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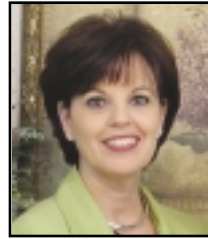
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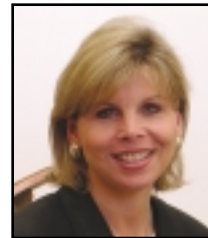
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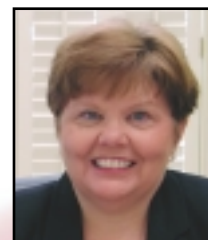
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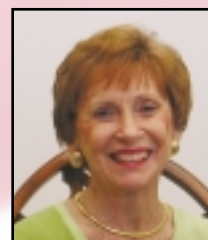
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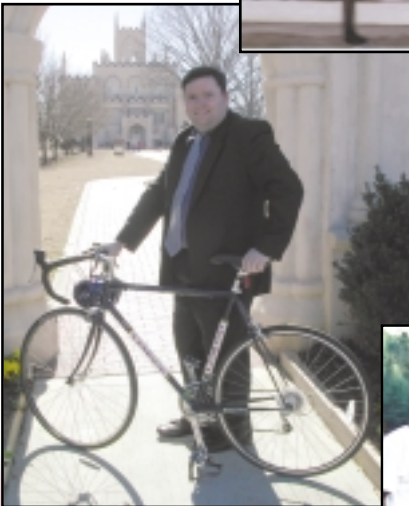


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Elizabeth Sheppard  
Vice President for  
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*This year promises to be a time of celebration for Georgia Military College...*

The first half of the '03-'04 fiscal year yielded an outstanding response to the Annual Giving Campaign. Many who value a well-educated public and a highly trained workforce have already given of their resources to ensure that GMC has the ability to move forward proudly into the future. From every constituency has come great support; in fact, well over \$600,000.00 in gifts, pledges, and planned gifts during just the fall and winter quarters!

In all of the joyous ways we can think of, we will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the school's origin. Our celebration of the 125th year for GMC is elevated to even greater heights by the extraordinary outpouring of generosity from literally hundreds of alumni and friends. The rapid progress evident on all our campuses is due in no small part to the loyalty, hope, and confidence shown by the school's supporters through their faithful and sacrificial gifts to secure the promise of GMC's future and that of its students.

The college has served our state and nation as a successful educational institution since its founding in 1879. We have every reason to be proud of the length and quality of our service and of the long list of students who have passed through the GMC gates to advance their educational goals and lay claim to having attended Georgia Military College.

Many opportunities still lie before us, and many ways to make a difference. The continued growth of Georgia Military College depends on our ability to secure support for various programs and projects. Deserving students are ever in need of scholarships. Outstanding student services necessitate advancements in technology. Facilities continually require upgrades. Please continue to partner with us in our unique mission, never forgetting that your gifts help fund the margin of excellence that will propel GMC successfully into the future.

Alumni and friends are important members of our family, a family committed to molding young people into well-prepared community leaders of strong character. The case for supporting our dream and vision is compelling, for we are in the business of changing lives, making them more meaningful and productive.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E".

Elizabeth A. Sheppard  
Vice President for Alumni & Development

In the true spirit of service so often exhibited at Georgia Military College, they vastly exceeded what was required....

Ramona Rice, Ph.D. and Paula Payne, Ph.D. recently sat down in my office at the end of a typically busy day of instruction. Dr. Rice, Chair of Natural Sciences, and Dr. Payne, Chair of Humanities, expressed their desire to assist deserving students with the purchase of needed textbooks. The sincerity of their concern for students was evident as they shared the wish to "pass on" the generosity once showered upon them by others. (Dr. Payne shares her story in the insert on this page.)

As we discussed the idea, a plan formulated...a plan whereby students could apply for such assistance, the applications be reviewed by a committee of faculty members, and book scholarships be awarded from a fund specifically for that purpose. The only stipulation would be that the recipients "remember that they too have to help someone else when they have the financial means."

The two eagerly filled in payroll deduction forms in order to make generous gifts to the fund each month. Our excitement built as we computed the yearly amount of their gifts and realized how quickly the fund would grow. And just what could it become as more faculty and friends of GMC decided to join the effort? It was one of those moments when you sense the magnitude of what can be accomplished through working together for the common good.

The "Pass It On" Book Scholarship is building to assist students during the upcoming fall term. If you wish to assist, please send your gift or pledge, earmarked for the scholarship, in the envelope inserted in this edition of The Cadence.

Elizabeth Sheppard

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*It was one of those moments when you sense the magnitude of what can be accomplished through working together for the common good.*

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I graduated from high school in a small town in Louisiana. I remember wondering where the money would come from to attend college. Even though tuition at LSU was only \$160 per semester, I knew that my parents did not have it. Back in the late 1960's, no one talked about loans, or grants, or scholarships. I didn't know that counselors provided some direction.

About two months before the fall term began, I received an important letter from my aunt and uncle. I knew that my Uncle Ax had built a miniature railroad in his basement with houses, trees, and set up around all the elements of a real town. He took special care to create exact replicas of real trains and depots. He called the railroad the "Riddle Hill & Northern." In his letter, he told me that I had been awarded a Riddle Hill & Northern College Scholarship that paid for tuition, books, and living expenses. I felt like my prayers had been answered. I started the admission process for attending LSU that day.

When I wrote to my uncle to thank him for the scholarship, he told me that in return, I must agree to help other young people pursue their educational goals. Over the past thirty years, I have tried to meet this responsibility.

Many years later my mother died suddenly in 1993. About that time, my god-daughter Ashley began her college career. To memorialize my mom, my husband and I created an award called the Frances Kramer Harms College Scholarship Fund. We found some old, yellowed crinkled paper and used a computer software program to print out an authentic certificate for Ashley. I bought a small gold emblem to attach to the certificate and drew the initials "FKHC" on it to make the certificate look real. For over six years, we sent Ashley \$50 a month, so she would have spending money for pizzas and drinks. She finally finished her degree in dance therapy, and now she works for a hospital in Texas.



Dr. Ramona Rice and Dr. Paula Payne

Without financial assistance from my aunt and uncle, I would not have been able to attend LSU or complete two M.A. degrees and a Ph.D. I will never forget the Riddle Hill & Northern Railroad and the scholarship my relatives created. I want to "pass on" the joy to other deserving college students. My hope is that those GMC students who receive the "Pass It On" Book Scholarship will remember that they too have to help someone else when they have the financial means.

Paula Payne, Ph.D.

# Pass it On





Cynthia Chipman  
HS1975  
President, 2003-2005

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Alumni are engaged, perhaps more than ever before, in sharing their resources - their time, their talents, and their dollars - for the benefit of Georgia Military College.

Most recently, a number of alumni represented the interests of their alma mater at Georgia Day at the Capitol. We attended productive meetings with legislators, and conveyed a broad range of support for GMC.

The Alumni Association has established the 1879 Circle, the name derived from the year of GMC's origin, to recognize those who make their annual gifts of \$18.79 toward the Alumni Scholarship. Through such generosity, deserving children and grandchildren of alumni will be assisted in continuing their family's heritage of attending Georgia Military College.

From the formation of the 1879 Circle to Georgia Day at the Capitol, investments of time and financial resources are realizing tremendous returns. Overall support is growing, and tremendous progress continues.

Please mark your calendar for Alumni Weekend 2004, to be held on October 22nd and 23rd. I extend a special invitation to each of you to return to GMC and make new memories as you reunite with old friends and classmates. If you have a class reunion coming up, Tiffany Oliver in the Office of Alumni Relations stands ready to assist with your plans. Feel free to phone Tiffany at (478) 445-2695 or e-mail her at [toliver@gmc.cc.ga.us](mailto:toliver@gmc.cc.ga.us). We look forward to having you join us for many special events planned just for you!

With your involvement, Georgia Military College will continue to produce exceptional leaders and citizens for years to come. The celebration of our school's 125th anniversary offers the perfect opportunity to become involved. If you've ever considered making an investment in GMC, now is the time.

Cynthia Patrick Chipman, HS1975  
Alumni Association President, 2003-2005

# THE 1879 CIRCLE



Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors make their contributions, becoming charter members of the 1879 Alumni Circle of Friends.

In the words of MG Peter Boylan, "The things that move us are the things that reflect what we already believe. That the whole of a valuable consists of more than the sum of its parts. That a group with a common purpose can accomplish great things."

Such is the case with the GMC Alumni Association. Through the leadership of the Board of Directors, a new initiative offers the opportunity for financially assisting deserving students who are descendants of GMC alumni to secure a quality education at Georgia Military College.

Each gift of \$18.79, an amount corresponding to the year of GMC's establishment, qualifies the donor for annual membership in the 1879 Alumni Circle of Friends. Members of this special club will be recognized in our annual Honor Roll of Donors as well as during 2004 Alumni Weekend festivities.

To be a part of this exciting new initiative, enclose your gift of \$18.79 in the return envelope inserted in this issue of *The Cadence*. Be sure to check "Alumni Scholarship" to designate your gift.

Every gift will make a difference. Just think...the response each year of only 1,000 of GMC's alumni will result in \$18,790.00 annually in scholarship support!

SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE! • SAVE THE DATE!

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2004 • OCTOBER 22nd and 23rd

*Check the website for details and event registration... [www.gmc.cc.ga.us](http://www.gmc.cc.ga.us)*

# Golden Isles Bowl Alumni Tailgate Party



Frank Beckum, JC1952 and Elizabeth Sheppard, Vice President for Alumni & Development, look over their tickets before the bowl game. Mr. Beckum and Mr. Jabo Taylor, HS1957 & JC1959 hosted GMC alumni and friends at a BBQ tailgate party before the game.



Fans watch as the colors are presented on the field before kick-off.



Many GMC alumni, friends and family attended the tailgate party before the bowl game. Some of them posed for a photo: l-r, Mr. Richard B. Morris, Jr. JC1951, Mrs. Mickey Gowan, Mr. Ronald P. Gowan, HS1959, Mrs. Mary Beckum, Mr. Frank Beckum, HS1952, Mr. Corky Hamilton, HS1953, and Ms. Neil Beuie McClurd.



## The GMC Foundation Development Committee

The GMC Foundation Development Committee members have been busy organizing and implementing something new for the school. The committee is putting together a series of Roundtable Luncheons with MG Peter Boylan. During these luncheons area business and community leaders are given an overview of the college and the school's strategic plan. Committee members pictured are: first row, l-r, Vince Ciampa, John Williamson (Committee Chairman), second row, l-r, Bill Craig, HS1975, Terry Kennedy, and Dudley Rowe.



# 2003

## ALUMNI WEEKEND



WE SALUTE  
*25th & 50th*  
REUNION CLASSES



Pam McCabe and Deborah Brooks Paschal HS1976 cheer their putt into the hole during the Alumni Golf Tournament, which was held at the Milledgeville Country Club.



Jabo Taylor, HS1957, JC1959, Ann Ragan and Bobby Bonner, JC1952 enjoy the festivities during the Friday night Tailgate Party before the homecoming game.



Winston Sibley and John Williamson, GMC Foundation Board members, enjoy a visit and refreshments after the Annual Foundation Board meeting.



GMC High School Class of 1953 celebrate their 50-year reunion during Alumni Weekend. Dr. Sam Goodrich HS1953, JC1955, organized this special event, which included dinner in the Legislative Chamber.



Harold Mason presents the coveted "Mason Cup" to Brett Prichard during the Alumni Golf Tournament.



Carolyn Smith leads a group in the electric slide during the Tailgate Party on Friday evening.



Returning alumni and guests enjoyed a presentation and tour of the campus by MAJ David Bill, JC1981.



General Peter Boylan addresses the group assembled for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Athletic Complex.



Georgia Military High School Chorus entertains guests during the Awards Ceremony held on Saturday.



Classmates from High School Class of 1974 enjoy a fun time during the Saturday evening dance, l-r: Gay Burrus Ibbotson, Mervin Green Rodgers, Bonnie Rice Schubert, Carolyn Kier Williams and Charlotte Smith McShurley.



Guests enjoy dancing to the music of Reunion.

