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Dear YHC Family and Friends:

*S*ummer was anything but a vacation here at YHC! It was great to have hundreds of alumni, friends and families back on campus for homecoming, and especially meaningful to combine this annual gathering with my formal inauguration as your 21st president. I wanted the weekend to be a celebration of YHC's rich history and exciting future. I think we accomplished that! My sincere thanks to all who participated in the inauguration and homecoming programs and to all on campus who planned the events and worked so hard to make sure everything flowed smoothly.

I also wanted the weekend to benefit YHC, so we combined a great alumni evening with a benefit dinner to raise funds for enhancing the beauty of the campus and planting trees—21 native specimens that will honor the 21 presidents of the college. We raised more than \$10,000 in our Gala for Green and will start planting three groves of beautiful, large trees in the spring.


If you missed homecoming weekend, you also missed a great opportunity to reflect on our past, present and future. We honored the decades of service by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hill by naming our newest residence hall for them, we recognized the achievements of many alumni at our Gala for Green, we paid tribute to more than 40 years of dedicated service by the Mullins family, and we looked ahead by breaking ground on a 200-bed residence hall. It was a great weekend of celebration. You can read more about all of these special events as you go through this issue of *Echoes*.

During the inauguration, Jerry Nix, chairman of the board of trustees, said "The train has left the station," referring to the progress we've made in our transition to a four-year college. And he's definitely correct; the train has left the station and is flying toward our new status as a baccalaureate degree-granting institution. We hope approval from SACS will be granted in December, giving us full authority to enroll a junior class next fall!

With a record enrollment of 653 students this fall, we're talking to all of them about the benefits of staying with us for the next four years. We added almost a dozen new faculty members this year to get ready for our bachelor's degree programs, and another dozen will be hired next summer. NCAA sports are right around the corner. We'll be applying for admission in June. Basketball and men's tennis will be returning to YHC in the very near future. Our building plans are also impressive, and you'll read more details about them in the spring issue of *Echoes*.

We've got big dreams for growing YHC, while maintaining its close-knit, residential campus and strong United Methodist affiliation. Our dreams can only come true with the strong support of our alumni and friends. I hope you'll consider supporting the Young Harris Annual Fund, our Local Scholarship Campaign and, in the very near future, our Capital Campaign. If you have good memories of your times at YHC, your support can make that same experience possible for today's and tomorrow's students. Jump on the train with us. It's going to be a great ride!

Best wishes,



Cathy Cox
President

On the Cover

President Cathy Cox

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Celebrating
the Past, Present and Future of YHC



PLANT A LEGACY

*H*omecoming 2008 will live in the memory of alumni and friends for many years.

Special for a number of reasons, this year's festivities incorporated the typical class reunions, wonderful meals, award presentations and receptions with the first Gala for Green and the inauguration of YHC's 21st president, Cathy Cox.

From start to finish, it was a celebration of YHC. Plant a Legacy was the theme for the event as the YHC family got a preview of the exciting changes in store for our alma mater.

THURSDAY

The weekend began with the traditional Meet and Greet on Thursday night. Alumni from different classes and different places gathered in the Myers Student Center to renew old friendships and make new ones.

FRIDAY

A Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae social on the plaza, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association of YHC and a planetarium show

in the award winning Rollins Planetarium were a few of Friday's activities.

The first Gala for Green was Friday night at Brasstown Valley Resort—a sell-out event attended by alumni, faculty, staff and friends. Proceeds from the Gala for Green will go toward purchasing and planting 21 trees on campus in honor of the 21 presidents of the college, as well as underwriting other sustainable efforts on campus.

The evening was capped with the presentation of the alumni awards. Alumni Clair Wofford





Frazier '81, Jerry Taylor '71, Zell Miller '51 and Brittany Girle '01 were recognized. The Pitts family and the Shelnutt family were also recognized as outstanding friends and family of YHC. The evening closed on the beginning of a very special weekend.

SATURDAY

Saturday morning dawned grey and rainy, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the crowd gathering in the Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium for the inauguration of Cathy Cox as the 21st president of YHC.

Although she took office in 2007, this

ceremony marked the official welcome for President Cox and her husband Mark Dehler. A procession of past presidents, trustees, more than 20 delegates representing colleges and universities, emeriti faculty and current faculty and staff processed into the packed auditorium.

The ceremony began with an invocation by campus minister Reverend Fred Whitley '66, followed by a special blessing given by associate campus minister Reverend Patty Ryle Clay. Greetings to President Cox were brought from Dr. Ruth Knox, president of Wesleyan College; Reverend Dr. Walter Kimbrough, pastor emeritus, Cascade United Methodist Church; William Johnston '75, chairman of the Alumni Association of Young Harris College; Jerry Nix, chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. John Wells, provost and vice president for academic services; Debra March, president of the staff forum; and 2007/2008 SGA President Kate Elizabeth Peterson '08. The benediction was given by Reverend Dr. G. Lee Ramsey Jr. '76.

In her inaugural address, President Cox spoke of the transition from a two-year institution to a





MULLINS HONORED

David and Margaret Mullins '61, '60, long-time members of the YHC family, and their daughters LaRanda Mullins Mauldin '91 and DeBronda Mullins '81 were honored with a replica of a bronze plaque commemorating the Mullins' 47 years of dedicated service to YHC and its students. The plaque was placed next to the door of The Little Store, located in Sharp Hall.

HILLGROVE HALL

In a special ceremony during Homecoming 2008, Dr. William Harry Hill and his wife Harriet Hargrove Hill were honored for their generous donations to the college. President Cathy Cox, chairman of the YHC board of trustees Jerry W. Nix and other dignitaries paid tribute to the Hills in a naming ceremony for the newest residence hall on campus, christening it Hillgrove Hall. The moniker combines Dr. Hill's name with his wife's maiden name, Hargrove. The Hills also donated land for construction of the high school in Cobb County that bears the same name, Hillgrove High School.

Dr. Hill joined the YHC board of trustees in 1976. Since that time, he and his wife have provided scholarship funds to eligible students, endowed two chairs at the college and continue to make gifts each

year in honor and memory

of friends. Dr. Hill plays an active role in recruiting students, bringing young men and women to tour the campus and meet professors, students and administrators.

Dedicated United Methodists, Dr. and Mrs. Hill are active members of McEachern United Methodist Church in Powder Springs. The McEachern Scholarship was established by Dr. Hill in 2002 for students who are members of McEachern United Methodist Church and wish to attend YHC.

Dr. Hill initiated the W. Harry and Harriet Hill Society for Planned Gifts to encourage friends of the college to do as they have done and make planned gifts to YHC. The society now has dozens of members. A retired physician, Dr. Hill has also taken an active personal interest in the biology program at YHC, offering support and advice to our faculty and administrators.



four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting college. She described the exciting challenges and changes that lie ahead. Cox spoke of the goal of applying the new YHC motto, Excellence Everywhere, to all facets of campus life, "...every classroom, every program, every activity, every nook and cranny, everything that occurs on the YHC campus."

Cox highlighted the Ethics Across The Curriculum initiative that will be integrated into every academic discipline. "We want the world to know that Young Harris College graduates the most ethical teachers, scientists, musicians, artists, lawyers, doctors and business leaders," said Cox.

It is easy to understand why people get excited about YHC when listening to the

plans President Cox has and all that she brings to the college. Dr. Ernest Seckinger '37 says it best when he tells people, "She thought she wanted to be governor, but being president is much better!"

Following lunch on the lawn, the afternoon was packed with special events.

David and Margaret Mullins '61, '60 were honored for their 47 years of dedicated service operating The Little Store on campus (see page 7). After their retirement, daughters LaRanda Mullins Mauldin '91 and DeBronnda Mullins '81 managed the store until spring 2008.

Tribute was paid to Dr. William Harry Hill and his wife Harriett for their generous donations to YHC during a naming ceremony for our newest residence hall. (See story above.)



PLANT A LEGACY

Finally, in what was the first of many such events to come in the next few years, President Cox and a group of dignitaries officially broke ground for the new residence hall that will be ready for the fall 2009 semester.

