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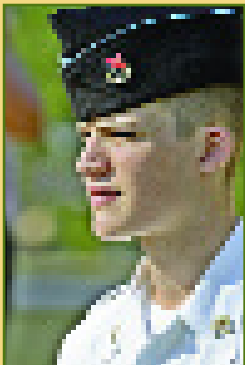
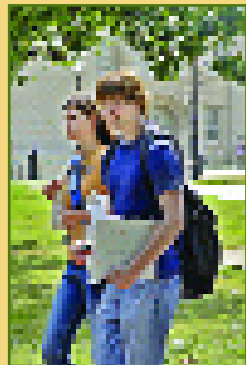
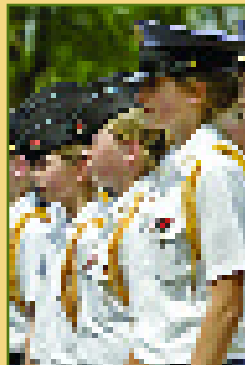
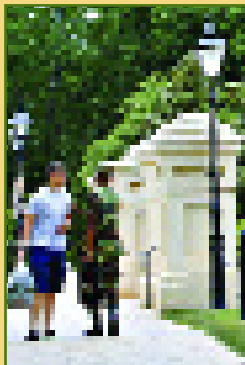
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GMC Foundation Opens New Frontiers



The Georgia Military College Foundation is positioned for an unprecedented campaign that promises to open new frontiers at the college. An integrated plan that is already delivering exceptional results is underway.

The GMC Foundation has a multitude of ambitious initiatives that are certain to change the landscape of Georgia Military College by 2010. In partnership with the college's senior leadership and the GMC Board of Trustees, the Foundation has set its sights on an unprecedented \$10 million endowment that will enable us to better secure the future of the institution. Also by 2010, a new \$21 million prep school, a state-of-the-art learning facility that represents the next step in implementing the college's Campus Master Plan, will provide the classroom space needed to achieve the strategic goals of Georgia Military Prep School.

The Foundation has sustained total giving exceeding the level of \$1 million in consecutive years since 2004, and a new capital campaign, "GMC's Promise," is already quietly progressing with a lead gift of \$1 million already committed. Alumni and friends have already pledged an additional \$227,500 toward sponsorship of areas within the new prep school facility.

For 2008, our focus will continue to be on generating revenue for immediate needs through unrestricted gifts, while ensuring repeatable excellence in our quest to grow the endowment to \$10 million by 2010.

We have seen exciting results in current initiatives such as the Steinway Society, where the generosity of donors has provided outstanding choral and orchestral concerts. Engraved barracks pavers and brass plaques on auditorium seats commemorate the gifts of so many who have lent their support. The 1879 Circle of Friends' annual membership is increasing, as more and more alumni and friends become committed to assisting deserving students through the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

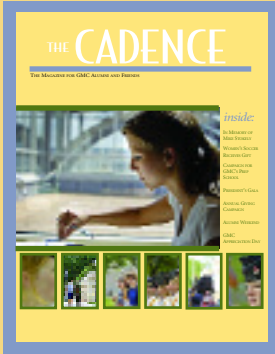
Our ambitious plans for progress will become reality through the commitment of those who believe in Georgia Military College and are willing to invest in its future. We covet your involvement and your support in days to come, and we offer our sincere thanks to those whose generosity already has made a profound difference.

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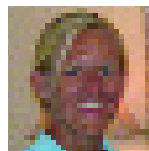
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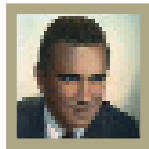
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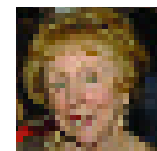
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Mike Stokely scholarship

"He was my good friend as well as my son. He has given me a rich legacy of his past, including GMC, to carry me forward."
—Robert Stokely



A Ride to Remember -- in Memory of Mike Stokely

BY EARLENE HAMILTON

The summer of 2005 was hot, miserable and punctuated almost daily by news of violence, death, and more death in Iraq. On one of those most horrible of days that August, we learned of the death of one of our cadets, SGT Mike Stokely.

Horrified as we were, we could only imagine what his family was going through; however, Mr. Robert Stokely, Mike's dad, has shared more than once that it was in those first awful hours, he and his wife sitting on the porch gathering themselves for what had come and was yet to come, that the idea came to them to establish this scholarship in Mike's memory. "We knew it would have to start small, maybe just for books at first, but something to help someone who just needs that little bit more to get there."

In just over a year, out of that seed of an idea sparked by loss and pain and nurtured full grown by the amazing spirit of Mike's dad, has come a fully endowed scholarship. The check presentation ceremony was held at the studio of WSB Radio in Atlanta just before Veteran's Day last November. The funds were raised at the Mike Stokely Foundation, Inc. First Annual "Ride to Remember," organized by Unit 57 American Legion Riders, Newnan, Georgia. It was most fitting to have

Chris Krok, talk show host, and the WSB crew in on this since they were instrumental in helping raise the money, especially when the Stokely Foundation's efforts had come so near the \$25,000 endowment mark and in one hour, raised \$2,000 through Krok's broadcast during the 10:00 p.m. hour on September 24, 2007. This radio effort gained nationwide support from people who never knew Mike or heard of GMC.

Robert Stokely is an eloquent man, and that is demonstrated by his explanation of his mission. "Mike Stokely loved Milledgeville and was proud to attend Georgia Military the one year he completed. He was preparing to return when the winds of war called him to duty. While Mike did not get to return home and graduate from GMC, his sacrifice in Iraq has now led to this scholarship, giving a little help that will go a long way to ensuring others do. In a symbolic way, at least in my mind, each time a student marches across the stage to be

presented a diploma as they graduate GMC, so will Mike Stokely. I am proud to see this scholarship come to fruition and even prouder of the large army of volunteers and supporters who made it happen. What a great way to 'Remember with Honor' the service and sacrifice of SGT Michael James Stokely, KIA 16 Aug 05 near Yusufiyah Iraq, US Army E Troop 108 CAV 48th BCT GAARNG."

While getting all this done in Mike's memory, Mr. Stokely's mission has expanded. His Foundation now plans to establish scholarships around the state in memory of the 25 other fallen members of Georgia's 48th Brigade from their tour in Iraq. Among this list of fallen soldiers is another cadet from GMC, SGT Chad Michael Mercer. In fact, a local group who heard about the fund raising efforts for the Mike Stokely Scholarship, and who has already made a check presentation as well, agreed in a meeting with Mr. Stokely, at his suggestion, to direct their fund raising efforts toward a scholarship in memory of Chad. On the basis of that agreement, their initial check will be used to initiate a second scholarship here at GMC, and they have

committed to ongoing fund raising to help it grow to endowment level.

Mike's dad lost a part of his life that is irreplaceable, but when approached about that, his comeback is that this scholarship effort is his way of positively channeling his grief. He is always, always positive about GMC and its influence and importance in Mike's life. Here is what he wrote to General Boylan following their meeting: "I appreciate your service to our country, and the continuing sacrifice you make. As well, I appreciate your leadership at GMC, a fine institution where my 'boy,' Mike, was given a great educational and social experience. I miss him so very much, and have so much to be thankful for and proud of. He was my good friend as well as my son. He has given me a rich legacy of his past, including GMC, to carry me forward."

And now, Mr. Stokely and the Mike Stokely Foundation have given GMC a tremendous gift in return.

Women's
Soccer
Program Gift

"Many of these students are playing purely for the love of the game, with no scholarship opportunities..."
—Dr. John Robertson



Kelly Zeilstra, GMC women's soccer coach, Dr. John Robertson and Julia Robertson

Women's Soccer Program Receives Gift

Dedication scheduled for later this year

Dr. John Robertson, Georgia Military College Division Chair of Mathematics, and his wife, Julia, have made a generous contribution to support the GMC Junior College women's soccer program.

Dr. Robertson said, "Since the women's soccer program is relatively new, we wanted to provide the means for purchasing the necessary equipment to meet the needs of the program. Many of these students are playing purely for the love of the game, with no scholarship opportunities, and I felt it was the right thing to do to help provide funding for them. I admire Kelly Zeilstra as a coach...she is a great leader of young women."

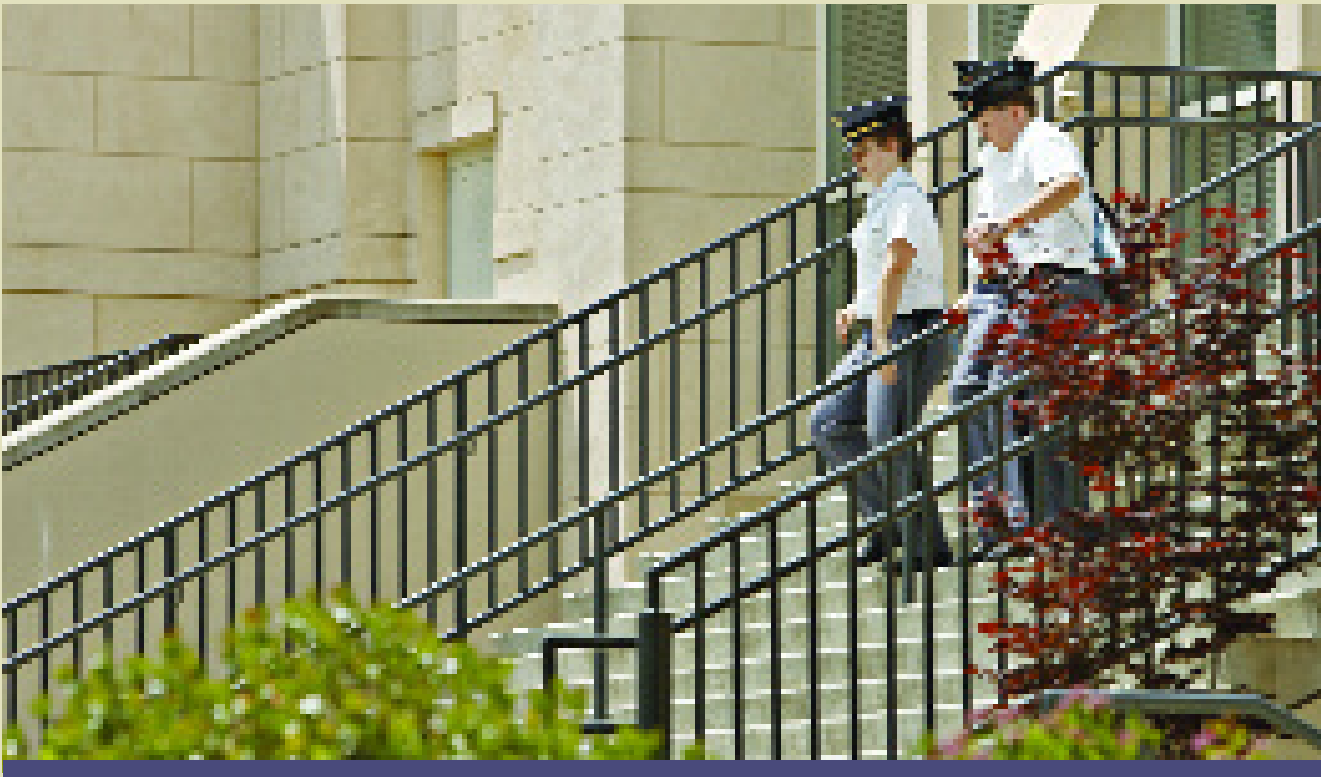
Kelly Zeilstra, GMC women's soccer coach, said, "GMC Junior College women's soccer has seen much improvement from last year; the team was only two wins short of qualifying for the playoffs." Zeilstra noted that, "From the kindness of his heart, Dr. Robertson has helped tremendously with developing a strong foundation for our women's soccer program."

As a result of the Robertsons' gifts of more than \$30,000, an endowment for providing women's soccer scholarships, the John Stephen Concannon

Memorial Scholarship Fund, has been established through the Georgia Military College Foundation in memory of Dr. Robertson's maternal grandfather. Funds earmarked for endowment as part of a Title III grant awarded to GMC will provide a match for the Robertsons' generous gift, creating a perpetual fund that will impact the soccer program for years to come.

The soccer field will be dedicated later this year in memory of Dr. Robertson's father, Jeffrey J. Robertson, III, whom Dr. Robertson considers the most influential man in his life.





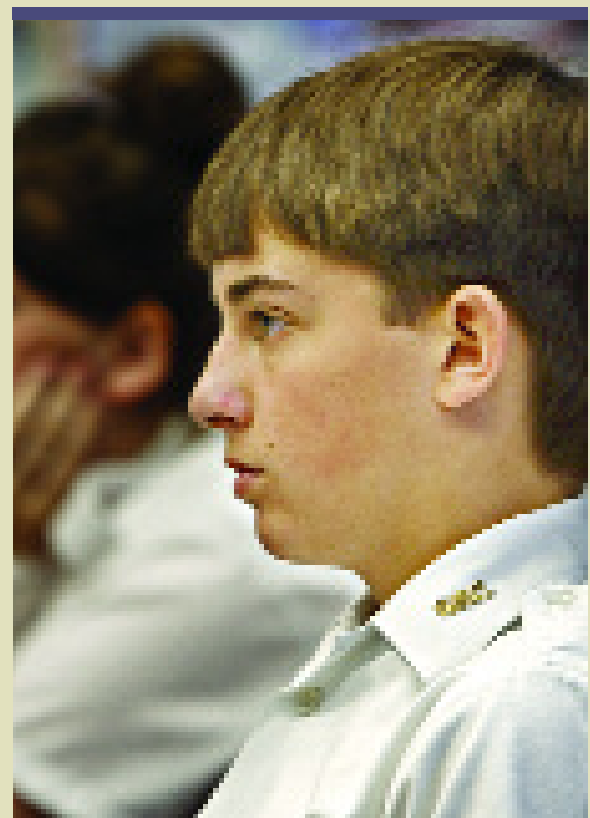
*G*eorgia Military College has embraced the many who have entered its gates since 1879, shaping their mind and their character for achieving their personal best and living a full, productive life.

