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On the Cover: Harry the Highlander, Gordon State's costumed mascot, made his debut on campus in April. Managed by Student Activities, he makes appearances during events on and off campus. Photo by Tamara Boatwright.

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DEDICATION

When Ellis Mosley came to Alumni Weekend 2016, he, like many other alumni, hoped to reunite with old friends. Unfortunately, with so many years having gone by, this didn't happen. He was the only one present from Gordon Military College's Class of 1942.

If he was disappointed, he didn't show it. Instead he showed an interest in the present-day Gordon, asking questions, and reflecting upon the answers through the lens of his 92-year-old memories. He had seen much of Gordon even as a child, since his father was a math professor at Gordon Military Institute, Gordon's formal name in the 1920s when the school was situated on the city block that is now home to the Barnesville-Lamar County Library.

It was his firsthand knowledge of Gordon's and Barnesville's past that drew the attention of the *President's Report*, but it was his warmth and humor that made him such a pleasure to speak with during the weekend and later by phone.

He not only witnessed President Roosevelt's dedication of the Lamar Electric Cooperative in 1938, he witnessed the destruction of



Ellis Parker Mosley

the Methodist Church by fire on Thomaston Street the same year.

He was a member of the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Theater in World War II, which was one of the first two divisions sent in to occupy Japan after it surrendered. A fuller telling of his story is in the 2016 edition of the *President's Report*.

In November, Ellis' eldest son Ken notified the magazine's editor of his father's death.

"Thank you for the heartwarming article," Ken wrote in an email. "You made an old man, and a great man, feel so good about his final visit home, and his place in the history of Gordon. He had an unquenchable affinity and enduring respect for the institution and the memories it provided for him."

It is with sadness that Gordon marks the passing of Ellis Mosley with this dedication, but it is with thanks that we got to know him for just a bit.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I first addressed you here in the 2012 *President's Report*, and with this 2017 issue I address you for the last time as president of Gordon State College. I will be retiring at the end of the fall 2017 semester.

Throughout my tenure as president I have frequently said that the reason we faculty and staff are at Gordon is to serve our students. But without financial support from you, our alumni, our work at Gordon would be seriously cut.

Just consider how much you have contributed to the Founder's Day Scholarship Fund. Our event in March raised \$53,000. In its fourth year, this event has grown the Founder's Day Scholarship Fund to more than \$164,000.

Last academic year, the GSC Foundation awarded \$345,010 to deserving students applying to 104 different scholarships.

This amount is impressive not just for its size, but also for how our Foundation manages your donations.

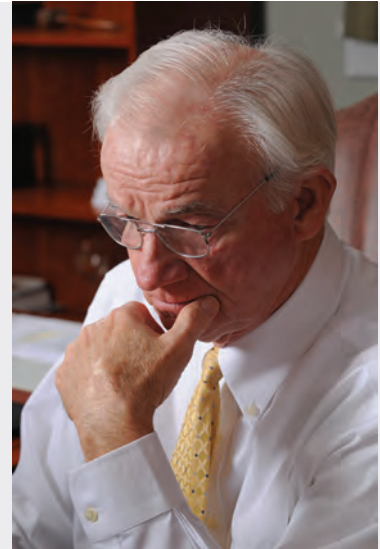
Every year, Gordon State College participates in a survey conducted by the Council for Aid to Education, as do all University System of Georgia schools. It is called the Voluntary Support of Education survey, and it is known as "the authoritative national source of data on charitable giving to higher-education and private K-12 institutions."

While it is interesting to know that the College participates in the survey, of more interest is a February 18 report by *MarketWatch* about the most recent VSE survey. Gordon State College ranks 7th in the top 10 "colleges devoting the highest share of their dollars to financial aid," spending 75 percent of donations made to its Foundation on financial aid for students. Compare this to another statistic in the *MarketWatch* report: most schools, on average, spend only 16 percent of the money donated to them on helping students financially.

I am very proud of these numbers, and I am grateful to all of you who have supported Gordon over the years. I hope you will continue to be as generous with the next administration.

I will miss meeting you during Alumni Weekend, and I will remember the many kindnesses you have shown me over the years. I could not have had a better group of alumni than you.

I sincerely thank you all,



A handwritten signature of Max Burns in blue ink. The signature is stylized, with the first name 'Max' clearly visible and the last name 'Burns' written in a cursive script.

**Max Burns, President
Gordon State College**



The *Fifth* Generation

by Peter Boltz

Lauren Morgan Clowe remembers returning to visit the Gordon State College campus at the end of summer 2015, in large part because she came with her son Ross during a new student orientation. Another reason the visit is fresh in her mind is because it was the first time she had stepped onto campus since she graduated from Gordon in 1982.



Reid, Mitch, Lauren and Ross Clowe at their home in Milner, Georgia. At their feet is their 6-year-old beagle, Boone, who decided to get into the photograph all on his own.

On their way across the college green, she considered Lambdin Hall and then Smith Hall, and she felt a familiarity the years had not erased. As much as the campus had changed, as much as Gordon had changed, she realized the significant bond between Gordon and her family.

One moment she was thinking “four generations of my family have been inside these buildings,” and the next she was thinking Ross was going to be the fifth.

The first of these five generations is Lauren’s great-grandmother and namesake, Mamie Adel Martin Crawley, married to Charles Crawley of Milner. (He was a council member of the newly rechartered city of Milner in 1912, which took the place of the first charter in 1880.) Mamie, whose father, Dr. Joseph Gilmore Martin, brought his family to Milner from Camp Hill, Alabama, was the first in the family to graduate from Gordon in 1897 when it was known as Gordon Institute. She taught music at Gordon and Milner High School after graduating, and she also became a mother to a son, Hugh Douglas Crawley, in 1902.

Hugh matriculated to the University of Georgia after graduating from Gordon Institute in 1920, and after attending UGA, he was hired by the credit reporting company Bradstreet, which would merge in 1933 with R.G. Dun & Company to become today’s Dun & Bradstreet. But he never saw 1933; he died of tuberculosis in 1929 during a visit with his parents in Milner. He left behind a wife and a daughter, Patsy Ruth Crawley Morgan, who was born in West Palm Beach when her father worked there for Bradstreet’s.

Patsy graduated from Gordon in 1947 and was married to J. Wendell Morgan of Morgan Dairy Farms; she worked as a bookkeeper and a housewife.

Lauren Mamie Morgan Clowe is the fourth generation of Gordon graduates and daughter to Patsy, and is married to Mitch Clowe, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. She has the distinction of having been born on the Gordon campus in a clinic that now houses the Gordon State College Department of Public Safety. She graduated from Gordon in 1982, from the University of Georgia in 1984, and started to work for Delta Air Lines in 1984 in information technology.

Lauren and Mitch’s two sons, Ross and Reid, make the fifth generation of the family to come to Gordon. Ross will graduate in fall 2017, his last semester and Reid’s first semester. They are scheduled to attend a class together in fall 2017. After graduation, Ross will attend UGA, the fourth generation of the family to do so.

Such a longtime association with Gordon has seen the family change and the college change, but as Lauren said, “Each generation was excited to have an option for higher education so close to home. Had Gordon not been so near, it’s quite possible neither Mamie nor her granddaughter Patsy would have received a higher education.”

Add the value the family places on higher education to the proximity of Gordon to Milner, and you will come to understand what Lauren realized the day she accompanied her son on a campus visit in 2015 – her family’s five generations of Gordon graduates is remarkable.

From top to bottom: Mamie Adel Martin Crawley's diploma from Gordon Institute dated June 16, 1897; Mamie Adel Martin Crawley; Hugh Crawley, and Patsy Ruth Crawley Morgan.