Class reunions; a special art exhibit by Mary Barber Cox, President Cox's mother, and wood-turning artist David Hammond; and other events rounded out the afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY

From its beginning, YHC has had a strong association with the Methodist Church, so it was only fitting that the

weekend came to a close with worship services at Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Dr. G. Lee Ramsey Jr. '76 was the guest speaker.

A new, exciting chapter in the YHC story is about to unfold. As we transition to a four-year college YHC will continue to maintain the distinct characteristics that have made it such a special institution for 122 years while expanding its impact on new generations of young people. It is truly a wonderful time to be a part of the YHC family.

GROUND BREAKING

Our newest residence hall is under construction. When completed in the fall of 2009, it will house 200 students on three floors. It will feature four music practice rooms, a 24-hour lobby and laundry facilities. In keeping with the YHC commitment to sustainability, it will also be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

L-R: Kurt Momand '77, Ray Lambert Jr. '77, Clair Frazier '81, Dr. Harry Hill, Brantley Barrow '74, Rev. David Haygood Sr. '60, Buddy Carter '77, Bob Head Jr. '59, Jon Anderson '65, Cathy Cox, Paul Beckham '63, Rev. Jim Ellison '88, Jerry Nix



The annual YHC Alumni Awards were presented during the Gala for Green Celebration.

CLAIR WOFFORD FRAZIER '81



was presented with the 2008 Susan B. Harris Award. Named for Susan Bevel Allen Harris, wife of Judge Young L. G. Harris, this award is presented to an alumna who exemplifies service and dedication to her alma mater.

Frazier's contributions to YHC have been immeasurable. As owner of Wolf Creek Broadcasting Company, she has provided promotional advertising and sponsorships, and her radio stations broadcast Mountain Lions baseball live throughout the mountains, providing the college unprecedented exposure. She and her husband A.D. Frazier created the Wofford-Frazier Endowed Scholarship Fund for deserving students and regularly provide corporate sponsorship for the YHC Clay Dotson Open Golf Tournament. Frazier was elected to the YHC board of trustees in 2007 where she serves on the Student Affairs Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee.

JERRY A. TAYLOR '71



was the recipient of the 2008 Iuventus Award. This award is presented annually to a graduate who has made significant contributions

to education. The award name is taken from the YHC motto: Hic Iuventus Incenditur—Here Youth Are Inspired. Taylor is a Towns County native and taught at Towns County High School from 1973 through 2006. He has been named Star Teacher, Teacher of the Year and Towns County Citizen of the Year. He is involved in many civic and professional organizations and is an active member of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church.

The 2008 Outstanding Friend of YHC was awarded posthumously to a person and a related organization that have made transformational changes possible through significant contributions to the college, **MARGARET PITTS AND THE WILLIAM I. H. AND LULA E. PITTS FOUNDATION**, in part due to the magnitude of their contributions. This award is presented each year to a friend of the college who has dedicated time, resources and energy to ensure a successful future for our alma mater. Upon Margaret Pitts death in 1998 at the age of 104, her estate was left in trusts which named YHC as a perpetual beneficiary. To date, YHC has received \$24 million in income from the trusts. The college's annual income from the trusts exceeds \$2 million a year and is used to fund more than \$1 million in scholarships each year plus

approximately \$750,000 for operating expenses and technology improvements. The W. I. H. and Lula Pitts Foundation also continues to support YHC and has given more than \$600,000 in recent years for additional scholarships, capital projects and general support. Without question, the Pitts family has made the single largest gift ever to the college, providing a solid, perpetual source of revenue to support students, operations and growth. The Pitts family has been an incredible friend to the college and its students.

THE HONORABLE ZELL BRYAN MILLER '51 was presented with the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Career Achievement. This award is presented annually to a graduate



who has achieved great career success, building on the foundation laid at YHC. Miller was born and raised in Young Harris and has more connections to YHC than perhaps any other living alumnus. His parents were both employed by the college, and he became a student here, graduating in the class of 1951. He served as a Marine, earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in history at The University of Georgia and came back to YHC as a professor in the late 1950s. Politics soon called Miller into service, first as mayor of

Young Harris and later as a state senator. In 1975 he was elected lieutenant governor of Georgia and served 16 years before winning the first of two terms as governor in 1990. As Georgia's chief executive, he provided innovative leadership for the state, designing and implementing the HOPE scholarship and making education a focal point of his administration. The sudden death of Senator Paul Coverdell, a YHC trustee, led to his appointment as Georgia's US senator. Miller has been an ardent supporter of YHC throughout his life, raising funds for scholarships and other needs at the college. With the help of Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron, he raised significant support for the YHC baseball stadium which is now named in his honor. An endowed Chair for Government and Public Affairs, a lecture series and several scholarship funds have been created at YHC honoring Miller and his family.

BRITTANY B. GIRLE '01 received the 2008 Young Alumni Achievement Award. This award is presented to a person who graduated within the last 15 years and who has excelled in her chosen profession.

Shortly after beginning her academic career at YHC, Girle became immersed in religious life programs on campus. She participated in the Mexico Mission Trip during spring break of her freshman and sophomore years,

traveling to Juarez, Mexico, with campus minister Reverend Fred Whitley '66 and other students to build houses for families in need. She earned a degree in social work from UGA and, one week later, moved to El Paso, Texas, where she began work as a full-time missionary with Casas Por Cristo. She was the site leader for the spring 2008 YHC Mexico Mission Trip.

The first YHC Family of the Year Award was presented to the **SHELNUTT FAMILY**. This award recognizes a family with a longstanding relationship with the college, having supported the institution through a variety of ways including contributions and enrolled students. For generations, members of the Shelnutt family have made YHC their destination for college. (A total of 15 as of 2008.) Beginning with J. H. Shelnutt '37 and ending, thus far, with Leslie '08, the Shelnutt name has been a constant presence on the class rolls at YHC. Family members have aspired to important careers, but most importantly, all have contributed significantly to the cause of making the world we live in a better place. They have dedicated their time and resources to their alma mater, and YHC is a better place because of them.



Beetle Juice

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. PAUL ARNOLD

The YHC hemlock project was started in May 2005 to help preserve the hemlock trees that are such an important part of the aesthetic beauty of the Appalachian Mountains. Echoes magazine recently sat down with Dr. Paul Arnold, director of the project, to get an update on the program.

ECHOES: Dr. Arnold, can you give us a brief history of the hemlock project, and why it was started?

DR. ARNOLD: The hemlock is a very important tree ecologically in the eastern United States, especially in the Appalachian region. They like moist conditions and thrive along rivers and streams. They provide shade for the streams which cools the water and, in turn, creates an environment that is beneficial to aquatic life—especially trout. The hemlock trees also help prevent erosion along the river and stream beds. The hemlock tree seeds are an important source of food for wildlife. Hemlock tree bark is used for tanning leather.

It is also very important in terms of the aesthetics of the mountains and eastern US forests. The unique, distinctive shape of the hemlock contributes significantly to the character of the mountains. The loss of hemlocks would have a tremendous impact on this region in terms of aesthetics and even property values.

So, you can see that it's important both ecologically and economically.



ECHOES: What is happening to the hemlock trees?

DR. ARNOLD: In the 1950s a Japanese hemlock tree was brought to the United States. Unfortunately, it was infested with a parasite called the hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA). The HWA is an aphid-like parasite that feeds at the base of the hemlock tree needles. It sucks the sap and nutrients from the tree. Once a tree is infested, it will die in three to nine years.



Hemlock trees in the US had no resistance to the HWA, and there were no natural predators to combat the HWA.

The HWA began attacking eastern hemlocks in Virginia and spread north into New England. Part of the problem is the rapid rate of reproduction for the HWA. Every HWA is a female, and each one lays up to 300 eggs twice a year. So the HWA population quickly exploded and began to overwhelm the hemlock forests.

ECHOES: How did the YHC hemlock project get started?

DR. ARNOLD: In the 1990s, the HWA infestation began to move south. We believe that HWA reached Georgia in 2003. It was first detected in Towns County in 2004. That same year we experienced the first HWA presence on the YHC campus.

There are two methods of treating trees infested with HWA.

The first is a chemical treatment. It is very effective but also very expensive. Depending on tree size, it can cost from \$20 to \$90 per tree. That is not too bad for someone who has a few hemlock trees in their yard. But it is prohibitive in a forest environment both economically and ecologically.

