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*A*s I write this, it's back-to-school time at YHC.

Students are moving into the dorms, registering for classes, buying books and embarking upon what will certainly be a magical time. They may only have a sense of the excitement that awaits them, but as alumni we know exactly what YHC holds in store! Think back to when you first arrived on campus. Were you nervous? I know that I was. I came to YHC knowing not a soul. After receiving my rooming assignment over the summer, my new roommate Megan Elrod McKinney '96 and I spoke on the phone and were relieved to discover that we had quite a lot in common, including the fact that we both came from small towns and had been really involved in 4-H during our middle and high school years. Still, the idea of moving into a really small room with someone I had yet to meet in person was daunting! The luck of the draw smiled upon us, and we had a wonderful roommate experience. In fact, we went on to share an apartment after we transferred to UGA in Athens.

I consider myself fortunate to still be in regular (sometimes daily!) contact with not only Megan, but many of my other YHC friends. We share a bond that others don't always understand. Inevitably, get-togethers involve tales of mishaps and glories from our YHC days. You know the kind of stories I'm talking about... the kind that invoke eye-rolling and "not again!" from spouses and significant others.

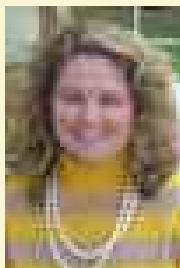
When was the last time you spoke to your YHC roommate? Whether it's been two days or two years, I encourage you to get in touch with him or her and take a few minutes to reminisce. If you have lost touch with your YHC friends, consider making plans to come to Homecoming 2008, July 24-27, for the opportunity to reconnect and remember. And if you can't wait that long, give me a call and I'll do my best to put you in touch with your lost classmates.

As always, we love to hear from you. Our virtual door is open at alumni@yhc.edu. And take a moment to visit the newly redesigned YHC Website at www.yhc.edu.

With warmest wishes,

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Echoes, the official magazine of Young Harris College, is devoted to sharing information about this special place.

- For those whose lives were changed by a brief period spent in the north Georgia mountains at a small, private college—this magazine is for you.
- For the numerous friends of the institution who have shared in the vision of the school—this is an affirmation of your trust.
- For the current and former faculty members who have given tirelessly to the development and advancement of this unique institution—this is a celebration of your labor.
- For the parents and students of today—this is an invitation to your future.

This magazine tells the story of the traditions and heritage of YHC, as well as the evolution of changes and exciting additions that make it grow as a great educational institution.

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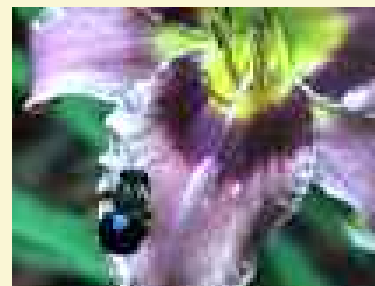
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Ella Standard Sharp

YHC's FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT

BY MICHELLE E. MARTIN '96

Many people do not know that the path for Cathy Cox to become president was blazed back in 1930 when Ella Standard Sharp became the first female president of Young Harris College. After the death of President Joseph Astor Sharp on March 27, 1930, his wife was elected president by the board of trustees.

The April 15, 1930 issue of *The Enotah Echoes* reported Sharp's appointment, noting, "Mrs. Sharp has always shown her ability by helping Dr. Sharp in his long climb to make Young Harris a better place, and it may be said that by her faithfulness and help, Dr. Sharp attained the highest summits in educational progress, unprecedented in the annals of education."

Though her presidency only lasted until the end of the 1929–1930 school year, Ella Standard Sharp had an impact on students and the community from the time she and Dr. Sharp arrived in Young Harris in 1899. Sharp was known for strictly supervising the girls in the school and running the dining hall during her time at YHC and for always expecting the best of the students. She earned both the love and respect of those around her by setting an example of earnest and diligent labor. In his biography of Dr. Joseph A. Sharp, T. Jack Lance '08 noted, "Many men and women have labored long and hard for Young Harris College, but to President and

Mrs. Sharp goes the major credit for this wonderful institution."

According to Lance, Mrs. Sharp always referred to her husband as Mr.



Sharp and he always called her Sweet Apple. Lance writes that they lived the simple life while at YHC. They ate their meals in the dining hall, they dressed simply but

well, and they avoided all show.

The Sharp family legacy lives on at YHC through stories of their time on campus. They are memorialized with several buildings and scholarships, including Sharp Hall (which now houses Myers Student Center), and Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church. Their son J. Worth Sharp '16 went on to become the 11th president of YHC in 1942.

Thirty-one years after her arrival at YHC, Mrs. Sharp submitted her first president's report to the board of trustees saying, "From several angles Young Harris College is closing its most successful year."

Young Harris College Homecoming 2007

REVISIT, REMEMBER, RECONNECT

WHAT IS HOMECOMING AT YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE?

A chance to revisit, remember and reconnect

Revisiting a campus, a place you know and love

Remembering all you learned about life at YHC, the way things used to be and what it felt like to be 18 years old and having the time of your life

Reconnecting with old friends and making new friends who share your love of YHC



Homecoming 2007 was our biggest alumni gathering yet! There was much excitement in the air due to the recent announcement of YHC's plan to transition to a four-year institution, as well as the recent appointment of President Cathy Cox. In fact, nearly 1,500 alumni and friends returned to campus, breaking previous years' records. From a fantastic alumni program featuring homecoming speaker Reverend Dr. Jim Ellison '88, senior pastor at Atlanta First United Methodist Church, to a delicious barbecue lunch with bluegrass music on the lawn, to a festive young alumni event, a good time was certainly had by all.

We invite you to make plans for Homecoming 2008, July 24–27. Mark the dates on your calendar now and be sure to visit www.yhc.edu for a list of area accommodations. You are encouraged to make your reservations now, as rooms go quickly!



Left: Dr. Ernie Seckinger '37 shares his wisdom with fellow alumni board members

Above: Young alumna enjoys homecoming





Left: Young alumni catch up with one another

Right: Alumni of all ages revisit, remember and reconnect



Right: President Cathy Cox with alumna at the Class of '57 breakfast

Middle right: Senator Zell B. Miller '51 poses with alumna

Far right: A big dog bouncer provided hours of fun



Far left: O.V. Lewis laughs with friends

Left: Mary Carol Paris Anderson '57 and Margie VanGuens Powell '58

Below: Recent graduates and current students sharing in a little YHC fun





Above: Class of '67 at the home of Toni Todd Britt '67

Above right: Old friends meet on the plaza

Far left: Lauren Prince Gough '99 and Catherine Boothe '99 visit at the young alumni event

Left: Campus activity

Below: Class of '57 at Sharp Memorial UMC



AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Beverly Barrow Woodward '52
and family



The Susan B. Harris Award is presented annually at homecoming to an alumna of YHC who exemplifies service and dedication to her alma mater. The award is named for Susan Bevel Allen Harris, wife of Judge Young L.G. Harris. The recipient of the Susan B. Harris Award is a shining example of faithful service to YHC and dedication to her community and family, leading a life much like that of Susan B. Harris herself (1818–1888). Inscribed on the award from the epitaph of Susan B. Harris, “She was faithful in everything—to truth, to duty and to God.” In 2007 the Susan B. Harris Award was presented to Beverly Barrow Woodward '52.