The achievements of Georgia Military College's last decade owe a great debt to the sacrifice and struggle of all GMC generations. It has been a long journey from 1879 to today. But, every new student or tenured professor or brick or book is a step into the future, and an advance toward the victory of significant distinction.

a place of inspiration
where dreams are
transformed into visions
and where visions
become reality

*W*e are proud of our distinguished past. And we are proud of our present. We continue to touch lives, day in and day out. We believe we are one of the premier institutions of our kind in the nation. We have established an extraordinary record of service and are unrelenting in our commitment and dedication to the education of young people. We prepare them for excellence in leadership...in citizenship...in their careers... and, most importantly, in achieving their dream of a happy, productive life.

GMC Prep School is a place where bright, eager, energetic and motivated students and teachers work together to do amazing things in and out of the classroom. Whether working with DNA samples in the lab or playing a baseball game on Craig Field, faculty and students share an enthusiasm and a love of learning.





GMC's Promise Campaign Honorary Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Georgia Military College has held and will always hold a very special place in my heart. The watchwords, duty, honor, country, have guided me at every turn, whether during my Navy service in the South Pacific in World War II or,



W. J. USERY, JR. JC'40

decades later, when I served as a cabinet officer and advisor to several presidents of the United States. Along with family and faith, these principals have formed the foundation for a meaningful life. I have come to realize that the great GMC legacy must be preserved and extended far into the future.

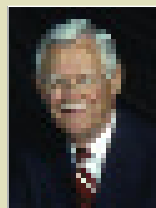
It is with this objective, and with a sense of deep humility and gratitude for the impact GMC has had on my life, that I have made a significant personal financial commitment toward the construction of the new Prep School building.

I encourage alumni and friends of the school to lend their support, enabling Georgia Military College to continue its crucial mission of developing and educating the kind of leaders that America will need as the 21st century unfolds.

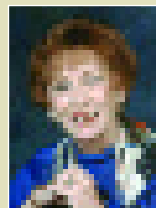
Sincerely,
W. J. Usery, Jr.



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Charting
the Course

Living
the Values

Inspiring
Others

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT "GMC's Promise: The Campaign for Georgia Military Prep School."

OUTRIGHT GIFTS:

- A check payable to the GMC Foundation
- Stock or mutual fund transfers
- Credit card transaction
- Real estate

PLEDGES:

Make your pledge of support over a period of three to five years. Send a written commitment of your intentions, along with the purpose of your pledge, or call to discuss this opportunity.

Contact information regarding any gift you wish to make is as follows:

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The ultimate success
of this effort depends on you.

Your support will indeed help light the way.

Now is the time to press forward...

a time to celebrate, a time to shine.

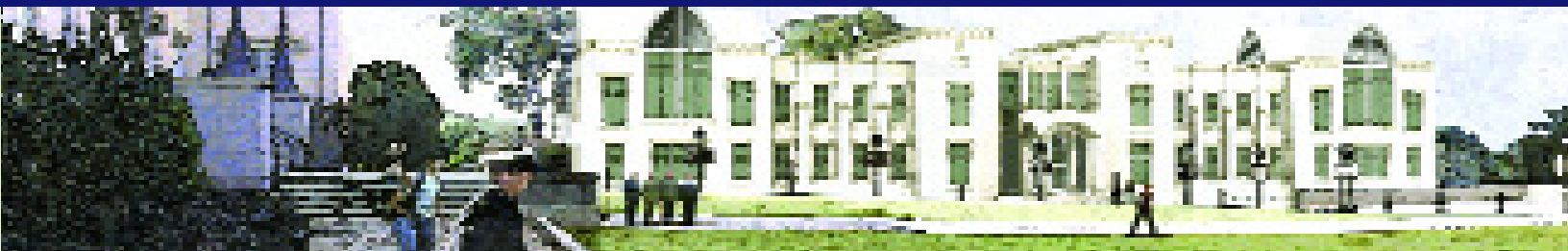
We believe we can take this place,

this time, and this people –

and make a better place, a better time,

and a better people.

This is, indeed, GMC's Promise.



GEORGIA MILITARY PREP SCHOOL NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

I. STRENGTHENING THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT: SPONSORSHIP OF NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals who sponsor naming opportunities will assist in providing an attractive, modern facility which will be a place of inspiration where students' dreams are transformed into visions and their visions, into the reality of a successful, productive future. The support of those who believe in the importance of providing principled, moral education to our youth will make all of the difference in fulfilling this noble mission.

II. EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: ESTABLISHMENT OF ENDOWMENTS

- **Student Scholarships**

Georgia Military College defines itself by its ability to provide students with the skills they need to succeed, all built on a foundation that emphasizes moral integrity, personal responsibility, and service to the community. Scholarships are often the only means by which many of these future success stories can attain the high-quality education they deserve and that Georgia Military Prep School provides. The cost of attending should not hinder deserving young people from accomplishing their life's goal.

- **Technology**

Both students and faculty members in the twenty-first century depend on technology for research, communication, and classroom work. Georgia Military Prep School must continuously upgrade its technology to keep pace with classroom demands and student needs.

- **Choral/Band Performance**

Musical performance, among the highest and best avenues for revealing human emotion, provides an outlet for artistic expression and achievement. Instruction in music will be enhanced through endowments that help provide musical selections and meet other needs associated with creating an inspiring environment for learning.

- **Faculty Development**

The school is compelled by its mission to understand how students learn and to develop specialized learning strategies to help them succeed. Fortunately, GMC Prep's size makes it possible to create a learning environment that addresses individual student needs. However, faculty must continue to address various learning styles and learn effective strategies for helping students overcome obstacles and learning difficulties. Learner-centered faculty development will ensure that GMC Prep students have the best possible chance for success.

Endowments, established with a gift of at least \$25,000, may be funded through outright gifts and/or pledges over a period of three to five years or planned gift arrangements to include bequests, life insurance, trusts, and other types of deferred gift vehicles.

Such gifts to the GMC Foundation often yield considerable tax benefits to the donor. Individuals are encouraged to consult their personal financial advisors regarding these opportunities.

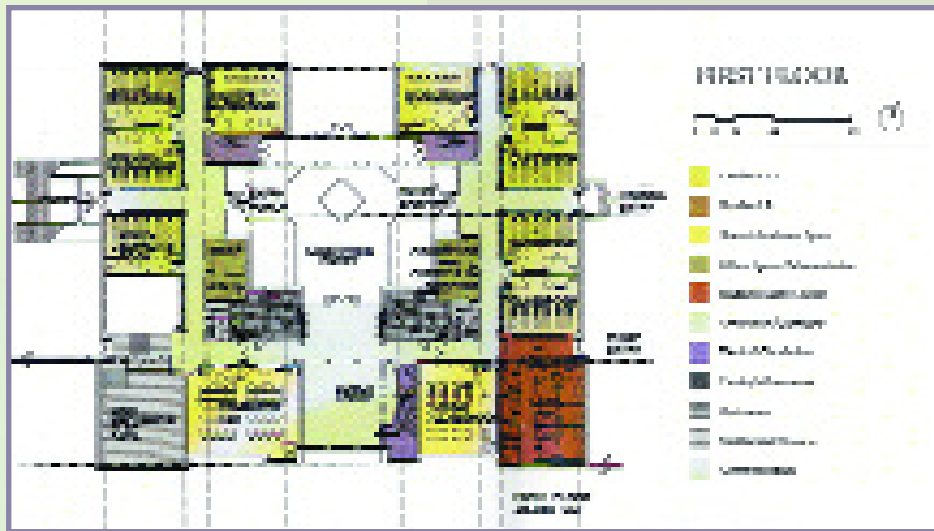
The new Prep School Building will support the growing needs of students enrolled in Georgia Military College's sixth through twelfth grade school curriculums. This state-of-the-art learning facility represents the next step in implementing the college's Campus Master Plan and will provide the additional classroom space needed to achieve the Prep School's strategic goals.

The three-story, 78,575 square foot facility, in a style, proportion, and character to match the existing Academic Complex and the restored Old Capitol Building, will centralize the Prep School program, which is currently utilizing academic spaces



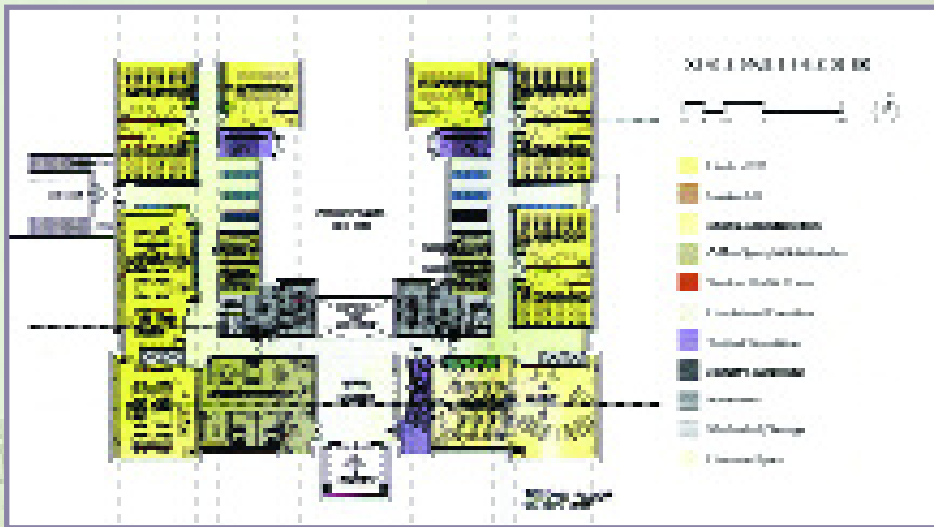
FIRST FLOOR - HIGH SCHOOL

- 8 classrooms @ \$5,000 each
- 1 conference room @ \$10,000
- 1 computer lab @ \$30,000
- 1 lecture room @ \$10,000
- 1 clinic @ \$50,000
- 2 offices @ \$1,500 each
- 1 faculty lounge/workroom @ \$3,000



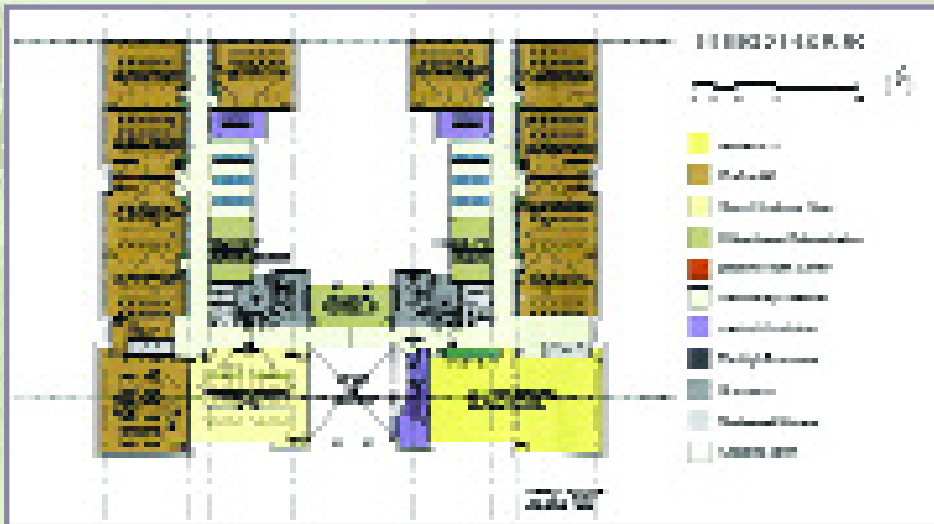
SECOND FLOOR - HIGH SCHOOL

- 8 classrooms @ \$5,000 each
- 1 chemistry lab @ \$30,000
- 1 biology lab @ \$30,000
- 2 offices @ \$1,500 each
- 1 music suite @ \$30,000
- 1 faculty lounge/workroom @ \$3,000
- Administrative Area:**
 - 1 principal's office @ \$3,000
 - 1 vice principal's office @ \$2,500
 - 2 secretaries' offices @ \$1,500 each
 - 1 student waiting area @ \$2,000



THIRD FLOOR - MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 10 classrooms @ \$5,000 each
- 1 biology lab @ \$30,000
- 1 computer lab @ \$30,000
- 2 offices @ \$1,500 each
- 1 multipurpose classroom @ \$7,500
- 1 faculty lounge/workroom @ \$3,000
- 1 conference room @ \$20,000



**PHASE II:
NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

- (\$25,000 minimum)
- Scholarships
 - Technology
 - Choral/Band Performance
 - Faculty Development

For greater detail on floor plans, please refer to the GMC Foundation website at www.gmcfoundation.org.

in five buildings across the GMC campus. In addition to increasing the total number of instructional spaces, the new building will help to promote unity within the Prep School program and will provide increased opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and mentoring. Just as importantly, the proposed facility will replace outdated facilities with technology-based instructional space consistent with current pedagogy and today's students' needs.



An Affair to Remember

THE 2007 PRESIDENT'S GALA RECEPTION AND DINNER

The holiday season once again was treated to an evening of celebration, and the spirit of giving and commitment toward preserving the essence of duty, honor and country. Within the Old Capitol Building at GMC's main campus in Milledgeville, the Legislative Chamber became a feast of fine food, music and conversation amidst sparkling tables of fine white linens and flowers, and chairs wrapped in red ribbon.

In attendance were members of the 2007 GMC President's Circle, Oak Leaf Society and distinguished donors, and the event's hosts, MG Peter Boylan and his wife, Kathy. Guests dined on stuffed pork loin, chicken in wine sauce, sweet potato casserole with praline topping, scalloped potatoes, squash casserole, green beans almondine, apricot glazed carrots, corn pudding and a dessert buffet while enjoying the musical talent of GMC musical director Moona Yu on the piano.

