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Over the last several years, the Georgia Military College family has focused its fierce passion and loyalty toward building a great institution of learning. The resulting accomplishments reflect dramatic progress - new programs, buildings, technology - and increased support through the GMC Foundation. Alumni and friends have

exercised generosity, producing an unprecedented response in scholarship funds as well as in many other initiatives that support excellence. No doubt, these opportunities will impact our students as they prepare and later enter their chosen professions.

The motivation to support our college comes from many sources - belief in our president, MG Peter Boylan and his team...and trust in the foundation to be a good steward of gifts. Alumni understand and appreciate the education, experiences and opportunities GMC has given them, and want to try to repay that debt. We're excited about the significant progress occurring on GMC's campuses across the state. And more and more, as a family we believe it is our responsibility to help the next generation experience GMC. As a result, the current level of private giving is truly remarkable.

President Boylan and his team have led the college in becoming a trusted and respected organization. The junior college has just been reaccredited after an intense review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)...and just this year, GMC received a coveted \$1.9 million federal Title III grant to enhance learning opportunities, a vote of confidence in our ability to impact lives for the better.

The school continues to move forward. A new prep school is on the horizon, offering numerous opportunities for involvement and support. Our school has come so far, but we simply cannot rest when there is such a great need in the world for developing individuals prepared to take on the challenges that lie ahead and ready to pursue opportunities available to them.

It has been said that the object of education is the formation of character. At GMC, we embrace that tradition. We have recently seen the announcement of the establishment of the Peter J. Boylan Chair of Ethics with this goal in mind, for, in its broadest sense, a college education addresses every aspect of life - not only intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development, but character as well - each component essential to maturity and effective leadership.

Together we are continuing to build a first-rate educational institution of state and national prominence. We are on an exciting journey and are delighted that you are traveling with us. The momentum is forward and upward toward our relentless pursuit of excellence.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Sheppard
Vice President for Advancement

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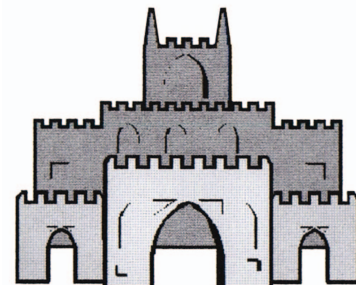
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CORRECTION:

Our apologies to Dr. and Mrs. Lee Padov and Drs. Adam and Beth Goldstein whose names were omitted from the list of donors who generously contributed toward The Goodrich Family Conference Room in the James E. Baugh Barracks. The original list appeared in the Spring 2007 issue.

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Grand Honor...A Respectful Salute Georgia Military College's Grand Tattoo Ceremony

Every April, with the setting of the sun, patriots come forth on the parade ground of GMC to pay their respects to our Nation's Colors. This year, music from the bagpipers of the John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes and Drums echoed across the campus, igniting the spirit of reverence and honor toward our nation and the American Flag.

GMC's Grand Tattoo is based on the historic military ceremonies of Europe dating back to the 17th century. The word "Tattoo" is derived from the Scottish idiom "doe den tap toe" which means, literally, "Turn off the taps." The signal, transmitted by drumbeat each evening, indicated that beer taps in taverns should be turned off and that soldiers should return to their quarters. Over time, this tradition developed into a ceremonial performance of military music followed by formal retirement of the National Colors to mark the end of the day.

Each year before beginning the ceremony, President Peter J. Boylan honors Georgia Military College teachers and faculty members who distinguished themselves during the school year. This year's honorees were: GMC Major Patricia Anderson, GMC Preparatory School Teacher of the Year; GMC Major Professor Mark Fairbrass, GMC Junior College Faculty Member of the Year; GMC Major Karen Grimes, GMC Preparatory School Character Educator of the Year; Professor Bonnie Tindall, GMC Junior College Character Educator of the Year. The Chairman of the GMC Board of Trustees, Mr. Randy New and the Chairman of the GMC Foundation, Mr. Bill Craig assisted President Boylan with the presentations.

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



Mark Fairbrass, who was named the GMC Junior College Faculty Member of the Year, is congratulated by MG Peter Boylan.



Bonnie Tindall was named the GMC Junior College Character Educator of the Year. She is pictured with Leslie Hafer, Director of the Valdosta Campus.



Karen Grimes (left) was named the GMC Preparatory School Character Educator of the Year. She is pictured with her family.



GMC Preparatory School Teacher of the Year, Patricia Anderson, is congratulated by MG Peter Boylan.



Distinguished guests honor the flag as it passes by.



The John Mohr Mackintosh Pipe and Drum Band entertains guests.



Guests arrive in the legislative chamber for toasts and a reception.



The Georgia Military College Junior College Flag Detail formally folds the flag.





Ethics Chair Established in Honor of MG Peter J. Boylan Strengthens GMC's Mission Toward Character Development

ethics \ˈeth-iks\ n 1. The discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation. 2. The study of the general nature of morals and of the specific moral choices to be made by a person; moral philosophy.

One simple word: a word that circumscribes the essence of character and the principles that define right and wrong. In today's world of ever growing and more complex moral challenges, the inclusion of ethics in education is of singular importance. It involves a student's journey toward an understanding of virtue and morality during and beyond his/her academic years. Creating an awareness and comprehension of ethical behavior in students and instilling associated values is a critical endeavor at Georgia Military College, one that was furthered with the establishment of GMC's Ethics Chair on April 20 of this year.

The creation of the chair was made possible through the generosity of Stephen K. Simpson of Macon, Georgia and was formally announced following GMC's traditional Grand Tattoo celebration. Mr. Simpson selected MG Peter J. Boylan, president of GMC, as the honored individual for which the chair has been named.

"GMC was a family tradition. My dad, uncle, brothers and cousins all attended GMC. I have come to appreciate the influence this school has had on my life," explained Simpson. "Dr. Kirby Godsey in his book, 'When we talk about God . . . Let's be honest', points out that even more important than the hour-or-so we spend in church on Sunday is how we live our lives during the balance of the week. I believe we all should live our lives—professionally and personally—in a manner that first, causes no shame and second, sets the example for others to emulate. Not one of us lives up to that standard every day, but it should be the goal of each one of us."

According to Mr. Simpson, MG Boylan is an excellent example of someone who strives to make a positive impact through leadership and ethics. "It is evident in the renewed commitment of alumni and friends, the physical improvements to the campus, and the high esteem with which he is held by our elected officials, alumni and friends."

"The establishment of the ethics chair came as a wonderful piece of astonishment. We had been working for some years to create such a

chair because of the impact it would have on emphasizing the importance we attach to our ethics programs," explained MG Boylan. "It has been no secret that our philosophy of education includes elevation of character on an equal footing with development of the intellect. Placing my name on this chair was an unexpected honor that I accepted with a sense of unworthiness matched by a profound appreciation."

The Ethics Chair will assist GMC in being able to attract and retain the finest professors for leadership roles in the ethics program. The endowment, with an initial goal of \$500,000 and long-term goal of \$2,000,000, is Georgia Military College's foundation of excellence and will reward experience and potential, as well as enable the holders to build and enhance the ethics program in ways that can make a real difference at GMC and in the world community.

"The character ethic, which I believe to be the foundation of success, teaches that there are basic principles of effective living, and that people can only experience true success and enduring happiness as they learn and integrate these principles into their basic character."

-Stephen R. Covey, Author

Currently, there is more than \$266,000 in the fund. In addition to Mr. Simpson's initial financial commitment, several area kaolin companies have contributed including Thiele Kaolin Company, Burgess Pigment Company, Imerys, and Wilkinson Kaolin Associates. Continued donations for this chair will enable GMC to make even greater strides in its effort to imbue its values of "Duty, Honor, Country" in its students.

Unlike other gifts, which are spent relatively soon, gifts for the endowment are invested by the GMC Foundation and the principal is held in perpetuity. Earnings on such funds provide a steady source of income over time, upon which the college can make commitments and build its programs. Individuals who choose to endow a faculty position can rest assured that their gift is a lasting, living contribution that will strengthen the core of the college.

Elizabeth Sheppard, GMC Vice President for Advancement, said, "We trust that the generosity of Stephen Simpson, the Kaolin companies, and all those who have demonstrated their commitment to this purpose will serve as an inspiration to many who will participated with their gifts toward building this significant endowment through the GMC Foundation."

For further information on the Chair of Ethics and how to support this new endowment, contact Elizabeth Sheppard at (478) 445-2692.



“There was mutual agreement that the education (at GMC) was superb, but even more valuable was the character gained, self-respect, discipline, honor and ethics.”

-Levi Hill (JC'46) commenting on his recent reunion with his three fellow GMC classmates and life-long friends, G. Conley Ingram (HS'45, JC'46), Tommy Fulghum (HS'47, JC'49), and Al Hatcher (JC'49) and their conversations about the old days at GMC.

*F*oundation Semi-Annual Meeting

The Georgia Military College Foundation held its semi-annual meeting on March 14 in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol Building. Bill Craig, Foundation Chair, shared with members and guests how 2007 has already been a year of great progress for the Foundation. After committee reports were presented, foundation members enjoyed lunch and a presentation by two scholarship recipients.



COL Charles W. Ennis (HS 1938, JC 1940) reflects on past accomplishments of the GMC Foundation.



Mr. W. J. Usery, Jr. (JC 1940) addresses the Foundation members and guests.



COL Charles W. Ennis (HS 1938, JC 1940), COL Joe Finley, Dr. Wilbur Baugh (HS 1945, JC 1947) and Dr. George Coletti (HS 1957, JC 1959)



MC Foundation Board Member Recognized as Woman of Distinction

On May 17, 2007 Maxine Goldstein was honored by the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc. as one of five Women of Distinction. This event recognizes women who have made significant contributions to their communities within central Georgia's twenty-two county jurisdiction.

A Concerto Comes to Life

GMC and GCSU Host Macon Symphony Orchestra Concert

A commitment to culture and the community is the essence of a new “concerto” coming to life under a partnership of Georgia Military College and Georgia College and State University (GCSU). On March 4 of this year, the music of Vivaldi and Brahms filled the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts and commenced this new venture initiated by GMC President MG Peter Boylan and GCSU President Dr. Dorothy Leland.