Marshall Elizer '30

The Iuventus Award is presented annually at homecoming to a single alumnus or alumna who has made significant contributions to the education of our youth. The Latin *Iuventus* is taken from the YHC motto: *Hic Iuventus Incenditur—Here Youth Are Inspired*. It is not a requirement that the recipient of this award be an educator. It must, however, be an individual who has made exemplary efforts to enlighten youth not only through empirical knowledge, but also through the education of the whole person in the tradition of YHC. Highly honored among alumni, recipients of the Iuventus Award will be exemplary models of the YHC experience. In 2007 the Iuventus Award was presented to Marshall Elizer '30.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
HOMECOMING 2008, JULY 24–27



Writing History

BY BERT W. HUFFMAN '97

Cathy Cox has been on the go since she was named YHC's 21st president. With all the excitement of her appointment, relocating to the enchanted valley and the many responsibilities associated with not only guiding the institution but steering it to new heights as we transition to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution, she has been a woman on the move. We finally had an opportunity to sit down with her for a brief interview.

ECHOES: How do you feel your years in state government prepared you for the challenge of leading YHC during a time of transition?

Cox: Well there's a multi-part answer to that. First, I think that my experience over the years has allowed me the opportunity to get to know Georgia and its communities. I've had more than a decade of travel time to build relationships with community leaders, active citizens and the United Methodist Church. My hope is that all of that will translate into opportunities to raise the profile of YHC and assist us in growing friends from every corner of the state and beyond.

Secondly, holding a state-wide elected position has taught me the importance of communicating and building effective teams of individuals that help the overall productivity of the organization. I hope to engage every audience connected with the college, from the campus community to trustees, alumni, donors and the local communities, to assist us in making big things happen here. The results will be far stronger if we have the input of everyone connected with the college!

Lastly, politics has greatly strengthened my ability to form

meaningful and close personal relationships, and I look forward to the opportunity to form those with a variety of people connected to this special place.

ECHOES: After all you have accomplished and experienced in your career, why Young Harris College? What attracted you?

Cox: More than anything, it was the challenge of what is going to happen. Initially I wasn't looking for a college presidency. In fact, I was quite content going back into the practice of law. However, when I heard about the opportunity, it really caught my eye. I consider myself a pretty good project person. What we're attempting to do is a huge challenge unlike any other project that has ever been undertaken here. I think back to the transformation of the voting process in Georgia that the secretary of state's office spearheaded during my time there. I knew there was a problem with no easy solution. We made up the rules as we went, considering that no other state in the US had done anything like that before. But, along with my hardworking staff, I had so much fun! I look at this opportunity in a similar way. We have the chance to turn this place into a world-class, four-year college. It's a great mix of an intellectual and a physical challenge, and it's such a great place. I'm inheriting a college with a fabulous reputation, and all I have to do is build on that. Who can pass up a great challenge, in a great part of the world? It's beautiful here! Honestly, had they been looking for a president to maintain the status quo of the institution, then I would suggest, they should have found someone else.

ECHOES: The president is first charged with setting a vision for what the college can be. What do you see as the key components for the YHC of the future?

Cox: It would be a fatal mistake for me to come into this office and assert that this is all about my singular vision. I see my primary role as a facilitator who helps all of the stakeholders. Faculty, staff, administration, trustees, alumni, donors and various other audiences should all have the opportunity to help build this vision for the future. I know there is no shortage of ideas around here. By empowering our various stakeholders to share their ideas, we can build the brightest future for YHC. All I have to do is channel that energy and make sure we're documenting for accreditation purposes and building a credible brand. Largely, the responsibility is keeping everyone on track. During the coming year we'll be deciding on a cohesive vision for the institution. Are we going to be an average or even mediocre institution, or are we going to stand out? What is going to set us apart? Is it innovative majors? A beautiful campus? A comprehensive and distinctive Ethics Across the Curriculum program? What will draw students here and provide an incredible educational experience in the process?

ECHOES: The coming years will be laced with challenges. What do you foresee as the greatest of these?

Cox: My challenge with the campus community will be bringing everyone along in a process of positive change. Change is difficult. Many of us are afraid of change, because it removes us from our comfort zone. There are incredible



ideas here though, and every member of this community can be a part of this. My challenge with the external communities will be educating our supporters and friends that this is an enormous undertaking, and we must rely on their support to make it happen.

ECHOES: What can alumni and friends of the institution do to assist you in accomplishing your goals and surmounting your challenges?

Cox: I hope they'll all get personally interested in what we're doing. I look to our external communities to help us spread the message. I believe student recruitment is the job of everyone involved with the college. The more we talk about the positive changes at YHC in both casual and official capacities, the more it will filter down to potential students. And our alumni and friends must step up their support. We cannot grow as a four-year institution on the same resources that have sustained a two-year college. We must have enhanced support in a variety of directions.

ECHOES: On a personal note, what do you want our readers to know about you?



Cox: I want them to know that I am very sincere about wanting input and ideas. I'm eternally optimistic, and I know in every fiber of my being that we are going to succeed beyond our wildest dreams in moving this place forward. I am happy to my core to be here and immersed in this community. I'm not afraid of change. I'm not here to turn everybody's world upside down. I want to bring them with me on an exciting and adventurous journey to change the face of this incredible place.

ECHOES: In 50 years, what do you hope people are saying about the YHC of which you were president?

Cox: I guess in 50 years, when some student is digging through the archives so they can write an historical article for *Echoes*, I want them to say, "Wow! What is it that was going on around the beginning of this century that prompted this place to grow and change at such a rapid pace?" I want them to be in awe of the vision we put together and the massive amount of support we had in implementing it. This is such a good college. We are given the truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform this place into what we want it to be. Few college presidents ever have that opportunity, and I'm so fortunate to be experiencing this. I hope I'm known as the cheerleader who empowered the various groups of people to pull their weight and work together to make this a better place. Unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of paying slackers here. We all have to do our jobs and so much more in order to make this happen. I hope to share the load with everyone. If we have a 100 percent team effort, then at the end of this road, we can all celebrate because it's everyone's success!

ECHOES: What kind of lasting contribution do you hope to make at YHC?

Cox: I don't function well in a top down environment of administration.

There are far too many capable people connected with this college who need to be empowered and engaged to help make the difference. If I can do anything to open the process and empower, then I will have succeeded. Life is too short not to be happy and challenged in our lives every day.

ECHOES: Whom do you admire and what or who inspires you?

Cox: I hope this doesn't sound corny, but I'm inspired by everyday people I meet and what they're doing. I'm so inspired by Steve Smith, a member of our maintenance crew, who had a terrible horse accident and broke his leg. Just weeks later, he was back at work! I've fallen in love with our various plant personnel. They can do everything, and I've not presented them with a single challenge they weren't thrilled to take on and do with smiles on their faces. I like to work around people who are fundamentally happy. I want people to feel good. If they're willing to give 150 percent, then I'm inspired to give 160 percent. This campus is loaded with those people.

ECHOES: What words do you live by?

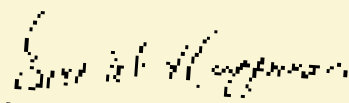
Cox: I love the Robert Frost poem *The Road Not Taken*, because I think we always have options. Look for the challenge in order to live and learn. Life isn't about skating by, but about making the most of the time you're given. I love the scripture Luke 12:48, "To whom much is given, much is expected." I know I've been blessed, and I have an absolute responsibility to take my talents and use them to make life around me better. God has blessed me in allowing me to do just that at YHC.

President Cox, welcome to the time of your life! The alumni, friends and community of YHC embrace you and journey with you on the exciting adventure that awaits. Your arrival signals a new day for the college—a day that will forever strengthen the bond between this place and those who love it.

