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Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David E. Ralston, '74, stands in his office at the Capitol.

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On this Page

Young Harris College opened the new 57,000-square-foot Recreation Center in August. The state-of-the-art facility features a 37-foot-high rock climbing wall beside a fully equipped weight room and fitness center. See full story on page 6.

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Campaign of Courage

Fall is definitely in the air here at Young Harris College. Outside, that means the mountains are bursting in color, and the chilly breezes make everything crisp. Inside, it means the television is loaded with political ads—very few of which are inspiring, to say the least. It sure makes me glad to be here on the YHC campus, surrounded by the beautiful landscape and 800-plus wonderful students—rather than being embroiled in a political campaign!

While so much of political campaigning these days is, sadly, very negative—we are proud to feature in this issue of *Echoes* some of our YHC alumni who have committed themselves to public service. Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David Ralston, '74, featured on our cover, is one of the best. He returned to campus to deliver our Commencement address this past spring, and I had the pleasure of awarding him an honorary bachelor's degree in our new business and public policy program. David and I were initially elected to the Georgia Legislature in the same year (1992), and I've had the privilege of knowing him and working with him over the years. A year before his election as

Speaker, he was the lone voice at the State Capitol to stand up and speak out against a scandalous situation that had developed in the Speaker's office. He was punished and "back-benched" for doing so—but a year later, when the scandal became public knowledge, his peers gave him the vote of confidence by electing him as Speaker. He represents a clear example of courage and integrity in Georgia politics today.

David Ralston is not alone. Young Harris College has helped to educate and shape the value systems of a number of public servants ranging from the best known, former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, '51, to some like Buddy Carter, '77, who was inspired by the leadership of Miller and other YHC predecessors. You will enjoy the perspectives of our elected and appointed alumni on the issues that impact all our lives—and you'll surely be impressed, as I was, at the YHC connections in government and public service.

We will also introduce you to several of our new business and public policy majors who will certainly carry on the YHC tradition of great leadership in business and public service.

I hope you will be able to come and visit YHC soon—to enjoy fall in the mountains and to take in a Mountain Lions basketball game! Both will improve your mood if you are tired of those campaign ads!

Warmly,



Cathy Cox |
President



YHC President Cathy Cox and Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David Ralston, '74

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Adopts New Visual Identity, Launches New Website

Young Harris College strengthened its position as a four-year college this past summer with the adoption of a new visual identity and the unveiling of a newly launched interactive website, www.YHC.edu.

In July, YHC officially adopted a new College logo. The new mark offers a modern, youthful feel with emphasis on the College's beautiful, unique mountain location combined with reference to its long established history. It was developed after conducting extensive research with a variety of audiences and College stakeholders and has received positive feedback from prospective students, current students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College.

The new website is highlighted by an immersive "virtual tour" feature that provides visitors with a customized experience, delivered by virtual tour guides, student profiles and video testimonials, that showcases the unique opportunities available at YHC.

The customized online experience fits the needs of today's tech-savvy user and is intended to mirror the personalized attention students receive on campus.

The master website focuses on providing information and resources in a user-friendly setting. Sections from YHC's previous site—Academics, Alumni, Admissions, Student Life and News and Events—have



been enhanced to incorporate the College's recent growth. Several additions provide dynamic and up-to-date information on YHC's constantly evolving campus, including a social media news feed called "YHC Buzz" that features YHC-affiliated Twitter feeds.

"Growing to a four-year college has been an incredible opportunity, which very few colleges

ever experience," YHC President Cathy Cox said. "We've had the chance to evaluate and improve everything we do, and all of our decisions throughout this process have been focused on helping us educate, inspire and empower our students."



President Cox Meets with Alumni and Friends

AT NORTH AND SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCES

Young Harris College President Cathy Cox met with YHC alumni and friends at the annual meetings of the North and South Georgia conferences of the United Methodist Church this past June.

President Cox hosted a dinner on June 8 at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus during the South Georgia Conference's annual meeting in Tifton.

Later that month, she welcomed alumni and friends to a College-hosted reception on June 17 at The Classic Center during the North Georgia Conference's annual meeting in Athens.

YHC President Cox speaks to alumni and friends gathered at the South Georgia Conference annual meeting in Tifton on June 8.



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Opens New Recreation Center



Young Harris College President Cathy Cox cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the official opening of the Recreation Center on Aug. 16. President Cox was accompanied by members and coaches of the men's and women's basketball teams as well as Recreation Center staff members.

On Aug. 16, Young Harris College President Cathy Cox cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the official opening of the campus' new Recreation Center. Following the ribbon cutting, students were invited to tour the facility while enjoying prize giveaways, smoothie samples and demonstrations of the rock climbing wall as well as kickboxing/abs, Zumba and body toning classes.

This 57,000-square-foot facility features a first-class, fully equipped weight room and fitness center, an impressive 37-foot-high rock climbing



wall and an elevated indoor jogging track surrounding the state-of-the-art 1,100-purple-seat, NCAA-regulation arena that will serve as the new home of Mountain Lions basketball. The center also boasts the Balance Café, a healthy food and juice bar, multipurpose classrooms for yoga,

dance and aerobics, office space and locker rooms for the athletic department and wide expanses of windows to enjoy the surrounding mountain-landscape views.

The facility has been designed and constructed to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards and is expected to earn LEED certification within the next few months. The Recreation Center is the second new facility to be completed as part of Young Harris College's strategic plan to make the transformation to four-year status and will be the second facility to earn LEED certification.

Young Harris College students have unlimited access to the facility's amenities, and fitness center memberships are also available to YHC faculty and staff as well as the local community. Special membership rates are available for Young Harris College alumni.

For more information regarding memberships and amenities, call (706) 379-4472 or visit www.yhc.edu.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Enrollment and Retention Grow Steadily

In August, Young Harris College broke all previous enrollment records with the largest fall enrollment in the College's history of 819 students on campus, representing an 18 percent increase over last year's record fall enrollment of 696 students. This marks the second record enrollment in 2010, as YHC also saw its largest spring enrollment ever of 683 students.

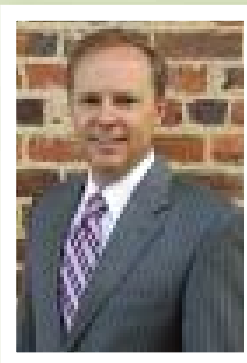
"This is the fourth straight year we have had record enrollment, and we have exceeded our enrollment and retention goals in every category," Vice President for Enrollment Management Clint

Hobbs, '88 said.

Enrollment at Young Harris College has increased by more than 50 percent since 2005, advancing the College's goal to steadily grow enrollment to 1,200 students within 10 years.

The Fall 2010 freshman class consists of 382 students, making it the third-largest freshman class in the history of the College. The number of students transferring to YHC increased this

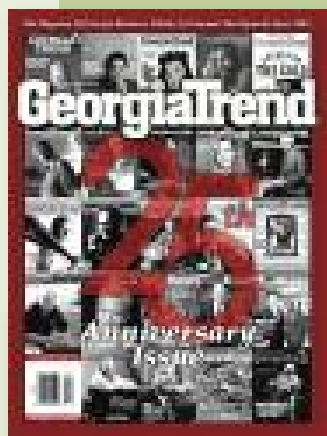
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Clint Hobbs, '88

PRESIDENT COX

Featured in September Georgia Trend



Young Harris College President Cathy Cox was featured in the September 2010 issue of *Georgia Trend*. In the magazine's 25th anniversary issue, 25 of Georgia's state leaders shared their perspectives in "Vision, Determination

and Optimism: Georgia Leaders Look Ahead." President Cox is the featured expert on public and private higher education in Georgia.

The article is available online in the YHC News archives at www.yhc.edu or at www.georgiatrend.com.

ENOTAH HALL

Continues to Earn Accolades

Since Young Harris College opened the 200-bed residence hall in August 2009, the new student housing facility, Enotah Hall, has continued to garner awards and praise from external organizations.

The \$16 million, 62,500-square-foot, three-story building was recognized with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification in January 2010 by the U.S. Green Building Council, making it the first higher education facility in Georgia north of the Atlanta area to achieve this level of certification. It has also been featured in a variety of newspapers, websites and industry publications, including Today's

Campus Online, *Eco-Structure*, *EcoHome*, Architechweb.com, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *University Business*, *Stone World*, and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*.

YHC's general contractor for the project, Hardin Construction Company, was recently recognized with the 2010 Excellence In Construction (EIC) award by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia, Inc., for the construction of Enotah Hall. The EIC award demonstrates a company's commitment to, and achievement of, the highest quality construction. Hardin was presented the award during the organization's state convention at Lake

Lanier Islands in Buford. Hardin received a total of six awards at the awards banquet, including four Excellence in Construction awards and two Merit awards.

Hardin also constructed YHC's recently opened 57,000-square-foot Recreation Center that is expected to earn LEED certification within the next few months.

Hardin Construction Company received the 2010 Excellence in Construction Award for Enotah Hall.



**Enotah Hall's Green
Family Lobby**

fall, as 71 students transferred to YHC from 30 colleges and universities across the country, including many four-year institutions.

"The freshman class is more diverse than ever with a record high of 15 countries represented and an ethnic percentage of around 15 percent, which is nearly double what it was at the beginning of last year," Hobbs said. "The class is also more geographically diverse than ever with more than 16 percent coming from outside the borders of Georgia."

YHC is also retaining students who plan to graduate with a bachelor's degree, as 40 percent of last year's sophomores chose to return for their junior year. In Spring 2011, the College will award its first bachelor's degrees since earning accreditation to do so in 2008 to a graduating class of 50-60 students.



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Welcomes New Faculty

Thirteen new full-time faculty members joined Young Harris College in August for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Dr. Joe Anderson, Associate Professor of Math

Dr. Matthew Byron, Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Drew Cavin, Assistant Professor of Outdoor Education

Dr. Rachel Chaves, Assistant Professor of Theatre

Dr. Nathan (Eric) Dickman, Assistant Professor of Religion

Dr. Victor Kane, Assistant Professor of Business and Public Policy

Dr. Andrea Kwiatkowski, Assistant Professor of Biology

Dr. Sharon Jackson, Assistant Professor of Education

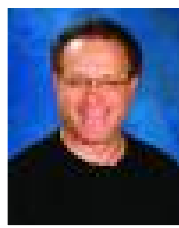
Mary Land, Senior Instructor of Music and Director of Bands

Mitchell Richards, Instructor of Computer Science

Dr. Jennifer Schroeder, Assistant Professor of Biology

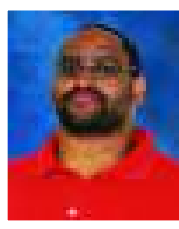
Joseph Terry, Instructor of Communication Studies

Dr. Isabelle Therriault, Assistant Professor of Spanish and French



Dr. Victor Kane

Dr. Victor Kane has more than 25 years of private sector experience in marketing, strategic planning, marketing research, government relations and business development. As an advertising executive and entrepreneur, he co-founded The Network 360, a multimedia marketing communications company. His research interests include best practices and cross-cultural variations in corporate social responsibility and the interplay of marketing and public policy.



Dr. Joe Anderson

Dr. Joe Anderson is interested in combinatorics research, primarily focusing on matroid theory and graph theory. His training includes a master's degree and doctorate in mathematics from the University of Mississippi, along with a bachelor's degree in education from Delta State University.

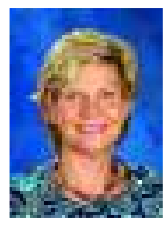
YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Completes 10-Year Reaffirmation Campus Review, Launches QEP

In March, Young Harris College submitted the compliance documentation to its accrediting agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and the SACS onsite team visited the campus Sept. 21-23.

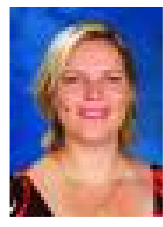
After conducting a thorough review of all aspects of the College's programs and procedures, the committee found YHC in full compliance of all core requirements of SACS and recommended its reaffirmation. The committee's recommendation on the College's 10-year reaffirmation will formally be presented by SACS in June 2011.

"This is a huge accomplishment and vividly demonstrates the good work we are doing to grow Young Harris College according to the best academic



Mary Land

Mary Land has recently been elected president of the Georgia Music Educators Association, and she continues to make appearances as adjudicator, conductor and clinician throughout the country. She is a 10-time recipient of the National Band Association Citation of Excellence and has been presented the Women Band Directors International Scroll of Excellence four times.



**Dr. Isabelle
Therriault**

Dr. Isabelle Therriault's teaching and research interests include the Spanish Golden Age and colonial literature. She has published several articles and participated in conferences regarding topics such as theatrical performance, gender, bilingualism and historiography.

and professional guidelines,” said YHC President Cathy Cox.

The SACS onsite team commended the College’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a program that was adopted in March 2009 as a major component of YHC’s 10-year reaffirmation process and officially launched on campus during the Fall 2010 semester. Inspired by the Latin term for “rhetoric,” this student learning initiative is called Rhetorica: The Art of Writing and Speaking at Young Harris College.

“The Rhetorica program is off to a great start,” said Mark Rollins, Ph.D., assistant professor of English and QEP committee chair. “The faculty, staff and students who worked so hard for more than two years to identify, develop, raise awareness and begin piloting the QEP look forward to seeing the transformation in our students’ communication skills as a result of the program.”

To facilitate Rhetorica’s mission of improving written and spoken communication skills across the curriculum, 15 faculty members began teaching writing- or speaking-intensive versions of their classes this fall, and 19 courses have been formally designated writing-intensive, speaking-intensive or both.

Faculty members are receiving training throughout the semester regarding effective techniques for writing and speaking instruction and are also utilizing an electronic resource bank.

As part of the QEP, a new Center for Writing and Speaking designed to assist students with papers and presentations opened this fall in the building that once housed Lawrence and Reba’s Café. Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Jennifer Hallett, Ph.D., serves as the speaking center director, while Professor of English and Director of the Academic Success Center Louisa Franklin serves as the writing center director. The center is staffed by seven student tutors who have received extensive training and national certification.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE ELECTS New Trustees AT SPRING MEETING

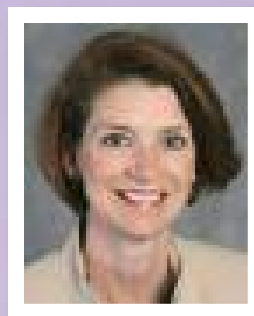
Two new members were elected to the Young Harris College Board of Trustees at its semi-annual meeting on April 23, 2010.

René M. Diaz is currently President and CEO of Diaz Foods and The Zaid Group, LLC, in Atlanta. He is a founding board member of Atlantic Capital Bank and serves on the Coca-Cola Hispanic Advisory Council. Diaz is very involved in the community at both the local and national level and has served on the board of directors of numerous companies and non-profits, including Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (Egleston/Scottish Rite Hospitals), Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Community Food Bank, The Carter Center, The Community Foundation and the Latin American Association. He is currently chair elect for the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He has been named one of the “Top 100 Most Influential Atlantans” by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* multiple times in the last decade and was also recently featured as one of *Georgia Trends*’ “40 Under 40.” He lives in Atlanta with his wife, Barbarella, and their three children, Alexander (17), Julia (5) and Olivia (3).



René M. Diaz

Margaret R. Buker is retired from her position as senior counsel at the Siemens Corporation. In this role, she advised corporate management on legal issues for 28 years. Buker currently serves as president for the Piedmont Charitable Foundation and is secretary of the J. William and Elizabeth S. Robinson Foundation, Inc. Buker’s father, John William Robinson, was a long-time member and past chairman of the Young Harris College Board of Trustees as well as board chairman and CEO for the John H. Harland Company. He also served as head of several charitable foundations, including the Piedmont Charitable Foundation and the J. William and Elizabeth S. Robinson Foundation. Buker lives in Atlanta with her husband, Chuck. They have two children, Charles (22) and Meg (20).



Margaret R. Buker

Rhetorica

The Art of Writing and Speaking at Young Harris College

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Partners with Chick-fil-A's WinShape Camps Program

In October, Young Harris College announced a new partnership with Chick-fil-A's WinShape Foundation to host its newest WinShape Camps program. Designed for female campers in grades 1-6, the One Week Overnight Camp for Girls is set to begin in June 2011.

"We are very excited to have WinShape Camps coming to Young Harris College," said YHC President Cathy Cox. "We believe this will be a great partnership and a great experience for everyone involved. Chick-fil-A and the WinShape Foundation are well-known, well-respected organizations, and the mission and values of their WinShape Camps program are a perfect match for our values and strengths."

Campers will stay in the College's new LEED Silver-certified residence hall, Enotah Hall, and enjoy many campus facilities, including the new, state-of-the-art, 57,000-square-foot Recreation Center.

"In an effort to maximize our opportunity of influence in the lives of young girls, WinShape Camps is thrilled to offer this new program and to partner with Young Harris College," WinShape Camps Girls Director Trudy Cathy White said. "We are offering a



WinShape Camps Senior Director of Camp Ministry Ken Thomas, YHC President Cathy Cox and WinShape Camps Girls Director Trudy Cathy White tour the YHC campus.

unique and incredibly fun program in an absolutely beautiful location."

Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy, White's father, created WinShape Camps in 1985 with a passion to have a positive impact on young people through a summer camp experience that allows them to sharpen character, grow in relationships and deepen Christian faith. Other WinShape Camps programs are primarily hosted at Berry College.

"WinShape had been looking to expand its camp offerings at a new site in a beautiful location with facilities that make it possible to host outdoor

activities including horseback riding, tubing and golf, and they felt YHC perfectly matched their needs," said YHC Camps and Conferences Director Brett Beazley. "Our campus will now be buzzing during the summer with young campers growing and learning the strong values WinShape has to offer."

Campers will enjoy a highly recreational experience while growing spiritually and building relationships and teamwork skills. The One Week Overnight Camp for Girls ensures individual attention for all campers with an impressive 7-to-1 camper-to-staff ratio, and YHC students will have the opportunity to stay and work as summer staff for the camps.

"This will be a valuable experience for our students as well," Beazley added.

In 2012, WinShape Camps plans to expand the One Week Overnight Camp for Girls at YHC to include eight sessions over two months and host a senior camp for female campers in grades 7-12.