The President's Dinner has become an annual tradition, marking and celebrating the steadfast and generous contributions of GMC supporters with an affair to remember. As stated in MG Boylan's remarks:

"In today's world, in these United States, yes, too, even here in Milledgeville, the need for citizens who not only understand, but, more, live the values of this institution is critical. Our country, our civilization, our values are being challenged, even assaulted by elements in this world who aim at our destruction through diminution of our values. Thus the concepts of duty, honor, country take on an added importance...but more to the point, there is a compelling need for people, for citizens, to carry out these values in their daily lives, to support the institutions that give life to those values. So I thank each of you here this evening not only for your involvement with and support of this college, but, more, for what you do in your daily lives to advocate our values, and thereby through your example of good citizenship to proliferate these values upon which the very survival of our country depends. Thank you,...citizens all...you make us proud to be a part of this institution we call Georgia Military College."

For more information about the President's Circle or the Oak Leaf Society, please contact Elizabeth Sheppard, *Vice President for Advancement*, at (478) 445-2692.



- A Major General Peter Boylan
- B Mr. Jeff Gordon and Ms. Peggy Ogden
- C Mr. Harold Mason, Mr. Winston Sibley, and Mrs. Lynda Banks
- D Ms. Robbie Jones and Mr. Larry Thompson
- E Mrs. Sally Holmes, Dr. Jack Robertson and Dr. Mike Holmes
- F Mrs. Brenda Mason and Mrs. Gene Williamson



Walter Troutman Remembers GMC
for Helping Him

SUCCEED IN LIFE

Growing up was not easy for Walter C. Troutman. His father died while he was in grade school, leaving his mother to raise Walter and younger brother Jack. It was hard under any circumstances for a woman alone to support a family in the 1920s; harder still when the Depression arrived.

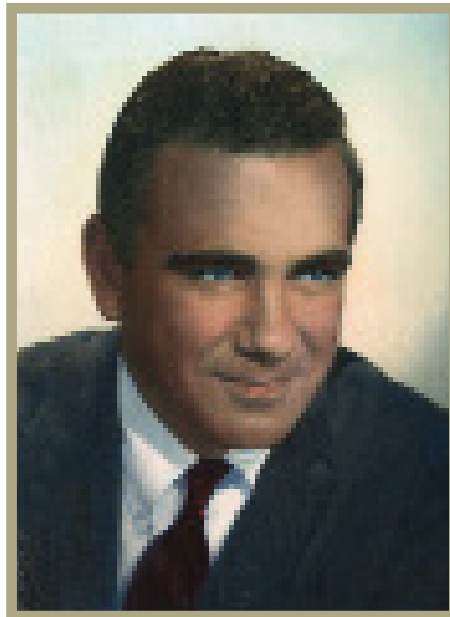
"Walter always loved GMC and saw to it that GMC would get a significant portion of his estate." -Charlotte Troutman

"Walter came from nothing," says Jack's wife, Charlotte. "Life was very difficult when he and Jack were young." During his teenage years, Walter was at wit's end about his life and what to do with it-until he was accepted at Georgia Military College.

"Walter talked to the dean," Charlotte says, "and told the dean that he would give GMC everything he had if they would let him in."

That promise was apparently effective, as Walter graduated from high school at GMC in 1933 and junior college in 1934. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he began a successful business career as a real estate developer.

No matter how wealthy he became, or how much time had passed, Walter



Walter C. Troutman (1913-2005)

always remembered the role GMC played in his success. He made annual gifts throughout his life, and at his death in 2005, GMC received a bequest of more than \$2.7 million.

"Walter was a good-hearted man with a knack for business," Charlotte says. He held properties in a number of states, but perhaps his most notable development was the Jockey Club in Miami, a premier destination of Hollywood stars, business tycoons, high-profile athletes and politicians during the 1970s and '80s.

"Walter always loved GMC and saw to it," Charlotte says, "that GMC would get a significant portion of his estate." Half of the bequest will endow

academic scholarships, and the other half will endow football scholarships.

"Walter always felt that GMC gave him his chance," Charlotte says. "He never forgot that."

“Scholarships made available through the generosity of the Walter Troutman Estate help provide a solid financial foundation from which the recipients can launch their college careers. In addition, these scholarships support Georgia Military College and the state of Georgia in attracting and retaining high-achieving students.”

— Dr. Mike Holmes, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty

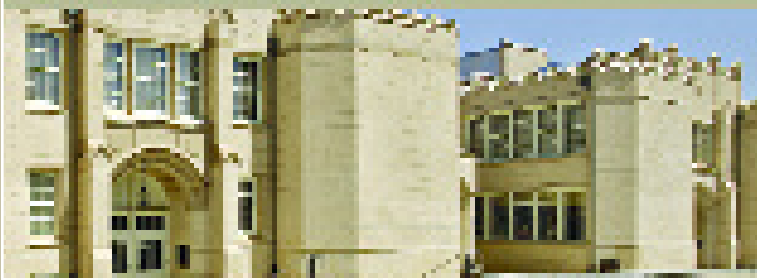
“Given the unique nature of Georgia Military College, attracting endowment funds to provide for athletic scholarships is vitally important to both the success of our programs and the fiscal strength of our college. The Walter Troutman Athletic Scholarship is a tremendous gift that will pay dividends to our junior college athletes and our institution for many years to come.”

— Bert Williams, JC Athletic Director and Head Football Coach

“The generosity of Mr. Troutman makes a profound impact on our effort to build the endowment. More, his recognition of the values of this college and its focus on character education will provide a long lasting signpost on our continuing march to greater excellence in all that we undertake.”

—Peter J. Boylan, President Georgia Military College

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the spirit
of giving



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ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

2006-2007 GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.

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.

The foundation is a separate, independent organization that is chartered by the State of Georgia as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit educational corporation, and gifts to the foundation are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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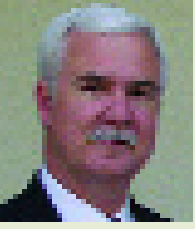
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The Georgia Military College Foundation ended fiscal year 2006 celebrating the fact that the generosity of our donors resulted in commitments of over \$1 million, but little did we know that the next year's commitments would again exceed that amount. It is my privilege to share the news that during fiscal year 2007, cash and in-kind gifts totaled \$1,404,556 and pledges, \$93,063, for a total of \$1,497,619 in commitments to GMC.

As I think back upon fiscal year 2007, I recall milestones along the way that were rewarding and inspiring for those of us who serve as trustees on the Georgia Military College Foundation.

- ❖ *An increase in Foundation Scholarship Awards from \$27,391 in the previous year to \$47,869 for fiscal year 2007*
- ❖ *Deeding of land for the new parking facilities from the GMC Foundation to Georgia Military College*
- ❖ *Dedication of the new James E. Baugh Barracks*
- ❖ *New planned giving commitments that will help secure the institution's future*
- ❖ *Hosting the first community Macon Symphony Orchestra Concert in partnership with Georgia College & State University*
- ❖ *Presentation of watches in recognition of the year's most outstanding faculty members*
- ❖ *In-depth study and evaluation of GMC Foundation processes and procedures in preparation for a review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), ultimately resulting in an outstanding review and special commendation by the visiting committee.*

It is my pleasure, and I am confident that I speak also for the entire group of dedicated volunteers who serve as Foundation trustees, to continue doing all that we can to assist in fulfilling the mission of this fine institution.

We believe in Georgia Military College and ask your continued support in creating a margin of excellence for its future.

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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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The Georgia Military College Foundation announces the commitment by Allen Shealy to establish the Allen and Martha Shealy Scholarship Fund with a gift of \$25,000. Through this endowed scholarship, Mr. Shealy, a GMC graduate of HS 1938 and JC 1940, is not only creating educational opportunities for young men and women at Georgia Military College, but also honoring the memory of his wife Martha. As a result of the establishment of this scholarship, Mr. Shealy's gift will serve as a living legacy, offering perpetual support to the most treasured asset of Georgia Military College, its students.

THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

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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Mr. Chris Sheridan, owner of Chris R. Sheridan & Co., recently presented a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard, Executive Director of the Georgia Military College Foundation. Mr. Sheridan said, "We are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year and one way we are celebrating is by giving back to the community. We chose to make a donation to the GMC Foundation because we believe GMC is truly making a difference in Middle Georgia."

Pictured, Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard accepts the donation from Mr. Thomas Rogers, Sheridan Project Manager, as Mr. Chris Sheridan and LTC Ed Moore, former GMC Facilities Engineer, look on.

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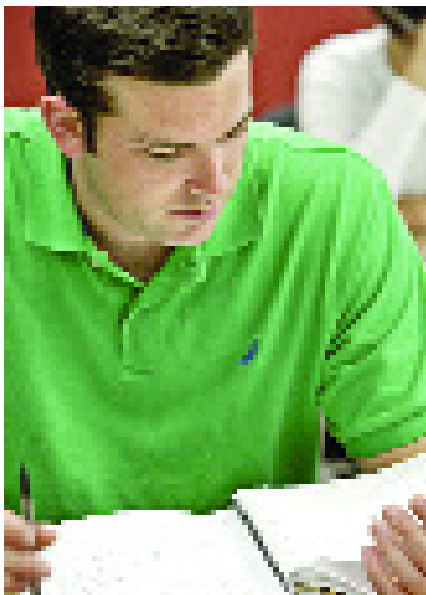
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 beautiful compensations of
 this life that no one can
 sincerely try to help another
 without helping himself."*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



GMC Appreciation Day

An evening of history in the making.

The brilliant blue sky gave way to soft evening light, chandeliers further complementing the atmosphere under the large white tents beside the Old Capitol Building. It was a special night: a night to remember, reflect, reminisce and applaud the history and future of an institution, Georgia Military College.

Hosted by W.J. Usery (JC 1940), the event was a tribute to GMC, celebrating its past, present and future and the unwavering leadership of its current president, MG Peter Boylan. It began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the west lawn and continued in the Legislative Chamber, a formal flag presentation by the GMC Color Guard leading the way.

Inside the hallowed halls of history, the scent of roses and orchids and the delicate sounds of strolling violins provided a distinct backdrop for this special occasion, marked further by a moving solo by GMC Prep School Cadet Chay Aycock singing "God Bless America."

One hundred and forty honored guests attired in tuxedos and formal gowns dined amidst candlelight on beautifully adorned tables of Silver Bichon, Orleans Damask linen and Athens china. The atmosphere was majestic as history was in the making, amidst walls that had witnessed many an historic feat including Georgia's secession from the Union and orations by the Marquis de Lafayette and Alexis de Toqueville.



Continuing the Chamber's tradition of debate and discussion, the night provided tribute to the achievements and progress of GMC, with poignant remarks and reflection by some of its graduates: Usery, Asbury Stembridge (HS 1948 / JC 1951), Dr. John Ferguson (HS 1961 / JC 1963), and Liz

Jarvis Fabian (HS 1978).

"As a 1940 graduate, I am grateful for the many ways in which my life has been shaped by my experiences at Georgia Military College. The knowledge, discipline, structure and integrity I absorbed while a cadet had a profound influence," noted Usery, former U.S. Secretary of Labor under President Gerald Ford and holder of five presidential appointments. "GMC, with its storied history and proud traditions, is certainly worthy of such an honor."

Liz Jarvis Fabian further emphasized this belief. "GMC was the introduction to my life. It was my family. I was not the New Yorker with the funny accent. I was part of something bigger."

"I see the legacy in the cadets of today: their courtesy, their intellect," added Dr. Ferguson.

The focus on intellect as well as character building has been the premise of this institution since its founding in 1879. Under the unwavering leadership of MG Boylan it continues today. As noted by Powell A. Moore (HS 1955), representative of the U.S. Secretary of Department of Defense, OSCE Representative, "the long and distinguished history of the school has been especially enriched over the past decade and a half under the leadership of MG Boylan. He has led a remarkable transformation of GMC that has been reflective of his personal commitment to the principles of duty, honor and country."

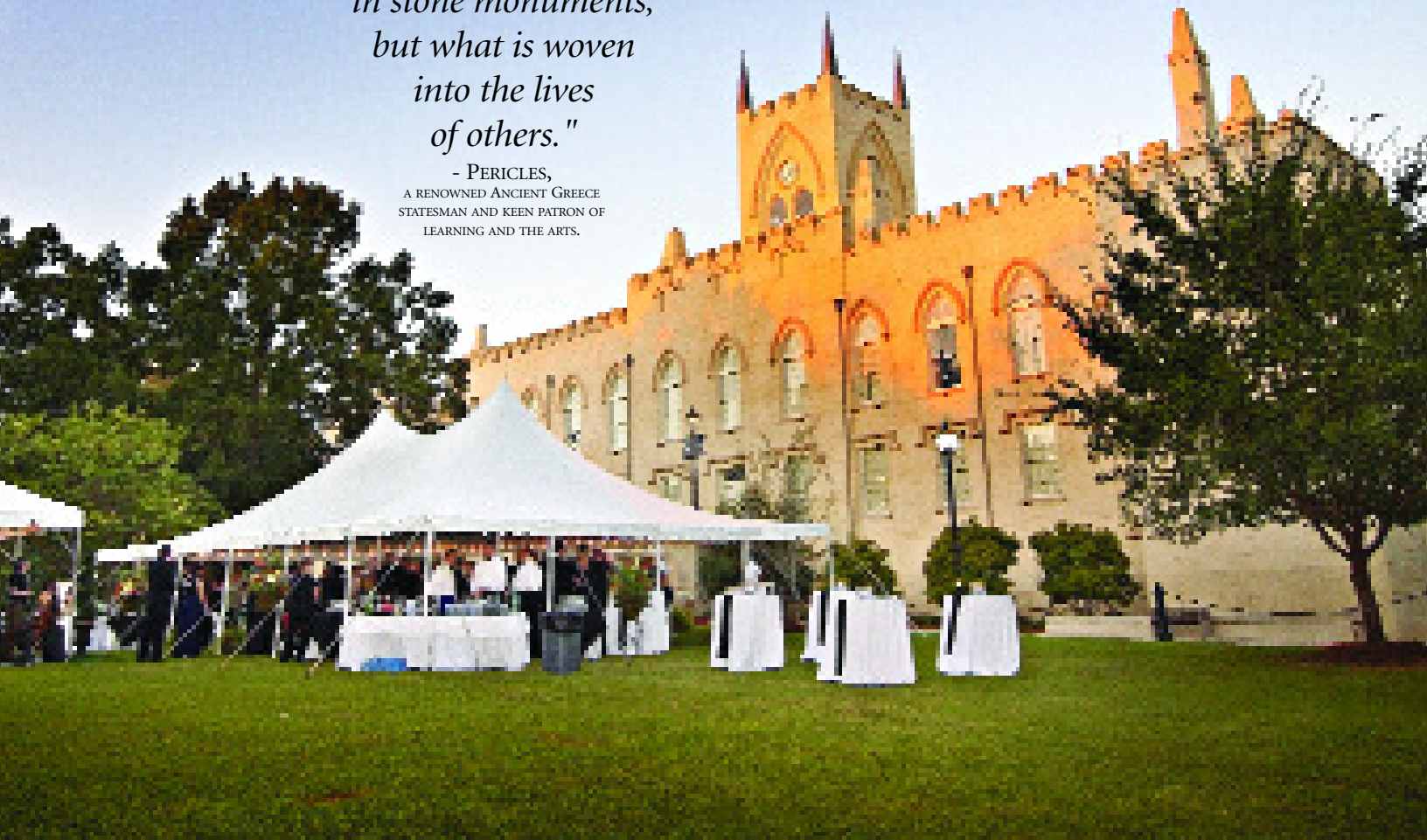
GMC's timeline of achievements is an excellent demonstration of MG Boylan's influence with nearly 50 percent of the major accomplishments of the school taking place during his tenure.