Why do we read books or go to movies? Sure, one can argue that it's the insatiable need of the human psyche, and in particular the American psyche, to be entertained, but I think it may be more than that. We all dream of great adventures. Most of our childhood is spent weaving the threads of intricate stories in our minds that most of us will never actually live out. Adventure is the centerpiece of American culture. The entire idea of leaving your country to found a new one based on your ideals, wants and needs is adventure at the core. And, sometimes, if we're lucky, in our everyday lives our daydreams pay off and transform into real, live adventures. Now, all of this is my way of saying that I truly believe our alma mater is preparing for the adventure of a lifetime—of its lifetime. As we gear up to become a top-notch, four-year, liberal arts college, the administration, faculty and staff have much to do. We must find a way to seamlessly bind transition and tradition. Careful steps must be made to bridge the gap between the YHC of yesterday and the YHC of tomorrow, leaving everyone who has been enlightened by the experience clutching the same bag of emotional memories tied to this special place. Is that possible? Yes, and more so than ever before. The stars are aligned for YHC, and as an alumnus who has the fortune of calling this place home, I can honestly say that we're in a good place.

The coming years will not be without their challenges. Both the physical and metaphysical landscape of our alma mater will begin to change. New buildings must be built. New programs must be added. The numbers must grow. But, perhaps the most amazing thing about all of this is that it will be done, constructed, molded by the hands of people who love this place. Did you know that YHC employs more than 20 alumni? That's amazing for such a small school. Take comfort in knowing that we've returned to our alma mater to help it, to strengthen it and to ensure a bright future for it and all of us. Think of the value of your degree! In 20 years, a YHC diploma will be more than just an emotional attachment. It will be a statement—a statement from a strong, academically aggressive centerpiece of the north Georgia mountains. Obviously, I'm excited about the coming adventure, and I want to take this opportunity to invite you along. Find a way of involvement with YHC in the coming years. Certainly, our annual fund, The Young Harris Fund, needs to grow to its \$1 million goal, the facilities need to be brought along for the transition and the academic atmosphere must be nurtured and amended to include new degree programs and majors. So much must happen, and you can be a key player in making it so. Most of all, we need your encouragement and support. No adventure is worth the journey if you go it alone. We always look forward to correspondence from our friends and alumni. The time you spend keeping up with us and sharing your experience and thoughts about YHC is priceless.

*As I said in the last issue of *Echoes*, everything changes—people change, places change, ideas change. YHC must change in order to rise to its potential. With your support, at the end of this journey YHC can mean as much to the world as it means to us. Now that is certainly an outcome well worth the adventure!*



Bert W. Huffman '97

Vice President for Institutional Advancement



WELCOME WEEK

New and returning students at YHC were treated to a host of fun activities as part of Welcome Week 2007.

Director of Campus Activities Amber Mulkey noted the importance of this type of campus program, saying, "Welcome Week is a great opportunity for the student development team to introduce students to college life. We have planned a variety of activities to appeal to different interests. Our hope is that we will provide students with the opportunity to develop meaningful interpersonal relationships with other



students, faculty and staff members in a safe and comfortable environment which will contribute to making a healthier transition into life at YHC."

Invited to celebrate their first night on campus in style, freshmen came together for an Independence Day fiesta. Other events designed to get students involved and to help them meet one another during their first week

included s'mores by the campfire, midday cotton candy and sno-cones and a mid-week opportunity to snack on salsa while learning to dance the salsa! Welcome Week wrapped up with a luau on the lawn, a Thursday night showing of *Superman 3* on the lawn and Friday night trivia and wings.

The icing on the cake was a huge cookout with a Slip 'N Slide at lunch on Saturday.

Based on a thank you note received by Mulkey, students really appreciated the efforts put forth by the campus development staff. The note read: "I just wanted to say thank you for all the events you have done for us this week. It has really helped me in my transition to college at Young Harris."



A Journey Into the Life of the Mind

2007 ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

BY MICHELLE E. MARTIN '96

"The ideal condition would be, I admit, that men should be right by instinct; but since we are all likely to go astray, the reasonable thing is to learn from those who can teach."

President Cathy Cox used this well-known quote from the ancient Greek playwright Sophocles to challenge students at the 2007 Academic Assembly. After welcoming them to "the best time of their lives," President Cox recognized 45 of the top scholarship recipients in the freshman class, including the Margaret Pitts scholar, Haley Newlon of Canton, Presidential scholars Brittany McKinnon of Murphy, North Carolina and Rebekah Jill Tuttle of McCaysville, and 42 Sharp scholars. In addition to Cox, other new faces at this year's academic assembly included Reverend Patty Ryle Clay, associate campus minister, who delivered the invocation.

As is YHC tradition, faculty and staff were introduced and academic divisions were recognized for their collective years of YHC experience: fine arts, 96 years; humanities, 173 years; math and science, 153 years; and social and behavioral studies, 175 years.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Services Dr. John W. Wells issued the academic challenge to both new and returning students, encouraging them to dedicate their lives to intellectual inquiry. Wells

noted that college is a journey into the life of the mind in which great conversations with fellow classmates, inspiring books and discussions with professors begin an eye-opening path of learning. He asserted that the greatest task of the student at YHC is to "take hold of our lives and develop our minds."

The new school year also marked the launch of a new program entitled IDEAS, an acronym for Intellectual Development and Experiences for the Arts and Sciences. IDEAS is an update to prior cultural programming initiatives at YHC such as convocations and LEAPs. Dr. Roberta Rankin introduced IDEAS and gave highlights of upcoming programs. IDEAS will include scholarly and current events; lectures and seminars; faculty presentations, music recitals, poetry and fiction reading; fine and performing arts events; and many other events involving national, regional and local leaders and experts in various fields.

A cornerstone of academic assembly is the honor code and the introduction of its champions, the Honor Council.

Chairman of the Honor Council and professor of computer science Ken Fox introduced new and returning members of the Honor Council. In a previous assembly, YHC's Pledge of Honor was signed by every member of the student body.

A benediction by Reverend Fred Whitley '66 closed the 2007 Academic Assembly.



Thicker Than Water

THE FAMILY SPIRIT OF YHC

BY TONY DANIEL '86

On March 12, 2007, my wife Leila entered an inpatient hospice facility, and I knew that a long struggle was coming to a close. For more than eight years, Leila had been fighting a recurrence of cancer. Diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer when she was 24 years old, she endured radical surgery and debilitating radiation therapy. Following seven cancer-free years in remission, the cancer returned more virulent than ever.

The chemotherapy drugs would work for a while then lose their effectiveness, but Leila's fighting spirit never did. On the other hand, while her faith was strong, I was filled with anger, frustration, rage, sadness and despair.

But following every rant, with the anger and rage spent, I was calmed by an inner voice I had not heard in years—Reverend Whitley's voice repeating the Hebrew Prayer for Peace. It gave me comfort.

Until we traveled to Europe as part of Dr. Hale's European Seminar in the winter of 1985, I had not known Rev well. For those four weeks, though, Rev became not just a teacher, but a friend.

Later, when I returned to YHC as a resident director and student activities coordinator, I counted Rev as one of my closest friends. Shortly after leaving YHC the second time, I found myself in the midst of a personal crisis, and the first person I turned to was Rev. We sat on the beach at Edisto Island as the sun came up and sorted through a great many emotions and feelings. From that point on, even though I was raised an Episcopalian, I considered Rev my personal spiritual counselor.

On Thursday, March 29, I was sitting at the hospice facility where I had been for many long days and nights. My wife's health was failing fast, and her doctors had told me that her time was short. I was watching my wife fade away in front of me, and, again, I was angry. I was inwardly raging, wanting answers that I knew were nowhere to be found. I wanted someone, anyone, to tell me why this was happening, and why it had to happen to someone I loved.

My cell phone rang with a number I did not know. I almost didn't answer.

I had not spoken to Rev in many years, but as soon as I heard his voice I began to cry. Rev and I talked for a long time—about Leila, her fight and the fact that she was slowly losing her battle with this disease. But as we talked, I heard that prayer, the word "Shalom," and my anger washed away. He promised to call the

next day and he did. Even though he was beginning one of the busiest times of his year, he took the time to call a friend in need.