Children and grandchildren of Young Harris College alumni, faculty and staff are eligible for a 25 percent discount on the regular camp rate for this inaugural year. Registration opened Oct. 10.

For more information about WinShape's One Week Overnight Camp for Girls and to watch a video featuring Cox and White, visit the new website www.oneweekcamp.com.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE SIGNS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH Andrew College

Now offering nine bachelor's degrees with more on the way, Young Harris College is attracting a growing number of transfer students seeking a strong liberal arts environment in which to complete their bachelor's degrees. YHC President

Cathy Cox signed an articulation agreement with Andrew College President David Seyle, Ph.D., on May 3, creating an official transfer agreement for students coming to YHC from Andrew College, a private, United Methodist-affiliated, two-year liberal arts institution with an enrollment of approximately 350.

The two-part contract includes an articulation agreement that facilitates a smooth transfer of students and credit hours between the two institutions and a transfer admission guarantee for Andrew students who complete the required

Celebrates Opening of Political History Collection and Partnership with UGA

On May 12, Young Harris College's Duckworth Library and University of Georgia's Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies celebrated the opening of the oral history collection *Reflections on Georgia Politics* with an impressive array of Georgia political veterans at the Georgia Center on the University of Georgia campus. The project is a collaboration of the two institutions.

Reflections on Georgia Politics began in the fall of 2006 at Young Harris College as a lecture and discussion program hosted by political historian, campaign consultant and YHC alumnus Bob Short, '51. Short is a veteran public affairs and political consultant who YHC President Cathy Cox has called "the most effective politician I've ever known who was never elected to office." He has served as administrative aide to four Georgia governors and two U.S. senators. He also managed the campaigns of several public officials, including Jimmy Carter when he ran for governor of Georgia in 1966.

In late 2007, the Richard B. Russell Library at the University of Georgia began producing *Reflections on Georgia Politics* as an oral history video series to further illuminate and personalize the tectonic shifts that occurred in Georgia politics in the late 20th century.

"Today we celebrate this great partnership between UGA and Young Harris College, to preserve a very unusual and very valuable recording of Georgia history," President Cox said. "Most of all, we want to jointly recognize and thank Bob Short for his understanding of the historical value

of these interviews, for his persistence in nailing down and arranging all of the interviews and for his incredible journalistic style, which made all the interviewees feel very comfortable in telling the stories of Georgia from their personal perspectives."

Former governors, constitutional officers, congressmen and senators, state legislators, political organizers and journalists have strengthened the broad net cast by *Reflections on Georgia Politics*. At 137 interviews and counting, and almost five days of video footage, the collection represents a tremendous historical resource.

"*Reflections on Georgia Politics* is a monumental achievement; it is a magnificent accomplishment," said former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor and YHC

alumnus Zell Miller, '51. "No one could have done this except Bob Short. He had the contacts around the state; he had the encyclopedic knowledge of Georgia politics; and he had the desire, patience, stamina and will to criss-cross this state time and time again to interview well over 100 men and women who have made significant contributions to Georgia politics."

The video interviews and transcripts for *Reflections on Georgia Politics* may be accessed at www.yhc.edu/reflections or www.itunes.uga.edu.

For more information about *Reflections on Georgia Politics*, contact Dawn Lamade, dean of library services, at (706) 379-5142 or dlamade@yhc.edu.



Ed Jenkins, Bob Short, Cathy Cox and Zell Miller at UGA's Georgia Center in Athens

general education coursework and meet Young Harris College admissions requirements.

"We have a long history of cooperating with Andrew as a sister college. We look forward to continued collaboration, and this agreement will smooth the way for Andrew students to continue their education at Young Harris. Given the similarity in our history and mission, we believe those students will greatly benefit from completing their degrees at Young Harris College," said Ron Roach, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs at YHC.



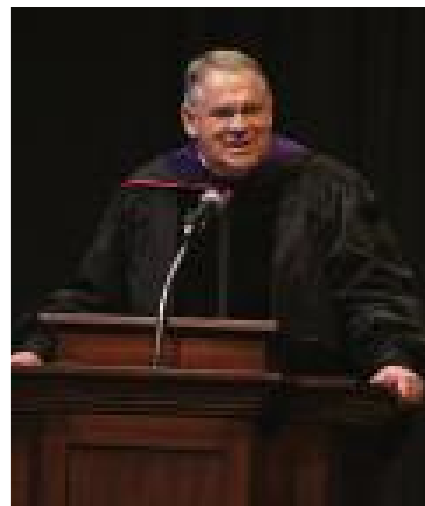
(From left to right) YHC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Roach, YHC President Cathy Cox, Andrew College President Dr. David Seyle and Andrew College Board of Trustees Chair George Flowers

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Confers 147 Degrees during May 8 Commencement

Young Harris College held its commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. in Glenn Auditorium of the Clegg Fine Arts Building on the YHC campus. The College awarded 147 associate degrees to students in liberal arts, religious studies, art, musical theatre, music, theatre, science, allied health, athletic training, business, education and outdoor education.

YHC alumnus and Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David E. Ralston, '74, addressed the graduates on the theme of courage and character. He commended the members of the Class of 2010 on their achievements and challenged them to be ethical leaders. Young Harris College President Cathy Cox presented Ralston with an honorary bachelor of science in business and public policy, a degree that will be awarded for the first time at Young Harris College in May 2011.



Young Harris College alumnus and Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David E. Ralston, '74, delivered the commencement address.



Student Government Association President Matthew Kammerer, a then-junior business and public policy major from Loganville, and Speaker David E. Ralston, '74, enjoy a conversation prior to the commencement ceremony.

Ralston was born in Ellijay, where he graduated from Gilmer County High School. He attended Young Harris College and went on to earn his bachelor's degree at North Georgia College & State University and later a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

In addition to conferring academic degrees at the ceremony, President Cox also awarded the President's Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by Young Harris College, to



YHC Class of 2010

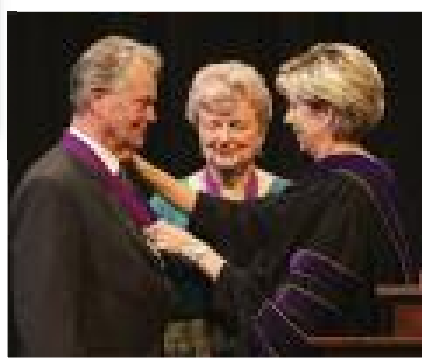


Left: (From left to right) The 2010 YHC Commencement platform party included YHC Campus Minister and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Rev. Dr. Tim Moore, YHC Alumni Association President Carol Chastain, '84, Student Government Association President Matthew Kammerer, Inter-religious Council President Michelle Brun, YHC President Cathy Cox, Speaker David E. Ralston, '74, YHC Provost/Executive Vice President Dr. Ron Ingle, YHC Trustee Clair Wofford Frazier, '81, and President's Medallion recipients YHC Adjunct Professor of Music Mary Ann Nielsen Fox and William H. "Bill" Fox, '50.



Left: Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David E. Ralston, '74, is presented an honorary bachelor of science degree in business and public policy by YHC President Cathy Cox.

William H. "Bill" Fox, '50, and Mary Ann Nielsen Fox of Young Harris, longtime beloved theatre and music professors whose 80 combined years of service to the College laid the foundation for the College's Division of Fine Arts. The President's Medallion is awarded to alumni and friends of Young Harris College who have made extraordinary contributions to the College.



(From left to right) President's Medallion recipients William H. "Bill" Fox, '50, and Mary Ann Nielsen Fox with YHC President Cathy Cox.



The Honor Roll

ALUMNI LEADERS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

BY CANDICE DYER

To call them the “Young Harris Mafia” would sound too crass.

The remarkably long line of political leaders who have emerged from the small liberal arts college in the North Georgia mountains may be close-knit and supportive of each other, but they are distinguished by more statesman-like qualities than cronyism and opportunism. They talk sincerely of public service as an “honorable calling,” decry the incivility that impedes progress and explain their accomplishments with refreshing, small-town humility. Their collective values system could be called “populist” in the best sense of the word.

Also, in an age of cheap sound bytes, these YHC alumni speak, on the stump or over coffee, with unusual eloquence, a tradition dating back to the old Phi Chi debating society, an all-star lineup of informed smooth talkers, directed for a time by English professor Edna Herren.

She is remembered as *Exornati*, “the honored or exalted one,” by the courtly Jack Brinkley, a 1949 alumnus and long-time U.S. Congressman. “She taught me the difference between ‘genuine’ and ‘genuWINE,’” he said. “To me, she had a certain mystique—a directness that was combined with insight and kindness, all of which translated into the

wisdom of an uncommon teacher.”

Under her tutelage, Brinkley, Zell Miller, ’51, Ed Jenkins, ’51, and Bob Short, ’51 hashed out the finer points of resolutions together, donned tuxedos and trounced the competition in championships. “It was high drama for us,” Brinkley recalled.

Added Short, “Undeclared! We were undefeated!”

All of these political veterans credit those experiences with shaping their destinies, and, as educators and leaders, have worked to instill the principles of critical analysis and polished delivery in younger up-and-comers such as Hank Huckaby, ’62, Mickey Channell, ’62, David Ralston, ’74, and Buddy Carter, ’77.

Forty years after his graduation from YHC, Miller made certain that Herren had a front-row seat at his gubernatorial inauguration.

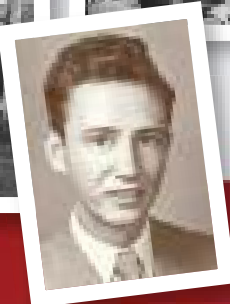
“I’ve heard that education is the lighting of a fire, not the filling of a pail,” Miller said. “Young Harris is a place that lights those fires. It is part of what I am and have been; it is where I learned the value of hard work and the significance of God. It is where I experienced the thrill of inspiring teachers, where I developed friendships that have endured decades and where I found the joy of lasting love in my wife, Shirley. I simply can’t imagine how empty my life would be without Young Harris College.”



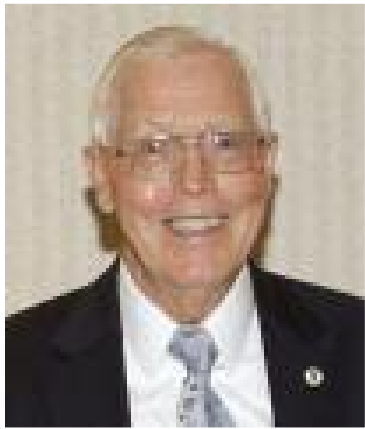
Edna Herren



Phi Chi 1949; Jack Brinkley, third row, tenth from left; Zell Miller, fourth row, third from right



Upper Left: Zell Miller
Above: Jack Brinkley
Left: Ed Jenkins



Jack Brinkley, '49

JACK BRINKLEY “grew up reading Perry Mason books” in Faceville near the Florida border and, today, is that rare Southern gentleman who quotes Virginia Woolf as well as Shakespeare. After graduation from Young Harris College, he was a teacher and an Air Force pilot before earning his juris doctorate degree from the University of Georgia and establishing a law practice in Columbus. A Democrat, he served in the General Assembly and then won eight consecutive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967 to 1983 with the pledge “to remember who I am, where I’m from, and who sent me.”

“I tried to keep that promise by being faithful in attendance and voting, by always, ever, giving a helping hand to constituents who had problems with the sometimes heavy hand of bureaucracy,” Brinkley explained.

During the Vietnam War, he helped secure a federal charter for the Gold Star Wives organization, and in 1981, he was president of the House prayer breakfast group that met weekly.

In his final years on Capitol Hill, he was dean of the Georgia delegation and zone whip for Georgia and South Carolina. He helped establish the Andersonville National Historic Site

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and fortify Warm Springs, among other preservation-oriented projects, and, as chairman of the Military Construction Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, he was instrumental in locating a combined basic and advanced infantry-training unit at Fort Benning. “The growth and build-up continue to this day with combined infantry and armor training centers,” he said.

Of our current economic crisis, he has observed, “It is shameful, the interest rates being paid to small and moderate savers by financial institutions. When federal funds are provided to the banks at little or no interest, what incentive is there for the banks to pay more interest than that to you and me? Savings have traditionally

been rewarded, but now the lack of necessity to pay fair interest amounts to a double subsidy from us collectively, with our tax dollars, and from us individually through nonpayment of interest to us. To print money almost indiscriminately and to spend money from borrowed money does not meet the Benjamin Franklin or Jack Brinkley tests.”

Nevertheless, he remains upbeat. “Under the authority of the ballot box, we must be conscientious about sending good men and good women to Washington,” he said. “There is nothing wrong with this country that a few seasons of common sense cannot correct.”

ZELL MILLER, a 1951 alumnus, famously grew up in the mountains of Young Harris and has worked as a professor and baseball coach for his alma mater. He began his political career as mayor of his hometown, served in the state Senate, and was elected lieutenant governor in 1974, serving four terms, making him the longest office-holder of that post in Georgia history. He served as governor from 1991 to 1999 and as a U.S. senator from 2000 to 2005.

As governor, he removed the sales tax from groceries, raised teachers’ salaries to the highest in the Southeast and presided over an era of roaring prosperity when Georgia was creating



Zell Miller, '51

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2,000 jobs per week. He also established the HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally), which uses state lottery funds to pay for the college tuition of Georgia students with a high school G.P.A. of 3.0.

"I would invite valedictorians to the Governor's Mansion," he said, "and I was disappointed that so many of them planned to attend college elsewhere, which meant that they might end up leaving Georgia for good. I wanted a merit-based way to keep young scholars in the state, and I was inspired by the G.I. Bill, which paid my way and taught me the valuable lesson that when you give something, you get something in return."

As a United States senator, he grew more culturally conservative in his leanings, writing the best-seller *A National Party No More: The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*, but he supported the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act along with broad-based tax cuts.

Lately, he has grown increasingly pessimistic about the state of the nation.



Ed Jenkins, '51

"The art of governing is about budgeting," he said. "We have to have a balanced budget in Georgia, but that's not the case in Washington. They're supposed to pass 13 separate budgets in different areas of government, and this year Congress has gone home without passing a single one. Things have become so partisan on both sides that they'd rather fight over an issue than get results. Sometimes, you have to compromise—that's how our Constitution came about. We have to compromise in order to pay for the things we want to do, whether it's health care or waging a war. My mama used to say, as part of her scripture, 'Take what you want but pay for it.' Instead, we're running up a deficit for our children and grandchildren."

ED JENKINS played a role in many pivotal events that reverberate in today's crises. He and Miller fondly describe each other as "best friends," having grown up together in the Blairsville/Young Harris area where they "supported each other, fought occasionally, and plotted our political futures early on," said Jenkins with a laugh. The 1951 alumnus served in the Coast Guard and then as an assistant to congressman Phillip Landrum. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977, where he stayed for 16 years, in a coveted post on the influential Ways and Means Committee.

Jenkins investigated the Iran-Contra

Affair, involving the unlawful sale of missiles to Iran, and he trekked around Pakistan and Afghanistan on trade missions with Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson, whose exploits were chronicled in the 2007 Oscar-nominated movie *Charlie Wilson's War*. "That was one of the most interesting segments of my career," Jenkins said. "It taught me that we need to look after our own nation before getting involved in other countries' conflicts and trying to change them."

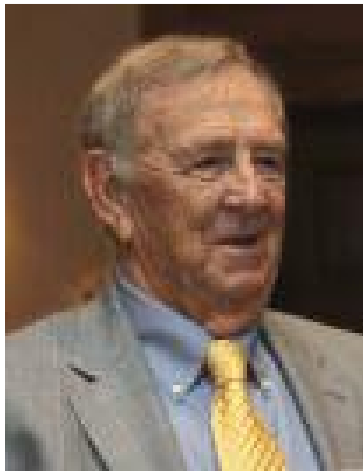
As a result, he said, he voted against the Persian Gulf War in 1990. "I took a lot of heat for that at the time, a lot of heat, but I had to vote my conscience."

He also helped reduce capital gains, estate, and income taxes, lowering the rates from 70 percent to 39 percent, and he worked on the Trade Subcommittee as chairman of the textile caucus. "I did everything I could to protect Georgia's textile industry from cheap foreign imports," he said. "It started going away in the 1990s, but I tried to stave that off as long as I could. Today, China is such a strong economic force, which is still curtailing us and manipulating currency as it relates to the dollar. We likely will need to get much firmer with our trading partners."

He echoes some of Miller's sentiments but is more sanguine about the future.

"I think we will pull out of this downturn over the next four years," Jenkins said. "But some very hard decisions will have to be made, not just about our excessive spending and its risk of inflation but also about our entitlement programs. Too, we've fought these two wars that we haven't paid for yet. At some point, we all will have to come to grips with that."

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Bob Short, '51

CHARLES ROBERT “BOB” SHORT, another alumnus of that storied YHC class of 1951, comes from a Rabun County political dynasty that can be traced to his great-great-grandfather, and includes his mother, “Mama” Nan Short, who served on the city council for more than 30 years. “It’s just in my genes,” he said.

After a stint in the Air Force, he covered sports for the *Atlanta Journal* and then, in 1959, took a post at the Georgia governor’s office, working as a speechwriter, legislative liaison, and administrator of the Governor’s Honors Program throughout the administrations of Marvin Griffin, Ernest Vandiver, and Carl Sanders. He coordinated the campaign of Jimmy Carter in his 1966 gubernatorial bid, and then acted as press secretary for Carter’s opponent in that race, Lester Maddox. In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Short regional director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness—the forerunner of FEMA.

“While we dealt with tornados and hurricanes and their aftermath, the real purpose of that agency was to coordinate resources at a federal, state and local level to prepare for a nuclear attack from the Russians, who were

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acting up,” Short explained. “Nuclear holocaust was on everybody’s mind then.”

He later served as a political adviser and special assistant to fellow alumnus Miller during his terms as Georgia governor and U.S. senator.