“Gordon is recognized by the community, by local schools and also by my family as a quality institution,” she said. “Even before I had children, I knew I was going to send them to Gordon.”

She was of this mind even before she and her family moved to Milner from McDonough where she and Mitch lived in closer proximity to their work places. For Lauren, it was Delta Air Lines; for Mitch it was Dobbins Air Reserve Base. She has worked for Delta in information technology for 33 years, and in May 2016 he retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel, having served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After 34 years in the Air Force, he is now settling into the job of husbanding the family’s bit of what was Lauren’s father’s original dairy, Morgan Dairy, which later expanded and moved to Morgan Dairy Road.

The dairy may be gone, but the fields adjacent to their home are still farmed, a big red barn stands about a hundred yards from the house, and Mitch is seriously considering buying a tractor.

Lauren’s father, J. Wendell Morgan, came to Milner in the 1930s, but her great-great-grandfather, Joseph Gilmore Martin came from Camp Hill, Alabama, to marry Mattie Frances Duncan in 1877 in Milner’s Baptist Church.

At this time, Milner wasn’t yet a city recognized by the state of Georgia. Rather, it was a station along the route of the Macon and Western Railroad. This rail line brought Confederate casualties from the battle for Atlanta to be treated in Milner.

The first census figures are from 1880, the year the Georgia Legislature chartered Milner as a city. It had 442 residents. In 2010, the census recorded 610 residents.

It may be, as Lauren has thought, that nothing really changes in Milner. Perhaps in another 130 years, the city will add another 168 residents, which is unlikely to trigger any sea change for the city and its inhabitants. Perhaps this is the very reason people come home to it – for the quiet and unhurried pace of a farming community.

Nourished by family, Milner, and yes Gordon too, perhaps the day will come when Ross and Reid will return from their post-graduate sojourns as did their forebears and send a sixth generation of their family to Gordon.

Meeting Students More Than Halfway

DR. RAYNIE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE
HIS STUDENTS ARE COMING FROM

by Tamara Boatwright

Gordon State College Professor of English Steve Raynie gets simple, but complete, satisfaction from teaching.

“It’s the success of the student,” he said. “I like to see the looks on their faces when they get it.”

But there for a while, before he entered a classroom as an instructor, it was the look of pepperoni, cheese and sausage on perfectly browned pizza dough that pleased him.

“I got a little sidetracked after college and went to work for Domino’s Pizza in 1984,” he said.

Something must have clicked because by 1987 he was a franchise operator in Denver and a few years later owned a franchise in Kansas City.

But life has a way of throwing curve balls and in 1996 his wife, at 29, died of breast cancer leaving him with a young son.

Needing a change he went back to school at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. It was there, in a creative writing class that he admits he signed up for in order to meet women, that he met Joanne.

“Love at first sight,” he said with a grin.

From then on it was no longer pizzas, but books and classes and eventually a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

He and Joanne and their blended brood, which now totals six ranging in age from 7 to 29, ended up in Barnesville in 2001.



Raynie, who joined the faculty that same year, specializes in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature and English/Language Arts Pedagogy. His teaching fields include composition, pedagogy, British literature surveys, Renaissance British literature and Eighteenth-Century British literature.

And while some pooh-pooh a degree in English, Raynie will point out that 2012 presidential candidate Mitt Romney, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and former Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan were all English majors.

To perfect his teaching methods, Raynie decided to try and learn how students learn. So he took a class in a language not easily spoken by many – mathematics.

“It’s important to understand where they are coming from,” Raynie said of students. “And knowing how they learn makes me a better instructor.”

Raynie’s penchant for learning how students learn earned him the 2017 Felton Jenkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award for state colleges from the University System of Georgia.



Left: Steve Raynie was joined by his wife, Joanne, the night he received the 2017 Felton Jenkins Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Award. Right: Raynie consults with the Humanities academic services assistant, Creché Navarro.

“The committee felt that it was evident in your teaching statement, letters, and artifacts that not only are you dedicated to the success of your students, but you have thoughtfully designed your courses to support and encourage their growth as students and individuals,” said Robert E. Anderson, interim executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the University System of Georgia, in a letter to Raynie.

“For example, students mentioned not only their learning, but learning how to learn in your classroom,” Anderson said. “Your commitment is further supported by your accessibility to all students, and your recognition of the importance of one-on-one interactions with students who may need extra help. The committee also noted that you have spent your career at Gordon State supporting student success and modeling your teaching to best meet the needs of your students.”

Gordon State College President Max Burns admires

Raynie’s dedication to teaching, the College and its students.

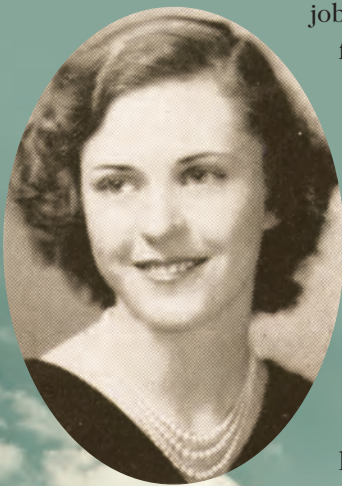
“Dr. Steve Raynie is an exemplary scholar/teacher. His ability to innovate and utilize engaging techniques to enhance the learning process is amazing,” said Burns. “The best part about Steve’s work is that he shares his ideas and techniques enthusiastically with colleagues so students can benefit from his efforts even when they may be in another faculty member’s course.”

Raynie was deeply humbled to be recognized.

“We are here to serve the students,” he said. “It’s their success that makes our work worthwhile. Anyone we admit here has the potential to be successful.”

And his advice to students, whether they are English majors, math majors or undecided: “Just work really hard, work to your maximum ability. Good things don’t happen to people by accident; it takes work to get anywhere.”

Seeing the World



Callie Daniel wanted to see the world, so she left her home in Georgia, eschewing a job in neighboring South Carolina for a job a goodly distance across the continental 48, San Diego, California. The year was 1945, and although Nazi Germany had surrendered, the war with Imperial Japan still raged.

Born in Barnesville in 1922, Callie was but 6 when her father died and her mother moved her and her two younger sisters to her brother's in Molena, Georgia. This was Callie's Uncle John Dunn.

She remembers Molena as a very small village with unpaved roads where her uncle owned the town's only cotton gin and several farms, and bought coal wholesale by the freight car load to sell retail.

"He was a terrific and successful businessman," she said, "and he helped us during the depression."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a big source of entertainment in Molena when she was a girl. In his travels between Washington and Warm Springs where he sought relief from his polio, his train went through Molena, coming and going.

With enough notice of his passing through, teachers would let their students out to the depot and wave at him as the train went by. He'd be at his window waving back, according to Callie.

Both her mother, the youngest of 12 children, and her uncle knew the value of a good education. Her mother had





Top: Callie (middle front row) was president of Gordon's Junior Three Arts Club. Middle: The senior high school play, *Anybody's Game*, featured Callie (third from left back row) in a starring role. Bottom: Callie in her early 20s.

been to college and set up the library in Molena High School. Her uncle had not been to college, but he put action behind what he valued, serving on the Molena school board and helping two of his sister's children to earn college degrees.

Wanting Callie to be well educated, the two of them collaborated to send her to Gordon Military College for her senior high school year. Her Uncle Maxie Dunn in Barnesville also joined in, taking her into his and his wife's home on Georgia Avenue. In 1938, Georgia Avenue dead ended near the front of Lambdin Hall, a straight shot from the Dunn home to the cadet bugler's post. The sound of his playing taps, signaling lights out, is a favorite memory of hers, as are her professors, which she called "marvelous teachers."