As Leila passed away on April 4 at 3:30 a.m., her last breath was one of the most peaceful things I have ever witnessed. After struggling to breathe for so long, she took the deepest breath I had

seen her take in many months and simply sighed. As she sighed, a look of peace came to her face. Her fight was over, she did the best she could, and God had seen fit to give her peace at last.

Rev was one of three ministers who spoke at Leila's memorial service on Easter Monday. Hearing his voice on that day meant more to me than anything else. When I asked him if he would be able to assist in the service, he did not hesitate. He simply asked what time and if there was anything else he could do for me.

Many people become close to a faculty member in college. Some find a mentor or a role model. I was

lucky enough to find mentors and role models. But, more importantly, I found friends.

I'll never forget...

- Tom Jeffery convincing me to wear a bear suit for the children's theatre production of "Winnie The Pooh" and knowing I would never live it down
 - Making Tom's wife, Linda Jean, laugh hysterically with "the cleanest dirty joke in the world"
 - Listening to Dr. Steve Harvey play the guitar
 - Learning from Bettie Sellers that poetry is more than some silly rhyme scheme; it was the voice of your soul
 - Seeing Bud Dyer smiling and waving to everyone as he walked to the cafeteria
 - Watching Dr. Franklin get all worked up about Queen Elizabeth I
 - Hearing Bob Richardson's shrill whistle from clear across campus when he needed to ask you something
 - And having Fred Whitley clap his hand on my shoulder after graduation and tell me, "I'm going to miss you, my friend"
- Those are a few of my memories of my YHC family.

You make friends in college. There's no doubt about that. Some of those friendships fade after a while. Family, though, always comes through when you need them. When I needed my YHC family, they helped me through the storm. After all these years, Rev helped me find the peace I needed to weather that storm.

Shalom, Rev...



Daniel as pictured in the '85 yearbook

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS Around the State

Be sure to join YHC as we come to an area near you this fall! There are many exciting things going on at YHC, and we want the chance to see each of you in person to talk about the changes in store for your alma mater. From our brand-new president, Cathy Cox, to the transition of YHC to a four-year school, there is much to celebrate!

Area receptions are also a great way to meet other YHC alumni who live and work in your neighborhood. Mix, mingle, network and relax with others who share your love for the enchanted valley and this most special of places, Young Harris College.

For more information on any of the events, or if you are interested in hosting an alumni event in your area, contact Michelle E. Martin '96, director of alumni relations, at mmartin@yhc.edu or (706) 379-5318.



Watch for your invitation to upcoming
receptions in these areas:

**ATLANTA
MACON
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ROME**

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From 500 to 33,000

BY JESSICA SMITH '06

When I started applying to colleges, every YHC alumnus with whom I spoke said the same thing: "Young Harris College was the best two years of my life." That was a lofty statement for someone to make about a small, two-year private college hidden in the north Georgia mountains. Looking back at the advice I received from several trusted and successful adults almost five years ago, I cannot even begin to describe my gratitude to them for introducing me to such a unique place. As a 2006 YHC graduate, I am now a fourth-year public relations major at The University of Georgia. The values, responsibilities and work ethic that I had the opportunity of cultivating at YHC are truly being put to the test at this major university. Though the transition was difficult, I believe that YHC had a major impact on the student I have become today.

Upon graduation from YHC, it is almost as if I tried to find a similar enriching community where I could further my college career. Although I did find another challenging atmosphere and meet a myriad of new and unique people, it was not the kind of kinship that I had with the people at YHC. As I entered UGA's immense campus, I realized that the comforts of the beautiful green at YHC were no longer going to be a part of my day-to-day routine. With classes of 300+ students, I began to appreciate YHC's small class sizes and how available and willing the professors were to work with their students. The academic programs at UGA are very challenging, and I daily face new trials

that require me to reach back to the strong work ethic that YHC ingrained in me.

The experience of attending a small private college combined with attending a major university has given me a well-rounded college career that I am exceptionally proud of. One of YHC's greatest assets is that it gives its students a great academic foundation from which they can continue to

grow. Although I have become a red-blooded, Georgia Dawg fan, my college roots still reside at YHC. The transition from a college of 500 to a university of 33,000 was difficult and challenging, but my time at YHC gave me the confidence, knowledge and loyal friends to help me adjust to my new surroundings. Three years ago, I never thought I would be echoing the advice I was once given; however, I can honestly say that the years I spent in the Young Harris valley have been some of the most rewarding times of my life.



Above: Roommates Jessica Smith '06 and Ashley Brown '06

Right: Jessica Smith '06 and Seth Rikard '06

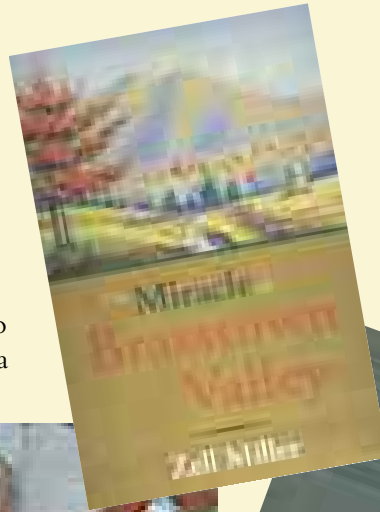
Below from left to right: YHC music majors Amanda Partridge '06, Ashley Brown '06, Dr. Keith DeFoor, Jessica Smith '06, Sean Gallagher '06, and Chason Disheroon '06 in New York City



THE MIRACLE OF *Brasstown Valley*

In his latest book, former US senator and Georgia governor and Young Harris resident Zell B. Miller '51 recounts the true story of the miraculous creation of a college in a remote mountain valley at the turn of the 19th century and the captivating characters who, with the grace of God, made it happen:

- The Methodist circuit rider, still in his 20s, who came into the valley on a mule, bringing only a dream and the fierce faith of an Old Testament prophet
- The wise, resourceful, soft-spoken widow who breathed life into the infant school not once but twice



- The wealthy Methodist layman whose generosity for Christian education was so great that his kin sued him because they felt left out
- The college president, a Shakespearean scholar, who was more at home on the farm with his britches rolled up and shirttail flapping

Copies of Senator Miller's new book are available on Amazon.com and in The Little Store at YHC. Proceeds of all copies purchased at The Little Store for \$17.95 go to benefit YHC.

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One Day

BY DR. MEG GRING WHITLEY

The *awakening dream* of a new day announced itself in the *pink translucency* of muted *marmalade skies*. A *bewitching charm* befell the garden. Like hoars of a *lime frost*, the pallid green pearls of dew tenaciously clutched to the *magic filigree* of a *spider miracle* spun the night before. Gradually, the *gilded rose* sun projected its rays on banks of interwoven clouds, transforming the

dawn into a *double pink delight* with a *tangerine twist*. The day was beginning, *pure and simple*.

Maybe.

For all its *quietness*, the *secret splendor* of this hortus conclusus would soon explode into *perfect pleasure*.

By midday, the *band of color* of this seemingly innocent *still life* fell under a *gypsy spell* and revealed a *fruit cocktail* of

forbidden fruit! Under a scorching *California sun*, the dormant characters burst forth as though attending a *regency masquerade*. *Chantelle*, the *femme fatale* par excellence, flirted dangerously with an *oriental dancer*, while *Bridget*, a *Flamenco queen* with striking *Malaga blanca* skin, spun herself furiously into *balls of red*, nonchalantly flinging her *royal ebony* mantilla in the face of a





backdrop, only the *clairvoyant lady*, as majestic and aloof as a *lady pharaoh*, foresaw the *fantasy finish* of all her cohorts' *festive art*.