“We share a love of music and sensed that both institutions should work together to offer opportunities in the arts to Milledgeville and Baldwin County,” said MG Boylan. “Both institutions are focused on providing our students a broad liberal arts education, and an understanding of and appreciation for music is integral to that.”

GMC and GCSU will host the Macon Symphony each year and reciprocate the responsibilities of organizing and promoting the concert. According to MG Boylan, he and Dr. Leland are working to elevate the degree of cooperation between the colleges and to enrich the lives of the local community's citizens through cultural opportunities.

The Macon Symphony has been providing opportunities for cultural enrichment in the middle Georgia area for three decades. Celebrating its thirtieth exciting season this year, it is led by the popular and charismatic music director and conductor, Adrian Gnam.

This year, “Viva Vivaldi” was the Symphony's Masterworks Concert #5 that included the beautiful selections of Antonio Vivaldi's “The Four Seasons” and Johannes Brahms “Symphony No. 2.” Special guest violinist was Xiang Gao, “a rare and soulful virtuoso” according to the New York Times.

Mr. Gao is recognized as one of the world's most successful performing artists of his generation from the People's Republic of China. He has performed for many world leaders, including the former Presidents of the U.S. and China. His musical integrity and virtuoso technique have gained accolades from audiences and reviewers around the world. World-renowned conductor Neeme Jarvi's comment on his musicianship was, “I have conducted many of the world's top young soloists including Gil Shaham, Joshua Bell, and Lang Lang. Mr. Gao is an artist of this stature!”

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Florence Camerata/Steinway Series/November Concert Plans

Georgia Military College is tremendously grateful for the ongoing commitment to the Steinway Society. Supporters of the Steinway Society can be proud of their accomplishments since the fall of 2004. Not only does the school own a beautiful Steinway Concert Grand, but the Steinway Society has brought memorable concerts to the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

The season opener was an acclaimed performance by our guests, the Florence Camerata, under the direction of conductor, Dr. Ian Loeppky, who also serves as professor of choral music at University of North Alabama. The group, composed primarily of vocal music professionals, presented "A Night at the Theater: Our Favorites from Opera, Operetta, Broadway, and the Movies," on Friday, April 27 in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. Following the concert guests enjoyed a gala outdoor reception with light jazz music provided by the Monty Cole Jazz Trio.

On Thursday, November 29, the Steinway Society will host the Southern Georgia Symphony from Statesboro, Georgia. They will present a Holiday Concert, which will include traditional Irish folk music and instruments with orchestral numbers by Irish composers, along with traditional Christmas carols. A coffee and dessert reception will follow. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

To learn more about the Steinway Society, view photos of past concerts, and get details regarding upcoming concerts, please visit the Georgia Military College Foundation website at www.gmcfoundation.org or call the GMC Office of Advancement at 478-445-2692.

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Thursday, November 29
7:00 p.m.

Followed by a coffee & dessert reception



*In Memory of a Supporter and Friend
of
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Dr. Rose Bacon*

She has been a great friend in so many ways to Georgia Military College. Through her vision and support, GMC has acquired a Steinway Concert Grand Piano which graces the stage in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. Rose will be dearly missed.



James T. and Winifred Paul

Georgia Military College does an outstanding job of teaching traditional subjects-math, English, history, etc.-but then other schools do, too. Where GMC separates itself from the pack, says James T. Paul Jr., is its ability to build “character.”

For this reason, as well their love of everything GMC stands for and their desire to make a difference for future generations, Paul and his wife, Winifred, are leaving the College a gift in their wills.

“GMC is really strong on character building,” says Paul, who is known to friends as Mr. Jimmy. “You get good, strong leadership from the officers and teachers, and they instill duty, honor and country.”

Paul graduated from GMC’s high school in 1943 and its junior college in 1945. His wife, who didn’t attend GMC, has a family history with the school that dates back to the 1800s and her grandfather, who moved to Milledgeville just to enroll at GMC.

“It’s a great school,” says Paul, who serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and has “wholeheartedly” served the school in numerous other ways. In 2000, he received the GMC Service Award. Paul is also a member of the Oak Leaf Society, in honor of his planned gift.

“Mr. Jimmy is the epitome of what an alumni coordinator hopes to find in an alumnus-the school and its well-being are close to his heart,” says Earlene H. Hamilton, Coordinator of Alumni Relations. “If something needs doing and Mr. Jimmy can find a way to do it, you just know it will happen.”

Paul says he not only appreciates all he was given as a student, but that he and Winifred are delighted with GMC’s current direction. “We feel an attachment,” he says, “and we want to give our support.”

“GMC is really strong on character building. You get good, strong leadership from the officers and teachers, and they instill duty, honor and country.” – James T. Paul Jr.

Giving from the Heart

GMC Service Award recipient endows scholarship fund to benefit Georgia Military College cadets

Dr. Maidana Nunn of Milledgeville has established the Military Endowment through the Georgia Military College Foundation. The fund, which has recently reached the \$25,000 endowment level, will be held in perpetuity, and earnings on the fund will provide tuition assistance each year to outstanding members of the cadet corps at Georgia Military College.

“I am pleased that future cadets will have the opportunity to gain assistance in attending Georgia Military College through the Military Endowment,” said Dr. Nunn, who for some time has seen this as a worthwhile means of supporting the college.

Dr. Nunn’s gifts toward the fund through the years have been heartfelt. In fact, as a way of honoring those who have served in the United States military, Nunn makes a gift to the GMC Foundation in memory of every departed soldier of whom she is aware. Often, her gifts have come as the result of reading obituaries of those who have served their country. And, for each one, she has made a gift to help provide a way for future cadets to receive valuable training at Georgia Military College.

MG Peter J. Boylan, USA (Ret.), GMC president, has said, “Maidana Nunn’s unselfish love, expressed through her generous gifts, is leaving a legacy that reflects the core values of Georgia Military College – duty, honor, country.”

It is Nunn’s hope that others will see fit to assist in building this fund, honoring those who have served their country by investing in the futures of those who will serve.



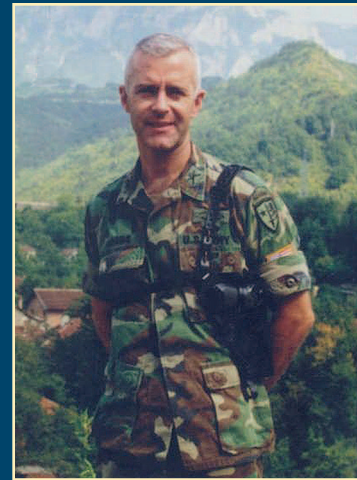
Nunn has resided in Milledgeville since 1952. She was born in Barnesville, Georgia, the location of the former Gordon Military College, at that time archrival of Georgia Military College.

Her interest in military scholarships began in childhood. Fond memories of Georgia Military College include the parades. Dr. Nunn recollects a time when Randall Hattaway was the drum major and W. L. Toulson (Prestwood) led the rifle team.

In 1971, Nunn fulfilled a desire when she joined the United States Air Force Reserves as a nurse. This opportunity offered a second career that far exceeded her expectations. Her wealth of experiences included Flight Nurse School, Air Command and Staff and Air War College as well as an annual assignment for fourteen years with Civil Air Patrol Cadets. Regular nursing assignments included down range missions to Panama and to Rhine-Main Air Base in Germany. She retired from the reserves as a colonel in 1992.

Nunn states that high on her social calendar are many of the events at Georgia Military College. And she is, indeed, a special member of the "GMC Family." In 2004, she was awarded the GMC Service Award.

The Military Endowment will be held in perpetuity by the GMC Foundation and the earnings awarded annually to deserving cadets who have earned a 2.5 grade point average. For information on giving to the Military Endowment, contact Elizabeth Sheppard or Sally Thrower in the GMC Office of Advancement at 478-445-2692.



James J. Woods Memorial Scholarship

Mary Fulcher recently began the James J. Woods Memorial Scholarship in memory of her son James J. Woods. The scholarship of \$1,000 annually will assist a junior college cadet with expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing, meals, books or uniforms. "GMC was the launching pad for Jim's long and successful career in the military. Hopefully this scholarship will aid other young men and women who choose to serve our country as dutifully and honorably as he did," stated Mary.

The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship



Mark and Greg Tucker presented their father with a special Christmas gift this year. Fred Tucker, who attended GMC in the 40's and has taught in Georgia public schools for over 50 years, received a scholarship named in his honor.

The two sons presented their father with a letter announcing the establishment of the scholarship on Christmas Eve.

The Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500 to an individual who has demonstrated financial need but who has also shown some drive and focus in his high school career. The GMC scholarship committee will review the applications for this scholarship. Each applicant will need to provide an essay expressing why he wants to attend GMC.

Mark Tucker said, "My dad attended GMC back in the 40s and has many fond memories of the school. Dad is now in his 80s and my brother and I are interested in donating money to GMC for a scholarship in his name. Dad has taught or coached in Georgia's public schools for over 50 years and we thought this would be a fine way to honor his service to the community."

A Commitment Above and Beyond: The Sibley Family's Legacy of Giving

Commitment requires sincerity and a steadfast belief in purpose and fulfillment. As noted by famous football coach Vince Lombardi, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

It is beyond the scope of typical dedication to Georgia Military College that the Sibley family has extended for nearly 40 years. Their generosity has come in many forms and sizes, all with the fervor of ensuring the school's continued success.

For Winston and Dot Sibley, it is GMC's dedication to learning, character-building and discipline, qualities they feel are unique among much of today's public education. "We are drawn to a good cause, particularly when it is shared with many dedicated and hard-working people."

Winston's office tells the story of the family's long history with the school and their level of involvement. The saber for best drill company of 1921 belonging to his father, Alan B. Sibley, Sr. (HS'21) hangs on the wall next to Winston's own saber, given in recognition of his role as GMC Foundation Chairman from 1993-1997. Other memorabilia include numerous plaques from the GMC Board of Trustees and GMC's Oak Leaf Society as well as a chrome groundbreaking shovel and ribbon cutting scissors for participation in and support of the first New Academic Building.