The second treatment grew out of research that started in the early 1990s. A particular beetle, called the “St” beetle, was discovered in Japan that is a natural predator to the HWA. The St beetle feeds on the HWA and only the HWA. The St must have a diet of adelgid to reproduce. Its entire



life cycle revolves around the adelgid. So it seems to be the ideal tool for combating the HWA.

ECHOES: Is that the type of beetle that you are raising here at YHC?

DR. ARNOLD: Yes. That is exactly what we are doing. We started the lab here in late 2004. We started raising St beetles in 2005 and by January 2006 were in full production. We started in a closet in the Maxwell Center and are now housed in what is affectionately called “The Beetle House” here on campus. Ours was the first beetle lab in Georgia, but now both The University of Georgia and North Georgia College and State University have labs. We work very closely with those labs and the lab at Clemson University.

ECHOES: What are the goals of the program?

DR. ARNOLD: The program has several goals. The first goal is to save the hemlock trees. A second goal is to involve students in ‘real’ research and teach them research skills. And it is a humanitarian effort.

ECHOES: How is the program funded?

DR. ARNOLD: We have been fortunate to get support from a number of foundations and outside supporters. For example, the Bancker Williams Foundation, which specializes in environmental causes, provided a grant that allowed us to renovate this house and create our environmentally controlled “rearing rooms” for the beetles.

Most of our workers are students or community volunteers who generously give of their time to the project.

Anyone who is interested may contribute to the program or volunteer to help.

ECHOES: Is the project working?

DR. ARNOLD: That’s a hard question to answer. There is good evidence from Connecticut that there has been a reduction in tree mortality. Here in the south it is too early to tell, since we have only been releasing beetles for three years compared to 10 years up north. There is anecdotal evidence that it is working. It’s frustrating because there are some encouraging signs in some areas but not in others. We just don’t understand enough yet to know why.

But we committed to continuing the project and doing all we can to save the hemlock trees here on campus and throughout the Appalachian region.

Special beetle t-shirts and caps are available through the Advancement Office for a donation of \$25 or more.



BEING Green

BY BRENDA K. HULL

Kermit the frog sang *It's Not Easy Being Green* in 1970 on *Sesame Street*. Joe Raposo's lyrics lament that green "blends in with so many other things" and yet by the end of the song, positive feelings are associated with accepting yourself for "being green." Being green these days has much greater connotations than accepting yourself; it applies to the movement of being gentler and kinder to Mother Earth—perhaps accepting her for what she is. YHC

is well on its way to protecting Mother Earth and accepting the wisdom she has to offer. With leadership from President Cathy Cox, YHC has stepped up the effort to be green in many ways. Recycling, energy conservation, water management, planting trees and a new LEED-certified residence hall under construction are only a few of the most recent endeavors.

During the 2007–2008 academic year, YHC, through the efforts of

Common Ground Environmental Club, recycled approximately 9,000 pounds of plastics, aluminum, paper and cardboard. As of the end of September 2008, approximately 4,400 pounds have already been recycled, promising this coming year may surpass last year. Thomas Kloepfer '08, the recycling champion from last year, will have a tree planted on campus in his honor, and Common Ground student volunteers lead by Pat Gannon '09 are quickly becoming



this year's guardians of recycling.

Last spring semester, a global warming class sponsored an energy contest between residence halls, and for three weeks students competed for an ice cream bonanza. Dr. Bobby Nichols helped the students organize the event by consulting with Blue Ridge Mountain EMC on meter reading and interpreting those readings into the correct energy savings. Rollins Hall residents were the winners with a decrease of 61 watts per person—all from living in the dark and walking around with wet hair.

The Math/Science Division jumped into the action by sponsoring It's Not Easy Being Green Symposium Day. On September 15, the Athens band Dubconscious kicked off the event with a concert in Glenn Auditorium. This environmentally "conscious" band plays reggae style and drives a biodiesel van.

Workshops began on September 16 with a tree-planting session lead by TVA's Linda Harris and Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition's Callie Moore. Students and faculty members planted 64 native trees along Corn Creek to help control erosion and establish a better habitat for the creek dwellers such as aquatic insects and the rainbow and brook trout.

Jennifer Van Winkle, with the help of students, faculty and community, built a labyrinth in the Campus Gate Gallery from paper and cardboard collected from the college and surrounding community. Walls were covered with paper and the labyrinth itself towered above as visitors wandered through. The entire exhibit was recycled when finished.

Jerry Hightower from the National

Park Service and representing the National Wildlife Federation discussed gardening for wildlife. His presentation encouraged the college community to create a campus wildlife habitat. Native plants, bird feeding stations and water sources bring songbirds to campus and create small areas for escaping the stress of college life.

The plight of the Albertine Rift in Uganda was presented by Dr. Jody Stallings, one of YHC's newest faculty members. Dr. Stallings spent the last four years in Uganda with USAID and has firsthand experience in this endangered place. Students packed the Rollins Planetarium to learn about mountain gorillas and other African wildlife.

A hemlock crisis workshop was lead by Dr. Paul Arnold who has raised thousands of predatory beetles to eat the hemlock wooly adelgid—the Asian pest that has infested our native hemlocks. Students walked around campus to witness the wooly infestation of our campus trees and then visited the Beetle Rearing Lab where the tiny predators are raised.

At YHC it actually is easy being green as I led a workshop on how students can get involved with the sustainable movement sweeping our campus and our nation. A discussion led students through the larger picture of sustainability, focusing



on economic and environmental impacts and the entire social justice aspect of living sustainably. Students and faculty members were encouraged to get involved and to come up with their own ideas. Students can propose and implement ideas through the new Green Fee that was established by Common Ground and the Student Government Association for this academic year.

The sustainability movement is spreading worldwide as humans become true stewards of our planet. Our goal is to educate and encourage all members of the community to become responsible for our actions. We all have experiences and abilities to bring to the sustainability table allowing YHC to lead the way to a better future for our beautiful southern Appalachian valley and our Mother Earth.



YHC *in* China

BY DR. KEITH
A. DEFOOR



This past summer a group of 17 students, faculty and friends visited the mysterious country of China. During spring semester, we met weekly to learn about the Chinese culture and the nuts and bolts of international travel. Then, after



graduation, our eager group boarded a plane for the Orient.

After a long flight directly over the North Pole, our group landed in Beijing, the capital of China and the forward-minded Olympic host city. Under clear blue skies, we toured Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world and the sight of the 1989 student uprising, as well as the Forbidden City, China's most magnificent architectural complex from which 24 emperors ruled for nearly 500 years. From Beijing we traveled north to experience one of the wonders of the world—the Great Wall of China. Along the way, we saw the Olympic Village including the Bird's Nest and the Water Cube. Just before leaving Beijing, our group toured the Quigzhuhu Foreign Language School where we were able to actually visit a middle school class to exchange presents and converse with students!

From Beijing, we took a flight to

Xi'an, once the largest city in the world as well as the capital of 11 dynasties. Xi'an boasts the 7th century Big Goose Pagoda (built by Xuan Zang, the monk who introduced Buddhism to China), the 8th century Great Mosque (one of China's oldest and largest Muslim temples), and the North Square (which includes Asia's largest musical water fountain). However, Xi'an's tour de force is the Terracotta Army, more than 6,000 painstakingly modeled, life-size warriors and horses—of which no two are alike. Discovered in 1974 by peasants digging for water, this army was created to protect the tomb of

Encompassing the historic value of China and the sheer awe of its entirety, I consider traveling with members of YHC's faculty and student body to four of China's greatest cities to rank among both the most incredible opportunities and greatest highlights of my life; a traveling experience pictures can scarcely describe.

GRADY GARNER '09

Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, who unified China more than 2,200 years ago. Our group spent half a day touring the excavation site of this fascinating and amazing recent discovery.

Our next stop was exotic Shanghai, which, with more than 13 million people, is China's largest city. In Shanghai's city center, we relaxed on the Bund, the beautiful promenade overlooking the Huangpu River, and collected souvenirs on Nanjing Lu, the city's foremost shopping street. Our group toured the glorious Yu Garden, a showplace of classical



Chinese landscaping dating back to 1537, and viewed a spectacular display of Chinese acrobatics. Also in Shanghai, we experienced the Chinese culture directly with visits to a senior center where elder citizens were engaged in classes, chorus and dancing and a hospital where we were introduced to acupuncture, acupressure and cupping.