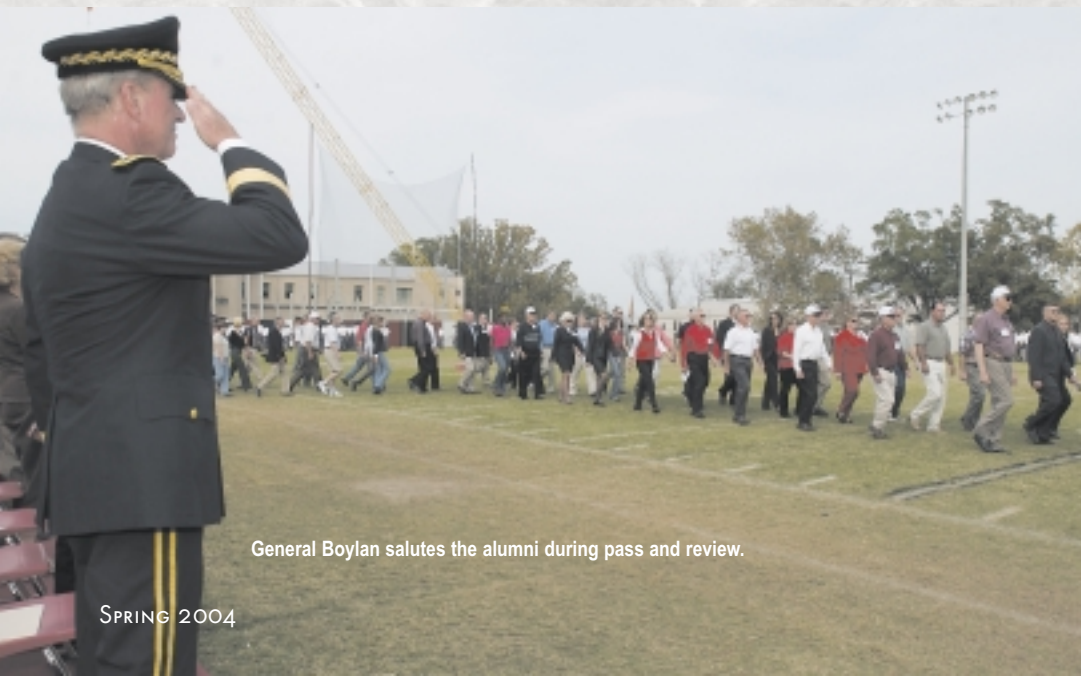


Guests are entertained during Saturday's luncheon with music presented by Elton Parks.

Pedro Tamayo, HS1978 and wife, Deborah, speak with Liz Jarvis Fabian, HS1978 during the Alumni Dance on Saturday evening.



Mr. Frank Beckum, JC1952 and General Boylan enjoy a visit after the parade.



General Boylan salutes the alumni during pass and review.



Monte Washburn, HS1975 presents Joan Lindsey, JC2003 with a GMC throw during the Saturday evening festivities.

# ALUMNI AWARDS 2003

*The recipients of the Georgia Military College Alumni Awards were recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Ceremony, which took place on Saturday, October 25th, during Alumni Weekend. These six extraordinary people, selected from among a record number of nominations for the 2003 awards, are representative of the fine character and countless acts of excellence displayed by the alumni and friends of Georgia Military College. GMC is fortunate to have been a part of the lives of each of these fine people. The contributions of the 2003 Alumni Award recipients have, without a doubt, made the world a better place.*

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS** Hurley D. Jones, Jr. GMC JC 1950

It takes discipline to earn letters in football, baseball, basketball and track. It takes real dedication for one to earn a total of 14 letters in those sports while still in high school. But those who knew Hurley D. Jones, Jr. were not the least surprised when he did just that. Nor were they surprised when his discipline, energy, and thirst for knowledge led this dedicated student-athlete from college at Georgia Military College to the University of Georgia from which he graduated in 1954. Or that he would continue on at the Medical College of Georgia and earn a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1958.

Dr. Hurley D. Jones, Jr. completed his medical internship at Macon Hospital, his internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic, and his cardiology fellowship at the Emory University School of Medicine. Hurley's enthusiasm for sports and his love for the men and women he came into contact with through his medical practice blended beautifully. Truly, the world is a much better place for his passions.

Due to his efforts, the Coronary Care Unit of the Brunswick Hospital, now part of the Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center, was established. In his 35 years of practice, his contributions to medicine, and to his patients, set a standard for others to follow. His tone, his compassion, his concern, and yes, his discipline, exemplify all the healing that needs to be intertwined in the meaning of the title, "Doctor."

Mary Virginia Youngblood, his high school sweetheart, married Hurley in 1953, and together, they raised four children: Dr. Marsha Jones Certain, Ms. Sherry Jones Barrett, Dr. Elizabeth Jones Sudduth, and Dr. Mitchell Jones. His wife, children, eight grandchildren, and indeed, all of GMC, celebrate the fine talents of Dr. Jones.

For the immense impact he had on the health of the citizens in the Brunswick area, and through his professional affiliations in Georgia, it is with praise for his extraordinary accomplishments in the practice of medicine that the GMC Alumni Association awarded the 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award to the family of Dr. Hurley D. Jones, Jr.

## **GMC SERVICE AWARD** Denise H. Locke

If there were a correlation between how helpful one is to the mission and people of Georgia Military College and physical size, our Davenport Field would not be large enough to contain Denise Locke. Both her up-front and her behind-the-scenes contributions would call for a space at least twice that size. But even that amount of space would probably not be adequate, for Denise's unwavering and conscientious service to the school and to the GMC family has no limit.

Mrs. Locke, as Database Manager in the Alumni & Development Office, makes sure that all funds donated to the school through the GMC Foundation are accounted for and are available to use for the purpose the donor has designated. If that were the sum of her service, it would be commendable, but Denise gives so much more to GMC.

She has, for the past five years, been the driving force behind the annual Alumni Auction. With her great organizational skills and attention to detail, Denise has made each Alumni Auction a success. It has been largely by her sole efforts and dedication that the Alumni Association has been able to contribute to the GMC scholarship funds for children and grandchildren of GMC alumni.

Denise also contributes to GMC through ways, and by means, that are not even noticed by most people. She has the ability not only to see where there is need, but to act on what she sees. If there is someone in the GMC family who is in need of anything - be it a meal when the campus cafeteria is closed during the summer, help with a medical costs fund-raiser, or simply the providing of an extra pair of hands for any task - Denise faithfully and quietly ensures that the need, any need, is met.

Wife of Stan Locke and mother of Samantha Locke, Denise is a caring, thoughtful person with a heart as big as they come. Her service to GMC is just one indication of that, and it was with much gratitude that the Alumni Association showed its appreciation for her many kindnesses by awarding the 2003 GMC Service Award to Mrs. Denise H. Locke.

## **OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS** Phillip M. Peevy GMC HS 1994

As a community, we watch our students grapple with complex ideas and problems, and we trust that we are providing them with the information and skills they will need to become productive and contributing members of society. We watch our young men and women grow, and we are gratified when their path allows them to live up to their potential. A stellar example of what we work towards at Georgia Military College is the success of Philip M. Peevy.

Phil was a high school scholar-athlete, lettering in both football and track as a member of the Bulldog teams. After graduation, he enrolled in Georgia College & State University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration as well as a Master of Public Administration. Sharing what he had learned, he was a graduate assistant and instructor at Georgia College & State University from 1999 until 2001. In addition, during his studies at GC&SU, and as a precursor of his public service, he served as Congressional Intern for Congressman Charlie Norwood.

For the past two years, Mr. Peevy has served the citizens of Jasper County as County Administrator. In this capacity, he provides supervision and guidance to seven department managers and ninety county employees, as well as administrative support for five county commissioners. As Chief Administrative Officer for Jasper County, he effectively supports and administers all operational functions of the county, to include management of a multi-million dollar budget.

Ever contributing to society, Phil also serves on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center, is a member of the Economic Development Board, and is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello. He is an Advisory Member of the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce and is as a volunteer fireman for Jasper County.

In recognition of all that he has accomplished since graduation from our school, and with anticipation of his continued service to the community, it is with admiration that the GMC Alumni Association presented the 2003 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award to Mr. Phillip M. Peevy.

## **ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT** Doyle D. Broome, Jr. GMC JC 1975

"Duty, Honor, Country; Character Above All!" the Regimental Accolade of the Georgia Military College Corps of Cadets, reverberates throughout the campus at the start of each school day, at formations, and at parades. It remains as integral a part of the education at GMC today as it was in years past, and the intrinsic meaning of the words are embodied in the person of COL (P) Doyle D. Broome, Jr.

Commissioned in 1975 through GMC's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, the young man from Cedartown, Georgia began his military service to the country as an Infantry Officer in the US Army. In the ensuing 27 years, he has assumed progressively greater responsibilities as his assignments have taken him from GMC to Korea, to Germany, and to places in between, and he has advanced in rank from Second Lieutenant to being selected this past March for promotion to Brigadier General. His current assignment is as Assistant Division Commander for Support for the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC, a division deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

COL (P) Broome holds a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Command and General Staff College and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Troy State. Among many other acknowledgments for his extraordinary capabilities, his military awards include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Married for over 25 years, Doyle and wife, Donna, are parents to Trey and his wife, Betsy; son, David; and daughter, Danielle.

His achievements in his chosen career are reflective of his character and his deep commitment to Duty, Honor, Country. His notable success is a guide and inspiration to those who would follow in his steps, and therefore, with gratitude, the Alumni Association awarded the 2003 Alumni Achievement Award to COL (P) Doyle D. Broome, Jr.



2003 award recipients (L - R) Donna Broome accepts the Alumni Achievement Award on behalf of her husband, Brig. Gen. Doyle D. Broome, Jr., JC1975, who is currently serving in Iraq. David Grant HS1972, JC1974 - Recipient of the Community Service Award; Phillip Peevy, HS1994 - Recipient of the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award; Denise Locke - Recipient of the Alumni Service Award.

### **HONORARY ALUMNUS Donald McCarley**

There is a phenomenon known as "the ripple effect" in which the action of one person changes the life of another, who in turn, changes the life of another, and another, and so on. The results along the way are a wonder to behold, and when one considers how it all started, the underlying magnitude of the person who initiated the change is striking. Such are the actions of SGM Donald McCarley (US Army, Retired) who has produced an effect that has, literally, spread around the world.

SGM McCarley joined the Georgia Military College family in 1974, and until 1981, changed lives as the Reserve Officer Training Corp's Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. After his retirement from the US Army, he continued to volunteer his time to the school and students for the next five years, at which time he rejoined GMC in the position of Deputy Commandant of Cadets. A further move within the school came in 1993 when he was appointed Deputy Director of Engineering, a position which he held until 1996.

In the 22 years of caring that Sergeant Major gave to GMC, the number of students, faculty, and staff who had their lives made better because of his thoughtful actions is enormous. And when one thinks of the number of people who, through the ripple effect, have ultimately been the beneficiaries of the actions that SGM McCarley started, the positive result is incalculable. As an unselfish provider of guidance, assistance, professionalism, and leadership, he was a mentor beyond compare to people who have carried his lessons from GMC. He continues to be an inspiration for how seemingly small actions have a profound impact.

SGM and Aida McCarley are the parents of GMC attendees Pricilla McCarley Babb and Donald McCarley, Jr.

For his indelible and far-reaching examples of all of the very best characteristics expected of a Georgia Military College student, we honor him. With tremendous pride, the Alumni Association presented the 2003 Honorary Alumnus designation to SGM Donald McCarley.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD David M. Grant GMC HS 1972 & JC 1974**

The state of Georgia, and indeed, the nation, has people who are willing to lend their talents to making the place where they live better for everyone. Milledgeville is no exception in this respect, and we are more than fortunate to have a steady and constant contributor who, through a deep and abiding interest in helping others, makes our city and county better by the day.

If it is community, if it is service, and if it is accomplished with the highest degree of commitment and character, you can be assured that David Grant is, in some way, involved. His fine example and sure leadership have contributed immeasurably to numerous local, national, and international civic organizations, and through them, have positively affected countless citizens. Because of David Grant, his vision of what can be accomplished, and his dedication to our community, things that need to be done, are done.

