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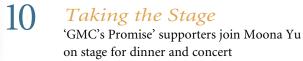




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President's Message



MG Peter Boylan



mong the many pleasant duties I undertake is the quarterly meeting with the Prep School Cadet Honor Committee. This committee is composed of three cadets from each of the 9 - 12 year groups who are elected to the position during their freshman year. It is a four-year assignment for these cadets and it is most uplifting to watch them mature over the years as they increasingly come to understand and embrace the

concept of honor. At a recent meeting, I asked each of them to speak to the difficulties of resolving the potential conflicts between loyalty to friends and adherence to the honor code. Not only was each able to understand the dilemmas that can occur, but they responded in ways that let me know that they were unafraid of the challenges to friendships and, more, that they were proud that their fellow cadets were circumspect in speaking about activities which involved honor issues. For a young person to place honor above friendship at an age when friendships and group acceptance are paramount issues gave me great pride in them and in what our character education programs are accomplishing. "Duty, Honor, Country" are not just words that these cadets mouth every morning; they are concepts that are internalized, however dimly, and expressed concretely in their daily actions. I hope that each of you will share in my pride of these youngsters and all of our cadets. Their lives will make a difference. Construction on the new prep school began in February

and is expected to be completed by May 2010. Furnishing the building will occupy the next months and we expect the building will be ready for occupancy when the cadets return in early August. I am profoundly grateful to all of you who have been so generous in helping us achieve our goals to resource this building.

Peter J. Boylan

Major General, USA (Ret.)

President

Reflection, and Inspiration

The 2008 President's Gala Reception and Dinner

ach year in December, a special evening takes place to honor the generous and the committed. The atmosphere is magical with sights and sounds that echo the thoughtfulness and charity of those in attendance.

Hosted by MG Peter Boylan and his wife, Kathy, this year's GMC President's Gala Reception and Dinner reflected the silver lining of successes that were accomplished in 2008.

Within the historic beauty of the Old Capitol Building's Legislative Chamber, soft light gleamed upon sterling silver candelabras and urns overflowing with roses, evergreens, lilies, hydrangeas and silver eucalyptus. The arrangements stood tall upon tables of sparkling ornaments, silver marquis and delectable foods of shrimp and crab casserole, roasted beef tenderloin, cranberry and brie stuffed chicken breast, potatoes au gratin with gruyere cheese with side dishes of asparagus, English peas, corn pudding and green beans. Beribboned garland and wreaths with sparkling lights adorned the windows and balcony, providing scents of the season while soft melodies from a string quartet filled the room.

As noted by GMC Foundation Chairperson Bill Craig, it was a congenial gathering of family - the GMC family who, through their key efforts this past year, witnessed \$3.3 million in gifts to the GMC Foundation, over \$70,000 awarded in scholarships, \$1.2 million in commitments toward the new preparatory school and an endowment growth from \$5.8 million to \$8.7 million at the end of June 2008.

"The purpose of the annual President's dinner is to thank those who have been so generous to this institution," stated MG Boylan. "We had hoped that the State would have been able to provide the capital funds by the time of this dinner, but, as anticipated, the economy delayed this. However, the sale of the bonds by the State of Georgia on February 12 will permit us to begin construction of the prep school the following week and will not substantially delay progress."

This year will continue to reflect the generosity of spirit. The schedule for completion of the new prep school is still expected to be met, with its opening in August 2010. Added MG Boylan, "I am particularly excited about this effort because of the many alumni and friends who have been so helpful in allowing us to realize this goal. This new building will be a monument to what this institution produces in its graduates."





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Foundations for the Future

Demolition of Main Barracks and Vinson Hall makes way for new prep school

MG Peter J. Boylan had a hardhat waiting for him on Oct. 10. After a quick refresher course of the workings of the trackhoe, Boylan was able to take the first swipe at the demolition of Main Barracks, officially putting in motion his vision of GMC's newest addition to campus.

A throng of students and faculty cheered as the first of the bricks fell. Many of those that gathered there to watch will soon walk the halls of the new prep school building that will replace the fallen barracks. They will fill its 38 new classrooms and have access to its state-of-the-art laboratories.

"This will be an example of the finest technology available in education today," said Boylan after exiting the trackhoe. "It will be an example for excellence in education across this state and across this nation."

A LOOK BACK:

Within a few short days, the once grand and historic Main Barracks building was reduced to a pile of rubble. Its absence gave way to a new vantage point of the Old Capitol Building from Clarke Street - a view that hadn't been seen since the late 1800s.

The barracks had been a part of the GMC landscape since 1895 when the original building was constructed. In the early part of 1919, the barracks was ravaged by fire, but by the end of the same year, cadets were able to move back into a new building, now made of brick and called Main Barracks. Until a few years ago, when the new Baldwin County Courthouse was constructed, the Main Barracks was the largest building in Milledgeville.

Its demolition was bittersweet for many former cadets. Some stopped to watch as the façade came



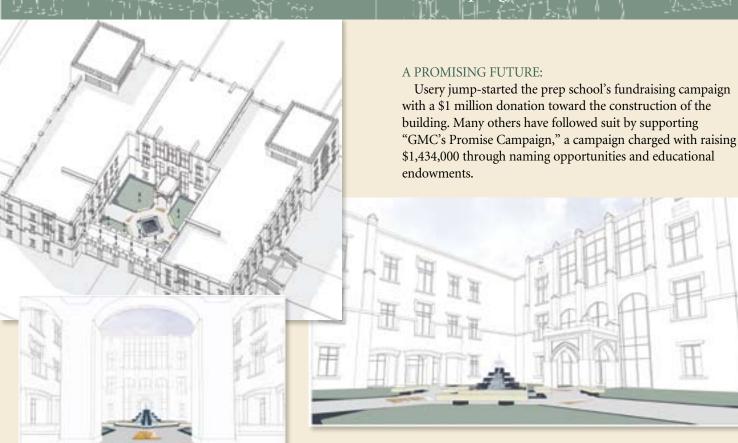
down, exposing the walls of their old rooms. Days later, as others from all generations returned to campus for Alumni Weekend, they shared stories of their life in the barracks and the antics that took place along those halls.

Many over alumni weekend purchased souvenir bricks that were saved from the demolition site as a way to honor GMC's past while helping secure its future.

And though it may have been somewhat painful for

returning alumni to see the walls of a place that housed so many memories torn down, it was equally exciting to think of the new ones that will be made inside the new building for many more generations to come.





A MOVE FORWARD:

On Friday, Oct. 17, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site of the future prep school. As various dignitaries symbolically turned the first layer of dirt, it signified the property's transition into the future.

Soon, a three-story, 78,575-square-foot facility will stand in place of Main Barracks and Vinson Hall. It will take its place among the New Academic Building and the Old Capitol Building along Grant Field, and will reflect the Gothic-style of their exteriors.

The building will house 38 classrooms and several state-ofthe-art laboratories to serve students in the middle and high schools. The new prep school will allow the consolidation of classrooms currently utilized in five different buildings on campus and will replace the need for the aging Jenkins Hall, which was built in 1926.

Slated for completion in 2010, the building was designed by Lord, Aeck, & Sargent - a design that Boylan says will "last a century." Construction of the project is being carried out by Skanska who began work in February.

The new prep school will bear the name "Usery Hall" in honor of GMC alumnus and former U.S. Secretary of Labor W.J. "Bill" Usery, Jr. Much has changed since Usery walked through the gates in 1940 to begin his career, but GMC's philosophy and mission has not. The lessons he learned and character he built at GMC helped carry Usery through life, and it was important to him to see that others receive the same opportunities he was afforded at GMC for years to come.

Like Usery, several other major donors have been compelled to contribute to the campaign through naming opportunities, bringing the total amount raised to \$1,311,500.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson and his sister Judith Ferguson Smith have chosen to sponsor the Health Services Center. Dr. George Echols and his wife Polly will name one of the school's Biology Labs. The Music Suite has been sponsored by former music and art teacher Beegee Baugh along with her husband Dr. James Baugh. A computer lab will be named by Asbury Stembridge for his wife Charlotte, a retired teacher. And Fran Usery has sponsored the school's conference room in honor of her husband, W. J. "Bill" Usery, Jr.

Various other donors have sponsored classrooms, offices and workrooms throughout the new building.

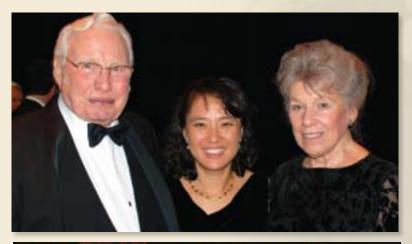
To date, only a few naming opportunities remain. A biology lab and a computer lab make up the last of the major opportunities at \$30,000 each, and there is a limited number of smaller opportunities available as well — four classrooms, at a contribution of \$5,000 each, and one multi-purpose classroom at \$7,500.

Outside the walls of the new prep school, a final naming opportunity for the courtyard and its fountain has been made recently available for a contribution of \$120,000. The fountain will be the courtyard's central focus, providing a comfortable seating arrangement and creating a contemplative atmosphere.

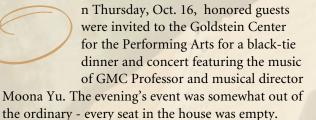
For more information on how to take part in GMC's Promise Campaign, contact the Office of Advancement at (478) 445-2692.

Taking the Stage

Leadership of 'GMC's Promise' campaign honored with intimate dinner and concert on stage at Goldstein Center







But on stage, it was a different story.

Moona Yu shared the stage with each of the invited guests - though she sat at a Steinway Concert Grand Piano and everyone else sat at tables adorned with white linens, fine china and floral centerpieces.

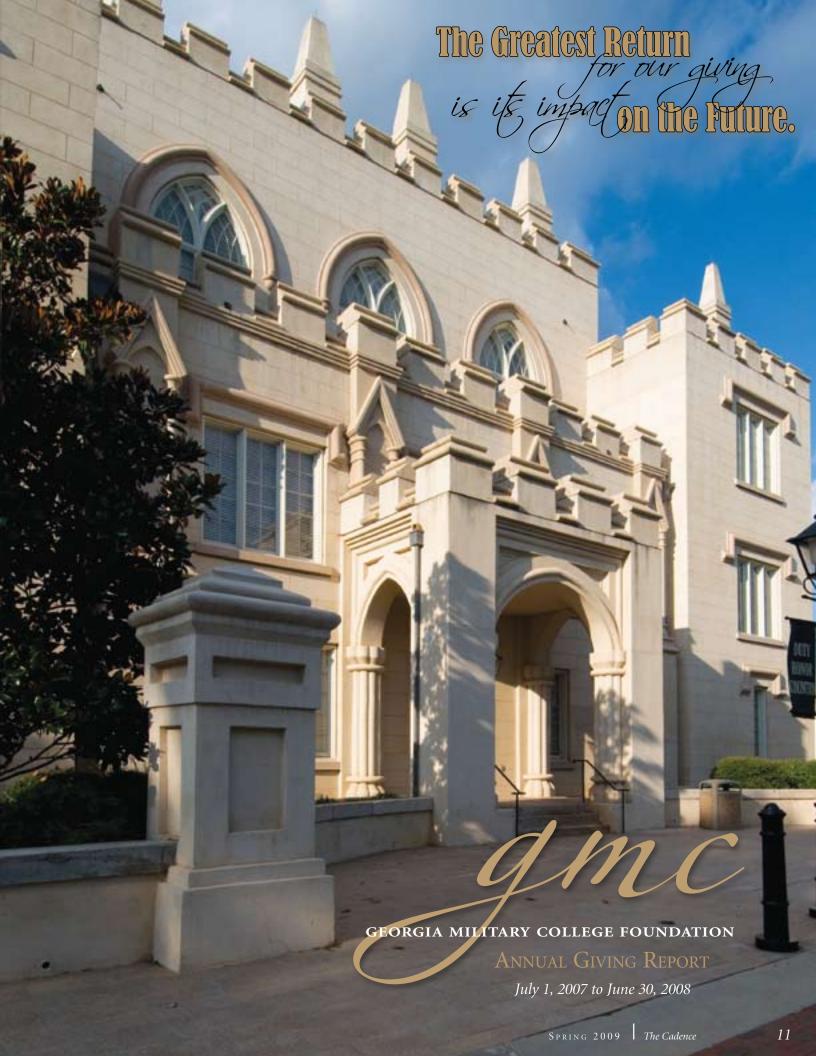
It was a unique concert experience coordinated by MG Peter J. Boylan to honor the dedicated leadership and major supporters of the "GMC's Promise" campaign. Following a powerful musical performance by Yu, guests enjoyed a formal dinner served personally by GMC cadets.