Our final city was Hong Kong, the great financial center and former British Crown Colony. In Hong Kong, our group climbed Victoria Peak for a fantastic view of the city and neighboring islands, and we toured Aberdeen Harbor to get a close view of the boat people, citizens who live exclusively on the water, and the famous floating restaurants, Jumbo and Tai Pak. On our last day in Hong Kong, our members ventured out in different directions: church tours, shopping and even Disneyland!





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D.Min.; Vanderbilt University

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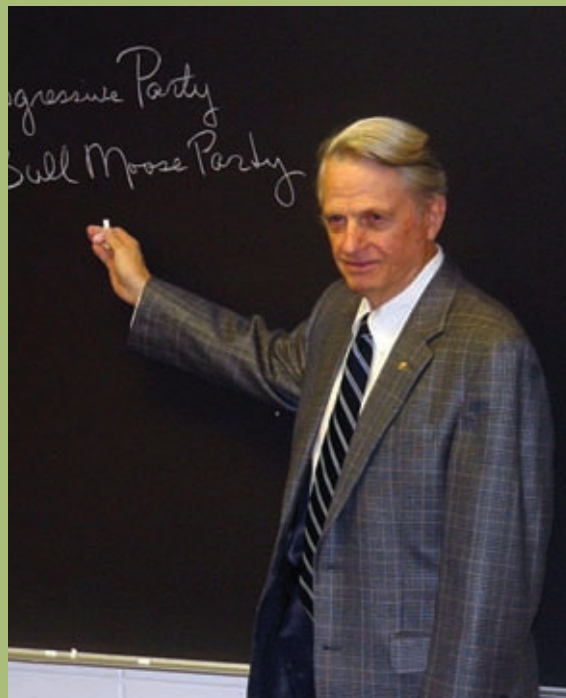
THE HONORABLE ZELL B. MILLER '51

Leadership

A.A., History; Young Harris College

B.A. and M.A., History;
The University of Georgia

Former Georgia State Governor
and US Senator.



It's *Miller* Time!

The Honorable Zell B. Miller '51, former US senator and Georgia governor, is back in the classroom at YHC. He started his college career at YHC and completed bachelor's and master's degrees at The University of Georgia before returning to YHC as a professor in the late 1950s. We are honored to have Senator Miller as the 2008–2009 Professor of Leadership.



L-R: Matt Lowery '10, Miller, James Tripp '10, Drew Dixon '09, Josiah Bridges '10, Tyler Moon '09



College Bowl Turns 20

BY DR. MEG GRING WHITLEY



On April 8, students and faculty gathered in the Susan B. Harris Chapel for YHC's 20th College Bowl. True to College Bowl tradition, 16 teams (consisting of four players and two alternates each) vied for the coveted prize money of \$150, \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second, third and fourth places respectively. Single elimination rounds produced a winner in a bit more than two hours of grueling competition. The questions, written by faculty members, covered a range of 33 different topics.

Teams consisted of the expected sororities, fraternities and the Wesley Fellowship, as well as others with creative monikers such as The Dragons, Suite 42, Mmmmkay and Buster Magoo and the Brain Trust, which reflected not only their originality in name making but also in the teams' composition.

Campus minister Reverend Fred Whitley '66 provided the invocation, and everyone sang the alma mater. Rev and Dr. Bob Nichols hugged the microphone as they crooned the famous "missing third stanza" of the alma mater. Originally penned by Dr. Nichols for College Bowl 1996, the

missing third stanza has been sung each year and is reserved exclusively for College Bowl. The crowd went wild...as it has for the past 12 years. On that high note, College Bowl 2008 was off and running.

For two hours, cheers, excitement, enthusiasm and a spirit of fun and camaraderie reigned. The semi-final rounds determined fourth place winner Wesley Fellowship and third place winner Buster Magoo and the Brain Trust. The final round was a déjà vu of College Bowl 2007. Alpha Omega against Alpha Xi. What's more, the results were the same as the previous year. Alpha Xi took second place for the second year in a row, but the phenomenal Alpha Omega team won for the fourth time in a row and the fifth time overall. What a record!

Congratulations and many thanks to all participants and the YHC faculty for their outstanding questions. This was the best College Bowl ever!

20 YEARS OF COLLEGE BOWL WINNERS

1989 Student Senate
 1990 Upsilon Delta Sigma
 1991 Upsilon Delta Sigma
 1992 BSU
 1993 Sigma Beta
 1994 International Club
 1995 Delta Gamma
 1996 Sky Club
 1997 Kappa Tau Omega
 1998 Wesley Fellowship
 1999 Alpha Xi
 2000 Alpha Omega
 2001 Forensics
 2002 Student Activities Board
 2003 Honors Floor
 2004 Honors Floor
 2005 Alpha Omega
 2006 Alpha Omega
 2007 Alpha Omega
 2008 Alpha Omega



MEN AND WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS

Kick the Competition

As this issue of *Echoes* went to press, the Lady Mountain Lions were ranked #3 in the nation with a 17-1-1 record. The men, ranked #11 in the nation, were 14-3-0. Adrain Klammer '08 was named national Player of the Week twice during the season and led the nation in scoring with 99 goals. Congratulations to both teams for another outstanding campaign.



MEN'S TENNIS ADDED

YHC is adding men's tennis to the athletic program for the 2009–2010 season and expects to field a full team with a new head coach for the upcoming season.

The men's tennis team will become part of the college's intercollegiate program moving toward four-year status both academically and athletically.

Information on the men's tennis team is available at www.yhc.edu/athletics.

Check yhc.edu for up-to-the-minute sports schedules and results.



Life at *The* Carson House

BY DR. STEPHEN J. HARVEY

I took Barbara back to our old place, the Carson house, as a surprise. It is the white bungalow with a front porch and a massive oak in the yard located on the road behind Manget residence hall. The building had been scheduled for demolition, and I knew that the back door was open. As soon as we walked in, Barbara began to see what it had been like when we lived there. “We had the washer here,” she said as she walked through. “The dining room table was there—remember?—and the piano and sofa were there.” With all of the rooms empty of people and furniture, it was easy to picture the way it was in 1976, more than 30 years ago. We were both struck by how small and enclosed the house seemed and found it hard to believe that we once lived there with our four children.

The house has a storied, if somewhat sordid, past. Ed Rich, a former theater professor, lived there before we did. He warned us that the house would be an adventure as he walked across a bathroom carpet that made a squishing sound with each step. O. V. Lewis, longtime registrar and accounting professor at the college, who lived in the house before Ed, used a small stone shed behind the place for a wine cellar and had, by all accounts, wonderful parties. He also planted a vegetable garden in the side yard, and we



Watercolor of the Carson house by Vee Brown, former YHC professor of art. The painting hangs above the fireplace in the Harvey's home in Blairsville.

would harvest asparagus that grew wild in the field for years after he had left. Once a group of writers commandeered our house for a party while I was away at school in Vermont. They declared themselves S.O.A.P. though I have no idea what the acronym means. Even now, when I see these writers at conferences, they tell me what a wonderful time they had in my absence. Later, during the years that I left to earn a Ph.D. at Virginia, David McTyre used our

house and threw a famous party that included a bathtub filled with green Jello. It seems as if friends enjoyed our place more when we were away.

Built when TVA electricity was inexpensive, the house had almost no insulation when we arrived. The lintels above the door were unmeasured one-by-four boards that extended beyond the edges of the door frame, and the heating system was a floor furnace. The house got so cold in the winter that icicles formed

on the sink and bathtub faucets. Ray Farley, the president of the college at the time and our good friend, renovated the upstairs and foundation for us, and I made improvements, but the building never entirely lost its seedy charm. Birds roosted in the attic and, after we moved, a pit of copperheads was discovered under the kitchen. We sometimes heard snakes in the walls, and I distinctly remember killing a huge rat in the hallway near the bathroom with a hammer. Not long after moving into the house, we gave up camping which we had always enjoyed before. “We don’t have to go camping,” Barbara liked to say, “we always are camping!”

