

Echoes

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Dear friends,

I love holidays. Thanksgiving is probably my favorite, because it's all about family, friends and food, but Christmas, Halloween, Easter and even the sometimes-dreaded Valentine's Day are all pretty special as well. Every family celebrates holidays differently, and some families may have their own special holidays to celebrate. My relatives are fond of big get-togethers for birthdays, complete with fishing, kite-flying and at least a dozen desserts.



The YHC family is blessed with an extra celebration on the calendar, and that's the weekend we know as homecoming. Falling just between nationally recognized holidays of Independence Day and Labor Day and always the last weekend of July, homecoming is a time all our own! In our family of purple and white, we like to celebrate with barbeque, conversation, bluegrass music, conversation, reunions and lots of conversation. And did I mention that we like to sit around and talk? Everyone has a tale from his or her days at YHC, and homecoming is a great time to share those stories. One thing is for sure: Time may change the way our alma mater looks, but it never changes the spirit of the place. Walking around campus during homecoming weekend, you can pick up on stories from the class of 1935 (or earlier!) all the way to the newest graduates in the class of 2007. Each person embodies the characteristics and principles of YHC, and the dedication and loyalty to our beloved institution do not waver among generations.

I hope you will get out your calendar right now and mark July 26–29 as Homecoming 2007. Write it in purple ink so that you won't miss this special weekend of revisiting, remembering and reconnecting. A calendar of events is listed on page 6, and throughout this issue you'll find articles that we hope will spur a walk down memory lane.

Let me hear your YHC stories. You can reach me at (800) 241-3754, extension 5318 or mmartin@yhc.edu.

Happy Homecoming!

Michelle E. Martin

Michelle E. Martin '96
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

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

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

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

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LEADING THOUGHTS

BY PAUL D. BECKHAM '63

Young Harris College continues to thrive as it enters yet another phase of its long and colorful life. Of the many positive things that can be said of our college, one is that it is not boring. As chairman of the board of trustees since November of 2000, I have had the opportunity to see and experience issues that face many of today's colleges and perhaps even some issues that are unique to YHC. Some of those issues were very positive; others were not. I can assure you, however, that your board has been engaged, concerned and actively working for the health, vitality and continuity of the college. We know that issues continue to challenge us. These include the president's position and the academic model for the college.

In the last three years, we lost a president who will be viewed as one of the best. Thomas Yow served for 12 years and guided the college in building the enrollment, building the endowment and building a credibility that it enjoys today. Following Yow, Stephen Gunter served as president for two years.

We are convinced that we have now found the answer to the presidential question—Cathy Cox. As I write this, Cox has yet to formally start work, but she has been at work for weeks. She brings the attitude, work ethic, contacts and organizational experience that we need. She will live on the campus and be part of the day-to-day activity of the school. She will provide guidance to the faculty and administration, and she will use her experience and contacts to provide the all-important flow of gifts to the school. She will enhance the credibility that is so much a part of

YHC. She is a leader. We have seen it in her past jobs, and I have seen it in the past few weeks at YHC.

Cathy Cox will have to be a leader, because we are going forward with the transition to a four-year, baccalaureate-granting institution. This has been a subject of discussion for as long as I have been on the board.



Paul D. Beckham '63

Apparently it was talked about in the 1950s but not implemented. Some of you may know that we were once a four year school (1886—approximately 1916). It will take several years before that first degree is granted, and those years will be busy. There will probably be a new building or two; there will be many discussions on which degrees to grant initially. We will undergo the process to gain approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A budget will be required, and money must be raised to fund that budget. These will be busy times and important times.

In meetings with other institutions, educational leaders, our board and our

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alumni, it was clear that we needed to begin to offer baccalaureate degrees. It was the general consensus that in order to ensure our survival, YHC must make this change. It is important, however, that as we make this change, we keep intact those things that make up the "YHC experience." The board, faculty and administration are committed to doing just that. The student body will probably grow slowly as we move forward. With a current student enrollment of 600, I would estimate no more than 900, 10 years from now. We will remain a small, intimate college.