It was a classic evening, punctuated by a highcaliber piano performance that allowed guests to experience new and exciting facets of GMC's growth, like the Goldstein Center, and the opportunities,

> like the concert, that it offers its students and its community.







The GMC Foundation was established in 1955 as the official fundraising arm of Georgia Military College. The foundation helps to support the mission of GMC by generating private funds to financially support the educational and development activities of the school.

A volunteer board of trustees serves as the governing body. All board members provide their services to the GMC Foundation without compensation and have otherwise invested philanthropically in the foundation. A ten-member executive committee elected from the membership of the board meets monthly and is authorized to act on the trustees' behalf.

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Military College have joined together to
significantly impact the future - and this
remarkable impact continues to strengthen and
grow. Individually and collectively, financial commitments
in recent years have provided numerous opportunities that
otherwise would not have existed, enabling rapid and sure
progress for the institution.

The GMC Foundation received private support of \$1.6 million in outright gifts and \$1.7 million in bequests, for a total of \$3.3 million during the past fiscal year alone.

Generosity unprecedented in GMC's history has made possible:

- Substantial endowment growth, from \$5.8 million to \$8.7 million
- Commitments of \$1.2 million for the new GMC Prep School
- Scholarships and awards of over \$70,000
- Five new named endowed scholarships
- Support for departments and programs
- Numerous special initiatives

The GMC Foundation remains committed to helping ensure that our college and prep school students have every advantage by providing funds for scholarships, programs, classroom equipment and technology, and the facilities master plan. The continued partnership of our alumni and friends is vital as we strive to generate resources for providing the margin of excellence that will offer our students the very best opportunities.

Together, we are building an institution that will last long beyond the days that our individual footsteps mark these paths. Indeed, we are building an institution that is designed to serve not just the moment, but the ages. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our alumni and friends who, even in the days at hand, remain committed to this mission.



Elizabeth A. Sheppard Executive Director GMC Foundation

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The Oak Leaf Society was established to honor individuals who include Georgia Military College in their estate plan or in



a planned gift arrangement. Some of these legacy gifts are unrestricted, while some are designated for a particular purpose such as providing scholarships or vital support for programs and services.

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MG Peter Boylan, Maggie and Jim Kjer

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Membership in the President's Circle is extended to those who make a gift of \$1,000 or more annually to the GMC Foundation. Members are special guests of the president of Georgia Military College at an annual dinner in their honor.



The GMC Foundation President's Circle was established during the 2004 fiscal year to honor an exceptional group of donors who have earned a place of distinction through their commitment to the school's vital need for private support. It is the singular goal of the President's Circle to recognize those donors whose remarkable generosity enhances the school's mission.

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Couple Thanks GMC for Their "62 Years of Happy Marriage"

COL Frank Davis, Georgia Army National Guard (Ret.), and his wife, Dot, will tell you without hesitation that Georgia Military College had a major influence on their lives and their happiness-and in the case of Col. Davis, even his health.

COL Davis, who graduated from the junior college in 1942, was sent to GMC by his father, a ship's agent. In the late 1930s, the elder Davis heard from German ship captains that war was

imminent.

"He sent me to military school so I would be prepared," says COL Davis, who at age 20, right out of GMC, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S.

Army and sent to Europe. He survived the war, including the Battle of the Bulge, in good shape-and for that he gives credit to his GMC training.

"I am lucky to be alive," COL Davis says today. And his GMC-related luck does not end there. It was at a GMC



Charitable giving "is very important because it gives the institution an opportunity to do some things they maybe couldn't do otherwise."

-COL Frank Davis

football game that COL Davis met Dot, a cheerleader, who has been his wife for more than six decades.

"We've had 62 years of happy marriage," Dot says, "and have two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren-all as a result of GMC. There would be no us, there would be no family, without GMC."

In appreciation, the couple has made

memorial and other gifts to GMC over the years. COL Davis served six years on the board of trustees, and they're leaving a bequest in their will to establish the Frank C. and Dorothy K. Davis Scholarship.

Charitable giving "is very important because it gives the institution an opportunity to do some things they maybe couldn't do otherwise," COL Davis says. "We like GMC so much that this is where we wanted to make a contribution, to give students an educational opportunity."

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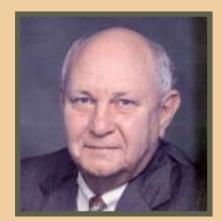
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Dr. H. Wilbur Harper grew up in Warrenton, Georgia, and attended Warren **County High** School. He attended GMC **High School** for two years, graduating in 1952. His parents worked extremely hard to finance his education at



Dr. H. Wilbur Harper, Jr.

his education at GMC, then University of Georgia, and later, the Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Harper and his wife, Joyce Hopkins Harper, moved to Macon in 1967 where he practiced anesthesiology. The couple raised four children there. Dr. Harper's son, Hal, has said that his father talked about his experiences at GMC as fond ones and that he kept up with what was happening at GMC over the years. He often talked about being fair, honest, and hard working, and his family was convinced that he must have learned a good deal of that at GMC.

Dr. Harper passed

away on November 7, 2007 and, shortly afterward, the GMC Foundation received a bequest from his estate - a generous commitment toward ensuring the future of Georgia Military College.

"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."

- Albert Einstein



GMC Grad Hopes His Generosity Will Influence Others

In looking back on his life, Jim Kjer easily identifies three important building blocks. First and foremost are Ed and Angie Kjer, his late parents, and the lessons they taught him. Then, there's Georgia Military College.

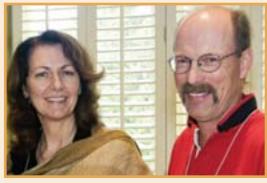
"My dad had "been in the Marines and my mom was a Navy GM nurse," Jim says. "It was from my parents that I learned honesty and integrity-to tell the truth, to pull my own weight, to accept responsibility

for my actions.

"GMC reinforced these values and had a significant influence on who I turned out to be."

Jim graduated from GMC High School in 1973 and, after earning his college degree, was commissioned into the U.S. Army from GMC in 1976. He served as a field artillery officer until 2000, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Today, Jim and his wife, Maggie, live in northern Alabama. He is no stranger to GMC, however, returning several times each year as a GMC Foundation trustee at-large. Jim and Maggie, who is also an ardent GMC supporter, make annual gifts to the school, made a generous donation to name a computer lab in honor of his



"Other than my parents, GMC had the biggest influence on my life." -Jim Kjer

parents, and are both remembering GMC with "significant" gifts in their trusts.

"Other than my parents, GMC had the biggest influence on my life," Jim says, though he notes it wasn't until the early 1990s that he became fully aware of this "tremendous, positive impact..."

At that point, Jim became more active in his support of the school. He suggests that other alums might also look at the positive ways in which GMC affected their lives, with an eye toward increasing their own involvement.

"My hope," he says, "is that my actions will show my intentions and will maybe influence others. I am glad to support GMC-it is very worthwhile."



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FOR GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

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Alumni Weekend



Every fall, the Office of Advancement organizes a weekend filled with activities and events to welcome its alumni and friends back to GMC. Alumni Weekend provides a time to "*Remember*, *Reflect and Reunite*."



The weekend is traditionally kicked off each year with the Alumni Golf Tournament, held Friday morning at the Milledgeville Country Club. The time spent on the course made for great fellowshipping regardless of how great the golfing. Bragging rights for this year's tournament went to Pitt and Bo Edwards, Tom Boyd and Ferrell Thompson.

Throughout the early afternoon as more alumni arrived to town, many made a stop at the GMC campus to see the extensive additions, improvements and changes that have taken place in recent years. Some were able to tour for the first time the New Academic Building, Baugh Barracks, Ruark Athletic Complex or the Old Capital Museum.

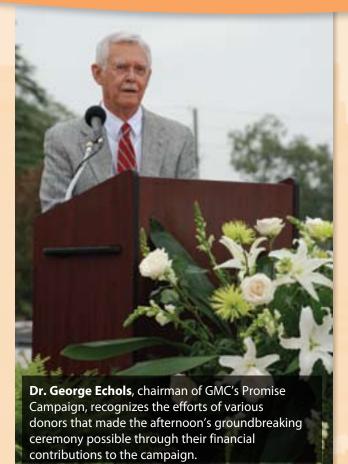
Perhaps the most obvious change was not the addition of any new buildings, but the absence of old ones. Main Barracks and Vinson Hall had been torn down earlier in October to make way for GMC's new Prep School - a three-story state-of-the-art facility that will house both the middle and high schools. Dignitaries broke ground on the project at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon during a ceremony held at the construction site of the future prep school. Among them was W.J. "Bill" Usery Jr., a 1940 graduate of GMC and former U.S. Secretary of Labor for whom the new prep school will be named. "Usery Hall" is slated for completion in 2010. Following the ceremony, attendees were invited to attend a reception at Sibley Cone Memorial Library, just across from the building site.







Alumni Weekend OCTOBER 17-18, 2008



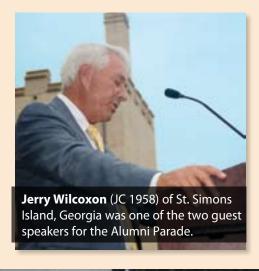
Alumni then heeded the call to "fall in" for the annual Alumni Parade on Grant Parade. In a time-honored tradition, the former cadets filled the ranks of the alumni platoon that led the 130th Corps of Cadets past the reviewing stand. Guest speakers for this year's parade included Jerry Wilcoxon and David Sullivan. After "falling out," alumni and friends were able to get in a little tailgating before the high school football game against Towns County began. The Tailgate Party was

held under the main tent at the south gates just outside Davenport Field.













Alumni Weekend





Grady Torrance, left, and **James Vinson**, *right*, visit before enjoying Saturday's luncheon, catered by the Willis House.

Saturday's itinerary began with a continental breakfast with GMC president, MG Peter Boylan, in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol Building. The breakfast was followed by a meeting of the GMC Alumni Association and the GMC Foundation during which updates on current projects were presented. MG Boylan concluded the meeting with a State of the School Address - detailing where the school stands today and where it is going tomorrow.

During a special luncheon catered by the Willis House at the main tent, it was time for GMC to honor alumni who, through their support, have helped create a viable future for GMC, and through their character, have epitomized all things GMC historically represents. Each year, award recipients are selected from submitted nominations. This year's recipients were as follows: Mr. William Terrell "Terry" Baggett, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Mr. Levi W. Hill III, Alumni Achievement Award; Mr. Dudley Rowe, Honorary Alumnus; Mr. Joe Mobley, GMC Service

Award; Mr. Randall A. New, Community Service Award.

To wrap up this year's events, alumni and friends gathered under the main tent for the annual Alumni Dinner and Dance. The evening's dinner was catered by 119 Chops and live entertainment was provided by the Soul Purpose Band of Atlanta.





