annually an academic scholarship to a GMC High School student and an award to an outstanding GMC High School faculty member for teaching excellence.



COL Bob Tredway and Kristen Whipple



COL Bob Tredway and Major Emily Fairbrass

Appreciation for “Valuable Training” Leads GMC Alum to Give...

Ret. Col. Charles Ennis (HS '38, JC '40) saw much of the world during his 30 years of Army service, but the heart of this self-proclaimed “country boy” remained with Milledgeville and Georgia Military College.

Ennis began attending GMC in 10th grade, when it was the county boys' high school. He continued through two years of college, serving as captain of the barracks his final year. Having joined the National Guard as a GMC cadet, after college Ennis was ordered to active duty for one year. Instead, he served 30 years in Air Defense Artillery primarily serving in locations including Germany, Korea, Japan and Alaska.

“GMC provided me valuable training - I learned self discipline, to accept responsibility and to use my time wisely,” he says. “Opportunities were afforded to me and I took advantage of them. I’ve had a good life and a good career.”

Ennis and his wife, Virginia, returned to Milledgeville after his Army retirement, and Ennis embarked on his second career, serving 20 years as Director of Marketing for Exchange Bank. He joined the GMC Board of Trustees in the 1970's, and led the newly reactivated GMC Foundation in 1985, calling efforts to raise funds and secure land donations for expansion of the campus and new athletic complex a “labor of love.” The couple raised five children and have 10 grandchildren.

To honor Virginia, who passed away in 1999, Ennis established an endowment for History and Political Science faculty support. He contributes to the fund annually and has planned additional support through his will.



Col. Charles Ennis

“GMC gave me the foundation to succeed in two careers.

I love the school and want to see it continue to offer advantages to young people.”

— Col. Charles Ennis

Grateful 1934 Graduate Offers Heartfelt Support to GMC

He’s a college graduate with a degree in journalism, he retired from the U.S. Air Force as a colonel and he is a former Chief Executive of an Alabama statewide trade association.

At age 95, he goes to the gym five days a week, still plays golf and just recently let his commercial pilot’s license expire.

With a great deal of feeling and emotion, Lonnie credits all the good in his life to the education-and the character building-he received at Georgia Military College.

In return, he is a dedicated GMC supporter. He makes annual donations, contributed to the cost of the current administrative building, funded two rooms in a new dormitory and will endow a scholarship through his estate.

“I owe Georgia Military College a lot,” says Lonnie, who graduated from high school at GMC with the class of 1934. “I wish I had the vocabulary to express my gratitude properly.”

Lonnie was born in the country outside Milledgeville, but his family moved to town for better opportunities. That didn’t stop him from

dropping out of high school after two years, however, and taking a job driving a truck for \$1 a day.

Nor did it stop him from falling in with the wrong crowd.

“Fortunately,” he says, “a friend made me want to be somebody I wasn’t, so I went back to school at GMC and got in with a different crowd. I wouldn’t be here today if that hadn’t happened.”

“GMC means everything to me-I would have made little or no progress in life without the school’s influence,” says Lonnie, who is a member of the school’s Oak Leaf Society and received its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2004. “I am so grateful to be in a position to give something back.”



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Robert McDuffie has appeared as soloist with most of the major orchestras of the world, including the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, the Chicago, San Francisco, Atlanta, Houston, Utah, St. Louis, Montreal, and Toronto Symphonies, the Philadelphia, Cleveland, Minnesota Orchestras, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the North German Radio Orchestra, the Frankfurt Radio Orchestra, the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala, Santa Cecilia Orchestra of Rome, Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico, and all of the major orchestras of Australia.

Recent appearances abroad have been at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam with the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic, in France with the Orchestre National Bordeaux Aquitaine, at the Philharmonie in Cologne with the Bochum Symphoniker, in Seoul with the KBS Symphony, in Taipei with the National Symphony Orchestra of Taiwan, in Hamburg with the Hamburg Symphony followed by a 22 city US tour, and with the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra. He returns to Rome each June as the Co-Founder and Artistic Director of *The Rome Chamber Music Festival*. The Mayor of Rome has recently awarded Robert McDuffie the prestigious *Premio Simpatia* in honor

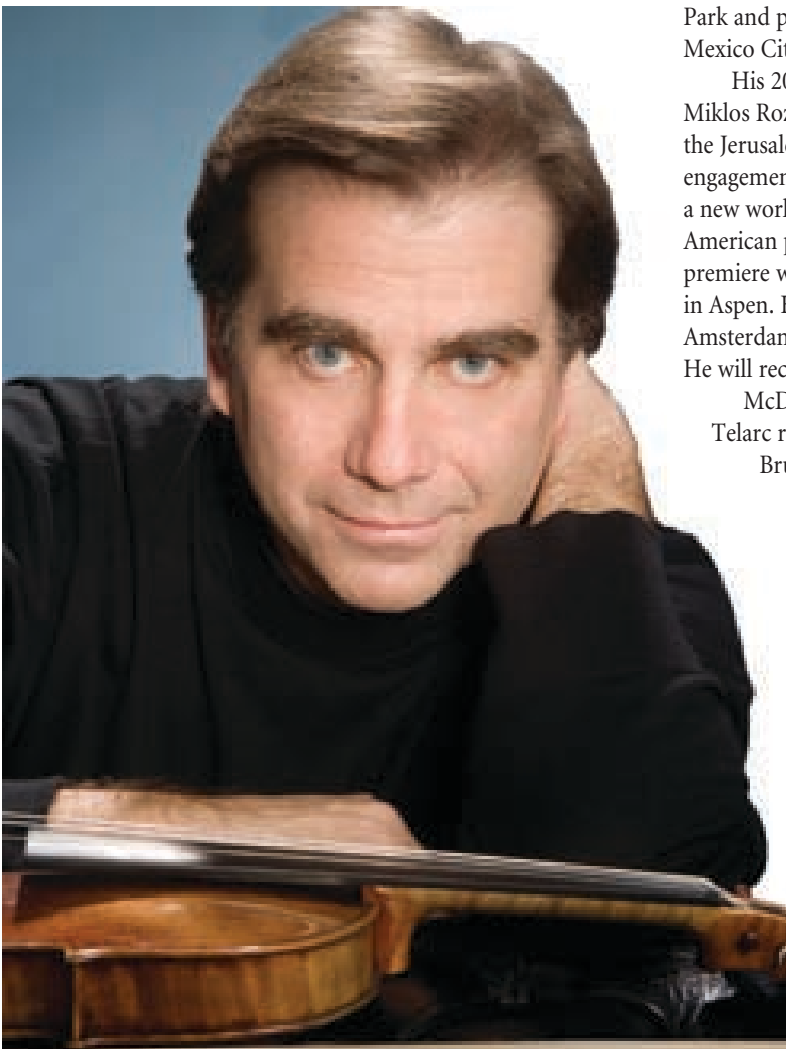


of his contribution to the cultural life of that city. www.romechamberfestival.org

Besides the Rome Chamber Music Festival, Robert McDuffie returns to the Aspen Music Festival and he will take part in the Brevard Music Festival, the Amelia Island Festival, play the Tchaikovsky Concerto with the Atlanta Symphony in Encore Park and perform with the Orquesta Sinfónica de Minería in Mexico City.

His 2008-2009 season is highlighted by performances of Miklos Rozsa's Concerto and Leonard Bernstein's Serenade with the Jerusalem Symphony in Israel and on a 16 city US tour. Future engagements include the premiere of *The American Four Seasons*, a new work by Philip Glass written for Mr. McDuffie - the North American premiere with the Toronto Symphony, the European premiere with the London Philharmonic, and the festival premiere in Aspen. He will tour Europe, North America, and Asia with the Amsterdam Sinfonietta, pairing it with the Vivaldi Four Seasons. He will record both works for Telarc.