"From the very first moment, I sensed that this was an



*"What you
leave behind
is not what is engraved
in stone monuments,
but what is woven
into the lives
of others."*

- PERICLES,
A RENOWNED ANCIENT GREECE
STATESMAN AND KEEN PATRON OF
LEARNING AND THE ARTS.



institution that placed great value on the virtues that are identified with West Point....a place that shaped my life," explains MG Boylan. "While the physical aspects of the institution were in gross disrepair, none the less the aspects that defined GMC were things that I held dear. So, GMC became a passion. Over time, as the financial strength increased, more and more effort was able to be devoted to remedying the physical plant, but also, and more importantly, to elevate what we were doing to develop the character of our students. Today, while we remain steadfast in our aims, none the less, we continue to raise our sights."

GMC Appreciation Day was officially decreed in a Proclamation by Milledgeville Mayor Richard Bentley. According to Usery, September 29, 2007 was also a celebration of the people of Milledgeville, past and present, who have steadfastly supported GMC even during its most challenging of times. One such person is Mrs. Beegee Baugh, wife of Dr. James E. Baugh (HS 1937/JC 1939). Known as the "First Lady of Milledgeville," she has participated and led numerous endeavors on behalf of GMC, always with a constant desire to enrich the lives of others through her time and personal resources.



W. J. Usery and MG Peter Boylan

MG Boylan's wife, Kathy, was also recognized." She is a gift to the people who know and love her, and a gift to the community she supports and contributes to. GMC is fortunate to have her on its team," stated Usery.

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GMC President MG Peter Boylan was honored for his extraordinary leadership that ensured the survival of GMC and its ongoing path of excellence and positive influence on the lives of its students and society.

"At this moment, a lot of mental baggage that I continue to carry from a lifetime ago comes to mind. It had been a difficult and vicious battle that lasted for perhaps two hours against an enemy that was only yards away. Several of my men died in that fight...Lindsley, Smitty, and Red-the gangly kid from Arkansas. I remember them all. I was presented with a medal for actions in combat, but while I did my duty, it was their efforts that carried the day. So it is with Georgia Military College. Those many who preceded me, whose efforts to keep this institution alive in its darkest hours, are the real heroes. I have those many to thank for giving me an opportunity to create what they believed in. I must tell you that it is much easier to have a vision of the future when you are standing on the shoulders of others. I am grateful for having been given the opportunity to create a vision, but more, for the efforts of you here and those whose support over the years have made it possible. As many of you have heard me observe before: they pin medals on the leaders; but, in reality, it is the platoons, companies, and battalions that win the battles. We have fought a long war and I am indebted to you, soldiers all, for your willingness to fight when hope seemed forlorn and to believe when truth suggested otherwise. Finally, thank you for believing in me."



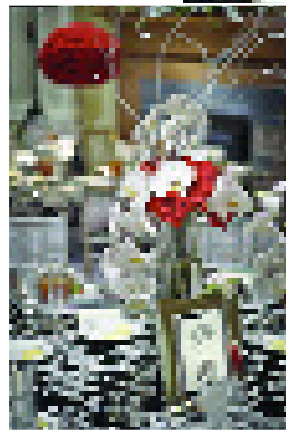
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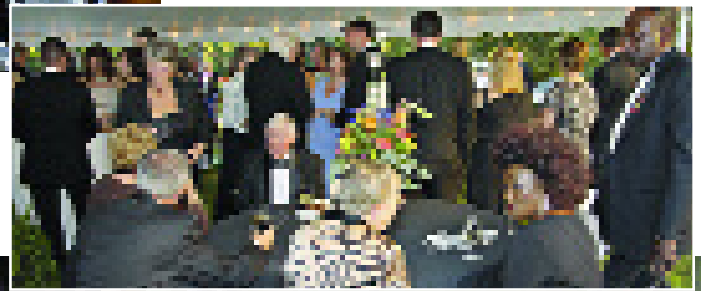
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In a letter from Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, "GMC has always been vital to Milledgeville and vital to Georgia. We live in such a throw-away society that has very little respect for life and for those around us, that more than ever, the qualities of GMC are so much appreciated and needed." He commended GMC for promoting the qualities of good citizenship, character and integrity.

As stated by MG Boylan in his remarks that evening...

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“The ultimate test of our conscience may be our willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”

—Gaylord Nelson

2007-2008

Georgia Military College Foundation

Endowed Scholarship Recipients 2007-2008

The Georgia Military College Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and awards according to criteria for each scholarship. Deadline to apply for a 2008-2009 foundation endowed scholarship is June 12, 2008. For details, contact the Office of Advancement at 478-445-2692.

Olin B. King Scholarship

Recipient: **Tiffany Bell**

Criteria: The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a student enrolled in the high school or college with the expenses incurred for tuition, books or uniforms. Applicant must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.



I'm a 27 year old female working on my Pre-Nursing degree at GMC College. GMC is my school of choice for my pre-nursing curriculum. My plan is to graduate from GMC and attend a Bachelor of Science Nursing program at an accredited institution in central Georgia. By offering me this scholarship, GMC has given me the ability to pay for my classes and purchase my books. If I had not received this scholarship, I would not have a way to finish paying for my education. Now I can continue nonstop with my academic endeavors. I have been blessed with this scholarship and hope that I can encourage future students to take their education seriously.

Tiffany Marie Bell

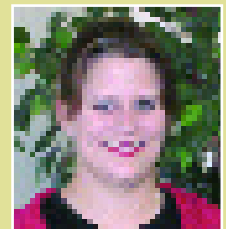
along with scholarships that are offered by individual schools I find myself able to afford my education without having to take out any student loans. This opportunity is greatly appreciated and will be utilized to the fullest.

Kayleigh Harris

Major Herschel Walden Scholarship

Recipient: **Grace Atchison**

Criteria: The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a high school senior or a junior college student with the expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing meals, books or uniforms. A 3.0 GPA, a combined 830 SAT/17 ACT score, or a 17 ACT score is required.



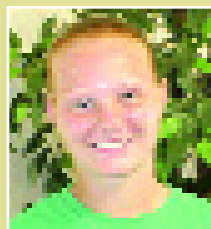
Attending college is a very stressful endeavor, especially when you are a wife, a mother, and a full-time employee. When I received the news that I qualified for the Hershal Walden Scholarship, I was overwhelmed with appreciation. Not only is this scholarship an ease to my financial obligations, but also it is an investment for the American future. Because this scholarship is a crucial part of my education, I promise to take full advantage of it. My dream is to become an educator for the children of Baldwin County. Just as the donor for this scholarship impacted my life, I too, hope to impact the lives of others. Because of this scholarship, I have a new motivation to carry out my dreams.

Grace Atchison

Frances Wood Wilson Scholarship

Recipients:

Lindsey Blackwell	Adam Tolbert
Kayleigh Harris	Carl Wade
Bradley Rutledge	Heather Wood
Gelisa Watts	



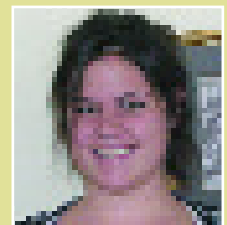
Criteria: Funding from this foundation provides scholarship money for junior college students at GMC. Applicant must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, a combined 870 SAT score, or an 18 ACT score.

The Frances Wood Wilson Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies rather than having to worry about my financial status. As a full-time student athlete, I am not able to easily obtain a job that will accommodate the hours that I have available. Being a student athlete also means that I must give my all in class and out on the soccer and softball field. This scholarship will allow me to do so. Although I am a local graduate from Baldwin High School and am able to stay at home, college expenses can still be overwhelming. The state of Georgia offers a lot of financial assistance to their college students, and

John and Gene Williamson Scholarship

Recipient: **Ashley Stephens**

Criteria: The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a student enrolled in the junior college with the expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing, meals, books or uniforms. The student must initially have a B- high school average and/or a 1000 SAT score. The recipient's cumulative GPA must not fall below 3.0/B for longer than one academic period.

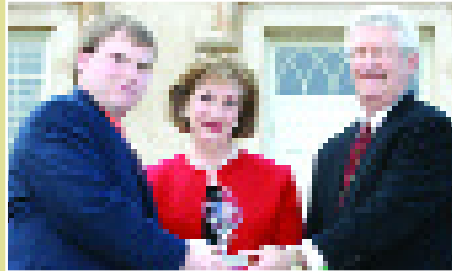


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Mason Cup Award Announced

GMC junior college student and golf team member Stephen Simpson was presented the Mason Cup during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade held on Friday, January 18, 2008.

GMC Golf Coach Sonny Harmon said, "Stephen anchored the 2006 and 2007 teams at the National Tournament in Chautauqua, NY. He shot rounds in the seventies both years finishing as the eighteenth best player in the tournament (out of 110 golfers) and shot a subpar round of 71 to lead the tournament in the early rounds in 07. He was a consistent golfer both years and always a gentleman on the course. He was



Stephen Simpson with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mason.

a product of Jones County High School and will complete his academic tenure at GMC this quarter. From here Stephen plans on pursuing a career in golf either as a player on one of the mini-tours or at a four year institution."

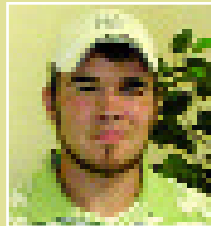
The Mason Cup is an annual award named for Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Mason, Sr., of Milledgeville who established an endowment fund in 2001 to support the GMC junior college golf program. The inscription on the cup, which Mr. Mason authored, reads, "Golf and life will put your character to the test. Smile at the lie, have faith, achieve by effort, be determined and surpass the test."

Endowed Scholarship Recipients—continued from page 28

John A. Sibley Scholarship

Recipients:

- Annette Glenn
- Maria Sanchez
- Ben Smith
- Ashley Stephens
- Mollie Gulley
- Lucy Riley
- Raynard Clay
- Akia Stanton



Criteria: This fund provides scholarships for disadvantaged and outstanding junior college students. Each recipient of this scholarship must be a student in good standing. The student must initially have a B- or 2.5 GPA, a 950 SAT or a 20 ACT score. If a recipient's grade point average falls below a B- or 2.5 for more than one consecutive academic period, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

I am very grateful to be a recipient of the John A. Sibley Scholarship. This scholarship will be extremely beneficial to me because as a jointly enrolled homeschooled student last year, I was ineligible for financial aid and my education funds were somewhat depleted. Receiving this scholarship will mean that I can achieve more balance with work and study.

Ben Smith

This scholarship will impact me in such a positive way. It lets me know that there are people out there who want every student to succeed as greatly as possible and are willing to help in any way. This scholarship will give me even more drive and determination to achieve the goals that I have set for myself. I do not want to let anyone down, especially not those who have helped me along the journey.

Ashley Stephens

W. J. Usery, Jr. Scholarship

Recipients:

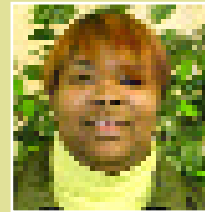
- Chad McLeroy
- Grant Duffy
- Benjamin Taylor
- Brandon Shrewsbury

Criteria: This scholarship is for one high school student and one junior college student and each must be in good scholastic standing. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0.

Georgia Power Scholarship

Recipient: Keshia Collins

Criteria: This fund is available for non-traditional students attending school at one of the Georgia Military College campuses.



I am very grateful for receiving this scholarship. It has helped with some of my finances since returning to college. I am happy to know that there are scholarships available such as the Georgia Power Scholarship to help students further their education.

Keshia Collins

Helen Moore Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Kip Goss

Criteria: This scholarship is to assist a student enrolled in the high school with the expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing, meals, books or uniforms. The recipient must have a financial need and otherwise not be able to attend GMC to receive this scholarship.

Sen. Culver Kidd/Tillie Kidd Scholarship

Recipient: Chad McLeroy

Criteria: This fund is to assist a student enrolled in the high school or junior college with the expenses incurred for tuition, fees, housing, meals, books or uniforms. Recipients must be in good standing with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Sam Whatley Scholarship

Recipient: Grant Duffy

Criteria: The purpose of this annual scholarship is to assist a student enrolled in junior college with expenses incurred for tuition, books or uniforms. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Al and Charlotte Gandy Scholarship

Recipient: David Sanders

Criteria: This scholarship is available to a GMC high school student with an overall average of 85.