Many Sibleys have been educated within the gates of GMC, encompassing more than three generations of sons, daughters, grandchildren, uncles and cousins. For those who did not attend, such as Winston, the passion and commitment to GMC is just as strong and evident in both volunteerism and financial support.

The first monetary gift was given in 1968 by Winston's father toward the construction of the Sibley Cone Library. The family continues to provide funds for the repairs and renovations of this building and, through the endowed Nettie Whitaker Cone Sibley Fund and the Alan B. Sibley, Sr. Library Chair Endowment, monies ensure excellence in the library program through retention of a highly qualified librarian and through the acquisition of professional library supplements, books and equipment. Other contributions support the John A. Sibley Scholarship as well as the Peter J. Boylan Concert Series, an endowment to provide and promote musical arts at GMC. Thanks to the gracious donation of their mother's baby grand Steinway piano, Winston and his brother, Alan, provided the opportunity for many wonderful musical concerts within the beautiful Sibley Conference Room.

"Our fondest memories at GMC are the pleasing associations with friends and staff, and the many events we have attended. It is satisfying to see the progress GMC has made and continues to make," explained Dot and Winston. "We are inspired by the multitude of new friends and supporters who share our admiration for this fine institution and for the president, MG Peter Boylan, whose wisdom, vision and tireless energy have made GMC what it is today. We value his friendship and will continue to give him and the school our support."

For MG Boylan, GMC is both fortunate and proud to have the Sibleys' friendship and involvement.

"Win and Dot Sibley were among the first people my wife, Kathy, and I met after arriving in Milledgeville in 1992. Over the past fifteen years, our friendship has grown as we have come to better know and respect each other," noted MG Boylan. "While neither of them has any formal tie with GMC, they each have involved themselves in numerous ways to help the school flourish. I recall Dot registering golfers at our annual golf fund raiser and driving golf carts filled with drinks around the course on hot May afternoons. Their presence at football games and many other events assured me that their support was not superficial, but, indeed, came from their hearts. Win volunteered to become chairman of the GMC Foundation at a time when that organization was struggling. Through tough minded decisions and long hours of often unappreciated work, he single-handedly turned it into a vibrant, contributing, forward-looking entity that has grown into an extraordinary example of what any foundation should aspire to become. Too, Win and Dot have assisted the college in its many endeavors to accumulate resources and achieve robustness in its endowment. Their generosity, vision, and hard work have been gifts to this institution that have made a profound difference."

During their restful moments, Win and Dot share time with their children, grandchildren and great grandson, Gavin, at their home on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville and on the Sibley farm on Vinson Highway.



Class of 1953 Presents Its Second Scholarship

Jimmy Patterson was the proud presenter of this year's GMC HS Class of 1953 Award, a \$500 check and a commemorative plaque. The recipient was Kenneth Stewart, the 2007 Senior Class Valedictorian. Kenneth is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart. All five of the Stewart children (three sons and two daughters) are graduates of GMC. Kenneth, the youngest, enters GA Tech this fall.

Sammy Fowler then presented Gen. Boylan the Class of '53 plaque, which will be hung by GMC in a prominent place, displaying the name of each year's awardee. This handsome plaque was conceived, executed and funded by Sam.

As was done last year, prior to graduation ceremonies, class members and their families dined with Kenneth and his parents and GMC staff and faculty members. There were 27 at this year's dinner, including

- 5 Curry family
- 5 Fowler family/guest (including Sam's mother, Mrs. Sybil Fowler)
- 6 GMC staff
- 5 Patterson family
- 3 Stewart family
- 3 Vinson family (representing three generations of GMC grads, just as last year, but not the same second and third generation folk! WOW!)

In sum, there were FOUR generations present, including three children and five grandchildren of Class of '53 classmates. Quite a diverse group!

The attending members of the Class of '53 are already looking forward to next year's event and encourage other classmates to attend - with the advice to bring some grandkids! The members have found the dinners fun and a great opportunity to sit down for an hour or so to eat and socialize with these young graduates, classmates, family, friends and GMC staffers.

Jimmy Patterson, award presenter, had as guests his daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons.



Sam Fowler shows the audience the plaque before presenting it to General Boylan.



James Patterson presents the award to Kenneth Stewart.



James Patterson (The Award Presenter), Kenneth Stewart (The Awardee), Bill Curry (An Interested Participant), Sam Fowler (The Plaque Presenter), and James Vinson (Last Year's Award Presenter).

The '60's Group Reunion

June 8th and 9th saw alumni from classes for the entire decade of the 1960's getting together to reminisce. Expanding to the full decade was a first for this group, who began as the "Band Reunion" group, expanded to all alumni from 1966 through 1968, and now has spanned the full ten years.

Reunion coordinator, Tim Milner, shared that this reunion was the most organized and was also the first time the group chose a theme and held a formal presentation at the Saturday evening gathering. Their purpose was to honor those who have gone before them and to honor their teachers who are still living.

To that end, the reunion's official theme was "Honoring Our Teachers of the 1960's, Bridge Builders!" The guests were: Col and Mrs. Thornton A. Burns, Coach/Major Parnell Ruark, Major Bob Wiley, and Major Grady Torrance.

Over 60 people attended Friday's and Saturday's activities, which culminated with social time, a delicious meal, and the evening's program. Tim shared that everyone seemed to have a very good time. He also shared that, for the group, "Old Codgers" seems to be their endearing title!



COL Thornton A. Burns, Coach/MAJ Parnell Ruark, and MAJ Bob Wiley



"Last Bugle Call" conducted by MAJ Bob Wiley, Roger and Emma Stembridge



Pictured bottom to top, left to right:
 1st row - Ray Davidson, MAJ Bob Wiley, Tim Milner, Coach/MAJ Parnell Ruark, COL Thornton A. Burns and wife, Sue
 2nd Row - Ed Prior and wife, Ivanhya; Bob Edes and wife, Rachael; Charles Wilcher and wife, Linda; Robert Wayne Whiteside; Woody Woodruff
 3rd row - Joe Mobley, Bob Lytle and wife, Teresa; Pat Dalton and wife, Patsy; Debra Wilkinson Hood
 4th row - Steve Wiley and wife, Sharon; Karl Heiber and wife, Ann; John Hoffman
 5th row - Jim Abbott and wife, Betsy
 6th row - Alan Tigner and wife, Sheri; Joe Snellgrove; Tom Cadenhead
 7th row - Johnny Griffin and wife, Carrol, Jimmy Snellgrove and wife, Brenda
 8th row - Roger Stembridge and wife, Emma
 9th row - Barry Franklin, Martin Moses

1978 - 1981



Basketball Team Reunion

Team members and their coach relived some special memories when they toured GMC's much-changed campus and spent time together telling their stories during a hot July weekend in Milledgeville. The longest journey made to be part of this event was by Clyde Franklin, who came from Colorado.

Coach Rick Steinke, who coordinated this reunion with help from Tom Beatty, was hired as Head Coach and Athletic Director going into the 1978 - 1979 season. In that season team member Hal Cox was recognized for Outstanding Play. Carlton Lewis, freshman guard, was recognized as the best free throw shooter in junior college basketball in America for the 1978 - 1980 seasons, being selected from among 6500 players at 535 member National Junior College Athletic Association schools for the honor. During the 1979 - 1981 seasons, Terence Stanley, who was unable to attend this reunion, became the first player in school history to score over 1000 career points. The 1980 - 1981 team was runner-up in the National Little College Athletic Association tournament, traveling to Indiana to bring back that honor. Remembering this final triumph, returning reunion team members and Coach Steinke are pictured with the trophy they won on the court in Cordell Events Center, where - yes - a few reminiscent shots were indeed taken!



Pictured (left to right): Clyde Franklin, Eddie Hollis, James Massey, Tom Beatty, Tim Hamilton, Len Breehl, Coach Rick Steinke, Anthony Ross, Tony Brayboy, Carlton Lewis, Andre Johnson, and Hal Cox.



Pictured are: Martin Moses, Barry Franklin, Roy Rountree, Donnie Griner, and Bob Lytle

Alumni Reception in Statesboro, Georgia

First in a planned series of receptions to be known as "GMC in Your Backyard," the Statesboro meeting brought together area alums with GMC President, MG Peter Boylan, GMC Alumni Association executive board members, and Advancement Office staff members. It was an evening of fellowship and memories that included dinner and an informal "state-of-the-school" update from MG Boylan.

Area alumni attending included: Leon (JC 1947) and Faye Cordell, Lester R. "Tommy" (HS 1945) and Gwen Shearouse, Billy (JC 1957) and Melba Lott, Billy Green (JC 1957), H. P. "Chick" (JC 1939) and Connie Jones, Allen Shealy (HS 1938, JC 1940), Martin Moses (HS 1965, JC 1967), Inman (JC 1950) and Mary Sue Hodges, Loy "Si" (JC 1953) and Ida Waters, Don Griner (HS 1966, JC 1969), Barry Franklin (JC 1970), Roy Rountree (HS 1966, JC 1968), and Bob Lytle (HS 1966, JC 1968).

alumni weekend 2007

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is indeed an honor for me to continue to serve as president of the Alumni Association for two more years. In recent years, I have witnessed the magnificent changes that reflect the growth and progress of Georgia Military College.

This progress could not have been accomplished without the help and support of devoted alumni and special friends. Alumni continue to influence our progress, and we need your ongoing participation and support to fully realize all of the goals and ideals of GMC.

Each year, the Alumni Association hosts Alumni Weekend. This weekend is not just for those celebrating special milestone reunions but is designed for EVERYONE! It is a great time to renew friendships, reflect on times past and remind ourselves of the future GMC has afforded us. If you have never attended, I strongly encourage you to join us on Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th. This year promises many events to spark the interest of everyone who attends.