"Marion Bush, for one," she said, "and a chemistry professor whose name I cannot remember. However, I do remember Miss Marion opened the door to poetry and Shakespeare for me."

She was senior class valedictorian when she graduated from Gordon Military High School and had the female lead in the senior play in 1939. She thinks this is what got the attention of the president of Shorter College (now Shorter University) as he made a tour through Georgia looking to recruit freshmen for Shorter's next academic year.

The stars aligned because he offered her a scholarship, and Shorter, at the time, was an all-female college, something her mother strongly favored. As for any additional expenses, her Uncle John offered to cover them.

She again had wonderful professors, especially her first history professor, Clara Kellogg, whom she remembered readily even after so many years. It was Kellogg who helped Callie, undecided up until then, to decide to major in history.

From what she recalls of her professor, Kellogg had travelled widely after World War I and so brought her lectures to life with things that she had seen firsthand. Her history classes were likely one of the experiences that prompted her to see the world.

On her way home on her first Christmas break from Shorter, she traveled through Atlanta during the city's three-day celebration leading up to the premier of *Gone with the Wind* the evening of Dec. 15, 1939, at Loew's Grand Theater. She remembers the store window displays along Peachtree Street not only had Christmas themes but also costumes from the movie. Everyone wanted to see the movie, she said, and she got her chance after she returned to Shorter, going with friends in downtown Rome.

With her bachelor's in hand in 1943, she moved to Zebulon, the county seat of Pike County, to live with her mother who had been hired as the county's director of social services. Callie herself had been hired to teach history and civics in the local high school, which she did for a year until she entered the library science baccalaureate program at Emory University in Atlanta. The program was only a year long because students were required to already have a bachelor's degree to be accepted.

Going to Emory worked out well for Callie because she was able to live with her Aunt Kate, her father's sister, and commute to school by streetcar.

At the end of the academic year, she had a bachelor's in library science, a newly revised resume, and, of course, her desire to see the world.

However, before graduation she had spoken with a woman sent to Emory to specifically recruit librarians to serve, as civilians, at naval installations. She received her first offer from the Navy soon after graduation to go to South Carolina, but the location didn't interest her. Then she received another telegram within a week of the first, and this time the offer was for the Naval Hospital in San Diego. Her mother objected to her going so far away, fearing she'd never see her daughter again, but Callie wouldn't be persuaded to stay nearby. She wanted "to go someplace."

In those days, it took the train four days or more to reach California from Georgia, and for the length of the trip, she didn't set eyes on a newspaper. When she finally did after getting off the train in Los Angeles, the news everywhere was "what it means to live in an atomic world."

Her news blackout had been so complete on the train that she did not know the United States had dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and another one on Nagasaki three days later.

As dramatic as this news was, she still had one more leg of the trip to take, a three-hour bus ride from Los Angeles to her library job at the Naval Hospital in San Diego. Sitting on the right side of the bus, she had an unobstructed view of the Pacific Ocean and the Southern California coastline, which she called "spectacular."

"I was fascinated by the Pacific, and seeing it I just knew life would be so different and wonderful from then on. I couldn't believe I was so lucky."

She discovered that the hospital was just across the street from Balboa Park, 1,200 acres of open space, gardens, museums, and the San Diego Zoo. During the war, the Navy used its buildings, like the House of Hospitality, as nurses' quarters, hospital wards, and training facilities. Callie remembers that a reflection pool in the park was used for hydrotherapy, and movies were shown free in the park's outdoor theater to patients and personnel on weekend nights.

The hospital had a large library, a medical library, and small satellite libraries in the different wards. She was



Top: Callie with Charlie Boorkman at Cal State Long Beach in 1963.
Bottom: On the job at Cal State Long Beach, circa 1980.

in charge of one of the ward libraries, although her duties took her into any of the wards where she interacted with patients, loaning out books from a cart. On one of these "mobile library" excursions, she was surprised by one of the patients.

"Ain't you Miss Daniel?" he asked.

Why yes, she said, but she had no idea who he was.

"I was one of your students at Zebulon High School. I'm just back from being wounded in the Navy."

With literally thousands of patients in the hospital, this was nothing more than an act of chance, but still an amazing one.

When the Japanese surrendered, "the town went wild," she said, "with people cheering and the street cars packed with people."

For her V-J Day celebration, Callie took a car tour around the city, care of one Charles Boorkman, an ambulatory patient who also worked as a librarian at the hospital. He and his wife had parked their car as part of the war effort to conserve gasoline, but with the war over, rationing was forgotten and gas stations let their pumps





One of Callie's fondest memories is helping to build the house in La Mesa, California, that she and her husband lived in.

run. The three of them and other friends went sight-seeing.

Navy casualties lessened, and patients were transferred closer to hospitals nearer their homes, so a little less than a year after taking the job in San Diego, she was laid off. Fortunately San Diego State University needed a librarian, and she was hired almost immediately after her Navy job ended. It was at San Diego State that she met and married Jack Becker, an Army Air Force veteran who had been at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked in 1942. The two of them built a home in La Mesa, 9 miles from downtown San Diego, and an even shorter distance from San Diego State University.

"It was up on a hill," she said, "and you could see La Jolla from the deck." She was also able to see what so fascinated her from a bus window when she first arrived in California, the Pacific Ocean.

When California State University, Long Beach was established in 1949, Boorkman was hired as library director, building a library of 5,000+ volumes and 250 subscriptions before the end of the school's first academic year. In addition to building a collection, he also needed to build a staff of librarians. Knowing Callie's credentials, he hired her away from San Diego State.

As time went on, she earned a master's degree in library science in 1968 from the University of Southern California, served on the board of governors of USC's General Alumni Association, served as president of the

California Library Association, Southern District, and participated in many other professional activities.

She also spent part of the summers of 1962-1964 giving seminars on censorship at Arizona State University. In an article in *The Arizona Republic*, she said, "I would paraphrase Clark Kerr of the University of California in noting that we should make people safe for ideas, not ideas safe for people."

It is no wonder she is listed in *Who's Who of American Women 1970-1973* and *Who's Who in the West 1970-1975* and *Foremost Women in Communications 1970*.

She enjoyed driving, crossing the country with her husband to see her mother in Georgia.

"It took four or five days," she said, "and it was a wonderful way to see the country."

The next time she drove across the country was for her niece's wedding, and this she did with her sister Elizabeth.

Although she did not like to fly, she endured it to travel to Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Asked recently if she thought she had gotten to see the world like she said she wanted in 1945, she replied with a simple "yes."

But it was a qualified yes – she still wants to travel and see more.

"My life really began at Gordon," she said, "and it has been wonderful ever since."

THE FIRST SCHOLARS

They are among the best of the best, a cohort of area high school students selected to be the first Gordon State College Presidential Scholars starting fall semester 2017.

"We started with 130 applicants and kept evaluating until we got the final group down to 10 but were so impressed with the group we decided to add two more," Gordon State College President Max Burns told the Scholars, their parents and GSC faculty during a reception welcoming them to campus. "We are so glad you are here. You won't get lost in the crowd. You will have the opportunity to get to know us."

The Scholars, their high schools and intended majors include: Natalie Neill, Northside High School, education; Kazuya Gatlin, Spalding High School, undecided; Manuella Martins, Upson-Lee High School, nursing; Tori Smith, Jackson High School, biology; Meghan Butler, Eagles Landing High School, nursing; Katie Maddox, Jackson High School, biology; Madie Green, Loganville High School, nursing; Mackenzie Kirk, Pike County High School, biology; Taylor Dykes, Bleckley County High School, nursing; Genevieve Chan, McIntosh High School, mathematics; Michael Meason, Newnan High School, biology; and Rebekah Ostrom, Ola High School, education.