McDuffie is a Grammy nominated artist whose acclaimed Telarc recordings include the violin concertos of Mendelssohn, Bruch, Adams, Glass, Barber, and Rozsa, and Viennese favorites. He plays a 1735 Guarneri del Gesù violin, known as the "Ladenburg." He has been profiled on NBC's "Today," "CBS Sunday Morning," PBS's "Charlie Rose," A&E's "Breakfast with the Arts," and in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Robert McDuffie is a Distinguished University Professor of Music at Mercer University in his hometown of Macon, Georgia. The Robert McDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University had its official opening at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year. (www.mercer.edu/mcduffie) He lives in New York with his wife and two children.





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Concert Series

The Steinway Concert Series launched the 2008 season on May 29 in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. The concert, a partnership with Allied Arts of Milledgeville, featured The Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta's Gary Motley Jazz Quartet.

Gary Motley has been recognized by the National

Endowment for the Arts, the Great American Jazz Piano Competition, and the American Composers Forum. He has been featured in *Downbeat Magazine* and on Piano Jazz with Marian McPartland. Recording credits include Russell Malone's "Black Butterfly" CD and his own recording "Everything I Love." Motley has performed at Carnegie Hall and with artists Dave Brubeck, Jon Faddis and Kenny Barron. He was the recipient of *Creative Loafing Magazine's* Critics Choice Award for "Best Jazz Pianist." With degrees in music from the University of Montevallo and Georgia State University, Motley is the Director of Jazz Studies at Emory University in Atlanta. Jazz vocalist Veronica Motley is the featured soloist for the Gary Motley Quartet.

Randy Cannon with Allied Arts stated, "We are excited about our new partnership with Georgia Military College's Steinway Society and look forward to bringing other exciting cultural opportunities to our community together."

The Steinway holiday concert will be on Saturday, December 6 and will feature the Mercer Children's Choir. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. A coffee and dessert reception will follow.

General admission is \$5, and students with ID may attend at no charge. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information or to learn how to join the Steinway Society, call the Office of Advancement at (478) 445-2692.



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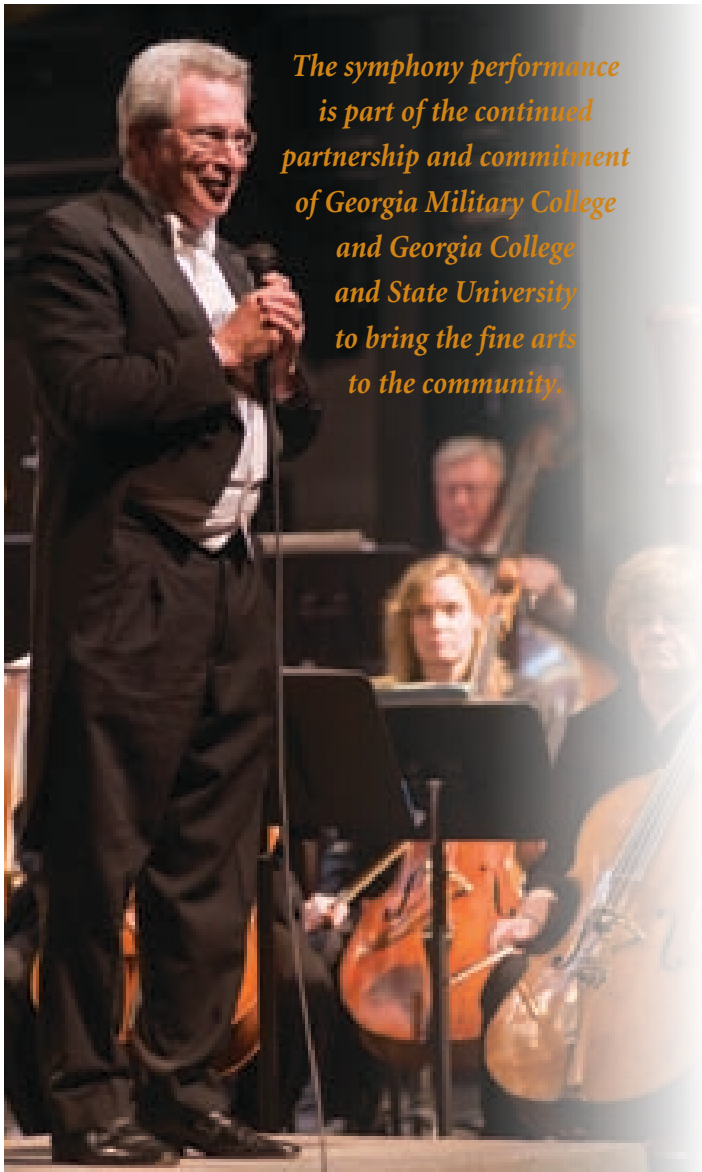
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GMC Alumnus Makes \$125,000 Commitment to Junior College Athletics



Mr. Ken Wheat, (HS '68), of Columbia, South Carolina, has made a commitment of \$125,000 to the junior college football program. This generous gift will create a \$25,000 scholarship endowment for junior college football student athletes and will provide \$100,000 in discretionary funds over a five-year period in support of the junior college football program. In addition, Mr. Wheat has donated \$7,500 for the purchase of travel suits for junior college football student athletes.

Bert Williams, GMC Athletic Director commented, “Ken’s generous gift to our junior college football program will have impact for many years to come as well as having immediate impact on student athletes we will have going through our program over the next five years. We have certainly enjoyed a high degree of success on the field and in the classroom with our student athletes, but that success would not be possible without the generosity of gentlemen like Ken Wheat.”

Wheat’s gift is made to honor the memory of his brother, Larry J. Wheat, for whom the lobby of the Ruark Athletic Center will be named in a dedication ceremony to be held on October 25, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The lobby display in honor of Larry Wheat will also highlight All-American designees in all college sports. Williams stated, “The lobby display will honor all Georgia Military College All-American designees from the junior college since its first honoree, Parnell Ruark. I think it is especially fitting to have the lobby named in honor of a true All-American like Larry Wheat, a gentleman who served his country in Vietnam, sacrificing his health and eventually his life for our country.”

Ken Wheat, in speaking of his brother said, “GMC was so important to Larry.” A 1966 graduate of GMC High School and a 1968 graduate of the Junior College, Larry was, according to Ken, “a model GMC student” who graduated near the top of his class in both high school and junior college. He received his 2LT bars on the steps of the Old Capitol Building and went into the army immediately afterward.

Larry was always anxious to serve as an army officer and was ready to go to Vietnam when the opportunity came. Serving in the army was the lifelong dream of the man who, as a child, often would walk over the local armory just to play on the tanks. He was an outdoorsman - a hunter and an athlete. But, first and foremost, he was a military man.

He was promoted to 1LT at 22 during his service in Vietnam and soon became company commander. Ken comments that his brother was sharp looking and “gung ho military.” Larry became a tank commander and chose to stay, even after a close call when he was attacked and expelled from the top of his tank. Larry was gravely injured when, one evening after everyone was bunked in, he was serving the night guards coffee. There was a surprise attack on his company, and he suffered a direct hit with mortar fire near the Cambodia-Laos border.

“Larry’s life was cut short, not by death, but by injury,” Ken said. “We never got a chance to see who he could become.” Despite losing his leg, Larry was able to earn a degree from Georgia College after he returned home. He was an avid reader and, according to Ken, “could memorize an encyclopedia.” He married and had a daughter, Kathleen Wheat Crownover, who has three daughters of her own now. But his life was severely impacted by the tragic incident he had endured.

In thinking back on his and his brother’s time at GMC, Ken recalls that both played football for Parnell Ruark, who was not only their coach but their neighbor across the street. In fact, they grew up with the Ruark children. Ken reflects that two men were big influences on his life - Freddie Layton, who was in charge of the Recreational Commission, and Parnell Ruark.



Larry Wheat

Ken began attending GMC in ninth grade and reminisces that his mother wanted him to join Larry at GMC where the “town boys” went to school. He graduated from the high school in 1968, the same year his brother graduated from the junior college.