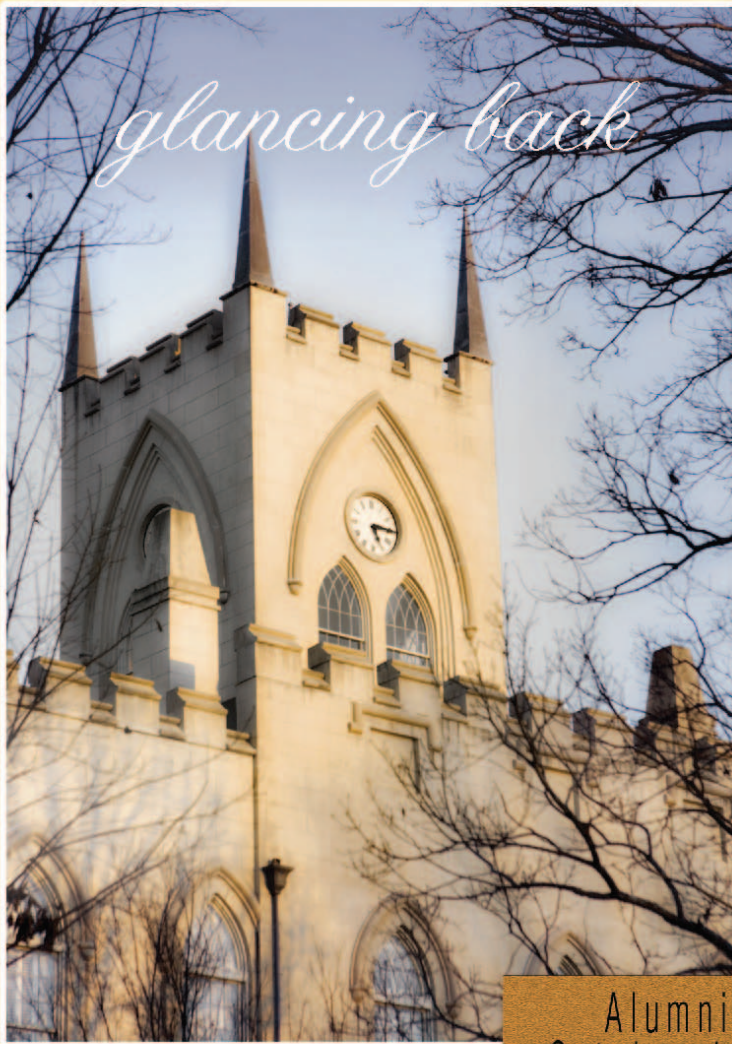
Your experiences with GMC as alumni are so much more rewarding when you are involved. Remember you can be a vital part of the present and the future of our school.

See you during Alumni Weekend!



Merel Harrison
HS '73, JC '74
President, GMC Alumni Association





Alumni Weekend
October 12 - 13, 2007

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 Golf (*On your own* - Tee times available in 10 minute increments until 11:00)
- 1:00 Registration opens
- 1:00 – 4:30 Continuous Historic Slide Show in the Library/ Refreshments
- 1:00 – 4:00 Old Capital Museum Tours
- 1:30 – 2:30 New Academic Building Tours/Refreshments
- 2:00 – 4:00 Baugh Barracks & Ruark Athletic Complex Tours/Refreshments
- 3:00 – 5:00 Walk Thru/Main Barracks & Vinson Hall
- 5:00 Alumni Knockout Drill (Grant Parade)
- 5:30 Parade (Grant Parade)
- 6:30 Dinner & Trivia (Tent)
- 7:30 Dance (Tent) ~ Music by The Grapevine

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:30 Registration opens
- 9:00 – 10:00 New Academic Building Tours
- 9:00 – 10:00 Old Capital Museum Tours
- 10:00 – 12:00 Brunch/Alumni Awards Ceremony & Oak Leaf Society Induction (Tent)
- 12:00 JC Football Game (Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY)
- 12:00 – 2:00 New Academic Building Tours/Refreshments
- 12:00 – 3:30 Old Capital Museum Tours
- 12:30 – 3:30 Continuous Historic Slide Show in the Library/ Refreshments
- 12:30 – 3:30 Walk thru/Main Barracks & Vinson Hall
- 1:00 – 3:00 Baugh Barracks & Ruark Athletic Complex Tours/Refreshments
- 3:30 – 5:30 Picnic (Tent) ~ Music by The Lamplighters
- 6:00 Scheduled Class Reunions

2007 REUNIONS

HS 1957 50Year Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 12-13
Class Agent - Ike Thomas
478-452-6009
ithomas@earthlinknet

HS 1982 25Year Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 12-13
Class Agent - Deborah Simmons-Raley
706-836-2075
agentdeborah_007@yahoo.com

HS 1997 10Year Reunion

September 14-15 in Milledgeville, Ga.

Festivities include:

Friday night GMC football game at Davenport Field
Saturday from 10-3 family picnic GMC campus - Class of
97 teachers are invited to attend.
Saturday night dinner will be at 119 Chops at 6 p.m. for
class members and guests; no children, please.

For more information:
Class Agent: Kyle Collins Hitchcock
kylehitchcock@yahoo.com
478-454-6567
<http://groups.msn.com/GMC97>
Check this site for up-to-date information, class
pictures and much more.

Early Commissioning Program Cadets

Alumni Weekend - October 12-13
Club Agents - Earlene Hamilton & 2LT Jon Vandever
478-445-2695
ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

1972 - 1973 & 1973 - 1974 Seasons High School Basketball Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 13
Sibley - Cone Library Conference Room 1:00 - 3:30
Club Agent - Jim Kjer
256-232-7413

SHARE YOUR NEWS INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

We want to keep your classmates, and the school's database, up to date. Please keep in touch with us. Please include any recent news and pictures, if available, with names. Info to include with your news: Name; Class Year/ HS, JC, or Both; Advanced Degrees(s); College or University; Address; City; State; Zip Code; Home Phone; Business Phone; Email.

Return to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 E. Green St., Milledgeville, GA 31061; Fax to 478-445-2867; or complete on-line at www.gmc.cc.ga.us/alumni/html

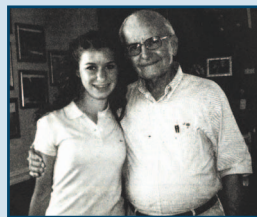
Class Notes



James I. Ivey (HS 1937, JC 1940) and wife Emma, both Milledgeville natives, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary February 14, 2007 after having married in 1942 when Ivey was home on a weekend pass from the US

Air Force. Ivey joked, "My mother said war marriages don't last. Now it's 65 years later, and we've proved her wrong."

J. A. "Gus" Pursley (JC 1942) retired from his company, Fowler Flemister Concrete, after 60 years and celebrated his 84th birthday on the same anniversary, September 5, 2006. The business has been a long time family affair, with Pursley's wife of 55 years, Louise, being his biggest cheerleader. Pursley credits the late Walter B. Williams for giving him his "break," hiring him first to work at Fowler Flemister and then later selling it to him.



George Mack Bird, Jr. (HS 1945), now retired, owned and operated Bird's Drug Company for 50 years, following in his father's footsteps, George Mack, Sr., who owned and operated it for 45 years. Bird married Marcie Hooks August 5, 1951, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2001 with a host of friends.



Donald E. Johnson (HS 1946), retired after 45 years of dental practice, now devotes his time to pro bono service to the dental profession. Following graduation from GMC, he attended Emory University, served four years in the United States Air Force, returned to Emory and was accepted into the School of Dentistry, from which he graduated with honors in 1961. Johnson served one year full-time

and eight years part-time as a Clinical Instructor in the Crown and Bridge Department at Emory.

His curriculum vitae includes president of the Northern District Dental Society, president of the Hinman Dental Society, president of the Georgia Dental Association, national president of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, National President of the International College of Dentists, secretary/treasurer of the USA Section Foundation of the ICD

for ten years, chairman of the Phoenix Society of Atlanta, and founder of Dental Associates of Atlanta. In 2005 Johnson was named a Master Fellow of the College.

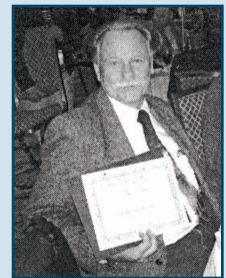
He is married to Jan Ozburn Johnson, and has two daughters and six granddaughters.

Levi W. Hill, III (JC 1946) was honored on February 15, 2007 with the Georgia Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award. Hill began his service on the University Hospital Board more than 27 years ago. Though not versed, by his own admission, in hospital operations when first appointed, Hill and the hospital's board saw it needed to change the way it did business in the early 1980's, and they set off on an historic course, which ultimately created a new model for Georgia hospitals. He still attends the board meetings as a chairman emeritus and is helping guide the hospital through a massive renovation.



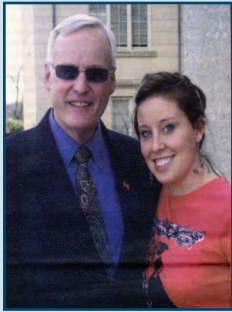
Billy Lott (JC 1957) (left) and Billy Green (JC 1957) (right) recently visited **Roy Head (JC 1958) (center)** to give him a GMC varsity jacket, one of two that Green had.

Linton McKnight (HS 1960), CEO of Birthflowers.com, was recently recognized as a certified franchise executive by the Institute of Certified Franchise Executives. The institute is the academic branch of the International Franchise Association's Educational Foundation, which is the world's largest and oldest trade organization representing the franchising sector.



Dr. John H. Ferguson (HS 1961, JC 1963) recently received the John F. MacNamara DDS Meritorious Service Award from Emory University. This award honors a distinguished alumnus who gives of his time and expertise to the university or the profession of dentistry. Ferguson graduated from Emory University School of Dentistry. Pictured is Dr. Ferguson (left) receiving the award from Dr. Dwight R. Weathers (HS 1956), Chief of Oral Pathology at Emory University. Dr. Weathers is also an Emory graduate and Milledgeville native.

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LTC Graham Bird (JC 1966), better known in the inner-circles as the “Bird-man,” has officially retired from GMC. After more than ten years of managing the Office of Student Affairs as the Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Affairs, Bird has become a civilian. With a new saber in one hand and a fishing reel in the other, he has “flown the coop,” perhaps to be seen again someday fishing somewhere along the Florida coast.