As an extension of his service to the community, he has included his alma mater in his good works, and this extension has greatly helped GMC become what she is today. He is a past president of the Alumni Board of Directors, served 3 years on the GMC Board of Trustees, and since 1986, has been a member of the GMC Foundation.

David and his wife, Keith Donnelly Grant, have three sons, John Robert, Max (HS 2006) and Will (HS 2008). The Grants reside in Milledgeville where David's contributions are invaluable.

His sense of community was evident while he was still a student at GMC and was awarded the DAR Citizenship Award in 1972 and again in 1974. Participation in, and starting up of, all manner of groups and programs to benefit the community is a gift that David gives us all.

With many thanks, and in recognition of his selfless acts of service to Milledgeville and our community, the Alumni Association awarded the 2003 Community Service Award to Mr. David M. Grant.

**2004 Alumni Awards Nominations**

We invite your nominations for the 2004 GMC Alumni Awards presented by the GMC Alumni Association. Alumni, friends of the school, and non-alumni supporters of GMC and its ancillary organizations may qualify. The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2004. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Office at (478) 445-2695.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS**

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus whose life has embodied the ideals of GMC: discipline, leadership, moral character, and learning, and whose accomplishments have made a significant impact or fundamental change within a specific profession, career, or endeavor, or whose accomplishments have made a conspicuous and positive impression on those who will follow the award recipient's lead in the field or endeavor, and whose life is an example of extraordinary accomplishment.

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT**

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who has attained notable success in his or her chosen field or profession at the local, state, or national level, and whose achievement might serve as an inspiration to anyone considering entering that chosen field or profession, or might serve as inspiration to anyone to excel in his or her chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipient of this award.

**GMC SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to an alumnus or friend of Georgia Military College who has rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to any of its ancillary organizations, including, but not limited to, the GMC Alumni Association, GMC Bulldog Club, GMC Booster Club, or GMC Foundation, Inc.

**OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS**

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who, having finished his or her studies at GMC within the past fifteen years, has demonstrated excellence in academics or in his or her chosen career or profession, or who has made great strides in his or her personal life, and who shows promise of continuing excellence.

**HONORARY ALUMNUS**

Awarded to an individual who is not an alumnus of Georgia Military College, but who has rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to its Alumni Association, and who, by virtue of his or her service, is worthy of the designation of GMC Alumnus and all that this designation entails.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to a Georgia Military College alumnus who, through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in his or her professional activities, has taken the lessons of GMC's character education beyond the classroom and whose actions are characterized by a history of exemplary service resulting in unquestionable improvements within his or her community.

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**AWARD NOMINATION CATEGORY (Circle One)**

Distinguished Alumnus                      Alumni Achievement                      GMC Service Award  
Outstanding Recent Alumnus              Honorary Alumnus                              Community Service Award

Supporting documentation for nomination may include: career highlights, achievements, community service, letters of recommendation, newspaper or magazine articles. If necessary, use additional pages to complete this form, but please limit your narration to 500 words.

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May we reveal your name? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ Is the nominee aware of this nomination? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

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Mike Prosperi, owner of Bug House Pest Control and Insulation, presented a check to Bill Craig, Chairman of the Georgia Military College Foundation Board. Mike recently attended GMC's Business Roundtable Luncheon with MG Peter Boylan. General Boylan presented an overview of the college and the school's strategic plan for the next five years. Representatives from over twenty local businesses attended the luncheon which was held in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol.

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The staff of the GMC Alumni & Development Office hosted their annual *Holiday Open House* on December 4th. Over fifty friends and donors of the foundation enjoyed refreshments and music provided by Elton Parks. Above, Dr. George Echols, HS1949 & JC1950, and Mr. Russ Walden, HS1959, enjoy refreshments during the open house.

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The Right Stuff

The River Street Inn

The Union Recorder

The Willis House

Theatre Macon

Mrs. Norma Jeanne Trammell

Wal-Mart

Walt Disney World Company

Young's Jewelry Repair and Custom Design



Mrs. Brenda Mason and her granddaughter, Sarah Margaret talk with Mr. Bob McMillan, HS1946 & JC1948 during the GMCAumni & Development Office *Holiday Open House*.

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;  
what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. "*

-Albert Pike



# IT'S A SMALL WORLD

I am an alumnus of the JC Class of 1988. Currently, my Army Reserve Criminal Investigation (CID) Battalion is mobilized and deployed to South West Asia where I serve as the Battalion Executive Officer (XO). My CID Special Agents and soldiers are spread all over the Iraqi Theater of Operations. It is in this capacity that I have learned of a number of GMC alumni who are also involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom not the least of which are the following members of my class: MAJ Jeff Martin; MAJ Bernie Lindstrom and MAJ Kevin Gregory. (A side note is that another classmate CPT(P) Shawn Gamaldi was here for over a year, and is now deployed as an Aviation Company Commander in support of the Kosovo Mission.) Also, there is also at least one other GMC Alumni from a recent class (JC2000) that I met who is assigned to a Military Intelligence unit at Camp Doha, Kuwait.

Recently one of our classmates, MAJ Paul Scott Drury, e-mailed me to say he was coming to Kuwait. Of course, I was excited at the chance to catch up and reminisce about our GMC days. A few years ago back in 1997 I ran into Paul while attending training at Fort McCoy, WI. We had not really kept in touch with each other following our graduation from GMC. However, after the course, we've kept in touch most regularly.

Upon his arrival in Theater, Paul and I met at Camp Doha, Kuwait. When Paul's duties later further took him to Baghdad, I decided to go along with him in an attempt to see our fellow classmates in Theater. Upon arrival to the Baghdad International Airport, we sat in the terminal for hours trying to get through to our POCs using the limited DSN phone lines available. We later found out our contacts were conducting operations and were unable to pick us up as planned. Rather than hanging out at the airport any longer, we tried to call one of our alumni, MAJ Bernie Lindstrom. Once we got through, I was able to leave a message with Bernie's Charge of Quarters (CQ). I instructed the CQ to go find MAJ Lindstrom and tell him Neil and Paul were at the terminal. Within a very short period, Bernie arrived and took us back to his Battalion AO. It turns out he dropped everything, even cutting a meeting short, to pick up his stranded comrades. We were able to take a much-needed shower, eat at the Bob Hope dining facility, and catch up on old times. It was great and seemed like it had only been yesterday that we were sitting on the Sophomore stones talking about and awaiting our commissioning. Due to mission restrictions, we were unable to meet with Jeff and Kevin. However, Bernie was able to share some of his story as a Field Artillery Battalion S3 in support of 3d ID's attack deep into Iraq. A life changing experience...

While in Kuwait, I was also able to make contact with one of my ROTC instructors, COL Tom Torrance. COL Torrance was the 3d ID DIVARTY Commander during the main offensive and was a Captain working in the Military Science Department when we attended GMC. (He, of course, remembered our class very well.)

Some people go their entire lives and never develop the bonds we developed at GMC. It is a fine institution and one in which I am proud to be a part. I salute all of the GMC Alumni who are serving and have served their country.

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I thought you'd get a kick out of this story. Yesterday, I went to my mailbox and found a letter from a former GMC student, Keo Sihartha. He's been stationed in Iraq for six months. On his tour, he ran into another GMC student, Chester Branton. (Keo had left GMC before Chester arrived, so they didn't meet in Milledgeville.) Anyway, they both swapped GMC stories, and my name apparently came up, since I had Keo for AM. Lit., and Chester was in my ENG 101 when he was deployed. As a result, they both sent me letters in one envelope yesterday, and asked if I'd write them back. (Of course, I will.) Chester even asked if I'd be his advisor when he returned to GMC. I thought that was great! I guess we make more of an impact than we think we do sometimes. Take care,  
Susan Isaac, Milledgeville JC Faculty

I joined the Army as an enlisted soldier in January 2001. I was trained and arrived at my first duty station with Fort Stewart's 123d Signal Battalion as a Tactical Phone Switch Operator in November 2001. We were deployed to Kuwait in March 2002 as part of Operation Desert Spring. I spoke with a few people who were at Camp Doha there. At the dining facility, I sat for dinner the second day there, and was well into my meal by myself when I looked up from my plate to see a Captain sitting across from me that I was shocked to recognize. It was Kevin Coleson, the college class Commander for my graduating class. He didn't recognize me until I asked him how long it had been since he had been to Milledgeville. We spoke briefly about other classmates, and I was already very comforted about being on this mission to the Middle East. A six-month rotation was a bit more tolerable knowing someone else there.

My second trip to the desert was a bit more publicized, but I didn't meet anyone else from GMC during OIF. I am incredibly proud that I was able to take part in the war and serve, as so many others have done before me.

God bless,  
SPC James D. Tyler (GMC JC1991)  
Part of the 3rd Infantry Division  
Fort Stewart, Georgia

Doing What You  
Think You Can't Do...

# Meeting Uncertainty Head-On



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The Ranger Challenge is far more than meets the eye. A casual observer or one who had not "been there, done that" might think that the smiles on the cadre were because of the punishment we so much enjoyed inflicting on the ranger candidates (maggots). They might also believe that the smiles on the faces of the ranger candidates indicate they are glad this is over. As I look at myself and see that smug smile on my face as I squint into the sun and as I look the faces of the other cadre, even then others and I knew what this was all about. I had accepted the challenge like these new candidates only a year earlier. I had hope and faith that this would make me a better soldier and citizen. The smile was there because I was just as sure that they too had those same hopes and aspirations. Although I had been on teams, part of a group, in clubs and part of organizations before, GMC was my first exposure to true camaraderie. We learned to depend on others and learned to train others to carry on long after we were gone. It's all about a common cause.

There were many world-changing events during the turbulent times of the early 1970's. This was surely a time of uncertainty when some citizens chose to burn our flag, torment those who would stand the watch and serve, and abandon their country. But, there were also those of us and far many others, who chose to honor our flag, offer praise and thanksgiving to those who served, and continue to build on the fiber of our great country – those of us who had faith that our country was strong. When I was young, I did not realize we were part of history in the making. As I look back, we are now not only part of the history of the college, but also of integral parts of history of many military units, and government and civilian organizations. Those from prior generations who served in World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, and the Cold War were our mentors. They were our strong cadre of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and professors – the ones who taught us most about doing what we thought we couldn't do. They were the ones who brought with them to GMC a genuine interest in each cadet and a unique perspective of what it took to train soldiers properly. They created a venue of demanding training opportunities that included the Ranger Challenge. They gave us the strongest foundation possible upon which to build our careers. They passed on to us the same fiber and attitude with which they had succeeded on their watch. The Ranger Challenge was preparing us for what was to be our generation's watch.

We had no idea that we would continue to stand in the face of conflicts and potential conflicts: the Cold War – standing the watch in Europe and being a part of bringing down the Berlin Wall and Communism 15 years later, facing conflicts in Grenada, Panama, Kuwait, Somalia, Bosnia, and at the same time maintaining our continuing vigilance in Korea. We were also the good citizens who provided support and inspiration from home. We served in many other places around the globe both as soldiers and citizens – too many to name at this moment in time. And we now transition to a new generation, who continue to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq to end a horrific dictatorship, nurture democracy, and combat terrorism. Today, just like we did 30 years ago, a new generation faces a similar kind of uncertainty – but will prevail just as we did.

Looking at us, it is easy for me to see, that the Ranger Challenge was something that we did to prepare ourselves to meet uncertainty. It was also something we wanted to share with others so that they could help shoulder the burden of uncertainty. The Ranger Challenge is far more than meets the eye. It was and still is about developing a common attitude which became our very fiber; an attitude that projected confidence, providing inspiration to those we would lead to willingly follow and step up and take the lead when we were gone; an attitude that projected a sense of stamina that shore up courage in the group to work as a team and to do what we thought we could not do – the impossible; and an attitude that projected confidence in knowing we were well trained and were comfortable being a part of an exceptionally strong team to do what we thought we could not do – to meet uncertainty head-on. We all developed these attitudes together. This is the fiber that we inherited and passed on to those who would boldly step up and answer the call of the challenge – to be better soldiers and citizens for our country.

Major General Boylan has established a vision of excellence for GMC, set a high mark for quality, and continues to put forth a Herculean effort to continually improve everything about our school. I share in his vision and have pledged an annual contribution to sustain the Ranger Challenge from year to year. I strongly encourage you to be a part of the vision, quality, and efforts by making a contribution to GMC in a way that is meaningful to you. I believe my small contribution to sustain the Ranger Challenge from year-to-year will have an impact on someone's life. A whole lot of small contributions can touch a whole lot of lives.