Gordon Honors student Katherine Crawford also greeted the group telling them to not "let your fear ruin your experience here." She spoke of how becoming involved in the Honors Program helped her to get involved in activities on campus and meet new people.



Gordon's Presidential Scholars include: Natalie Neill, Manuella Martins, Kazuya Gatlin, Meghan Butler, Tori Smith, Katie Maddox, Madie Green, Mackenzie Kirk, Taylor Dykes, Genevieve Chan, and Michael Meason; not shown, Rebekah Ostrom.

"I'm here if you need me," she said.

Mackenzie Kirk, who will soon graduate from Pike County High School, plans to major in biology and hopes to become a physical therapist.

"I'm really excited about coming to school here," she said. "I look forward to the challenge that college-level classes will offer me."

Michael Meason will play baseball for the Highlanders in the fall and pursue a degree in biology. He wants to follow his parents, Teresa and Michael Sr., into the medical field and would like to become a respiratory therapist.

The group includes four students who want to study nursing, four with an interest in biology, two who want to teach, one who is into

mathematics and one who hasn't yet decided his path.

"I just want to see what interests me," said Kazuya Gatlin, a graduate of Spalding High School. "I look forward to the challenge of college classes and deciding what eventually interests me."

As Presidential Scholars, the students will represent Gordon State College at events on and off campus, receive a scholarship, a designated and much coveted parking space, special recognition at graduation and other accolades as the program grows.

"I'm so excited," said Natalie Neill who wants to become an educator. "I look forward to college life and becoming involved in the Honors Program. I appreciate the opportunity that Gordon has offered me."

Outstanding Scholar Headed for Nebraska

by Tamara Boatwright



Gordon's Outstanding Scholar Katie Odegaard is about to enter the Neuroscience Ph.D. Program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, one of the toughest programs in the country ... , and she is cool as a cucumber about it.

"I'm going to read for leisure and just hang around until I leave for Nebraska in August," she said. "I didn't have that much free time while I was in college, and I don't anticipate having any when I start at Nebraska."

As Gordon's Outstanding Scholar, Odegaard was recognized along with students from other University System of Georgia institutions on Academic Recognition Day during the recent session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Katie has been determined to study the human body – particularly the brain – since 10th grade. Moved by the fact that both maternal grandparents suffered from Alzheimer's disease, she wants to understand how the brain works and the disease itself.

"Maybe I can make a difference," she said. "I'm going to try."

Nebraska began courting Katie after she took the General Records Examination or GRE, a test required to get into graduate school.

"They sent a great big packet in the mail," she said. "They are waiving tuition and are paying me a stipend to

be part of the research program. It was a great deal from a great school."

"The biology faculty helped in preparing me, sharing with me their experiences and giving me an idea of what to expect," she said. "Other faculty helped too. A couple of English professors helped proof my application essay."

Katie says she appreciates the academic recognition but only did what she thinks every student should do, study hard and give her best.

"Everyone at Gordon on every level has been important," she added.

But there are those who think she is pretty special. "Katie is a careful and creative thinker with an eye for details and a commitment to logic, which serves her well, both in the sciences and other fields," said Dr. Mustapha Durojaiye, professor and chairperson of the biology and physical sciences department.

Durojaiye introduced Katie during a banquet to recognize academic honors.

"She breaks down the 'science' stereotype with her other creative skills in writing and performing arts. Katie is a very bright young lady who is highly focused on her studies and career aspirations."

And Katie's interests do go beyond biology and science. She was the lead in the Gordon State College Theatre production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.



"I did theater in high school and I like that play," she said. "I auditioned and got the part."

When asked if anyone has ever told her that she bears a striking resemblance to Anne Frank, she laughs.

"Yes I've heard that once or twice."

Katie and her parents Carol, a physician who practices family medicine in nearby Jackson, and David, who is the business manager for the practice, will pack up in a few weeks and head north.

Her brother Drew, a Gordon alumnus who is a student at Mercer Medical School, will stay behind.

"My parents have been very supportive of whatever I wanted to study," she said. "They've never tried to influence me or were negative in any way. Both of them have always been there for me whether I have had a great day or if I had a stressful day and needed to vent."

Although she has already visited the area, Katie is looking forward to scoping out Omaha, its zoo and other attractions before bearing down on her studies and winter sets in.

"That's the one thing that will be really different," she said. "The cold weather."

Cold or not, Durojaiye is sure she will be a success.

"Her dedication to learning is truly impressive. We are so proud of her accomplishments here at Gordon State College and we cannot wait to see what the future holds in store for her," Durojaiye said.



"This was my first production at Gordon," Odegaard said about her role as Anne Frank. She said she was honored to help bring Frank's story to Gordon audiences.

Above: Katie Odegaard with Dr. Mustapha Durojaiye.

OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS

This year's recipients of a Gordon State College Outstanding Student Award were recognized for their outstanding achievement and for their contribution to the academic culture of Gordon State College.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeffery Knighton said he and all of Gordon were "honored to be associated with these fine individuals. These are outstanding students who can hold their own with graduates of any college or university. We faculty are the ones who have been blessed because of the opportunity to work with each of them while they have been our students."

During a dinner in their honor, Gordon State President Max Burns said that he was proud to have students like these represent Gordon State College.



Jared James Gillis (l.), Teresa Thompson, Peyton Maynard, Jessica Leonard, Katie Odegaard, Jesse Wayne Bennett, Greg Jones, Maci Shearouse and Hannah Haden.

CALLING OF THE ROLL ON VETERAN'S DAY

The tradition of honoring veterans, especially those who gave their lives in defense of America, falls on November 11, Veteran's Day.

This is also the day that Gordon State College holds its National Roll Call ceremony, and the tradition continued for a fifth consecutive year with guest speakers and more than 1,000 flags lining the paths that cross Lambdin Green.

Guest speakers were, from left, Gordon State College student and Navy veteran Maxwell Willis, Gordon Military College alumnus and retired Army Lt. Col. Thomas Torbert, Gordon State College Provost Dr. Jeff Knighton, Army Col. Glen Walters, and retired Air Force Maj. David Casebeer.

"It is an honor to serve my country and an even bigger honor to recognize the veterans who came before me," said Maxwell Willis, president of the Student Veterans Association.

In a touching moment during the ceremony, Gordon student Tristan Kneringer played taps.

Willis, who was president of the Student Veterans Association, graduated the following month with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. He is continuing his studies in Indiana as a graduate student in applied behavioral analysis.



Graduation

2016-2017

Since 2014, Gordon has held two graduation ceremonies a year, one in December for students who completed their degree requirements in the summer or fall semesters, and one in May for those completing their requirements in the spring semester.

The December 9 graduation featured Barnesville Mayor Peter Banks as commencement speaker. Banks, who was instrumental in helping Gordon join the University System of Georgia in 1972, graduated from Gordon in 1958 when it was called Gordon Military College.

"You will leave behind a great and rich heritage of 164 years," he told graduates. "In that time, this college has produced some of the most distinguished jurists, politicians, military leaders, teachers,

nurses, medical professionals, business leaders and managers of commerce. I believe you have the knowledge and the trained minds to become a member of that distinguished group."

He encouraged graduates "to always do the right thing as you see it; the will to never compromise what you know to be true, and the determination to know yourself and to live up to your best self."