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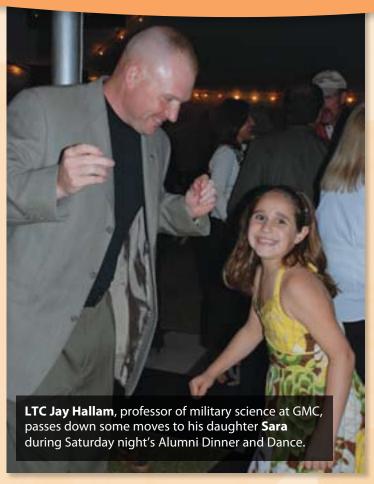






school's Jazz Ensemble

Alumni Weekend OCTOBER 17-18, 2008



Over drinks or on the dance floor, old friends were reunited and new friends were introduced. Reunions were held - whether organized or impromptu - as former classmates returned to reminisce.

And, even as this year's Alumni Weekend drew to a close, plans were already under way for 2009's event, slated for Oct. 23 and Oct. 24.







Alumni Weekend Award Recipients 2008

Georgia Military College alumni and friends met October 17 and 18 to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2008. One of the highlights of the weekend was the luncheon held to honor a select group of individuals with Georgia Military College Alumni Awards. The recipients of these prestigious awards are selected annually from submitted nominations.

This year's award recipients were:

William Terrell "Terry" Baggett
Distinguished Alumnus

Levi W. Hill, III
Alumni Achievement Award

Dudley Rowe Honorary Alumnus

Joe Mobley *GMC Service Award*

Randall A. New
Community Service Award

These five extraordinary people 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 2008 Alumni Award recipients have, without a doubt, made the world a better place.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Mr. William Terrell "Terry" Baggett JC 1958 Douglasville, Georgia

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni whose lives have embodied the ideals of Georgia Military College including discipline, moral character, and learning, whose accomplishments have made a conspicuous and positive impression



Mr. Frank Moss, Mr. Terry Baggett, MG Peter Boylan

on those who will follow their lead, and whose lives are examples of extraordinary accomplishment.

After graduating from Georgia Military College, Mr. Baggett earned a Bachelor of Science from North Georgia College & State University followed by a Master of Business Administration from the University of Georgia, completing an education which contributed to his success in the business world. After a twenty-nine year career with Bank of America, which included positions in the controllers department in regulatory reporting, in the commercial real estate department, and in the bank holding company, he retired in 1993 as Senior Vice President of Finance in Treasury Operations where he was responsible for the equity and debt funding at the holding company level in Atlanta, Georgia.

Almost concurrent with his career in business was Mr. Baggett's thirty year military career in the U.S. Army Reserves. Beginning in 1964, he moved through several assignments, serving as Group S2 and Director, Security, Intelligence Plans and Training for Theater level depot; as Assistant Chief of Staff, G5, Third U.S. Army for civil military operations in CENTCOM area of operations; and as Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management 81st Army Reserve Command. He retired in 1990 after serving his last assignment as Chief of Staff of the 81st U.S. Army Reserve Command, Atlanta, Georgia, where he was responsible for the Georgia and Florida areas of operations.

Since retirement, Mr. Baggett has entered into civic and volunteer areas of interest. He is currently serving on the Development Authority of Douglas County; is President of Rotary Club of Douglas County; and is Past Georgia State President of Reserve Officers Association of the United States. He also serves on the boards of several local organizations: the Boys and Girls Club of Douglas County; the Douglas County Public Education Trust Fund, which works for the improvement of the public schools and teaching staff; and SHARE House, a service related to elimination of domestic violence and support for its victims.

Mr. Baggett is married to Laurie Cowell from Panama City, Florida, his wife of 45 years. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Levi W. Hill, III JC 1946

Augusta, Georgia

The Alumni
Achievement
Award is designated
for an alumnus
who has attained
notable success in
his chosen field
or profession, and
whose achievement
might serve as
an inspiration to
anyone considering
entering that chosen



Mr. Levi Hill, Mr. Al Hatcher, MG Peter Boylan

field or profession, or might serve as inspiration to anyone to excel in his chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipient of this award.

Mr. Hill left his home town of Sandersville in 1945 to attend junior college at GMC where he made lifelong friends. From there he went on to the University of Georgia, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He was employed by E. I. DuPont at its Savannah River Nuclear Plant prior to entering the U.S. Air Force as a 2LT. Mr. Hill attained the rank of Captain before his honorable discharge in 1953, at which time he became a resident of Augusta, Georgia.

Then his business career began anew when he was employed by Richmond Supply Company, a family business whose primary sales are of industrial products - particularly rubber conveyor belts and hoses. Industrial paint is also a specialty. Mr. Hill rose to the position of President in 1956 and ultimately became Chairman of the Board in 1978, in which capacity he still serves. During his tenure, he has greatly expanded the company's employee base, its facilities, and its locations.

Concurrent with his active and successful business career, Mr. Hill has distinguished himself as a community leader, contributing unselfishly by serving on numerous boards and holding positions of leadership in such organizations as: Kiwanis Club of Uptown Augusta, University Hospital Authority, Governing Board of University Hospital, Augusta Country Club, Brandon Wilde Life Center, Richmond County Museum, Augusta Preparatory School, and the GMC Foundation. He also served for 18 years as a director of First Union National Bank of Georgia and its predecessor, Georgia Railroad Bank & Trust Company. In 2007 Mr. Hill received the Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Hospital Association for "Significant Contributions in Improving Health Care for the People of Georgia," one of only four people from Augusta to receive this award since 1950.

In 1958, Mr. Hill married the former Emily Carter from Toccoa, Georgia, who had attended the Women's College of Georgia, now GCSU. They had two children, Levi IV and Emily, who now each have three children, making Mr. Hill the proud granddad of six. He is a long-time member of the St. John United Methodist Church.

HONORARY ALUMNUS

Mr. Dudley Rowe *Milledgeville, Georgia*

The Honorary
Alumni Award is
bestowed upon
individuals who
are not alumni of
Georgia Military
College, but who
have rendered special
or exceptional service
to the school or to its
Alumni Association,
and who, by virtue
of their service,



Mr. Dudley Rowe, MG Peter Boylan

are worthy of the designation of GMC Alumnus and all that the designation entails.

Mr. Rowe was born and raised on his family farm in the southwestern part of England. At age 16 he joined ECC. PLC, a large British international minerals and chemicals company, as a student engineer. This started a career that lasted 45 years and took him to all parts of the world.

He graduated as an electrical engineer from Plymouth Institute of Technology and received further education at Manchester University and other business schools. After graduation he worked in a number of management positions in various parts of the world, living in England, Italy, and India before coming to the United States of America. His role expanded as the company grew, and he was appointed to the Board of ECC International. Before his retirement as a senior executive, he was promoted to Executive Vice President, responsible for approximately 4500 people in 20 plus countries.

Mr. Rowe has served on many business, professional, and civic boards and committees around the world, being president of some. In 1993, he became a United States citizen, giving him dual citizenship with the United Kingdom. In the same year, the State of Alabama House of Representatives recognized him for his services to business development in the state.

He has served as a director of Century Bank & Trust since 2001 and as a Century Bancorp director since 2002. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Century Bancorp. He also is current President of the Lockerly Board of Trustees, serves on the GCSU Foundation Board and the Business School Advisory Council, and was a past Senior Warden of Saint Stephens Episcopal Church.

Mr. Rowe serves as 2nd Vice Chairman of the Georgia Military College Foundation Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman of the Development Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee. He has been instrumental in organizing a grants program for the Foundation and providing invaluable leadership to the organization.

He and his wife Jenny have lived in Baldwin County since 1990. They have two children, Gary and Lisa, and two grandchildren, Alexandra and Samantha.

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GMC SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Joe Mobley HS 1963, JC 1965 Milledgeville, Georgia

The GMC Service Award is designated for an alumnus or friend of Georgia Military College who has rendered special service to the school or to any of its ancillary organizations including the GMC Alumni Association, the



Dr. George Echols, Mr. Joe Mobley, MG Peter Boylan

Bulldog Club, the Booster Club, or the GMC Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Mobley entered GMC as a barracks cadet, and after graduating, went to work for Georgia Power Company in the water chemistry department at Plant Harllee Branch in 1965. He was promoted to Assistant Chemist at Plant Yates and moved with his wife, Tondra, and their three children to Carrollton, Georgia in 1970. While living there, he returned to school at West Georgia College and received a BBA degree. In 1976, he moved his family back to Milledgeville, where he worked in the Safety & Health Department at Plant Branch.

His children, Valerie, Jay, and Stephanie, all attended GMC, graduating in 1983, 1986, and 1987, respectively. All three also went on to graduate from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. While his children attended GMC, he was involved with many programs. He served as president of the Bulldog Club, was a member of the Alumni Association, and chaired the annual Bulldog Club barbecued chicken fundraiser. He was committee chair for the sale of ads and printing of the Friday night football programs and filmed the home games. During this time, he also drove one of the buses for the junior college basketball team.

In 1989, Mr. Mobley was promoted to Manager of the Safety & Health Department for power generation plants statewide. This promotion required another move, sending Tondra and him to Peachtree City this time where he worked out of the general office. After moving back to Milledgeville in 2001, he continued to work out of the general office until his retirement in 2003 with thirty-eight years of service.

After his return to Milledgeville, Mr. Mobley became involved with a GMC project for the new baseball field, which needed transmission poles for lighting. He made some contacts and was able to secure enough poles to provide lighting for the baseball, softball and soccer fields. He followed this initial re-entry into GMC service by then becoming a member of the GMC Foundation Board, for which he leads the engraved paver project at the new barracks. In 2007 he accepted the position of vice president of the Alumni Association and has been very involved with Alumni Weekend and the Will Robinson Road Race, for which the Alumni Association has become a co-sponsor. He is a member of the "1879 Circle of Friends," which provides scholarships for children and grandchildren of GMC alumni. Even with a long list of commitments, he still finds time to also give back to his community by serving as one of the guides on Milledgeville's Trolley Tours, during which GMC's campus is featured.

Mr. Mobley and his wife, Tondra, are the proud grandparents of two boys and five girls.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Randall A. New HS 1971, JC 1973 *Milledgeville, Georgia*

The Community Service Award is given to Georgia Military College alumni who, through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in their professional activities, have taken the lessons of GMC's



activities, have taken Mr. Bill Craig, Mr. Randy New, MG Peter Boylan

Character Education beyond the classroom and whose actions are characterized by a history of exemplary service resulting in unquestionable improvements within their community.

Mr. New, a life-long resident of Baldwin County, subsequently received his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management from Georgia College & State University after graduating from GMC. Following three years service in the U. S. Army, he began putting his education directly to use in his hometown where he is currently the Vice President and Co-owner of Bayne's Army Store in downtown Milledgeville as well as the Co-owner and Managing Partner for B & N Investments. In 1992, he accepted the honor of being Small Business Owner of the Year. In addition, he is a partner in the Old Capital Gun Club and is an NRA qualified instructor in five disciplines.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. New is very involved in community affairs and events. He has been a member of the GMC Board of Trustees since 1992 and has served as Chairman of the Board since 1998. He is also a member of the Georgia Military College Oak Leaf Society. Mr. New has been a member of the Exchange Bank Board of Directors since 2005. He is a founding board member and former treasurer of Milledgeville Main Street/DDA, a founding member of the Downtown Merchant's Council, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

For the past 18 years he has served as the chairman for the Empty Stocking Fund, a project that feeds needy families in the community. Donations from the community allow the Fund to help these families not only during the holiday season, but year round. Along with chairing this philanthropic project, he has served as a volunteer coach with the Milledgeville-Baldwin County Recreation Department for 10 years, and his NRA qualifications serve him well in his role as a mentor for youth involvement in the hunting sports.

Mr. New and his wife, Cynthia, have two children, daughter, Diana, son, Corey, and a daughter-in-law, Leslie.