Short has worked to document the pivotal moments in Georgia politics in a biography of the colorful Lester Maddox, *Everything is Pickrick*, which won the “Author of the Year” laurel from the Georgia Writers Association. In 2006, he began a lecture and discussion program at YHC called “Reflections on Georgia Politics,” and then reached out to the University of Georgia’s Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies to help make it an oral history series. Available online and on DVD, it features interviews with 137 Georgians who have been politically active. The



Hank Huckaby, '62

collection was officially unveiled in May 2010 as a collaboration of the two institutions. “That’s what I’m proudest of,” Short said, “because it was such an honor to be associated with many of those people who shaped our history, and it’s important to document that accumulated wisdom.”

Brinkley, Miller, Jenkins and Short reign as the old lions—*mountain* lions—of Southern politics, still active and in demand as consultants and advisers to leaders across the region, including many of their YHC protégés who are tackling health care reform, water conservation, budget crises and other challenges facing the state of Georgia.

HENRY “HANK” HUCKABY, a 1962 alumnus, would race home from school as a child in Griffin to watch the McCarthy hearings on television, dreaming of a career in politics. He studied at YHC under Zell Miller and later supported him in several roles, starting with his 1964 congressional campaign and later in staff research for the state Senate during Miller’s tenure as lieutenant governor of Georgia. When his mentor became governor, Huckaby worked for five years as director of the Office of Planning and Budget, which essentially controls the pocketbook for the state of Georgia. He managed the state’s more than \$10 billion overall budget, which included newly implemented programs such as the HOPE Scholarship.

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leaders I worked so closely with,” Huckaby said.

From 1980 to 1991, Huckaby served as executive director of the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority. “It was a new, fledgling entity when I started, and 10 years later, we were handling a budget of over a billion dollars in mortgages for low- and moderate-income Georgians, which enabled so many people to move into their first homes, making a lasting impact on their lives,” he said. “I still hear from some of them even today, which is a good feeling.”

Next Huckaby worked on the business end of academia, as director of the Fiscal Research Program at Georgia State University and then as senior vice president of finance for the University of Georgia, also contributing his time and expertise to more than 25 for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

He retired from UGA in 2006, but has recently been hard at work on the campaign trail, running for State House District 113, the seat vacated by retiring Representative Bob Smith. The District comprises Oconee County and parts of Oglethorpe, Morgan and Clarke counties.

“I enjoyed spending time with my grandchildren, doing volunteer work and staying active in the Methodist Church, which is important to me,” Huckaby said. “But I couldn’t help looking at the changing political landscape over the past couple of years and wondering if there were ways I could help. Back when Zell won the governor’s office, he also inherited a recession, with reserves spent, revenues falling, cutbacks. We’re in a different kind of recession now, but

there are enough parallels that I think my experience in budgeting, financial management and housing could make a real difference.”

Those enduring values of common-sense fiscal responsibility, he said, started at Young Harris College. “After all, that’s where I met Zell Miller—and where I met my wife, Amy!” he added. “We need a steady hand to cut unnecessary spending and keep taxes low but in an open and prudent way. I’ve done it before, and I will do it again.”

MICKEY CHANNELL, a 1962 alumnus from Washington, Ga., studied and played baseball under the tutelage and coaching of Miller. “By giving me a historical perspective, Zell taught me that public service isn’t a dirty business but a high calling that can make a lasting and substantial difference in people’s quality of life,” Channell said, “and that came full circle when I ran successfully for the House in 1992 when Zell was governor.”

After serving 12 years on his hometown’s school board, Channell is completing his 18th year as a state representative and is running unopposed for another term, focusing



Mickey Channell, '62

much of his energy and acumen on health care. One of the most meaningful highlights of his career, he said, was crafting, side-by-side with Miller, the PeachCare for Kids legislation, which secured affordable health services for 250,000 children of low-income working families.

“There’s a lot of hard, sometimes unsavory work in politics, with lots of meetings, but when you’re able to make such a positive impact on the health and well-being of hundreds of thousands of our children, well, that’s gratifying.”

Channell is the former chairman of the Community Health Subcommittee of Appropriations, and he continues to serve on the committee, which oversees the \$14 billion Department of Community Health, Department of Human Resources and Department of Labor budget.

“In the coming year, we’ll be focusing on public health, on the benefit program for our state employees and, of course, on the budgetary aspects of the health reform at the national level,” he said. “That’s one of the biggest changes to come about in a generation with a 2,700-page bill, the details of which still haven’t really been ironed out at the federal level, so we’re trying to get our arms around it, figure out how to implement it and pay for it in Georgia. It’s a huge challenge, but we’re going to get it done!”

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Buddy Carter, '77

EARL “BUDDY” CARTER, a 1977 alumnus, got his first taste of politics at YHC, where he was elected president of his freshman class. For nine years, he served as mayor of Pooler, his hometown, which, under his leadership, tripled in population and quadrupled in land size thanks to aggressive annexation policies. Carter, a pharmacist, worked to recruit job-creating industry, including JCB, the fourth-largest manufacturer of heavy, industrial equipment, which relocated its North American headquarters to the small town near Savannah.

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He then served for five years in the Georgia House of Representatives, working on the Committee on Health and Human Services. At one point, Carter shared a Capitol office as suite-mate with YHC alumnus David Ralston, '74, who is now Speaker of the House.

This year, Carter was elected to the state Senate, where he is working to address some of the kitchen-table issues he encountered as a small-town pharmacist. He has introduced the Patient Safety Act, which would create a comprehensive database of prescriptions for pain medication in an effort to combat the “second-worst drug abuse problem in the country.”

He also is sponsoring legislation for the pharmacy caucus that would require insurance companies to pay for a 10-day supply of medicine that a doctor prescribes, even if

it is not on the insurer's approved list of drugs. “Let's say a mother with a sick child comes in with a prescription on a late Friday afternoon,” he explained. “Suppose she can't reach the doctor to get the prescription changed, and the child gets sicker over the weekend and ends up in the emergency room. I'm trying to deal with that kind of situation.”

Carter, too, says he was inspired by his YHC forebearers. “Just look at the tradition there—Zell Miller, Ed Jenkins and Jack Brinkley, who is simply an amazing person. They all are inspirations to learn and draw from, no matter what field you're in, but for public service especially. They have shown us how to make Georgia better in countless ways, for everybody who lives here.”



Left: Mickey Channell
Above: Hank Huckaby



Left: Bob Short
Above: Buddy Carter



Right: Phi Chi 1951; Ed Jenkins, first row, third from left; Bob Short, third row, fourth from left, Zell Miller, third row last



Capitol Gains

BY CANDICE DYER

David Ralston's election earlier this year as Georgia's Speaker of the House was conducted with quick and quiet dispatch after an ethics scandal had toppled his predecessor.

The vote of 116-58 made jaded political observers perk up and take notice. Ralston, a Class of 1974 Young Harris College alumnus and Blue Ridge attorney, is the first North Georgian to hold this post in more than 150 years, and his support from some Democrats signals what everyone hopes will be a new era of cooperation.

"You've made a country boy very happy," Ralston told his colleagues, adding later, "What I was most proud of in the roll call for Speaker was that 16 members of the other party crossed party lines to vote for me. I want to work with the people across the aisle. We have to look beyond party label, race, geography and other things we perceive as divisions and differences if we are going to solve problems."

Among the lessons he and other Young Harris College graduates have learned from their close-knit communities is that such neighborliness is not only pleasant, it also gets results. Ralston has been working

Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David E. Ralston, '74, in his Atlanta office in the Capitol.

successfully toward a transportation plan for Georgians inside and outside the perimeter, better trauma care for underserved communities and a water conservation strategy that balances urban and agricultural needs, among other initiatives that strive for inclusive balance across the state. Also, thanks to his ethics reforms, Georgia now ranks among the top five states with the strictest policies that regulate the wheeling-and-dealing between legislators and lobbyists.

After a political season fraught with kicking-and-screaming partisanship and other unseemly behavior, Ralston comes across to many as a courtly handshake, sealing a square deal.

“David is a breath of fresh air,” said former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, ’51. “Talk about the right person at just the right time.”

Ralston, an Ellijay native, was elected to the state Senate in 1992 and served until 1998 when he won the Republican nomination for attorney general of Georgia. In 2002, he was elected to the Georgia House to represent the 7th District, which includes the counties of Fannin and Gilmer and part of Dawson. He succeeded Glenn Richardson as Speaker of the House in January.

Education, Ralston said, remains an urgent priority.

“Georgia is in a position now where we don’t have to take second place to any other state when it comes to higher education,” he said, “and we certainly don’t need to go backward.”

With that goal in mind, he is pushing for a constitutional amendment to ensure that all of the proceeds raised for the HOPE Scholarship Program (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) are



David Ralston, '74

used exclusively for education and not diverted or siphoned off, here and there, toward other projects, as some lawmakers have done in the past.

“In a sense, HOPE is a victim of its own success,” Ralston said of the program Miller introduced. “We have a bigger population of high school graduates who want to go on to college and vocational school, and we also have more older, nontraditional students going back to school to improve their resumes and training for better jobs in this economy. Georgians want more education. The problem is that the money taken out of HOPE is not equal to what we are pulling in for it. But that can be fixed.”

Ralston, who earned his bachelor’s degree at North Georgia College & State University and law degree at the University of Georgia, concedes that he was not the most studious freshman

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when he first arrived in the enchanted valley.

“But Young Harris College helped me focus and develop discipline,” he explained, “and reinforced the sense that political service is an honorable calling, which demands honorable behavior. I mean, look at all of the great leaders who went to college here. Their example alone is inspiring.”



The *Truth* about Media and Politics

BY JOSEPH TERRY, INSTRUCTOR OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

You are likely receiving this issue of *Echoes* recently after once again having visited your polling place on that familiar, ritualized first Tuesday of November. Many are probably relieved that the heightened debate and name-calling of a midterm election is over. Now, we can just get on with the somewhat more palatable name-calling of our everyday political discourse.



Joseph Terry

As this election year slowly fades from our collective memories, its long-term political impact will probably not be known for years or even decades. Despite their critical impact on Presidential governance (and media coverage), midterm elections often correlate very little with the subsequent Presidential election, as history has shown. For example, President Reagan's Republican Party was stunned in 1982, with Democrats picking up 28 total seats in the House and Senate, only to see Reagan coast to an easy reelection two years later, winning 49 out of 50 states. Likewise, the Republican Party's "Contract with America" in 1994 netted the GOP a huge 62 seats during the 1994 midterms, but the momentum could not be sustained for another two years as President Clinton narrowly won reelection. Conversely, President George H.W. Bush held his own in 1990 with his Republican Party only losing 8 seats, but he would not have the same fortune only two years later as he lost his reelection. As a scholar of media, I find few moments in our American political and media

landscape as consistently unsettling as an election season—especially a midterm election during a president's first term. During a time period when media could be extremely valuable in trying to make sense of the partisan bickering, it seems media often amplify the rhetoric.

The influential role of media in shaping election campaign rhetoric pushes candidates toward attempts at creating short, catchy slogans that often fall flat in conveying any semblance of a meaningful message. I cannot even fathom a guess at how many times I have driven by a "Deal. Real." sign, Nathan Deal's slogan for his Republican gubernatorial run, asking myself what the signs are supposed to mean. Has our political discourse really been reduced to merely rhyming? Based on a visit to his website, Deal appears more interested in selling the glib logo than making sense of its meaning. Of course, my confusion about Deal's message is also matched by my surprise to see Barnes' return to the campaign trail, after his sudden campaign loss amid various

controversies during the midterm elections of 2002. At least the message he is trying to convey, "Make Georgia Work," is somewhat more coherent drawing from a unique position of already serving as governor. Of course, slogans are by definition self-limiting, and we need news media to take us beyond the slogans.

An online blog post from the *Wall Street Journal* on Sept. 23 summed up the Georgia governor's race with the linked Google News headline, "Ga. Governor's Race: 'King Roy' vs. 'Shady Deal.'" With such a catchy fight title, I think Barnes and Deal are halfway toward working out a pay-per-view boxing match. Here is an example of where media could move us past the negative rhetoric, but instead, due to the conventions of modern day political reporting and larger structures of the news industry, media fall in line with the campaigns to amplify the negative rhetoric and extend it to television news, talk news programming and front pages.

Despite election season surveys indicating that voters are frustrated by the regularity and intensity of negative campaigning, media effects research has consistently shown that negative campaigning is highly successful. One principle of media effects that has been shown to exist with respect to negative campaigning is the sleeper effect, which demonstrates that while negative campaigning might be somewhat effective initially, and might even be mitigated through defensive response-driven advertising, the negative attack becomes more effective over time. Another media phenomena found with negative campaigning is

confirmation bias, a tendency for individuals to favor information, whether it is true or not, if it reflects their preconceptions or biases. There is no greater reason to negatively campaign than the very behavior of voters themselves who, despite decrying the impact of negative campaigning on our political process, consistently tune into the most sensationalistic and bombastic news coverage.

Why does this matter? It is a simple matter of facts over misinformation. Polling and studies consistently show our electorate is less informed than ever before. In fact, some polls have indicated that the more people watch television news programming, the less informed they are. A democracy cannot operate without an informed citizenry, and these issues extend beyond campaigns to basic political knowledge. Perhaps the most appropriate contemporary example of confirmation bias is recent polling indicating the growing percentage of Americans who believe President Barack Obama is a Muslim. Despite no evidence to this claim, a recent poll from the nonpartisan Pew Research Centre indicates that approximately 20 percent of Americans believe Obama is a Muslim, up from 11 percent in March 2009. It would appear, the more a public figure is discussed by our media system, the less informed the electorate becomes about that figure. Furthermore, despite his outspoken record as a practicing Christian, only a third of Americans believe he is a Christian. In fact, away from the confines of mainstream media, President Obama has been much more candid about his faith than many past American presidents. In a 2008 interview in *Christianity Today*, while a candidate for President, he said, "I am a Christian, and I am a devout Christian. I believe in the redemptive

death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that that faith gives me a path to be cleansed of sin and have eternal life.... Accepting Jesus Christ in my life has been a powerful guide for my conduct and my values and my ideals."

My advice for how individuals can move beyond media disinformation is to seek out other outlets of political news reporting and advocate for change by our politicians and media. Approach all media with a critical perspective, and, in many instances, just turn off the programs that are simply approaching news as mere entertainment. Our political system and democracy ask us all to do more.

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Rising Stars

NEW DEGREE PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS TO LEAD

BY KRYSTIN DEAN



(From left to right)
Young Harris College
business and public
policy majors and
Student Government
Association members
CJ Cypress, Brittany
McKinnon, Jack Tripp,
Megan Shook and
Matthew Kammerer

Beginning in May 2011, a newly cultivated brood of budding leaders, savvy in the arts of both business professionalism and public service, will graduate from Young Harris College and enter the workforce fully prepared to take on careers in law, public service, government, business and more.

High demands for ethically and socially responsible behavior confront the business world and the political arena now more than ever, prompting up-and-coming leaders to

seek more integrated training that gives them a leading edge over rivals or competitors.

Young Harris College students enrolled in the new business and public policy degree program are

being equipped with clear thinking and sound reasoning skills through a rich set of courses dealing with management, economics, leadership, ethics and public policy analysis. The College has joined the ranks of such esteemed ivy-league institutions as Penn and Harvard by becoming one of only a few schools in the country offering the innovative, integrated curriculum.

The program is attracting some of the best and brightest.

MEGAN SHOOK, now a senior at YHC, had always planned to obtain her associate degree in business at Young Harris College.

“I grew up listening to family members reminisce about their experiences here, and I could never picture going anywhere else,” the Young Harris native said.

Her plans changed slightly when the College introduced the business and public policy degree in 2009.

“I thought the addition of public policy would provide me with an even stronger foundation for law school,” Shook said. “If I happen to change my mind about what I want to do, this major will open the door to several career paths.”

For now, Shook plans to pursue prosecutorial law, a field she says will provide “immensely satisfying work.” To prepare, she has been interning on two political campaigns, assisting with District Attorney Stan Gunter’s race for the Georgia Court of Appeals and incumbent Stephen Allison’s race for the Georgia House of Representatives.

“I have learned so much by working on these campaigns and made valuable contacts that will be helpful in my future endeavors,” said Shook, who also polishes her political prowess at YHC as Student Government Association (SGA) treasurer and a member of the College Republicans.

These real-life lessons coincide

with those she is learning inside the classroom at YHC. “One of the most important things I’ve learned is how to think, form my own opinions and have the conviction to stand up for my beliefs,” she said.

Developing that confidence, wisdom and ability to think critically is not hard among YHC’s caring faculty and fellow students. “It is almost indescribable the way students here form bonds that last a lifetime. The atmosphere is unlike anywhere else.”

Fellow senior **MATTHEW KAMMERER** agrees. “We are challenged daily with questions that push us to think deeper into core issues of business and government,” he said. “I know that this major will prepare me for many things later in life.”

While the beautiful surroundings is

one of the reasons the Loganville native chose to attend Young Harris College, it was the opportunity to take on leadership roles early that solidified the decision.

Kammerer has served as president of YHC’s SGA for three terms and currently serves as the senior intern for the Bonner Leaders Program—a position he also held last year when the program began. In his free time, he runs UX Booth, an online blog about usability and user experience (www.uxbooth.com), and works as a consultant in the user experience and online advertising fields.

“The most important thing I have learned during my studies is that we have so much control over business by the way we present ourselves, think critically about problems and make decisions,” said Kammerer, who hopes to eventually own his own business in the technology or



CJ Cypress, Jack Tripp and Megan Shook prepare for a Student Government Association meeting.

Rising Stars | NEW DEGREE PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS TO LEAD



Student Government Association (SGA) President Matthew Kammerer and SGA Secretary Britnney McKinnon review a meeting agenda.

animal field.

Last summer, Kammerer landed an internship with BuySellAds.com, an online advertising company based in Boston, and because of his exemplary performance, he has a job lined up at the company when he graduates in May.

"I am excited to have the chance to go right into the marketing field and see where it takes me," he said.

When it comes to plans for the future, senior **CJ CYPRESS** is not afraid to set the bar high.

"I am thinking about starting a business to gain some experience, and then I want to earn my MBA and go to law school," said Cypress regarding his future career plans. "I want to go into corporate law and then become a

college professor—maybe even at YHC."

According to Cypress, who is from Atlanta, the multi-faceted business and public policy degree has prepared him to achieve these lofty goals.