Dr. C. Thomas Hopkins, chair of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, delivered the commencement address to graduates at Gordon State College's outdoor graduation on May 12.

Hopkins told the graduates that their education was an investment.

"You, together with your parents and your family, are not the only

ones who have made an investment in your college education," Hopkins said. "The citizens of Georgia have also invested in you, because the college graduates of this state represent the future of Georgia."

"Even as you invest your time and energy in building your careers, you will be building our economy and helping our state and its communities to thrive. But it is important to understand that 'earning' by itself is not 'living.'"

"Your degree is more than just an item of currency to be traded on the job market," he added. "The largest investment of your life – the grand challenge, if you will – should be to develop yourself as a person."

Gordon State College graduated nearly 600 students in its 2016-2017 academic year.



GORDON STATE COLLEGE *Recital Series*



Ensemble Chaconne
Monday, Oct. 16
7:30 p.m.

Ensemble Chaconne is an instrumental trio that performs Baroque music on instruments of the period, enthraling the audience with dramatic period-instrument performances of music from Renaissance and Baroque Europe. In the photo: Chris Henrikson on baroque lute, Peter Bloom on baroque flute, and Carol Lewis on viola da gamba.

Bradley Howard, Tenor
Tuesday, Nov. 14
7:30 p.m.

Howard, the director of vocal studies at Emory's College of Arts and Sciences, has performed as Tamino in *The Magic Flute*, Ferrando in *Così fan tutte*, Rodolfo in *La Bohème*. He brings depth and excitement of an expansive repertoire to his solo recitals, handling the florid style of Bach and the fragmented tonalities of Britten and Menotti with equal aplomb.

Ryan M. Smith
Monday, April 16
7:30 p.m.

Smith, a percussionist and adjunct professor of music at Georgia College and State University, has performed with the percussion ensemble Nexus, Ray Charles and his band, and the Augusta Opera.



Seraph Brass
Wednesday, Feb. 28
7:30 p.m.

Seraph Brass is a dynamic brass quintet drawing from a roster of America's top female brass players. Committed to engaging audiences with captivating programming, Seraph Brass presents a diverse body of repertoire that includes original transcripts, newly commissioned works, and well-known classics. In the photo: Alexis Smith (back left), Mary Elizabeth Bowden (back middle), Katie Ambrose (back right), Beth McDonald (front left) and Amy McCabe (front right).

Gordon State's Theatre Season

From Sophocles to self-expression, the Gordon State College Theatre is offering a tad of just about everything during its 2017-18 season.

The season opens with ***No Shame Theatre***. The one-night show is **Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

No Shame Theatre offers the first 15 people to sign up a chance to perform. There are only three rules: 1. Pieces must be original. 2. Your performance should be no more than five minutes in length. 3. You are not allowed to break anything – yourself, the audience, the theater, or any laws.

The season continues in November with ***Antigone*** by Sophocles, adapted by Anouilh. The play will be presented **Wednesday through Sunday, November 8-12 at 7:30 p.m.** This ancient Greek play continues to be relevant today as

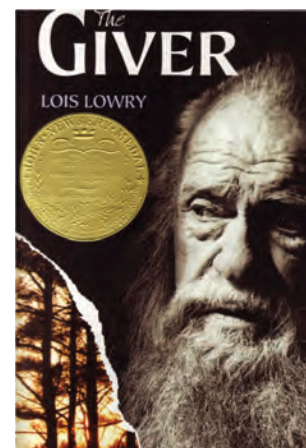
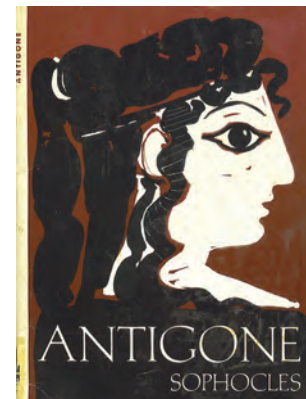
it explores themes of honor, social consciousness, and law versus morality.

***No Shame Theatre* returns**
January 18 at 7:30 p.m.

In March the Theatre will present ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry and adapted for the stage by Eric Coble. The play is **Monday through Friday, March 26-30 at 7:30 p.m.** *The*

Giver explores the tension between society and the individual as well as unexamined security and freedom.

The season closes with ***A Devised Theatre Experience*** presented **Saturday through Friday, April 21-27 at 7:30 p.m.** *A Devised Theatre Experience* presents an evening of theater created by a collaborative cohort of performers focused on examining a socially relevant topic.



Missy LeHand Speaks about FDR

History buffs, history professors and Gordon's history club did a little time traveling on April 9 when they were treated to an imaginary interview of President Roosevelt's personal secretary by a newspaper reporter.

Kathryn Smith played the part of Marguerite Alice "Missy" LeHand, and Paul Sparrow, director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York, played the part of the reporter. Smith was a good choice to play LeHand since she is the author

of a biography of LeHand, *The Gatekeeper*.

As the reporter, Sparrow wanted to know about rumors he had heard that Roosevelt did not pay his gambling debts or served alcohol at parties despite the prohibition of alcohol in the United States at the time.

As LeHand, Smith shielded the man she served from such inquiries, instead drawing attention to his fight against his polio, which in turn drew attention to the development of Warm Springs, Georgia, as a treat-

ment center for polio victims.

After Smith and Sparrow finished with their roles, Smith spoke about LeHand, who she called FDR's de facto chief of staff and who Roosevelt called his conscience.

LeHand suffered a massive stroke at the beginning of World War II, dying in 1944 at the age of 47.

As part of the GSC event, Kelly Grindle was recognized as the recipient of the FDR scholarship established by GSC Foundation trustee Dan White in 2011.



Above: Kathryn Smith, author of *The Gatekeeper*, a biography of Missy LeHand, reviews materials with Gordon State College Library Director Sonya Gaither.

Left: Missy LeHand, played by Kathryn Smith, parries a question about Roosevelt from a reporter, played by Paul Sparrow. The two acted in an imaginary interview of FDR's personal secretary.

Going the Distance

When Gordon State College joined the spring HealthTrails wellness initiative and formed teams, The Walking Deplorables took their task seriously. When the initiative concluded, the Deplorables had walked a total of 11,415 miles and finished 4th out of 700 USG teams.

Team members and their miles walked are: Scott Arceneaux, 1,226; Robert McCard, 1,218; Jeffrey Mason, 1,218; Alice Nicholson, 1,212; Sean Smith, 1,210; Jeremy Compton, 1,134; Lynn Ray, 1,113; Nancy Goodloe, 1,033; Walter Bibbs, 1,029; Jody Alford, 990.

In perspective, miles leader Arceneaux walked the equivalent of a round trip from Barnesville to Lake Charles in his native Louisiana. The entire team walked the equivalent of a round trip to Anchorage, Alaska, with enough miles left for a stroll to New York and back with plenty of miles left for steps to Miami and back.... WHEW!

HealthTrails is a University System of Georgia sponsored wellness program that draws on the excitement of seeing and learning about new places and people by tracing famous trails around the world. The goal of team participation is to reinforce healthy habits with a fun, friendly competition. Teams are already forming for the fall HealthTrails initiative.



The Walking Deplorables, (l. to r.) Scott Arceneaux, Robert McCard, Sean Smith, Jeff Mason and Jody Alford. Not pictured: Alice Nicholson, Jeremy Compton, Lynn Ray, Nancy Goodloe, and Walter Bibbs,

And the Winner Is ...

Congratulations to Team Schadenfreude, winner of the famed Einstein Head. The “head” is awarded to the winning team in the annual Honors Trivia Contest sponsored by the Student Honors Council.