This year GMC celebrates its 125th Anniversary. This is a wonderful time to join together with your classmates and many other alumni and friends to celebrate a milestone in the history of our college. Please join with my classmates and me from JC1975 to make this a celebration to remember.

"Rangers Lead the Way"  
John Ferguson  
GMC JC1975

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## Elizabeth Craig - *Saddling Up to Greatness*

Upon meeting Elizabeth Craig, one immediately notices her confidence. She is beautiful, poised, friendly, and very comfortable with her life. One might not realize that this sixth-grader is also an award-winning equestrienne - the 2003 Saddle Seat Champion and the 2002 and 2003 High Point Champion for the Newton County (GA) Saddle Club.

The daughter of Dr. James and Mrs. Susan Craig, Elizabeth started riding horses at the young age of three. She said, "My mom always had horses and she also rides, so it was natural for me to be interested in them." Elizabeth and her mom each own two horses, and caring for them is a daily endeavor, with brushing, riding, and other tasks to keep them healthy and happy. She speaks fondly of her Half-Quarterhorse, Half-Tennessee Walker, Flame, and her Half-Arabian, Half-Saddlebred, Bavarian Creme (B.C.): "I've had Flame for a long time, but B.C. is the one I take to shows now. I have a special bond with both of them - they recognize me and get excited when they see me. We usually spend anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours with the horses each day, and I also take riding lessons twice a week from our family friend, Dinah Peevy, who is also an excellent trainer."

Elizabeth has been competing in the 13 and under category for two years, and usually competes in four shows a year, including the Newton County Saddle Club, the Magnolia Arabian Horse Association, the

Ohoopce Rivers Horse Association, and the Georgia Arabian Horse Association. She is judged by how B.C. behaves and how well Elizabeth rides the horse. In total she has won approximately 45 ribbons, and 4 awards, but she said, "The best part of the competitions is catching up with those people that I only see at the shows, and spending quality time with my family." Ms. Dinah Peevy, who has been riding with Elizabeth since 2001, attributes Elizabeth's success to her great attitude: "Even though Elizabeth is a very young rider, she has shown a tremendous amount of ambition and a very positive work ethic, and

that is one of the reasons she has achieved so much in this sport. While many others depend on a trainer to care for and prepare their horses for competition, Elizabeth is required to do much of this work herself."

Her positive work ethic is evident in her school work as well. LTC John Thornton, GMC Assistant Principal, offered the following comments about Elizabeth: "She is the type of child that makes my job so easy. She is compassionate about learning and puts forth her best effort with everything that comes her way. When I first gave her and her mother a campus tour, I could tell that she had leadership characteristics and would be a great asset to the 6th grade. Elizabeth always greets me with a smile, and I would never hesitate to task her with any duty from showing a prospective student around to having her represent GMC in any fashion. She is an honor student (principal's list at that) and a leader in her class both academically and socially. As a father of a five year old girl, I realize that she exhibits the traits I hope to see in my own daughter when she comes to GMC." Elizabeth's favorite subject is civics. "I enjoy learning about the government and now when Daddy talks about it, I can say, 'I know that.'" Her mother, Susan, said that it was Elizabeth's decision to attend GMC this year, and in doing so she follows a family tradition. Her uncles, Henry R. Craig, HS1967, and William (Bill) R. Craig, HS1971, as well as cousins, Will Craig, HS1998, Zac Craig, HS2003, and Caroline Craig Pruitt, GMC 8th grade, also have GMC running through their veins.

Elizabeth also plays basketball, is a member of the GMC band, enjoys running and dances ballet. In fact, she has worked with clients at Central State Hospital in several entertainment shows, and twice had a solo dance performance during Mayor's Day, which is an annual show for Georgia's First Lady. But her plans for the future, of course, involve riding. "I love horses and riding so much that when I'm older, I'd like to own a training barn, and train horses to sell." Whatever her future holds, rest assured Elizabeth's ride through life will be one of a champion.



# An Environmental Afternoon for GMC Atlanta Students

By: Diane Dorsett, Ph.D., GMC-Union City Faculty



On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in November, approximately fifty students from the Georgia Military College Environmental Science Club and from two "Environmental Studies" classes traveled to Ronald Bridges Park in Union City with one purpose in mind: Save a stream.

The tiny creek is located at the headwaters of Deep Creek, a tributary of the Chattahoochee River. It was adopted by the GMC Atlanta Campus' Environmental Science Club in 2002. This is the second year that members of the Club and other environmentally concerned students have cleaned the stream. The stream was adopted, even though it is small, since its continued pollution could seriously impact the local environment. By blocking the flow of water in the stream with trash, the stream would become stagnant. Stagnant water is a notorious breeding ground for mosquitoes, carriers of the West Nile Virus. Additionally, wildlife in the area that rely on the stream as a source of drinking water could be adversely affected by the pollutants and organisms found in the stagnant water. Of course, the water in the creek will eventually trickle into the Chattahoochee, affecting the drinking water of several downstream cities.

Students and club members arrived at the park armed with gloves, shovels, rakes and trash bags, ready to remove whatever obstacles from the creek they encountered. On first observation, the situation did not appear that bad. On closer inspection, however, workers found that the creek had serious problems that were causing it to be completely stagnant in most areas. Large amounts of trash and several large discarded items were causing leaves and pine straw to become trapped, resulting in the complete blockage of water flow in the creek. The backup of water had resulted in algae and other organisms creating a scum-like surface on the stagnated water.

Students immediately noticed a foul odor coming from the water as they approached.

With their work cut out for them, students began removal of the large items such as lawn chairs, silt fences and boards from the creek. They also shoveled out the huge amounts of leaves and straw that had accumulated as a result of these items blocking the flow of the stream. As many areas of the creek were worked on and this material was removed, water began moving in the creek again. Willie Patterson, who had helped remove a 40 foot silt fence from the creek observed, "Look! It's starting to clear!" Indeed, as water flow was restored, the water did begin to clear as the "scum" layer was washed downstream.

In the stream's watershed, students removed approximately twelve forty gallon trash bags of debris such as beer bottles, discarded food wrappers, soda cans and other items left behind by visitors to the park. In addition, several boards with rusty nails protruding from them were found and removed. As many local children play in the park, the removal of these boards was a particularly important safety concern.

After completion of the "Stream Clean", several students were chatting at the park about their afternoon's activities. One student compared the clogged up stream to a clogged up blood vessel. "When there is no blood flow in the body, there is death. I had the same feeling when I saw the stream and the shape it was in," said Sabrina Sawyer. Other students commented on how amazing it was that people could be so careless and leave such trash in a community park. Tonya Respert-Ham remarked, "As a parent, I feel it is my duty to educate, inform and make my children conscious of this type of selfish and destructive behavior to our planet."

Everyone said they had a good time at the "Stream Clean." More importantly, many students commented that they "felt they had made a difference" with the time they spent that afternoon.





## TEAM GMC COMPLETES MARATHON

Billie Washburn, Assistant Dean of Students/Assistant Director and Christy James, Assistant Professor of Political Science for Georgia Military College Valdosta Campus completed the 11th annual Disney Marathon on January 11, 2004. The 26.2 mile course led runners through each of the 4 Disney theme parks. The first time marathoners, Washburn and James, competed against 15,500 other runners. There were 9,371 runners completing the race within the 7-hour time limit. Of the total finishers, 4,647 were women. Washburn placed 5,224th overall; 1,964th in the women's category; and 285th in her age division, which consisted of 665 finishers. Washburn completed the race in 4 hours: 58 minutes: 59 seconds. James placed 8,053rd overall; 3,669th in the women's category; and 754th in her age division, which consisted of 877 finishers. James completed the race in 6 hours: 11 minutes:06 seconds. Both runners shared the following sentiments, "It was great fun. The support for the runners was tremendous! It was a great experience." Congratulations to Billie Washburn and Christy James!

GMC-Warner Robins students, faculty, and staff recently collected more than 1,500 items of food to benefit their community. The food was donated to the Trinity United Methodist Food Bank in Warner Robins. Pictured (l-r), Ted Ramsdell, Assistant Dean, GMC-Warner Robins; Susan Ferguson, Director, GMC-Warner Robins; Andrew Shaw, President of the Student Government Association; Dan Vanbrunt and Newell Ledbetter, both representing Trinity United Methodist Food Bank.

## It's Never too Late to Hop on the Float

By: Chris Bell, Union City Faculty



When Linda Severa was told that after twenty years of working as a paraprofessional for Tyrone Elementary she would not be able to keep working for the school system unless she went back to school and earned a teaching degree, she "panicked."

"I felt my sense of self-worth had been shot," Linda says.

Then a colleague at work told her, "Some guy is coming to talk about college."

"Some guy" turned out to be Jim Price, Director of the Georgia Military College Distant Learning Center in Atlanta. Linda didn't go to listen. After all, she figured, at fifty-three, the parade had already passed her by. However, her colleague, after visiting with Mr. Price, convinced Linda to come to GMC and take a placement exam. Before she knew it, Linda was enrolled in college and taking classes for the first time in thirty years.

After only two quarters, disaster struck. A severe car accident forced Linda to withdraw, and she had to sit out another full quarter. Undeterred, Linda plowed ahead once her health enabled her. At this point, Linda had fallen in love with college. After spending all day with kindergartners and first-graders, "It was nice to be among adults and learning." The parade, it turns out, had not passed her by.

In fact, by the end of her course work, Linda was leading the festivities. In May of 2003, she graduated from GMC Magna Cum Laude, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and the recipient of a \$1,000 GASPA scholarship. Ironically, paraprofessional jobs have not been phased out after all, but Linda remains grateful for the push that led her to GMC.

Currently, Linda is enrolled at Mercer University and plans to graduate with her Bachelor's in education in May of 2005. Having already passed the Praxis exam required for certification, Linda is anxious to get to the front of the classroom. When asked if graduate work in education is on the horizon, Linda smiled and said, "I'm considering it. It's never too late." No one would know better.



## World History Students Write: Note of Thanks!

During the week prior to Thanksgiving, World History students at GMC High School wrote more than 60 letters of thanks and good wishes to those students from Georgia Military College (all campuses) who have been called to active duty from their studies.

The students' letters were mailed in individual large envelopes to the units of the active duty personnel so they could be forwarded to each of them at their posts of duty. Students' letters reflected their thanks to the service members for their commitment to their country as well as their good wishes to them for the holidays.



GMC High School World History students, I- front: B. Barnes, J. Thompson, C. Thomas, K. Peters, R. Johnson, S. Johnson, W. Barrett, A. Lamb, J. T. Hogg, teacher J. Anderson.



GMC High School student, Allie Brantley, was one of the World History students who wrote thank you letters to GMC college students who have been deployed due to the fighting in Iraq.

## GMC CADETS 'Jingle All the Way'

By Leia K. Eubanks

Once again, GMC's 2nd Battalion marched into the Christmas season in Milledgeville's annual Christmas Parade. Onlookers smiled with pride as the sharp units paraded by. Among GMC's 2nd Battalion participants were the skilled drill team, staff officers and color guard, dance line, and of course, the marching band who played, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." There were approximately 85 participants, all of whom brought a bit of warmth to the hearts of Milledgeville's citizens. After all, what would a parade in Milledgeville be without GMC cadets?



## The New Music Man

By Will Brown

Major Charlie Harbor, GMC's new band director, is replacing Major Les Steele, who retired at the end of the 2002-2003 school year. Maj. Harbor comes to GMC from Mary Persons, where he spent four years as the high school band director. Previously, he spent eight years in Jones County working with the high school band program.

Maj. Harbor is pleased with the direction of the GMC band program. He is excited that the enthusiasm and self-esteem of the marching band has elevated, as well as the number of members. Presently 37 members make up the seventh grade band class. With such a high level of participation, the future for the marching band looks bright. The quality of the marching is better than Maj. Harbor expected. The level of musicianship is higher, which allows the band to increase the difficulty of their music. Maj. Harbor has also planned many new activities for the marching band this year. The band will attend a music festival where, hopefully, they will be able to compete. He also plans to have students audition for Honor Band, as well as Solo and Ensemble.