"I chose this major because it will open many doors for me after I leave Young Harris. It doesn't limit me to a few career choices, but instead gives me the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a number of opportunities," he explained. "I have learned that to be a good business person, you must know how the government's policies affect you and vice versa."

Cypress is already getting a taste of government as a senior senator in YHC's SGA. He also plays intramural sports, participates in Greek life and plays the drums for his band, The Visualizers.

He looks to the program's distinguished faculty to prepare him for life after YHC.

"I have learned from my professors that the most valuable lessons learned in school do not come from textbooks, but rather from general class discussion and teaching that incorporates real-world application," Cypress said.

He will soon get the chance to apply what he has learned. Cypress plans to complete a public policy-based internship before graduation. "It is part of our curriculum, and it is a good way to figure out what we really want to do—or not do—with our lives," he said.

BRITTANY MCKINNON is still deciding what the future will hold for her. She knows that versatility is crucial to succeed and believes her studies at Young Harris College have allowed her to become a well-rounded leader.

"I am interested in both business and public policy and wanted to be able to work in either field. This unique degree will allow me to do that," said the senior from Murphy, N.C., who hopes to become either a legislative aid or business executive assistant.

McKinnon feels that the dedicated YHC faculty has helped prepare her for future endeavors by providing guidance inside and outside the classroom.

“Our professors not only care that we grasp the subject matter, but they also care about our growth as individuals,” McKinnon said. “They teach us that memorization of specific information is not as important as understanding overarching concepts and a constant willingness to learn.”

McKinnon is taking part in a special study regarding business in Appalachia by preparing a course that defines the region, details the area’s demographics and explores major industries.

“It will also teach some of the distinct culture of the area and look at public policy, because these two factors are so heavily intertwined with business in the area,” she explained.

When McKinnon is not focusing on her studies, she serves as secretary of YHC’s SGA, works as a tutor in the Academic Success Center and performs in the YHC Choir and women’s a cappella group Southern Harmony. Although her days as a student are coming to a close, she plans to be an active alumna.

“The best part about YHC is the unique bond that students form with each other and with the college,” McKinnon said. “Coming back to campus always feels a little like coming home.”

JACK TRIPP agrees that this quality is one of the defining features of Young Harris. “I have come to love the sense of family that exists here,” he said. “It is difficult to explain.”

Front row (left to right): CJ Cypress, Jack Tripp and Megan Shook; Back row (left to right): Brittany McKinnon and Matthew Kammerer

The junior from Fayetteville also believes that the business and public policy program provides students with the necessary tools to begin impacting the world before graduation—something Tripp strives to do at YHC before pursuing a career in public service.

“The most important piece of the Young Harris experience is the exploration of the human condition,” Tripp said. “With exposure to literature and the arts found at Young Harris, students are able to search deep into areas of themselves that they knew existed, but never previously knew how to reach.”

Tripp serves as a College Representative, Student Ambassador and SGA Vice President. He is also involved in religious life activities, participates in Greek Life and sings in the YHC Choir.

According to Tripp, his leadership position in SGA is helping him prepare for his future endeavors. “My role in SGA has taught me how to represent the interests of others.

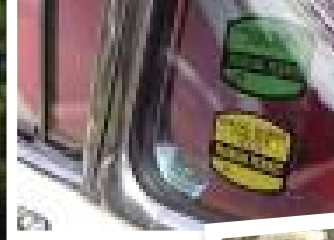
Stepping back and understanding the concerns of a community, instead of yours alone, is an empowering experience,” he said.

After serving as a counselor at Camp Kaleo in Forsyth for the last two years, Tripp hopes to gain first-hand experience in his field next summer. “I want an internship that will help me understand how government and society interact with one another and how we can help better that relationship,” Tripp said.

He plans to pursue a career dedicated to public service in an effort to pay it forward.

“I have been given a great many opportunities throughout my life to become who I am today,” he said. “I hope to find myself working toward and realizing those moments that touch the soul. I feel compelled to help fix things that are broken, to stand in the gap, to set things right. I want to be the right person in the right place at the right time that does the right thing.”







ALUMNI *New* MAKE *Memories*

AT HOMECOMING/ ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010

“Making New Memories” was the theme as more than 1,500 Young Harris College alumni, their families and friends made their way back to Young Harris this past summer for Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010. The celebration held Friday-Sunday, July 23-25, was a fun-filled weekend of reconnecting and reuniting with old friends, classmates and professors. Alumni and their families enjoyed many activities and special events on and around the beautiful mountain campus.

The highlight of Friday evening was the Celebration Reunion Dinner and Alumni Awards Ceremony at Brasstown Valley Resort. Alumni from across all generations gathered to reminisce and honor a group of outstanding alumni. Members of the Class of 1960 were recognized as special guests of the evening in commemoration of their 50th reunion. Young Harris College President Cathy Cox welcomed the crowd and congratulated the Class of 1960.

After dinner, alumni association board members presented the annual alumni awards. The Young Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Holly Gunter Royston, '01, of Atlanta, Ga. The Susan B. Harris Award was presented to Elizabeth Hampton Cornelius, '57, of Dahlonega, Ga. The Iuventus Award was presented

to Bob Short '51, of Blairsville, Ga. The Artemas Lester Award was presented to Rev. Dr. Robert Ozment, '46, of Rome, Ga. The Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Career Achievement was presented to Jack Brinkley, '49, of Columbus, Ga.

The alumni association also honored Dr. Harry and Harriet Hargrove Hill, of Powder Springs, Ga., as recipients of the Nancy Louise Haynes Stephens Sanderson Robertson Outstanding Friend Award for their exceptional support of

Young Harris College. Dr. Hill is a longtime trustee of the College, and along with his wife, established the W. Harry and Harriet Hill Society for Planned Gifts. In 2008, the College dedicated Hillgrove Hall in honor of the couple's generosity.

On Saturday morning, alumni gathered in Glenn Auditorium for President Cox's College Update. Following President Cox's welcome, Young Harris College Board of Trustees Chairman Jerry Nix brought greetings from the board. Next, President Cox recognized the Class of 1960 in celebration of their 50th reunion then recognized all reunion classes, emeriti faculty and staff, and current faculty and staff. Young Harris College Alumni Association President Carol Chastain, '84, recognized the 2010 alumni award recipients.





The College Update was followed by a special dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting for

the Green Family Lobby inside Enotah Hall. The event honored Mrs. Lillie Mae Green, of Gainesville, for her generosity to the College. Together, President Cox and Mrs. Green cut the ribbon to officially

unveil the lobby exhibit that tells the inspiring story of the Green Family and their legacy.

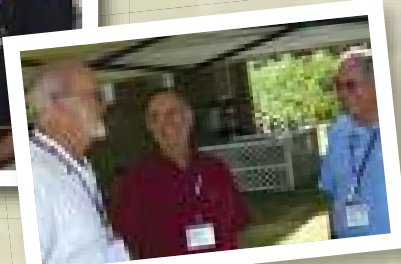
On Saturday afternoon, alumni mingled with family, friends and faculty during a lunch on the plaza with activities for all ages and live "ruckus music" performed by Cornbread Ted and the Butterbeans, composed of YHC Department of Art Chair and Associate Professor of Art Ted Whisenhunt, Assistant Professor of Philosophy Jamie Watson, Ph.D., and their wives Adjunct Instructor of English Eloise Whisenhunt, Ph.D., and Darlena

Watson.

Saturday evening culminated with an outdoor dinner at The Ridges Resort and Club. Alumni from all classes and groups gathered to mingle and enjoy live music on the shores of Lake Chatuge.

The weekend's festivities wrapped up Sunday morning with worship services at Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church led by Rev. Scott Hearn, '80.

"Everyone had a great time at Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010," said Alumni Board Homecoming Committee Chair Candler Ginn, '77. "Plans are already underway for next year's gathering, which will be a very special celebration of YHC's 125th anniversary."



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Class of '60



Class of '80



Class of '90



Greatest Generation Classes '35-'46



All Classes at the Ridges Resort



YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Annual Alumni Awards

The annual Alumni Awards Ceremony was held Friday evening, July 23, as part of the Celebration Dinner at Brasstown Valley Resort during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010. Following the meal, six awards were presented by members of the YHC Alumni Board on behalf of the Young Harris College Alumni Association to outstanding alumni and friends of the College.



YHC President Cathy Cox, Holly Gunter Royston, '01, and Keith Royston

HOLLY GUNTER ROYSTON, '01

Young Alumni Achievement Award

Given to an alumnus or alumna who has graduated within the last 15 years and has excelled in his or her career

After graduating from Young Harris College, where she was a member of Delta Psi Omega theatre honor society, Gamma Psi and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, **Holly Gunter Royston, '01**, graduated summa cum laude from Georgia State University in 2003. She received the Presidential

Scholarship Award for the highest GPA in the School of Journalism as well as the Outstanding Academic Achievement in Undergraduate Studies Award. She began her career with the Atlanta Community Food Bank in late 2002, where she has worked on various events and programs, including Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz's Strike Out Hunger program. In 2009, Royston was promoted to project manager of the food bank's Hunger Walk, an annual event that brings together people of different faiths and ethnic backgrounds to fight hunger in Georgia. Under her leadership, the 2010 event on March 14 broke all records, raising nearly half a million dollars to date. Royston is a member of the Georgia chapter of Meeting Professionals International and Golden Key International Society.

Also an alumna of North Georgia College & State University, **Elizabeth "Liz" Hampton Cornelius, '57**, is a member of the Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce, the Amicalola EMC Task Force, Dahlonega United Methodist Church, and AMBUCS, a non-profit service organization dedicated to people with disabilities. She has been involved in the Lumpkin County 4-H program for more than 20 years, and since her retirement from the Lumpkin County Extension Service in 1995, she has continued to work with youth as a substitute teacher. Cornelius also served as the home economist (now called family and consumer science specialist) for the Lumpkin County school system. She has shared her wealth of knowledge with the masses through her "Lunch and Learn" radio program and in the pages of *The Dahlonega Nugget*. In recognition of her hard work and commitment to community service, Cornelius was named the Dahlonega Gold Rush Grand Marshall and crowned the 2008 Gold Rush Queen. Exemplifying the same level of service and commitment to her alma mater, Cornelius always encourages alumni participation through hosting alumni events and frequently sending cards and letters to her Young Harris College classmates. The epitome of a dedicated supporter, she sends a gift to the College every month.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" HAMPTON CORNELIUS, '57

Susan B. Harris Award

Given to an outstanding alumna who has provided strong support for Young Harris College



YHC President Cathy Cox and Liz Hampton Cornelius, '57



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YHC President Cathy Cox, Bob Short, '51, and Diana Short

CHARLES ROBERT "BOB" SHORT, '51
Iuventus Award

Given to an alumnus or alumna who has rendered great service to Young Harris College and made significant contributions to the education of youth

Following his days at Young Harris College, where he was an all-state, junior-college basketball player, **Charles Robert "Bob" Short, '51**, earned degrees from Georgia Southern University and Woodrow Wilson College of Law. After serving several

years in the Air Force, he began his career as a sports writer for the *Atlanta Journal* in 1956. He served in various capacities in the gubernatorial administrations of Marvin Griffin, Ernest Vandiver and Carl Sanders and coordinated the gubernatorial campaign of Jimmy Carter in 1966. He then worked as press secretary for Carter's opponent in that race, Governor Lester Maddox, in 1967 and 1968. Later, in 1999, he published *Everything is Pickrick*, a biography of Maddox that earned Short "Author of the Year" from the Georgia Writers Association. After entering the private sector in the 1970s, Short remained an active political adviser, serving as special assistant to U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, '51, and Senator Johnny Isakson. In 2006 he created *Reflections on Georgia Politics*, a lecture series for Young Harris College's Institute for Continuing Learning that grew into an oral history partnership between the University of Georgia and the College. In 2010, the collection was officially unveiled, and Short was honored for his founding role in the project.

In addition to Young Harris College, **Rev. Dr. Robert V. Ozment, '46**, holds degrees from Jacksonville State University, Emory's Candler School of Theology and Boston University. He began his lifetime of ministry early, serving a six-church circuit in North Carolina while a student at Young Harris. He pastored churches from 1944 until retirement in 1989 in Alabama, Massachusetts, Georgia (including Atlanta's First United Methodist Church), Havana, Cuba, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He also served on the faculty of Emory's Oxford College and as a guest professor at the Candler School. He has authored six books and, for many years, was a columnist for 20 daily and weekly newspapers in Georgia and Alabama. Always a bold champion for his alma mater, he wrote in one column, "I have attended great universities all over this country, but the mark left on me by Young Harris is...the most important." In 1972, he was elected to the Young Harris College Board of Trustees and continues to serve today.

REV. DR. ROBERT V. OZMENT, '46
Artemas Lester Award

Given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of a lifetime dedicated to ministry and a commitment to Christian service



Rev. Dr. Robert Ozment, '46, and YHC Alumni Association President Carol Chastain, '84



YHC President Cathy Cox, Harriet Hargrove Hill and Dr. Harry Hill

**DR. WILLIAM HARRY HILL AND
HARRIET HARGROVE HILL**

**Nancy Louise Haynes Stephens
Sanderson Robertson**

Outstanding Friend Award

Given to a friend of Young Harris College who has dedicated his or her time, resources and energy to ensure a successful future for the College

Few couples have had as great an impact on the physical and financial landscape of Young Harris College as **Dr. William Harry and Harriet Hargrove Hill**. A trustee of the College since 1976, Dr. Hill played an integral part in establishing the W. Harry and Harriet Hill Society for Planned Gifts, which now has dozens of members. He and Mrs. Hill have provided scholarship funds to eligible

students (including the Hillgrove Scholarship for graduates of Powder Springs' Hillgrove High School), 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. A retired physician, he also offers support and advice for the College's biology program. Dr. and Mrs. Hill are both dedicated United Methodists and active members of McEachern United Methodist Church in Powder Springs. They established the McEachern Scholarship in 2002 for students in their church who wish to attend Young Harris College. In 2008, the College dedicated Hillgrove Hall residence hall in honor of their generosity to YHC.

Former U.S. Congressman and attorney **Jack T. Brinkley, '49**, has dedicated his career to public service. After graduating from Young Harris College, he taught in public schools for two years then served as an Air Force pilot from 1951 to 1956. He received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1959 then began practicing law in Columbus. In 1964, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives and just two years later won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served there until his retirement in 1982. Because of his military background and the nature of his district, Brinkley was alert to the needs of Fort Benning and Robins Air Force Base and to the needs of military personnel and veterans in his district. He served in prominent positions on both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. In 1970, he was responsible for having the site of the National Cemetery shifted from Atlanta to Fort Mitchell, Ala. He considered himself an independent Democrat and cast his vote according to the issue rather than the party line. Brinkley was elected to the Young Harris College Board of Trustees in 1990 and became an emeritus trustee in 1998. In 1983, he established and endowed the Jack Brinkley Sr. Congressional Scholarship.

JACK T. BRINKLEY, '49

**Distinguished Alumni Award for
Lifetime Career Achievement**

Given to an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated great success in his or her career following a successful foundation laid by Young Harris College



Jack Brinkley, '49, and YHC Alumni Association President-Elect Rufus Brown, '60

To nominate a Young Harris College alumnus, alumna or friend for a 2011 award, contact the Office of Alumni Services at (800) 241-3754, ext. 5334 or (706) 379-5334, or send an email to alumni@yhcn.edu.



Students, Faculty and Staff Love Purple, Live Green at YHC

Young Harris College faculty, staff and students are instituting new programs and initiatives this fall to ensure that sustainability remains a top priority on campus. For most of the YHC community, being green goes hand-in-hand with school spirit.

Bonner Leaders Program Director and Academic Service Learning Coordinator Rob Campbell and

Assistant Professor of Biology Jennifer Schroeder, Ph.D., are the new co-chairs of the College's institution-wide sustainability committee, overseeing a group comprised of nine faculty, staff and students.

This year, the committee, previously structured as an academic entity, will partner with the Office of Safety and Compliance to establish Sustainability Tactics and Environmental Management (STEM), an initiative to implement campus-wide procedures that reflect the sustainability goals of the College. This initiative will encompass issues such as composting, using environmentally friendly paints and supplies and ensuring that construction sites use sustainable practices.

The YHC Student Government Association (SGA) is also working to implement more "green" practices at the College. Last year, SGA purchased recycling bins for every room in each residence hall on campus with part of its "green fee" fund, established for campus-wide sustainability programs. YHC students pay a \$5 per semester green fee, and the College matches the

student contribution.

This fall, SGA has led an effort for more student organizations to get involved and assist with campus-wide recycling by collecting plastics, aluminum and corrugated cardboard

in return for a stipend for their organizations.

According to SGA President Matthew Kammerer, a senior business

and public policy major from Loganville, SGA recently elected a sustainability chair, senior English major Jill Tuttle of McCaysville, to help achieve this goal.

"I have also established an ad-hoc committee to accomplish many major goals regarding sustainability: to better market and distribute the green fee, to analyze all aspects of student life in regards to sustainability and to set long-term goals," Kammerer said.

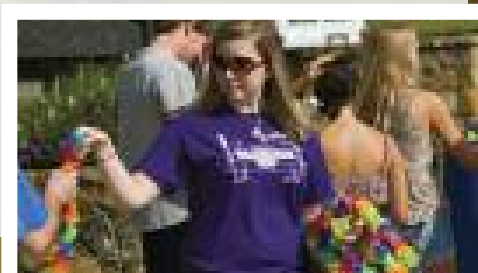
To help jumpstart this process, SGA provided funding for senior biology major Jacob Stone of Woodstock and Associate Professor of Biology Brenda Hull to attend the 2010 Southern Bioenergy Conference in Tifton in August.

"The tradeoff that the SGA Senate asked for in funding the trip was that Jacob present what he learned to the Senate and bring in proposals regarding how to best use our green fee funds. Many

of our large ideas have originated from his resulting presentation," Kammerer said.

Some of these ideas include establishing food composting and reusable coffee cups in the Campus Restaurant, as well as building a "green" park featuring picnic tables that power laptops and cell phone chargers through solar panels.