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Georgia Military College presented the second in the 2007 Steinway Concert Series, "A Holiday Concert," on Thursday, November 29, 2007, in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

Sponsored by the GMC Steinway Society, "A Holiday Concert" featured the Georgia Southern Symphony. The performance of famed Irish artist Oisín Mac Diarmada served as a highlight of the evening. The symphony presented selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, including the favorite "Flower Waltz;" Bernstein's "Overture" from his Broadway masterpiece, *Candide*; and traditional

Christmas carols and music for Hanukkah to celebrate the holiday season. Following the concert, guests enjoyed an array of delicious desserts and coffee at a reception hosted by the Georgia Military College Steinway Committee.

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

The 2008 Steinway Concert Series promises to be an exciting one.



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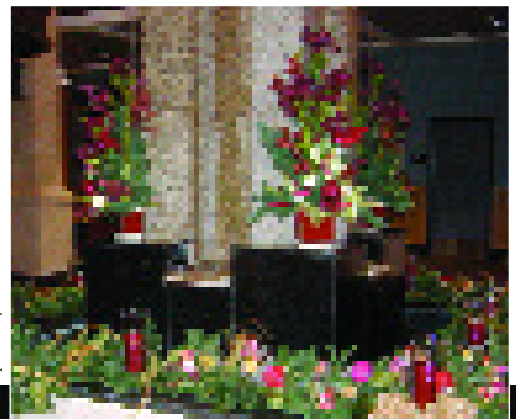
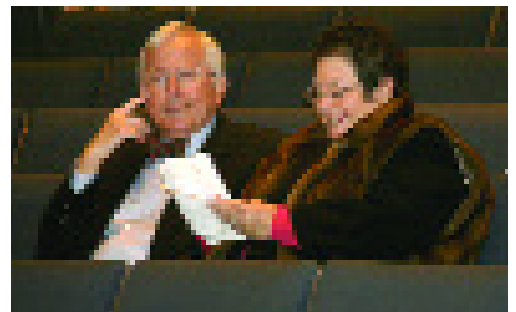
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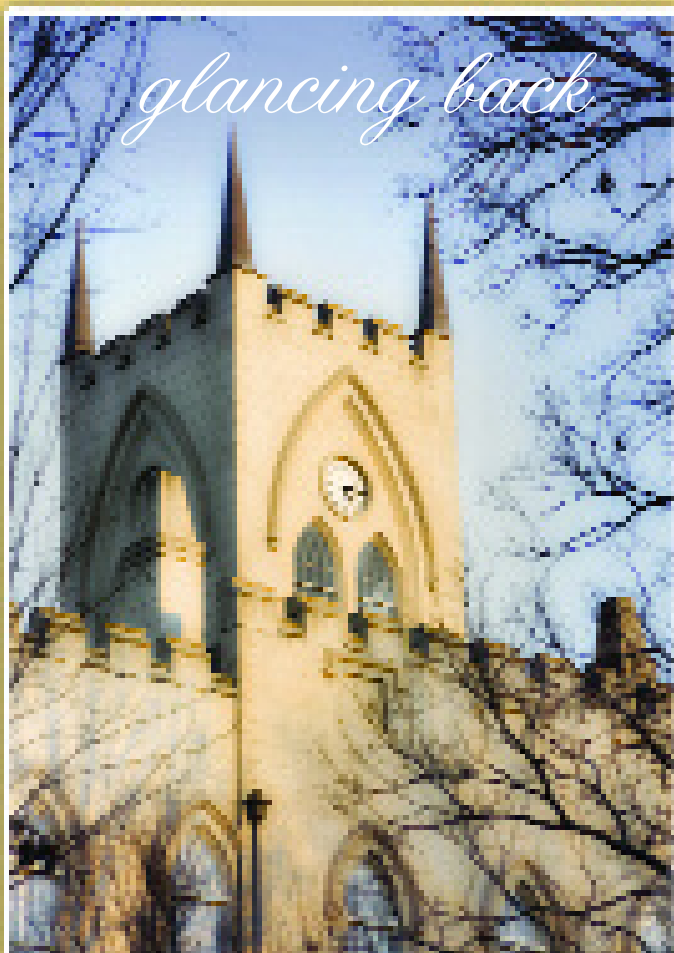
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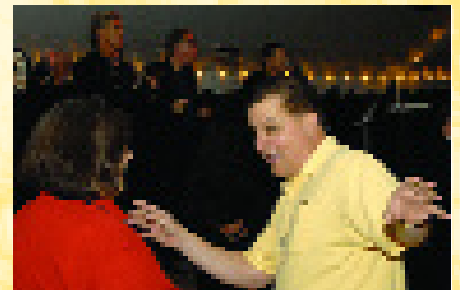
Knock out drill champ, **Jared Smith** (left), former Regimental Commander, 128th Corps of Cadets, and **MAJ Tom Hall** (right).



Dinner is served!



Jake and Maxine Goldstein, "It's party time."



Leigh Scott, and brother, **Steve Scott**, "Come on now, I know you can do this maneuver!"



Parade guest speaker, **BG Rick McCabe**



Joe Mobley and Linda Hewette - "Things are getting lively."



Don "Jabo" Taylor and friend Ann Ragan



Sharon and Steve Wiley



Dr. Richard Elmore and guest Cheryl Campbell



James Anderson and Renate Linder



Dr. Jack and Mrs. Janet Anderson arriving for Saturday's Brunch



Jack Rector, Monte Washburn, Dennis McShurley and Charlotte McShurley, "I know it's gonna be good."



"Breakfast is served."



Jack Anderson, Bill Craig and Don "Jabo" Taylor
"Bill was up to something."



Bert Williams' family and friends working on Saturday's Word Search game



Bob Joiner, Ike Thomas, and Thomas Caraker "You don't say!"



David Goodwin and Wanda Arnold Goodwin





George Echols, Elizabeth Sheppard, Polly Echols, Jeff Gordon, and Fran Usery.

*“If there be any kindness I can show,
or any good thing I can do
for any fellow creature,
let me do it now, and not defer
or neglect it, as I shall not
pass this way again.” — Anonymous*



“Now let me tell you my story!”



“The gang’s ALL here!”



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Charles Stiles, Grady Torrance, and Yancy and Betty Walker “Reminiscing on a Saturday afternoon.”



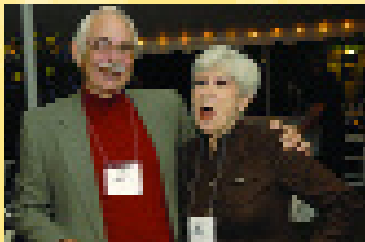
Robert Rushing, Dayton Calhoun, and Joe Mobley
- catching up before Friday's dinner/dance



Ray and Debbie Mitchell
enjoying BBQ at Saturday's tailgate



"The game earned head scratches, old and young."



Charles and Joan Stiles "I don't think so!"



GEN and Mrs. Boylan, Bob Wiley, and Grady Torrance



"Been tailgatin'!"



Alumni Awards 2007

The recipients of the Georgia Military College Alumni Awards are selected annually from submitted nominations. Anyone may submit a nominee's name to be considered for the awards. The award categories and 2007 recipients are:

Dr. John H. Ferguson HS 1961, JC 1963
Distinguished Alumnus Award

BG Richard "Rick" L. McCabe JC 1974
Alumni Achievement Award

LTJG Charles Hays Maynard HS 2001
Outstanding Recent Alumnus

Inez L. Hawkins
Honorary Alumna

Carolyn Taylor Thomas
GMC Service Award

Fermor Hargrove, Jr. HS 1936, JC 1938
Community Service Award

We are proud of each of our alumni and are particularly honored to be able to present the recipients of the 2007 Alumni Awards on the following pages. These six 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 2006 Alumni Award recipients have, without a doubt, made the world a better place. We admire them and honor them for their extraordinary contributions.

It is not possible to list all that these recipients have done, or their many accomplishments and good deeds, but we hope that the following brief biographies will provide you with an idea of why they have been selected for special recognition this year.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Dr. John H. Ferguson HS 1961, JC 1963

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

After his graduation from GMC's Junior College, Dr. Ferguson entered the Emory University School of Dentistry from which he graduated in 1968, then entering the U.S. Army Dental Corp., where he served at U.S. locations and in Vietnam and received both the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Civic Action Award. After two years with the Army, Dr. Ferguson was again accepted at Emory as a resident in orthodontics. When his residency was completed in 1972, he returned to his hometown of Milledgeville with his wife, Janet, to begin practice.

During his dental career, Dr. Ferguson has been appointed to and involved with many different associations and committees, serving as president/chairman of several. In these roles, he has dealt with passage of legislation updating the legal procedures dental auxiliaries could perform; decisions on handling CDC, OSHA and other government regulations; organizing a dental insurance services company; and providing continuing education and fellowship in the areas of dental practice management.

In October 2006, he was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community. This honor was closely followed by his receiving the John E. MacNamara D.D.S. Meritorious Service Award from Emory University. This award honors a distinguished alumnus who has given of his time and expertise to the university or the profession of dentistry.

In addition to his business involvement in the community, Dr. Ferguson is also active with memberships in a number of civic organizations, the Baldwin County Chamber, and works within his church as well. He served as president of the GMC Alumni Association from 1977 - 1979, and again from 1989 - 1991, as a director of the GMC Foundation from 1962 - 2002, and currently serves as an advisor to the GMC Board of Trustees.



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BG Richard "Rick" L. McCabe JC 1974

Fort Bliss, Texas

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 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.

Rick McCabe has served in the Army as a commissioned officer since April 1977, but the Army has been an important part of his life since 1969 when he joined the ROTC program at Merritt Island High School, Merritt Island, Florida. By the time he finished his ROTC experience at both high school and GMC, he was destined for something special. He finished high school as both the Rifle Team and Drill Team Commander, taking both teams to new levels of excellence and leading the drill team to place third in the entire Southeastern United States. His GMC experience was notable as well. Rick, on top of competitive swimming and drill team, was presented with the Best Company Saber upon graduation in 1974. Rather than accept his commission at that time in the US Army, he chose to complete his college degree and graduated from Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, in 1976. In October of that year, he married Maura Cunningham.

Ordered to active Army duty in April 1977, Second Lieutenant and Mrs. McCabe moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, for their entry into the Army and the Air Defense Artillery. Their assignments from there were, in order: Germany and the birth of their first child Tara; Fort Bliss and their second child Caitlin; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth and their third child Lizabeth; Fort Lewis, Washington and their fourth child Scott; South Korea; Washington, D.C.; Fort Bliss; Washington, D.C.; Fort Bliss; Saudi Arabia; and now White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. McCabe attended the US Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College. He commanded Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 55th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss; the 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery in South Korea; and the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss. He served as the Commanding General of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Fort Bliss, and is now the Commanding General of White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

BG McCabe has served his country at almost every possible level of responsibility. He started on the front line as a soldier during the Cold War in the former West Germany, went on to the halls of the Pentagon during the 9-11 attack, and later served as liaison to the US Congress for the entire US Army. He and his wife Maura continue to actively serve our country and represent Georgia Military College with honor and pride.



OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS

LTJG Charles Hays Maynard HS 2001

Anacortes, Washington

The Outstanding Recent Alumni Award recognizes alumni who, having completed their studies at GMC within the past fifteen years, have demonstrated excellence in academics or in their chosen professions, or who have made great strides in their personal life, and who show promise of continuing excellence.

From the age of five, Hays knew that one day he wanted to fly for the United States Navy. Flying was a lifelong dream that he worked hard to fulfill. Through perseverance and planning, Hays has achieved his childhood aspiration of becoming a Naval Flight Officer, flying in an EA-6B Prowler.

Hays attended GMC High School from 8th through 12th grades. During this time, he was a member of the Jr. Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the Science Club, and the GMC Chorus. On the athletic side, he was a member of the GMC football, basketball, golf, and track teams. As a member of the Class of 2001, Hays graduated with distinction.

After leaving GMC, Hays attended Auburn University on a United States Naval ROTC Scholarship where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In May of 2005 he graduated from Auburn and at that time was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy.

Hays was stationed in Pensacola, Florida for two years. His first assignment was to the Naval Aviations Schools Command, where he completed Aviation Preflight Indoctrination. He then received orders to complete primary and intermediate flight training with the Wildcats of Training Squadron 10. After completing this phase of training, Hays selected jets and was assigned to VT-86 to complete advanced strike jet training. He received his wings of gold in March of 2007 and was selected to be the Electronic Countermeasures Officer aboard the EA-6B Prowler. He is now a member of the Electronic Attack Squadron 129, stationed at NAS Whidbey Island.

Hays married Kristen Duffle in April of 2007, and they live in Anacortes, Washington. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.



HONORARY ALUMNA

Inez L. Hawkins

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

Ms. Inez Hawkins' association with and great admiration for Georgia Military College began at a very early age while attending GMC Grammar School, "Little GMC." She relates her memory of the president of the school, Colonel Jenkins, addressing all the young students there so they felt as if they, too, were a part of the "Big GMC." After completing the seventh grade, Ms. Hawkins would have loved to have attended GMC, but girls weren't admitted then, so instead she attended Peabody High School, which was a girls' school on the campus of GSCW (now GCSU). Hawkins subsequently received her undergraduate degree from GSCW and her Master of Education degree from Georgia College. The Education Specialist (Ed.S.) was granted by Augusta State University.

Before coming to work at GMC, Hawkins was a bacteriologist with what was then the Georgia Department of Public Health. After the birth of her son, Stan, she was a stay-at-home Mom until he started to school, after which she began teaching at GMC in 1966 as a part-time high school biology instructor. Hawkins relates it was so much fun that she almost felt guilty getting paid...and that was a good thing, too, because the pay wasn't very much at that time! Later, she taught full time, moving from the high school division to the college division, serving as the Science Department Chair. It was in that capacity that she wrote a proposal seeking equipment for the high school and college science labs, which was in turn funded by the Post Secondary Education Commission. Later, while serving as Grants Coordinator and Director of Development, she wrote more proposals that were also funded. In 1976, Hawkins was named Vice President for Development (most likely the first woman to hold an administrative role). In this capacity, her collaboration with local legislators Wilbur Baugh, Bobby Parham and Culver Kidd, as well as state legislators and state executives, led to securing the first funding, \$90,000, from the State of Georgia. She relates everyone felt as if it was \$90 million because it was sorely needed and has made a tremendous difference to the school over the years. In her role as GMC's Vice President for Development, she was invited to participate in The American Council on Education's National Identification Program (ACE/NIP), a mentoring program which identified women in executive positions in post-secondary institutions.