Maj. Harbor grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, but moved to Macon, Georgia, while he was in high school. He attended Central High School in Macon and was a member of the high school marching band. While enrolled at the University of Georgia, Maj. Harbor was a member of the "Red Coat Marching Band." While in the band, he witnessed Hershel Walker play football, and he was able to attend two Sugar Bowls, one Cotton Bowl, and one Citrus Bowl. He also traveled with the basketball pep band and the UGA basketball team to the Final Four in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After college, he went on to receive a Master's Degree in music education.

Maj. Harbor continues to live in Macon, Georgia, with his wife and three children. His favorite style of music is jazz, but he also enjoys classic rock. During his free time, he enjoys activities such as hunting, fishing, and playing golf. When asked why he wanted to become a band director, Maj. Harbor replied, "When I was in ninth grade, I knew I wanted to be a band director when I grew up. I looked at what everyone else was doing and figured that I could get paid just to have fun."



## Major Janet Anderson

By McKendrick Bearden and Nick Hewitt

We welcome MAJ Janet Anderson to the History Department. A native of Meriwether County, she came to Milledgeville after having taught at the GMC Fort McPherson off-campus program. Her specialty is World History. She is the wife of Dr. John Anderson, Dean of the College, and has fourteen years of teaching experience.

MAJ Anderson's fascination with history was acquired as a child. She has many hobbies and interests which include reading, listening to music, bird watching, and gardening.

She plays a variety of instruments: piano, organ, bassoon, and bells. She also has a special interest in historical fabrics and needlework. She advises us that teaching at GMC has been a joy thus far. We wish her well and hope she will continue to enjoy her experience as she leads and challenges our students in the classroom.



## Mrs. Ann Mason

By Hannah Jennings and Chelsea Beriault

Mrs. Ann Mason of Milledgeville is also one of GMC's new teachers. Mrs. Mason teaches sixth grade science (which she believes establishes a strong foundation for students) and Spanish (a seventh grade elective).

Mrs. Mason graduated from GMC in 1981 and went to Georgia College where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Science, Middle Grade certification with a concentration in Science and Language, and Secondary certification in Science Education and Biology.

Before transferring to GMC, Mrs. Mason taught in Wilkinson County for 12 years and spent 5 years at home with her youngest daughter, Sarah Margaret. Her two oldest daughters (Caroline, in the eighth grade, and Mary, in the seventh) attend GMC Middle School.

Mrs. Mason was a cheerleader throughout all 4 of her high school years; thus, cheering moved her to volunteer to coach the middle school squad. Mrs. Mason is an excellent example of how GMC prepares its cadets for successful futures.



## Major Kathy Jones

By Leia K. Eubanks

Along with the group of new faculty joining the GMC family is our ninth and twelfth grade English teacher, Major Katherine Kapordelis Jones. Mrs. Jones, wife of the infamous Mr. Jeff Jones (Milledgeville's Young Life director)-though infamous in her own right among high school students-has come to us from Baldwin High School and enjoys such hobbies as photography, travel, walking/running, tennis, and movie-watching.

This interesting lady of Greek descent attended the University of North Carolina where she achieved a Bachelor's degree in English, and then graduated from Columbus State University with a Master's degree in English Education. Mrs. Jones explained that she chose teaching as a career because of her "intense passion for learning" and because of her "love for young people, especially high school age."

Major Jones' least favorite thing about GMC is that, in her opinion, there are not enough electives or languages offered. When asked what her favorite thing about GMC is, she exclaimed, "Where do I begin?" she finally decided that one of her joys is the students and faculty members themselves. "They're like family," she says.

## New Math Teacher and Football Coach

By Stephanie Chappell



GMC has welcomed many new teachers this year, one of them being Maj. Tim Lehman who teaches math and is a varsity football assistant coach.

At the school where he previously worked, he heard about GMC looking for a new math teacher, and that is how he ended up as a member of the GMC faculty. He says he likes GMC because the people are friendly, and he is impressed by how polite the students are.

Maj. Lehman is originally from Cairo, Georgia, which is located southwest of Milledgeville, near the Georgia-Florida border. His favorite subjects in school were math and history, causing a debate between which one he wanted to teach. Mr. Lehman graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master's in Math Education. This is his third year teaching and his second year coaching. When asked why he wanted to coach, he replied, "It combines two things I like: teaching and sports."



MAJ Harbor directs the GMC high school band in patriotic selections during the 2004 Georgia Day Proclamation Ceremony at the Capitol in Atlanta.



For 14 years, David Hohnadel has had a dream, and in May it will be fulfilled as he rides a bicycle 800 miles in Gear Up Florida for Push America. This extraordinary team event, with only 35 riders, was created in 1997, and is one of two cycling events to benefit Push America, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi. The dual purpose of the event is to actively demonstrate the precepts of life-long service held by the fraternity members and to reinforce their dedication as they fulfill the organization's charge.

The mission of Push America is "building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today," however David is most certainly already a leader of today. A member of Pi Kappa Phi for 16 years, he serves as Regional Governor, a volunteer position in which he oversees 13 chapters, 70 other volunteers (chapter advisors and alumni), and nearly 800 undergraduate fraternity members. Also treasurer of GC&SU's Pi Kappa Phi alumni chapter, he is planning the commemorative activities for the chapter's 20th anniversary. In addition, he is the Vice President of Information Technology at Georgia Military College, husband and father, member of the Tennille Baptist Church Choir, and he is renovating a house. Moreover, in January 2004, David was honored by Georgia Military College with The Distinguished Order of the Servant-Leader, an element of GMC's character development program which is presented to a member of the school's student body, faculty or staff, who has contributed over one hundred hours of selfless service to the community within one year. So, with clearly a full life already, the obvious question is: Why? Why does he want to ride a bicycle the better part of a thousand miles from Miami to Tallahassee?

The answer to that question is as plain as plain can be to Mr. Hohnadel. "Service is a very big part of me and who I am," he states. "I'm always hungry for the satisfaction I get in helping another individual, whether it be delivering a message about alcohol awareness or

about hazing at a local fraternity or presenting information about Push America to the community, or interacting with people with disabilities. That feeling of making a difference, touching someone's heart or inspiring another into action is something that I crave. I continue to do more because I continue to receive more, and so it is a never-ending cycle." Or, to be more specific, a cycle-ride come May.

David has been training for his trek for 3 months, 2 hours a day, 6 days a week, and riding between 15 and 20 miles a day, with an occasional 40 to 50-mile trip on Saturday. He has had to totally rework his life, which has included making dietary changes, scheduling time to ride each day, getting up earlier, and hitting the road later - all part of his commitment to fulfill his goal.

Since the 7th grade, David has been involved with Special Olympics, visited nursing homes and spent a lot of time with people with disabilities. In college he joined Pi Kappa Phi because of their national service organization, Push America. "I already had an understanding of their mission, and I wanted to continue my service," David said. "Since being an undergraduate, I've had the desire to do one of the rides for Push America. The Journey of Hope is the largest ride, but it takes 60 days and they ride all the way across the United States. I thought this was just too much time away from my family and from work. Gear Up Florida is only 2 weeks, which will be much easier time-wise, but requires just as much commitment."

Although accomplishing the actual riding will be great in and of itself, David says he is really looking forward to the daily "Friendship Visits" to centers for people with disabilities. He explained, "The daily visits may include a pool party, playing basketball, dancing, or merely spending one-on-one time with someone. That interaction with the children and adults is what this trip is all about. After a long 80-mile ride, those moments will wash the road off (figuratively), making the tough times on the road not so significant. No one comes back from these rides the same and if you do then you probably weren't there for the right reasons."

By participating in Gear Up Florida, David intends to raise understanding and awareness that there are people in our community who could use assistance. In addition to the physical commitment he has made to make the team, David must raise \$1,800 by mid April, however he has set a personal goal of raising \$5,000 by May 12th, which is the date he will fly to Miami to prepare for the 16-day trek. The money raised will support Push America's projects and programs, with the majority going toward building projects, such as, handicapable playgrounds and play units for severely handicapped persons, as well as wheelchair ramps.

David is excited but realistic about the undertaking he has before him. He will be away from his family during the ride and says, "The reunion with my family will be a highlight of the event and that is what I focus on now - the excitement that I'll have in seeing them at the end of the ride, the sense of accomplishment, the memories of interactions with children and adults we spent time with during the Friendship Visits." With the long but fulfilling Floridian miles behind him, David plans to ride (in a car) back to his home with his wife, Beth (nee Harrelson), and 4-year-old daughter, Grace.

David will undoubtedly have many tales to tell when he finishes his Gear Up Florida ride, but maybe most telling about the type of person David is, and about his dedication to service for others, is best shown when he says, "I hope to come back understanding life differently, and perhaps one day I will write a book about my experiences and outlook. I enjoy doing things that are unexpected."

Those who know David know that he will certainly keep on riding his chosen path of assistance to others, and that his quiet touching of lives will continue - that is a given. And, just as certainly, the triumphs of David's rides won't be unexpected.

If you would like to donate to David's Gear Up Florida ride, email him at [dhohnade@gmc.cc.ga.us](mailto:dhohnade@gmc.cc.ga.us).

Editor's Note: Since 1997, over 175 Pi Kappa Phis have participated in Gear Up Florida. Last year's team raised nearly \$75,000 on behalf of Push America. For additional information about Push America, visit [www.pushamerica.com](http://www.pushamerica.com).



Members of the National Honor Society at Georgia Military College High School recently donated 1,200 items to the Chard Wray Food Pantry at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Milledgeville, Georgia. The service project, organized by GMC High School teachers, MAJ Pam Grant (National Honor Society sponsor), and MAJ Ann Bertoli, has been a school-wide Make A Difference Day initiative for four years.

St. Stephen's Food Pantry, which opened in 1990, is named in memory of Chard Wray, a 1984 graduate of GMC high school. COL Bill Mills, USA (Ret.), director of the pantry, said, "We are the largest food pantry in Baldwin County, and we rely on donations from foundations and the generosity of Georgia Military College, John Milledge Academy, and the parishioners, not only at St. Stephen's, but several other churches in the community." COL Mills said in the month of October alone, the pantry served 55 families.

Pictured, left to right, (front) Jasmine Thomas, Whitney Davis, Shannon Harper, (back) Cody Hammock, Damon Fluellen, Jonathan Bright, Will Brown.

Major Fred Eaton represented the ROTC Battalion of Georgia Military College by competing in the 19th annual Army Ten-Miler road race on Sunday, October 5, 2003, at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The Army Ten-Miler, produced by the United States Army Military District of Washington, is America's largest ten-mile road race and the Army's premier running event. Renowned for its esprit de corps, competition, and runner support, this traditional Army event attracts over 18,000 participants each year from around the world.

Major Eaton's team, which consisted of three other military runners from Ft. McPherson representing FORSCOM Command, placed 1st in the All Comers Division. Individually, Major Eaton placed 124th in the race with a time of 58:30, averaging 5:50 per mile for the duration of the race. He said, "I feel my success is accredited to the strong physical fitness program that all Early Commissioning Cadre and students must endure while stationed at Georgia Military College." Major Eaton follows a stringent training schedule, running an extra 50 miles on top of the regular physical training he leads GMC's Early Commissioning Program cadets in three day a week.

MAJ Eaton is Assistant Professor of Military Science at Georgia Military College. He resides in Milledgeville with his wife, Helene, and their children, Beki, age 4, Charlie, age 3, and Shelly, age 7 months, who lovingly support him by making sure he is in his running shoes and on the road by 4:30 in the morning. This was the seventh time MAJ Eaton has participated in the Army Ten-Miler. He is shown presenting his team's first place trophy to Major Tom Hall, U.S. Army, Professor of Military Science at Georgia Military College.



Georgia Military College received the 2003 Will Robinson Race School Spirit Award during the road race held Saturday, November 15, 2003. GMC Running and Cross Country Coach Stacie Goggans and 264 GMC Middle School and High School students participated in the eighth annual Will Robinson Memorial Race and raised \$2,630.00 to benefit the event. The race has been held since 1996 to support several local charities and to honor a fallen hero, Deputy Will Robinson, who was killed in the line of duty, December 17, 1995. The School Spirit Award, given each year to the school with the most participants, is of special significance to GMC, as Will Robinson was a 1987 graduate of GMC High School.