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LIVE GREEN**
Sustainability at YHC

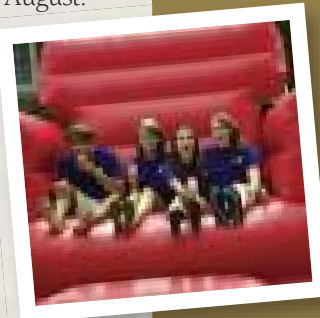


Students Enjoy Welcome Week 2010

The Young Harris College campus was bustling with activity the weekend of Aug. 14-15 as 819 new and returning students arrived to prepare for the start of the fall semester on Aug. 17. Events continued

throughout the first week of classes as part of Welcome Week 2010, which featured activities each day for students to enjoy. Sponsored by the Division of Student Development, the lineup included a novelty fair, live music on the lawn, outdoor games and activities, trivia and bingo nights, a "Mountain

Luau" barbecue on the plaza, movie night and a magician show.



Bonner Leaders Program

Grows Membership and Expands Outreach

The Bonner Leaders Program at Young Harris College nearly doubled in membership this year, as nine freshmen joined six returning members during the fall semester. New students selected for the program include freshmen Ethan Burch of Young Harris, Sara Caulder of Canton, Bekah Herum of Blairsville, Nathan Hughes of Young Harris, Marissa Knoblich of Acworth, Whitney Marcus of Murphy, N.C., Jacob Scarborough of Colbert, Kinsey Wade of Duluth and Brian Walker of Powder Springs. In addition, senior business and public policy major Matthew Kammerer, of Loganville, will reprise his role as Bonner Leaders Program intern.

The program launched at the College in Fall 2009 as an initiative to offer students a unique, intensive experience to foster civic engagement. Bonner Leaders are asked to make a two-year commitment and may remain in the program for four years. Members are selected at the beginning of each fall semester, and enrollment is expected to steadily grow to approximately 40 students.

The Bonner Leaders Program is sponsored by the Bonner Foundation, which was founded in the 1990s in partnership with approximately 80 colleges and universities nationwide. Its supported programs seek to engage students in civic outreach to strengthen their communities, to build mutually beneficial relationships between campuses and community partners and to clarify and develop personal, vocational and professional strengths for learning and leadership.

The program has significantly

increased the amount of community partner sites this fall, adding seven new sites to the two that were available last year. These sites include the Hinton Center for Rural Life, Towns County Family Connection at Towns County Schools, Regency Hospice, Hiawassee River Watershed Coalition, Mountain Shelter Humane Society, U.M.A.R. (a Methodist organization serving adults with developmental disabilities), Ninth District, Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc. (S.A.F.E.), and the Young Harris Mayor's Office.

These sites offer engaging opportunities for students to address critical social issues and make a positive impact in the local community. In return for their work, Bonner Leaders receive financial awards made available through the work-study program, the AmeriCorps Program and summer service stipends.

This year, the Bonner Leaders joined forces with the Office of Religious Life and Office of Campus Activities to form a community service organization called S.E.R.V.E. (Service, Education, Responsibility, Voice and Engagement) that co-sponsors a monthly campus-wide volunteer opportunity.

These events include a Make-A-Difference Day in October that allowed students, faculty and staff to take part in service activities at several sites on and off campus. In November, the



Young Harris College's 2010-2011 Bonner Leaders include (front row, left to right) Marissa Knoblich, Kinsey Wade, Whitney Marcus, Sara Caulder, Brian Walker, (back row, left to right) senior intern Matthew Kammerer, Jacob Scarborough, Ethan Burch and Nathan Hughes.

group will host an event during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in conjunction with the Office of First Year Experience as well as a Lake Chatuge clean-up.

Bonner Leaders commit approximately 125 hours of work in the community per semester in addition to 400 hours over two summers. Eighty percent of hours must be spent in direct contact with persons at their work sites, while up to 20 percent can be spent completing development, enrichment and reflection activities.

"We just formed a Bonner Leadership Council made up of two representatives of the first-year and second-year Bonner cohorts that will provide guidance and input on the overall shape and direction of the

program,” Bonner Leaders Program Director Rob Campbell said.

Members of the Leadership Council, along with Kammerer and Campbell, attended the Bonner Congress Conference at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., in October, to discuss potential projects and social entrepreneurship

opportunities.

The Bonner Leaders are preparing to pilot a new component to the program called Bonner Partners for students who are unable to commit to all requirements for being a Bonner Leader.

“Bonner Partners will work one or two hours at a community partner

site, attend Bonner meetings and be eligible to go on Bonner trips. Although they will not receive scholarship money, they will receive official recognition from the College on their transcripts,” Campbell explained.

Campus-Wide Reading Program Author Visits YHC

In August, Young Harris College hosted a special lecture by Adam Shepard, author of *Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25, and the Search for the American Dream*. The inspiring memoir was selected as the inaugural book for “Ship of Thought: Common Reading Program,” a campus-wide reading program adopted by the College as part of the new First Year Experience initiative for incoming freshmen.

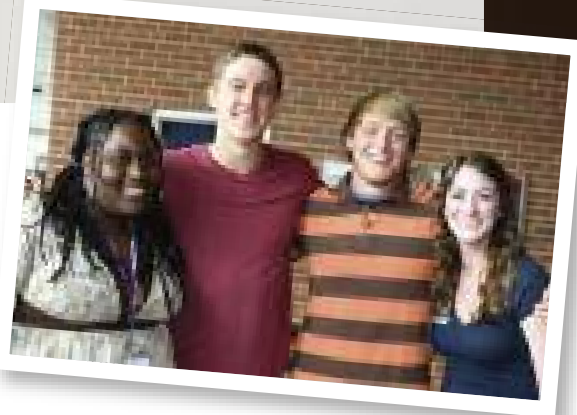
“Assigning this reading allows for moderated discussion of the reading during a student’s first semester and can bring the diversity of student viewpoints to the forefront and provide an occasion for modeling intellectual engagement with different ideas that are expected in college,” Director of Orientation and First Year Experience Niki Fjeldal said.

The common

reading program is designed to provide an opportunity for students coming from different backgrounds to have a shared experience as well as bring members of the campus together as a community by creating common ground for academic discussion. Small-group discussions between students, faculty and staff concerning *Scratch Beginnings* were held during Welcome Weekend in preparation for Shepard’s lecture.

Scratch Beginnings chronicles Shepard’s attempt to make something out of nothing to achieve the American Dream. With a sleeping bag, the clothes on his back and \$25, and restricted from using his contacts or college education, he headed to Charleston, S.C., to work his way out of homelessness and into a life that would give him the opportunity for success.

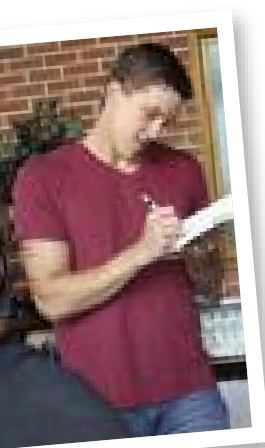
During the lecture, Shepard credited his outlook on life as what allowed him to achieve this goal and encouraged students to share his positive attitude. “You either go 100 percent or not at all,” he said. “This applies to everything in your life, and it’s a very important lesson as you go into these next four years. You have the opportunity to do some incredible things, and I hope you realize you can.”



Author Adam Shepard (second from left) with (from left to right) senior Janelle Morris, sophomore Josh Stroud and junior Kathleen Layton

try to make a difference in the community, whether by simply volunteering for one hour each week or tutoring a child in need of assistance. “The question is ‘What are you going to do now?’ What is it in these four years that you can do to make a difference?” Shepard said.

To facilitate the Ship of Thought program, events were held on and off campus to give students the opportunity to volunteer in the local community and beyond. These events included a special day of service in collaboration with the Towns County Food Pantry in Young Harris and a fall break trip in October to Charleston, S.C., that allowed students to visit a number of the locations discussed in *Scratch Beginnings* and conduct volunteer work at non-profit organizations in the region. A special chapel service was also held in September that encompassed the themes of *Scratch Beginnings*.



Adam Shepard autographs copies of his book, *Scratch Beginnings: Me, \$25, and the Search for the American Dream*, following a special lecture at YHC.

Fine Arts Offers Biggest Fall Season Ever

Young Harris College's Division of Fine Arts is offering a sensational lineup of special events, performances and exhibits for the fall semester that showcases the talents of YHC students and faculty as well as many guest artists.

Theatre Young Harris, directed by Assistant Professor of Theatre and Department of Theatre Chair Eddie Collins, introduced two new series this year, the Studio Series and Almost Mainstage Series, making the 2010-2011 season the biggest in the College's history. Four of the five fall productions showcase student direction, marking another first for the College. The group opened the semester with sold-out performances of Kander and Ebb's Tony Award-

winning hit *Cabaret*, Sept. 23-26 and Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Next the theatre company presented its children's show, *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, which was directed by senior Katie Marlowe, a

musical theatre major from Clermont. This show was presented Oct. 19-22 to approximately 4,000 elementary students from three states, along with a free public performance during YHC's annual Family



The Campus Gate Art Gallery hosted the opening reception for "Alabama Vernacular," a body of work by Art Department Chair and Associate Professor of Art Ted Whisenhunt, on Aug. 26.



"The Exposing Stitch," an exhibit by Young Harris College alumna Britney Carroll, '04, opened on Sept. 30.

Weekend on Oct. 23.

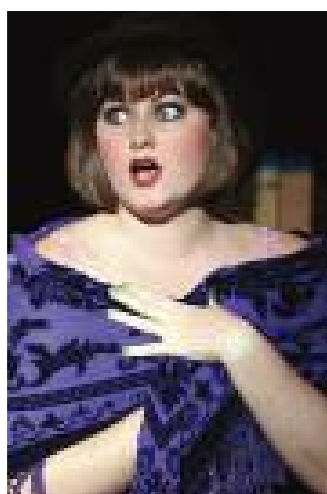
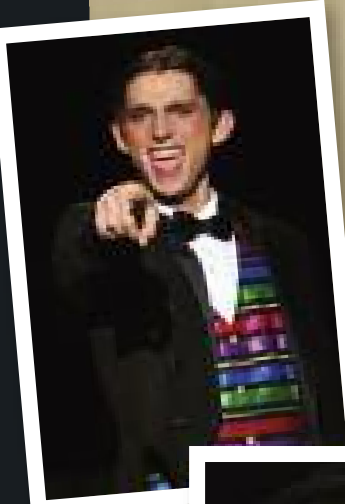
The Studio Series opened its inaugural season in November with the renowned innovative Samuel Beckett drama *Waiting for Godot*, Nov. 5-6, directed by senior Ryan Bender, a musical theatre major from Braselton.

The Almost Mainstage Series follows with two plays performed in repertory, starting with Neil Simon's dark drama *The Gingerbread Lady* on Nov. 18 and 20, directed by sophomore Brandon Engelskirchen, a theatre major from Kannapolis, N.C., followed by the Pulitzer Prize-

winning play *Rabbit Hole*, Nov. 19 and 21, directed by junior Jordan Fleming, a musical theatre major from Marietta.

The Campus Gate Art Gallery has hosted three unique exhibits throughout the semester. Associate Professor of Art and Department of Art Chair Ted Whisenhunt's exhibition "Alabama Vernacular" explored the collaboration of cultures and spirituality of the Black Belt Region of his native Alabama. "The Exposing Stitch" by YHC alumna Britney Carroll, '04, utilized garment making and embroidery to address the artist's personal apprehensions, emotional tensions and fears. "Integrate" by Darius and Bethanne Hill, on display through Dec. 3, showcases Darius' exploration of his family's African-American heritage through mixed

Theatre Young Harris' sold-out performances of Kander and Ebb's Tony Award-winning hit *Cabaret* featured junior Tyler Ogburn, of Blairsville, as the Kit Kat Klub's colorful Emcee and senior Misty Barber, of Nashville, as English cabaret performer Sally Bowles.

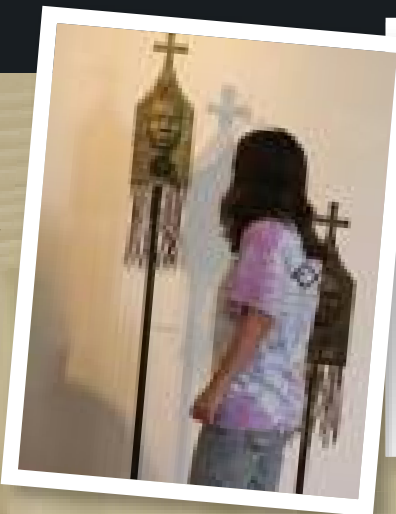


"Alabama Vernacular" explored the culture and spirituality of the Black Belt Region of Alabama.

media on wood and paper combined with Bethanne's collection of editorial, book and CD illustrations as well as works from her ongoing series of paintings focusing on the rural South.

The Department of Music presented three performances by guest artists to start the semester including "A Dash of Brass" featuring Charles Calloway, trumpet, and James Land, tuba, on Aug. 31, "Love Songs from Opera to Musical Theatre" featuring husband-and-wife duo Jennifer Robinson and Dr. Bradley Robinson, on Sept. 12, and a recital by Emory's renowned university organist Timothy Albrecht, on Sept. 16. On Oct. 23, Southern Harmony, YHC's 12-voice female a cappella group, and their 12-voice male counterpart, The Compulsive Lyres, both directed by Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Jeff Bauman, hosted Acapalooza—the first of two presentations this academic year. Instructor of Guitar and Music History Richard Knepp played classical works at his Faculty Artist Recital on Oct. 26 before directing group and solo pieces by the YHC Guitar Ensemble on Nov. 11. The YHC Concert Band and the YHC Community Band perform familiar

The Young Harris College Choir will host concerts throughout the year to benefit the spring European Tour, including "An Evening at the U.S.O." on Nov. 12-13.



Concert organist Timothy Albrecht performed original arrangements along with classical pieces by Handel and Bach during a guest artist recital on Sept. 16.

classic and contemporary works, Nov. 9, with Mary Land, senior instructor of music and director of bands, serving as conductor. On Nov. 16, the YHC Jazz Band, directed by Dean of the Division of Fine Arts



Guest artists Charles Calloway (pictured), trumpet, and James Land, tuba, presented "A Dash of Brass" on Aug. 31.

Benny Ferguson, Ph.D., will team up with the YHC Pep Band, directed by Land, to present an enchanting evening of instrumental music. Vocal performances will close out the semester, as the Lanier Chamber Singers visit YHC Nov. 18, and the YHC Choir, conducted by Bauman, will present a tribute to the 1940s big band era during "An Evening at the U.S.O.," Nov. 12-13, as a fundraiser for their highly anticipated spring European Tour before hosting their annual Christmas concert, Nov. 30.

Visit www.yhc.edu for information about upcoming fine arts events.





BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG TALENT

BY PEGGY COZART

Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Jeffrey Bauman and Assistant Professor of Theatre, Chair of the Theatre Department and Co-Coordinator of the Musical Theatre Program Eddie Collins

The not-so-well-kept secret is out. Young Harris College is a thriving hub of cultural and artistic activity. The performing arts have always been a major part of the school's student experience. Music and theatre, rich traditions at YHC, are two key elements of the performing arts program, where students can earn bachelor's degrees in music, theatre and in the somewhat unique offering of musical theatre.

Blending talents and genres comes naturally to YHC and its Division of Fine Arts. Among the faculty bringing music and theatre together are Eddie Collins, assistant professor of theatre, chair of the theatre department

and co-coordinator of the musical theatre program, and Jeffrey Bauman, professor of music and director of choral and vocal activities.

The two educators bring a perfect blend of artistic talent, professional experience and educational credentials to the work they do. The advantages of their departments reaching across distinctly drawn lines are clear. "Working with Eddie the past three years has been great. Prior to his arrival, the musical theatre productions were directed primarily by adjunct faculty, and the benefit of having someone devote their full

attention to the program has been tremendous. Eddie is a great advocate for the program both on and off campus and he brings a lot of energy and drive to our musical theatre program," said Bauman.

Likewise, Collins conveyed his thoughts on working with Bauman. "Jeff is one of my best friends and a passionate music professional," he said. "We have collaborated on six shows over the last three years and get along beautifully. He challenges the students musically and is able to bring together exquisite musicians for the orchestra."

The YHC musical theatre program is split between the theatre and music departments with nearly all music and theatre faculty working with at least one student involved in any given musical theatre production. Collins said of a recent show, "We had a cast of three theatre majors, two music majors and nine musical theatre majors along with four music students in the band. Faculty members from theatre directed, choreographed, designed and built the show, while music faculty worked with the band and singers. It takes a lot of people to put on a show like *Cabaret*, from private voice lessons, to teaching kids to paint, to opening the box office."

Collins was working as an actor in Milwaukee and Chicago and, as he tells it, "didn't even know there were mountains in Georgia," when he signed on three years ago to fill in for another professor for one semester to direct a couple of shows at YHC. At the time the now-married Collins was planning his future and saw the temporary stint as an opportunity to earn enough money to cover the cost of an engagement ring. Looking back, he says the decision to make the move permanent was easy. "The level of talent here was astonishing." He added, "That, combined with the administration's support of the arts, blew me away." He enthusiastically notes that Young Harris College President Cathy Cox

makes the effort to attend every show the department stages.

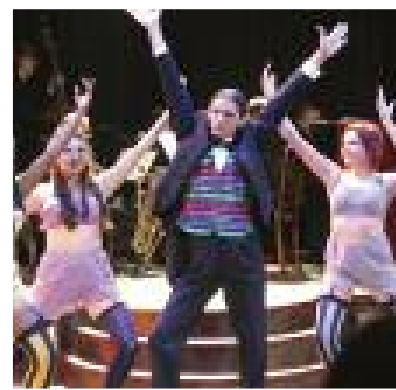
Collins' timing could not have been better, as the College was about to make the transition from a two-year institution to a full four-year program. With a historically strong commitment to the arts, theatre was planned as one of the first nine bachelor's degree offerings. Of the opportunity to help shape the program he said, "For me personally and artistically, it was a no-brainer."

In the spring of 2008, Collins joined the theatre department as the third member of a three-person faculty. The department has since grown to include three full-time faculty and two full-time staff members as well as two adjunct dance instructors, and, in 2009, he became the department chair.