LTC (Ret.) Francis (Frank) Rodriguez, BG Rick McCabe and COL (Ret.) Jack Dees (all JC 1974), pictured left to right, reunited in March 2007 in Tampa, Florida. BG McCabe is Chief of the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard in Saudi Arabia. Colonels Rodriguez and Dees work together in the Plans and Policy Directorate at Headquarters, US Central Command on Madill AFB.



Sheriff Bill Masee (HS 1967) and State Senator Johnny Grant (Honorary Alumnus 2005) took part in the horseshoe toss exhibition at the kickoff for Milledgeville’s 2007 Senior Olympics. It was noted by an observer as the exhibition began, that “Everybody might want to duck!”

Rhonda Harding Hincapie (HS 1977), a sales representative with Wyeth Pharmaceutical Company, was recently awarded the President’s Gold Cup Award. The president of Wyeth Pharmaceutical presents this award to an employee who has shown outstanding accomplishments in the field of Medical Sales and Marketing. Rhonda is married to Alfredoh, and they have three children, Brittany, 19, Nicholas, 15 and Sophia, 12. The family resides in Carlsbad, California.

Hugh B. Long (JC 1978) has been employed in Federal Civil Service as a Supervisor in the Support Operations Branch, Installation Maintenance Division, Directorate of Logistics since May 2004.

His daughter, Elizabeth Jane Long, graduated from Steilacoom High School, Steilacoom, WA in June 2006. She has just completed her freshman year at Washington State University where she is planning to major in Nursing.

Bob Edes (JC 1968) has received the award for 20,000 continuous helicopter flying hours without an accident. His boss, owner of PHI (Petroleum Helicopters Incorporated), flew into Pensacola to check on Bob and his medical/physical progress since his accident and also to present him with this very prestigious award. Needless to say, there aren’t many who receive this honor.



MAJ Neal Bloodworth (HS 1980, JC 1982) was promoted on April 7, 2007 to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) in a ceremony at the Georgia National Guard Armory in Macon, Georgia. LTC Bloodworth received his ROTC commission as a 2nd Lieutenant from (then) Georgia College in 1986. After an 18 month mobilization/ deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 48th Infantry Brigade, from which he returned last year, LTC Bloodworth has now been mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and is currently assigned to the Mobilization Readiness Office at Fort McPherson, Georgia.



Charles (HS 1969) and Linda Wilcher’s daughter, Michelle, a senior at UGA, recently won second place in the National Kitchen and Bath Association’s annual design competition. She placed second among 152 student entries.

LTC Bloodworth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell N. Bloodworth, Sr. of Milledgeville, Georgia, resides in Gray, Georgia with his wife, Sheila, and children, Vincent, Kyle, and Kayley.

LTC Robert (Scott) Brown (JC 1984) relinquished command of 6th Squadron, 17th U.S. Cavalry after 29 months on 10 JUL 07. LTC Brown commanded 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry during Operation Enduring Freedom, before transforming the unit as a Reconnaissance Attack Squadron and restationing the unit from United States Army Hawaii to United States Army Alaska. LTC Brown's next assignment will be as the Senior Aviation Trainer at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

LTC Mark R. Meadows, USA (JC 1984) retired after 24 years of active and reserve service. LTC Meadows has held various leadership positions during his career culminating in Squadron Commander, 1st Squadron, 70th Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division. He served with distinction during Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm as a Platoon Leader and Logistics Officer for the 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Infantry, Operation Joint Guard as a member of United States Army Special Operations Command, and Operation Enduring Freedom as the Squadron Commander for 1-70 CAV.

Mark and Lisa and their three sons, Carrington, Andrew and Alexander, will make their new home Tifton, Georgia.

Gordon Y. Mosley (HS 1988) married Lisa Hendricks of Woodstock, Ga. on November 4, 2006. Mosley was promoted to Senior Client Development Manager for Employment Learning Innovations in February of 2007.

Tim Johns (HS 1988) recently opened his own State Farm Agency in Birmingham, Al. Johns and his wife, Debbie, have two sons, Davis, 8 and Michael, 5.



Suzanne Martin Ratliff (HS 1989), a member of the Civic Women's Club of Milledgeville, helped with the homecoming celebration this past fall for the 48th Brigade. Club members provided free face painting to children who attended the event. Ratliff is pictured painting a butterfly on a child's cheek.

In older news not previously reported, Ratliff became the bride of Jeffrey Bryant Ratliff on August 20, 2005. The wedding was held at First Baptist Church of Milledgeville with a reception following at the Willis House. The couple resides in Milledgeville.



Robert C Hiatt (HS 1990, JC 1992) was nominated by the Georgia Department of Transportation in October 2006 and subsequently elected to be the State Delegate for the Community Transportation Association of America. In December 2006 Hiatt was nominated by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and subsequently elected to be the President of the Georgia Transit Association.



Andrea (Jenkins) Johnston (HS 1990, JC 1992) and husband, Steve (JC 1993) proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Roxane, on September 21, 2006. She surprised her parents by arriving eight weeks early, only weighing 3 lbs, 2 oz. Delaney was able to finally come home on Christmas Day. Andrea shares, "Big brother Marshall, age 5, had asked Santa for help to get his baby sister home for Christmas (as well as some GI Joes)!

Although we had tried to discourage this request of Santa for obvious reasons, we were told by Marshall, 'I told you that Santa could do it.' We are afraid to think what he will ask for next year!"

Tara Johns (HS 1993) has accomplished her dream of having her own tea room. She did it in her home town of Milledgeville, opening Tara's Tea Thyme on July 10. Johns says part of her inspiration to do this came from her experiences at home in Georgia and overseas. She grew up in Milledgeville and moved back here from Marietta but had lived in Thailand for awhile and drank hot tea there. "It was such a nice, peaceful, and fun experience that I wanted to recreate it for everyone here."



Laura Caldwell Pettus (HS 1993) and her husband, Josef Pettus, welcomed their son, Jackson Daniel Pettus, into the world on May 5, 2007. Jackson weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long upon arrival. Laura is a Marketing Manager with the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Ga.

Class Notes



Leslie Judith Jones (HS 1994) became the bride of David Michael Simmons on November 12, 2006 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Fla. They honeymooned at Atlantis in the Bahamas and now reside in Dalton, Ga.

Brandon Williams (HS 1994) was selected by his colleagues as Teacher of Year at Morgan Road Middle School in Augusta, Ga.

Courtney Collins Cawley (HS 1995) and **Christopher Jackson Cawley (HS 1993)** announce the birth of their baby boy, Kipling Jackson Cawley (Kip), born September 5, 2006. Courtney is a part time speech pathologist, and Chris is the chief pediatric resident at



The Children's Hospital at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. The proud grandparents are Jack and Cindy Cawley (GMC middle school teacher) and John and Kay Collins. World's best big brother is Chandler Davis Cawley (age 3).

Chris has recently been recognized as the Outstanding Pediatrics Resident 2007 and The Children's Hospital Resident of the Year 2007.

Jennifer R. Chafin-Mize (JC 1995) received her BSBA degree from Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. in May of 2007 and is now enrolled at South University working toward her MBA.

Nan Smith Brantley (HS 1996, JC 1998) and husband, David, announce the birth of son, William, on November 10, 2006. His big brother, Evan, is now 3 years old.

Dean A. Campbell (JC 1996) graduated from the University of Georgia with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree on May 6, 2006. He will practice at Gordon Animal Clinic in Gordon, Ga. He and his wife, Amy Pounds Campbell (HS 1988) have one son, Keith (5 years old), and they live in Milledgeville.



Kyle Hitchcock (HS 1997) and husband Andrew announce the birth of their son, Canon Parker Hitchcock, born February 25, 2007 at the Coliseum Medical Center, Macon GA. Canon arrived weighing 5 pounds 13.5 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Proud big sister is Abbie Kate; grandparents are John and Kay Collins of Milledgeville and Franklin and Mary Ann Hitchcock of Sparta.

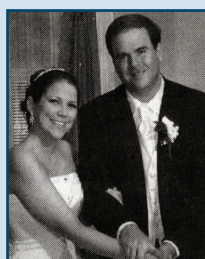
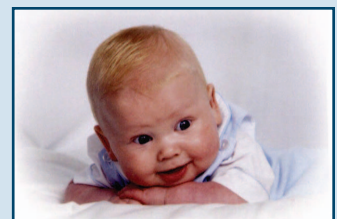
Andrea Wright Kracht (HS 1997, JC 2000) and husband William announce the birth of daughter, Lauren Faith! She was born on June 14 at 10:57 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 7oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. Lauren Faith is doing great, and proud parents report they are enjoying every minute.



Joy Peterson (HS 1997) and husband Jason recently had their first child, Addison Grace. She was born on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 7:25 a.m. weighing 7.7 lbs. and measuring 20.5 inches long at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Ga. Joy is the Public Information Officer for Floyd County Government, and Jason is a Journalism Instructor at Berry College.



Lori Dominy Siegelman (HS 1997, JC 1999) and husband Jay welcomed the arrival of their son, Garrett Jay, on December 18, 2006. Garrett weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. The Siegelmans also have a daughter, Brooke, who is 3 years old. Siegelman graduated in December 2006 from Macon State College, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Service Human Service.



Jill Montez Bloodworth (HS 1998) became the bride of Thomas Bailey Everett of Thomasville on April 29, 2006. The wedding was held in the Haddock Baptist Church, and the couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. After GMC Bloodworth attended Valdosta State University where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in communication disorders.

Kimberly Simons (Finch) Carter (JC 1998) and husband Brian are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Paige, on January 31, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Emily was welcomed home by big sister, Sarah Brooke, who is 3 ½ years old.



Timothy C. Sirmans (JC 1999) is retiring from the Air Force.

Thomas E. Lilly (HS 2000, JC 2002) graduated this past May from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design. He graduated with honors and attributes this achievement to his time at GMC as a student.



LT J/G Hays Maynard (HS 2001) has received his wings of gold and been designated Naval Flight Officer in the United States Navy. The ceremony took place on March 26, 2007 in Pensacola, Florida where he attended flight training after graduating from Auburn University with a degree in Business. Maynard is now the electronics countermeasures officer in the EA-6B Prowler, the Navy's aircraft carrier based air defense jet. He is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.