Despite these difficulties, we loved the place. Barbara and I learned how to be parents there. Our first winter was very cold, and I remember, when I left for work, that Barbara would say goodbye standing on the floor furnace holding our baby Matt. Occasionally she stayed there so long that the soles of her shoes stuck to the grate. Sometimes when I came back from work, I would find her sitting in a sunny place on the rug reading to Matt and our enormous lab-collie named Jake. Matt called these warm spots “sun puddles.” When I taught Voltaire’s *Candide* in a world literature class, I held my baby daughter Nessa in my arms and waltzed with her through the living room singing the impeccable lyrics of Richard Wilbur’s libretto at the top of my lungs. The entire time that we lived in the house, we had no television so we passed the evenings by reading, listening to music and playing games. Later, as the family grew, we created traditions such as breakfast in bed on Sunday mornings before church with the whole family in our bed and Jake on the floor beside us. By the time we left the

house, we had four children: Matt, Nessa, Sam and Alice. At breakfast, the bed got a bit crowded!

During the 10 years that we lived in the house, Young Harris was a cozy community. In the evenings, our family ate dinner at the dining hall with many of the other college families. Dinners cost 50 cents for adults and children under six ate for free, so we could feed our family for a dollar. Parents sat at one long table and children at another, and students often dropped by to chat or play with the kids. On Sundays, after lively sermons by John Kay ‘56 and later, Fred Whitley ‘66, many of the congregants from Sharp Memorial joined us at lunch for the best meal of the week which naturally created an atmosphere of debate, chaos and frivolity. Most of us were pretty poor back then, but Barbara and I learned while living in that house how to participate in a community where status and material success didn’t matter much. People mattered, and we took care of each other.

I remember many acts of simple kindness. That first year, after a hard freeze, Barbara mentioned to friends at church that we had been cold during the night, and by the time we got home, several space heaters were on our porch. Bill Katter ‘78, a student of mine, liked to catch trout and fry them in the parking lot of Peel dormitory and occasionally brought some to our house for a snack. They were delicious! Once, when I was tending my garden, David Singleton ‘79, a thoughtful student who was not in my classes that semester, spent the afternoon digging beside me, telling me that his father believed that you should never walk past someone working without offering to help.

Sunday afternoons were my time to ‘pattern’ at the house of our

neighbors, the Aunspaugh. Dick Aunspaugh taught art for many years at the college, and he and his wife Marcia were the parents of Jason who was brain injured. Patterning was a system for imprinting a crawling motion in Jason’s brain by moving his arms and legs in repeated patterns. The routine required three people, one for Jason’s head and two for his arms and legs so patterning was a true laying on of hands that drew together many of us in the community—students, churchgoers, parents, teachers—as we moved Jason’s arms and legs and Marcia tipped his head back and forth. No doubt Jason got an earful as we argued, gossiped, commiserated with each other and laughed. Nothing symbolized the kind of community we knew then as clearly—as palpably—as those daily patterning sessions.

Eventually the tour of our old house took Barbara and me to the upstairs bedrooms that had been expanded during one renovation. Even these rooms looked small and barren. Whatever we filled them up with was long gone. From the window of one I could look out and see the roof of the Aunspaugh’s old place, the college tennis courts and in the distance a range of blue mountains. I recalled, in my early years at the college, devising plans to leave for another job, and remembered that those blue mountains had symbolized my ambitions. In the end, I never crossed that horizon, and I think I know why. Standing in the old house with Barbara beside me, I realized again what I have long known. It was more than the mountains and the college and the walls of this empty and doomed building that kept us here and sustained us for so many years.

It was love.



Taking Care of Our Own

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN 2008-2009



During the 2008–2009 academic year, YHC will award nearly \$1 million in scholarships to local students; a reflection of our sincere commitment to the students and communities surrounding our campus. The Local Scholarship Campaign provides financial aid to students from Towns, Union, Fannin, Clay and Cherokee counties and ensures that no local student is ever turned away simply because they lack the necessary financial resources.

The YHC board of associates is the driving force behind the Local Scholarship Campaign. This group of local business and civic leaders serve as ambassadors for the college, raising scholarship funds and serving as a sounding board for community concerns.

To contribute to the 2008–2009 Local Scholarship Campaign contact Jennifer McAfee at (706) 379-5318 or jmcafee@yhc.edu.

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The 2008–2009 board of associates is chaired by Tonia D. Anderson '88, vice president of lending at the Bank of Hiawassee. Anderson joined the board of associates in 2005 and has strong ties to the board. Her husband Bob Anderson was a member from 1997–1999. Anderson's mother Carmolita Haney, owner of Mountain Realty, was a board member from 1994–1997 and again from 2002–2005. Anderson's mother-in-law Elois D. Anderson '45 served on the first board from 1992–1996. Both husband Bob and mother-in-law Elois are officers at the Bank of Hiawassee.

YHC is grateful for this dedicated group of community leaders who so generously share their time and talents.



Douglas B. Mitchell '61, vice chairman of the YHC board of trustees, is the founder and chairman of Pathway Communities Inc., developer of Peachtree City. His path to success began like so many others—at Young Harris College.

Man *with a* Plan

He completed his junior and senior years of high school at Georgia Military Academy (now Woodward Academy). Following graduation, he began his YHC journey on a bus to Murphy, North Carolina, arriving at 2 a.m. armed only with a phone number. He called the number, and someone from the college came and collected him from the bus station. He attended summer classes, ending the session with what he refers to as “an unfortunate occurrence,” because it was not repeated during his tenure there—he made the dean’s list.

Mitchell’s feelings for YHC ran the gamut—anxiety about his 2 a.m. arrival, enjoyment in the mountains and rural atmosphere with hunting and fishing (activities he enjoyed at

home), camaraderie within the small campus community that allowed him to get to know everyone on campus and excitement at the opportunity to embrace an activity not available in his rural Fayette County home—theater.

Following his time at YHC, and subsequent graduation from Auburn University, Mitchell began his work career as an accountant with Georgia Power Company.

In 1970 he was lured away to work for the Conyers/Rockdale Chamber of Commerce as the organization’s executive director. For the next six years, in various capacities, he promoted Georgia and his community to businesses interested in bringing new industry to the state. This work

piqued his interest in economic development and led to what many consider to be his greatest professional accomplishment.

In 1979, Mitchell founded Peachtree City Development Corporation and contracted with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States to design and develop a master-planned community in Fayette County. Under his leadership, Peachtree City has become one of the nation’s premier communities, winning acclaim from *Ladies Home Journal*—“One of America’s Ten Most Successful Suburbs”; *The Wall Street Journal*—“America’s Hottest White Collar Address”; and *CNN/Money*—“Best Places to Live—#8” to name a few.

Following the overwhelming success of Peachtree City, Mitchell and his company, renamed Pathway Communities, have extended the concept of planned communities with SummerGrove, Avery Park and Monarch Village on Atlanta's south side and Lake Forest, Lake Astoria and River Rock on the north side of the city.

What you may not know about Doug Mitchell is how committed to and involved he is with the Boy Scouts of America. In 1956, Mitchell was the second person in Fayette County to become an Eagle Scout. He has received the Bronze Palm Award and the Gold Palm Award (for continued leadership and skill achievement), The Silver Beaver Award (for outstanding service to youth), the James E. West Fellowship Award (national award for contributions to scouting), The Silver Antelope Award (regional award for outstanding service to youth), Wood Badge Award for S.R. 131 Heritage Society (recognition of significant achievement in leadership and direct service to young people), and in 2006 the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is presented to Eagle Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their life work and have shared their talents



with their communities on a voluntary basis. Receipt of this award gives Mitchell membership in an exclusive club of notables including Neil Armstrong, Gerald R. Ford and Sam Nunn.

Mitchell attended the most recent World Scout Jamboree held in Hylands Park, Essex, United Kingdom in 2007. Held approximately every four years since 1907 (except during war years), the jamboree is conducted by the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is attended by tens of thousands of scouts from around



the world. Mitchell's attendance in 2007 was significant in two ways. First, the 2007 Jamboree coincided with the celebration of 100 years of scouting and was hosted by the United Kingdom, the birthplace of scouting. Secondly, and on a more personal level, this was the 50th anniversary of Mitchell's first World Scout Jamboree, held in 1957 in Sutton Park, United Kingdom!