Making the move to a four-year

degree program was a rigorous undertaking. Collins and his colleagues had to prepare detailed documents outlining the planned design and implementation of the curriculum the school would offer. Their work was presented to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2008 and approval came about a year later, in late 2009. This fall the department began officially offering bachelor of arts degrees in theatre and musical theatre. This May, YHC will see the first five graduates in musical theatre, and in May 2012, the first theatre majors will earn their four-year degrees.

Additionally, the music department has a rich history at YHC and features one of the largest faculty rosters on campus. Bauman has been the director of choral and vocal activities since 1992. He holds bachelor of arts degrees in music education and music performance from Spring Arbor University in Michigan and master of music degrees in choral conducting performance and vocal performance from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. The



Michigan native came to Young Harris in the fall of 1992, just out of grad school, drawn by the rural atmosphere and the promise of milder winters.

In his 19 years at the college, Bauman has seen the performing arts thrive and grow. May 2011 will see the first YHC graduates to receive bachelor of arts degrees in music. "The evolution of the school is something that has kept my job interesting. I feel very fortunate," he said. "I have endeavored to have large, high-quality performing groups. This is one of the things in our favor when music was chosen as one of the first four-year majors. We had a thriving performing and educational group."

In a typical day Bauman teaches courses ranging from Music Appreciation and Fundamentals of Music to Applied Voice and Conducting. He also directs the Young Harris College Choir and is music director of the musical theatre program. In addition to maintaining office hours for



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M.F.A., Wayne State University

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meetings and planning, his daily routine may include choral arranging or leading rehearsals for the various vocal groups he oversees. "I teach applied lessons to voice majors every day of the week, and I generally have a choral rehearsal and a musical theatre rehearsal," he explained.

Bauman, whose father taught band at a small liberal arts school in Michigan, values the education offered at YHC. "For our students, YHC gives them the opportunity to participate in the arts at a high artistic level while they enjoy the benefits of being at a small, liberal arts college. This combination is rare and speaks to YHC's commitment to

our fine arts programs."

The versatile professor comes from a talented family of musicians. In addition to his band instructor father he noted, "All my aunts and uncles are musicians." In fact, he is a founding member of The Bauman Family Band. The group performs locally and features Bauman on drums and backup vocals, his wife, Diane, on bass and their four children, who play guitar and sing.

Throughout his years at YHC, Bauman has maintained a career as a varied and talented professional performer. "I have enjoyed tremendously the artistic and academic freedom afforded me by YHC. It has given me the opportunity to explore various aspects of my art and made me a much more well-rounded musician," said Bauman, whose performance credits include work with the Asheville Lyric Opera, the South Carolina Opera and the Croswell Opera House. His musical theatre credits include roles in *South Pacific*, *Camelot*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Oklahoma*. Additionally, he has a number of oratorio and concert credits to his name. Bauman is a prolific choral writer and arranger as well. A committed working artist, he typically writes two to three pieces per semester and has even taken a six-month sabbatical that allowed him the opportunity to write the Christmas cantata *On This Day*. In the long term, he looks forward to developing choral arranging courses.

Bauman serves as the choral director for the 85-member

Young Harris College Choir. The group performs locally and regionally and is preparing for its first-ever European performance tour in May 2011. "I saw the trip as the next step for the Choir at the College. I think a cross-cultural experience is very important for everybody," he said. About half of the choir members have signed on to make the 10-day trip that will include stops in Prague, Vienna and Munich with performances to be given at schools, community centers and churches. Most of the YHC Choir's performances throughout the academic year will serve as fundraisers for the trip.

Bauman is also an active member of the local community, serving as music director at the First United Methodist Church of Union County and directing a high school honor choir made up of singers from three surrounding counties. Serving the community and the region comes as naturally to Bauman as it does to YHC. "The arts are extremely important at YHC for many reasons," he said, "but chief among them is our ability to connect to the surrounding community. Every year we produce a variety of events on campus that are open to the public, often at little or no cost, and our students frequently perform at church and community events for various organizations. Unlike many colleges which are situated in more metropolitan areas, our productions are very well attended by members of the community."

Collins expounds on the idea noting the mission of the Division of



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Fine Arts starts with the education of students but includes serving the region. Each year his department stages four big shows, a musical, a classic show, a children's piece and a contemporary piece. The first show of the 2010-2011 season was the provocative musical *Cabaret*, which tells the story of a young American writer living in Berlin as the Nazis rise to power. Shows are chosen through discussion among the faculty, staff and students, and Collins explains that *Cabaret* not only is “a work of importance and a story that needs to be told on a regular basis,” but it also is the kind of musical he looks for that stretches performers. During the final dress rehearsal of the show Collins' calm enthusiasm and clear affection for his students comes through. “Every day, it's, ‘What can we do better? How can we teach our kids better?’” he said. “We are never satisfied in our department, always looking for ways to improve artistically and for the benefit of the students. I couldn't ask for a better working situation.”

Collins was born in Texas, grew up in New Orleans, attended college in Virginia and has, he said, “lived all over the south.” After graduating from the University of Virginia with a degree in drama, he acted professionally but left theatre for the business world and a series of what he describes as “real jobs,” including work as an insurance claims adjuster and a sales executive. The restless Collins nearly went to medical

school—one of his many jobs was working at a hospital. Eventually, his circuitous journey led him back to New Orleans where he again became involved in the theatre scene and realized he wanted to return to school and get back into acting for good. Collins earned his M.F.A. in acting from Wayne State University in Detroit in 2004 and soon found work acting professionally in Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit, both on stage doing classical theatre and musicals, as well as appearing in regional television commercials.

The worldly-wise educator has a ready answer for anyone who may question the choice to study theatre. “It's two-fold,” he explained. “First, there is the possibility of pursuing a career in performing arts, whether on stage or backstage. And second, theatre is the best possible liberal arts education, teaching creative thinking, problem solving, working well with others, working on deadlines, communicating effectively, confidence, discipline and writing—all things we expect from good adults.”

Collins believes the programs at YHC do a great job of “looking at the whole student,” and he cites the advantage of small enrollment and small class sizes in carrying out the YHC mission to educate, inspire and empower students. “I think students are getting that in a lot of disciplines here at YHC. It is a different educational process.” He notes that this year, in addition to the four-



Jeffrey Bauman

B.A., Spring Arbor University

M.M., Bowling Green State University

show Mainstage Series, the theatre department is presenting for the first time some additional, student-directed productions. “Having students direct gives them power, whether they become performers or accountants,” said Collins.

Summing up his thoughts on what he thinks makes the arts programs so successful at YHC Collins said, “I like the students. I love the mentoring relationship with the students. There's something unique about the kids that decide to come here. There is something good and wholesome and true about the YHC students.” Bauman agrees. “Through their experiences here, many of our students have gone on to successful careers in performance, education, arts administration and church music,” he said. “The way our faculty and our student body are evolving along with the College makes me very excited for what the future will bring to the fine arts at Young Harris.”

The Best Investments

The Green family of Gainesville offers a lesson in investing—investing in learning, hard work, living frugally and serving others. These investments returned to them happy, meaningful lives and an ongoing opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

Frank and Lillie Mae Green opened their grocery store in Gainesville in 1950. After using all of their cash to purchase equipment for the store, and then allowing customers credit, the Greens struggled to keep afloat until the income finally started coming.

“We earned our money the hard way,” said Lillie Mae. “We delivered groceries and even put food away in the refrigerator for folks who weren’t at home. We picked up people’s children from school if they weren’t able to in the afternoon. And then, when we’d just gotten established, along came the chain stores. It wasn’t easy.”

Over the next four decades the Greens tripled the store’s size and built a business known for its personal service, fine meats and a varied selection of products.

While other old-fashioned mom-and-pop stores went under, Green’s survived selling items that could not be found anywhere else in town. The store earned the loyalty of its customers and awards from the Georgia Retail Food Dealers Association.

The Greens’ son, Ronnie, worked in his parents’ store too, including on weekends and in the summers while he attended Young Harris College. After graduating in 1965, he went on to earn a degree in business from the

University of Georgia.

The learning never stopped. Ronnie enrolled in courses at Gainesville College for the sheer joy of learning. He would stay awake at night reading and took special interest in investing. Over the years, he earned a law degree and a real estate license but chose a career in the Greens’ store. He took the greatest pleasure in talking with and helping customers. He became a beloved fixture in the store known for asking, “How can I help you darling?”

Frank and Lillie Mae sold the store in 1995. Rather than continue the family’s ownership, Ronnie chose to work for new owners, which allowed him to continue helping customers.

“The only language he knew was kind,” wrote *Gainesville Times* managing editor Johnny Vardeman, in an obituary after Ronnie’s sudden, unexpected death from a heart attack in March 2001. Only upon his death did Ronnie’s parents learn that he had accumulated an estate of several million dollars through his astute investments.

With Ronnie’s estate and their own savings, Frank and Lillie Mae began donating money to support health and education causes in northeast Georgia. Following Frank’s death in January 2008, Lillie Mae has continued to make gifts on behalf of the family, including

one to Young Harris College. In 2009, she designated a planned gift of \$2 million to name the lobby of Enotah Hall and made special provisions through her estate to further endow the Ronnie Green Endowed Scholarship.

Young Harris College honored Mrs. Green for her generosity at a dedication ceremony during Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2010 on July 24, naming the first-floor common area of the College’s newest residence hall the “Green Family Lobby.”

YHC President Cathy Cox and Mrs. Green cut a ceremonial ribbon to officially unveil a lobby exhibit that tells her family’s story of ethical business practices, exceptional customer service, wise financial savings and a lifetime dedicated to hard work.

“We are extremely thankful for the generosity of Mrs. Green and her family,” President Cox said. “We are pleased that the Green Family name now holds a publicly distinctive spot on our campus in honor of the Greens’ inspiring story and legacy.”



Mrs. Lillie Mae Green

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Choir Prepares for First Ever European Tour

In May 2011, members of the Young Harris College Choir, led by YHC Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Jeff Bauman, will have the opportunity to travel on a sightseeing and performance tour of Europe. The group will explore the Czech Republic, Austria and Germany on a 10-day excursion, immersing themselves in the art, history and music of Europe's cultural hubs while performing in at least four historic European venues, such as Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral, Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral and Munich's Frauenkirche.

"This trip will be a cultural and historical epiphany for many of the students," Bauman said. "We will walk the streets of Vienna where Mozart and Schubert spent much of their creative lives. We will sing in magnificent buildings that were built before America was a country. Our students will gain a great deal of perspective from their life-changing experiences in foreign countries."

"I hope to absorb knowledge from the different cultures we will be experiencing," said Katie Marlowe, a senior musical theatre major from Clermont. "I want to go on this trip because I love music. I want to sing in a beautiful cathedral—and hear how we sound in different venues. I want to discover Europe with really wonderful people, learn about Europe's music history and leave our own mark on Europe through our music."

To offset tour costs, which are estimated to be \$2,700 per person, a percentage of all 2010-2011 gifts to YHC's Friends of the Arts (FOTA) fund will be used to make the trip affordable for YHC choir members.

In addition, FOTA patrons have the opportunity to sponsor a student to attend the trip, in keeping with FOTA's goal to promote the exploration of new endeavors and learning experiences.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will help me gain a better understanding of European culture and the differences between America and Europe," said JeRee Dukes, a sophomore music major from Agnes. "I am most excited about performing in European places."

Several choral concerts throughout the 2010-2011 academic year will serve as fundraisers with all proceeds going to help students fund the trip. Events this fall include the Oct. 23 Acapalooza concert, featuring YHC's a cappella groups Southern Harmony and The Compulsive Lyres, and the Young Harris College Choir's presentation of "An Evening at the U.S.O.," Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the First United Methodist Church of Union County in Blairsville.

"When the community supports the arts, my heart is touched," Marlowe said. "It means a lot to know that there are people out there who support what we are passionate about. This trip will be a way for us to broaden our horizons and enhance our education. It will be an experience of a lifetime."



Get Backstage

WITH FRIENDS OF THE ARTS AT YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Play a leading role in the arts at Young Harris College by becoming a member of Friends of the Arts.

Your support enables the Division of Fine Arts at Young Harris College to continue offering quality programming that benefits student development and enhances the local cultural landscape. Students are offered creative and performing opportunities in Art, Music, Musical Theatre and Theatre. Friends of the Arts supports Young Harris College's goals to enable students to grow and learn in an environment of uncompromised artistic and academic freedom and integrity.

All members receive a welcome packet, semi-annual newsletter, annual spring dinner with YHC President Cathy Cox and name recognition in event programs.



For more information on the Young Harris College Choir's European Tour and how to support it, contact Director of Development and Planned Giving Jennifer McAfee at (706) 379-5318, or make a gift online at www.yhc.edu.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE BOARD OF ASSOCIATES KICKS OFF 2010-2011 Local Scholarship Campaign

In September, the 25-member Young Harris College Board of Associates kicked off the 2010-2011 Local Scholarship Campaign, which seeks to provide scholarship funding for the approximately 200 local students attending YHC this year from Fannin, Gilmer, Towns and Union counties in Georgia and Cherokee and Clay counties in North Carolina.

Established in 1991, the Board of Associates is a group of local business and civic leaders who act as ambassadors for the College and serve as a sounding board for the community. They are the driving force behind the Local Scholarship Campaign. Every fall, the Board launches this annual campaign in an effort to assist the College in providing scholarship aid to the students of these six surrounding counties.

During this year, more than \$1.9 million in scholarship dollars will be awarded to local students, reflecting a commitment by the College and the community to these students. Gifts from the local communities to this campaign make much of this scholarship assistance possible.

Last year's board exceeded its goal by raising more than \$70,000. Now with record enrollment for the fourth consecutive year, including seniors for the first time in nearly a century, the Board of Associates set its 2010-2011 goal at \$75,000.

Students like Caleb Kelley, a junior history major from Union County, and Alyssa Cain, a freshman education major from Gilmer County, benefit from the scholarship money raised. "By receiving support from the Local Scholarship Campaign, I have been able to obtain a quality liberal arts education while remaining close to my family and friends," Kelley said. Cain added, "I have dreamed of coming to YHC since I was in the sixth grade. Because of my local scholarship, I was finally able to fulfill my dream."

"My local scholarship makes me feel as if the hard work I put forth in high school paid off," said Karissa Cross, a freshman biology major from Cherokee County,

N.C. "It has allowed me to get a great education as a result."

For more information or to contribute to the 2010-2011 Local Scholarship Campaign, contact Jennifer McAfee in the Office of Advancement at (706) 379-5318 or visit www.yhc.edu.

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2010 Clay Dotson Open Benefits Scholarships

The annual Clay Dotson Open golf tournament to benefit student scholarships at Young Harris College was held May 17 at Brasstown Valley Resort. Approximately 150 players enjoyed morning and afternoon flights followed by an awards ceremony. The tournament is the College's premier scholarship fundraiser.

Prize categories included overall winners for each flight as well as low net and low gross scores, longest drive, closest to the pin and closest putt. The tournament also featured an Alumni Team Challenge in which a prize was awarded to the team of four YHC alumni with the lowest score.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

MORNING FLIGHT:

Flight 1 Winner: Charles Nicholson, Vaughn Green, Marvin McArthur

Flight 2 Winner: Brian Mashburn, Matthew Akins, Erik Brinke, Dale Anderson

Overall Low Gross: Greg Young, Chris Robbins, Danny Hemphill, Bo Wright

Overall Low Net: Bart Boyd, Chris Garmon, Britt McAfee, Zeke Farriba

Closest to the Pin: Joe Winters

Longest Drive: Paul Gribble

Putting Contest Winner: Frank Butler

AFTERNOON FLIGHT:

Flight 1 Winner: Joe Winters, Chet Roach, Brad Noyes, Anne Shurley

Flight 2 Winner: Jackson Kane, Joe Greco, Greg Delaney, Mark Levine

Overall Low Gross: Derek Slack, Steve Rowe, Toby Swartz, Keith Chatterton

Overall Low Net: Colton Payne, Marvin McArthur, Jeff Kelly, Clint Hobbs

Closest to the Pin: Pete Pruitt

Longest Drive: Dave Slack

Putting Contest Winner: Jason Karnes

Alumni Challenge Winner: Bart Boyd, Chris Garmon, Britt McAfee, Zeke Farriba



Morning Flight 1 Winner



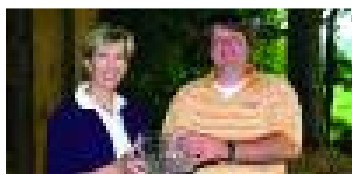
Morning Flight 2 Winner



Afternoon Flight 1 Winner



Afternoon Flight 2 Winner



Alumni Challenge Winner

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YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE Receives \$132,500 Planned Gift for Local Scholarships

Young Harris College received a \$132,500 planned gift from the Foster Charitable Trust that will establish the Ralph O. and Johnnie Irene Foster Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to local students from Towns and Union counties.

"We are extremely grateful to receive this generous gift that will benefit our local students and allow them to receive a world-class education while remaining close to home," Young Harris College President Cathy Cox said. "Endowed scholarships are one of the greatest ways to give back to the College, as they benefit our students for generations to come."

The Foster Charitable Trust was established by the estate of Ralph and Johnnie Irene Foster. Both natives of Young Harris, Ralph and Johnnie married in 1947 and moved to Akron, Ohio, where Ralph was employed by the B. F. Goodrich Company. Johnnie worked for the Ohio Bell Telephone Company. Upon retiring, the couple returned home to North Georgia and bought a home near Lake Chatuge in Towns County to be near the lake, mountains and people they loved.

Ralph passed away in 1980, leaving Johnnie the sole heir to the Foster Farm on Mining Gap Trail, a property he had owned since 1938. In 2004, Johnnie set up a charitable remainder trust to benefit organizations in the local community, including Young Harris College. She passed away in June 2009.

According to Nancy Broshears, co-trustee of the Foster Charitable Trust and sister of Johnnie Foster, Young Harris College has special meaning to her and her family. "My grandson Jeffery recently graduated cum laude from Young Harris College," Broshears said, "and is doing well at Georgia Tech."