We invite your nominations for the 2009 GMC Alumni Awards. Alumni, friends of the school, and non-alumni supporters of GMC and its ancillary organizations may qualify. The deadline for nominations is June 10, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Advancement at (478) 445-2692.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Alumni Achievement

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who have attained notable success in their chosen field or profession at the local, state, or national level, and whose achievements might serve as an inspiration to anyone considering entering their chosen field or profession, or might serve as an inspiration to others to excel in their chosen field or profession because of the example set by the recipients of this award.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who, having completed their studies at GMC within the past fifteen years, have demonstrated excellence in academics or in their chosen careers or professions, or who have made great strides in their personal lives, and who show promise of continuing excellence.

Community Service Award

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni who through leadership, inspiration, teamwork, or hard work in the spirit of volunteerism or in their professional activities, have 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 their community.

Distinguished Alumnus

Awarded to Georgia Military College alumni whose lives have 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 their lead in the field or endeavor, and whose lives are examples of extraordinary accomplishment.

Honorary Alumnus

Awarded to individuals who are not alumni of Georgia Military College, but who have rendered special or exceptional service to the school or to its Alumni Association, and who, by virtue of their service, are worthy of the designation of GMC alumnus and all that the designation entails.

GMC Service Award

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

Nominee:	GMC Graduate HS	and/or JC		
Nominee's Address:				
Nominee's Phone #:				
Award Nomination Category (please ch	eck one):			
O Alumni Achievement	O Distinguished Alumnus	O Distinguished Alumnus		
Outstanding Recent Alumnus	O Honorary Alumnus			
O Community Service Award	O GMC Service Award			
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MAIL to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061

SHARE YOUR NEWS

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

Name:	Class	Year: HS	JC
Advanced Degree(s):			
College or University:			
Address:			
City:	State:		Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Business Phone:		
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ease print below your recent news (i.e., birth, death, marriage, promoved, etc.) Attach an additional sheet if needed. <i>If you include a photography</i>			

2008 Will Robinson *Race*

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The November 22, 2008 race marked the 13th anniversary of the Will Robinson Memorial Run. It was originally organized in 1996

as a way to remember Baldwin County Sheriff's Deputy Will Robinson (HS 1987), killed in the line of duty December 17, 1995.

The run has become a local family event, but this past year it also drew runners from as far away as Atlanta and Augusta. Awards are

given in many categories for individual participants as well as a spirit trophy being awarded to the school that has the most participants. This past year's race also saw a new tradition begun, with an award added for the top high school runner, who is rewarded with a trophy on which the winner's name



is engraved. The winning school receives a \$500 scholarship and "guardianship" of the trophy until the next year's race. 2009's race winner will have his name added to the trophy, and the trophy will then reside at that student's school for the following year.

Following this year's race, Stacie Stevenson, Georgia Military College

Physical Education Teacher, was presented with a token of appreciation for her years of dedication and support of this event. Each year, GMC has had the largest number of students to participate in the race, winning the school spirit trophy thanks to her tremendous efforts. The presentation was made by the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department and the GMC Alumni Association, co-sponsors of the race.

The money that is raised from this event goes back into the community in three different forms. It goes toward a scholarship for the GMC 1879 Circle of Friends alumni scholarship, to a GMC scholarship in Will Robinson's name, and to a donation for the CHAMPS program, formerly known as DARE, which is an anti-drug initiative.



ALUMNI REUNIONS 2009

15th - JC 1994

Class Agent: Diana Ortega Nader 770-518-7188 SDNader@att.net

20th - HS 1989

Date - To be Determined Class Agent: Suzanne Martin Ratliff 478-453-2504 ratliff20@windstream.net

25th - HS & JC - The Silver Brigade Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24 *Contact: Earlene Hamilton* 478-445-2692 ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

30th - HS 1979

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24 Class Agent: Claire Duke Garrett 478-452-2140 cgarrett1219@aim.com

50th - HS & JC - The Gold Brigade Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24 Contact: Earlene Hamilton 478-445-2692 ehamilto@gmc.cc.ga.us

60's Band Company Reunion

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24 Class Agent: Terry "Falstaff" Johnson rocky@jeffersonenergy.com

Early Commissioning Program Graduates

Alumni Weekend - October 23 & 24

Contact: Earlene Hamilton

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Class of 1998 - 10th









HS 1998 Class Agent Brooke Sanders sums it up:

"I think overall, we had a fantastic time all weekend. It was great to have such organized events for us to be able to participate in. We have all decided to come back every year for the Alumni Dinner/Dance on Saturday night. Thanks for hosting such a fabulous event!"

Participants in Friday night's festivities:

Lee Baggarly and Jennifer Baggarly Eric and Misty Simpson Jill Bloodworth Everett and Tom Everett Brooke Sanders Joy Farmer Grese and Frank Grese Diane Kim Bonenberger and Tim Bonenberger Alison Herndon Nelson and Garrett Nelson Cory and Kelly Moore Tricia Graham Rebecca Cowart Holloway Brad and Lynde Lowery Eileen Jones Amber Ussery Evans Jason Gilbert

Participants in Saturday night's festivities:

Brooke Sanders Amber Ussery Evans and Mark Evans Erin Cannon Yawn and Ramsey Yawn Tricia Graham Rebecca Cowart Holloway Brad Lowery and Lynde Lowery Cory Moore and Kelly Moore Eric Simpson and Misty Simpson Jason Gilbert Eileen Jones

Additional participants: Natalie Nunn and Kimberly Moore

Class of 1993 - 15th





HS 1993 Class Agent Tara Johns organized the 15th reunion for her class, hosting everyone at her Milledgeville Tea Room, Tara's Tea Thyme on Friday evening. Plans for attending the GMC Prep football game that night were rained on and rained out; however, food, fun, and fellowship was still enjoyed by all. Saturday evening saw them celebrating downtown at Amici's.

1st photo -

Tara Johns, Jason Ellerbee, Beth Dunn Davis, Laura Caldwell Pettus, Keisha Harden Foston, Andre Jarrett, April Robinson, Roslyn Mayers Mullis, Beverly Dunn Waddel, Amy Allen Johnson, Christa Puckett McMillan, P.J. Yates.

2nd photo -

Trisha Meeks McNair, Tonesia Simmons, Beth Dunn Davis, Roslyn Mayers Mullis, Harriet Goodrich Workman, Jeffrey Wilkinson, Victoria Prevatt Wood, Kim Hardy Leverett, Keely Childs Buchanan, P.J. Yates, Beverly Dunn Waddell, Laura Caldwell Pettus, Jason Ellerbee, Tara Johns.

Class of 1988 - 20th





JC 1988 attendees Bernard "Bernie" Lindstrom and his wife Cara shared these comments about their 20th reunion. Cara wrote:

"My husband and I just attended the GMC alumni reunion..... it was his 20th. I'd like to express how impressed we were with how much GMC has improved and is continuing to improve. It is absolutely amazing how much has been done even since the 10 year reunion. Both my brother and husband attended the junior college, Class of 1988, and I have always been proud to say where they went to school. My husband continues to serve in the military today, currently as a LTC and commander of the Nashville Corps of Engineers, and he, like most of his classmates still serving, has also served in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a matter of fact some of his classmates could not attend as they are serving today in our war zones overseas." Kudos to Ms. Jane Simpson for the DVD on the history of GMC. We are so proud of the traditions kept and future ones made. ... All my husband's fellow soldiers who have gone to West Point proudly display their officer's sabers. Traditions become the glue that holds it all together sometimes."

Bernie sent these comments to those of his class for whom he has contact information:

"The Class of '88 was represented by Paul Drury, Michael Bell, Sam Walden, Greg See, Don Scully and Keith Green. Mike Murrah also attended from the Class of '89. We had a wonderful visit as we spent some quality time telling outrageous stories of our time at GMC (fact and fiction). What was also impressive is the progress that the school, Georgia College, and Milledgeville have made. I think we were all impressed with the area's development and growth. GMC has over 500 prep school students and around 5,500 junior college students with a new barracks, classrooms, renovated Capital Building, and a new gym with an indoor rifle range. Overall, I was very pleased and would be honored to recommend today's young folks to attend our GMC."

Don Scully, Keith Green, Greg See, Paul Drury, Bernard Lindstrom.

Bernard Lindstrom, Michael Murrah (JC 1989), Don Scully, Brenda Brown, Michael Bell, Sam Walden, Paul Drury.

Class of 1983 - 25th









HS 1983 Class Agent Tammie Greene wrote:

"I have told all of my classmates that I could find that I really want us to try and come to this event every year! It was SO much fun, we really, really, really enjoyed our time there and didn't want to leave. Thank you so much for such a special GMC 25 year reunion! I sent the pictures of us to all of the classmates that did not attend or could not attend and they were so jealous that they could not be there and just loved seeing the ones that they could! WE are definitely going to attend every year from now on and are already looking forward to next year so maybe the ones that could not come in 2008 can come this year."

Tammie also shared that she and two classmates relived a special memory from their time at GMC.

"The first picture is PRICELESS for me! It is **Valerie Mobley Fields, Tammie Martin Greene** and **Gina Mills Kuehn.** This is a picture from the parade on Friday afternoon. We were best friends in High School, were cheerleaders and we were the three chosen to be on homecoming court in 1983 and walked out on the football field in this same order!"

The second picture is of all of us downtown Milledgeville on Saturday afternoon! Just a really great picture and one of the only I have as a group! Charles Baxley, Tammie Martin Greene, Nancy Duke Mitchell, Jill Wood Choate, Valerie Mobley Fields, Melinda Martin, Gina Mills Kuehn, Michael Moses, Beth Harrington Walker.

The third picture is our table at the dinner/dance on Saturday evening! Walter Donnelly with wife Lisa Donnelly (HS 1984), Gina Mills Kuehn, Melinda Martin, Jill Wood Choate, Beth Harrington Walker, Valerie Mobley Fields, Keith Kuehn (Gina's husband) and Tammie Martin Greene.

The fourth picture shows Charles Baxley, Nancy Duke Mitchell, Melinda Martin, Jill Wood Choate, Joanne Williams Hooks, Beth Harrington Walker, Michael Moses, Valerie Mobley Fields, Tammie Martin Greene and Walter Donnelly.

Class of 1973 - 35th









Top photo, Front row: Grady Torrance, Susan Hemphill, Inez Hawkins; Second row: Jimmy Kjer, Art Thomas, Timmy Schubert, Patricia Baugh Thompson, Cathy Hodges Daniels, Bonnie Waller; Third row: Darrell Jackson, Merel Harrison, Ralph Parrado, Mike Perez, Vanderbilt Edwards, Claude Abate, Sally Owen Williams, Annette Little Crawford, Keith Batchelor, Yancey Walker; Fourth row: Tom Bartlett, Miles Jones, Dewey Scott, Randy Newton, David Farris, Ben Plexico.

2nd photo - Merel Harrison, Jimmy Kjer, Mike Perez 3rd photo - Robert Daniels, Bill Hargrove, David Farris 4th photo - Bonnie Waller and Sally Owen Williams

HS & JC 1973 Class Agents Jim Kjer and Tom Bartlett organized their 35th year reunion to participate in all the planned Alumni Weekend activities but also arranged a private class get-together for reminiscing and storytelling on each other. He reported that a good time was had by all.

Class of 1958 - 50th





Mrs. Frank Chambers, Marianne Edwards, Bo Sibilsky, Jimmy Pugh

Middle photo:

Leo Cancio, Jack Connell, Ramsey Parker, Frank Chambers, Jimmy Pugh, Bo Sibilsky, Carl McMillan

HS & JC 1958 Class Agents, Bo Sibilsky (HS), Terry Baggett (JC), and Jack Connell (JC) organized the 50th reunion and also chose to utilize the weekend's activities as the focal point for their reunion. JC alumni attended events both days and were joined on Saturday evening at the dance by the HS group. (Editorial comment: Observation indicated a good time was had by all. Feedback from several attendees subsequently confirmed it!)

60's Band Reunion





Top photo:

Dr. John Ferguson, Tarry "Falstaff" Johnson, Cliff Owdom, Bob Seymour, Richard Dee Taylor, Joe Mobley, Dess Smith Bottom photo:

Charles Vandiver shows his class yearbook photo.