Mitchell takes great pride in his family. Ever the over-achiever, he has six children who range in age from 2 to 39. Friend and former chairman of the YHC board of trustees Paul Beckham laughingly says that Mitchell has personally participated in the past six generations—from

the G.I. Generation when he was born through Generation Z with the birth of the latest Mitchell child! He is married to Anne MacDaniel, and they live in Atlanta.



A few of Mitchell's achievements include:

- ★ Eagle Scout and recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Service Award
- ★ Business Person of the Year by the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Southside Person of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Young Harris College board of trustees vice chairman
- ★ Board of directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Member Atlanta Regional Commission
- ★ Member Urban Land Institute's Community Development Council
- ★ Woodward Academy President's Council
- ★ Georgia Public Policy Foundation
- ★ Advisory Board for the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority/chair—Oversight Taskforce Committee

There is no doubt that the solid educational foundation—of body, mind and spirit—has provided the springboard to achievement and the encouragement for philanthropy that is exemplified in the exceptional men and women who comprise the YHC board of trustees. Douglas B. Mitchell '61 is at home in their midst, and YHC is a better place because of his presence.



People in the News

Let us know what's 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

1940s

TOMMY W. BOYLEN '46 was looking for an old roommate, Bill Pinson, for 60 years. Several months ago, he found him on classmates.com and wrote him a message. They have been trying to catch up in weekly communications since. He takes great pleasure in staying in touch with his friends and urges you all to reach out to those you care about. You can always find him across from the chapel at homecoming or at tom696@bellsouth.net. He will be happy to assist you in your search.

1960s

PHIL MURRAY HOPE '62 would love to locate and reconnect with friends from some of the best times of his life. Thanks for the memories and the many contributions each made to who he is. Contact Phil at PO Box 202, Tybee Island, GA 31328-0202 or (912) 844-2125.

GLEN D. HUNTER '64 suffered a heart attack in February 2006 after being a teacher/administrator for six colleges, three universities and four high schools. With changed perspectives and priorities, Glen now confines his activities to writing and playing the piano and keyboard. He has decided to write about his years at YHC, 1962–1964, and the three classes those years encompass. He would appreciate any assistance from those with pertinent memories or memorabilia to share. He is most grateful to the more than 140 helpers so far. The book is tentatively entitled

Young Harris College Auld Lang Syne: A Candid Look Back at the Early Sixties. Contact Glen at 401 East Fourth Street, Donalson, GA 39845 or (229) 524-6153 or ivories@alltel.net.

1970s

Alan and **MARLENE BRYANT ARMSTRONG '72** of Tucker are proud to announce that their daughter Sarah was crowned Miss Oxford College of Emory University for 2008–2009. Sarah participated in the British Studies Program at Oxford University, England and worked in Yellowstone National Park during the summer. She is completing her degree at Emory in anthropology and environmental studies.

M. BRANTLEY BARROW '74, YHC trustee and chairman of Hardin Construction Company in Atlanta, recently obtained LEED Gold Certification for Hardin's newly renovated office building off Windy Hill Parkway in Cobb County, the first such LEED certification for a commercial builder's headquarters in the state. Hardin also just completed one of the tallest buildings in Atlanta, the Sovereign/3344 Peachtree, a condominium and mixed-use property.

DARLENE COLLUM CARTER '74, aka Chipmonk, would love to hear from classmates at woodlndwtr@aol.com.

KEN HAMILTON '78 lives in Dalton and works as design manager for Mannington Carpets. He and his wife Victoria have three children,

Noah and Sofia who are both 7, and Olivia, who is 2. After leaving his job with Milliken in LaGrange in the 1980s, he took 10 years to paint and draw across the US. He lived in the Smoky Mountains for several years, then moved to Colorado where he worked as a snowboard instructor in the mid-'90s. Then he moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and worked for Lee's Carpets as a designer before coming to Dalton in 2004. He enjoys playing the banjo, whitewater kayaking, snowboarding, mountain biking and of course, drawing and painting. He can be reached at (706) 483-8372 or ken_hamilton@mannington.com.

REVEREND DR. DAVID C. JOHNSON '71 is honored to be the president-elect of the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). He has served on the APC board for six years and as the chairman of the Professional Ethics Commission. He will now serve two years as president-elect followed by two years as president. The APC is committed to interfaith ministry.

BARBARA KELLY PALERMO '75 works for Georgia Cancer Specialists where she coordinates the Totes 2 Tots/Totes For Tots suitcase drive held during the MLK Jr. holiday weekend each year. Georgia Cancer Specialists will host its seventh annual Totes For Tots suitcase drive at all its locations on January 16, 2009, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Totes For Tots benefits foster children of Georgia by supplying them with new or nearly new suitcases, backpacks, etc.

Collection sites close to YHC include the GCS office in Blairsville and Blue Ridge, however, GCS has offices throughout Georgia. Visit the Web site at www.gacancer.com for a location near you or call (770) 496-9400 for more information. can be reached Barbara at drpbkp@bellsouth.net.

BARRY D. PARKER '71 is retired from the Georgia public school system where he served as a visual arts teacher in elementary and middle schools. In August, he began work at the Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville as department head for the Fine Arts Department (music, drama, visual arts). As a YHC student, he was inspired to pursue the field of art by Ezra Sellers. Barry can be reached at Parko@gumlog.net.

BECKY STYLES PARKER '74 has moved to Watkinsville. She would love to hear from friends and classmates. Becky can be reached at rebeccaparker54@yahoo.com.

EVE RESPESS '76 is now serving as the assistant director of character and leadership development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She works in the Atlanta office and is also active in Peachtree Road United Methodist Church's choir.

LYDIA JACKSON SARTAIN '79, who practices law in Gainesville with the firm of Stewart, Melvin and Frost LLP, appeared on NBC's *The Today Show* this fall with a client who had obtained a judgment against the client's fiancé for losses she incurred after their wedding was cancelled.

M. BRYAN "TOM" THOMPSON '72 invites all YHC alumni and friends to visit his SAANS Downtown art gallery and photography studio whenever they are in Salt Lake City, Utah. He and wife Elizabeth Howell MD moved to Utah in 2005, and both enjoy their new location very much. Elizabeth practices and teaches in the Medical School at the University of Utah and was recently appointed to the Utah Medical Board.

1980s

CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS CHAMBERS '83 graduated from Indiana University in 1999 with a degree in business management and is working on a master of business education at Auburn University. Christopher entered the US Army in 2002 after serving in Desert Storm in 1991 with the US Navy. He spent 15

months in Kuwait and Iraq in 2003-2004. Happily married to Tonya since 1991, they live in Gulf Shores, Alabama. He would love to hear from friends and can be reached at chamberscd@prodigy.net.

BRUCE G. DUNCAN '83, after 18 years of practicing law, has left the law firm of Petter, Clement, Lowry and Duncan where he will remain of counsel only. Bruce is president of an agricultural and development company that specializes in citrus, sod, cattle, blueberry and jatropa production on farm locations. Additionally, the firm participates in real estate development when agricultural production becomes impossible due to surrounding residential or commercial development.

MARK HELLMAN '88 has a new position as senior manager of development and government affairs with Hands On Georgia.

JULIE TEPP '87 was recognized this fall in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* as one of the Most Influential People in the hospitality industry. She is president of the Atlanta Arts Festival, which she launched two years ago after managing the Atlanta Dogwood Festival. For more details on her plans, see www.atlantaartsfestival.com.



MEMORABILIA DONATED

YHC boasts a large archive of photographs and documents that have been donated by loyal alumni throughout the years. The most recent donations, generously made by Mamie L. Harris Scarborough '36 and her brother Thomas L. Harris '50 were items that once belonged to their mother, Lelia Lawrence Harris '15, including her YHC diploma, class picture and summer school certificate. These pieces of history have been put on display in the Pruitt-Barrett conference room.



VICKIE DARWIN UPCHURCH '80 has completed a master's degree in education and counseling. She teaches at Abbotts Hill Elementary School in Duluth.

1990s

DENA DEWITT DUNCAN '94 lives in Loganville. She has been married to Robert for 7-1/2 years. They met during her UGA work internship in Hartwell, and they have two children, Caroline, 6, and Paul, 4. Dena and Robert both work at McConnell Middle School. Dena teaches 6th-8th grade special education, and Robert teaches 8th grade science. Both have received master's degrees from Walden University this year. Dena received exciting news recently. Her high school ring, lost near Rollins when she was a student at YHC, had been found and was being returned. She was surprised and grateful.