Like his brother, Ken was athletically inclined. He played all sports, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball all four years. After high school, he received a full scholarship to University of South Carolina and, as he puts it, “went to school free because of football.” Ken gives GMC a great deal of credit for this opportunity. Although the GMC football team went 0-10 his senior year, coaches called him since he was listed on the roster as “undecided” regarding his future plans. He hadn’t yet signed with anyone, and USC was the first to his doorstep. The rest is history. He received an education for four years at USC, and still holds a lot of loyalty for the school.

Ken sees himself as being “pretty lucky.” After graduating from USC with a degree in journalism, he went to work for the Keenan Company, the largest real estate company in Columbia. At 26, he was named Vice President for Multi-Family Housing. Donny Boyd became his biggest client, and soon after, Ken left the company to become Boyd’s partner. He now serves as President of Boyd Management and currently manages over 15,000 units across the Southeast, including 2,000 apartment units in Georgia.

Ken says that work ethic and discipline have been the keys to his success, and these qualities he acquired at Georgia Military College. When he entered USC, he had an 11 o’clock curfew, but that was no problem. Whereas others griped about the situation, he was accustomed to stricter hours and a more structured

lifestyle at GMC. Of course, there were necessary adjustments to college life, but he had an enjoyable time overall. He didn’t mind discipline because he was used to it. In Ken’s words, “I wouldn’t trade anything for the GMC experience.” At the time, he says, you feel like you’re missing out, but the discipline is good because you don’t get into trouble. His involvement in various sports and his commitment to each of them kept him focused.

The Wheat family has deep roots in Milledgeville. For a time, they lived not far from the main gate of the campus. Ken’s father Sam Wheat, now deceased, owned Wheat Electric. All of his mother’s family were from Milledgeville, and still live there, with the exception of his mother, Ann Wheat McCollum, a retired dental hygienist who lives in Macon. While living in Milledgeville, Mrs. Wheat worked for a dental firm just three blocks down from the main gates of GMC. Ken’s grandmother, Annie George, used to write about Milledgeville happenings for the Union Recorder in a column called “Did You Know by Annie George.” And his aunt, Carrie Cox, worked at GMC.

Ken and his wife Cheryl Fincher Wheat have been married for 37 years. Cheryl has strong ties to Milledgeville as well. She graduated from Baldwin High School in 1968 and received her undergraduate degree from Georgia College and her master’s degree from the University of South Carolina. Cheryl’s mother, Gloria Fincher Smith, was employed as a dietician for Georgia College and still lives in Milledgeville.

The Wickets have three daughters - Kim, who is employed with the Autism Board for South Carolina State; Leslie, who is a homemaker and mother to the Wickets’ grandson; and Laurie, who attends Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

Ken indicates that he is at the stage in life where, like many, he is beginning to reflect on what is most important. “As you get away from things, you appreciate them more,” he said. He lends support to many local school initiatives in Columbia, where he and Cheryl have made their home.

Ken says that he had lost touch with Milledgeville (and GMC) for 10 to 15 years after his father passed away. But he feels that now he, like many others who attended the school, has reached “a time of life when you can start looking back and give.”

Fortunately for GMC, the memories - and the positive influences - are still there. Today, Ken appears for work every single day in his starched white shirt, dress pants, and some variation of a red tie, reminiscent of his time at GMC of wearing the crisp, gray shirts of the uniform and the carefully pressed pants that he made sure not to sit down in before inspection time. His checking the “gig line” (tie, buttons, zipper) became so entrenched that the practice has never left him.

And, more importantly, this prominent businessman and devoted family man attributes many of the qualities that make him who he is today to the school whose main gate was just a few blocks down the street from home and whose training shaped his character and placed him on the pathway to success.



Front – L to R: Olajuwon Paige, Rashad McRae, Brandon Nolley
Back – L to R: T. J. Lynch, Chleb Ravenell, Jaquayvin Small, Calvin West, Rokevious Watkins



"I feel that I owe GMC something because of the positive influence it has had on my life."

-O. T. "Tommy" Fulghum Jr.

Graduate Supports GMC to Help Other Cadets Do Well

The year was 1944. World War II was still being fought and the father of O. T. "Tommy" Fulghum, Jr. made the logical decision to enroll his son at Georgia Military College. That way, young Fulghum would be trained in the ways of the military if he were called into service.

As it turned out, however, the military would not be in Fulghum's future because of a serious spinal cord injury he suffered in 1950. But his GMC training and education would still prove invaluable, as they propelled Fulghum to a successful career in business that continues today.

"Leadership is very, very important in the military, but it's important in civilian life as well," says Fulghum, chairman of the board of Fulghum Industries and Fulghum Fibers. "GMC helped me become a leader."

In appreciation-and because he wants to help other cadets do well-Fulghum is a longtime GMC supporter. Along with his wife, Joan, he makes annual gifts, contributes regularly to various fundraising initiatives and is remembering GMC with a bequest in his will. Fulghum also serves on the board of the GMC Foundation.

"I feel that I owe GMC something because of the positive influence it has had on my life," Fulghum says.

Fulghum graduated from high school at GMC in 1947, and two years later, in '49, he received his junior college degree. From there he entered the business world, starting with a sawmill. That small venture is the cornerstone of the two large companies that now carry his name.

"GMC greatly influenced me," Fulghum says. "It helped me with discipline. It helped me want to learn.

"Now, the school needs alumni support if it is to continue to do well. Providing that support is a very worthwhile thing to do-and I am glad to help."

ALUMNI REUNIONS 2008

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15th - HS 1993

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20th - JC 1988

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25th - HS 1983 - The Silver Brigade

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'60's Band Company Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 17 & 18
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Office of Alumni Relations Announces Strategic Plan

Earlene Hamilton, *Alumni Coordinator*

In late winter of 2008 the Office of Alumni Relations began implementation of its Strategic Plan for Alumni Centers of Influence. The purpose of the plan is to create organized groups of alumni who will advocate in their geographic area on behalf of GMC and promote the school to prospective students as well as potential friends who appreciate the school's mission.

The process being used to accomplish this begins with the establishment of a club in a targeted geographic area. Initially several key alumni in the area who have professed or demonstrated interest in supporting the school and maintaining regular contact are identified. With their help, a luncheon, dinner, or reception is planned to which all alumni from the area are invited. In addition to the social aspects of bringing alumni together, this forum is used to present an informal "state of the school" program so that attendees are brought up to date on activities, plans, and associated needs, one of which is recruiting. We promote these events as "GMC networking and news."

So far this year we have hosted events at Callaway Gardens, St. Simons Island, Statesboro, and Augusta. A September event is scheduled in Northwest Georgia. In addition to meeting and reminiscing with fellow alumni and other local friends interested in the school, attendees have had the pleasure of seeing Callaway Gardens' newest facility, The Lodge; of touring a restored 1939 Trumpy yacht docked at St. Simons; of having dinner at Statesboro's newest restaurant, 119 Chops; and of seeing a beautiful antebellum home in the historic Summerville district of Augusta. Those attending the September event will enjoy dinner and sunset from the terrace of the General Woods Inn, located in Rising Fawn in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

(from the top)- Joe Mobley, Henry Donaldson and Dr. Thomas Ostine Peavy; General Boylan, Didi and Don Taylor; General Boylan greets alumnus Ricky Jones and his daughter



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ST. SIMONS ISLAND

(clockwise)- Hosts Jerry and Jennifer Wilcoxon's 1939 Trumpy yacht, The Drifter; alumni and friends enjoy a low country boil; alumni network aboard The Drifter



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(clockwise)- Joe Mobley, Earlene Hamilton and Bill Green network at 119 Chops; General Boylan speaking to group at dinner; Billy and Melba Lott



Save the Date!!
2008 Alumni Weekend
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(top right) - Mike Carrington, Senator Bill Jackson and Carl Mixon; (above) Joe Mobley, Allan and Martha Goodrich; (right) Hosted in the home of alumnus Levi Hill, III, JC 1946