The '60's Band Company Class Agents **Terry Johnson** (JC 1962) and **Cliff Owdom** (JC 1962) set up their reunion to take advantage of the weekend's event as well as setting aside time for a private get-together to share their memories and reminisce. A strong rumor had it that the group was going to perform at Saturday's dance intermission; however, they "stood us up" on that score - maybe next year since the attending Band Company alumni all pledged to come back and to find and bring at least one more member.

Early Commissioning Program (ECP) Reunion

Early Commissioning Program (ECP) graduates were officially represented by COL Raymond (Ray) Lacey (JC 1982) whose visit to campus was coordinated by LTC Jay Hallam, GMC Professor of Military Science, such that while COL Lacey attended the weekend's fun events he also spent some serious time meeting with the MS IV and MS III class to discuss being an officer in today's Army. COL Lacey talked of his experiences here at GMC as a Cadet, his experiences during two tours at the United States Military Academy (USMA), and his leadership experience commanding the finest Artillery soldiers in the world. He indicated to the Cadets that the two-year experience they have here at GMC rivals that of the four-year USMA experience. He also answered questions from the Cadets and then provided personal experiences of how he was best prepared to be an Army Officer from his time here at GMC.

In his personal feedback, COL Lacey points out that he was "quite impressed with the size of the current ROTC program and the quality of the cadets in the program. The questions being posed to me by GMC cadets during my talk with them and later throughout the weekend were on target and concerned what their roles as LT's would be, exactly the mindset you want from cadets."

He also states, "I would tell any graduate that has not been back to GMC lately, in my case it was my first time back since graduation, to get back and see the fantastic changes that have been made. Pictures alone do not do the amount of development justice." Lacey goes on to say, "I would also encourage 'Old Grads' to see the new barracks complex. I would rate it far better then what currently exists at USMA, a quality structure."

In touching on the heart of the mission of the ECP Graduates reunion, he shares, "...there are graduates serving our country throughout the United States in critical jobs both in and out of the service, and we should all work harder on networking, both to reestablish old friendships and to also help current cadets learn from us and potentially give current cadets opportunities to work in our organizations during their breaks from school."

Members of the JC 1988 reunion class essentially attended two reunions since many of them are also ECP graduates, as is **Mike Murrah** (JC 1989). Many of the ECP graduates who are in other parts of the US and the world were unable to attend because of duty assignments but responded with well wishes to all and the hope to be able to be here at a future Alumni Weekend.

Paying it Forward

Warner Robins woman establishes the Barbara Shaheen Scholarship for local GMC students

y definition, Barbara Shaheen falls into the "non-traditional student" category. She's a mother, a grandmother, and a retired small business owner who has decided to return to the classroom after more than 50 years.

But it's much more than just her age that sets her apart from the "traditional" variety of college students.

Since enrolling at Georgia Military College's Warner Robins campus, Shaheen has not only embraced the lessons she's found within the classroom, but has been teaching lessons of her own outside the classroom, demonstrating the importance of supporting one's school and fellow students.

Because she is over age 62, Shaheen was able to attend any state college or university for free. But Shaheen chose to pay anyway.

She recently established the Barbara Shaheen Scholarship to enable others to attend GMC and further their own education at the campus she so quickly grew to love.

"I started thinking to myself, 'I'm getting a college education and I'm not paying anything,'" she said. "So, I went to Ted Ramsdell, the director of the campus, and asked if I could do something for another student."

Shaheen's request was granted and she went to work alongside the school's administrators selecting an applicant to receive a \$500 scholarship. It was no easy task.

In wading through the applications, Shaheen was given insight into the situations of several of her fellow "non-traditional" students - working mothers taking classes at night, students living below the poverty level and still earning a 4.0 GPA, students from other countries who were ineligible for traditional financial aid.

"I saw so many people that were in need and I knew I just had to give more," she said. Two additional scholarships for \$250 were then approved and recently awarded to two more students.

Kelli Sherwood is one such "non-traditional" student that received a Barbara Shaheen Scholarship. As a single mom trying to juggle going to school full-time and raising her kids, Sherwood said the scholarship has gone a long way to help her financially.

Shaheen also selected a fellow student that had been a help to her personally by tutoring her in Spanish. A native of Brazil, Anna Freire didn't qualify for scholarships available to many U.S. students and Shaheen felt she was a prime candidate for her scholarship. "I have no words to describe how thankful I am and helpful this scholarship is going to be," said Freire.

Throughout her life, Shaheen has always felt the need

to help others in her community. As a successful small business owner who operated Shaheen Office Supply with her husband Chuck for 30 years and owned Legacy Fine China for 13 years, she



now mentors other business owners, representing the Small Business Association as a member of SCORE.

She has been involved extensively with the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce since moving to the area in 1971, and served several years as an executive director before becoming chairman in 2001.

Civically, she has served her community in many capacities, from the Warner Robins Junior Woman's Club to the Houston Medical Center Pink Ladies Auxiliary. She sat on the committee that four years ago started the Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic which serves uninsured employees.

Shaheen even brought a touch of her Lebanese roots to the area in 1973 when she began teaching Middle Eastern Dance to local colleges, which she continued until 2000.

She has been named Chamber Person of the Year in 1986, Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women of Warner Robins in 1990, and won Miss Senior Warner Robins in 1995.

In 2007, Shaheen was selected by the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia as one of five Outstanding Women in 22 counties. On the nomination form, Shaheen ran across a question that set her latest endeavor in motion. "They wanted to know what I regretted not doing," she said, "and I always regretted not getting a degree."

Shortly after, Shaheen got another nudge. "I was at Rotary and this minister spoke and he said, 'If there was ever

something you wanted to do, you should just do it," she said. "I left there and went and registered for college."

Shaheen headed to the GMC campus, remembering yet another speaker's words that had sparked her interest at Rotary- GMC's President, Major General Peter Boylan. Her two grandchildren Kelly and Joseph Keifer had also taken courses at GMC, so she was already familiar with the quality of the school's education and staff.

Shaheen unleashed a voracious appetite for learning onto her new school and showed an enthusiasm and determination that surprised many of her teachers.

"I have the best teachers in the world. They cannot believe how much I put into it," she laughed. "I'm there 24/7, especially when I



"I saw so many people that were in need and I knew I just had to give more."

-- Barbara Shaheen

was taking algebra. I told them I was just going to put a bed there."

One of GMC's ad hoc teachers even taught Shaheen's daughter Donna and her son Chuck in high school and then Chuck's children Jaqui and Jonny. And now, thirty years later, she's teaching Shaheen herself.

With small class sizes and personal attention to each student, GMC's teachers, Shaheen said, have made her feel like part of the GMC family.

She works hard to maintain her high grades, taking advantage of tutoring sessions and spending plenty

of time preparing for her classes. Her favorite subjects, she said, are art history, music appreciation and American History, which she slyly admitted was relatively easy since she actually lived some of the history they talked about in class.

Shaheen is definitely making up for lost time, powering through each quarter and continuing on through the summer. In just a few months, she will have earned a general associates degree in a little over two years.

Her son, Chuck, jokes that whenever he tries to get in touch with his mother, she's either on the way to school, at school or on the way back from school. "The thing I love about it though is that it's keeping her mind sharp," he said.

Knowing her determination and fearlessness, there are not many things his mother could do that would surprise him. "I just hope she doesn't try out for cheerleading," he

laughed. "She may make it."

But Shaheen seems content with other extracurricular activities, like her seat on the Student Government Association and her new involvement with the scholarship.

Before she's finished, Shaheen says she plans to give more back to the school that has ignited a new passion in her life in hopes that she can help others follow in her path of redefining the "non-traditional student."

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Scholarship Recipients 2008-2009

Frances Wood Wilson Scholarship

Recipients:

Joslyn Alexander Melissa Boatwright
Katie Hunnicutt William B. Jones, III
Jimmy Lester Kevin Lester
Tyler Rawlings Jessica Scarlett

Walter Troutman Academic Scholarship

Recipients:

Ryan Bishop Hannah Buchanan Kevin Hall Ashley Holmes Danielle Lavender Caroline Pruitt

"I am more than proud to accept the Walter Troutman Academic Scholarship. This scholarship will allow me to achieve my ultimate goal of becoming a trauma nurse." -- Danielle Lavender

Major Herschel Walden Scholarship

Recipient:

Jimmy Huff Holly Zant

John A Sibley Scholarship

Recipients:

Lindsey Blackwell Hyo-shin Cha
Kesha Collins Grant Duffy
Kevin Hall Angela Lindsey
Clint Loucks Chad McLeroy
Le'Marcus Q. Mims Jamel L. Smith

Senator Culver Kidd and Tillie Kidd Scholarship

Recipients:

David Sanders Tristen Wilson

Olin B. King Scholarship

Recipients:

Maya Mapp Zoya Mason Erin McDade

W. J. "Bill" Usery Scholarship

Recipients:

James Bowen Dennis Clayton

Kip Goss

Helen Moore Memorial Scholarship

Recipient:

Kalli R. Trepanier

Charlotte E. Thames Scholarship

Recipient:

Leann N. Hardy

John and Gene Williamson Scholarship

Recipient:

Catherine Adams

Military Endowment Scholarship

Recipient:

Edwin Arocho, Jr.

Al and Charlotte Gandy Scholarship

Recipients:

Clayton Dennis Macie Lee

Trevin Lee

Fred and Peggy Tucker Scholarship

Recipients:

Michael Eubanks Will Grant

Amanda Smith Scholarship

Recipient:

Dawn Hayward

John T. Moore Scholarship

Recipients:

Blake Brown Joshua Brown

Chelsi Colburn Timothy Logan Colburn

James J. Woods Memorial Scholarship

Recipient:

Pancho Gonzoles

This annual scholarship fund was established to assist a junior college cadet with expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing, meals, books or uniforms. Mary Woods Fulcher, mother of James J. Woods stated, "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."



"Here at Georgia Military College I hold many leadership positions, all of which would be lost if I were not qualified for this award. I thank you very much, not only for the scholarship but the many opportunities you are granting me. Here at GMC and in the Cadet Corps I have the reputation as a headstrong and natural leader, constantly aiming for the top."

-- Cadet Pancho Gonzales

Michael Stokely Scholarship

Recipient: Michael Washlow

"This treasured gift will be used with the utmost diligence. I feel that you and your family are great Americans to help others in their process to get where they eagerly want to be." -- Cadet Michael Washlow



Abe and Celia Goldstein Scholarship

Recipient: **Joanna Griffin**

Ruth Sims Page/Alma Sims Adams

Recipients: Torry Ball Trey Ennis

General Athletic Scholarship Fund

Recipients:
Carlton Johnson
Chris Thomas

Butts-Cordell Education Fund

Recipient:
Kenneth Scott



Making a Difference in the Lives of Others

Instituted in 2004 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Georgia Military College, the 1879 Circle of Friends provides scholarships to deserving prep school as well as junior college students.

One hundred percent of every donation goes to provide GMC scholarships for children and/or grandchildren of GMC alumni. The scholarships are awarded each year to students who have the potential for academic success and wish to attend GMC, but require financial assistance in order to do so. Because of the commitment of alumni and friends, the Alumni Scholarship Endowment has grown from \$1,000 to more than \$34,000 since 2004.

Both alumni and friends of GMC are welcome to become members. While gifts of any size are welcome, membership is awarded and maintained with a tax-deductible donation of \$18.79 or more during each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) to the 1879 Circle of Friends.

More than 94 Alumni and friends who have supported this fund continue to make a difference in lives year after year through their gifts.

Georgia Power Scholarship

Recipient: Teresa Brown

Georgia Military College recently awarded Teresa Brown the Georgia Power Scholarship for Winter Quarter 2009. Ms. Brown is a freshman from Eatonton, Ga., pursuing a degree in nursing. She



stated, "This scholarship means so much to me. It not only helps me with my financial obligations, but makes me feel proud to have others believe in my dream of furthering my education. I hope to inspire other non-traditional students to do the same."