And surely enough, the appearance of the *tuxedo moon* confirmed that the party was over. Like a soothing *night cap*, an *eloquent silence* overcame the denizens of the

disinterested *seductor*. In less than a *country heart beat*, the *farmer's daughter* slipped on her *silk stockings* and paraded around like a *Savannah debutante* at a *Strutter's ball*. Elsewhere, a *ruffian's apprentice* slipped a *wedding band* onto the hand of a *slender lady*, causing her peaches and cream complexion to wax to *roses with peaches*. *Seminole ruby*, never known to be a wall flower, exposed her *hot secret* by demonstrating her *magic obsession* for *vino di nati*. Standing out from this furious

garden, and the *fragrant night* filtered through the *evening solitude* on invisible *night wings*. The *moonlight caress* of that *blue moon rising* put all the drooping heads to sleep, and, in so doing, rounded out the *circle of life* of one day.

This whimsical farce merely attempts to illustrate the creative names of the flower known as "the poor man's orchid." All the expressions in italics are actual names of day lilies that Professor of Mathematics Dr. Bob Nichols cultivates in his backyard. Not only has Dr. Nichols

proven to be an exceptional horticulturist, but he has also remained faithful to his mathematical career: He has meticulously arranged these evanescent beauties in flower beds that follow, to the strictest of detail, the





An Honor and A Calling

BY BERT HUFFMAN '97

The Reverend Patty Ryle Clay may look familiar to you. She served for nine years as the pastor of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of YHC. During her time at Sharp, she became an integral part of the YHC family. Her unique style of empowering others became the hallmark of her tenure at Sharp, and today the church continues to be a shining example of laity leadership.

With a diverse background from environmental activism to local church leadership, Clay believes that this path has led her to YHC at this point in her life for a reason. "I don't really know how to explain this," shares Clay. "Honestly, I love the college, and it has been a deep desire of mine for years to be a part of what happens here. I am answering a call from God here. I believe God gives us the deepest parts of ourselves, and our dreams and desires come from God."

Perhaps Clay is a case study in patience and in faith. More than two years ago she left Sharp Memorial UMC to step away from the local church, and even closer to God. She enrolled at Emory University with the challenge of earning another master's degree; this time in theology. With a determined spirit, she knew something else was in the cards for her, though she wasn't sure what it was. "I feel like the breadth and depth of knowledge that one can gain in the local church partnered with my formal education [She holds both a master's of divinity and the master's of theology from Emory University.] serve as the perfect combination for working in an academic setting," explains Clay. "Also, this is a beautiful part of my own spiritual pilgrimage. I don't think one can do this work

authentically unless one has explored some of the questions that college students bring with them into life and religion."

Clay's professional career hasn't



always been in the church. In fact, she started her adult journey with a degree in environmental science from Eckerd College. "This is my third career actually. First, I cared for the Earth, then I pastored the local church, and now I've accepted a new challenge where I can grow intellectually while also aiding in the spiritual and academic journeys of young men and women," says Clay. Her charge at YHC will be twofold. Clay will serve as a professor of religion while also assisting in the

religious life program through her appointment as associate campus minister. She considers it an honor to work alongside her longtime friend Reverend Fred Whitley '66 in this capacity. When asked about her excitement for teaching a class on Christian thought in the spring semester Clay remarks, "My main interest and area of research is systematic theology. My thesis for this most recent master's degree was on Julian of Norwich and the relationship between pneumatology (the theology of the Holy Spirit) and pneumatic experience. I'm very interested in the connection between the two and where they meet in religious practice. I'm also fascinated with medieval mystical theology and its connection to the contemporary charismatic church. I feel strongly that my theological interests are very much in line with where this generation is spiritually. College students are in a place that is so open to this kind of exploration. I hope that in my class I can expose students to a variety of post-modern Christian authors and their varying viewpoints."

A final component for Clay in her decision to join the YHC faculty was the impending move to four-year status. "What an exciting time this is going to be for Young Harris!" she comments. "I'm going to be

spending a lot of my time researching what our peer, four-year institutions are doing in their religious life and religious studies programs. Anyone in the academic world would be thrilled to be a part of growing an institution like YHC from a fine two-year college into a quality, respected four-year college.”

Patty Ryle Clay is special. Just a few moments spent in the Zen-like confines of her office or a chance passing on a campus sidewalk can tell you that. A kind, generous and honest person combined with an academic powerhouse – Patty Ryle Clay has already brought her brand of life to the campus. One can only anticipate what she will bring to the classroom.

Established in 1886 by Artemas Lester, a circuit-riding Methodist minister, YHC’s Methodist heritage is alive and well today.

- The bishop of the North Georgia Conference of the Church is an ex-officio member of the board of trustees.
- Five ministers and three bishops (active and/or retired) serve in some capacity on the board.
- Five United Methodist ministers serve on the 2007 AAYHC board
- Current YHC faculty and staff boast four ministers

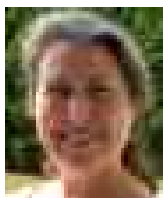
Today, YHC proudly proclaims its ties to the United Methodist Church.





NEW FACULTY *and* STAFF

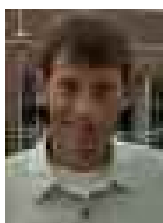
New Faculty



KAREN CALLOWAY
Professor of Music
B.A., Music Education (choral),
Indiana University
M.A., Music (vocal performance),
Florida State University



REVEREND PATTY RYLE CLAY
Associate Campus Minister/
Professor of Religion
B.S., Environmental Science,
Eckerd College
M.Div. and Th.M., Emory University,
Candler School of Theology

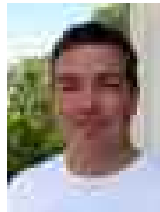


DR. ROBERT "BOBBY" NICHOLS JR. '82
Professor of Physics and Physical Science
A.S., Young Harris College
B.S., Physics, Davidson College
M.A., Physics and Ph.D., Physics,
Washington University in St. Louis

Adjunct Faculty



DALE COCHRAN
Adjunct Professor of Art
B.A., Georgia State University



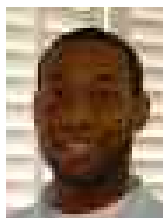
MICHAEL DICKINS
Adjunct Professor of Art
B.F.A., Georgia Southern University

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KATHLEEN TICKNER
Adjunct Professor of English
B.A., Nazareth College
M.A., University of Rochester

Athletics

New Resident Directors



JOSHUA KERLEY
Winship Hall/Director of Student Center
B.S., Social Work, University of Alabama
M.S., Social Work, University of Georgia



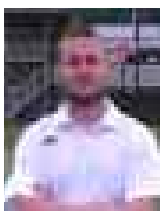
DANIEL MOORE '01
Manget Hall/Director of Intramural Athletics
B.A., History with a minor in Religion,
University of Georgia



AMBER ALLEN MULKEY
Rollins Hall/Director of Campus Activities
B.S., Sociology, Lander University
M.Ed. with an emphasis in Student Affairs
Administration, Clemson University



TIM BURGESS '02
Assistant Baseball Coach
B.A., Economics, Georgia State University

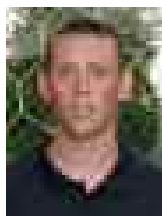


STUART DICK
Assistant Men's Soccer Coach
Northwood University



ALLI HILLMAN '05
Women's Tennis Coach
A.S., Education, Young Harris College
B.A., Marketing (in progress), North
Georgia College and State University

Athletics (cont.)