Winning team members include Dr. John George, Dr. Ed Whitelock, Andrew Fortson, Susan Boyd, Carey Lisk, and Dr. Jeremy Richards.



Gordon State at the State Capitol

The Gordon State College Student Government Association visited the Georgia State Capitol as part of GSC Day at the Capitol during the 2017 session of the Georgia General Assembly.

The students toured the building and met with Gov. Nathan Deal and Dist. 40 State Rep. Robert Dickey, (R-Musella). Pictured below, from the left, Rep. Dickey, Angie Orr, Gabriella Pavon, Brenisha Nunn, Shavada Williams, Gov. Deal, Chaisty Joiner, Sydney Travers, Breanna Williams, Kaci Schram, and Kiley Harris. Amelia Daniel, Jennifer Ennis, Victoria Twilley, Sharon Lloyd, student activities director, and Jeff Clark, student activities program coordinator.





Gordon State College Noted for Percentage of Donation Dollars That Benefit Students

Gordon State College is listed among community colleges and regional public universities that focus a larger share of their donation dollars on financial aid than do other types of institutions.

According to data released by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), an organization that tracks college giving, Gordon State College spent 75.24 percent of \$282,173 in donations on financial aid for students. On average, about 16 percent of donations to colleges were earmarked for financial aid during the same period, the data show.

Through contributions to the Gordon State College Foundation, generous individuals, businesses and civic organizations endow scholarships that ensure access to higher education for students. The Foundation awards these scholarships annually to students chosen based on criteria such as academic success, financial need, and extracurricular activities.

Overall, charitable contributions to colleges and universities in the United States increased only 1.7 percent in 2016, according to the Voluntary Support of Education Survey, conducted annually by CAE. While there was an increase, the gain is nearly eliminated when adjusting for inflation.

"Student support has always been the focus of the Gordon State College Foundation," said Rhonda Toon, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the GSC Foundation. "Our Foundation trustees have long known the struggle many of our students face when paying for their education and the numbers in this study reflect this."

According to its website, CAE is a national nonprofit organization and "is the nation's sole source of empirical data on private giving to education."

Alumni News

The Poor Poet at 80

Walter Griffin's email handle is the "poor poet," but his birthday party at the East Point Historical Society on August 1 showed he was anything but poor in terms of family, friends and admirers.

Walter, Class of '54, has been published in well-known journals like the *Paris Review*, *Harper's*, *The New York Times* and was on the cover of the *Weekly Reader*. Garrison Keillor noted Walter's birthday on *The Writer's Almanac* one year.

Many of those in attendance at his 80th birthday party were budding poets who attended his Atlanta Poetry Workshop and who are now published poets like Michael Murphy Burke.

In the 2008 issue of the *President's Report*, Walter said that to "be" a poet is more than someone who sits down and writes a poem. To be a poet is a matter of being self-aware of this state of being.

"There are skins a poet should shed over the years, like going from a 'novice' poet to playing the part of 'the' poet to being the real thing."

Walter's son, Paul, started the many testimonials given before cake was served that led to remembrances of the Poetry Workshop, "criticism that never stung," and a rendition of Neil Sedaka's *Happy Birthday Sweet 16*.

At the end of all the testimonials, Walter praised his former students, now poets in their own right, thanked everyone in attendance, and said he would be reliving the party "all through the rest of the way."

"I don't know why I feel compelled to say this other than it's the truth," he said.



Poet Michael Murphy Burke (l.) with the "poor poet" Walter Griffin at Griffin's 80th birthday party.

Alumni Weekend 2016

The magic number for this year's Alumni Weekend was 50.

One 50 was for the golden reunion of the Class of 1967, and the other 50 was for two tributes to Vietnam veterans as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. This commemoration was initiated by a presidential proclamation to start in 2012 and end in 2025.

In addition to these events, classmates from different years mixed and mingled at an outdoor luncheon in the courtyard of Alumni House on Saturday and danced to the sounds of Junkshun in the Highlander Dining Hall after dinner on Saturday night.

The first of the Vietnam veterans tributes was arranged by Lynn McSwain Wilson of the Class of '67 for the Vietnam veterans in her class.

Friday evening, Lynn commenced her class's celebration of its veterans by welcoming all her fellow classmates. Then she named the veterans and asked them to remain standing: Richard Bernard Jr., Army; George Berry, Navy; James Bodiford, Marine Corps Reserve; Donnie Keadle, Army National Guard; Arthur Williams, Army; Jack Winover, Army; Farris Yates, Air Force; and Robert Zellner, Army National Guard.

After a round of applause, the Lamar County High School Junior ROTC smartly executed a presentation of the colors and everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Daughters of the American Revolution made the next presentation in the program. Former regent of the Lamar LaFayette Chapter Fran Boggs helped current regent Susan Lindsey present the veterans with pins and certificates, then called for another round of applause. Had Fran not stated it already, everyone would have nonetheless understood the reason for the ceremony: "We owe our veterans."





Left to right: Richard Bernard Jr., James Bodiford, Arthur Williams, Jack Winover, Robert Zellner II, Farris Yates, George Berry, William Roquemore, and Donnie Keadle.

The final part of the program was conducted by Marquita Orr and Tommy Forest of Quilts of Valor. According to the QOV website, its founder, Catherine Roberts, had a dream that a young veteran overcome by “his war demons” was relieved of his despair after being wrapped in a quilt. For her the message was clear, quilts helped heal veterans of their war demons. Since 2003, thousands of veterans have had quilts of valor draped across their shoulders, and the reunion of the class of ’67 was opportunity for QOV to add to its roll.

One by one, the veterans were called to the front and presented with a quilt, and once the last veteran received a quilt, all eight stood in front wrapped in their quilts for yet another round of applause. It was clear from the look on their faces as they returned to their seats that Catherine Roberts’ dream had its healing effect.

The second tribute was held the following afternoon at Gordon State College’s Military Memorial.

The ceremony was presented by the Georgia Department of Veterans Service and hosted by the Lamar County NAACP and the Gordon State College Student

Veterans Association. Many of the honorees like Alan Giles, Robert Melvin, Charles Van Rysselberge and John Middlebrooks are Gordon Military College graduates attending Alumni Weekend, but the event was meant for all area Vietnam-era vets.

After presentation of the colors and Pledge of Allegiance, retired Army Lt. Col. Michael Howard spoke about the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, then George Canavaggio of Georgia’s Veterans Services spoke, reminding everyone that “there is never a wrong time to say thank you to those who put their lives on the line for us.”

Among those killed in action in Vietnam were former Gordon Military College professors of military science: Maj. Gerald Wynn, Capt. Bill Branch and Maj. Roy Congleton.

The last speaker of the event was Eddie Felton, chair of the Lamar County NAACP, veterans affairs branch, who reminded the audience of a sobering truth. Many veterans have not been thanked for their service, “and some have been completely forgotten. May God bless them.”

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Clockwise, starting above: Nell Morris Hancock (I.), HS-65; Joanne Walters Hayes, HS-57; Dee Kitchings, C-68; Midgie McKoy Faulkner, HS-64; Gail Rooks, C-70; Glenda Frost Carter, C-67; Faye Sullivan Walker, HS-66; and Marcia Littleton Edwards, HS-66.

Chuck Bennett (I.), C-67; Zollie Graham, C-68; and Buddy Bankston, C-68; during Alumni Weekend 2017.

Charles Van Rysselberg (r.), HS-64, is recognized for his military service by George Canavaggio.

Robert Melvin, HS-58, is recognized for his military service by George Canavaggio.

SAVE THE DATE.