BRYCE E. DURBIN '94 earned a doctor of education degree from Vanderbilt University in May. His concentration was higher education leadership and policy. He is director of institutional research at Berry College.

SABRINA EDWARDS HOWARD '98 received a M.Ed. in middle school education from The University of

Georgia in December 2007. She is teaching at Madison County Middle School in Danielsville for the fourth year.

HEATHER THOMAS MARTIN '93 has been recognized as a National Board Certified Teacher. Heather teaches kindergarten at Banks County Primary School. She is married to **CLAY '93**, and they have two sons, Gabe, 7, and Pierce, 4. The family lives in Carnesville and would love to hear from YHC friends at hmartin@banks.k12.ga.us.

KIM RUBEL MORGAN '90 has completed a Teaching American History Grant: Seeds of Democracy, a study of Colonial America, and has been accepted into the Teaching American History Grant: Expanding Frontiers. These are joint collaboration with Fayette, Cobb and Henry County schools. She was also selected by The Georgia Council for Economic Education as a reviewer for its publication, United States Economic History, and was selected to work on a revision project with Fort King George in Darien. She will be helping revise a historical guide for classroom use. She also recently gave a presentation at the Georgia Association of Historians conference about the use of primary documents in an elementary classroom.

DAVID AND AUDREY NIPPER '91, '91 have moved to Newnan. Nathan is vice president and chief operating officer of Piedmont Newnan Hospital. Audrey is a pharmacist, taking time off to raise their three daughters: Emily, 7, Natalie, 5, and Melanie, 3. They would love to hear from classmates and can be reached at emnatmel3307@yahoo.com

ALVIS ROY TUCKER '92 has accepted a new position with Milliken's chemical division in Blacksburg, South Carolina where he will be responsible for capital improvements and expansion of new business. He was worked for Milliken as an engineering services leader for more than 10 years.

2000s

WILLIAM MICHAEL COLLIER '02 has been accepted to the master of environmental science program at Yale University for fall 2008. Focusing on the social ecology of conservation and development, he will study the relationship between poverty and environmental degradation in sub-Saharan Africa. Upon completion, he will pursue a doctoral degree in sustainable development.

ALLYSON M. DYE '01 graduated from Duke Divinity School in



Artists Sibley '80 and Gary Collins '75

LOCAL ARTIST AND YHC ALUMNA HELD ART SHOW

North Georgia mountains artist Julie Sibley '80 joined forces with four other artists for a theme show from October 6 through October 31 at the Campus Gate Gallery. The Fruit and Vegetable Show portrayed the relationship between the health of our planet and the health of our own bodies.

Art in two and three dimensional media was represented by clay, metal cutouts, paintings, prints, batiks, drawings, jewelry, clothing and garden chairs. Color and form depicted the wonder, whimsy and fun of life.

December 2007 with a master of divinity degree. She is called not as a pastor but as a teacher. She is employed by Elbert County Middle School and is actively involved at her home church.

STAN GENTRY '04 was recently cast in *Peachtree Battle*, Atlanta's longest running show, in the role of Holcomb Habersham. The show has been running for six years.

ERIC C. McCONNELL '01 was promoted to assistant vice president for the Southeast Region at FSC Securities Corporation, an independent broker/dealer and financial planning firm affiliated with AIG.

SETH A. RIKARD '06 was awarded the E. Lanier "Lanny" Finch Scholarship to further his education in broadcasting. The award was presented by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters.

SIRI GUNDERSEN SELLE '01 received the Emerging Artist Award from the Rome Area Council for the Arts in recognition of her promising performance in the visual arts. She has participated in many solo and group exhibitions in the United States, Norway and Belgium. View her work at www.studiosiri.com.

RYAN SUTTON '02 is teaching health at Peachtree Ridge High School in Suwanee. He is also the JV boys' soccer coach and varsity assistant. Last spring he coached at Collins Hill High School where the varsity boy's program was the AAAAA state runner-up. He completed his collegiate soccer career at Georgia Southern University in 2005 with a degree in psychology. Ryan lives in Dunwoody and can be reached at rsutton82@hotmail.com.

DEBORAH WILLIAMS '00 received her M.Div. from Emory's Candler School of Theology and is the youth minister at Starkville First United Methodist Church in Starkville, Mississippi, home of the "other bulldogs," Mississippi State. She would love to hear from classmates at debwill36@hotmail.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

BRIDGET R. LARSEN '00 and **RYAN C. LEVERETTE '04**. Wedding is scheduled for June 2009.

MARRIAGES

SALLY ADAMS '78 to Brad Smith of Athens on March 17, 2007. The couple lives in Gainesville. Sally would love to hear from classmates at salrus@charter.net or sally.smith@nghs.com.

JAMES DENNIS CHEEK JR. '05 and **AIMEE KATHERINE HALL '05** on July 21, 2007 at Forest Hills United Methodist Church in Macon. The Cheeks live at 780 Gaines School Road, Apt. 50, Athens, GA 20605.

BETH ELLIS '05 to Jeff Sabelko of Eau Clair, Wisconsin, on January 5, 2008 at Perry Presbyterian Church in Perry. The couple lives in Eau Clair, Wisconsin.

MITCH LATHEM '03 and **MONYA BRYAN '03** on October 27, 2007 at Big Canoe. The couple lives in Gainesville. Monya teaches 4th grade at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in education at Brenau University. Mitch is an associate broker, specializing in land sales and acquisitions for Southern Heritage Land Company and works throughout the southeast. He also started his own photography business in 2007, Foxfire Photography

(www.mitchlathemphotography.smugmug.com). Contact the Bryans at cmlathem@hotmail.com or monyabryan@hotmail.com

ALEX N. MULL '04 and **JESSICA L. ORR '04** on June 28, 2008 in Dahlonge. The couple lives in Sharpsburg.

COREY P. PIHERA '05 and **ANGELA J. NICOVICH '05** on May 17, 2008 in Norcross. Both are currently pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

SAMANTHA KELLY SHRODES '03 to Gregory Welch on June 13, 2008. The couple lives in Bethlehem near Athens.

JEREMIAH BARRETT WRIGHT '01 to Jessica on June 9, 2007. The couple lives in Gainesville. Jeremiah is currently working as a salesman at Jacky Jones Lincoln Mercury in Gainesville; Jessica is an R.N. working at Scottish Rite NICU in Atlanta.

BIRTHS

RYAN AND KEALY HEAD BUREL '94, '96 announce the birth of Taylor Skye on June 19, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed by big brother Michael Allen, 4. The Burels live in Pendergrass.

JEFF DOKE '92 and wife Jenifer announce the birth of Eric Lanier on March 5, 2007, three weeks before his big sister Emma's second birthday.

ROBERT ANDREW ELKINS '91 and wife announce the birth of Pearce Carter on June 12, 2008 in Rome. Andrew works as a special education teacher at Woodland Middle School at Euharlee in Bartow County and is the head soccer coach at Woodland Middle School.



JAMIE AND KAREN WILLIAMS HARPER '98, '99 announce the birth of Jackson Eli on October 20, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Jackson was welcomed by big sister Kate, 2.

JASON K. AND MEGAN L. NORTON '02, '02 announce the birth of McKenzie Grace on April 9, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Keith and Kathy Norton of Young Harris, and maternal grandparents are Tim and Debbie Lamb of Madison. The family lives in Douglasville.

DR. BRYSON R. PAYNE '91 and wife Beverly announce the birth of Alexander James on June 17, 2008. Bryson received his Ph.D. in computer science from Georgia State University in 2004, and is currently the chief information officer and a member of the computer science faculty at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega.

HEATHER SILBER PULLEN '93 and husband Scott announce the birth of Owen Davis on May 24, 2007.

MATTHEW STEWART '97 and wife Leslie Wiley announce the birth of Wiley Daniel on April 18, 2008 at three minutes past midnight. Wiley was welcomed by big sister Katie Mae, 2.

SCOTT THOMPSON '93 and wife Rhonda announce the birth of Aiden Robert. Aiden weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. Check out his pictures at www.AidenRobertThompson.com. Classmates can email the family at scottthompson72@yahoo.com.