CIARAN TRAQUIAR
Assistant Women's Soccer Coach
B.A., Business Administration,
Shorter College



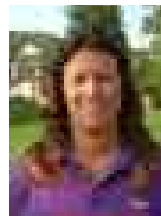
CHRIS WIDING '05
Assistant Baseball Coach
A.S., Business, Young Harris College
B.S., Kinesiology, Charleston Southern
University

Changes

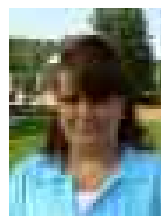
KATHY BROWN, Associate Athletic Director

SHANNON HUFFMAN, Interim Dean of Students

Physical Plant Department



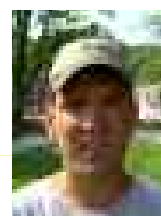
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Housekeeping Department



MELISSA SPAIN
Housekeeping Department



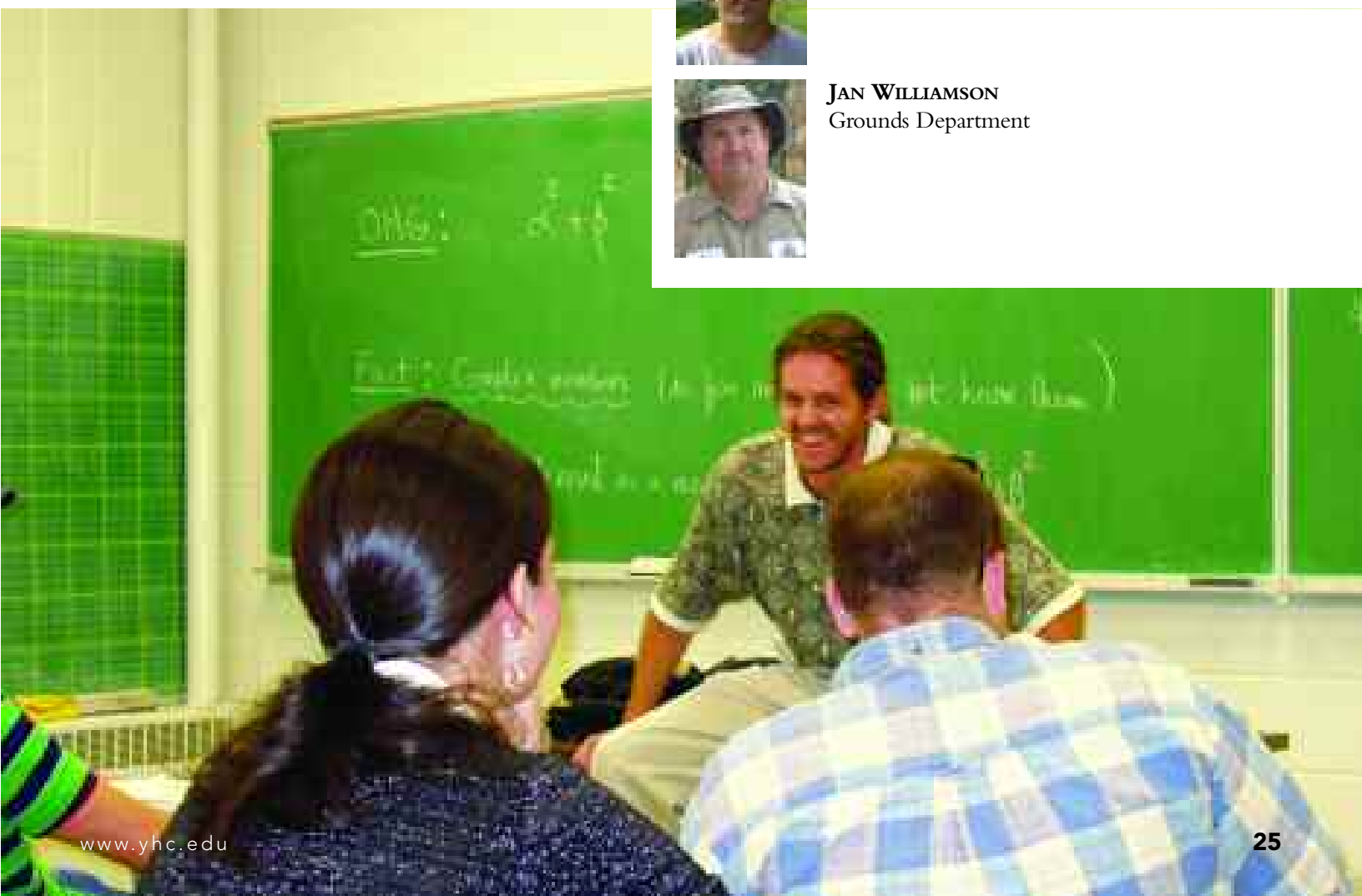
KEITH TAYLOR
Grounds Department



JAMES THOMPSON
Grounds Department



JAN WILLIAMSON
Grounds Department





A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE *of Young Harris College*

BY ROSEMARY R. ROYSTON '89

Moving from an institution that is accredited to award associate degrees to one that is approved to award baccalaureate degrees is a major step. In the world of higher education it is called substantive change.

Not only are we undertaking this initiative on a very ambitious timeline, we are also scheduled to undergo our decennial reaffirmation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2010. This means that in the next few years, examination of our processes, procedures and pedagogies will be at an even more intense level. As an alumna and vice president for planning, assessment and registration, I'd like to share some of the highlights on the planning front.

All planning should be based on a sound mission statement, and the college's first step in the planning process has been to re-visit our mission, goals, values and our vision statement. Over the summer, planning and assessment council members have met weekly to draft updated versions of these statements. The council is comprised of administrators and faculty and staff members, and each member has been dedicated in giving

time to this process. Because of this dedication, we kicked off the fall 2007 academic year with the entire campus community reading and discussing these proposed changes, and we all met again in September. Additionally, I have accompanied key leaders and faculty members on visits to other campuses.

We have been on campuses to view facilities and speak with faculty members, and we've learned quite a bit from these experiences. The visits have inspired us, because we realize we are doing quite a few things well already. On the other hand, they've also shown us that there are many fronts on which we must act to become the four-year institution that we desire. Also, the administrative team has recently read a case study on a college that successfully transformed itself into a stellar liberal arts institution. We are armed with examples and data that will aid us as we design a five-year strategic plan.

In the short run, we have identified the first five targeted baccalaureate degrees. Each division will be moving forth with a major: music (fine arts), business (social and behavioral sciences), English (humanities), biology (math and science) and liberal arts. If our aggressive timeline is met, the students who enrolled in the fall of 2007 could stay into their junior and senior years! This is exciting. I want to also state that those of us who are new to YHC and those of us who are "old" to YHC (such as me) all plan to keep the intimate setting and spirit alive and well. The way I look at it, we will now be able to finish what we've started—not only in the classroom but in the development of the whole person. I'm proud and honored to be a part of this transition, and I welcome your enthusiasm, too.

Beverly Barrow Woodward

SCHOLARSHIP

Beverly Barrow Woodward '53 enjoyed her time at YHC in the early 1950s. She was an active student, involved in the Phi Delta Society, musical endeavors and art classes. However, while on a summer study abroad excursion to London, England between her sophomore and junior years of college, she received the gift of a lifetime.

It was on a day excursion to Knowle House that Beverly met Len Woodward, a young Londoner with big dreams and a bright future. After her return to the states, Beverly and Len corresponded for several years before he came to America, and they were married. That was 50 years ago, and this year in commemoration of their 50th anniversary, the Woodwards established the Beverly



Knowle House Sevenoaks, Kent

Barrow Woodward '53 Scholarship for Study Abroad.

One lucky recipient of this scholarship will be chosen each year and provided tuition and living

expenses to study in London following his or her sophomore year. For Beverly, this is a full-circle opportunity to honor two of her dearest loves, Len and YHC. This year's recipient of the Beverly Barrow Woodward '53 Scholarship is Kimberly Bellflower '07. Bellflower, a fine student and a theatre major, will study in London next summer.