The Georgia Power Scholarship Fund was established in 1999. The fund is available for non-traditional students who wish to attend college, and have been out of high school a year or more. This scholarship provides an opportunity for students who may otherwise not have the chance to attend college.

Pictured (left to right) Teresa Brown, scholarship recipient and Greg Tyson, Georgia Power Area Manager.



On Saturday, December 6 the Georgia Military College Steinway Concert Series presented the Mercer University Children's Choir Holiday Concert.

Founded in September of 2005, the Mercer University Children's Choir is a community arts initiative of the Townsend-McAfee Institute for Sacred Music Studies. The Institute is one of two centers of excellence in Mercer University's Townsend School of Music.

The Mercer University Children's Choir, directed by Dr. John E. Simons, involves 75 singers in two auditioned choirs. The Preparatory Choir (ages 7-9) is a training choir performing a limited number of concerts in Middle Georgia, and helping young singers develop healthy singing and performance skills. The Touring Choir (ages 9 -15) is a performance choir that sings throughout Georgia and conducts an annual out-of-state concert tour. The singers learn to read music, use proper vocal technique, develop creativity, form healthy relationships, and give an artistic fit to the community.

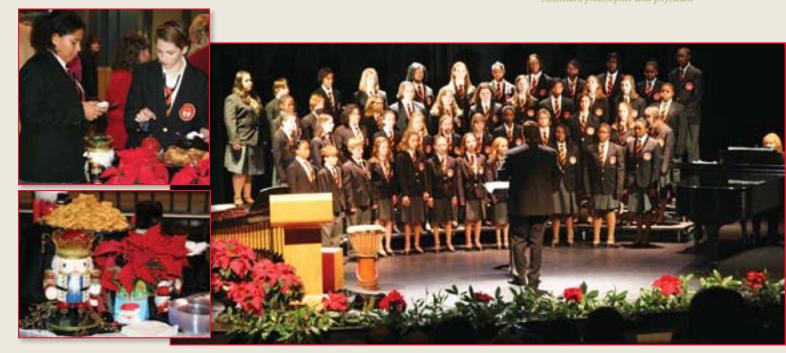
The music department at Mercer University has been most generous in their contributions toward creating wonderful evenings of peaceful reflection on the rolling landscape of the GMC Main Campus. The end of 2008 brought the beautiful voices of children singing: members of the Touring Choir (ages 9-15), a part of

the Mercer University
Children's Choir
and a community
arts initiative of the
Townsend-McAfee
Institute for Sacred
Music Studies. Directed
by Dr. John E. Simons, the
group celebrated the season
of joy, lifting their voices
in harmony and moving
the audience with their
gifts of song.



"Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter -- to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water." -- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

Musician philosopher and physician



"We continue to provide access to the arts and the forthcoming concerts are a wonderful means of elevating the souls of our students," noted MG Peter J. Boylan, GMC president. "The music of world class violinist Robert McDuffie and the inspiring Macon Symphony are part of this year's repertoire. We owe this in part to the generosity and passion of the Steinway Society, who, in most respects, shoulder the tasks associated with procuring these talented artists. We are profoundly grateful to them."

nder the evening stars on a winter night in February, the world as it seemed faded into the melodies of Stravinsky, Bach and Vivaldi. The rhythms and majestic sounds of music echoed in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts once again, as renowned violinist Robert McDuffie and the Mercer University Center for Strings Orchestra performed a special concert as part of the GMC Foundation's Steinway Concert Series.

Mr. McDuffie's appearance was a momentous occasion and a highlight to the 2009 season of art and culture at GMC. In every seat, the talents of this Grammy-nominated, world-acclaimed soloist were witnessed. The program was a tribute to the strings and the compositions of Igor Stravinsky, J.S. Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, and Felix Mendelssohn as well as the popular rock band, R.E.M.

Mr. McDuffie's passion for music was evident as well as his prodigious energy toward mentoring and showcasing the talents of musicians from the Center for Strings, which he founded in Macon at Mercer University. While not teaching music, McDuffie tours the globe. He has appeared as soloist with most of the major orchestras of the world, including the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, the Chicago, San Francisco, Atlanta, and Toronto Symphonies, the Frankfurt Radio Orchestra, Orchestra del Teatro alla Scala, Santa Cecilia Orchestra of Rome, Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico, and all of the major orchestras of Australia.

The mission of the Steinway
Society is to provide funding for the
Steinway Concert Series as well as
for ongoing technical support of the
Steinway Concert Grand Piano in the
Goldstein Center for the Performing
Arts, the purchase of which
has been the group's crowning
achievement.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the **Steinway Society**, please send your annual gift to the **GMC Foundation, 201 E. Greene St., Milledgeville, GA 31061**, designating it for the Steinway Concert Series.







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A large ribbon cutting ceremony took place on the site of the Fairburn Educational Complex on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. The Atlanta campus of GMC celebrated its move from their Union City campus, where they spent the past ten years, to their new location in Fairburn, GA, as the first occupant with over 23,000 square feet of classroom and office space. The modern complex was designed with a vintage feel in order to fit the historic nature of downtown Fairburn and is located at 320 West Broad Street.

Although it was a chilly November morning, over 400 guests were in attendance. GMC representatives giving speeches included President MG Peter Boylan, Allyson Savage who is a 16-year-old dual enrollment student, Rashad Ford who is currently serving as the president of the SGA, and Yvonne Quince who is the oldest student attending school at the Atlanta site. State Senator Ronnie Chance from District 16 also gave a speech noting the importance of this educational

endeavor by the city of Fairburn to bring higher education to the citizens of their community. It was their vision that enabled the 10 million dollar project to proceed. It includes two retail buildings and an additional classroom building for other follow-on institutions.

GMC Cadet Corps students traveled to participate in the ceremony. They officially presented the colors for the first time at the new site and delighted the guests as they demonstrated their rifle skills. Music was provided by the local elementary, middle, and high school students.

Special attendees included the Fairburn Mayor, City Council, and members of the Development Authority. Local politicians and community leaders from throughout the South Fulton County area and from the nearby cities also attended. Georgia Military College was also honored to have Mr. W.J. Usery, Jr, an alumnus and longtime supporter of GMC. Mr. James Price, the former Director of the Atlanta campus, and several former professors for GMC Atlanta were also in attendance.



The Atlanta campus of GMC has approximately 550 students and with the move to Fairburn, can now accommodate about 300 more. The new campus will allow for future growth and has been designed for two more 18,000 sg. ft. academic buildings. Georgia Military College is proud to continue to be a part of the South Fulton Family. The move to Fairburn will allow them the space to continue to grow.





Georgia Military College has undergone a Renaissance in the last decade and it is evident everywhere you look. The Old Capitol Building is one of the historical anchors in Middle Georgia but it is far more than just a museum because it holds in its old walls offices and classrooms and is in use every day by faculty, administrators, and, most importantly, GMC's students.

Along with the physical improvements that are so visible there are other substantive changes that are of an academic nature. In order to bring some of those in to focus we only have to look at the history department over the last three years. An example of the major improvements in the history classes is the recent Study Abroad opportunity for students taking one of the World Civilization courses. Assistant Prof Rob Sherwood conceived, planned and recently conducted a class in Geneva, Switzerland, that was the educational highlight for the students on the trip. Although the class was composed of GMC Milledgeville students the bulk of the class occurred in Geneva and included side trips to numerous cities in Switzerland, and a two day visit to Paris, France.

Another recently developed opportunity for history students involves a trip to Savannah as part of the Georgia History class taught by Assistant Professor Mary **Helen Davis.** Professor Davis and the students depart Milledgeville early on a Friday morning and arrive in Savannah for a full day of trolley tours and exploring Georgia's original colonial city. The night presents an opportunity for the students to go on a ghost tour in one of America's most haunted cities. Saturday morning has the students up early and going to Fort Pulaski for a guided tour of the fort and nearby Tybee Island.

The Chair of Social and Behavioral Sciences, **Edward Shelor**, said, "GMC has developed an environment that allows top-notch teachers to expand classroom offerings and enlarge our student-centered approach to education. I'm very proud of the accomplishments of Mary Helen and Rob and the results have reflected a rather impressive 65 % increase in enrollment in history classes at GMC Milledgeville over the last three years. Coupled with a student-centered approach, relatively small class sizes, and the technology in our classrooms an increased demand for history classes is the natural outcome. "

As more than one million people traveled to Washington, D.C. to witness the inauguration of the nation's 44th president, Barack Obama, eight GMC students took part in events that will be embedded in their lives as memories of living history.

John Austin Vance, Taey Wright, Colby Pennington, Sean Tighe, Kevin Kotrick, Ayres Wimberly, Delarrion Milner and Jamarcus Jarrett all attended the inauguration either with family or through school-related organizations.





The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC) featured speeches by Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of Team of Rivals, Lisa Ling, General Colin Powell and Archbishop Desmond TuTu. I enjoyed all of their speeches; each was inspirational about having dreams and striving to achieve them. During the conference we also attended the Inauguration Opening Ceremony and saw performances by U2, Stevie Wonder, Garth Brooks, and Beyonce.

On Inauguration Day, the walk to the National Mall amazed me. There were well over two million people there, yet there was not a single push nor a single shove. Everyone was in harmony and was happy. It was amazing. I stood at fairly far back in the crowd, near the third JumboTron (large video screen); not very close at all. I stood in the same spot for about three hours before the inauguration began. Obama's speech was amazing. He is one of the best presidential speakers ever, in my opinion.

The PYIC ended with a gala, and I was able to reunite with my classmates from GMC. All in all, PYIC was a very enlightening experience and I am glad I was able to witness history. The speakers were very inspiring and I am glad I was able to attend such an experience. -- John Austin Vance

Witnessing History

By Sean Tighe, GMC Prep student

Only a few days ago, I had the opportunity of a lifetime. I was surrounded by nearly two million of my closest friends witnessing an event that occurs every four years.

It was not the Olympics, the World Cup, or Feb. 29; it was the Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama.

Every four years, Jan. 20 is a day that America exemplifies its democratic form of government through a peaceful transfer of power. It is always a historic occasion in which the nation is presented its new leader in a simple yet moving ceremony. This inauguration, however, would be different from the other 54 in America's history. America would have its first African-American president.

to occur. President-elect Obama placed his left hand on Abraham Lincoln's Bible, lifted his right hand, and recited the Presidential Oath of Office. Once he lowered his right hand, he was no longer the President-elect; he was now President Obama.

In the nation's capitol, nearly two million people erupted into joy. The atmosphere was incredibly emotional, as everyone on the National Mall once again broke out into a flag-waving frenzy. The United States opened a new chapter in its history with Barack Obama holding the torch and leading the way. Hundreds of years from now, Jan. 20, 2009, will be regarded as a momentous day



Remembering My Brother ... a True American Hero

Ken Wheat names Ruark Athletic Center Lobby to honor his brother, Larry Wheat

On the heels of a \$125,000 commitment to Georgia Military College's junior college football program, alumnus Ken Wheat (HS '68), of Columbia, S.C., has chosen to name the lobby of the Ruark Athletic Center in honor of his late brother Larry Wheat.

Wheat's gift will create a \$25,000 scholarship endowment for junior college football student athletes and will provide \$100,000 in

discretionary funds over a five-year period in support of the junior college football program. In addition, Wheat has donated \$7,500 for the purchase of travel suits for junior college football student athletes.

"GMC was so important to Larry," said Wheat. He described his brother as "a model GMC student," who graduated near the top of







"Education, discipline and heart mixed in with effort equals success. That is why I am giving back today and it is true that, 'For it is in giving that we receive."

his class in both high school in 1966 and junior college in 1968. He received his 2LT bars on the steps of the Old Capitol Building and went into the army immediately afterward.