JOHN AND BETH PARMER VAUGHN '97, '99 announce the birth of Madison Taylor on June 14, 2008 at 7:43 p.m.

NANCY MANN WILLIAMS '02 and husband Dave announce the birth of Max Eli on November 28, 2007.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT ALEXANDER '45
June 8, 2007

CLARENCE BEAULLIEU
dedicated friend of YHC
November 17, 2007

CARL CONINE
dedicated friend of YHC
November 12, 2007

ROBERT CORLEY '58
December 25, 2007

RICHARD ALLEN DANIELL '66
January 28, 2008

MARY MARTIN DONATI '57
February 3, 2008

WILLIAM J. "BILL" ERWIN '33
January 30, 2008

PENELOPE SHERRILL GARRARD '78
February 6, 2008

CHARLES HAMILTON '45
December 12, 2007

MELTON E. HARBIN '41
August 10, 2007

CYNTHIA HENRY '89
January 25, 2008

FRANK BENTON HOLT III '74,
husband of **FREDA LANDERS HOLT '73** from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident
September 29, 2008

SARA BRAGG HORNE '31
December 10, 2006

RICHARD H. HUNT, the second person hired into YHC's ITECH

Department. He was the server administrator, PC technician, ran the public Internet service, and was Web master for many years. After being diagnosed in 2001, Richard fought a tremendous battle with MS.
December 19, 2007

ALLEN PAT JONES '81
July 27, 2007

CAROLYN COLLINS KELLY '70
2008

REBECCA KESSLER '09
October 3, 2008

JERRY H. LANCASTER '61
2008

GINNY DODD LANE
dedicated friend of YHC
January 23, 2008
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Dodd Scholarship Fund at YHC.

NINNIE RAGAN LANGFORD '35
February 3, 2008

DEE WALKER LOGAN '59
October 30, 2007

JAMES McDONALD '58
October 2, 2008

LENOS NICHOLS '35
February 14, 2008

JULIUS ORR '43
February 23, 2007

THOMAS PHILLIPS JR. '41
December 1, 2007

MEREDITH EDGAR PURVIS '42
February 21, 2008

JOE THACKER '59
July 3, 2007

REVEREND ASBURY WALTON '58
February 2008



Stuart Lance, Betsy Lance, Bert Lance, LaBelle Lance, Cathy Cox, Zell Miller '51

LANCE SIGNATURE COLLECTION ON DISPLAY

We are pleased to announce that the Bert and LaBelle Lance Presidential Signature Collection is now on display in the Duckworth Library. This extraordinary display features a signature from every US president. The signatures are all beautifully framed and arranged to provide a fascinating trip through the history of our nation.

A dedication of the collection and open house was held at the April board of trustees meeting. The donation is in honor of Lance's father, Thomas Jackson Lance, YHC class of 1908, president of the college from 1930–1942.

Bert Lance had a long career in banking and public service at both the state and federal levels. He is a longtime friend and supporter of YHC and has been a member of the board of trustees since 1999.

Interest in the collection has been very high with visitors from as far away as Australia and Okinawa having the opportunity to study the presidents through this historical display.

Look for an in-depth feature article on the Lance Collection in the next issue of *Echoes*.

ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS UNITE

It is with great pleasure that representatives of the college's board of trustees and of the Young Harris Alumni Foundation (YHAF) announce an agreement in principle to work toward establishing one unified alumni organization for the college.

The representatives who met to work out the new relationships included YHC trustees Reverend Dr. Don Harp '61, Reverend David Haygood '60 and Bob Head '59, and YHAF leaders Michele Turner '95, Dick Burrell '47, and Rufus Brown '60. The group met September 26, on campus with President Cathy Cox and Vice President for Advancement Jay Stroman, with guidance from retired Brenau University President Dr. Jim Rogers, to discuss opportunities to work together in support of the college's transition into four-year status.

The representatives are finalizing details of the new relationship as *Echoes* goes to press, but the group agreed in principle that all future fundraising activities should be conducted by the college, that the financial aid office of the college should award all scholarships according to the wishes of donors, and that all alumni activities should be coordinated through one alumni organization that will be formed with leaders from both existing alumni groups.

This meeting represents a tremendous step forward for the future of YHC, and a clear willingness of YHC alumni to compromise and work together for the good of the college. Both groups agree that Homecoming 2009 will serve as a celebration of the new relationship, so mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2009, July 23–26.



Activities Calendar

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS CALL (800) 241-3754

DECEMBER

- 2 **YHC CHOIR CONCERT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 3 **CHRISTMAS CHAPEL/TREE LIGHTING**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

JANUARY

- 19 **MLK JR. CELEBRATION**
TBA TBA
- 27–28 **WINTER REVIVAL**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 25 **ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 26–28 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS
INTO THE WOODS**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.

MARCH

- 4 **STUDENT RECITAL**
Recital Hall 4 p.m.
- 23 **FALLA GUITAR TRIO CONCERT**
Susan B. Harris Chapel TBA
- 27–28 **YHC CHOIR SPRING CONCERT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 **HOAG CONCERT FEATURING DEKALB
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 7 **YHC CONCERT BAND/JAZZ BAND**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.

- 8 **HOLY WEEK CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

- 9 **COLLEGE BOWL**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

- 14 **GUITAR ENSEMBLE CONCERT**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

- 15 **EASTER CHAPEL SERVICE**
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

- 16 **SPRING SYMPOSIUM DAY
GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS OF A
COMMON HUMANITY**
TBA TBA

- 16 **REECE LECTURE FEATURING
MICHAEL HOFMANN**
TBA TBA

- 20 **HONORS NIGHT**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 7 p.m.

- 23–25 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS
RED HERRING**
Dobbs Theatre 8 p.m.

MAY

- 8 **GRADUATION PICNIC AND VESPER SERVICE**
Brasstown Bald 6 p.m.

- 9 **GRADUATION**
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 11 a.m.

- 11 **YHC 2009 CLAY DOTSON OPEN**
TBA 8 a.m.

JULY

- 23–26 **HOMECOMING 2009**

THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS

For Reservations or Information
(706) 379-4307

Into the Woods

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Book by James Lapine

February 26–28, 8 p.m.
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium
Ticket Price \$15

Red Herring*

by Michael Hollinger

April 23–25, 8 p.m.
Dobbs Theatre, Goolsby Center
Ticket Price \$8

**This production is intended for mature audiences.*

SACS UPDATE ON OUR WAY TO FOUR YEARS!

YHC's application to become a four-year college was submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in late August. The application contains literally thousands of pages of documentation on our plans to offer bachelor's degree programs in English, Music, Biology, Business and Public Policy.

The Commission of Colleges is expected to vote on the application at the December 8–9 meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Special thanks go to Rosemary Royston '89 and Dr. Ron Roach for their dedication, vision, perseverance and attention to detail in writing the application and assembling the supporting documents.

ROLLINS PLANETARIUM

(706) 379-5195 or www.yhc.edu

Newly renovated with a state-of-the-art digital projection system

Shows begin at 8 p.m., except during June and July, when they start at 8:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. Weather permitting, the YHC Observatory on the grounds of Brasstown Valley Resort is open every Friday night after the planetarium show for stargazing.

DECEMBER

SEASON OF LIGHT

Presented December 5, 12

JANUARY–APRIL

THE PROBLEM WITH PLUTO

Presented January 16, 23, 30

February 13, 20, 27

March 27 and April 3, 17, 24

MAY–JULY

THE COWBOY ASTRONOMER

Presented May 15, 22, 29

June 12, 19 and July 10, 17

Call (706) 379-4312 or visit www.yhc.edu for more information.



Young Harris Annual Fund

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION



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You can make a gift
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YHC is on what could be the most ambitious journey of our 122-year history. As we move toward becoming a four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting college, we must continue to improve our facilities and programming at a much higher rate.

Your participation in the Young Harris Annual Fund provides the necessary resources to attract the best and brightest students who otherwise may not be able to afford attending YHC. Gifts from alumni, parents and friends go directly toward student scholarships, technology upgrades, facility improvements and programming enhancements.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make your gift today!

Construction site of our newest residence hall scheduled to open in Fall 2009



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