Generosity can be expressed in so many ways. The Woodwards have been good friends of YHC over the years. Previously, they established a scholarship to honor Beverly's parents and were instrumental in the establishment of the Thomas S. Yow and Julia B. Yow Endowed Scholarship.

Mullins

SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce the establishment of the David and Margaret Mullins '61, '60 Scholarship. Family and friends created the scholarship as a tribute to the Mullins' many years of dedication and service to the college.

To many alumni, David and Margaret Mullins are YHC. The couple met here as students. Through their involvement with The Little Store on campus, their relationship with students goes far beyond selling books or the occasional soft drink.



The couple has come into contact with virtually every student passing through our gates for the past 46 years. And although their retirement

brings an end to an era, the Mullins tradition will continue as daughters LaRanda Mullins Mauldin '91 and DeBrona Mullins '81 assume management of The Little Store.

To make a gift to this scholarship fund, use the donation envelope found in this issue of *Echoes*. For more information about the Mullins Scholarship, contact Bert W. Huffman '97 in the Office of Institutional Advancement at (706) 379-5173 or bhuffman@yhc.edu.



Connected CONTRIBUTOR

BY ANN P. NELSON

The YHC board of trustees is an impressive group of dedicated men and women. On the board, one can find connections to the historic Atlanta Candler family (Asa Candler was the founder of the Coca-Cola Company.), the US Department of Interior, the Cumberland Island National Seashore, The Good Samaritan Health Center, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy. And you can find those connections in a single, extraordinary trustee—Mary Ripley Warren.

Mary Warren's reputation for getting things accomplished and her affiliation with the United Methodist church were qualifications that led to her selection to the YHC board of trustees in 1985. When she was appointed, there were no other women serving. And while she may have been the *token woman* (as she laughingly recalls), her fellow trustees sought her counsel, listened to her ideas that brought a very different point of view from theirs and valued her opinions. She served as the lone female voice on the board until the appointment of Sharon Cole in 1989.

A native Atlantan, Warren graduated



Mary and Billy Warren with Lillian Budd Darden

from Henry Grady High School and attended Agnes Scott College. She is married to William Chester Warren III. They have four sons and 10 grandchildren.

Warren's marriage brought her to what has become one of her favorite subjects—Cumberland Island. Cumberland Island is one of the oldest barrier islands on the Atlantic Coast. With a landmass larger than Manhattan Island, it is the largest barrier island on the coast of Georgia.

Charles Howard Candler, Billy Warren's grandfather, had purchased land on the island in 1928. It quickly became a family haven, and her husband claims that Cumberland Island is in his blood; in fact, he remarks that he was there before he was even born. In no time, Warren came to love the island as much as her husband.

July 4, 2002 in Cashiers, North Carolina

The High Point land, the part of Cumberland Island owned by the family, was enjoyed by the Warrens and their guests until the late 1960s when the threat of development became an imminent probability. With the assistance and support of other property owners who wanted to preserve the island's pristine condition, they enlisted the help of the US secretary of the interior. As a result, the Cumberland Island National Seashore was born by an act of Congress and signed into law in 1972.



In Ireland 1989

With the government's involvement and the challenges that involvement represented, the island was saved from the developer's bulldozer. Much of the privately held property on the island was sold to the National Park Service. The private owners were able to retain rights and will enjoy long-time use of the property before it one day reverts to the National Park Service, but more importantly, the



island's condition has been preserved.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette, who both died in a 1999 Massachusetts plane crash, were married at the First African Baptist Church on Cumberland Island. The church, with only 11 handmade pews and no electricity, was site of their very private wedding. On the day of the wedding, the Warrens hosted both bride and groom at their High Point home where they assisted them as they dressed before the couple left for the tiny church.

Currently, Warren is involved in saving and restoring some of the historical structures as a reminder of earlier life on the island. She proudly proclaims that the fifth generation of the family is now enjoying and loving Cumberland Island.

Warren has served YHC during six presidents' tenure and has delighted in the unique, positive ideas each has brought. She has also seen the college move from operating with a deficit to solid financial stability. Although financial health has been a major accomplishment, she feels the recently announced transition to a four-year institution will be the most significant change during her watch over the college. Much work will be required to ensure that the change is done the right way, and fundraising will be a challenge as the college must compete with other organizations for funds.

Warren is a member of Northside United Methodist Church, Junior League of Atlanta, Piedmont Garden Club, Children's Health Care Auxiliary and Shepherd Spinal Center Auxiliary. She is chairman of

Cumberland Island Historic Foundation. She also has served on the Sheltering Arms Day Care board, Frazier Center board (formerly Cerebral Palsy Center) and was appointed by the secretary of the



interior to the advisory board of the Cumberland Island National Seashore. Additionally, she was chairman of the board of Atlanta's Woman of the Year during its final year of existence. In May, Warren was awarded the President's Medallion, the highest award given by YHC. She has established the Thomas Alexander Ripley Scholarship at YHC to honor the memory of her father.

Obviously a tireless contributor to her community, Warren has raised her sons to embrace these same qualities. Her oldest son, Dr. Bill Warren IV, left his private pediatric practice in Sandy Springs in 1995 and opened The Good Samaritan Health Center. The center provides a comprehensive range of services for patients without the means to afford care. The center, which serves Atlanta's homeless and working poor, provided care to more than 17,500 patients in 2006. Son

James is involved in the restoration of Callanwolde, where Warren's husband grew up. Son Glenn is active with work at Wesley Woods which provides healthy, affordable housing and geriatric care, and son Thomas runs Danville



On Cumberland Island with grandchildren



Plantation, the family's quail plantation near Americus.

Mary Ripley Warren has used her talents to better her community, to enrich the environment, to instill values and a sense of gratitude and giving in her family as well as share her skills and leadership with guiding and improving YHC. And on top of these activities, she finds time to indulge her love of travel and she even works out with a personal trainer three times a week!

Today the YHC board of trustees is comprised of 40 extraordinary individuals, including five women—from elected officials and public servants, exceptionally successful businesspeople, ministers, physicians, attorneys, judges, philanthropists and even a true sports legend. We can be assured that YHC is under the guidance of the very best, and Mary Warren is a fitting member of the group.



Warren family Thanksgiving 2000 at Danville Plantation



People in the News

Let us know what is happening in your life! Send your news and photos to:
Young Harris College News, PO Box 275, Young Harris, GA 30582 or alumni@yhc.edu

DR. FELECIA McDUFFIE'S essay, "Augustine's Rhetoric of the Feminine in the Confessions," was included in the book *Feminist Interpretations of Saint Augustine*, edited by Judith Stark and published by Penn State University Press. In the essay, Dr. McDuffie, professor of philosophy and religion, explores St. Augustine's views of women.

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BETSY CORLEY PICKREN '66, an executive leadership and team coach, co-authored *Winning Without Compromising YOURSELF: Unlocking personal and professional mastery in the political arena*. The book was released in August. Betsy lives in Duluth.

HENRY S. ROGERS '61 was named Title Person of the Year by Dixie Land Association, an association of real estate title insurance professionals from Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. He is employed by Powell Goldstein LLP in its commercial real estate practice as a senior title attorney and lives in Stone Mountain.

1 9 8 0 s

BRYAN T. HAYES '88 is in the US Navy stationed at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, working as a recruit division commander. He completed two tours of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is now enjoying the opportunity to go home every night to his wife, kids and favorite bulldog. Recently, Bryan started work on a master's degree in

military studies. Unfortunately, his military schedule does not allow him to return home, and he would love to hear from former classmates at bryanhayes2002@comcast.net.

COLONEL ALVIN B. LEE '82 has taken command as the 60th district engineer of the New Orleans District, US Army Corps of Engineers to face the great challenge of recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

DR. G. ANDREW PAGE '85 is entering his fourth year as an assistant professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition to exploring the Last Frontier, Andy is teaching courses on instructional technology, research methods and e-learning design.