On April 14, Maynard married Christie Duffie in Atlanta, Ga. at the Peachtree Christian Church. They live in Whidbey Island, Washington.



Amanda Sauer (JC 2003) was one of four Central Georgia Technical College students selected as college finalists for the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership. She is a radiologic technology major.

Holly Burdett (JC 2004) has been awarded the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Education Scholarship by Chick-Fil-A Operator, James Queen.

Hayley Holloway (HS 2005, JC 2007) has signed to play softball at Georgia College and State University. Hayley was a key factor in the Lady Bulldogs' success last spring earning First-Team All Conference Outfielder and the GMC Softball Team All-Around Award. She batted .347 and led the conference with 14 doubles. She is the first softball player from the Middle Georgia Area to play on the GCSU softball team and the first from GMC.

Carrie Goggans (HS 2005) made the UGA football cheerleading squad for the 2007-2008 season. She cheered for the GMC Bulldogs while attending high school and then became involved with the competition cheer team at UGA, which led to her successful try-out for the varsity football cheering squad.



Meagan Logue, Haley Holloway, Kendall Castillo, Jessica Brinson, and Leanna McKenzie (all JC 2007) have been recognized by Coach Kelly Zeilstra for both their academic and athletic successes. "These girls have worked extremely hard this year both on the softball field and in the classroom. It is not easy being a student-athlete, and these girls have embraced the challenge and deserve this recognition. Many of these girls also juggled jobs to help pay for school. I am very proud of these exceptional young ladies. They were a joy to coach this year. They all will attend various four-year universities."

Jared D. Smith (JC 2007) received an Army three-year ROTC Scholarship on June 6, 2007 to Mercer University where he will earn his Bachelor's Degree in Middle Grade Education as well as a commission to 2LT in the Army National Guard.

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

Walter Berry Peeler, Sr. (HS 1932) April 2, 2007

Raymond Judson McKinnon (HS 1938, JC 1940) December 28, 2002

Oscar J. Beguiristain (HS 1941) January 21, 2007 - Mrs. Beguiristain wrote, "He kept the best memory of your college and always said that he had a wonderful time there." Mr. Beguiristain was born on 1/21/1927 and passed away on 1/21/2007 at 80 years of age.

Hines H. Smith (JC 1940)

Justice Jesse Groover Bowles (JC 1941) January 28, 2007 - After completing college, Mr. Bowles established his law practice in Cuthbert, Ga. in 1946. In the early 1950's he served a short time as House Counsel for Callaway Mills in LaGrange, Ga. Bowles then returned to private practice in Cuthbert where he remained until being appointed as a Justice on the Georgia Supreme Court in 1977. After serving four years on the Court, he rejoined his son in the Bowles and Bowles law firm in Cuthbert, retiring in 2002 after 56 years of practice. Bowles was a GMC Foundation member as well as a member of many noteworthy organizations, both professional and civic.

Richard Binion Allen (HS 1943) April 12, 2007 - Born in Milledgeville, Mr. Allen moved to New Orleans in 1949, settling in the French quarter. During his New Orleans years, he cultivated a reputation as a puckish individual with an encyclopedic knowledge of jazz and its practitioner who was determined to go anywhere anytime to see what he deemed a worthy performance or to delve into an ancient musician's memories. "The foundation that Dick laid was indispensable," said John Lawrence, the Historic New Orleans Collections director of museum programs. "He was someone who knew the subject, who loved the subject. His work was seminal." Whitney Balliett, The New Yorker's jazz critic, whom Mr. Allen frequently guided around New Orleans, said, "Allen is not only the curator of the archives of New Orleans jazz. He is, in a sense, the curator of present day New Orleans jazz itself."

Henry Warren Bostick (JC 1946) April 24, 2006 - Mr. Bostick was born on Nov. 22, 1922, in Waycross in Ware County. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Tifton, a local attorney, and a former Georgia representative, having served for 26 years in the legislature. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served on the U.S.S. Tinosa submarine. He was the V.F.W. Post 5250 commander and a member of the Bar Association. Mr. Bostick had lived in Tifton since 1928. Tift Judicial Circuit Chief Superior Court Judge Gary McCorvey described Bostick as a compassionate lawyer who often took impoverished clients knowing they couldn't pay him for his work. It wasn't long before Bostick ended up in public service, running to fill a seat at the Georgia General Assembly. Bostick spent 26 years as Tifton's representative and garnered an impressive reputation among his peers.

George W. Bowen (JC 1949) March 16, 2005

Charles M. Edmonds (HS 1950, JC 1952) April 12, 2007 - Mr. Edmonds was a native of Alexandria, Va. but made his home in Milledgeville where he graduated from Georgia Military College High School and Junior College where he played football for Coach Lew Cordell. He worked at Cordell Farm Supply and later graduated from Georgia College with a bachelor's degree in Biology and Nursing. He worked at Central State Hospital as a Registered Nurse until his retirement. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator for the Strategic Air Command. He was proud of his Irish father's family, which included stonemasons that worked on the Washington Monument.

Hoke Lamar Herrin (HS 1951) January 22, 2007

Miller Stephens Bell (JC 1956) July, 2007

Malcomb E. Ivey, Jr. (HS 1956, JC 1958) May 8, 2006

Richard Rahaim (HS 1957) November, 1999

Edwin David Rutland (HS 1959) March 19, 2007

James Milton Clark (JC 1961)

Dr. Eleanor V. Toney (former faculty member) September 23, 2006

Dr. Rose Baugh Bacon (loyal friend) July 25, 2007



Erle (Butch) Plunkett shakes hands with the 2007 GMC 3rd Ballalio Commander, Sean Tighe, following the service.

Sammie Sanders Memorial Service

GMC alumni from the 60's, GMC Prep School cadets, and faculty and staff members all combined efforts to help with a memorial service for Milledgeville native and GMC alumnus, Sammie Sanders (HS 1961, JC 1963). Sammie passed away unexpectedly just before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, and in its aftermath, his daughter, Tiffany, needed some time to decide what to do to honor her father's memory. After much thinking and research into veterans' resting places, she realized Milledgeville with its Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery and his alma mater, GMC, made it the logical choice.

In a moving service which included a eulogy delivered by Sammie's GMC Battalion Commander, LT COL Erle (Butch) Plunkett, a poem written for that eulogy by GMC alumnus Ray Davidson, "Taps," and a flag presentation by prep school cadets, Sammie's family bid him farewell. For those there, however, the title of the poem, "A Man Is Not Dead Until He Is Forgotten" said it all - Sammie was not forgotten, nor will he be.

Cadet Memorial Service

A memorial ceremony was held by the junior college cadets to honor the lives of two of their classmates on April 5, 2007. Specialist Bradley Shane Simpson, of Hiram, Ga., and Private First Class Justin Ryan Haldeman, of Coweta, Ga., were killed in an automobile accident earlier this year. The very moving ceremony included several tributes to each of these fine young men, a last roll call, the firing of volleys and the playing of taps.



Cadets pay homage to their fallen classmates.



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Lots of Talent, Lots of Challenges for Football in 2007

In many ways, the coming 2007 football season is similar to most of those from the past - GMC will field a whole lot of talent and will face a very difficult schedule. There are several distinct differences from the past seasons, however, that will make a difference.

For the first time since 2002, the Bulldogs will have a new man at the helm of its defense as Rob Manchester takes over the coordinator reigns from Taylor Burks. Manchester has tremendous credentials however, working and playing at the University of Kentucky, working at Tulane on the Bowden staff, and also a brief stint at Louisiana Tech before taking over the GMC secondary and special teams in 2003. "Rob will do an excellent job as the coordinator," commented Head Coach Bert Williams. "He has been intimately involved in our defense for 4 years and will now add his touch to that squad." Returning to the GMC defensive staff is former coach Chad Lunsford after spending the last seven years at Georgia Southern, Appalachian State University, and last year at Griffin High School. "Chad is an exceptional coach and person and I was excited to be able to get him back on our staff. He has already had a huge impact on and of the field on our team," stated Coach Williams. Also, Victor Cabral comes to the defensive staff after playing and student coaching one season at Georgia Southern University. New faces on the offensive side of the ball are former player Merci Falaise, who has just earned his degree from NC State University and will begin work on his masters at GCSU, and new student coach Chris Couch, who just finished up with GMC Prep.

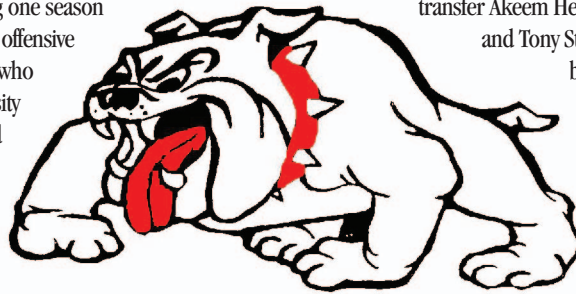
The schedule looks a little different as well, as GMC enters unknown territory by beginning the

year traveling to Kansas for the first time and playing Highlands Community College and then finishing the year with Lackawana Community College. The difficulty level is as high as ever, as the Dogs will take on pre-season #7 Lackawana, #15 Erie CC, and #19 Nassau CC.

Returning for GMC on the field is an unusually strong offensive skill group and as usual a strong defensive front. On offense, pre-season All-American TE Pat Wilkinson (6'8, 250) returns with the best group of tight ends GMC has ever boasted, with possibly 3 DI caliber players at that position. Also, highly recruited WR Rodell Carter (6'5, 210) returns to lead the receivers and Jarrell Crawford and Fernando Washington return as starters at the running back positions. Redshirt sophomore Carlton Fears returns at QB and will be competing with highly touted transfer Jodi Fiegler from Tennessee. Lionel Mapp (6'8, 360) and Tim Moore (6'3, 290) will anchor a young offensive line. Defensively, the Dogs return the top rated defensive lineman in the country in Jarriel King (6'6, 285) and one of the top rated safeties in Donsay Hardeman (6'2, 215). Up front, the Bulldogs also return lettermen Malcom Bennett and Leroy Burgess. The linebacker corps looks

to be strong with returners Jeff Banks and Tim Murray as well as transfer Akeem Hebron and newcomers Carlton Johnson and Tony Straughter. The secondary will be young but talented, led by Hardeman and Brian Holder and newcomers Elbert Lee, Eulas Taylor, Deon Harden, and Taikwon Paige.