Pictured left to right, Ansley Burgamy, Taey Wright, John Layfield, Jamie Lynn LeBrun, Coach Stacie Goggans, Kalin Paschal, John Jackson, and Megan Gillis.



The GMC Quality Enhancement Committee is continuing their work on developing ways to improve student learning in the LSS courses. General Boylan has generously provided the funds for three LSS faculty, Judy Parks, Laurel Koehler, and Nancy Smith, to attend the National Conference on Developmental Education (NADE) in St. Louis in mid-March. Ray Olivier, Beatriz Joseph, and Paula Payne will be traveling to Denver, CO in April to visit the Community College of Denver and talk to administrators and faculty there responsible for teaching developmental students. Olivier, Joseph, and Payne will also attend a conference on grant writing. This year the QEP will focus on faculty development for LSS teachers in math, English, and reading, improved advising of LSS students, and incorporation of more technology in the LSS learning experience.

## Assignments Given for Recent Grads

Cadet Command recently released the results of the board in which branch assignments are given out.

Here are the results of some recent GMC Grads:

AD-denotes Active Duty

RD-denotes Reserve Duty

\*State Service Grad

\*\*ECP grad

Givens, Mathew*	AD Military Intell
Zok, Levi**	AD Engineer
Atkinson, Peter**	AD Infantry
Ekpo, Uwem*	RD Signal Corps
Kosova, Drew**	RD Signal Corps
Brown, Nathan*	AD Military Intell
Reeves, Charles**	RD Signal Corps
Cooper, Bradley*	AD Ordnance
Brown, Clinton**	AD Engineer
Zunigia, Violeta*	AD Military Police
McElroy, Robert**	RD Military Police
Taylorwertebaker, D**	RD Infantry



## Battery D Monument Dedication

On November 25, 2003, more than 200 members of the Milledgeville community gathered at GMC to unveil the monument for the members of Battery D, commanded by Captain Jere N. Moore, who left 63 years ago to serve their country. Thirteen of the 23 men of Battery D that are still living were there to see the monument (pictured left), which lists the names of the original 126 members, and the words, "In honor of those who entered service with Battery D 214th Anti-Aircraft Regiment inducted into Federal Service November 25, 1940. Departed Milledgeville-Baldwin County December 5, 1940."

COL Charles Ennis, HS1938 & JC1940, a member of Battery D, spoke during the ceremony, stating, "One of the things that made Battery D unique was that it was a Georgia National Guard Unit called into federal service during peacetime. It was unique also that over 100 men from one community were serving together. It is meaningful that this monument be placed in this location (Greene Street) because it was from this very spot that the unit was served a barbeque dinner prior to leaving Milledgeville and saying good-bye to their families to start a new life."

COL Fred Van Horn, GMC Executive Vice President, read an article written decades ago by R. B. Moore, former Editor of The Union Recorder newspaper and father of Battery D Commander. In the conclusion of the article Mr. Moore sent the men off with this prayer: "May a kind and loving Providence guide them and keep them and aid them in developing a stalwart manhood."



Members of the Moore family attended the event. Pictured above, l-r, front, Jere Stern, Jere N. Moore, Jr., HS1949 & JC1951, Kay Moore, Katie McDowell, Sallie Stern, and Sarah Stern, back, Florida Gardner, Powell Moore, HS1955 & JC1957, and Ren Thorne.



## ATHLETICS

## *Softball is becoming a legacy here at GMC*

By Ross Couch

Fall, 2003 marked the inaugural season for Couch field, the Lady Dogs' new home. This season also marked the second consecutive year that the Lady Dogs have gone undefeated during region play. The squad was lead by four outstanding young women: Jennifer Mixon, Haley Holloway, Kendall Castillo, and Amanda Hall.

Senior Jennifer Mixon has been the starting catcher for the past three seasons. After putting up terrific numbers in her first two seasons, Jennifer finished her high school softball career with a bang. She ended the season second in batting average (.446), home-runs (4), and runs batted in (31). She also recorded 20 putouts, which is quite a feat as a catcher. Jennifer was elected to the GHSA All-State first team and was presented the Coach's Award at the fall sports banquet. She will be missed greatly by next year's team.

Haley Holloway has started in center-field for Coach Garry Couch for the past two seasons. A junior this year, she put up some superb numbers. She finished with a .393 batting average, 23 stolen bases, and 16 runs batted in. She was also elected to the GHSA All-State second team and was awarded the 110% plaque at the fall sports banquet.

The ace pitcher on the team this year was junior Kendall Castillo, who completed the year with a 23-4 record, 123 strike-outs, a 1.42 earned run average, and just 20 walks. Kendall also put up a batting average of .339 and knocked in 16 runs. Kendall was elected to the GHSA All-State second team and was awarded the 2003 Best Defensive Award.

The cornerstone of the GMC softball team is junior shortstop Amanda Hall. As a freshman, she started in left field and won the MVP award; for the last two seasons she has been the icon at shortstop, winning the Offensive Player of the Year award last year and MVP once again this year. Amanda led the team in seven of the nine offensive categories including runs scored (52), hits (63), home runs (8), runs batted in (53), doubles (26), stolen bases (26), and batting average (.649). Amanda was elected to the GHSA All-State first team and the All Middle Georgia team.

The Lady Dogs finished the 2003 season with a 24-6 (15-0 region) record, a Region Championship, and a trip to the Elite 8 in the State Finals. Next year they hope to accomplish even more.



## GMC DEDICATES NEW ATHLETIC COMPLEX



(left to right): Cadet Joe Riner, Coach Derrick Allen, Coach Bert Williams, MG Peter J. Boylan, Coach Robert Nunn, MAJ Paul Drury, JC1988, and Mr. Jabo Taylor, HS1957 & JC1959.

Georgia Military College held a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new 25,000 square-foot athletic complex on Saturday, October 25th, 10:30 a.m., with more than 100 people in attendance. Each of the five distinguished speakers shared memories of the many challenges that the athletic program, as well as the school, has faced throughout the years. They also expressed their excitement for the future of GMC athletics.

MG Peter J. Boylan, President of GMC, thanked the guests for their invaluable support of GMC's growing junior college athletic program which now includes Division I men's and women's soccer, as well as intercollegiate football, golf, cross country, tennis, and rifle competitions.

Mr. Jabo Taylor, GMC HS1957 & JC1959 and former junior college football player, said, "There are three things that everyone wants: to be wanted, to be involved, and to feel important. You get all of these things at GMC." Mr. Taylor also honored Coach Parnell Ruark for being a lasting influence on the lives of so many during his time coaching at GMC.

Mr. Robert Nunn, Washington Redskins Defensive Line Coach and former GMC junior college head football coach, recalled his years of coaching at GMC and said of every challenge, "We made it work." Nunn stated, "We open this building today because of the guidance, vision, and determination of one man (MG Peter Boylan), and to stand here before you in front of a building like this is truly

amazing." Nunn remembered Coach Lew Cordell as he said, "Coach Cordell is smiling down on us with a smile on his face as big as the state of Georgia. He talked about GMC every single day, and he believed that there aren't many places in America that do what this school does (for its students, staff, and community)."

MG Paul Drury, U.S. Army and JC 1988, who was recently in Iraq, told the crowd that while in Baghdad, he ran into at least five other GMC alumni from his class, all of them officers, and all agreeing that GMC was, by far, the primary influence for every one of them, stating, "We all got our (career) start at GMC, and it was here that we learned our ability to make a difference."

Mr. Bert Williams, Junior College Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, concluded by saying how important the concept of "team" is to GMC: "It is what built this building, it is what makes GMC such a wonderful place, and it is what influences so many lives."

The new athletic complex houses a state-of-the-art weight room and rifle range (with 12 stations), a training room (with two whirlpools and two electrostim/ultrasound stations), twelve offices, two meeting rooms, two classrooms, men's junior college locker room, women's junior college locker room, boys' high school locker room, girls' high school locker room, visitors' locker room, coaches' conference and video room, and a spacious reception area.

Former GMC Head Football Coaches and Athletic Directors, Robert Nunn, and Parnell Ruark, HS1942 & JC1949, pose with current Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Bert Williams.



MAJ Michael Murrah, JC1989, SGM (Ret.) Donald McCarley, recipient of the 2003 Honorary Alumnus Award and formerly of the GMC Military Department, and Maj. Paul Drury, JC1988 stand in front of the new GMC Rifle Range.

## Junior College Golf

By Coach Sonny Harmon

Georgia Military finished fourth in a field of 16 at the Goose Pond Spring Fling Tournament held in Scottsboro, Al. Current players include: Brendan O'Connell #1, Ballard Shearer #2, Jay Hudson #3, Brett Prichard #4, and Kyle Dickey #5. Individuals on the team are Andy Keel and Scott Anthony. Ballard Shearer continued to play well at Cleveland State's tournament in late March, posting scores of 75 and 77 for the two-day event. Brendon O'Connell had a final day score of 71. The team competes against Spartanburg Methodist on April 5th in Milledgeville and then will travel to Ft. Gaines and Meadowlinks Golf Course for the Division II State Tournament on April 16th and 17th. Nationals will be held at Chautauqua Golf Club on June 8-11th and GMC will be sending a team that should be in contention for national honors. For additional information, including team photos, visit the athletics section of the website, [www.gmc.cc.ga.us](http://www.gmc.cc.ga.us).

## JUNIOR COLLEGE TENNIS

The Georgia Military College women's tennis team takes to the courts this spring with six players and six matches against Division II and III schools and the possibility of playing in the Division III Nationals in College Station, Texas. This year's team is made up of: Christy Parker, a freshman from Jones County, Elaine Johnson, freshman, Jones County, Georgia Farnsworth, freshman Jones County, Ingrid Wind, freshman, Milledgeville, Jacinda Jack, freshman, Milledgeville, and Shannon Shepley, freshman, Warner Robins.

The first match is at home against Young Harris on March 9, 2004. A match with Georgia Perimeter follows at home on the 11th. GMC should be strong at number 1 and 2 singles and number 1 doubles. The 6-3 format, allowing singles players to play doubles, will help to make GMC a stronger team.

Follow the Bulldogs as they prepare for a season of fun and competition against Georgia's junior colleges.

## Junior College Soccer

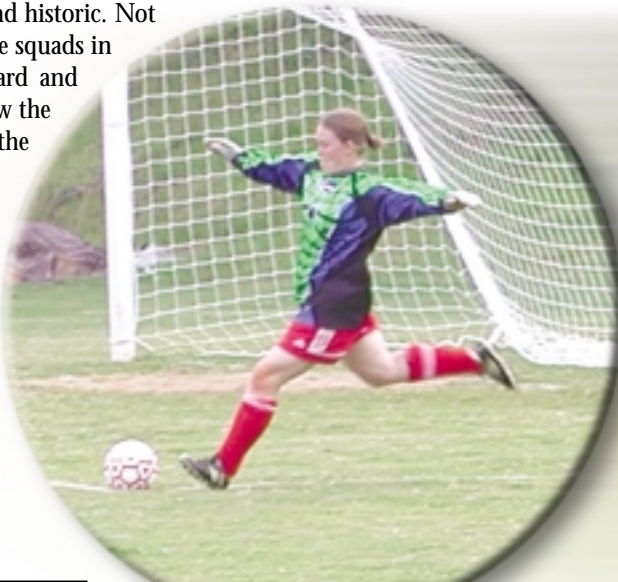
By Coach Robert E. Brunel

This fall GMC's men's and women's teams competed for the first time on a fully intercollegiate basis. The results were very gratifying and historic. Not only did an unprecedented number of players try out for the squads in the pre-season, but the majority of candidates worked hard and gelled to become effective team players. The season also saw the first female scholarship athletes take the field at GMC in the junior college.

Ours was, of course, a building year. But despite a somewhat disappointing win/loss record, by lots of hard work, heads-up play, and great desire, both teams became, before the end of the season, effective units on the field.

The coaches have high praise for the players' positive attitude, sacrifice, and willingness to adapt to the highly competitive world of college soccer.

With a large number of returning lettermen coming back in the fall, coupled with an effective recruiting class, the soccer outlook for the fall seems very bright indeed.