Join Us for Gordon College Alumni Weekend 2018
Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22, 2018

Come join us for a weekend of renewing friendships, making new friends, reminiscing, good food and drink, and fun. Alumni Weekend is for all Gordon alumni, no matter what year they graduated.

If you've never been and have questions, let us know. If you've been before and have ideas to share about AW 2018, let us know.

Contact Candi Babcock at candib@gordonstate.edu or call her at **678-359-5739**.

We can also be reached via the U.S. Postal Service: Gordon College, Alumni Relations Office, 419 College Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204.



“Old Nurses Never Die, They Just Make More Rounds”

by Peter Boltz

When Gordon nursing alumni gather, it is certain that former professors will come up in conversation, and such a gathering on March 4 in the Highlander Dining Hall was no different.

Professor Pat Brown's name came up in every corner of the dining hall, which seems only right since she taught most if not everyone present at the reunion.

One such story goes like this.

In class she often described a situation in which a make-believe patient would need a nurse's attention and then ask, "What would you do?" On one such occasion, an eager student raised her hand and answered, "Call 911."

"Honey," Pat deadpanned, "You are 911."

Dr. Joan Cranford's name also came up. She, like Pat, was in attendance; she, also like Pat, clearly enjoyed reuniting with her students.

Joan was the subject of a profile in the 2007

President's Report. In it she told how some of her students needed a "gentle push every now and then."

She also memorialized her mother who taught her daughters to be "women of strength." Joan then added, "I just hope I have done the same with the students who have crossed my path."

Other stories, about the nursing alumni themselves, were just as candid, but they can be tough for the squeamish to hear because nurses do some of the grittiest work on the planet.

For example, one of the alumni told a story about an experience she had during clinicals, which are something akin to on-the-job training for nursing students.

She had been assigned to help an orderly remove the body of a patient who had died. Once they had the gurney aligned with the bed, she took the legs and the orderly took the arms. Upon lifting the body, air escaped from the dead man as if he exhaled.



Alumni News



Above Left to Right:

Deborah Ruffin poses with her former professors Pat Brown (l.) and Joan Cranford at the nurses reunion on March 4 in the Highlander Dining Hall.

Martha Milner Wise (l.), Cheryl Blackmon Zellner and Linda Perkovich joined 32 other Gordon State College nursing alumni for an evening of remembrances and catching up with colleagues and professors.

Unaware that the dead often expel air from the lungs when moved, she was so startled that she screamed, “He’s alive!” and fled the room.

When she returned to the room, escorted by a nurse aroused by the commotion, she found the orderly laughing so hard at her naiveté that he had slumped to the floor.

Another alumna who works at the Lamar County Health Department low birth weight clinic and Eternal Hope Hospice in Griffin quipped that she sees them come, and go.

Jayne Drake Andrews, ASN ’85, continued her education after graduating from Gordon, like every nurse in the room had. She studied to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist and graduated in the first class of CRNAs from the Medical College of Georgia in 1997. She joked that she was also the first to graduate in the first class because students received their diplomas in alphabetical order.

Another of her jokes is how she responds to patients who ask about the cost of her services. “Going to sleep is free,” she tells them. “It’s the waking up that costs you.”

A group of four alumni – Tammy Harris Smoot, ’84; Gayla Woods, ’84; Karen Perry Harris, ’75; and Fay Perry, ’84 – were all related, either by family or by class.

Fay is Karen’s mother, although Fay became a nurse after her daughter. Tammy is Karen’s sister-in-law, and

Fay, Tammy and Gayla were all in the same graduating class at Gordon. Fay recalled how she had to get her two younger classmates to focus on their texts rather than “talking boys” when studying for their final exam in the introductory nursing class, which, at the time, was offered only once a year.

Time was of the essence for her because she was fighting breast cancer, and the outcome was questionable. Despite the odds against her, but with the support of her husband and family, she was accepted into Gordon’s nursing program, and cramming for exams with her younger classmates.

With well-deserved pride, she said that after “37 years and the six months my doctor had given me to live,” she was still a nurse.

One might also say ... one tough nurse.

Merrilea Reeves was present with her husband, Wayne. Both of them are alumni of Gordon, although his degree was an associate of arts in textile management. Hers was an associate degree in nursing in 1975, and she was in the first graduating class from Gordon under the direction of Marie LoMonaco.

Merrilea continued her education and became a family nurse practitioner in 1997 and while addressing her fellow nurses recalled something she was told while at Gordon: as long as you knew the theory, you could “do it” – whatever “it” was.



Left: Jayne Drake Andrews (r.) brought her mother, Frankie Drake, to the nursing reunion.

Right: Laura Trice, Toni Grogan, Merrilea Reeves and Wayne Reeves.

Bottom: Professor Pat Brown reminded alumni at the nursing reunion that old nurses never die, they just make more rounds.

In her case, “it” was birth.

Although her nursing specialty was the heart, she still had to take a class on delivery when she was working on her Bachelor of Science in nursing.

As part of a required course, she found herself and two classmates in a room with a pregnant woman who was giving no signs that she was about to give birth. This being the case, the three had been left alone with the woman to complete their assignment after the doctor introduced them.

Of course the unexpected happened. The woman not only started showing signs of giving birth, but showing signs of giving birth immediately. The doctor, however, could not be reached immediately, leaving the three students to immediately practice what they had been studying in class.

They knew the theory, and they “did it,” but not without the need to compose themselves afterward.

Pat Brown had kind words for all of them when she went to the podium to speak. She told them that every one of them had given her joy, and she hoped none of them lost the desire “to lay a cooling hand on a patient.”

Then she paused, then asked the nursing alumni to remember that “old nurses never die, they just make more rounds.”



CLASS NOTES

Luis Ronderos, '51, is an Anglican priest living in Chino, Calif. Ronderos can be reached through Gordon State College's Advancement Office.

Doug Worsham, '52, has been honored by North Carolina State University by naming a lecture series after him. Worsham began his career at NCSU in 1960 as a weed extension specialist after receiving his degree from that university. The lecture series is associated with the NCSU's weed science program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Vickey Vaughan, '77, is a family nurse practitioner. She won the Sage Nursing Award and the Super Hero Award in 2016. In addition, she was chosen to represent her employer, Optum Clinical Services, Inc., at Super Bowl 2016, which included press box tickets and all expenses paid for two.

Steve Bryant, '78, a University of Georgia athletic trainer, retired in 2016. He was the 2001 UGA Athletic Association Employee of the Year and awarded the 2015 Chris Patrick Award for the outstanding athletic trainers in the SEC. He was medical administrator for the 1996 Olympics for volleyball and rhythmic gymnastics.

Laurel Medcalf Blount, '85, recently published her debut novel, *A Family for the Farmer*, which was ranked No. 1 on Amazon for "Love Inspired's Hot New Releases." She lives in Thomaston, Ga., with her husband David and four children.

Jodi Murphy, '89, works for Georgia Power as a certified occupational health nurse and safety specialist. She is married with two grown children and one grandchild and lives in The Rock, Ga. She has been a nurse for 28 years.

Clayton Moon, '96, was one of the 2016 Bright Ideas grant recipients from Southern Rivers Energy and the Southern Rivers Energy Trust. The grant program recognizes teachers whose innovations and energy mark their love of teaching.

He teaches at Pike County High School. Moon earned his associate degree in teacher education from Gordon.

Chandra Youngblood, '98, was one of the 2016 Bright Ideas grant recipients from Southern Rivers Energy and the Southern Rivers Energy Trust. The grant program recognizes teachers whose innovations and energy mark their love of teaching. She teaches at Upson Lee South Elementary School. Youngblood earned her associate degree in teacher education from Gordon.