Without a doubt, the 2007 season will be one filled with excitement!



2007 Georgia Military JC Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
August 25	Highland Community College	1:00 PM	Highland, KS
September 1	OPEN		
September 8	Trinity Valley	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
September 13	VSU JV	7:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
September 23	Louisburg College	1:00 PM	Louisburg, NC
September 30	Troy University JV	2:00 PM	Troy, AL
October 4	VSU JV	6:00 PM	Valdosta, GA
October 13	Nassau Community College	12:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
October 20	Louisburg College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
October 27	PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND		
November 3	Erie Community College	12:00 PM	Buffalo, NY
November 10	Lackawana College	1:00 PM	Milledgeville, GA
December 1	NJCAA BOWL GAME		

Game times are local and played at historic Davenport Field.

JC Football Begins New Year with Awards from the Past



The off-season has been quite a busy one as usual for the GMC JC Bulldogs as they prepare to enter the 2007 season and make good on a pre-season #5 national ranking. Several awards and honors have been coming in, however, which continue to shed attention on glory from the past.

The NJCAA selected and inducted former GMC great and All-American Parnell Ruark into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in this year's class. Ruark was the first player east of the Mississippi to be selected as a Junior College All-American in 1947. He followed his football success at GMC with a successful run in professional baseball and served in various positions at Georgia Military College over the years. "This recognition was very well deserved and I cannot be any happier for Coach Ruark and his family," commented current Head Football Coach Bert Williams. "Coach Ruark has had a long and distinguished career at GMC and I am please to see him justly recognized."

In addition, a group of recent Bulldogs were honored as the 2001 GMC Football Team as a whole was also selected and inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame. The 2001 National Champions amassed a slew of honors, including six NJCAA All-Americans, the NJCAA Coach of the Year, the NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year, the NJCAA Lea Plarski Award recipient, and its defensive unit set an all-time NJCAA record for fewest yards allowed during the season at 67.8 yards per game. "That the 2001 team was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a "TEAM" is especially fitting since that group of young men was the closest I have ever been around. It is a real honor and tribute to an outstanding group of young men, coaches, and support staff," stated Coach Bert Williams.

Both awards will be officially presented at the home football game during Alumni Weekend on October 13, 2007. Members of the 2001 team should contact the Athletic Department for details, 478-445-2690. For additional information about Alumni Weekend or to update contact information, please call the Alumni Relations Office, 478-445-2695 or email, Earlene Hamilton, ehamito@gmc.cc.ga.us.



Alumni to Watch in 2007

College

University of Georgia: Jarius Wynn, Corvey Irvin, and Vince Vance.

Georgia Tech: Durant Brooks, 06 Ray Guy Award Finalist, All-ACC, All-American, Nation's top returning punter, All-American, All-ACC pre-season.

University of South Carolina: Jasper Brinkley, All-SEC, Pre-Season All-SEC, All-American, Nagurski Award Semi-Finalist; Casper Brinkley, All-SEC Pre-Season; Brandon Isaac; and Joel Reaves.

Oklahoma State University: Scott Broughton

East Carolina University: Fred Wilson, All-Conference USA; and Willie Barton.

Marshall University: Josh Johnson.

Louisville University: Willie Williams.

Troy University: Derrick Pendergrass, and Dion Small.

Ball State University: Jermaine Houston.

Georgia Southern University: Roger King.

South Carolina State University: Dayna Graydon, and Phillip Morris.

Youngstown State University: Fernando Williams.

Pro

Atlanta Falcons: Nic Clemons, DE.

Cincinnati Bengals: Odell Thurman, LB.

Denver Broncos: Andre Hall, RB.

Jacksonville Jaguars: Derrick Wimbush, RB.

Minnesota Vikings: Aundrae Allison, WR.

Baltimore Ravens: Daniel Wilcox, WR/TE.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Keith Stokes, WR/Returner, and Robert Bean, CB.

Head Coach Assumes National Position

Bert Williams' job list grew a bit after the July Fourth holidays as he officially assumed the office of President of the NJCAA Football Coaches Association. Coach Williams was voted into office initially in 2004 at the Football Coaches Association National Convention as the association's Secretary and has moved up the ranks in a relatively short period of time. He moved into the Vice President's role in 2005 before assuming the office of President in 2007.

"It is certainly a distinct honor to be voted into office by your peers and to have the responsibility to represent them and our great game of football at the national level. The association has made great strides in the last five years working with the NJCAA national office, the NCAA, and the AFCA to improve our game and create more and better opportunities for our student athletes. There are several things I hope to accomplish in my term as President of the association that I think will continue to propel our profession and junior college football in a positive direction," commented Coach Williams.



T.W. Couch speaks to those in attendance at the dedication of Couch Field on the Georgia Military College campus.



T.W. Couch throws out the ceremonial first pitch at the dedication of Couch Field on the Georgia Military College campus.

JC Golf Finishes Eighth in the Nation

The Georgia Military College junior college golf team recently participated in the NJCAA Division III National Tournament in Chautauqua, NY. GMC shot 304 during the final round of the tournament to finish eighth in the nation.

Stephen Simpson led the way with rounds of 72, 80, 77, and 74, and a total of 303. Ryan Steelman posted rounds of 84, 74, 76, and 77 (311). Eric Barnes shot 87, 74, 83, and 78 (322). Sean Ware had 83, 78, 86, and 76 (323), and Lee Towns 83, 85, 79, and 77 (324).

The final day saw the GMC team shoot its lowest round of the tournament, 304, as all five players finished in the 70's. Stephen Simpson's final round of 74 placed him 16th nationally. GMC Golf Coach Sonny Harmon said next year GMC will have returning players, Sean Ware, Lee Towns and Ryan Steelman.



Mr. Harold Mason (center) is pictured with the 2007 GMC Golf Team, Ryan Steelman, Corey Harwell, Stephen Simpson, Sean Ware, and Lee Towns.

No Place Like Home!

By: Ross Couch, GMC HS 2004

The old saying "there's no place like home" fits no one better than Georgia Military College; in particular, the baseball and softball programs of the prep school and the softball program of the junior college. GMC boasts one of the best baseball/softball complexes in the state, and the teams that play there are proud to call Couch Field and Craig Field home.

But the GMC programs have not always had such a place to play. For years the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs borrowed facilities across the county. The Baldwin County Recreation Department off Ga. Hwy. 22 was home to the squads for a while, and Bonner Park downtown was also turned into Bulldog Country for several years. At one point, many decades ago, Davenport Field on the campus of GMC was the location of baseball games.

That all changed in 2003, when the Bulldogs began to call Craig Field home. Named after local real estate broker and GMC graduate Bill Craig and measuring 315 feet in the corners and 365 feet to dead center, the field has been the site of several strong GMC baseball seasons. In 2004, head baseball coach and GMC graduate Garry Couch led his team to the Elite 8. In 2007, the Bulldogs played into the Sweet 16. Before 2004, the Bulldogs had not advanced past the first round of the playoffs in several years. Obviously, a field of your own makes a difference.



T.W. Couch stands with his grandchildren present at the dedication of Couch Field. Shown, from left, are Chris Couch, GMC Prep class of 2007, Ross Couch, GMC Prep class of 2004, GMC JUCO class of 2005, T.W. Couch and Marcia Couch Morris.

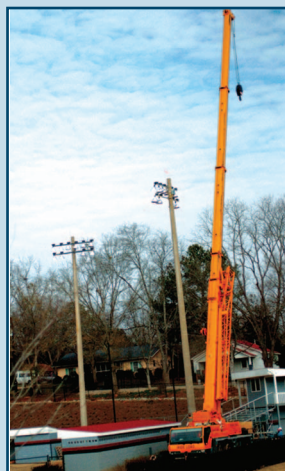
The Lady Bulldogs got their field a year later. Couch Field, named after long-time GMC supporter and official baseball/softball field groundskeeper T.W. Couch and measuring 220 feet at its deepest point, became the home of the girls' softball teams in 2004. The prep squad brought home region titles in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, and played deep into the playoffs nearly every year. The JUCO squad, which will enter its fourth year of existence this season, reached the state playoffs in 2005 for the first time in school history.

When you drive into the parking lot of the complex, it's obvious that the place is well cared for. T.W. Couch makes sure of that. Pa, as everyone associated with the GMC baseball and softball programs knows him, is there every day to make sure of that. "Get off the grass," "Pick up the trash," "Drag the field" and a few other choice phrases are sure to be heard if Pa is there. Without him who knows what the fields would look like.

And without others, who knows if the field would be there. Bill Craig, Randy New, Mike Couch, Garry Couch, Peter J. Boylan, Kevin Merner, Ricky Griffin, Dana Walton and countless others put in their time, money and hard work into making the fields into what they are today. Throw in the players from the 2002, 2003 and 2004 seasons who gave up many Saturday mornings to work, and that's quite a group. Many thanks have to go out to those and everyone else who had a hand in the complex.

I had the opportunity to play on Craig Field as a junior and senior in high school, and with my dad being the coach of both high school teams for so long, I understand what it means for the school to have such a great complex. I know when I had the opportunity to step between the chalk lines, a sense of pride welled up in me. I wanted to show it off. I wanted to play my best. I wanted everyone to know that the GMC Bulldogs deserved the facilities. Watching the teams – both softball and baseball – play since I graduated in 2004, I can see that the GMC players do deserve the facilities. If not for what they have accomplished – and it has been a lot – then for what the players before them accomplished.

For so many years, the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs didn't have a place to call home. They were tenants at other facilities. Simply put, they played



Lights were put up on Craig Field in 2007.



Mike Medlin, left, and Chris Wilson, GMC Prep class of 2007, stand on Craig Field during a game last season.



Craig Field is dedicated in honor of Bill Craig, GMC alumnus and chair of the GMC Foundation.

nothing but away games until the 2003 and 2004 seasons. I say again, now that Craig Field and Couch Field are in existence, the old phrase "there's no place like home" has never fit any one better. I'm proud of the complex, my family is proud of it and the entire GMC family is proud of it. Welcome home, Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. You deserve it.