## 2003 GMC JC BULLDOGS SEASON WRAP-UP By Bert Williams, Head Coach & Junior College Athletic Director

The 2003 season was yet another successful venture for the GMC Junior College Bulldogs, although it ended short of their expectations. After running the table for seven games and climbing to the #5 spot in the national polls, the Bulldogs twice were on the road to the University of South Carolina and Brigham Young University jayvee programs. The Bulldogs bounced back nicely against a highly touted Erie Community College team on the road in Buffalo, NY, but succumbed in the Sea Island Company Golden Isles Bowl to Snow College 27-21.

The Bulldogs started the season in surprisingly unfamiliar territory - Davenport Field - against tough Texas league opponent Navarro College. After defeating Navarro 19-14 in a hard fought contest, the Bulldogs hosted an overmatched West Georgia JV for a relatively easy victory. Another road contest against scrappy Carson Newman JV and another home victory against Valdosta State JV brought GMC to a 4-0 record and the toughest stretch of the schedule. Five of the last six games would be on the road, with the first coming against the University of Kentucky.

The Kentucky JV team fought hard and well but came up just short of the GMC Bulldogs as GMC improved to 5-0. Next came another Texas junior college program in the form of Ranger College. The Bulldogs pulled out another close one on the road to improve to 6-0 as they headed home for the last home game of the year against arch-rival Nassau Community College.

Nassau provided probably the best game of the year for the Bulldogs. Leading at the half by a slim 7-0 margin, the Bulldogs exploded and scored touchdowns the next five times they touched the football for a 42-0 victory against Nassau. The perfect season ended in Columbia, SC after a wild ride against the Gamecocks. The lead changed several times in the game and the Bulldogs found themselves down with less than a minute, but drove almost the length of the field to score a touchdown to take the game into overtime. However, the extra point was missed and the Bulldogs went home with their first regular season loss since the 2000 season. BYU gave the Bulldogs a tough time as well as they ordered up a strong mix of snow and sleet as a depleted Bulldog team flew back to Milledgeville at 7-2.

Playing the sixth road game in seven weeks in cold and inhospitable Buffalo, NY with a possible bowl trip on the line, the Bulldogs accepted the challenge. The second half again saw the Bulldogs pull away with a 42-6 victory that sealed a berth in the Golden Isles Bowl.

GMC took on Snow College in the bowl game, which was the first time the teams had ever met. A perennial power in the West, Snow College came into the game with one of the top offenses in the country and on the heels of a great season. GMC took the lead 21-7 at the half, but fumbles gave Snow College second wind and they took the game into overtime, where they outlasted GMC 27-21. The Bulldogs finished the season 8-3 and ranked 11th nationally.



## GMC FOOTBALL SIGNS ONE OF ITS TOP CLASSES IN WILLIAMS ERA

### *25 Sign National Letter of Intent*

On Wednesday, February 5, 2004, Georgia Military College Football welcomed 25 young men into their program. Each individual signed the NJCAA National Letter of Intent that made their college choice official. At the same time, GMC Football's outgoing door opened for members of its sophomore class. Fourteen sophomores who competed during the 2003 season signed on with colleges throughout the United States. Such players as Merci Falaise (North Carolina State University), Demetrius Hodges (East Carolina University), and Daniel Williams (Western Kentucky University) were just some of the few that were able to continue playing football at the next level of intercollegiate athletics. These 14 individuals of the outgoing class of 2004 brought the total to over 230 student athletes that have signed with colleges at all levels since 1991.

The 2004 signing class is attributed to the standard of excellence that GMC Football has established since 1991. These 25 individuals decided that GMC would be a great institution for them to showcase their talents, and to continue the winning tradition of GMC Bulldog Football. Head Coach Bert Williams has been at the helm since the 2000 season, and he believes that this class is one of the top signing classes during his tenure. Many of the areas that the coaching staff addressed as needing to be stronger in regards to recruiting and the future were met on signing day.



Coach Bert Williams, Joe Woolridge, Demetrius Hodges, Daveoin Smith

The 2004 signing class is comprised of individuals from Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. All of these young men excelled at their respective high schools, and many went on to receive local, state, and national acclaim. Of the 25 individuals, 13 hail from the state of Georgia, 9 from South Carolina, two from Alabama, and one from Florida. Some highlights from the 2004 signing class are: Thirteen were All-Stars and participated in their state's post-season All-Star Games, 20 made either or both of their state's All-State and All-Region squads, five were State Champions in the state of Georgia, and one was a Super Southern Top Defensive Lineman. As denoted, four individuals are already enrolled at GMC and are participating in winter workouts and spring football.

### GMC Sign-Outs in 2004

National Signing Day again saw a pack of Bulldogs sign scholarships to continue their education and athletic careers at various four year colleges and universities. Six Bulldogs completed their academic mission early at GMC and were able to matriculate at mid-term.

The following Bulldogs have signed as of this submission:

Merci Falaise	OL	6'5"	320	North Carolina State University	Joe Woolridge	DL	6'0"	300	Western Kentucky University
Demetrius Hodges	DB	5'10"	190	East Carolina University	Joe Riner	QB	6'5"	230	University of North Alabama
Randall Swoopes	OL	6'3"	315	University of Georgia	Tommy Morgan	OL	6'1"	265	St. Mary's University
Erin Milton	WR	6'2"	195	Murray State University	Daveoin Smith	DB	5'9"	175	Fort Valley State University
Bryan Belvin	LB	6'2"	220	Tennessee State University	Jimmy Sursely	OL	6'4"	275	Tusculum University
Shadrack St. Louis	OL	6'2"	290	Tennessee State University	Greg Pruitt	RB	6'0"	210	University of N. Texas
Daniel Williams	DL	6'2"	275	Western Kentucky University					

## JUCO CROSS COUNTRY

The GMC JUCO Cross Country Team was revived and revamped this past season. Head Coach Stacie Goggans and Assistant Coach Geoff Moore spent many hours convincing GMC cadets that they would love to run cross country.

GMC's first season back, things got off to a slow start and we did not compete in our first meet until late September. The runners traveled to Oglethorpe University on September 27th to compete in the Oglethorpe University Cross Country Invitational. Our top runner was David Freund with a time of 34:20.

The next meet was on October 11th where we competed at Covenant College. Our top runner was once again David Freund with a time of 33:42.

The final meet was October 18th once again at Oglethorpe University. GMC had its best meet with David Freund being our top runner with a time of 33:57.

GMC Cross Country is in the process of rebuilding and recruiting enthusiastic runners. Cadets, civilians, males, females are all welcome! We are expecting many positive things to come!



# LOST ALUMNI

Help us find these classmates who will celebrate their 25th and 50th reunions in 2004. If you have an address or phone number of anyone listed below, please provide that information to the Alumni Office at (478) 445-2695.

## HS 1954

Mr. Niel Rolly Brown  
Mr. Wilbur L. Cason, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph William  
Cunningham  
Mr. George DuPree  
Mr. Charles T. Elliot  
Mr. Robert L. Farris  
Mr. Henry E. Ford  
Mr. Ronald G. Fountain  
Mr. Donald R. Gibbs  
Mr. B. K. Henry  
Mr. A. L. Herrin  
Mr. Joseph C. Hester  
Mr. George Holmes  
Mr. Karl M. Johnson, Jr.  
Mr. Charles Edward Kemp, Jr.  
Mr. James H. Kirby  
Mr. William Dolton Knox  
Mr. Charles W. McCook  
Mr. Jose Andres Moure  
Mr. Jerry B. Roach  
Mr. Herbert Rose  
Mr. Gene R. Rose  
Mr. William G. Sims  
Mr. Clinton Sims  
Ms. Roberta L. Smith  
Mr. William James Swindle  
Mr. Pablo R. Urroz  
Mr. Fernando Valls  
Mr. C. Watson  
Mr. Lamar Wood

## JC 1954

Mr. Sumner J. Denmark, Jr.  
Mr. Jose DeVillalta  
Mr. R. G. Howard  
MAJ Robert H. Jones  
Mr. Charles Sumner  
Mr. Billy D. Taylor  
Mr. Jonathon R. Taylor  
Mr. William M. Thompson  
Mr. McKinley Thompson  
Mr. Elton Turner  
Mr. Willis B. Waters  
Mr. Robert Waters  
Mr. Christ Zolotas

## HS 1979

Mrs. Nancy Gercken Floyd  
Ms. Karen E. Hall  
Mr. Rex Iannicelli  
Mr. Len McDade  
Mr. Michael Anthony Page  
Ms. Gail Wilkinson Pearson  
Ms. Yana E. Pogue  
Ms. Lisa Joy Stevens  
Mr. Bonnie Tanner  
Mr. Cole Veal  
Ms. Vickie Veatch  
SRA Darrell Woodrum, USAF

## JC 1979

Mr. James Allen  
Mr. Adolf H. Arp  
Mr. Timothy Arrington  
Mr. Wilton Delaney Bagley  
Mr. John Edward Bailey  
Mr. Baldimar Baldilley  
Mr. George Harold Ballew  
Mr. Harold Wilson Banks, Jr.  
Mr. George Barlow  
Ms. Shirley Ann Barnes  
Mr. Frederick Andre' Barron  
Mr. Melvin Bayman  
Mr. William Archer Bearden, Jr.  
Mr. Cedric Kerwin Beasley  
Ms. Jacquelyn L. Beatty  
Mr. Elizabeth A. Bedsole  
Mr. Hershel Floyd Bedsole  
Mr. William Berardi, Jr.  
Mr. John Robert Bering  
Ms. Sara Jo Blackwell  
Mr. Robert Lee Blount  
Mr. Dorothy Jean Bolston  
Ms. Debra Ann Bonner  
Ms. Cassie Guilda Bradshaw  
Ms. Maria B. Brannan  
Ms. Catherine L. Brookins  
Mr. Thomas Milton Brooks, Jr.  
Ms. Beverly Kay Brown  
Ms. Malinda D. Cannon  
Ms. Brenda Cannon  
Mr. David H. Carney

Ms. Charlene C. Carpenter  
Mr. Steven Gregory Carr  
Ms. Loraine Celeste Casy  
Mr. Mark R. Chapman  
Ms. Shirley B. Chatman  
Mr. Mark A. Chrietzberg  
Ms. Otis Dean Clark  
Mr. Elray Carlos Durante Coles  
Mr. Michael Tyrone Collins  
Mr. Terry Lee Collum  
Ms. Donna Jean Conaway  
Mr. Johnny B. Cone  
Mr. Michael Cornish  
Mr. Douglas O. Coultas  
Mr. Toni Lee Counis  
Mr. Charles W. Crain  
Mr. Edgar L. Crook  
Mr. James M. Crow  
Mr. James E. Cunningham  
Mr. Simin D. Dailey  
Ms. Gloria Ann Daniel  
Mr. David Michael Daniels  
Mr. Bobby L. Daniels  
Mr. Edward T. Dapkiewicz  
Ms. Emily Cassandra Davis  
Mr. Daniel Wayne Davis  
Mr. Eugene Alton Day  
Ms. Erin K. Deane  
Mr. Richard B. Decker, Sr.  
Mr. Arnulfo DeLeon, Jr.  
Mr. Lauren H. DeLoach  
Mr. Kenneth Mark DeLong  
Mr. William C. Denton, Jr.  
Mr. Paguette Tyrone DeShazier  
Ms. Fannie Mae Dixon  
Mr. John R. Donnelly  
Mr. William Douglas  
Ms. Barbara Grabe Brown Drayton  
Mr. Joseph Lamar Epps  
Mr. Joseph Timothy Etherdige  
Mr. Richard H. Evans  
Mr. Robert Farmer  
Ms. Mary Catherine Flanders  
Mr. Kirvin Flourney  
Mr. Melbert Ray Ford  
Ms. Sara Frances Wright Foston  
Mr. Luis Garcia

Mr. Arthur R. Garland  
 Mr. Robert M. Garza, Jr.  
 Mr. Ralph E. Gillespie  
 Ms. Josephine A. Gilman  
 Mr. William R. Guin, Jr.  
 Mr. George N. Hall  
 Mr. Paul L. Hebert  
 Ms. Hollye Hodges  
 CPT Loraine Casey Holden  
 Mr. Daniel E. Holliday  
 Ms. Pamela S. Huffman  
 Mr. Earnest Ingram  
 Mr. James E. Ivey  
 Mr. Roland P. Jones  
 Ms. Robin D. Jones  
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## 1930



James Emory Baugh, M.D.