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GMC SERVICE AWARD

Carolyn Taylor Thomas

Milledgeville, Georgia

Carolyn Taylor Thomas was born in Milledgeville, but the family later relocated to Atlanta. She is a graduate of Spellman College and the Clark Atlanta University School of Social Work and took post-graduate courses at Case Western Reserve University School of Social Work as well as American Sign Language at Cleveland State University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Omega Chapter.

Her employment began in Cleveland, Ohio in social services and continued there with several organizations until she retired in 1986 as a Licensed Social Worker in Ohio and returned to Milledgeville; however, retiring from that professional life did not retire her dedication to the Milledgeville community. Thomas is a member of the Boys & Girls Club, Allied Arts, Old Capitol Kiwanis Club, and Court Appointed Special Advocacy group (CASA). She has a life membership in NAACP (Secretary) and SCLC; was a charter member of Georgia's Antebellum Capital Museum, now Georgia's Old Capital Museum; and Learning In Retirement, GCSU. She also holds membership in the Sallie Ellis Davis Club of Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of Georgia and AARP State Legislative Committee. Her organizational affiliations continue in the areas of care for handicapped and the elderly, parenting and partnering programs, and predatory lending.

Thomas was elected to the GMC Board of Trustees in 1989 and is the first African-American female member, now serving in her fifth term. She was voted Secretary of the Board by the members of the Board and was named to the Junior College Committee by the Chairman of the Board during her first term.

When Thomas accepts responsibility, she takes it seriously and serves loyally. For at least the last ten junior college annual faculty assemblies, Thomas has graced us with poise, intelligence and a great sense of humor. When the faculty members are all assembled together, it is not uncommon to see this tiny-framed, silver-haired lady mingling with the group and discussing various topics of interest. It is her preference to be seated among the faculty members where she engages in conversations and actively participates in the faculty division break-out groups. She has a genuine interest in the college curriculum and knows that the faculty members are the mentors and educators of the next generation of leaders. For this reason, Thomas is passionate about ensuring that GMC's faculty are qualified and that they have opportunities to continue their own professional development in their areas of expertise. She truly enjoys the diverse and talented group of faculty and staff, never hesitating to ask a question or offer a comment on any subject.

You might ask, "What keeps her going?" As Superintendent Teacher of the Sunday School and Stewardess of her Church, Lee's Chapter C.M.E., she would respond that in all her ways she acknowledges Him and He does direct her path.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Fermor Hargrove, Jr. HS 1936, JC 1938

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

Fermor was born January 14, 1919 in Milledgeville, to parents Marie Moran Hargrove and Fermor Hargrove, Sr., both of whom graduated from GMC. Fermor himself attended GMC grammar school, high school, and junior college. After graduation, he went to work at Lawrence Flower Shop. In 1941 he married Mattie Beall Butts, and over the years they had three children, one of whom, Wally, also graduated from GMC. Fermor now has four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Fermor served in the US Army from 1942 until 1944 when he was discharged with the rank of 1LT. He then entered the U.S. Postal Service in Milledgeville where he worked for 35 years. Once "officially" retired, Fermor became very active in the community, serving for 14 years as a volunteer with the Milledgeville Convention and Visitors Bureau as a trolley driver and tour guide. During this time he also provided a personal shuttle service to and from the Atlanta Airport - at no charge. Most special though, he also drove people to and from several Atlanta hospitals for appointments and treatment.

Fermor was involved with the arts and with athletics, for a long while being active in Milledgeville Little Theater and then GSCW, now GCSU, Theater, backstage and onstage, as well as coaching Little League Baseball and Midget Football. He is still an active member of the Milledgeville Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president, and has logged 35 years of perfect attendance. Fermor also is a Mason and has presided over all the York Rite Masonic bodies in Milledgeville. He was honored in 1972 by being elected Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, an office which his father held in 1956. They are the only father and son so honored in Georgia. In 1970 he was elected to the board of Masonic Hall Trustees and is still serving as well as being elected secretary/treasurer in 1984 and serving in that capacity until 2006. Fermor's efforts have always been directed toward maintaining and preserving the historic Masonic Building. His other commitments are to his church, First United Methodist, and to the Meals on Wheels program, with which he has been involved for about 12 years.

Through all his involvement in this community, Fermor has always remained loyal to and supportive of GMC, not only for what he learned there but also for all that is now provided to the community by GMC. His philosophy, to be shared with everyone, "Wherever you go, whatever you do, may you have a safe trip - and somewhere along the way, find something to laugh about every day!"



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Honorary alumna, Inez L. Hawkins

During her tenure, she also had the great experience of being an Institutional Representative on several occasions for GMC at Advanced ROTC Camp at Fort Bragg, where she rappelled off a 50 foot tower, drove a Sheraton tank, fired the cannon on a tank, fired machine guns, went down the Slide for Life, and tried all kinds of other "neat stuff." According to Hawkins, the rappelling was a snap because some of her students had already taught her how back on campus! At the closing dinner, the Institutional Reps who were crazy enough to attempt the feats our cadets did on a daily basis at camp were awarded the coveted Recondo Badge...one of her great treasures.

GMC made Hawkins an Honorary General and presented her with an engraved saber when she left in 1984 to work as a consultant with Regional Educational Service Agencies, actually serving as its president for two years; with the Georgia Department of Education; and as a private educational consultant. Some of the work she has most enjoyed is the collaborative work with state and federal agencies to develop a curriculum for outdoor and environmental education for teachers. As background for this work, she has relied on her experience while at GMC where she frequently used the out-of-doors as a classroom, believing that is where students really learn about the world.

Hawkins states, "One never really leaves GMC. It touches the heart in a way no other school does. It inspires us all as it educates young men and women and develops strong character. To be a part of Georgia Military College and of the lives of my students has been such a blessing. My love and admiration for GMC continue as I have the privilege of serving on the board of the Georgia Military College Foundation."

We invite your nominations for the 2008 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 1, 2008. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Office at (478) 445-2695.

N O M I N A T I O N C R I T E R I A

Alumni Achievement

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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.

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Please include supporting documentation for the nomination on a separate sheet of paper. Using no more than 500 words, you may include: career highlights, achievements, community service, letters of recommendation, and newspaper/magazine articles.

Nominator: _____ GMC Graduate HS _____ and/or JC _____

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May we reveal your name? YES NO Is the nominee aware of this nomination? YES NO

MAIL to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA 31061 or FAX to: (478) 445-2867

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

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'42 Each year one person from each congressional district is honored at the JJ Dinner with the Tom Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award for his/her work on behalf of the Democratic Party. This year the 12th District recipient of the Tom Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award is Baldwin County's **Maxine Goldstein**. Maxine was first elected to the Democratic Party of Georgia in 1962. She has served in many roles, including Vice Chair of the State Party for ten years. She has also served as President of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and presently serves on the Baldwin County Democratic Committee and as Baldwin County's member of the Democratic Party of Georgia. It is interesting to note that Maxine attended ten National Democratic Conventions as a delegate, wearing different hats that have ended up in many museums, including the Smithsonian. Maxine is married to GMC alumnus, **J.L. "Jake" Goldstein** (HS 1940, JC 1942).

The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.



Jake and Maxine Goldstein

'53 **COL Bob Tredway** (HS 1953) and his wife **Anne** recently shared dinner and an evening of reminiscing in Washington, D.C. with **Elizabeth Sheppard**, Vice President for Advancement and **Earlene Hamilton**, Alumni Relations Coordinator.

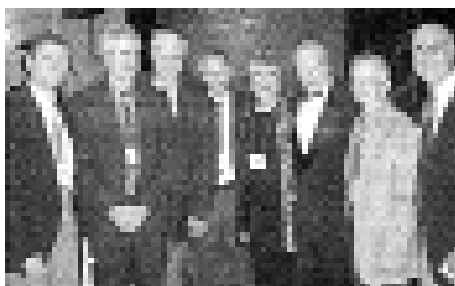


'55 **Jim Patterson** (HS 1953, JC 1955) and wife **Fran** recently traveled to Italy and shared a picture for us to enjoy.



Jim Patterson

'56 **Joel Clinton Godard** (HS 1956) recently served as emcee for the first induction ceremony into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame. Godard is the announcer for NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." Pictured left to right are: Kenny Burgamy, Ben Sandifer, Gary Guntor, Bill Elder, Teri Godard, Joel Godard, Don King, and Jim Jones.



Joel Godard (6th from left)

'68 **Tim Milner** (HS 1966, JC 1968) and wife **Brenda**, **Pat Dalton** (JC 1967) and wife **Patsy**, **Bob Edes** (JC 1968) and wife **Rachael**, and **Steve McGehee** (JC 1968) and wife **Renee** recently enjoyed a cruise together aboard the Royal Caribbean's "Mariner of the Seas," arranged by none other than **Billy Carter** (HS 1966), who operates EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TOURS, a travel agency out of Lakeland, Florida. The couples travelled about 2500 miles with ports of call in San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, and St. Thomas. Tim reported that the service was wonderful; the food was superb; and the entertainment was unbelievable! They had a week long mini-reunion while being pampered and treated like kings.

'70 **Mario De Laosa, Jr.** (HS 1970) and **Pedro De Laosa** (HS 1970) honored their parents, **Dr. and Mrs. Mario De Laosa**, by naming an auditorium chair

in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts.

'74 **Monte Washburn** (JC 1975), **BG Rick McCabe** (JC 1974), **BG Don Broome**, Ret. (JC 1975), and **LTC Jeff Kilian**, Ret. (HS 1972, JC 1974) "posing" after dinner where a good time reminiscing was had by all.



Washburn, McCabe, Broome, Kilian

'75 **BG Doyle "Don" Broome, Jr.** (JC 1975) Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Cadet Command, who was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Georgia Military College in 1975, retired from active service in an Honor Eagle Ceremony held at Fort Rucker, Ala. on October 19, 2007. Broome most recently served as the U.S. Army Cadet Command deputy commanding general at Fort Monroe, Va., and previously served as the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center and Fort Rucker chief of staff 2001-2003.



The Broomes

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During the ceremony, Broome received the Distinguished Service Medal, letters from the Army chief and vice chief of staff, a certificate of retirement and a certificate of appreciation from President George W. Bush. Broome's wife, Donna, received the Secretary of the Army Public Service Award, the Order of Our Lady of Loreto award, and a certificate of appreciation.

During his career, Broome served in Korea; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Hood, Texas; Germany; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Bangladesh; Hawaii; Washington; Maxwell Air Force Base; Japan; Norfolk, Va.; Fort Monroe, Va.; and Fort Rucker, Ala..

His decorations and badges include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Special Forces Tab and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Broome said the simple fact that he served with the best soldiers is more valuable than the personal honors and awards he's accrued during his career.

'79 COL GR Gulley (JC 1979) recently returned from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Djibouti where he was assigned to CCJ5 (Strategic Plans) for CENTCOM and the 27 countries

for which it is responsible.

'80 Scott Seagraves (HS 1980) recently completed degree requirements for the Education Specialist degree from Georgia College and State University.

'83 LTC Samuel J. (David) Davis, Ret., (JC 1983) is currently residing in Lorton, Va. and working for the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command. He retired from Active Duty on Oct 1, 2006 as a Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Officer.

'84 LTC Robert S. Brown (JC 1984) has been selected to Colonel. He is currently serving as the Senior Aviation Trainer at the National Training Center.

'87 LTC James E. Morrison (JC 1987) recently completed a five year tour at the Pentagon serving in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, as a Human Resources Initiative Analyst and Senior Installations Program Analyst. LTC Morrison PCS'd this past summer to Fort Knox, Ky. where he is the Chief, Reserve Research and Analysis Division, US Army Accessions Command G2. He and his wife **Julie**, who teaches eighth grade math at a local middle school, have two daughters, Erica, 12, and Stephanie, 19.

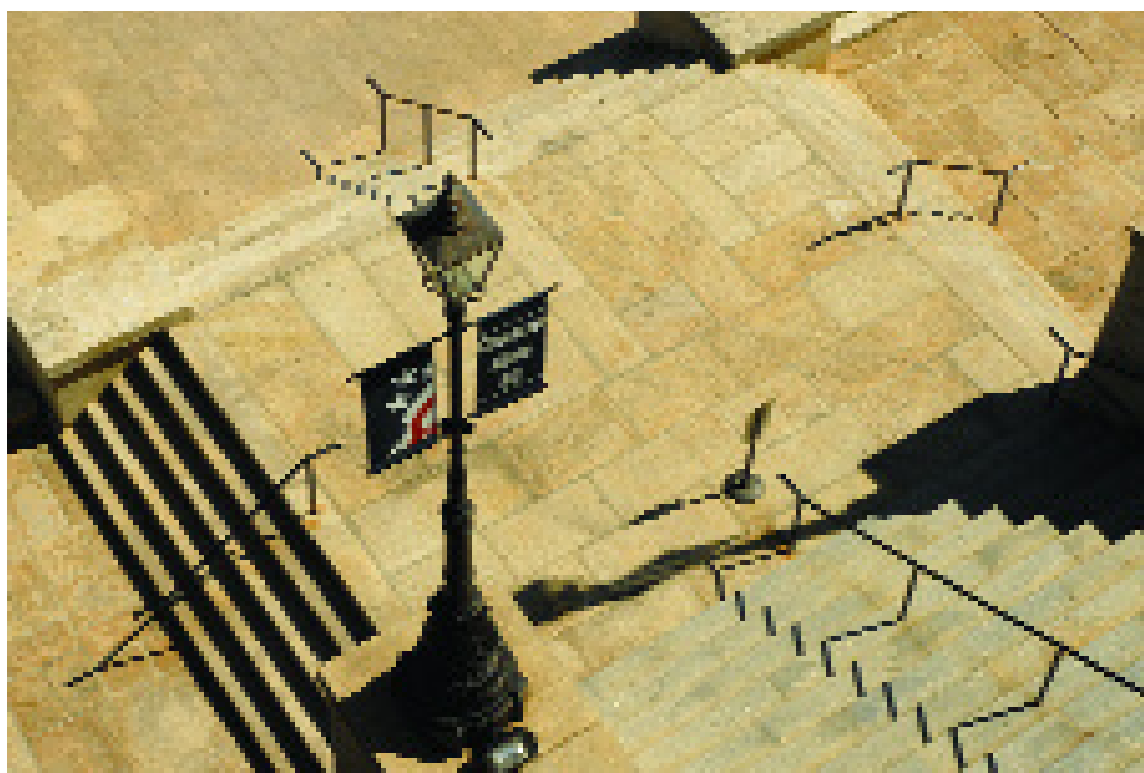
'89 Robert A. Izzo (JC 1989) was recently promoted to Lieutenant Paramedic with the Orange County Fire Rescue Department and is assigned to Engine 83.