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:30 am **Golf Tournament** ~ *Milledgeville Country Club (MCC)*
Players must sign in at the MCC golf shop no later than 9:30 AM on Friday, October 17 with tournament play to begin at 10:00 AM. Fee (\$32) includes green fees, cart, and bag lunch. Registration to play must be made by contacting the GMC Advancement Office at 478-445-2692 by no later than Monday, October 13. Format will be a four person scramble (best shot) with an A, B, C, and D player on each team. The golf committee will determine teams by handicap. Prizes will be awarded at the end of play.
- 1:00 pm **Alumni Weekend Registration Opens** ~ *South Entrance* of Old Capitol Building
- 1:00 – 4:00 pm **Continuous Historic Slide Show** ~ *Sibley–Cone Library* - Refreshments
- 1:00 – 4:00 pm **Old Capital Museum Tours** ~ ongoing
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm **Baugh Barracks & Ruark Athletic Complex Tours** - Refreshments
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm **New Academic Building (NAB II) Tours** - Refreshments
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm **GMC Prep School Ground Breaking Ceremony** ~ *Former location of Main Barracks*
Souvenir bricks from Main Barracks and Vinson Hall will be available for purchase during Alumni Weekend.
- 4:30 – 5:15 pm **Ground Breaking Reception** ~ *Sibley–Cone Library*
Complimentary for all ceremony attendees.
- 5:30 pm **Alumni Parade** ~ *Grant Parade* - The 130th Corps of Cadets invites you to attend and join in the parade as a member of our Alumni Platoon.
- 6:30 pm **Tailgate Party** ~ *Main Tent/South Entrance* - All alumni are invited to gather to *Remember...Reflect...Reunite*. Catered by *119 Chops* ~ Cash bar
- 7:30 pm **Prep Football Game** ~ *GMC vs Towns County* - Complimentary tickets available with pre-registration.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:30 am **Registration Opens** ~ *South Entrance* of Old Capitol Building
- 8:30 am–4:30 pm **Continuous Historic Slide Show** ~ *Sibley–Cone Library* - Refreshments after 2:30 pm
- 9:00–10:00 am **Continental Breakfast with the President** ~ *Legislative Chamber/Old Capitol Building*
Alumni and friends are encouraged to attend. Complimentary
- 10:00–11:30 am **GMC Alumni Association and GMC Foundation Meeting/President's State of the School Address/Oak Leaf Society Induction Ceremony** ~ *Legislative Chamber*
Alumni and friends are encouraged to attend.
- 11:30 am **Mix & Mingle** ~ *Main Tent/South Entrance* - Complimentary beverages
- 12:15 pm **Lunch/Alumni Awards Ceremony** ~ *Main Tent* - Join former classmates, faculty, and friends for the ceremony and treat yourself to a catered lunch by the Willis House.
- 2:30 – 4:30 pm **New Academic Building Tours** - Refreshments
- Old Capital Museum Tours** ~ ongoing
- Baugh Barracks & Ruark Athletic Complex Tours** - Refreshments
- 6:00 pm **Social Hour** ~ *Main Tent* ~ Cash bar
- 7:00 pm **Alumni Dinner/Dance** ~ *Main Tent* - All alumni are invited to gather and reminisce. Grilled steak and chicken dinner catered by *119 Chops* of Milledgeville. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy live entertainment by the *Soul Purpose Band* from Atlanta ~ Cash bar



For additional details, please call **Earlene Hamilton**, Alumni Relations Coordinator, at **478-445-2692**. Schedule subject to change.

Class Notes

'56 **Ronnie Weathers** (HS 1956), a

native of Milledgeville, Georgia, went to Emory as an undergraduate in 1956. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1960 and dental degrees in 1962 and 1966. He has been a member of the faculty since then, first in the former Emory School of Dentistry (where he served as dean), and now in the School of Medicine. Weathers continues to give back to Emory through the education of its students, the care of its patients, the mentoring of fellow physicians and contributions and leadership in the wider health care community. Now the vice chairman for oral pathology and director of the Office of Dental Programs in the School of Medicine, Weathers is a distinguished champion of health care and medical education. In recognition of his commitment and contributions, he received the University's highest alumni honor, the Emory Medal, during a ceremony on October 4, 2007. Dr. Weathers is a veteran of the United States Air Force.



'70 **MAJ Carey Alan Anderson, USA (Ret.)** (JC 1970) retired April 1, 1991 as a Major of Military Police and is now employed as Security Manager for Johnson & Johnson Centocor Research and Development Labs in Radnor, Pennsylvania. He is active in veterans' activities; has been the Commander of American Legion Post 184 for seven years; is also active in VFW Post 5954; and is OIC for all military funerals for veterans in his area, providing color guard, firing party, and bugler. Carey's stepson married in July 2006."



'85 **LTC Robert "Rob" Jones** (JC 1985), wife Robin, and daughters Ashley, Katherine, and Emily moved to Cape Coral, Florida last year. Stateside Rob works as a project manager for Vormitag Associates, Inc. in Miami; however, he is now on his second tour in Iraq where he works as Deputy Team Leader of a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Al Kut. To show his pride in GMC, Rob has ordered some T-shirts to wear while deployed.



'86 **Toi T. Franks** (HS 1986, JC 1999) graduated with a B.S. Degree from Georgia College & State University on May 10, 2008.

'88 **LTC Bernard Ray Lindstrom** (JC 1988) is now the Commander, Nashville District Corps of Engineers.

'90 **Robb Little** (HS 1990) married Kristen Storrer on February 23, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina. They honeymooned on the beautiful island of Roatan, Honduras, where Robb and Kristen took up SCUBA diving and explored the spectacular reefs off the island's coast. They live in Charlotte where Robb is employed by Crescent Resources, LLC as the Project Manager for the North Division of Greater Charlotte. Crescent is a real estate development company with commercial and residential real estate interests throughout the country.

'90 **Bernard Warrington, Jr.** (JC 1990) was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) by U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill on May 6, 2008 and has been selected to command DIA Defense Distribution Depot in Corpus Christi, Texas.

'91 **Nikki R. Renfroe** (HS 1991) was promoted in August of 2007 to the rank of Lieutenant with the Georgia State Patrol. This was the first time in the history of the organization (since 1937) that an African-American female achieved that rank. She currently holds the position of Assistant Troop Commander, assigned to the metro Atlanta area, and is responsible for more than 50 state troopers and 17 civilian personnel who patrol and/or provide support functions for the coverage areas of Fulton, Cobb, Gwinnett, Dekalb and Clayton Counties.

R. Scott McKee (JC 1991) was elected District Attorney for Henderson County, Texas and will assume the office in January 2009. Scott and his wife Ashley have three children, Stuart 13, Ryan 3 and Ranger 1 year. Scott is a 1993 graduate of Georgia College. He left Active Duty Army in 1997 and is a 2004 graduate of Texas Wesleyan School of Law.

'92 **John W. Sayles** (HS 1992) and wife, Sonya, have started Summit Springs Farm in Poland, Maine, an organic vegetable farm serving the local community through a CSA share program and through sales at local farmers' markets. They're expecting their first child in December.

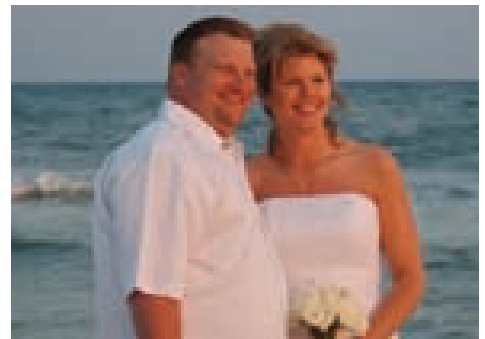
Eric S. Stallings (JC 1992) is currently Lieutenant in Command of the Patrol Division of the Winterville Police department in Winterville, North Carolina.

'93 **Frank Edward Wiggins** (HS 1993) was recently appointed to the Northside Church of God in Gainesville, Georgia after serving at Louisville Church of God for the past three years.

Victoria Wood (HS 1993) has recently been accepted into UGA's prestigious Masters in Historic Preservation program, which she will begin in August.