ENGAGEMENTS

AMANDA ADAMS '04 and **JOHN BRYANT '03**. Wedding is scheduled for November 3, 2007 in Lula.

MARRIAGES

LEIGH KLINGAMAN '03 to Steve White on April 21, 2007 in Savannah. Leigh graduated in December 2006 from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah with B.S. and M.S. degrees in physical therapy. The couple lives in Pooler.

CHRIS LINTNER '88 to Jackie Daniel on September 4, 2007 in Seagrove Beach, Florida. Chris is a systems analyst for Aflac's financial operations. Jackie is a first grade teacher at Pine Ridge Elementary in Ellerslie. The couple lives in Ellerslie.

WADE MAYTON '01 and **MELISSA WINDER '01** on July 14, 2007 at the Georgia Museum of Art in Athens. The couple lives in Athens.

WARD METCALFE '00 and **JENNIFER OWENBY '99** at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris on June 2, 2007. The couple lives in Smyrna and can be contacted at wardmetcalfe@hotmail.com

AARON WELLING '02 and **KIMBERLY PRICE '04** on July 7, 2007 in Blairsville. The couple lives in Alpharetta.

BIRTHS

NANCY LORD BRAMLETT '90 and husband Ricky announce the birth of Amanda Suzanne on June 10, 2007. She was welcomed by big sister Sarah, 5.



YHC professors of art **DAWN AND MICHAEL DICKINS** welcomed son Martin Drew on September 3, 2007 at 4:48 p.m. Drew weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 18-1/2 inches long. He was welcomed by big brother Carver.

YHC professor of dance **HANNAH JONES** and husband Andrew announce the birth of Marah Dacci on July 23 at 5:05 p.m. at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21-3/4 inches long.

YHC professor of English **DR. AMANDA LAWRENCE** and husband Tom welcomed son Duncan Adams at 10:43 p.m. on May 18, 2007 at Erlanger Medical System in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Duncan was very premature, and after much healing and growth in the NICU at Erlanger, Duncan was released to come home to Blairsville on September 23, 2007.

IN MEMORIAM
CLIFFORD W. BARNES '32
—March 15, 2006

LEILA DANIEL
wife of Tony Daniel '86
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Activities Calendar

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NOVEMBER

- 3 **ADMISSIONS VISITATION DAY**
- 5 **SHAW LECTURE FEATURING**
ANGELA PASTORE AND ERIC SPENCER
Susan B. Harris Chapel 8 p.m.
- 7-9 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**
THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH
Dobbs Theatre 8 p.m.
- 14 **THANKSGIVING CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 19 **RAGSDALE LECTURE FEATURING**
DAVAR ARDALAN, *MY NAME IS IRAN*
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 28 **ADVENT CHAPEL AND CHRISTMAS**
TREE LIGHTING SERVICE
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 **YHC CHOIR FALL CONCERT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 5 **CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

JANUARY

- 15 **MLK JR. CELEBRATION**
FEATURING DR. RAY ARSENAULT
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 17 **CAROL LEBRUN ART EXHIBIT OPENING**
Campus Gate Art Gallery 7 p.m.
- 21 **ADMISSIONS VISITATION DAY**
- 30 **WINTER REVIVAL FEATURING LAURA PICKETT**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 30 **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
Sharp Memorial UMC 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

- 21 **ALICE HIRT MEMORIAL ART EXHIBITION**
FEATURING GREG CARTER
Campus Gate Art Gallery 7 p.m.
- 21-23 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**
THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.

MARCH

- 27-29 **YHC CHOIR SPRING CONCERT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 26 **EASTER CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
Sharp Memorial UMC 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 3 **HOAG CONCERT FEATURING**
DEKALB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 10 **STUDENT ART SHOW OPENING**
Campus Gate Art Gallery 6:30 p.m.
- 12 **SPRINGFEST**
- 17-19 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**
THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE
Dobbs Theatre 8 p.m.
- 21 **HONORS NIGHT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 7 p.m.
- 2 **GRADUATION PICNIC AND VESPER SERVICE**
Brasstown Bald 6 p.m.
- 3 **GRADUATION**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 11 a.m.

MAY

- 5 **YHC 2008 CLAY DOTSON OPEN**
Brasstown Valley Resort

JULY

- 24-27 **HOMECOMING**

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'Tis the Season

Presented November 16, 30 and
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Georgia mountains, and Theatre Young Harris has
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Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium

Regular \$15, YHC students, faculty, staff \$6

The Beauty Queen of Leenane⁺

by Martin McDonagh

*Because of subject matter and language this production is intended for
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April 17–19, 8 p.m.

Dobbs Theatre, Goolsby Center

Regular \$8, YHC students, faculty, staff \$4

*A portion of the ticket price for these plays helps support the service
activities of the Delta Gamma Drama Society (+) and the YHC Music
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ENSURE YOUR ANNUAL GIFT *for a lifetime and beyond!*

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We are fortunate to have many generous friends who support YHC with regular annual gifts. You can ensure that your annual gift will continue perpetually by creating an endowment. It takes an amount equal to 20 times your annual gift to create an endowed fund and ensure that your annual gift will continue uninterrupted after your death (assuming a five percent annual distribution).

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An endowed fund can not only ensure the continuation of your current giving level, it can also provide for increases in that amount to account for inflation. If an

endowed fund is able to earn four percent more than it distributes, the fund and its annual distribution will continue to grow. An endowment is also a great way to forever tie your name to Young Harris College!

If you have any questions concerning a planned gift to YHC, contact Bert W. Huffman '97, vice president for institutional advancement at (706) 379-5112 or email at bhuffman@yhc.edu.



***T**he months since my husband Mark and I unpacked our lives and our belongings here at Young Harris College have flown by, and we both continue to marvel at our good fortune. We are so happy to be here and to be working in a great campus community with such warm and wonderful people.*

I've been learning my way around, learning names and learning more about the venerable history of YHC. It's important that I know about and appreciate all that has made YHC what it is today, because I know how important it is to you that we keep that very special Young Harris experience alive and well as we move the college into a new sphere.

The challenge of our trustees to grow YHC into a world-class, four-year, liberal arts college is now fully in motion. Numerous committees and task forces of faculty, staff, students and administrators are meeting every day to evaluate and plan for all the details that accompany this monumental opportunity.

Based on our existing strengths, the first bachelor's degrees we will offer will likely be in music, English, biology, business and general studies/liberal arts. But we also know that shortly after we gain accreditation for baccalaureate status, we'll want to offer degrees in education, theatre, religion and many other areas.

What academic and performing arts facilities will we need to enhance all these areas? How many new faculty members will we need to add, knowing that we are already short on faculty, with some already teaching overloads this semester because of our growing number of students? And yes, we're already out of faculty office spaces, so that's a consideration that must be raised.

We have to make decisions about athletics—what division will we join as a four-year college? Will we bring back a basketball program? What about football? What programs will enhance a student's experience and college life in general here at YHC?

Where will we put upperclassmen when every bed space on campus was filled this fall with our all-time record high enrollment? How will we feed more students when our current dining hall is being used beyond its current capacity? And how can we offer students more dining options, particularly later in the evenings?

This is just the first layer of questions we're dealing with this year—and as complex as they can be, they present us with an awesome opportunity.

It's like Trustee Jim Johnston said to me at homecoming this summer: "How many colleges really get to decide what they want to be?" In transitioning into a four-year college, we truly get to decide what we want to be known for, what we want to excel in, and what kind of future we want for our college and its graduates.

I can't think of anything more exciting—or rewarding! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to dream with you, and with all the YHC stakeholders, as we work to make our future even stronger.



Cathy Cox
President

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