**James Emory Baugh, M.D., HS 1937, JC 1939**, has just published a book entitled, *From Skies of Blue, My Experiences with the Eighty-Second Airborne During World War II*. The book is described as a fast-paced adventure through the streets of Milledgeville to the Hedgerows of Normandy and back. It details Baugh's experiences growing up in Milledgeville, working on a farm, going to school at Georgia Military College and serving his country in the military. The book is dedicated to Baugh's friend, Lt. Jasper Booth, of NY, who was killed in Normandy on June 6, 1944. Dr. Baugh is the husband of Mrs. Beegee Baugh and the father of Mrs. Patricia Baugh Thompson, HS1973.



volunteer agencies together along with law enforcement and emergency management agencies. The 9/11 tragedy was the catalyst for increased interest in this training.

**LTC Frank Baugh, HS 1979**, and his wife Patty, announce the birth of their daughter, Polly Rose, born October 21, 2003 in Colorado Springs, CO. Frank is currently in the Air Force serving as Commander, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron at Schriever AFB, CO.

**Wilfred D. Clayton, JC 1979**, has served in the United States Army for 21 years and is currently stationed with the Third Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA. He is presently the Inspector General for the division and anticipates holding the position until the summer of 2006.

**Lynn Hamilton Rutherford, HS 1979**, has been named President and CEO of Bright Sky Studio, a film production company located twenty minutes south of Atlanta, GA. Bright Sky specializes in training videos, private and independent films, and kiosk presentations and provides a wide variety of digital media to select clients across the nation.

## 1960

**Don K. Allen, HS 1965, JC 1970**, has a daughter, Kimberly, who is a 1995 graduate of the United States Military Academy. She recently returned from serving in Iraq. His son, Keith, graduated from James Madison University in 2003.

She also has a daughter, **Chay Aycock**, who is attending seventh grade at Georgia Military College.

**Lisa Wray Anderson, HS 1976**, and her husband, Dickie, announce the birth of their son, John Wesley Anderson, born October 27, 2003.

## 1970

**Cindy Aycock, HS 1975, JC 1976**, is employed with the Department of Family and Children's Services as a Resource Specialist in the Adoption Unit. Cindy has two children, both GMC alumni, **Brandi Johnson, HS 1999**, and **Keith Johnson, HS 2003**.

**Debra T. Robinson Day, JC 1977**, is a Disaster Program Coordinator who spearheaded efforts to implement Community Emergency Response Team Training for Summit County, OH. The training is designed to teach citizens basic life-saving techniques so that they can help themselves, their family and their neighbors in a disaster. The training is the cornerstone of the President's Citizen Corps Council, an organization designed to bring

## 1980

**Robert E. Baugh, HS 1980, JC 1982**, recently accepted employment with Kellogg Brown and Root with the Coalition Forces at Camp Babylon in Iraq. He is acting Health, Safety and Environmental Manager.

**Jason N. Riner, HS 1982**, has been named the new director of nursing at Oconee Regional Medical Center in Milledgeville, GA. He is married to **Angela Samper Riner, HS 1984** and they have three children.

**Lauren Benson Deen, HS 1985**, has recently taken an accounting position



with the University Advancement Office at Georgia College & State University. She resides in Milledgeville, GA with her husband, Jeff, and son, Drew.

**Robert W. Jones, JC 1985**, mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom, is stationed in Ar Ramaidi, Iraq, 304 Civil Affairs Brigade.

**Patricia Carol Jones, HS 1989**, married Benjamin Michael Clark on September 27, 2003, at the Chapel of All Faiths in Milledgeville, GA. She and her husband reside in Milledgeville.

**Felix Jones, HS 1989**, was named the 2003 Southeastern Applebee's General Manager of the Year. He is the General Manager of the Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill in Milledgeville, GA.

## 1990

**Charles A. Collins, JC 1991**, was ordained a Priest in the Reformed Episcopal Church on August 17, 2003. In 2002, Charles graduated from Erskine Seminary with the degree of Master of Divinity, and became a Postulant (candidate) for Holy Orders in the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of the Southeast.



Daryl Cray and Richard Hicks

**Dayrl Cray, JC 1993**, is the head coach for the Middle Georgia Stallions,

semi-professional football team. He and his wife, Angela Shennett, have one daughter, Deandria, age 23 months. They reside in Warner Robins, GA. Daryl stopped by GMC recently and caught up with some old friends, including **Richard Hicks, JC1997**, who is GMC's Information Technology System Support Specialist.

**Jason Burnes Ellerbee, HS 1993**, married Elizabeth Dyal Harwell on December 13, 2003 at First Presbyterian Church in Griffin, GA. Jason is employed by Campus Outreach of Augusta, GA at Valdosta State University.

**Joy Eady, HS 1997**, is the Executive Director of Milledgeville Main Street/DDA, and completed a two-day Main Street 101 Boot Camp Training Workshop on October 1, 2003. She resides in Milledgeville, GA.



Victor Baezan is pictured far left.

**Victor Baezan, JC 1997**, is stationed in Vicenza, Italy. His unit, the 386th Movement Control Team, recently had the opportunity to meet Vice President, Dick Cheney.

**Karen B. Hill Gaines, JC 1997**, recently graduated from Fort Valley State University and was branched Signal Corps and graduated Officer Basic Course in 2000. She was sent to Fort Stewart on her first assignment where she served as a platoon leader and BN-S1 for 123rd SIG BN. Shortly after 9/11, she was sent to 92nd EN

BN as the BN Signal Officer. She deployed an element to Uzbekistan and later joined them in Afghanistan. The 92nd was attached to the 101st Airborne Division, (Rakkasans). Gaines worked as a liaison between the 92nd Engineers and the 86th SIG to establish base communications at Kandahar, Afghanistan. She was promoted and awarded the Bronze Star Medal during these efforts. Six months after returning in 2001, she was deployed to Iraq to support the 92nd in the war effort, serving under the 36th Engineer Group and 416th Engineer Command and receiving an ARCOM for these services. She recently married a veteran, Otis Gaines, then returned to attend the Signal Captain's Career Course and begin a Master's Degree program in Information Resource Management. Says Gaines, "All the basic knowledge that makes me appear a success has been gained from Georgia Military College's principles and values. Thank you, MAJ Ski, Janet Epps, Mrs. Brown, and LTC Smith."



Ansley Kracht

**Andrea Renee Wright Kracht, HS 1997**, and William Kracht announce the birth of their daughter, Ansley Grace Kracht, born on January 1, 2004. The grandparents are **Tim Wright, HS 1975**, and Karen Wright, Administrative Assistant for GMC Athletics.

**Vincent B. Charleston, HS 1998**, married Hannah Crawford on April 11, 2003 in Perry, GA. Vincent is getting

# CLASS NOTES

ready to open Phatlyners Entertainment, a company that will provide quality entertainment as well as community service.

**Alison S. Crippen, JC 1998**, is a harpist for Crippen Entertainment Company in Dunwoody, GA. She plays the harp for weddings, receptions, and special events.

**Nicole Armour Cobb, HS 1999**, married Kevin B. Cobb on December 22, 2001. She is attending Fayetteville Technical Community College where she will earn a radiology degree.

**James T. Vann, HS 1999**, and wife, Michelle, announce the birth of their daughter, Renee-Jasmine Martial Vann, born on October 27, 2003 in Provo, UT.

**Mandy Wood, HS 1999** married Ben

Gunter on June 14, 2003. Other GMC alumni in the wedding were **Zac Ray HS 1999 and Brooke Conaway HS 1999**. Mandy and her husband live in Atlanta, GA.

## 2000

**Zachery Aaron Barr, HS 2001**, married Dara Autumn Brantley on December 13, 2003, at Northside Baptist Church in Milledgeville, GA. Zac and Autumn honeymooned in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. They are living in Milledgeville, and both are attending Georgia College and State University where Zac is a senior in the Nursing Program and Autumn is a sophomore.

**Richard C. Harrelson, III, JC 2001**, and his wife, Rebecca Dawn, have a 21-month-old son, Richard (Richie) C.

Harrelson, IV. Richard is employed by the U.S. Army and has moved from Jacksonville, FL to the Chicago, IL area to accept an Active Duty position there.

**Joel Griffin, HS 2002**, made the first team of the Region 17 All-Stars for Gordon College.



Joel Griffin

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

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

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

**Robert Greene, Jr., HS 1934**, passed away July 13, 2003. He was the widower of Josephine Mason Greene. Survivors include two sons, William Chandler Green, Atlanta, GA, Robert H. Greene III, Raleigh, NC; a daughter, Jody Greene Sanders, Clarksville, GA; a half-brother, Edwin K. Greene, Flower Branch, GA; two half-sisters, Betty G. Wilkins, Darien, GA, Vivian Greene, Murphy, NC; and four grandchildren.

**A. William "Bill" Beacham, HS 1941, JC 1943**, passed away November 7, 2003. Survivors are his two granddaughters, Bethany and Katherine Beacham of Exton, GA.

**William Grady Proctor, HS 1942**, passed away September 27, 2003. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Jeanne Proctor; children, Kathy Navarra, Grady Proctor, Dan Proctor, and Pam Proctor; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Robert Lee Ivey, HS 1943, JC 1945**, passed away March 1, 2002.

**Ansley Hall, Jr., HS 1946**, passed away September 19, 2003. Born in St. Augustine, FL, he lived in Hastings until moving to St. Augustine in 2001. He was president of Ansley Hall Insurance Agency until his retirement and was formerly an officer of Miles Potato Corp. and the MH&W Produce Co. He served in the U.S. Army during the occupation of Japan after World War II. He was a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Elkton. He was in the high school class of 1946 of Georgia Military College and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1952. He served on the Hastings Town Council in the 1960s and '70s. He served on the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank, as well as a number of civic and professional boards over the years. He was a member of the "Hastings Group" of Palatka Men's Golf Association. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Isje Byvoet Hall; four sons, Ansley (Andy) Hall III, Satsuma, FL, Stephen B. Hall, Albany, GA, **Major (U.S. Army) Thomas K. Hall, JC 1981 and Professor of Military Science at GMC**, Milledgeville, GA, and Nicholas W. Hall, St. Augustine, FL; two daughters, Marjorie Conner and Mary Greenfelder, both of St. Augustine; one brother, Rev. Lester Hall, Rainbow City, AL; seven grandchildren, Erin and Patrick Conner, St. Augustine, Kevin, Garrett and Blair Hall, Milledgeville, GA, Ansley Hall IV, Satsuma, FL, and Peyton Greenfelder, St. Augustine, FL.

**Melton M. Bonner, HS 1953**, passed away February 2, 2004. He lived in Lancaster, KY where he was a minister for the Disciples of Christ Church for 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Marie Correll Bonner of Lancaster, KY, and a daughter, Myra Bonner of Lake Lure, NC.

**Carl W. Deariso, JC 1953**, widower of Mrs. Martha H. Deariso, died August 28, 2003. Mr. Deariso was a native of Sylvester but had lived in Thomson, GA for many years. He was a graduate of the Southern School of Pharmacy and was the long time pharmacist at the Gibson Drug Store in Thomson before his retirement. He was a member of the Thomson First United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Alan Deariso, Milledgeville, GA, and Gary Deariso, Hilton Head, SC; two grandsons, Foster Marshall Deariso and Jesse Boyce Deariso; a sister, Martha Jane Smith, Newnan, GA, and a brother, Robert Wingate Deariso, Sylvester, GA.

**Hamilton Merry**, who attended GMC in Milledgeville, GA, passed away November 16, 2003. He was a life long resident of Augusta, GA.

**James Scott Farrow**, former GMC band director, passed away November 29, 2003. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Allen, Milledgeville, GA; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Charles Matthew Hutchinson**, a GMC student at the Valdosta campus, passed away November 8, 2003.

**Amanda Leigh Player**, a GMC student at the Valdosta campus, passed away November 8, 2003.



On Georgia Day, members of the GMC Foundation Governmental Affairs Committee visited with legislators to thank them for their support of our school.

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