Victoria wrote "I'm thrilled about the opportunity and it's made me reflect back on what a privilege it was to attend high school in the historic halls of GMC." She also shared that preservation has been a long-time interest of hers, but to date her career track has been exclusively focused on nonprofit administration - development, in particular.

'94 **James Buchanan "Bucky" Kennedy, V** (HS 1994) and Crystal Allen were married April 21, 2007 at Gulf Shores Plantation in Gulf Shores, Alabama and now are living at 6195 Grier Road in Wetumpka, Alabama. Bucky is the director of State Affairs for Southern Crop Production Association and is a lobbyist for that group.



'95 **Melissa W. LeBrun** (JC 1995) accepted a position as Marketing and Public Relations Manager at The Union Recorder in December 2007. She is working on special publications and promotions within the organization. Along with school administrators, faculty, and work colleagues, the launch of the Community School Zone publication in February 2008 was a success. This features stories, photos and information about Milledgeville's community schools - including GMC Prep School, John Milledge Academy, and all of the Baldwin County Public Schools.

'96 **Crystal Hollinshead Veal** (HS 1996, JC 1998) and husband Matthew Veal (JC 1997) welcomed son, Aiden John, on October 12, 2006.

'97 **Mark Williams** (HS 1997) was married to Kayla Smith of Covington, Georgia on June 22, 2008 at the Lockerly Arboretum in Milledgeville. They honeymooned in St. Augustine, FL. Mark is manager of the Farmer's Furniture store in Washington, Georgia.



'98 Benji Croom (JC 1998) graduated from Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute with a Master's in Policy Management and is working in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-Public Affairs Office located in the Pentagon. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army and has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

'99 Matthew W. Holbrook (JC 1999) and wife Kimberly are currently enjoying Texas with their new addition to the family, Samantha MacKenzie Holbrook. (www.myspace.com/mattkimconnor)

'00 Mariharden Hay Hogan (HS 2000) of Milledgeville, Georgia and Thomas Clay McElheny of Byron, Georgia were married on November 3, 2007 during an outdoor sunset picnic at Mariharden's mom's house (The Devereux-Coleman House) in Milledgeville.



After GMC, Mariharden continued her education at the College of Charleston and graduated from there in 2004. She is currently working at GCSU as Enrollment Specialist. Her husband also graduated from College of Charleston and works at the Oconee Regional Medical Center Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician. The couple purchased their home in downtown Milledgeville in the Historic District, the Compton-Fowler-McKnight House.

Thomas Lilly (HS 2000, JC 2002), a former GMC art student, graduated with honors from the College For Creative Studies with a BFA in Industrial Design. While still in school, he worked with a design/build firm, M1/DTW, as a junior designer. M1 is a multi-disciplinary practice engaged in the material production of objects, artifacts, identities and space. DTW Build is a custom manufacturing and project management company. After graduation Thomas spent a few months working as a metal fabricator, sculptor, and consultant in Detroit before finding an opportunity this past winter to move to New York. There he works as a freelance designer with several companies and just recently accepted an offer for full-time employment for a multi-disciplinary industrial design firm, Gilmore Group, which specializes in creating high impact brand experiences.

Cary Beth Braddy-Lewis (JC 2000) was married to Warren W. Lewis on October 27, 2007.

'01 Josh (HS 2001) and Sherry **Shrewsbury** are proud parents of Elijah David Shrewsbury, born March 26, 2008 weighing 5 lbs. 5.3 ozs. Elijah is also welcomed by proud brother, Taylor.



Taryn R. Asbell (JC 2001) graduated from Savannah State University on May 10, 2008 with her Master of Social Work degree. Taryn writes, "I am excited to say that thanks to Georgia Military College, I was able to start my journey down the collegiate path that brought me so far in life! While at GMC, I learned a great deal about myself and how strong I truly am. Thanks to the caring and student-oriented instructors at the Robins Air Force Base campus, I was able to be looked at as a promising young woman and student despite my physical disability and being a single mother struggling to make a difference in the lives of not only my own children, but the community at large! I take with me many spoken words from my professors that helped to empower me that I now use in the field of social work. And, I will continue to strive to bring out strengths in others as well as help to empower others to go for the gold as GMC has done for me!"

'02 Josh Holloway (JC 2002) and wife, Elizabeth, welcomed daughter, Libby Clair, on October 8, 2007.

Michael H. Liscano (JC 2002) graduated from the Maneuver Captains Career Course on June 3, 2008. His wife, Renae, will give birth to their second child in the first week of August. Following this very special event, Liscano will be PCSing to Fort Hood, Texas to take an Armor Company Command in 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and deploy back to Baghdad, Iraq.

'03 Amanda J. Lee (JC 2003) is currently completing an internship for her Master's in Professional Counseling at a Substance Abuse Clinic in the Chicago area.

'05 Haley Holloway (HS 2005, JC 2007), who played softball for GMC Junior College and also GMC Prep School, recently helped the GCSU Softball team win the Peach Belt Conference Softball Tournament

in Florence, South Carolina. Haley was selected to the Peach Belt Conference All-Tournament Team for her outstanding play over the weekend.

Amanda Hall (HS 2005), who played softball for the GMC high school team, went to Middle Georgia where she was Player of the Year. She is now a starter at short stop for Georgia Southern University.

Nathaniel Knight (JC 2005), a student at both the Milledgeville and Warner Robins campuses, was commissioned May 10, 2008 through the AFOTC Detachment 155. He graduated in May 2008 with a BS in Aeronautical Science from Florida Memorial University and is now a 2LT Acquisitions Officer to report to Edwards AFB, California this summer.



'06 DeAnna Pappas (JC 2006) became an immediate fan favorite and was the final woman remaining on the finale of The Bachelor in November 2007. The ending proved to be a huge shocker, though, when Womack didn't select any woman - a first in "Bachelor" history. She has been tapped to star as the next "Bachelorette" which is currently airing on ABC.

'07 Kristopher Farrar (JC 2007) and **Nicole Edwards Farrar** (JC 2007) welcome Kristopher Kaden Farrar, born May 23, 2008. Kris weighed 9 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 22 inches in length.



The Cadence would like to keep your classmates up to date with your latest news. We want to hear if you have recently married, had a baby, received a promotion, retired, or accomplished some other noteworthy milestone. We also need to keep our records current, so if you have moved recently or are planning to move, please send in this form.

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Please print below your recent news (i.e., birth, death, marriage, promotion, unusual vacation, seen a classmate, new job, back to school, recently moved, etc.) Attach an additional sheet if needed. *If you include a photograph(s), please be sure to identify all people pictured on the back of the photo.*



TAPS

William T. Thompson (HS 1931) December 12, 2007

Stephen William Brown, M.D. (HS 1932, JC 1933) April 10, 2008



Maj. Joseph R. Baugh (Ret.) (HS 1935, JC 1936) May 7, 2008

COL James R. Gilmore (Ret.) (HS 1936, JC 1938) July 2, 2008

Roy H. Worsham (HS 1936)

Phineas Lawson Clower (HS 1942, JC 1943)

Martin Frank Kleiner (HS 1943)

Joe R. Phillips (HS 1943)

Roscoe Simpson, Jr. (HS 1943, JC 1945) April 5, 2008

William I. Carr Sr. (HS 1944, JC 1948) February 15, 2008

Ramie Arthur Brewer, Jr. (HS 1945, JC 1950) April 19, 2008

Donald G. Castleberry (JC 1947) February 4, 2008

Leon B. Holloway (JC 1948)

Spencer Winston "Wink" Ennis (JC 1949) May 26, 2008

Lawrence Keith Turner (HS 1952, JC 1954)

Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D. (HS 1953, JC 1955)

Marcelino A. Brayo (HS 1957) December 18, 2007

Jerry Thomas Bush (HS 1959, JC 1966) April 14, 2008

John C. Davis (HS 1959, JC 1960)

Bob Routh (JC 1963)

Richard G. Dickson (JC 1964) October, 2006

Larry S. Crandell (JC 1966) March 24, 2008



Dennis Rogers Waller (HS 1971) May 10, 2008

Reginald Joel Casey (JC 1982)

Bobby Linn Haynes (JC 1995)

Doris Johnson (JC 2000) May 12, 2005

LTC Carl H. Bell, Jr. (former faculty) May 1, 2008

Kelly Diane Hill (current student) April 27, 2008



Col. Edward Louis Sibilsky, Sr., (former GMC Dean and Principal) July 12, 2008. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 1 at First Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville, Georgia.