A display in the lobby will honor Larry Wheat and will also highlight All-American designees in all college sports. "The lobby display will honor all Georgia Military College All-American designees from the junior college since its first honoree, Parnell Ruark," said Bert Williams, GMC Athletic Director. "I think it is especially fitting to have the lobby named in honor of a true All-American like Larry Wheat, a gentleman who served his country in Vietnam, sacrificing his health and eventually his life for our country."

The dedication ceremony was held at 9 a.m. on Oct. 25 in the lobby of the Ruark Athletic Center.





Left photo: Ms. Anne McCollum, Ken Wheat and Kathleen Crownover (Larry Wheat's daughter) with her daughters, Chloe, Kara, and Tyler Right photo: Mrs. Cheryl Wheat, Coach Parnell Ruark and Mr. Ken Wheat

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19 GMC BULLDOG OUTGOING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

The 2008 GMC Junior College Bulldog football team yet again set another standard of excellence when 19 of their student athletes were awarded scholarships to play football at the next level. Because of their hard work and discipline on the football field and in the classroom, these individuals have provided themselves with the opportunity to continue their education and athletic endeavors at different institutions of higher education throughout the

country. These Bulldogs helped the 2008 team finish the season with a 9-2 record, and a #9 NJCAA ranking nationally. They also finished their careers at GMC with an 18-4 record, two post-season bowl appearances, and two top 10 final season rankings. In addition to the 2008 outgoing signing class, this 2009 class marks 38 individuals who have signed Division 1 scholarships over the last two years. The 19 individuals who are continuing on are listed below:



NORTH CAROLINA STATE Michael Lemon



SOUTH CAROLINA
Josh Dickerson
Steven Singleton
Tony Straughter
Rokevious Watkins



AUBURN Taikwon Paige



ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM



Olajuwon Paige



WESTERN MICHIGAN T.J. Lynch Chieb Ravenell Dallas Walker



SOUTHERN Brandon Nolley Jamical Tatum Calvin West



SYRACUSE Torrey Ball



BUFFALO Kenny Scott



James Poe



WESTERN CAROLINA Ja'Quayvin Smalls



HAMPTON Steven Robinson

2008 GMC Junior College Bulldogs All-Americans

The 2008 GMC Junior College Bulldogs football team once again had a fruitful campaign by finishing 9-2, ranked #9 in the nation, and playing in a post-season bowl game. Also, there were several individuals who garnered post-season honors for their superlative play on the field. In all, six student-athletes earned All-American honors. These prestigious awards are voted on by junior college coaches throughout the United States. Within the junior college ranks there are two post-season All-American lists. The National Junior College

Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American list consists of all the institutions (70) that play football except the California junior colleges. The J.C. Grid-Wire All-American list consists of all the junior colleges including California (over 140) institutions that play football. In turn, to be named on these lists is a prestigious honor. Below you will see the GMC student-athletes that made the distinguished title of All-American:

Tony Straughter: 1st Team J.C. Grid-Wire All-American Linebacker
Jakar Hamilton: 1st Team NJCAA All-American Free Safety

NJCAA Defensive Player of the Year Runner-up

Rokevious Watkins:1st Team NJCAA All-American Offensive LineSteven Robinson:2nd Team NJCAA All-American Running BackTorrey Ball:2nd Team NJCAA All-American Defensive LinemanCalvin West:Honorable Mention NJCAA All-American Linebacker

Parnell Ruark (HS 1942, JC 1949) was one of three individuals inducted into the Minor League Baseball Hall of Fame on August 23, 2008 in Moultrie, Ga. Ruark was either manager or interim manager for four of the six years he played

baseball. He played 648 games and has a lifetime batting average of 323. His record includes 805 hits for 1400 total bases, scoring 535 times and amassing 574 RBI's. (Ruark's photo dates back to his tenure as coach at GMC during the midsixties.)



MAJ James Patterson (HS 1953, JC

1955) and his wife, Fran, have been traveling to beautiful places and shared this photo taken in Maderia, Portugal from their recent trip abroad.



Charles W. Leggette (JC 1961) was named Alumnus of the Year, Georgia Southern, 2007.

Charles D. Sikes (HS 1965, JC 1967) and Jason Jones (JC 1993) met on assignment in Baghdad, Iraq. Jones is on active duty with his reserve unit, the 733rd Military Police (CID) Battalion out



of Fort Gillem, Ga., with whom he is a CID Special Agent. Residing in Tifton, Ga. in his

civilian life, he is Chief Deputy of the Tift County Sheriff's Office, where he has been employed since 1995. During his time at GMC, Jones served as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the JC Battalion in 1993, After graduation from GMC, he went on to receive his B.S. from Valdosta State University. Sikes is employed as an MPRI Law Enforcement Professional and is assigned in Baghdad to the Joint Expeditionary Forensic Facility, which is under the administrative control of the 733rd MP (CID) Battalion. He is a Vietnam veteran (1969 - 1970), who currently resides in Statesboro, Ga. where he retired from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (1971 - 2001) and the Army National Guard (1969 - 1997). During his time at GMC, Sikes served as Battalion Commander of the 88th Cadet Battalion in 1966-1967, which was one of the largest cadet battalions in GMC history. He is a graduate of Georgia College (now GCSU), Georgia Southern University, the FBI National Academy program, and the U.S. Army Command & General Staff School.

Ray Davidson (HS 1966) and wife,

Alicia, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Samuel Fredrick "Bubba" Balk, 10 lbs. 6.5 oz., 21 inches on August 23, 2008.



Jose F. Portuondo (HS 1971) is currently managing a winery in Argentina and helping bring its wines to the USA and the rest of the world. The winery is Viña Maipu, and their wines will soon be available in Georgia!

Jarrell "Jerry" Tomlin (HS 1971, JC 1972) has completed his first book of six, entitled The Book of Knotsense. It is a collection of cartoons which incorporate a wooden knot to create a humorous pun or clever play on words. For information about the book, call Jerry at 478-457-4747 or go to www. trafford.com/08-0432.

Diego Diaz (HS 1972, JC 1975) and Shannon New (HS 1975, JC 1976) were joined in marriage on May 24, 2008 in Miami, Fla. They honeymooned at Playa Del Carmen in Mexico. The couple has been friends since they were in high school at GMC, and both serve on the GMC Alumni Board with Shannon currently holding the office of President-Flect.



Linda H. Hortman (HS 1973) and husband, Ronnie, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Zachary Thomas Quintero, on April 29, 2007.

Richard "Rick" McCabe (JC 1974)
Brigadier General Richard L. McCabe assumed duties as the Commanding General of White Sands Missile Range on 5 October 2007 and has commanded at each level during his 31 years of service in the continental United States, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. General McCabe's major command assignments include: Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, Saudi Arabia; Commanding General, 32d Army Air

and Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas; Commander, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; and Commander, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Korea.

Brigadier General McCabe completed his commissioning requirements in 1974 as a graduate of the Georgia Military College. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Rollins College in 1977, a Master of Science Degree from Murray State University, a Master of Military Arts and Sciences Degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Science Degree from the National Defense University. Brigadier General McCabe is an Air Defense Artillery Officer and a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, The US Army Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College.



Brigadier General McCabe's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General McCabe and his wife of 32 years, Maura, have four children; three daughters, Tara (27), Caitlin (23), and Lizabeth (19), and one son, Scott (17).

Greg Neff (JC 1975) appeared in the movie Bait Shop as the bank manager opposite Bill Engvall on the USA Network in August, 2008.



Tara Paschal
Peters (HS 1976) was
named a Georgia Certified
Chamber Executive by the
Georgia Association of
Chamber of Commerce
Executives (GACCE) at its
annual conference in July,
2008. Peters, president of the
Milledgeville/Baldwin County



Chamber of Commerce, becomes only the 12th Chamber Executive to become certified in the state of Georgia.

Richard "Richie" Bentley (HS 1981), mayor of Milledgeville, got a surprise last December 9th as CBS News contacted him for an interview to be aired the same day on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric. The national news organization dispatched a crew from local affiliate I 3WMAZ to shoot scenes from the downtown area of Milledgeville as well as the Rheem building for a story dealing with the increase in poverty in small and mid-sized towns in the U.S. Bentley said, "It's rather interesting how these things are put together. It was an unorthodox interview via cell phone from New York, It was interesting how quickly it progressed, I'm grateful, and it's kind of humbling, that a network like CBS would like to interview a small town mayor like me. It's something that doesn't happen every day."

Deborah Simmons Raley (HS 1982) and husband, Charles, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Ashleigh Marie and Ansleigh Lynn, born July 7, 2008.



Edna Goddard Primas (JC 1983) obtained a Doctorate in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix on March 31, 2008.

Richard D. Martin, Jr. (JC 1989) graduated WOBC at Fort Eustice, Va. on June I, 2007. He is assigned to Detachment I, 824 TC, Tampa, Fla. as a Marine Deck Officer aboard an LCU-2000 series landing craft.

Dr. Anthony L. Webb, O.D., M.B.A., (JC 1989) announces that Webb Eye Associates, P.A. opened a new clinic in September of 2008 in San Antonio,

Sheila D. Kelly-Wise (JC 1990) recently opened an in-home care and assistance agency, "Right at Home," which offers care giving to the elderly in their homes.

LTC Bernard Warrington (JC 1990) paid a surprise visit to the campus this past summer dropping in on Brenda Brown, Community Services Coordinator, who said, "He couldn't believe the changes! He was here almost twenty years ago and is impressed with all the updates; he was wowed by the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts and couldn't believe the grounds. Bernard is now a colonel in the U.S. Army and is assigned to the Pentagon. He brought his two children to see where he received his commission and met their mom. What a great story."

Christopher T. Alford (HS 1991) graduated with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) from Massachusetts General Hospital's Institute for Health Professions (MGHIHP) in Boston, Mass. in January of 2008. MGHIHP is the largest teaching hospital for Harvard Medical School and is ranked as one of the top hospitals and physical therapy programs in the U.S. Alford is currently a co-owner of Twin Lakes Physical Therapy with offices located in Milledgeville, Gray, and Greensboro, Ga.

Thomas J. Drumm, CPA, MBA (JC 1991) graduated from Florida State University in December, 2008 with a Master of Business Administration degree. Drumm also holds a Master of Science in Accounting and Taxation from Florida Gulf Coast University. He is currently employed as the controller for a land development company, Collier Enterprises, in Naples, Fla.

Harriet Goodrich Workman (HS 1993) has joined the Commercial Transactions and Real Estate Practice of Bass, Berry & Sims in their Nashville, Tenn. office, Workman earned her law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2008. She was a board member of the Women Law Student Association and a Westlaw student representative, and received the Scholastic Excellence Award in Federal Tax Law. She also attended the University of Tennessee College of Law where she was the recipient of Certificates of Academic Excellence in Contracts I and Legal Process II. Prior to law school, Workman served as a product support manager at Aspect Communications, formerly TCS Management Group. In 1997, she graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in English and a minor in theater. She married David Lawrence Workman of Nashville, May 29, 2005.

Eric D. Pinellas (JC 1994) is the Head Girls' Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach (running backs) at Osceola High School in Florida. He's had 12 Divisional 1 signees in track and field over the last three years. The 2007 Football team went 14-1, losing the state title game to St. Thomas Aquinas. Pinellas coached running back Kwamaine "Bubba" Brown (Kansas State signee) who set the Florida scoring record with 276 points and tied the

state touchdown record with 44. In track, the school's team has had three consecutive top three finishes in the Class 4A finals and is currently the 2005-2007 District and Regional Champs.

Henry E. Howey, Jr. (JC 1995), a former ROTC Early Commissioning Program cadet who commissioned in 1995 and who served eight years with the 82nd Airborne 325th PIR at Fort Bragg, N.C. in AG Corps, will begin pursuing a JD degree at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D. C. in the fall of 2010.

Debi Busby Kent-Rogers (JC 1995) was elected in November of 2006 to the City of Grantville, Georgia City Council and will serve until December 31, 2010.