'90 Nikki W. (Wilkinson) Yancy (HS 1990) recently finished eleventh in the IHRA Summit Super Series Box Class for drag racing and competed in the finals in Steele, Ala. in September 2007. She was also featured on Speed TV, along with her husband, in an episode of "Pinks All Out" that was taped in Rockingham, N.C.

'91 R. Scott McKee (JC 1991) declared his candidacy this past fall for Henderson County, Texas District Attorney and announced his intention to file in the 2008 Republican Primary. McKee served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Smith and Henderson County Texas DA's offices as well as an Assistant County Attorney with the Henderson County Texas Attorney's office. McKee designated his wife and law partner, **Ashley Adams McKee**, as his campaign treasurer. McKee and his wife Ashley live on Cedar Creek Lake in Texas with their three boys, Stuart, Ryan and Ranger. McKee holds key leadership positions in the State of Texas and Local Republican Clubs; is a former YMCA board member; Teen Court volunteer; Kiwanian; and the newest board member of the Family Peace Project.

'92 Denise Ussery Blevins (HS 1992) and husband **Richie** (JC 1995) announce the birth of Aggie Grace Blevins on October 16, 2007. Aggie weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed by her big sisters, Caitlyn, Lynsey, and Anna, and big brother Jake.

'96 Roslyn (Mayers) Mullis (HS 1993, JC 1996) and husband **Frank** announce the birth of Emily Alexandra Mullis, born August 4, 2007, weighing 9 lbs., 3 oz. Proud big sisters are Catherine, 5, and Rachel, 4. The family resides in Milledgeville.



'97 Christina Brookins Ritzema (HS 1997) and husband **Justin** welcomed Lily Ann Ritzema, born on September 12, 2007 at 1:07 PM at St. Joseph's Candler Hospital in Savannah, Ga. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents include Shan and Johnny Kitchens, Donald and Colleen Brookins, Grace Ritzema, and Bill Ritzema and Anna Tari-Martone.

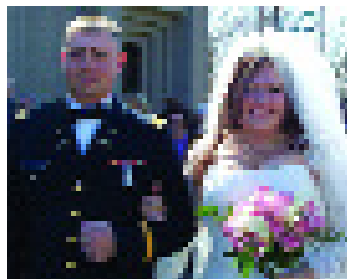


Ritzema baby

'02 CPT Peter M. Atkinson (JC 2002) is currently attending the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare College and School (USAJFKSWCS) Small Unit Tactics (Phase II) of the Special Forces Qualification course.

'03 Rachel Harris (HS 2003), a member of the Seven Year Club, graduated from GCSU in July 2007, receiving her B.B.A. with a major in Management Information Systems. She is currently employed by Computer Logic and PPG in Macon. Rachel is installing hardware and software and providing training for companies nationwide.

Lt Bradley L. Keef (JC 2003) was married on St. Patrick's Day, 2007, to **Cheyenne Letizia Basile** of N.Y. They were married at St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, Ala. 1LT Keef is currently serving in Northern Iraq with HHC 1-131 AR Alabama NG.



Keef

'05 Lyndell Nelson (HS 2005) recently interviewed Lisa Ling (National Geographic) following a lecture at the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern, where Lyndell is a junior majoring in mass communication and journalism. Ms. Ling's lecture was focused on raising awareness about global issues with a theme of open mindedness and caring about people from other countries and cultures.



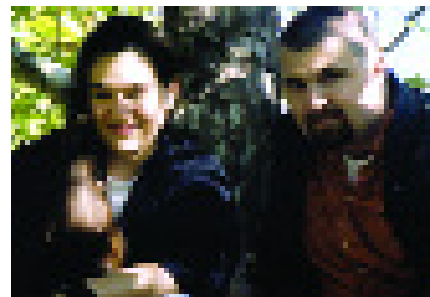
Lyndell Nelson

Joel Seagraves (HS 2005), a junior at Georgia Southern University, was recently chosen a Georgia Rugby Union All-Star and competed in November for a roster position on the USA Rugby South All Star Team. His play during the collegiate season this spring will determine if Joel makes that team. If he is given a roster spot, he will compete this summer in the national all star tournament in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



'07 Karey Harris (HS 2007), a member of the Seven Year Club, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and will be going to Paris Island in January 2008 for boot camp.

Stephanie L. Stander (JC 2007) and **Joseph C. Barr** were married on December 1, 2007.



Stander - Barr

Chuck Wilson (JC 2007) was recently recognized by the National Challenge Institute for his accomplishments. A 2001 graduate of the Youth Challenge National Guard Academy located at Fort Gordon, Ga., Wilson capitalized on scholarship opportunities made available to him there, going on to enlist in the Air National Guard and to enroll at GMC. After graduation here, Wilson was hired to work as an admissions counselor. During this time he applied to both Texas A&M and the Coast Guard Academy. After being accepted to both in that order, Wilson chose to accept his appointment to the academy and is hoping for an opportunity to be a helicopter pilot.

TAPS

*In
Memoriam*



Daniel E. Gomez

Army Spec. **Daniel E. Gomez**, 21, died in Adhamiyah, Iraq, July 18, when his vehicle was attacked by enemy forces. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. (Services were held in San Antonio, TX.) Gomez is a Warner Robins native and a 2004 graduate of Warner Robins High School, where he played football and was active in ROTC. He attended the Warner Robins

campus of GMC in 2005 before transferring to Texas A & M University on an ROTC scholarship.

Daniel is survived by his parents, Juan and Juanita Gomez, a 13-year-old brother and a sister Marian Gomez, also a former GMC-VR student and member of the Coast Guard. His father, who served in the Air Force, had this to say to a (Macon) Telegraph Reporter, "The fact that he was out there, doing his duty and doing something he liked makes it somewhat bearable. I know he made his peace with himself. The last time he was here, with all the violence going on over there, he still wanted to be there for his buddies. I feel he was preparing for this...He was a big-hearted person who took care of everybody, even the Iraqis. We didn't know how many lives he touched until we started receiving messages from people all over. It's a source of comfort knowing he was doing what he wanted to do."

Georgia Military College and the

GMC Alumni Association

extend our deepest sympathies to the families

of these alumni and friends.

Francis Edison Fowler (HS 1933, JC 1936) November 20, 2007

Woodrow Thomas Spivey (HS 1935) November 24, 2007

Marion Lavet Califf (HS 1940) January 13, 2008

Joseph Wheeler Harper, Jr. (HS 1940, JC 1942) October 15, 2007

Jacob Elijah Varn, Sr. (HS 1940, JC 1943) April 24, 2007

Charles Drill, Jr. (HS 1944) September 27, 2006

Sherman A. Morgan (HS 1944) 2007

Edward A. Hawkins (HS 1945) August 15, 2007

James P. Boyer (HS 1948) September, 2007

Dr. H. Wilbur Harper, Jr. (HS 1952) November 7, 2007

William Hinson Jordan (HS 1952) September 14, 2007

L. K. Sanders (HS 1953) December 24, 2007

Johnny E. Wheeler (JC 1964) May 16, 1996

Sandra A. Avant (JC 1993) March 4, 2008

Larry Heymann, former GMC faculty member, August 14, 2007

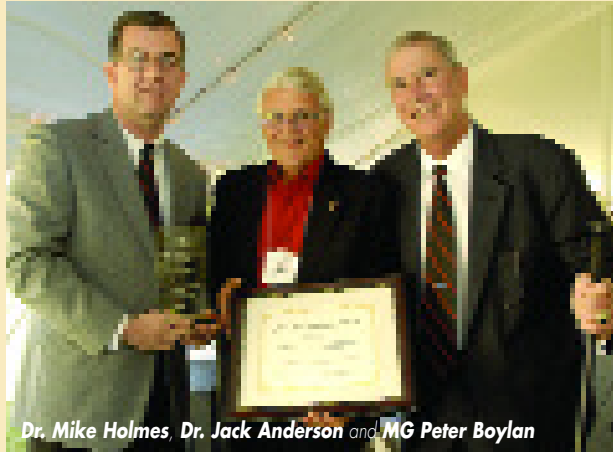
Paul Frederick Thiele, GMC Friend, November 27, 2007

Colonel James Thomas "Tom" Webb, former GMC Director of Admissions, January 22, 2008



Anderson Awarded Emeritus Status

In recognition of his service to GMC, **Dr. John "Jack" Anderson** was awarded the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculties Emeritus during the Alumni Weekend Awards Brunch this past October. From 1997 until his retirement in 2007, Dr. Anderson served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculties at Georgia Military College. In this position, he was responsible for the academic programming of Georgia Military College offered at six locations in Georgia and serving over 5,000 undergraduate students. Dr. Anderson was also responsible for providing guidance and direction in all academic affairs matters to the President of Georgia Military College and to five Distant Learning Center Directors and their Assistant Academic Deans.



Dr. Mike Holmes, Dr. Jack Anderson and MG Peter Boylan

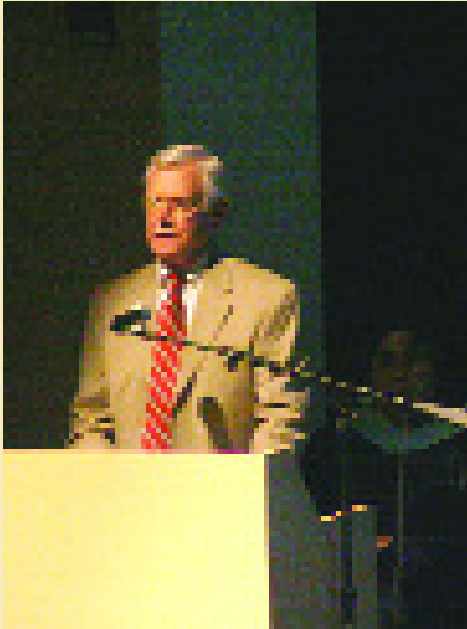
Prior to his time at GMC, Dr. Anderson's academic career included serving as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and as a member of the President's Cabinet at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Before that assignment he served as an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Department Chair and then as a full Professor and Division Chair of Political Science at LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. Dr. Anderson is also a Colonel, United States Air Force Reserve (retired) with military experience in the National Guard and Air Force Reserve Service, following his active duty assignments from 1964 until 1970 in the United States Air Force.

Will Robinson Memorial Road Race

This past year a new Alumni Association fundraising endeavor debuted. In partnership with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department, the Association now sponsors the Will Robinson Memorial Road Race. The Race was actually started in 1995 by **Richie Blevins** (JC 1995), a DARE officer in the Baldwin County school system, and was called a "Nope2Dope Run." The next year after Deputy **Will Robinson** (HS 1987) was killed in the line of duty, it was renamed the Will Robinson Memorial Road Race. At that time, Blevins enlisted help through the Milledgeville Junior Woman's Club (MJWC), and they and the Sheriff's Department became sponsoring partners. The race eventually became MJWC's main fundraiser with the money going to community projects, DARE, G.R.E.A.T., and the Will Robinson Scholarship at GMC. This past year in June the Milledgeville Junior Woman's Club disbanded leaving the Sheriff's Department and the race without a sponsoring partner. **Suzanne Martin Ratliff** (HS 1989) and Secretary of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, as well as a former member of the MJWC, had assisted with this race for almost all of the 12 years of its existence and did not want to see the race not go on. Suzanne approached the Alumni Executive Board about the GMC Alumni Association becoming a sponsoring partner and offered compelling reasons. "This is an event to remember someone from our community who lost his life serving that community; it is in memory of an alumnus of GMC; it is an event that gives back to the community; and

it is a family event for all ages in which anyone can participate." GMC had already been a strong supporter of the race through the school's participation, winning the spirit trophy over the last few years for the most students registered, so it seemed a natural, transitional step to the Alumni Executive Board that the Association become a sponsoring partner. With the deciding vote cast this past July, a new tradition was born. Tradition became reality with this year's race. Local Board members worked behind the scenes to prepare for race day and then were on hand to help with all that it takes to make an event "happen." A portion of the press release tells the story: Georgia Military College received the 2007 Will Robinson Race School Spirit Award during the road race held Saturday, November 17, 2007. GMC Running and Cross Country Coach Stacie Goggans said, "GMC cadets, siblings, teachers and parents, ranging from GMC middle school through GMC junior college, participated in the race this year and this marks the seventh consecutive year that GMC has won the School Spirit Award." And "the rest of the story" is that as a sponsoring partner, the Alumni Association will receive 50% of the money raised, and those dollars will be added to the scholarship fund of the 1879 Circle of Friends. The Sheriff's department will make their donation to the Will Robinson Scholarship from their funds as usual.

Alumnus Speaks at Convocation



Georgia Military College held the junior college convocation on Thursday, September 20 in the Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts. **Dr. George Echols**, (HS 1948, JC 1950), presented the convocation address.