In Memoriam

Georgia Military College and the GMC Alumni Association extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these alumni and friends.



Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D.

In memory of alumnus, supporter and friend of Georgia Military College

Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D., graduated from both Georgia Military College Prep School ('53) and Junior College ('55). He served as a member and former chairman of the Georgia Military College Foundation. Members of the Goodrich Family generously provided funds to appoint the new conference room in the James E. Baugh Barracks. The Goodrich Family Conference Room is dedicated in honor of the family members who have walked through the gates as alumni of Georgia Military College.

COL Charles Ennis stated, "Dr. Sam Goodrich was a personal friend and a particular friend of Georgia Military College. He was dedicated to this institution and active in support of all activities of the school, especially the plan for expansion. Not only was Dr. Goodrich respected professionally, he was also a dedicated family man. He and his wife Ellen were present at many events at the school that involved their children and especially noted for their attendance at the Prep School and Jr. College graduations. When I think of Sam Goodrich, I remember a quote from Abraham Lincoln: 'Live a good life and in the end it is not the number of years in a life, but the life in the years.' Dr. Sam Goodrich lived a full and useful life."

Georgia Military College JC Softball Players Earn Academic Honors

Athletics

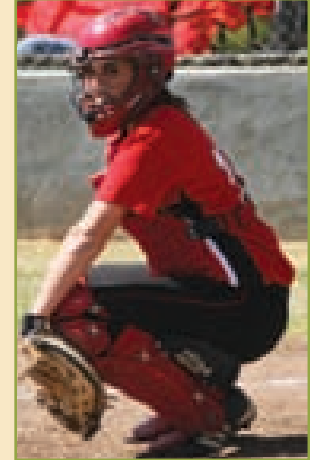


Leah Prestwood

For Leah Prestwood and Hannah Howell, success on the softball diamond and success in the classroom are no strangers to either young lady. This year, however, the National Junior College Athletic Association took note and honored both ladies for a job exceptionally well done.

Both Leah Prestwood and Hannah Howell were named as Distinguished Academic All-Americans for the 2007-2008 academic year. The honor is chosen based on the academic strengths of the student athletes as well as their prowess in the sport. "Being named as an Academic All-American is about as high an honor as you can receive as an individual. These two young ladies are fine examples of the type of student athlete we strive to develop at Georgia Military College and are an honor to their families and our college," commented Athletic Director Bert Williams.

Coach Diana Baruffa said, "Leah and Hannah are both the type of player coaches love to have on the team. They make my day more enjoyable because they come out to the field everyday ready to work hard. Leah is a great leader and a hard worker on and off the softball field. She is always determined to improve her game as well as to help her teammates improve



Hannah Howell

theirs. Hannah is also a great team player who practices hard every day. She caught every game for us this past season as well as showed up an hour early every practice to catch for our pitchers. I've never caught either player complaining or taking the easy way out of anything. Both Leah and Hannah are a joy to have on the team because they have great attitudes and work ethics. They represent the real definition of a team player. It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with both of them and I am very pleased with their accomplishments on and off the field."



Coach Diana Baruffa

Game Plan

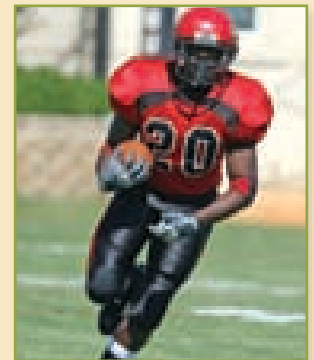
GMC JC Football Looks for Successful 2008 Season

The 2008 football season looks to be a very successful one for the GMC JC Bulldogs though it will certainly be a very lengthy one as the Bulldogs will have to become road warriors as they have six difficult road games on the schedule. "We obviously would rather have six home games and four on the road, but that was not a possibility this year. We have a definite challenge ahead of us and will just simply have to handle it if we wish to achieve our team goals," commented Head Coach Bert Williams.

The Bulldogs have possibly the most talented skill group returning in recent memory on both sides of the ball. Offensively, the Bulldogs will be led by QB Joei Fiegler (1st Team All-American in 2007), TB Steven "Rock" Robinson, and WR Brandon Nolley who will join with three other skill position players who have Division I offers going into

the season. Offensive signees Dallas Walker (QB, 6'5, 235), Franklin Green (TB, 6'0, 190), Tobias Palmer (TB/WR, 5'10, 175), and a slew of big men up front should provide the ingredients for a successful campaign. Youth on the front line is the biggest concern.

Defensively, the Bulldogs also return an excellent skill group and a young, inexperienced front group. The linebackers and secondary look to be the strength of the unit, with six starters returning as well as several key backups. Safety Rashad McRae (2nd Team All-American in 2007), LB's Tony Straughter, Carlton Johnson, Josh Dickerson, and Corners Olajuwon and Taikwon Paige will lead a unit that boasts eight individuals who have Division I offers going into the season.



2008 Georgia Military JC Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
August 30	Grand Rapids CC	1:00 PM	Grand Rapids, MI
September 6	Navarro College	3:00 PM	Corsicana, TX
September 13	OPEN		
September 20	Louisiana Pride JC (Club)	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
September 28	Louisburg College	1:00 PM	Louisburg, NC
October 5	Troy Univ. JV	2:00 PM	Troy, AL
October 9	VSU JV	6:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
October 18	Nassau Community College	12:00 PM	Garden City, NY
October 25	Louisburg College	2:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
November 1	OPEN		
November 8	Erie Community College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
November 15	Lackawana College	1:00 PM	Scranton, PA
December 6	NJCAA BOWL GAME		

Sonny Harmon, GMC Assistant Athletic Director, is a new columnist for *The Macon Telegraph*. Look for his opinion columns every other Wednesday, www.macon.com.

Game times are local and home contests played at historic Davenport Field.

Augusta Students Help Establish American Bladder Cancer Society

Students at the Augusta campus have established the GMC-Augusta Student Advocates for Bladder Cancer Awareness. Over the past three years, the group had bake sales, a yard sale and various other projects which raised nearly \$4,000 to help launch the American Bladder Cancer Society (ABCS). The mission of the American Bladder Cancer Society is to provide support for survivors and caregivers, provide information on the disease and promote awareness of a highly prevalent, but underserved cancer. The society recently launched the website, www.bladdercancersupport.org, and according to Sylvia Ramsey, GMC-Augusta Associate Professor, more than 2,400 survivors have joined the various groups to give each other support. She states, "I am very proud of our students who have given of themselves, their time and efforts to community service, and to share in the birthing of such a worthy cause." Ms. Ramsey, a survivor of bladder cancer, is one of the nation's leading advocates of bladder cancer awareness.

Recent articles about the new ABCS were featured in the *Online Urology & Urologic Oncology Journal* and *Medical News Today*.

Ms. **Amy Zipperer**, Georgia Military College Assistant Professor, was recognized as the 2008 recipient of the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award during the Memorial Day Parade on May 16, 2008. This award recognizes exceptional teaching, mentoring and service to the college student body, and to the successful accomplishment of GMC's mission in higher education.



Dr. Mike Holmes, GMC Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, said, "Ms. Zipperer puts a tremendous amount of planning time into her classes and creates a unique portfolio of material for each class to ensure they include interactive learning and technology, while focusing on the visual culture of today's college student. Each class is like a staged performance where the students are captivated by her teaching."