Dean A. Campbell (JC 1996) knew from an early age that he wanted to be a veterinarian. As a child he lived a country life, growing up on a farm. At around age nine, he realized this was his calling but never thought that his dream would become reality. After getting out of the Navy in 1994, Campbell set out on his journey to become a vet, first earning an associate's degree from GMC, then a bachelor's degree in biology from GCSU, and then eventually attending the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine, from which he received his doctorate in 2006. Now his childhood dream has become reality with the opening in June, 2008 of his very own animal care facility, Heart of Georgia Animal Care, located in Milledgeville.

J. Lee Weems (JC 1996) and his wife Jessica announce the birth of their son, Aiden George, born November 30, 2008.

Melanie C. Norman (JC 1998)
received her B.S. in Human Resources from Brenau
University in June, 2006 and her M.S.M. from
Southern Wesleyan University in December, 2008.
Norman is currently employed by the Medical College
of Georgia.

Adam Wood (HS 1999), a 2004 Georgia Southern graduate, married Julie Powers, a 2005 University of Georgia graduate from Cumming, Ga., on August 8, 2008 at the Carl House in Auburn, Georgia. They both work in Atlanta in business finance.



Robert A. Cash (JC 1999), who left GMC honorably as a transfer student in 1999, is currently working on an undergraduate degree in criminal justice at the American Military University. Cash completed a combat tour in Iraq with 48th BCT 05-06 and is currently stationed in Basra, Iraq on his second tour, to be completed in 2009.

Benjamin "Benji" C. Croom (JC 1999) and wife Joelle announce the birth of Elias (Eli) Canaan Croom, February 6, 2009. "Baby Croom" weighed in at a hefty 9lbs., I lozs. Everyone is doing fine. Eli is pictured with Remington.



Valerie Dixon (HS 1999) and husband Corey announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Blair Dixon. She arrived on July 8, 2008 weighing 7 lbs. 4.8 ozs. and measuring 20 inches. Valerie joined the faculty at GMC in January and teaches 8th grade science.



Jennifer LeeAnne Santarone (HS 2000) married Christopher Bryant Spencer on June 28, 2008. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and then returned to reside in Milledgeville. Santarone holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from GCSU and is currently employed at GMC Prep School.



Zachary Aaron Barr (HS 2001) graduated from Mercer University in December, 2008 with a Master's Degree in Anesthesia. He is currently practicing at S.E. Regional Medical Center in Brunswick, Ga. Barr and his wife, Autumn, reside on St. Simons, Island.



William J. Figueroa (JC 2001) was promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Air Force on June 7, 2008. Since that promotion, he was named the 388th Fighter Wing Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for Oct-Dec 2008 and the 388th Fighter Wing Force Support Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2008. Figueroa is now assigned as Section Commander for the 388th Equipment Maintenance Squadron at Hill AFB located in Layton, Utah.

LaToya M. (Cotton) Davidson (HS 2002), a Harold L. Goodrich award recipient, has been busy in the six plus years since her graduation with double associates' degrees, but she has remained literally a stone's throw from the front gates of GMC. In 2005 Davidson was named the Assistant Director of Baldwin County's public library system, the Twin Lakes Library System, an honor that made her the youngest in that position in the state. She has worked for the System (headquartered across the street from GMC) since 2001. In 2003 she graduated from GCSU with her B.B.A., and in the fall of 2005 she dual enrolled at Florida State University for double Master's Degrees in Library and Information Studies and in Adult Education, Davidson earned her M.L.I.S. in August, 2008 and, as a result, will be certified by the State of Georgia as a licensed librarian. In December, 2008 she earned he M.Ed. "My time at GMC still remains the fondest of my life," she recounts. "A lot has changed since then, but I am still in contact with former classmates and teachers." She celebrated her 28th birthday this past December, and it marked the first time in several years that she had nothing going on. Davidson writes, "Like so many others, I have



made a great deal of personal sacrifice to achieve the things I have, and so, as a self-professed overachiever, I can honestly say that I have never been so excited to not have anything to do!"

Shellie Wood (HS 2002, JC 2004), a 2006 Georgia College & State University graduate, is now a registered nurse at the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

Peter "Pete" M. Atkinson (JC 2002) completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in November, 2008 and has moved to Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he is assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group as Detachment Commander.

Tonya Craig (JC 2002), who has been in the U.S. Army for two and a half years, just returned from a 15-month tour in Baghdad. Craig is a 1LT promotable to CPT in June. She is an R.N. and is stationed in Hawaii other than the tour in Baghdad. There, she was a flight nurse on UH60 Blackhawks and worked in the hospital in the ER and ICU when she wasn't flying. Craig is a single mom to twin nine-year-old girls, and her family still resides in Milledgeville. She is pictured with then the future president Barack Obama.



Matthew K. Givens (JC 2002) was married in October of 2008 and is attending the MI Captains Career course.

Tabb McGill (HS 2003) and Laura Ellen Kelley of Guntersville, Ala. were united in marriage on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Guntersville, Ala. After their

honeymoon to New York City and Niagara Falls, the couple reside in Auburn, Ala. On December 19, 2008 McGill graduated from Auburn University, Magna Cum Laude, with degrees in Electrical Engineering, Wireless Engineering, and Political Science.



Corey New (HS 2002, JC 2004) married Leslie Riddle on June 2, 2007 in an evening ceremony on the campus of Georgia Military College. After a honeymoon on the tropical island of St. Lucia, they reside in Milledgeville. Corey is employed as a Soil Conservation Technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Leslie is a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Oconee Regional Medical Center.

certification. Knight is currently assigned to Edwards AFB, California, where he has begun training in the acquisitions career field. He has also applied for, and has received encouraging indications of approval for, pilot training. If this does not come to pass, he may start work on his master's degree.

Abbie Wood (HS 2006) is a junior at the University of Georgia and was voted as president of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She is pursuing a degree in Health Promotions and Behavior with plans to be a Physician's Assistant (P.A.).

Sharelle Jackson (JC 2008) and David Privett (JC 2008) are engaged. Privett proposed at formation in November, 2008. They are both current cadets with only one quarter remaining to complete their degree requirements but are deploying to Afghanistan and will be unable to return winter quarter 2009. Both will be preparing with their units for departure later in the year, however, they are looking at the possibility of coming back here to get married in April.



Khadija Hill (HS 2005), who is currently a senior at the University of Georgia majoring in consumer economics, received a scholarship in May of 2008 for a service learning project in Tanzania, Africa. She worked with a team who went to help residents of the remote island Ukerewe address some of their most pressing problems. Hill was assigned to work with the group on "Women's Leadership and Economic Development."



2LT Nathaniel A. Knight, II (JC 2005) graduated from the GMC Warner Robins campus after attending the Milledgeville campus as a cadet from 2003 to 2004. Following graduation from GMC, he received a scholarship to attend Florida Memorial University (FMU) and, as part of FMU's program, Knight also enrolled in the University of Florida's (UFL) ROTC program. In April, 2008 he graduated from FMU with honors in aeronautical science and received his military commission from UFL in May, 2008, as well as earning his private pilot









Dr. Joseph Hackel

(HS 1932) March 25, 2008

Thomas B. Buck, Jr.

(JC 1934) March 25, 2008

Leonard Jackson Lavender, Sr.

(HS 1935) November 23, 2008

Thomas Rudolph Baker

(HS 1938) October 8, 2008

Harry English Ragsdale

(HS 1938) February 18, 2009

F. Allen Shealy

(HS 1938, JC 1940) April 11, 2009

LTC Thomas Eugene Farmer, USAF

(Ret.) (HS 1939, JC 1940) January 8, 2009

James Wilkinson Moore

(HS 1939, JC 1941) October 15, 2008

William D. Warthen

(JC 1941) March 1, 2009

Steadman M. Overman

(HS 1942, JC 1943) January 15, 2009

Homer Lee "H.L." Troutman, Jr. (HS

1942, JC 1944) June 28, 2008

Hyman Fitzhugh Stone, Jr.

(JČ 1942) July 19, 2008

T. "Tom" Hartley Hall

(HS 1943, JC 1948)

David Grey Satterfield

(JC 1943)

William Ellison Flake, Sr.

(HS 1945, JC 1947) September 08, 2008 Robert A. "Bob" Sloan

(HS 1945, JC 1949) November 4, 2008

George Henry Baisden, Jr.

(HS 1946) January 11, 2009

John Thomas Knight

(HS 1946) November 23, 2008

Henry Lawson "Champ" Sanders (HS

1946, JC 1947) December 20, 2008

O. T. "Tommy" Fulghum, Jr.

(HS 1947, JC 1949) April 15, 2009

Wendell "Wendy" H. Norvelle (HS

1947)

November 9, 2008

Wesley E. Bass

(HS 1948, JC 1950) May 12, 2008

Dr. Curtis F. Veal

(JC 1948) December 4, 2008

COL Jere N. Moore, Jr.

(HS 1949, JC 1951) September 12, 2008

MSGT Bill Boone

(HS 1950) August, 2008

William "Bill" Sentell Boone

(JC 1951) August 10, 2008

COL Robert "Bob" N. Tredway,

USA (Ret.) (HS 1953) March 10, 2009

Wright Banks

(HS 1958) April 23, 2009

CAPT Robert Bruce McDaniel

(JC 1958) May 26, 2008 Thomas E. Holland, Jr.

(HS, 1960, JC 1962) March 23, 2009

Fred Lamar Sims

(JC 1961) February 14, 2009

Arnold J. Cooper

(HS 1965) July 26, 2008

MSGT Benny Daniel

(JC 1966) August 15, 2008

Gregory Hilliard Bateman

(HS 1974) November 17, 2008

John Howard

(HS 1974) September 8, 2008

John L. Fowler

(JC 1983)

Gene G. Moore

(JC 1984) July 26, 2008

Joseph N. Henninger

(JC 1996) September 18, 2007

Steven Alexander "Ã'AlexÃ"

Johnson (JC 2008) January 6, 2009

COL Harold Dennis

(Former Faculty) August 14, 2008

Josefina Sailors

Staff, GMC – Milledgeville April 4, 2009

Dr. Samuel Lee Round

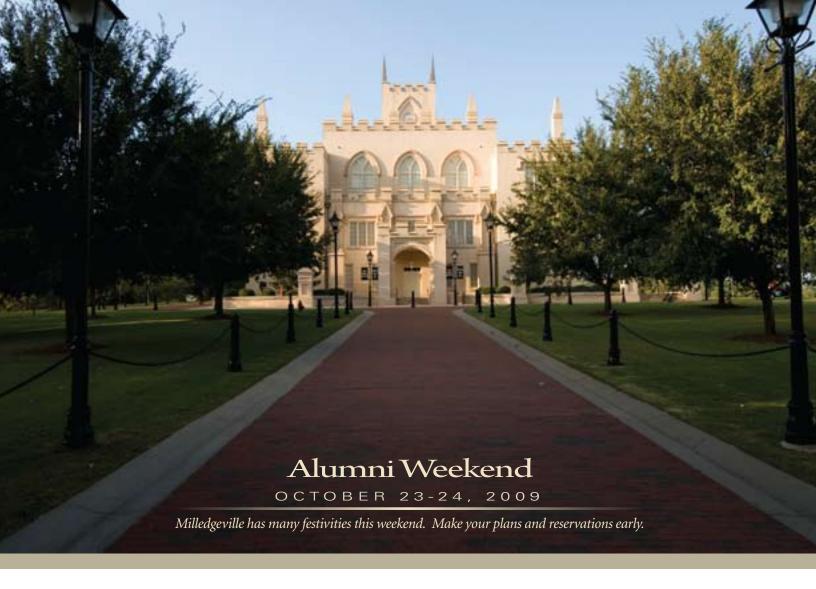
Professor and Dean of Students, GMC – Augusta April 6, 2009

Isaac T. Simmons, II

Professor, GMC – Atlanta April 10, 2009

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