Bricks are still available for purchase at Craig Field and will soon also be available at Couch Field. They are \$50 and can be purchased through the Office of Advancement. To purchase your brick please call, 478-445-2692 or email, sthrower@gmc.cc.ga.us.

How many teenagers do you know whose skills are nationally ranked?

Let us introduce you to one: Cadet Linc Boyer.

Linc Boyer is currently ranked eighth in the nation, and third in the state of Georgia, in archery within the Youth Boys 13-14 Years Division. He arrived here by following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. Linc said, "Bow hunting and archery has always been a part of my family because both my father and grandfather are bow hunters, but it was my grandfather who really encouraged me to begin shooting competitively as a youth." So, two years ago, Linc started competing in youth tournaments at the Lake Oconee Shooting Club and at Cat Archery in Sandersville.

In 2006, Linc competed as a member of the Archery Shooters Association and was sponsored by CAT Archery. During his first year in ASA competition, Linc participated in tournaments in Texas, Kentucky, Mississippi and Florida, as well as the ASA Classic held in August in Columbus, Georgia. ✓

Linc finished the 2007 ASA tournament season ranked eighth in the nation within the Youth Boys 13-14 Years Division. ASA President, Mike

Tyrell said during Linc's first tournament last year he competed in an adult class, Bow Novice, stating, "It is unusual for a youth to shoot in an adult class. I believe he was shooting with his father who was also competing, but it is still unusual to see this. I look forward to watching him compete in the future."

Linc says he really enjoys archery and it is his main focus right now. He said, "It's fun because I get to meet so many different people and I get to travel a lot to all of the different tournaments held in different states. It is something I can do with my family." Linc practices everyday using a 3D target at his home. On the weekends, he practices at either Lake Oconee Shooting Club or CAT Archery. Now that the major tournament season is over, Linc will begin training for the next season by working with a coach, doing some hunting, and shooting in some local competitions.

Linc is the son of Terri and Kenny Boyer of Hancock County. Linc has attended GMC since the 6th grade and will be a ninth grader this fall.



Sean Thrower, a recent graduate of GMC Prep School is the 2007 recipient of the Jaworski Annual Scholarship Award. Established in 2004 by Bob and Kelly Jaworski, this scholarship is meant to reward senior players for their dedication to the sport of soccer and to increase interest in the program. Sean is the son of Alan and Shelly Thrower.

"Bob and Kelly have been a mainstay for the soccer program specifically, but also for the athletic program as a whole here at GMC. They are supportive in every aspect of the athletic program. Whether it is the donation of food to the bulldog club, or just helping one child feel better about themselves, Bob and Kelly are great supporters of the total program. This scholarship is just a part of the overall good that they do for us and we are proud to have them in the GMC family," stated Garry Couch, Athletic Director.

Lessons in



“Manners are lessons that come from inside of your heart.”

Mrs. Irene Miller

Georgia Military College was established in 1879 for the purpose of “...educating young men and women in an environment which fosters the qualities of good citizenship...” An important part of being a good citizen is understanding the value of etiquette. For the first time, an Etiquette and Cotillion Class was incorporated into the prep school curriculum last year. Once a week students in the eighth grade and twelve grade classes met with Mrs. Irene Miller, an etiquette and protocol instructor of 15 years, to learn and practice proper etiquette and manners.

Mrs. Miller has been teaching protocol and etiquette at GMC for eight years to the junior college cadets, but this is the first year that her expertise was shared with the eighth graders and twelfth graders. Although each group learned many of the same things, the seniors’ instruction was focused on learning the proper protocol for interviews, resume writing, and career. Mrs. Miller was thrilled to be able to work with the younger students, she said, “I feel it is so important to share with the students the common social graces that children are sometimes not taught at home and be able to give them some life lessons that will stay with them always. After all, manners are lessons that come from inside of your heart.”



The main focuses of the eighth graders’ instructions was to prepare for the Eighth Grade Dining In, which is the class’s formal annual dinner. The students learned how to behave in a receiving line, how to introduce their guest to others, the proper etiquette

for shaking hands, eye contact and dinner conversation. They also learned how to feel comfortable eating a five-course meal with 20 pieces of silver, crystal and china, along with when to use each item. During the Dining In, they were served soup, salad, sorbet, an entrée and dessert, a menu which was chosen by the students. During the dinner they recited toasts to give honor to the school, the state and the nation. Following dinner the students practiced several dances that they learned from Mrs. Miller, including the fox trot, the shag and the cha-cha. The Dining In was truly a culmination of everything they had learned throughout the year.



Mrs. Miller’s lessons were reinforced by Major Karen Grimes in the classroom each week. The students practiced how to write a proper note, address an envelope, accept or decline an invitation and the art of calligraphy, taught by Major Diane Sargent. Additionally once every quarter, Major Grimes took the students to lunch at a local restaurant to give them an opportunity to practice how to treat the wait staff, place an order, the proper way to place a napkin on their laps, how to tip and how to treat the female guests in their party by opening the door for them, pulling out their chairs and taking their coats.

Major Grimes said the students have truly enjoyed the etiquette class. The life lessons they learned will stay with them always and ensure that they are prepared and comfortable in any situation which requires grace and decorum.



“Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness you have good manners, no matter which fork you use.” Emily Post

Alvin Huff, a junior at Georgia Military College Prep School, was recently elected to serve as president of the Georgia National Honor Society (GANHS) State Board. Alvin was elected during the GANHS State Convention held April 15-17 in Jekyll Island.

As GANHS president, Alvin will help to plan and host the state convention in April 2008, as well as the National Honor Society convention which will be held in Atlanta in November 2007. He said, "I knew after attending the convention last year that I wanted to run for president, and I am very excited about this opportunity." Alvin is the first student from Georgia Military College Prep School to hold this office.

Alexis Hightower, also a junior at GMC Prep, served as Alvin's campaign manager during the three-day state convention. She led the GMC delegation, which consisted of 17 students, in lobbying for Alvin among the 150 students who were in attendance from throughout the state. Alvin appointed Alexis to serve as parliamentarian, and she will help him fulfill his responsibilities and duties as president.

MAJ Leigh Scott, GMC National Honor Society advisor, said, "What is remarkable about this group of young people is that they impress strangers enough to make mention of their behavior to me. I received many compliments about these students and am very proud of them."

Alvin Huff is the son of Pecola Huff of Milledgeville. At GMC, he holds the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant. He is a member of the chorus, marching band, jazz band, concert band, science club, French Honor Society, and National Honor Society. He was a first place winner in the regional science fair and a participant in the school play.

Alexis Hightower is the daughter of Bennie and Verdine Young and Terry and Tricia Hightower of Milledgeville. At GMC, she holds the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and is a member of the varsity basketball team, marching band, jazz band, concert band, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, and science club. She is also a participant in the school play.



Georgia Military College eighth grader, **Sean Tighe**, has been selected to the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) All-State Band. He will perform a concert with the other selected students from across the state at the Savannah Civic Center, March 1-3, 2007. MAJ Charlie Harbor, GMC Prep School Band Director said, "As far as we know, Sean is the first GMC student ever chosen for this honor, and we are very proud of him." Sean is the son of Dee and John Tighe of Milledgeville, Ga.

Georgia Military College Prep School senior **Kenneth Stewart** was named the top academic scholar in Baldwin County during the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program held Tuesday, February 27, 2007, and hosted by the Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Stewart of Milledgeville, Ga., Kenneth was honored with a \$1,000 scholarship and plaque in recognition of holding the highest SAT score among his peers in Baldwin County. He now has the opportunity to compete at both the regional and state levels. Kenneth chose MAJ Shannon Davis as his STAR teacher, stating she has been the best teacher he ever had.

Kenneth Stewart has been a student at Georgia Military College since the 6th grade and has held the highest academic average for his class every year. He is currently an executive officer of the ROTC program and holds the rank of Cadet Major. He is Chairperson of Honor Council; a member of Youth Leadership Baldwin, the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the GMC Literary Team, and the GMC Math Team; and serves as Secretary of the Spanish Honor Society. He participates in Joint Enrollment at GMC by taking college courses and is a member of the soccer team. In addition to earning first place in the 2006 Region Literacy Spelling Competition, he has received the UGA Certificate of Merit, Presbyterian College Junior Fellow Award, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, and the Nancy Kennedy Reading Achievement Award, and he has received the Principal's Award for four years. He was the Valedictorian speaker during graduation and plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall.



Kenneth Stewart, Baldwin County STAR Student, and Shannon Davis, Baldwin County STAR Teacher.

Graduation/Commissioning



Isaac Butts is all smiles before the graduation ceremony.



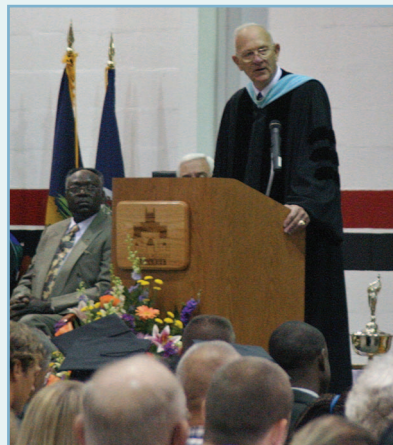
Kenneth Stewart provided the Valedictory Address.



Chris Couch is congratulated by GMC Foundation President Bill Craig.



2LT Jon Vandever smiles while showing off his diploma.



Dr. William Proctor, Chancellor of Flagler College and distinguished guest, delivered the Commencement Address.



A graduate shakes hands with Dr. William Proctor.



Janet Braddock was the honored guest and speaker during the commissioning ceremony. Ms. Braddock retired from GMC this May after 34 years of service. She was the Human Resources Assistant (HRA) for the Military Science Department for 33 of those years. On behalf of the commissioned officers, 2LT Taylor Sivley presented her with a gift, as LTC Jay Hallam, GMC Professor of Military Science looks on.



2LT Aaron Romano is congratulated by his mother after he received his first salute from her.



2LT Paul Austin is saluted for the first time by Marine Lance Corporal Lane, a friend of the family.



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