Amy Zipperer, who teaches composition, literature, and public speaking at the Milledgeville campus, regularly volunteers to teach GMC 154, Character Above All, for the college. She has served as editor for *Reflections*, GMC's Literary and Art magazine, and she has served as sponsor for the Drama Club. As a writer, Amy recently published two short stories, "How to be a Lonely Woman" for *Quick Fiction*, and "Zoey's Kittens" for *The Tusculum Review*. She earned her Master of Fine Arts degree from Georgia College & State University.

GMC Family Also Fire and Rescue Family

William T. "Tommy" Smith ('89) Promoted to Fire Chief

Should you find yourself needing help from the Baldwin County Fire Rescue that assistance may come from members of the GMC family, including newly promoted Fire Chief William T. "Tommy" Smith, a 1989 graduate of GMC Junior College, Kent Mathias, a member of the GMC junior college class of 2008 and GMC Professor Edward Shelor.

Tommy Smith has contributed nearly 35 years in the fire service. He started his career at Central State Hospital Fire Department in 1973 when he was only 19 years old. He said, "Although I started at CSH mainly because I needed a job, being a fire fighter was something I found I was good at and enjoyed." After eight years at CSH, Smith was hired by Baldwin County Fire Rescue as a Captain in 1981. Within two years he was promoted to Chief of Fire Prevention and second in charge. That title was soon changed to Fire Marshall and later changed to Assistant Chief. In 2008, he was promoted to Chief.

"Working my way up through the ranks in the fire service I feel has prepared me for the Chief's position. I know what it is like to be on the shift and respond at all times of the day or night. I had a Chief that taught me early in my career that you should treat people fairly, honestly, and with respect. I try to do this every day. Although GMC wasn't specifically teaching ethics in the classroom while I was

there, I could see that the cadets were learning ethics and building character. I personally feel that is something that should be taught at home early in a person's life and I think GMC does a great job of building on these lessons." Smith graduated from GMC Junior College in 1989; has two daughters who graduated from GMC prep and from GMC junior college; and his wife, Nancy, has been a professor at GMC Junior College for 13 years.

Kent Mathias, a long-time resident of Baldwin County, began attending GMC Junior College in the fall of 2006 and graduated in May 2008. While excelling academically as a full-time student, he also worked as a dispatcher for Baldwin County 911 and volunteered as a firefighter. Furthermore, Kent completed a nine-month course through Central Georgia Technical College earning his Emergency Medical Technician Certification. Kent will go on to pursue his higher education academic career in the fall with a goal of one day attending Emory Law School. Amazingly, Kent was only 17 years old when he was applied for and was accepted in the training program for fire/rescue.

Edward Shelor moved to Baldwin County in the summer of 2000 after 24 years in the US



Marine Corps. It was at this time that he began his association with GMC as the director of the Extension and Night School Program. Simultaneously, he contacted the Baldwin County Fire Department and began classes that led to completing the Georgia Public Safety Basic Firefighter Training Course. In 2005, Shelor accepted a faculty position at GMC and ironically, he served as Mathias's academic advisor. He said they would discuss firefighting at GMC and GMC during their time firefighting.

Shelor said, "GMC is an institution that promotes character, community service and looking out for our fellow man. These are the same ideals that firefighters must have. When most are hunkering down in bad weather, we are leaving our families and going into harm's way to provide fire rescue services for people we don't even know. Kent, Tommy and I share a special camaraderie."

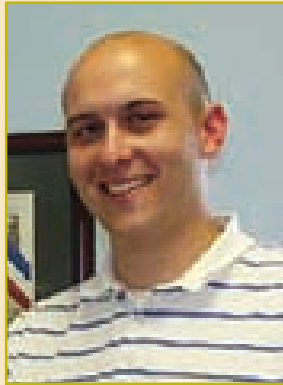
GMC Distinguished Graduating Students

One student from each of Georgia Military College's campuses was recognized as one of the community's brightest and most celebrated students by receiving the GMC Distinguished Graduating Student Award. This award recognizes a graduating student that is the best representative of the college and embodies all the qualities a graduate of Georgia Military College should possess. The 2007-2008 recipients are: Eric Drake, GMC-Augusta; Tamaro Ellis, GMC-Atlanta; Renetta Hambrick, GMC-Valdosta; Helen Porter, GMC-Warner Robins; Leah Prestwood, GMC-Milledgeville; and James Sayers, GMC-Columbus.

Eric S. Drake has completed his studies at GMC-Augusta. He received the Associate in Science degree in Pre-Nursing and has been accepted to attend the Medical College of Georgia in June 2008 to complete his studies in his chosen field.

Mr. Drake has created an enviable academic record at GMC-Augusta in that he has achieved a 4.0 after 101 attempted hours. He has done this while working full-time as an Emergency Medical Technician for Gold Cross Emergency Medical Service and volunteering with the Martinez, Georgia, Fire Department.

Mr. Drake is an excellent representative of the working scholar. He has availed himself of every conceivable learning opportunity. He has an unblemished record of attendance to open science lab sessions and has become known for efficiently using any available time in the electronic library in preparation for his classes.



Tamaro Ellis, of GMC-Atlanta, has been a good student in terms of academics, character, and work ethics. She is a bright, charismatic, intelligent young woman who enjoys challenges and has overcome several obstacles. Ellis is not only the navigator of learning in the classroom, but she is also an example and mentor for other students. Not only is she dedicated to professional and academic growth and involvement, but she also takes an active role in promoting the betterment of her community.

Ellis is pursuing her education because she wants to change the



world. While she realizes what she hopes to accomplish is limited to a degree, she knows education is where she can have the greatest impact. She understands that the professional world that she will inhabit is not immutable. As a future leader, she can make a difference.

She is pictured with MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College.

When **Renetta Hambrick** leaves GMC-Valdosta, she will take with her more than the degree that will be conferred upon her at the graduation ceremony.

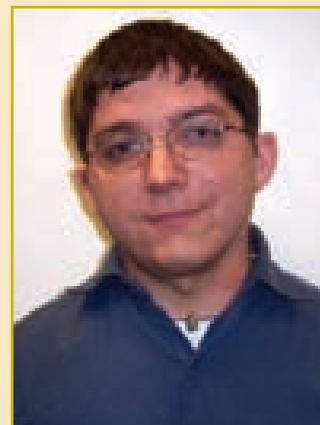
She will also take with her the respect and admiration of her instructors and classmates. Renetta has been described by her instructors as responsible, conscientious, diligent, bright and hard working. Renetta's biology instructor, Dr. Lacey, recommended that Renetta be recognized for exhibiting the characteristics that are integral to Georgia Military College. Dr. Lacey stated that Ms. Hambrick

embodies the spirit of our mission here. She said, "Renetta is reliable, organized and hard working; she takes responsibility for her education. She exhibits graceful pride and carries herself with dignity; undoubtedly, she will do well in whatever she puts her mind to." Dean Hopper added, "Ms. Hambrick is an impressive woman who is well liked by students and instructors. Math did not come easy to Renetta, but she hung in there and did well; she's got spunk. We could not ask for a better representative of the student body of Georgia Military College."



James Sayers entered GMC-Columbus in the fall of 2005 as a

first-time freshman. Since that time he has consistently achieved academic excellence, receiving the highest marks in every one of his classes and is on track to graduate this spring with a GPA of 4.0. His dedication to academics, poise and character when combined with the initiative he has demonstrated in planning and achieving his goals gives great assurance that he embodies the GMC slogan "Start Here - Succeed Here - Go Anywhere." His success at GMC will surely be duplicated as he works to complete his baccalaureate.



Helen Porter is an exemplary student at GMC-Warner Robins. Not only is she a full-time RAFB employee and a mother and wife, but she is also an active member of the GMC student body who will graduate with a 3.6 GPA in June 2008.

Helen has served as President of the Beta Gamma Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for 2007-08. She oversees chapter meetings and rallies fellow members. As a chapter officer, she was an asset to the 2007 GMC Old Book Sale. She assisted in collecting used book donations from students and the community to be sold as a club fundraiser initiative, and she volunteered time to man the book sale table.