The Old Capitol Guards Drill Team of Georgia Military College recently participated in the annual Auburn University Invitational Drill meet.

Cadet/Major Dennis Chavez, pictured performing during Alumni Weekend, earned first place in the Individual Exhibition. GMC's Color Guard took third place and the Drill Team and Color Guard earned an overall third place finish for all schools participating.



Mr. Ralph L. Wildy, Associate Professor of Mathematics at the GMC Augusta Campus was recognized as the Vulcan Materials Teaching Excellence award recipient during the fall Faculty Assembly.



The Vulcan Materials Teaching Excellence Award recognizes exceptional teaching, mentoring and service to the college student body, and to successful accomplishment of GMC's mission in higher education.

Mr. Ralph Wildy is a native of Missouri and earned his Bachelor of Science in

Education degree from Southeast Missouri State University. His Masters in Education was earned from Boston University. He served for ten years in the United States Army and then taught for eight years with the Department of Defense Schools in Europe after which he returned to GMC-Augusta 2002. Mr. Wildy is certified to reach all GMC math courses. He is active in the tutoring and advising programs and represents GMC at numerous mathematics workshops and conferences throughout the United States. His specialty at these conferences is to demonstrate incorporation of technology into the mathematics classroom.

Mr. Bill Usery (JC 1940) spoke with the junior college color guard during a visit to campus in the fall. Mr. Usery presented each of them with a signed copy of the constitution. He is pictured with the color guard and then again with Cadet Eugene Jones.



Character Above All!

BY MAJ LINDA BROWN

The words "DUTY," "HONOR," "COUNTRY" echo every morning outside the Old Capitol building in response to the Battalion Commander's prompt of "three words to live by" during the GMC Prep School morning formation.

These words highlight the values that are so very important to the mission of GMC. Character education has always been an integral part of the GMC experience. To help reinforce the true meaning of the words that the cadets shout every morning, GMC has continued to expand its day-to-day character education program. In addition to the Word of the Week program, the school now has a theme of the month that ties the words Duty, Honor and County to the Words of the Week. To highlight the theme of the month, the Prep School undertakes projects designed and implemented jointly by the faculty and students. September's theme was HONOR. In support of this theme, the Prep School honor council visited each classroom and reminded students of the importance of the cadet honor code to each of them as individuals, to the school, and to the community. Each cadet was then asked to write the honor code out in his own handwriting and to sign his name indicating his commitment to uphold it in everything he does. The faculty took these signed cards and mounted them in a Wall of Honor display that could be seen on a daily basis by all cadets. These new projects have already had a tremendous effect on students as is evident by the following incident that took place in my geometry classroom several weeks ago. Although I am very proud of the individuals who were involved in this incident, the names of the cadets have been changed so as to not embarrass any of my students.

As I was teaching a lesson one day, I noticed a cadet in the back of the room busily "searching" for something in her purse. When her actions did not subside, I realized that she was probably "texting" someone on her cell phone. It is school policy that cell phones are turned off before students come into a classroom, and I have an additional publicized policy that any cadet caught using a cell phone in class will have his phone taken away and be assigned two hours of bullring. At that point, I commented to the cadet that surely she was not texting in my class. She responded "Yes, ma'am." I then asked her to bring the phone up to me, in front of the class, and reminded her of the consequences. As Cadet Katie was walking towards me, Cadet Dean said to her, "Why didn't you lie? She would have never known." Before Cadet Katie or I could respond, another student, Cadet Robert, quickly responded by saying that Cadet Katie had to tell the truth; it was part of the GMC code and especially since they



Honor Code Wall in Zell Miller Hall displaying the hand-written signed honor codes of every high school student in the Prep School

had all just written out the honor code and signed their names to it. Other students started chiming in as well affirming Cadet Robert's response. Cadet Billy noted that our signatures were displayed for all to see and that it would have been a mockery of the exercise they had just done two weeks ago of writing out the code and signing their names to uphold it. I allowed the cadets to continue talking and was just amazed at some of the things that were being said. Amazed in a good way, I should say. Ideas such as everyone knew we had an honor code, but now that we had written it out and signed our names to it, we would be breaking a legal contract if we did anything against the code so we could get in bigger trouble. It was fun to let the cadets talk for a couple of minutes sharing their ideas on the situation. Interestingly enough, no student came out with negative comments about the Honor Code Wall display. When the conversation died down, I took the

opportunity to revisit the issue of why living honorably is important in every facet of life, not just as students. I shared with them personal stories of situations that I encountered in my first career working as a mathematician and analyst. I saw many a good man or woman's career or reputation ruined over someone being less than honest or acting unethically in the workplace. We also talked about some of the hurt to others when someone seemingly got away with a lie. We talked about trust and letting someone down and how it makes people feel. There were some snickers and laughs as certain topics came up, but in the end, it was probably one of the best lessons of the week - for all of us! I have a newfound respect for my students and realized that the little things that we do as part of the Character Education program have a much bigger impact than we think. At the end of the day, Cadet Katie came to retrieve her cell phone from me. She had tears in her eyes and was apologizing for what she had done. She assured me it would never happen again. We talked about the events of the day and I thanked her for her honesty in the situation. I decided to waive the two hours of bullring because I truly believed that both Cadet Katie and every other cadet in the class got much more out of the five minute discussion that ensued than any other consequence or punishment that could have given.

MAJ Linda Brown is a mathematics instructor with the GMC Prep School.

GMC Student Athletes - All American

The 2007 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 nationally televised 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 are the GMC student-athletes who made the distinguished title of All-American:

- Pat Wilkinson:** 1st Team NJCAA Tight End and 1st Team J.C. Grid-Wire Tight End
- Lionel Mapp:** 1st Team NJCAA Offensive Line and 2nd Team J.C. Grid-Wire Offensive Line
- Joei Fiegler:** 1st Team NJCAA Punter
- Rashad McRae:** 2nd Team NJCAA Defensive Back
- Leroy Burgess:** Honorable Mention NJCAA Defensive Line
- Markeith Wylie:** 1st Team J.C. Grid-Wire Academic All-American Defensive Line

GMC J.C. Football Alum Wins Award

Georgia Tech's and GMC J.C. Football Alum Durant Brooks was named the 2007 Ray Guy Award winner for his efforts as the nation's premier punter. Mr. Brooks punted for the Bulldogs during the 2003, 2004, seasons. After his time at GMC, Durant moved on to Georgia Tech. Upon his arrival on the Ramblin' Wreck campus, he became a punting sensation for the Yellow Jackets. Durant averaged 45.4 yards per punt during his career at Georgia Tech. The Ray Guy Award is an award given annually to the nation's top punter

in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Mr. Brooks recently was a participant in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala. The Senior Bowl is for the top graduating, senior, collegiate all-stars. This showcase allows them to display their talents for National Football League (NFL) coaches and scouts. Durant performed magnificently in this all-star classic, which almost cements him as a future NFL punter.

JUCO Softball Team Fall Was a Success

The GMC Junior College women's softball team had a very successful fall quarter both in the classroom and on the softball field.

On the field the team is composed of 2 returning sophomores, 1 transfer sophomore and 12 freshman. The team improved a great deal from the first tournament in September to our last tournament at the end of October.

With a little break over the holidays, the team will begin practice in January and our season will start in February. Please check our game schedule on our softball website as we hope to see you at our home games.

In the classroom, 13 of 15 players on the team had above a 3.0 GPA. Six student-athletes had a 4.0 GPA and six, over a 3.5. The overall fall team GPA was 3.6.

2007- 2008 GMC Junior College Bulldogs Signees

The 2007 GMC Junior College Bulldog football team yet again set another standard of excellence when 20 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. A number of these individuals were mid-year signees, those who graduated from GMC in December of 2007. These individuals have already enrolled in their respective colleges. The following 20 individuals who are moving forward from GMC are:

Donsay Hardeman (Mid-year) - University of Illinois
Leroy Burgess (Mid-year) - North Carolina State University
(NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American Defensive Line)
Akeem Hebron (Mid-year) - University of Georgia
Roddell Carter (Mid-year) - University of Alabama-Birmingham
Jarriel King - University of South Carolina
Malcolm Bennett (Mid-year) - Appalachian State University
Markeith Wylie - Georgia Southern University
(1st Team J.C. Grid-Wire Academic All-American Defensive Line)

Pat Wilkinson (Mid-year) - University of Tennessee Chattanooga
(1st Team NJCAA & 1st Team J.C. Grid-Wire All-American Tight End)

Josh Beard - University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

Lionel Mapp - Alabama State University
(1st Team NJCAA & 2nd Team J.C. Grid-Wire All-American Offensive Line)

Aaron Wheeler - Alabama State University

Tim Moore - Alabama State University

Emanuel Drake - Alabama State University

Dexter Fountain - Mississippi Valley State University

Brian Holder - Mississippi Valley state University

Anderson Hurd (Mid-year) - University of Louisiana-Monroe

Carlton Fears (Mid-year) - North Carolina A&T University

Chris Spivey (Mid-year) - Samford University

Devon Hayes (Mid-year) - Jacksonville State University

Jeff Banks (Mid-year) - Northwest Oklahoma State University



2007 GMC Junior College Bulldogs

The 2007 GMC Junior College Bulldogs concluded their regular season on Saturday, November 10, at historic Davenport field with a convincing 35-13 victory over the Lackawanna College Falcons. With the Bulldog's victory, they continued their winning streak of eight consecutive victories. Their final regular season record of 9-1 landed them in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Football poll as the #4 ranked team in America. Because of their strong finish and national ranking, the Bulldogs went bowling on December 8, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, at the Pilgrim's Pride Bowl Classic. The Bulldogs played Navarro College out of Corsicana, TX, in front of a nationally televised audience on FOX Sports Southwest. The Pilgrim's Pride Bowl Classis was the only Junior College football game of its kind that was televised. The Bulldogs came up short, but definitely represented Georgia Military College to the fullest on national television. They finished the 2007 season with a 9-2 record, and the #9 ranked team in the country.

On September 8, the Bulldogs lost a heart breaker to Trinity Valley Community College in double overtime. However, the Bulldogs recouped and showed that they were a team that possessed a tremendous amount of character, pride, and desire, as they went on an eight game winning streak. During that win streak, the Bulldog Offense averaged a whopping 40 points a game, and had two contests against Troy University J.V. and Valdosta State J.V., in which they scored 52 points in each contest. The Bulldogs Defense shined as well, as they posted four shutouts and only gave up an average of 8.5 points per game.

The Bulldog Offense was guided this year by employing a two quarter back system that enabled both young men to attack defenses by using their strengths. Freshman Joei Fiegler and Sophomore Carlton Fears provided the Bulldogs with a rushing and passing attack. Fiegler used his passing abilities to amass nearly a 1,000 yards though the air. Fiegler completed 63 percent of his passes and only threw 4 interceptions on the year. Fears used his legs that kept defenses off guard when he was quarterbacking the offense. Fears accounted

for 700 yards of offense this year, and definitely made defenses have to account for him because of his running abilities. The running game for the Bulldogs also proved effective throughout the year as well. GMC was fortunate to have a stable of running backs that allowed the offense to amass 2,168 yards rushing on the ground this year. Freshman, James Poe, led the way with 505 yards rushing and 9 touchdowns. Sophomore, Jarell Crawford, accounted for 453 yards rushing and 8 touchdowns. Freshman, Fernando Pitts, also had 379 yards respectively with 4 touchdowns. The Bulldog Offense also had 1,541 yards receiving through the air. Freshman, Chaleb Ravenell, caught 7 touchdown passes and

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had 345 yards receiving. Sophomore, Emanuel Drake, hauled in 16 passes for 260 yards, one touchdown, and provided leadership for a rather young receiving corp. Lastly, Sophomore, All-American, Tight End, Patrick Wilkinson, had another solid year for the Bulldogs as he battled his way through injuries all season and ended the year with 220 yards receiving.

The Bulldogs Defense, which employs the 3-5-3 Defensive scheme, had another impressive year against their opponents. The defense only allowed 11.2 points per game, and held four of their opponents to a scoreless ending. The rush defense ended the season by allowing a mere 345 yards rushing the entire year, and that total should put them as the number one or two team in the country in rush defense. The defense was also stout against the pass by giving up only 156 yards per game. As a result, the Bulldog defense should once again be ranked

as one of the top five defenses in the country. Turnovers have always been a staple of the Bulldog defense, and this year was no difference. The defense created 35 of them. There were 16 fumble recoveries and 19 interceptions. The defense was led this year by a host of individuals who had superlative performances. Freshman defensive back, Rashad McRae, led the team in tackles with 57, had one fumble recovery and two interceptions, and tied for second on the team with 6 sacks. Sophomore defensive linemen, Malcolm Bennett, Josh Beard, Markeith Wylie, and Leroy Burgess all provided a formidable defensive front that made it extremely difficult for offenses to penetrate. They were all instrumental in the defense's 105 tackle for losses and 56 sacks. Between the four of them they had 32.5 tackle for losses and 20.5 sacks. Markeith Wylie led the defense with 10 sacks on the year. Sophomore linebackers, Tony Murray, 41 tackles, and Jeff Banks, 31 tackles, were second and fourth on the team in tackles respectively. Linebacker, Tony Straughter, had a fine freshman outing posting 29.5 tackles on the year. In the secondary, Sophomore defensive backs Brian Holder and Donsay Hardeman provided sound leadership. Hardeman had three interceptions and returned one of them for a touchdown, and Holder had two. Freshman, defensive back Taikwon Paige, had a nice first collegiate year and led the team with five interceptions.

The 2007 season was once again a successful one for the Bulldogs. Head Coach Bert Williams and his staff continually set and maintain high standards for their young men to follow. These individuals, who stuck it out through many trials and tribulations, morning conditioning sessions, and an extremely tough summer work out program and pre-season camp, were rewarded by playing in the 2007 Pilgrim's Pride Bowl Classic in Mt. Pleasant, TX. Because of the hard work of the players, the GMC Football Program has established itself as a leader in junior college football through its character and discipline.

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