In keeping with Johnnie's wishes for the proceeds from the Foster Farm to help worthwhile causes, the property was recently sold to Towns County to build a recreation park that will include athletic fields and hiking and walking trails. "That would have been what

my sister wanted—something beneficial to many people for years to come as a memorial to her and her husband Ralph," Broshears said.

Broshears' grandson, Jeffery Shook, '09, presented the gift for YHC on behalf of his great aunt to President Cox at a special event held on Aug. 19 at nearby Brasstown Valley Resort.

"His graduation from YHC was the last public function that my sister Johnnie attended," Broshears said of Shook. "She made it possible for him to get an education."

Through this family's generosity and legacy, the Ralph O. and Johnnie Irene Foster Endowed Scholarship will now make it possible for many generations of local students to earn a college degree close to home.



YHC Vice President for Enrollment Management Clint Hobbs, '88 (far left), President Cathy Cox (second from right) and Vice President for Advancement Jay Stroman (far right) accept a gift of \$132,500 for Young Harris College presented by Jeffery Shook, '09, and Nancy Broshears.

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE Offers New Planned Giving Website

The Young Harris College Office of Advancement has created a new interactive planned giving website that features stories of donors who have made planned gifts to Young Harris College as well as examples of how to make a planned gift and tools to help calculate and customize the right type of gift for each donor. Planned gifts offer immense flexibility for

A Gift from the Heart

BY KRYSTIN DEAN

Young Harris College alumna Margaret Appleby McCormick, '30, always cherished the opportunity she was given to attend YHC through generous financial support, and she wanted to ensure that other young women were granted the same opportunity.

To fulfill his wife's wish, Colonel Harold D. McCormick established the Margaret Appleby McCormick Endowed Scholarship at Young Harris College in 1989 to benefit exemplary female students in need of financial assistance. When he died in 1992, he contributed a planned gift of \$100,000 to the scholarship fund in honor of his wife.

After she passed away in March 2010 at the age of 98, Margaret Appleby McCormick made an identical planned gift of \$100,000 to YHC through her estate to benefit the endowed scholarship that bears her name.

"Young Harris College definitely held a special place in her heart," said Ceil Jarrett, '75, McCormick's niece and member of the YHC Alumni Board. "She was always grateful for

the opportunity to attend YHC."

Colonel and Margaret McCormick made many generous gifts to the College over the years and regularly contributed to the endowed scholarship fund. McCormick's sister, Jane Appleby, and brother-in-law, Sam Flint, also made gifts to the fund each year on McCormick's birthday.

A Latin scholar, McCormick graduated valedictorian of her class in 1930. She taught high school in rural Georgia to help support her family before returning to her hometown of Winder in 1933 to work as a law clerk in the office of Judge Robert Russell. While working there, she read law and passed the Georgia Bar Examination, although she never practiced.

Two years later, Judge Russell's brother, U.S. Senator Richard Brevard Russell, asked McCormick to serve as his secretary. She worked in Senator Russell's offices in Georgia and Washington, D.C., until 1948 when she married Colonel McCormick.

"Although she traveled all over the world as the wife of an officer in the U.S. Army and retired with



Margaret Appleby McCormick, '30

him in Fort Monmouth, N.J., Miss Maggie always considered Georgia home," said Connie Platt, McCormick's stepdaughter. "She had the fondest memories of Young Harris. She treasured her time at YHC and remembered many happy days there."

Through McCormick's endowed scholarship and planned gift, her legacy will give future generations of women the opportunity to earn their degree at McCormick's beloved alma mater.

"She always said that she never would have been able to go to Young Harris without a scholarship," said Jarrett, "and she never forgot that."

alumni and friends of the College who wish to make a lasting contribution to YHC without making an immediate cash gift. Planned gifts may also make donors eligible for substantial tax or financial benefits.

The website also gives visitors the opportunity to sign up to receive the "Legacy" e-newsletter, which offers planned giving information and tips as well as spotlight stories about recent donors.

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Young Harris College become members of the W. Harry and Harriet Hill Society for Planned Gifts.

To explore the new website and sign up for the e-newsletter, visit www.yhc.edu/plannedgiving. For more information contact YHC Director of Development and Planned Giving Jennifer McAfee at (706) 379-5318 or jmcafee@yh.edu.



Young Harris College **BASKETBALL** **IS BACK!**

BY BRIAN HOWARD

Big things are right around the corner as the Young Harris College men's and women's basketball teams prepare for their inaugural season.

One of the highlights of the 2010-2011 schedule will be the men's season opener in Charlotte, N.C., as Young Harris College meets the Virginia Intermont College Cobras at Time Warner Cable Arena—the home of the Charlotte Bobcats—on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 13, prior to the start of the Bobcats' game that night against the Utah Jazz.

Men's basketball head coach Pete Herrmann arranged the contest. "I am good friends with Bobcats' coach Larry Brown and his staff, and I coached Jazz point guard Sundiata Gaines at the University of Georgia," Herrmann explained. "The game should give our players a perspective on the season. The opportunity to open in an NBA arena will be something big for them and our program."

Just two days later, the Young Harris College men's and women's teams will take on the North Georgia College & State University Saints for the Mountain Lions' home opener on Monday, Nov. 15, in the new YHC Recreation Center arena. The women tip off their season at 5:30 p.m., and the men follow at 7:30 p.m.

"This seems like a natural rivalry we want to develop," Herrmann said. "I like (North Georgia men's head coach) Chris Faulkner, and he has done a tremendous job with his teams. By being so close and part of a conference we are interested in, this rivalry just seems natural. Our athletic director, Randy Dunn, came from North Georgia, and I can see this rivalry being good for many years."

The men's team, playing their first season in four decades, will travel just 12 times during the 26-game schedule and will play host to a Christmas tournament. The Mountain Lions will be young with only three players

having any collegiate experience. For Herrmann, this year is a chance to get back into the game of basketball. He came to Young Harris College from Athens, where he coached six seasons for the Georgia Bulldogs. He also

served as the associate head coach and, in 2009, as the interim head coach.

During his last season at Georgia, Herrmann led a young team to wins against conference rivals Kentucky and Florida. Prior to his time at Georgia, he coached at the United States Naval Academy, Kansas State, Virginia and Western Kentucky.

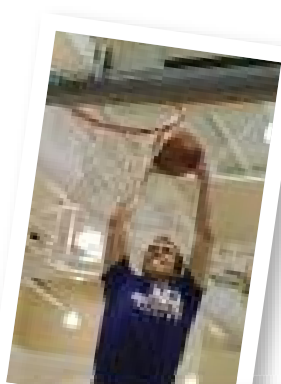
The women will travel just 13 times during their season's 25-game schedule. Highlights include three schools that women's head coach Brenda Paul has been a part of—North Georgia College & State University, Tennessee Wesleyan College and Berry College.

This season will provide a lot of excitement as Paul is just nine wins shy of 450 for her career, which began at Tennessee Wesleyan in 1978. She had a 28-21 record in two years. She coached at Berry from 1980-1985, compiling a 139-28 mark during that time and helping the Vikings to district championships all five years. While in Rome, Ga., Paul led her team to three top-eight NAIA National Tournament finishes, including semifinal appearances in both 1982 and 1984. Eight of her Berry players earned All-American honors. Before coming to Young Harris College, Paul coached at Elon University from 1994 to 2008. She also coached at Georgia State and Mississippi State.

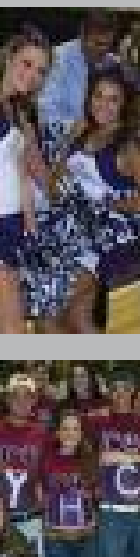
"The total atmosphere attracted me to this coaching position," Paul said. "We will be a young team and it will take time to mature. We will gain experience one game at a time."

Paul looks forward to opening the 2010-2011 season on Nov. 15 and agrees with Herrmann that the Mountain Lions will quickly develop a rivalry with North Georgia, which is her alma mater.

The YHC Athletics Department has made



Above: (top) YHC men's basketball player Garrett Kopydlowski and (bottom, left to right) YHC women's basketball players Meghan Brown and Judith Hall get ready for the Mountain Lions' inaugural season.



available a variety of ticket options.

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New Coaches Join Athletics Department

The Mountain Lions welcomed eight new coaches to athletic teams at Young Harris College.

Jay Brown, '06, **Matt Henson**, '05, and **Travis Huffman** were added to baseball head coach Rick Robinson's staff this past summer.

Brown comes from the University of South Carolina, where he was a pitcher and a team captain on the 2010 National Championship baseball team. Prior to playing at South Carolina, the Brunswick native played for Robinson on the YHC baseball team from 2004 to 2006.

Henson, a native of Morganton, has been a lifelong supporter of

Young Harris College baseball. He played two years for Robinson, and then continued his career at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. While there, he helped lead the team to its first Big South Conference Championship in 2006.

Huffman spent the previous three years working with the hitters and outfielders as an assistant coach at Division I Old Dominion University. Before that, he served as an assistant coach for Hampden-Sydney College. Huffman was the head coach at Pleasant Ridge High School in Easton, Kan., for two seasons, where he compiled a 26-18 record, and helped lead the 2005 squad to their first-ever state playoff

appearance. The Pleasant Ridge team won the 2005 qualifying regional and earned its first-ever top-10 state ranking. In addition, Huffman's squad set school records for most wins in a season (16).

Andre Morgan and **Heath Hooper** join men's basketball head coach Pete Herrmann's staff.

Morgan served as an assistant coach at North Georgia College & State University last year. He played two collegiate seasons at Kennesaw State University, earning Freshman of the Year honors, and he also played two years at North Georgia where he earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors.

Hooper, who graduated from Towns County High School in 2005, played collegiate basketball all four years at Reinhardt College.



Jay Brown



Matt Henson



Travis Huffman



Andre Morgan



Heath Hooper

Athletics Welcomes New SID

Brian Howard joined Young Harris College's Department of Athletics in September as sports information director (SID).

Howard is no stranger to college athletics, having spent time previously at University of West Alabama, Ouachita Baptist University and LeTourneau University. Prior to spending the past year at NCAA Division III LeTourneau in Longview, Texas, Howard spent a year and a half as the SID at Ouachita Baptist.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Howard graduated from Ashland University in the spring of 2000 and immediately began



Brian Howard

working at the *El Dorado News-Times* in Arkansas. He also worked for several newspapers in West Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia (Jonesboro).

During his five-year newspaper career, Howard had the privilege to interview several top athletes and coaches, including Rusty Wallace, Jeff Gordon, Gaines Adams, Tommy Bowden and Lou Holtz. He worked three Peach Belt Conference basketball tournaments and one NCAA Division II women's basketball regional.

Howard has been around sports his entire life, spending 15 years as a soccer player. While at Ashland, he served as a sports anchor for the campus television station, campus disc jockey, sports play-by-play and color commentator and sports producer. He also worked in the sports information office during his senior year and was a sports writer for the collegiate newspaper.

YHC Grows Tennis Program

ADDS NEW COURTS

Jacob Turner, who was named men's tennis head coach in April, recently accepted the responsibility of also leading the women's team after Alli Hillman, '05, left YHC to complete graduate study, and Kelly Blount recently joined Turner as assistant coach for both teams.

"We are in a rebuilding phase as we continue to make the transition to a four-year college and will continue to grow stronger over the next few years," Turner said.

Young Harris College revived the men's tennis program in 2009.

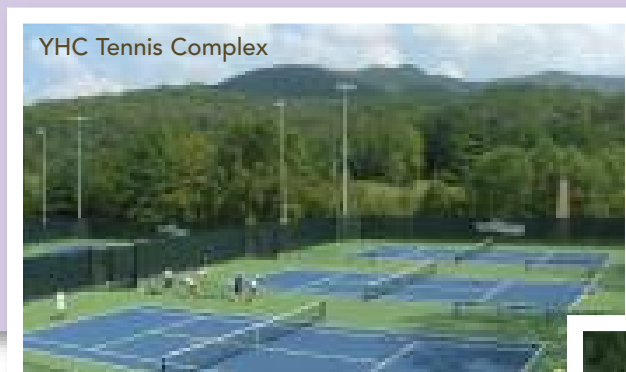
Since September, Turner and Blount are growing YHC's tennis program at a beautiful, new tennis complex located east of the main campus on Hwy 76. The Mountain Lions are currently holding practices on the facility's 12 lighted,

tournament-quality courts and will play their first matches at the new complex on Feb. 8 against North Georgia College & State University.

YHC's adjacent Berry House will soon become home to a pro shop, locker rooms and offices for the tennis, golf and cross country programs.

YHC students, faculty and staff will have access to the facility's amenities, and memberships will be available to the local community.

"My goal is for this new facility to be the premier tennis complex in the tri-state area. I want everyone at YHC to be proud of the complex and what it offers to the surrounding community," Turner said.



Ciaran Traquair is no stranger to the Young Harris College soccer programs as he joins men's head coach Mark McKeever's staff.

Traquair was an assistant coach with the YHC women's soccer program in 2007. He left after that season to become the assistant coach for the men's soccer team at his alma mater, Shorter College, from 2008 to 2010.

As a player, Traquair was a two-year team captain at Shorter and a three-time Most Valuable Player. He holds the record for most assists in program history and led the nation in that category during the 2007 season with 17. While at Shorter, he was named 2004 SSAC All-Conference Honorable Mention. In 2005, he was named SSAC All-Conference Second Team. Traquair wrapped up his career with a SSAC All-Conference First-Team selection in 2006. After graduation

from Shorter in 2007, Traquair played semi-professional soccer for the Mississippi Brilla FC of the PDL League in 2008 and the Chattanooga FC of the NPSL in 2009.

Robbie Stancil brings more than 30 years of coaching experience and an overall record of 407-218 to her first season as assistant coach for Head Coach Brenda Paul's women's basketball team. She holds degrees from Wesleyan College, North Georgia College and Lincoln Memorial University. Her coaching background includes softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer and tennis at the high school level with four consecutive sub-region titles, six region championships, two quarterfinal appearances, one semifinal appearance and a state runner-up title. She has also coached at North Georgia College & State University, where she led the women's volleyball team to the



Robbie Stancil

NAIA District Championship, while earning the NAIA Coach of the Year honors. She also served

as women's softball head coach, again earning NAIA Coach of the Year honors, and as women's basketball assistant coach.

Kelly Blount joins Head Coach Jacob Turner's staff for men's and women's tennis.

The Augusta native graduated from Mercer University in 2008 after playing tennis all four years. She was the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week twice and earned Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic honors. While completing her master's degree at Mercer, she served as an academic assistant with the athletic department for a year then was an assistant tennis coach the following year.



Kelly Blount



New Athletic Director Brings Passion for the Game

BY EMILY SANE

"Most athletes have aspirations to play professionally," said Young Harris College Athletic Director Randy Dunn,



Randy Dunn

as he reflected on the path that led him to YHC. "From high school, and those even younger, to college players, athletes dream about going to the next level." Dunn, like most athletes, had aspirations to have a career in sports. He played basketball at Murray County High School in Chatsworth and received a basketball scholarship to play for the Saints at North Georgia College in Dahlonega.

After his junior year at North Georgia, Dunn had a car accident and broke his back. Doctors advised the all-conference basketball player not to return to the court for his senior year, even after rehabilitation.

"At that young age, you think you are invincible," Dunn said. "I had the drive and determination to recover and return to the game. I had already played three years at North Georgia. Eventually I realized I shouldn't play, but I still wanted to be involved with the game."

Dunn graduated from North Georgia with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1980. He then attended Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus and received his M.Ed. in physical education.

At GSSU, Dunn returned to the game when he started coaching. He served as an assistant basketball coach for the Hurricanes.

In 1981, he became the assistant basketball coach for the Braves at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton.

The following year Dunn returned to his alma mater to coach the Saints. Starting in 1989, he led the men's basketball team as the head coach for 14 seasons.

The Saints won the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Conference regular season championship in 1996 and advanced to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament. Thanks to his team's success, Dunn was also named the GACC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year in 1996.

"Winning the championship at North Georgia is certainly one of my favorite sports memories," Dunn said. "More important to me, however, are the

Fall Sports Recap

MEN'S SOCCER

Head Coach Mark McKeever entered the season hoping to develop and strengthen a young team. Despite a slow start, the Mountain Lions started

building on the success of a 3-3 tie against Coker and picked up back-to-back wins at home against Shorter and Erskine, outscoring their opponents 7-3 at both matches. "The team got stronger as the season went on,"

McKeever said. "We gained more structure and understanding, and I am delighted with the team's work ethic. We

have competed against some great programs this season and it has been a great learning environment for the lads."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Playing a schedule that included all NCAA Division II and NAIA schools, Young Harris College's women's soccer team had a slow start to the season but bounced back quickly. The team struggled early on with losses to Tusculum and North Georgia College & State University before recovering with wins over Brevard College and St. Andrews Presbyterian College. The team continued to find success when facing a field dominated by four-year competition. "I am proud of the quality players that define this women's soccer program. They are dedicated and

driven, and they are building a foundation for the program," Women's Soccer Head Coach Kathy Brown said.

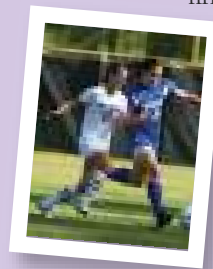
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Young Harris College's men's cross country team opened the season by finishing ninth at the University of

Georgia Invitational and the Great American Nike Festival. Two major highlights of the season occurred when the Mountain Lions captured third at the Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run and followed the performance with a fifth-place finish at the Mercer Runfit Sports Invitational. Three of the top 20 places in the Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run went to Young Harris runners, with freshman Brandon Banks, of Commerce, finishing ninth, freshman Terry Miller, of Athens, finishing 19th, and freshman Trent Jones, of Lakeland, Fla., finishing 20th.



Niall McCabe



Rachel Wilkes

memories of helping the student-athletes grow and watching them succeed on and off the court. Seeing former players who are now reaching out and impacting students through coaching—now, that's a true win."

While coaching basketball at North Georgia, Dunn started serving as the college's athletic director. He became the full-time athletic director in 2003, after retiring from coaching basketball.

In 2005, Dunn helped North Georgia transition from the NAIA to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II.