She assists with each Red Cross Blood Drive on campus, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. She uses her flex time from RAFB to spend the day running the blood drive registration table, organizing the donors and filling-out paperwork.

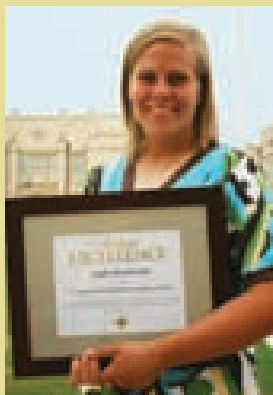
Along with juggling her family, church and academic responsibilities, she also served as the primary caregiver to her ailing mother, who passed away last year. Throughout the hardships of her mother's illness, she always remained positive and upbeat, staying on top of her class obligations and club duties.

She maintains a strong relationship with the faculty of GMC. She was nominated as a "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges" student for 2007. According to her English teacher, Dianne Wilcox, "Helen Porter is a conscientious and diligent student. She not only works for her own academic success, but she encourages other students to excel. I wish I had more students like her."

She is pictured with her husband, Kenneth Porter, and grandson, Andre Patterson, Jr. who was a middle school student at Georgia Military College Prep School in Milledgeville.



Leah Prestwood of GMC in Milledgeville maintains a 4.0 GPA and has a number of academic honors to her credit, such as President's List, Dean's List, and the Biology Award. Her professors describe her as a sweet, hard working student. In addition to her academic excellence, she is an important asset to the GMC softball team. Many of Leah's instructors also cite Leah's most impressive contribution as her ability to motivate and lead her peers to success. When asked to comment on Leah's overall achievement, softball coach Kelly Zeilstra said, "Leah is a conscientious, tireless worker, very intelligent and a leader. . . a tremendous joy. . . we will miss her." Leah is one of fourteen kids and has followed the Prestwood family tradition of attending GMC. This spring she graduated with her Associate's in Science in General Studies and is now pursuing her Psychology degree at Georgia College & State University.



Elizabeth Craig is 2008 Senior Saddle Seat Champion

GMC Prep rising junior **Elizabeth Craig** was recently named the 2008 Georgia State 4-H Horse Show Senior Saddle Seat Champion. She and her horse, Bavarian Crème (B.C.) received a first place blue ribbon and medallion for Senior English Showmanship in Hand, a second place red ribbon and medallion for Senior Saddle Seat Equitation, a first place blue ribbon and medallion for Senior Pattern Saddle Seat Equitation, and a first place blue ribbon and medallion for Senior English Pleasure. The overall award, as Senior Saddle Seat Champion, included a silver bowl, champion ribbon and \$500 college scholarship. She is pictured with B.C. during the show which was held June 9-14, 2008 in Perry, Ga.

Elizabeth and B.C. are both 16 years old and they have been together for five years and have been trained by Dinah Peevy and Dale Brown. During the past year Elizabeth and B.C. have developed a positive relationship and have begun to have more fun during their training sessions. Elizabeth is frequently seen riding BC in the pasture bareback with a halter (no bridle), a result of the trust they are beginning to show each other during practice and in the show ring.

According to her parents, Dr. James and Susan Craig, Elizabeth works B.C. at least three times a week in between homework, dance practice, basketball practice and games, and track practice. During the 2007-2008 school year she competed in the GHSA Class A Region Track Meet, finished second in the region for the 100m hurdles and went on to compete in the GHSA Class A State Track Finals. She took third place with her best time of 16.324 seconds which set a new school record. She is pictured with GMC Head Varsity Track Coach Charles Myers. Congratulations, Elizabeth!



Commissioning / Graduations

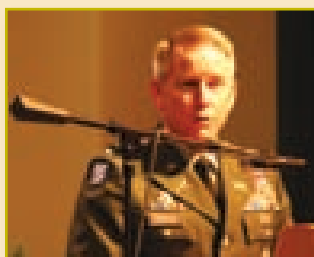
Seventeen GMC Junior College cadets received their commissioning into the U.S. Army as second lieutenants on Friday, May 30, 6:00 p.m., in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. They are: Blake M. Bowles (Armor), George W. Bowles (Quartermaster), Frederick I. Brown (Infantry), Matthew V. Cerniglia (Quartermaster), Clay M. Comer (Infantry), Michael C. Flynn, II (Infantry), Bryan D. Forester (Signal), Andrea L. Herman (Adjutant's General's Corps), Matthew C. Kiss (Transportation), Ashley L. Meredith (Medical Services Corps), Joseph D. Moure (Infantry), Joshua M Moure (Infantry), Scott S. Naelitz, Jr. (Civil Affairs), Robyn L. Ricard (Medical Services Corps), Marcellus L. Simmons (Transportation), Benjamin R. Taylor (Field Artillery), and James F. Vary, III (Infantry).

The guest speaker was COL Thomas Torrance, a native of Milledgeville and a 1974 graduate of GMC High School. In July 2006, Colonel Torrance was assigned as the 48th Deputy Commandant, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Torrance served on the Joint Staff in the Directorate for

Strategic Plan and Policy (J-5) as Assistant Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs for the Middle East and Division Chief of the Middle East Regional Division.

During the commissioning ceremony, the cadets recited the Oath of Office, after which family members pinned on bars denoting their new rank. Finally, the new second lieutenants were saluted for the first time by an enlisted person of their choosing. The hand salute is centuries old and probably originated when men in armor raised their hands to their helmets and lifted the visors so they could be identified. The salute has always been one of the essentials of military courtesy and is considered a symbol of mutual respect and a sign of the camaraderie among service personnel. As a standard practice, the junior initiates the salute, and the senior returns it. In keeping with a time-honored tradition, the newly appointed officers presented a silver dollar to the first enlisted person to salute them after they received their commission.

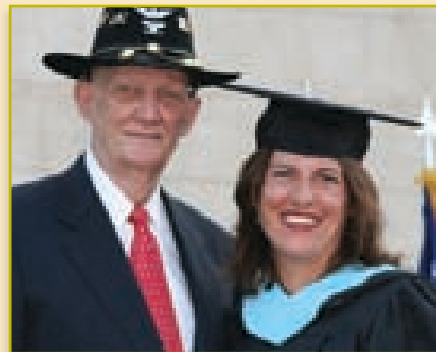
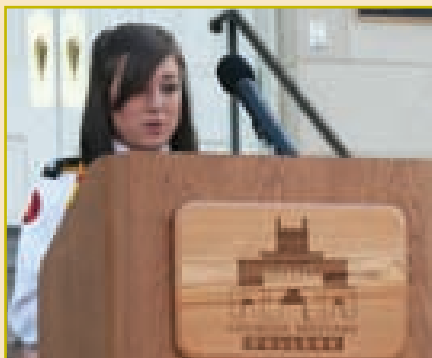
GMC's Early Commissioning Program, one of only five such programs in the nation, is a demanding program in which cadets develop the skills necessary to be leaders in the United States Army within a period of two years.



Early Commissioning Program Graduates will hold a reunion during Alumni Weekend (October 17 & 18, 2008). Contact Earlene Hamilton, GMC Coordinator of Alumni Relations, at (478) 445-2695 for additional information.



The graduation ceremony for the members of GMC High School Class of 2008 was held on Friday, May 30, 7:00 p.m., on Grant Parade. The guest speaker was MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College. Miss Kristen Whipple presented the Valedictorian Address, while Miss Kasey Durden provided the Salutatorian Address. During the ceremony, members of the Georgia Military College High School Class of 1953 honored Miss Kristen Whipple as Outstanding Student and Major Emily Fairbrass as Outstanding Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Alvin Huff was recognized as the 2008 recipient of the W. J. Usery, Jr. Award for Excellence.





The commencement exercises for the members of the GMC Junior College Class of 2008 were held on Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., on Grant Parade. Mr. Thurbert E. Baker, Georgia's Attorney General, presented the Commencement Address. During the ceremony, 2LT Frederick I. Brown received the Harold I. Goodrich Award and 2LT Blake Bowles received the Excellence in Leadership Award.





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