Melissa Bedford, '04, is the '17-'18 Thomaston-Upson School System Teacher of the Year. Bedford, an 8th grade English language arts teacher will represent her school system in the '18 Georgia Teacher of the Year competition. She earned her associate degree in teacher education from Gordon.

Chuck Kimbell, '06, retired in 2016 after 23 years in law enforcement. He is now employed by the law firm Millar and Mixon in Jonesboro, Ga., as an investigator.

Sharissa Ray, '07, Wellstar senior vice president and chief nurse executive, was awarded the Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital Administrative Leadership and Management Award.

Marlena Bell, '09, is one of six Teachers of the Year in the Griffin-Spalding County School System. Her teaching philosophy centers on mutual respect between teacher and student. She earned her associate and bachelor's degrees at Gordon.

Leslie Ann Sumner, '09, graduated from the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine on May 6, 2017. She is employed by Bethlehem Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Sumner is the daughter of Darren and Leila Sumner of Barnesville.

Camilo Caballero, '11, graduated in May with a master's degree focused on human rights law.

Arkeious Grier, '13, works for the Department of Juvenile Justice as a juvenile probation/parole specialist.

Josh Bennett, '13, went on to the University of Georgia where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2016. He works as an investment banking analyst for Piedmont M&A Advisors and as a business valuation analyst for CapVal-American Business Appraisers in Atlanta. He can be contacted at jbennett@piedmontmna.com.

Andrew "Drew" Odegaard, '14, was presented his "white coat" by his mother, Dr. Carol Odegaard, at the Mercer University's School of Medicine white coat ceremony. The white coat symbolizes a first-year medical student's transition from preclinical to clinical health sciences. Odegaard plans on becoming a family practice physician. He earned his associate and bachelor's degrees at Gordon.

Christopher Brandon Camantigue, '15, was accepted into the 2017 entering class of The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. Camantigue, a Gordon College Foundation scholar and cum laude graduate of Gordon, is also a member of the National Biological Honor Society Beta Beta Beta.

Bailey Kimbell, '16, was awarded the Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital Rising Star in Nursing award for her care of patients, thorough record documentation, and critical thinking.





Raynere Thornton, a 6-foot-7-inch forward who played the last two seasons at Gordon State College, has signed his National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the University of Memphis Tigers starting this season. He helped lead Gordon State to a 22-9 overall record in 2016-17, including a 12-4 mark in Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association play, second-best in the conference.



Shannon Griffin, '12, and David Cromer, '14

Working together in 2011 as writing tutors in the Student Success Center, Shannon Griffin and David Cromer did not know they were destined to marry. They went their separate ways but when they crossed paths 2015, they started dating. Shannon is an interior design artist and David is about to graduate from Mercer Law School.



Gordon State College President Max Burns congratulates alumnus **Chris Childress** who graduated in May from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon. Chris graduated Gordon with a BA in History with honors in 2013.

Make a Note to Write a Class Note

The *President's Report* is a good way for you and your classmates to stay in touch with each other.

Have you been promoted, changed jobs, gotten married, moved or visited an exotic corner of the globe? Share your news with Gordon's Alumni Relations Office and have it reported in the Class Notes section in next year's magazine.

It's easy, just send your news by USPO to the Alumni Relations Office, Gordon State College, 419 College Drive, Barnesville, Ga., 30204 or e-mail it to pboltz@gordonstate.edu, or call Peter Boltz at **678-359-5257**.

If you prefer to use your fax machine, here's the number to use: **678-359-5738**.

Rocking AND Rolling FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The fourth annual Founder's Day Scholarship event raised a few pennies more than \$53,126 on March 18. The event, held in Gordon State College's Student Activity and Recreation Center, was presented by United Bank with the help of a long list of sponsors including Raymond James, Chick-fil-A, Sodexo, and Snider Killingsworth.

The event theme was Shamrock and Roll and featured the band, The Headliners, from Hilton Head, S.C., and dinner by the college's catering group, Sodexo, as well as a silent auction.

Before Max Burns, Gordon's president, got up on the stage to speak about the important work of scholarships, guests moved around the Highlander basketball-court-turned-dinner-club, greeting each other and joining conversations.

After the president spoke, the newly elected 3rd Congressional District Rep. Drew Ferguson said a few words, and he was followed by Andy Bush, chair of the board of trustees for the Gordon State College Foundation.

When the night ended and the last silent auction item had been packed away the Foundations' Founder's Day Scholarship Fund had grown to more than \$164,000.



The original Founder's Day was established soon after the death of Charles Lambdin, the college's first president, as a way to honor him, but it faded after World War II until the spring of 2014. That was when the trustees of the GSC Foundation brought it back as a way to provide more scholarship support for deserving students.

From top to bottom: GSC Foundation trustees Derrick Lewis (l.) and Andy Bush took to the stage to thank everyone for supporting the fundraiser.

GSC Foundation trustee Andy Bush attended the fundraiser with his wife Diane (l.) and his sister Margarette Julian.

Pam Bell (l.), Laurie Harris and Kathy Welch were cheerleaders together at Monroe Academy back in the day.

Jimmy Jordan (l.), Barnesville Mayor Peter Banks and Pete Malone break into grins listening to Jimmy explain the proper pronunciation of his last name - "jerdan."



Joe Edwards Sr.

Regents' Hall of Fame Award Winner

Gordon State College friend and supporter Joe Edwards Sr. received the 2017 Regent's Hall of Fame Alumni and Friends Award presented during the annual Regent's Scholarship Gala.

The University System of Georgia Foundation Board recognized Edwards as follows:

James Joseph (Joe) Edwards, Sr. served 40 years on the Gordon State College Foundation Board of Trustees. When Joe stepped down from the board as an active trustee to accept emeritus status in 2012 he left a foundation that was approaching a corpus of \$10 million with more than 100 endowed scholarship.

The J. Joel Edwards/United Bank Scholarship (established in 1986) and the Brad Edwards Scholarship (established in 1991) have made education attainable for countless young men and women.

Other support for Gordon includes the support of students in dire need of emergency loans, the professional development of faculty and staff, and the construction of a memorial to honor those who have fought, served and died in wars.

In 2003, the University System of Georgia Foundation, Inc. established the Regents' Awards for Excellence in Education to recognize the contributions and achievements of its students, faculty, alumni and supporters.

Each year at this prestigious event, the USG Foundation Board presents the Regents' Hall of Fame Awards and the McMillan Lifetime Achievement Award to honor faculty and alumni of the University System of Georgia. The event also raises funds to support the work of the University System and provide merit- and need-based scholarships for students attending USG colleges and universities.

Today, the event is known as the Regents' Scholarship Gala to align more closely with the purpose of the event.

Every year this event boasts a tremendous gathering of representatives from colleges and universities, institutional foundations, distinguished faculty and administrators, state and federal elected leaders, and public and private supporters of public higher education in Georgia. They come to support the scholarship program and to honor award recipients.



Mulkey McMichael Donates Rare Photograph

The above photograph has no date written on the back of it, but some clues can be found in the photo itself.

The pennants on the wall bear the letters GI for Gordon Institute. In the center of the photo is a table decoration, which turns out to be a football with "Champions 1914" written on it.

This was the year Gordon won the Prep Championship of Georgia title, and it just so happens that McMichael's father played on that winning team. He is the cadet, second from the left, in the foreground.

It is through donations like this that Gordon State's Dorothy W. Hightower Collaborative Learning Center and Library has built an archive of the college's past that would otherwise be lost.

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