He brought this valuable experience with him to Young Harris College in June, when Dunn started as the first full-time athletic director for the Mountain Lions.

"I considered coming to Young Harris at a time when I could have considered retiring," Dunn said. "I would have been able to spend more time with my family, travel more and golf more. This

was a decision I could not enter into without great consideration. It was critical for me and the College."

After meeting with the Young Harris College administration, including President Cathy Cox, and visiting the campus, Dunn knew he wanted to be a part of the YHC community.

"I couldn't help but be excited," Dunn said. "The vision the administration has to lead the College and its athletics program into the future is great for the College, the alumni and the local area."

Before coming to Young Harris College, Dunn knew YHC's new women's basketball head coach, Brenda Paul. The two attended North Georgia as undergraduate students at the same time.

"I quickly learned why this college is growing—great people," Dunn said. "The students, the coaches—everyone is great. They have the work ethic and knowledge to succeed."

In his first year at YHC, Dunn will follow a busy playbook. He will help the College with the process of transitioning to the NCAA Division II, which includes submitting an application for membership to the NCAA and considering improvements to athletic facilities.

"By next July, we hope to be a part of the NCAA," Dunn said. "We want to compete in a conference as soon as we can. We are going in the right direction, but we have to keep moving."

Dunn brings experience to Young Harris College athletics, but most importantly, he brings aspirations.

"You can never quit pushing ahead," he said. "I am up to the challenge of promoting Young Harris College in a positive manner throughout the community, region and nation. It will take lots of hard work, but it will be worth it. I am ready to be a part of that game."

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Young Harris College's women's cross country team had multiple top-10 finishes throughout the season. The team started off with a sixth-place finish at the University of Georgia Invitational followed by seventh-place finishes in back-to-back races at the Mercer Runfit Sports Invitational and Great American Nike Festival. The Mountain Lions took third place at the Georgia Southwestern Remembrance Run. Four of the top 20 places went to Young Harris runners, with freshman Erica Brooks, of Watkinsville, finishing ninth, sophomore Heather Richbourg, of Blairsville, finishing 12th, sophomore Christelle Vereb, of Hayesville, N.C., finishing 15th, and sophomore Stacey Keahon, of Suwanee, finishing 19th.



Erica Brooks (right)

MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team saw steady results this fall as they prepare for the spring season. The highlight came at the rain-soaked Georgia Mountain Trophy, when the team took second place overall. Five of the top 10 spots at the tournament went to Young Harris golfers, with sophomore Matt Peeler, of Williamson, finishing fifth, junior Chase Hankla, of Valdosta, tied for sixth, sophomore Matt Lewallen, of Clarkesville, tied for eighth, and sophomore Evan Jordan, of Griffin, and sophomore Jesse Brock, of Watkinsville, tied for 10th.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Young Harris College's women's golf team started the fall strong with three top-10 finishes. The Mountain Lions finished

sixth in the Piedmont Fall Invitational. Freshman Rachel Mason, of Ringgold, finished sixth overall in the tournament, firing a 78 in the second round of competition. The team also finished seventh at the Eat-A-Peach Collegiate and 10th at the Chick-Fil-A Collegiate Invitational where Mason recorded three birdies, finishing tied for 30th.

In addition to a new institutional logo, Young Harris College introduced redesigned athletics logos and spirit marks this past summer. The design that inspired the new mountain lion profile was submitted by a YHC student-athlete.



Mover and Shaker Sees Green Future

BY PEGGY COZART

Young Harris College alumnus and trustee Brantley Barrow, '74, was recently named to the 2010 list of "Who's Who in Commercial Real Estate in Atlanta" by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. The list is a compilation of "the industry's movers and shakers who will be instrumental in reshaping the commercial industry as it recovers."

Barrow brings more than three decades of experience in finance and management to his role as chairman of the Atlanta-based Hardin Construction Company. After earning his associate degree from Young Harris College in 1974, he graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia with a bachelor of business administration degree. He spent several years in accounting at Arthur Anderson before joining Hardin as a controller in 1979 and rising to CFO 10 years later. In 1993, Barrow was an integral part of a team that bought the company from its founding family, and in 2003, he became company chairman.

Barrow regards his days as a student at Young Harris College as the best years of his life. "It was a great place to transition from being in the nest to being out of the nest—a great place to build camaraderie and grow up," he said.

He has served on the Board of Trustees since 2004. "I always loved the school and stayed in touch with classmates and became interested in serving at YHC," he recalled.

In addition to his service on the Board, Barrow has been involved with the recent growth at his alma mater as Hardin completed several projects on the YHC campus, including the new, 200-bed Enotah Hall, the new 57,000-square-foot YHC Recreation Center and a new parking lot—all to accommodate the College's record

enrollment numbers.

Enotah Hall, a 62,500-square-foot residential facility that opened in 2009, is the first higher education building in the state north of Atlanta to earn LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The LEED certification process is an internationally recognized program rating the sustainability of building design and construction.

Additionally, the new Recreation Center, which opened in August, is expected to earn LEED certification within the next few months.

Hardin has been constructing LEED-certified buildings since the early 2000s, and in fact, Barrow notes, the company built the first LEED Gold-certified office building in the Southeast—the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation building.

As a community and industry

leader, Barrow recognizes the benefits of going green. "You design the building to save energy costs and to lessen damage on the environment," he explained, citing the use of locally sourced materials, the recycling of construction waste and even the use of daylight lighting sources as part of the LEED certification process.

Of the Enotah Hall project meeting LEED Silver standards Barrow explained, "President Cathy Cox and the whole team at YHC were very interested in the LEED process." He added, "Sustainable practices are important to the College and the standard for all of its new construction."

Barrow values the opportunity to serve his alma mater professionally and be a part of its four-year transformation and sustainability efforts. "It means a great deal to me to give back to Young Harris College," he said. "It gives me a great sense of pride."



Chet Roach of Brailsford & Dunlavey, Jackson Kane of Lord, Aeck & Sergent Architecture, Brantley Barrow, '74, chairman of Hardin Construction Company, Bob Catalfano of Hardin and Robert Kochansky of Hardin served on the project team for Enotah Hall.

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ACHIEVEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1950s

JANE HAWKINS WALKER, '59, recently published a new historical novel and love story entitled *In The Lion's Paw* about the Cherokees and their removal from the southeastern part of the U.S. during the latter 1830s. More information is available at www.widowofsighingpines.com.

1960s

CREG SMITH, '68, graduated from the University of Georgia in 1970 with a degree in journalism. Later that year, he became a reporter/anchor at WSLV-TV and moved to Roanoke, Va., where he met and married his wife, who is now a retired teacher. He accepted a new job in 1973 that began a career spanning 36 years representing the petroleum industry and moved to the Atlanta area where their two sons (currently ages 35 and 31) were born. In the mid-1980s, he transferred to API's Washington, D.C., office where he worked for nearly 25 years until retiring at the end of 2009. Their oldest son, along with his wife and daughter (age 4), lives in Charlotte, N.C., and their youngest son lives near them in northern Virginia.

JILL GARRARD HICKS, '69, and **DAVID HICKS**, '69, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August with three of their four children. Since 1977, they have lived in Canada with dual citizenship in Canada and the U.S. They miss family and the beautiful hills of Georgia but have visited often. David recently retired after many years working at the School for the Deaf in Milton, Ontario. Jill homeschooled their children for 18 years and is now a lactation consultant in her local hospital.

1970s

PATRICK TRITT, '72, was elected governor of the Georgia District of Kiwanis International for the 2010-2011 term at the organization's 91st annual convention in August 2010. He is a charter member of the Classic City Kiwanis Club in which he has held many offices, including president and secretary. On the district level, he has served as distinguished lieutenant governor twice and state committee chair on seven occasions. For his service he has twice received the Georgia Outstanding Leader Award, the Kiwanis International Foundation Leadership Award, and the George F. Hixson Fellow. Tritt has also served his community on the Salvation Army Advisory Board (17 years), Athens Clarke County Library Board (10 years), and Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America (20 years). He was presented the BSA's Silver Beaver Award in 2008 and serves on the Executive Board.

JON "GARY" BRANAN, '73, is a proud grandfather or "G-Dad" of three wonderful grandkids: Garrison Blair Enfield (age 4) and Kennedy Helen Enfield (age 2) of Atlanta, Ga., and Seidel Elizabeth (age 4 months) of San Diego, Calif.

1990s

MATT TOMMEY, '93, is now a basket maker living in Asheville, N.C. He works with natural materials like kudzu and other vines and bark. He was recently hired as a visiting instructor at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. His work is available for view at www.matttommey.com/kudzu.

REV. CATHERINE BOOTHE, '99, was ordained as a Full Connection Deacon in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church during the June 2010 conference meeting in Athens, Ga. She is serving on the new YHC Young Alumni Council.

2000s

BURT BARTO, '05, who played YHC baseball from 2003-2005, is now the marketing coordinator for Career Sports and Entertainment in Atlanta, Ga. He has recently been involved in research work for the Atlanta Dream, Atlanta's professional women's basketball program.

MARC McAFEE, '07, graduated from the University of Georgia's Grady School of Journalism and is now a reporter for WMBB-TV in Panama City, Fla., the NBC news affiliate for the Florida panhandle.

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THE MEETING OF THE "BIG FOUR"

Past YHC President Clay Dotson, who also served as professor of history and dean of the faculty, past YHC President Ray Farley, who also served as professor of history and dean of the College, O.V. Lewis, who served as professor of business, registrar and director of admissions, and David Frazier, who served as dean of students and director of admissions, met for lunch in Tennessee this past May, for the first time in a long time. The "big four," as Lewis called them, had fun catching up on each other's "aches and pains" and vowed to meet more often.



Send your reunion and family photos to **Echoes**, or share them on YHC's Facebook page.

Boy Scouts of America Honors Alumnus

BY PEGGY COZART

This past May, Young Harris College alumnus and trustee Douglas B. “Doug” Mitchell, ’61, was honored by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at the BSA’s national annual meeting in Dallas with their highest commendation, the Silver Buffalo Award for Distinguished Service to Youth.

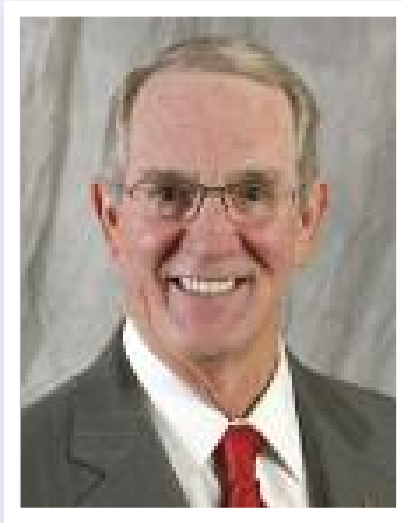
The Atlanta real estate developer earned the honor in recognition of his volunteer service to the Scouts. The award has been given annually since 1925 to civic-minded men and women for their invaluable contributions and service to youth. Past recipients include Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney, Charles Lindbergh, Colin Powell and 14 U.S. presidents.

Mitchell’s involvement with the Boy Scouts dates back more than 50 years. Growing up on a farm in Fayette County, he joined the Flint River Council as a Cub Scout, ultimately rising to the rank of Eagle Scout in 1957.

He reminisces about his grandfather making a special deal with him. “If I became the first Eagle in Fayette County he promised to send me to the Jamboree,” he recalled. “I missed being the first by six months.”

He earned the distinguished rank the following year and attended the National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Penn. That same summer, the 15-year-old traveled to the World Scout Jamboree in England. During the memorable six-week trip he met the Queen of England and performed the Indian Fire Dance on British television.

Mitchell came to Young Harris College in 1959 and credits the school with helping him “settle down and get real” before going on to graduate with a business degree from Auburn University in 1964. “If I had gone directly to Auburn I don’t think I



Douglas B. Mitchell, '61

would have made it,” he said. The location of YHC, he explained, had a lot to do with his ability to focus. “You had to look for distractions.”

In the enchanted valley he described as “nice, settling and serene,” Mitchell found a warm and concerned student body and faculty. “There were less than 500 students so you got to know most of them. I remember there being a caring attitude about your education in the atmosphere on campus.”

Former U. S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, ’51, was Mitchell’s political science teacher and made a memorable impression on the young student. “He used to tell us, ‘If you don’t like what’s going on, don’t stand on the outside throwing rocks—get involved,’” Mitchell recalled.

He did get involved and has served on the YHC Board of Trustees since 1995 and as chair of the academic affairs committee since 2000. “I’m the most excited I have ever been about YHC as we now take it from a two-year to a four-year college,” he said. Mitchell also chaired the presidential search committee that chose Cathy Cox. “She was head and shoulders

above the rest,” he said, “and she’s proved that.”

After graduating from Auburn, Mitchell went on to hold jobs with the Phipps Land Company, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, HUD, C&S Bank and the Glynn County (Ga.) Chamber of Commerce. In the 1970s, he was instrumental in the development and success of Peachtree City, one of the nation’s first planned master communities, in his home county of Fayette.

He used his experience as a developer to help expand Scouting facilities in the Atlanta area, and has been instrumental in growing programs at BSA’s Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. His contributions have had a lasting effect on Scouting and have directly benefited thousands of youth.

Mitchell’s community involvement also extends beyond Scouting. He has worked with numerous groups that benefit young people, including the Hambridge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences, the Rabun Gap–Nacoochee School and Woodward Academy and Tech High, a tuition-free charter school in Atlanta. He has been active with the Urban Land Institute, the Trust for Public Lands and Leadership Georgia.

Mitchell has been honored by the BSA with the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards. He is also a James E. West Fellow and a Scouting Heritage Society member.

Receiving the Silver Buffalo Award is a crowning achievement. “To be nominated is unbelievable, but to be chosen to receive it is the absolute ultimate honor,” he said. “Joining the ranks of the outstanding men and women who have received this award is the highlight of my Scouting career.”

Class Notes

area. He was busy over the past summer reporting on oil spill-related stories, including the moving of delicate sea turtle eggs from their beach nests to the NASA space center so they could hatch in safety and without the threat of oil. He is serving on the new YHC Young Alumni Council.

ENGAGEMENTS, MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

1940s

MARY GARDNER WILLIAMS, '48, is engaged to Curtis Tucker. The wedding is scheduled for Nov. 26, 2010.

1990s

SAMANTHA SPEARS EVANS, '90, married Todd Evans on Oct. 10, 2010. The couple lives in Marietta, Ga., where Samantha works at Marist School and also runs TSI Photos, a lifestyle photography company.

PAUL DURFIELD, '91, and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their fourth son, Jeremiah, on April 29, 2010.

SCOTT THOMPSON, '93, and Rhonda Thompson proudly announce the birth of Collin Scott Thompson on Feb. 19, 2010.

KATIE BRANAN THOMSON, '98, married John Thomson on Nov. 11, 2006, at the Forsyth Park fountain in Savannah, Ga. They were blessed with a daughter, Seidel Elizabeth, on May 9, 2010. Katie is a pharmacist in San Diego, Calif.

KILEY MITCHAM HOUSTON, '99, announces the birth of her son Samuel Nolan Houston on May 19, 2010. He joins four-year-old sister Lauren.

2010-2011 YHC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Young Harris College Alumni Association is led by a 22-member board made up of alumni representing a wide range of generations.

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Hiawassee, Ga.

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Williford, '87
Marietta, Ga.

2000s

DEANA NORRIS MARTIN, '01, and Chris Martin were married on March 22, 2008, at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, Ga., and now reside in Acworth, Ga. Their son Cannon Michael Martin was born on Dec. 25, 2009.

CHRIS PUCKETT, '01, and **SUZANNE SMITH PUCKETT**, '00, welcomed their first child, Harrison Michael, on March 3, 2010.

JESSICA STINSON ROBERTS, '01, and John Roberts were married on June 19, 2010, at Christ Episcopal Church in Macon, Ga.

BURT BARTO, '05, recently married **KATIE WEST**, '05.

ASHLEY FITTS, '05, married Second Lieutenant Joshua S. Gaetano on May 2, 2010, at Wolf Mountain Vineyards in Dahlonega, Ga.

HOPE MCENTYRE, '07, married Brad Hanes on Nov. 7, 2010, to become Mr. and Mrs. McEntyre.

BRANDON LEWIS BORN, '09, proposed to **KELSEY DIANE NORRIS**, '09, at sundown on the beautiful coast of South Carolina on Aug. 8, 2010. They plan to get married in early 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

WILSON H. AUSTIN JR., '62
Aug. 12, 2010

MARY F. BARBER, '40
Aug. 11, 2010

JENNIFER C. CAPPS, '93
Aug. 9, 2010

SARA E. ELY, '47
July 19, 2010

RICHARD D. FREEMAN, '56
July 29, 2010

STEVE J. GARRISON, '63
July 3, 2010

CHARLES E. HILL, '57
July 15, 2010

EDITH P. JOHNSON, '66
Sept. 21, 2010

M. PATRICIA KIRK, '57
July 11, 2010

PAT W. KRICK, '57
June 11, 2010

JOHN D. MCCORD, '36
Sept. 17, 2010

MARGARET APPLEBY MCCORMICK, '30
March 30, 2010

FRANCES MOORE
Friend of YHC
June 20, 2010

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June 23, 2010

LYNDA G. REA, '67
June 26, 2010

JAMES F. TAYLOR, '36
Aug. 20, 2010

SUE TODD, '58
June 27, 2010

CARROL I. TUCKER, '58
Sept. 2, 2010

JENNIFER E. YARBROUGH, '82
July 28, 2010

2010-2011 YHC YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL

Created in 2010, the new Young Alumni Council serves Young Harris College by planning young alumni gatherings and programs and creating opportunities to encourage alumni to stay connected and involved with YHC.

Matthew P. Anderson, '03
Atlanta, Ga.

Catherine A. Boothe, '99
Atlanta, Ga.

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Sandy Springs, Ga.

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In May, YHC will confer its first bachelor's degrees in nearly a century to a class of 50+ seniors. Former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, '51, will deliver the commencement address for the special occasion.

The festivities will culminate next summer with a very special Alumni Weekend when YHC honors the Class of 1961's 50th reunion and celebrates the College's rich heritage and promising future.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
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