There is a very active and interested board of trustees looking after the college. They all care about the college. More than half attended the college, which has not been the case until recently. They are a diverse group, all eager to help and all finding ways to do so. Their work is voluntary, and I thank them for their efforts and support. I also want to thank the administration, faculty and staff for their dedication, for without them we would not be able to provide those services that are so important to the one reason we are all involved...the students of Young Harris College.

MEET PRESIDENT CATHY COX

*We are fortunate to welcome Cathy Cox as our 21st president. Below is a brief listing of her accomplishments and previous positions. President Cox brings with her an excitement for YHC and higher education in general. A kind, generous and approachable presence, Cox will certainly lead us with a sense of dignity and an unmatched energy and vitality. In the next issue of *Echoes* we will feature an interview with President Cox as well as introduce you to the other half of YHC's new first family, her husband Mark Dehler. What an incredible time to be involved with YHC! We wish our new president the very best as she enters a challenge that will certainly be a highlight in her life...and ours!*



NAME: Cathy Cox

HOMETOWN: Bainbridge, Georgia

SPOUSE: Mark F. Dehler

EDUCATION:

- Juris Doctorate (JD), Magna Cum Laude, 1986
Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (ABJ),
Summa Cum Laude, 1980
University of Georgia, Grady College of Journalism
- Associate of Science in Agriculture (A.S., Horticulture), 1978
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- University of Georgia School of Law, January–May 2007
Carl E. Sanders Political Leadership Scholar
- Georgia Secretary of State, 1999–2006
- Georgia Assistant Secretary of State, 1996–1999
- Georgia House of Representatives, District 141, 1993–1996
- Lambert, Floyd & Conger, Bainbridge, 1988–1996
Attorney/Partner
- Hansell & Post, Atlanta, 1986–1988
Attorney/Associate

- The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, 1982–1983
Special Assistant to the Publisher/Reporter
- The Times, Gainesville, 1980–1982
Reporter

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Georgia, 1986–present
- Leadership Georgia, Class of 1990
- National Association of Secretaries of State, 1999–2006
- United Methodist Church, Member of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta and former member of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church. Frequent speaker at United Methodist Churches of North and South Georgia conferences.
- Trustee of the following: Mercer University, Wesleyan College, State YMCA of Georgia, Georgia Historical Society, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation
- Member of the following: Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, International Women's Forum, Dekalb Rape Crisis Center Advisory Board, Bainbridge Rotary Club (Honorary Lifetime Member), Bainbridge Pilot Club (Honorary Lifetime Member)



Young Harris College Homecoming 2007

R E V I S I T , R E M E M B E R , R E C O N N E C T

Make plans now to attend Homecoming 2007, July 26–29! Whether you attend homecoming every year or this is your first time, there is no better way to reconnect with your alma mater. The Homecoming Committee of the AAYHC has planned activities and events that appeal to even the most discriminating alumnus. If you are a member of a reunion

class this year and don't see your information on the schedule, please contact the alumni office, and we can help you plan, advertise and implement your reunion. Most importantly, homecoming is a time to celebrate the lifelong memories and friendships made in the enchanted valley. Come back and spend a magical weekend with us this summer. You're guaranteed a good time!

THURSDAY, JULY 26

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| Noon | Registration Tent Opens, Campus Plaza |
| 11:30–1:30 p.m. | Lunch, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 2 p.m. | Refreshments, Registration Tent |
| 4:45–6 p.m. | Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 8 p.m. | Registration Tent Closes, Campus Plaza |
| 7–9 p.m. | Meet and Greet for Earlybirds Myers Student Center |

FRIDAY, JULY 27

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| 7 a.m. | Coffee, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 7:30–9 a.m. | Breakfast, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 9 a.m. | Registration Tent Opens, Campus Plaza |
| 9–10:30 a.m. | Pastries, Registration Tent |
| 11:30–1:30 p.m. | Lunch, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 2–3 p.m. | Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Tent, Campus Plaza |
| 3 p.m. | Planetarium Show, Rollins Planetarium |
| 3 p.m. | Alumni Association of Young Harris College Board of Directors Meeting Robinson Dining Room All alumni welcome |
| 4:45–6 p.m. | Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 5:30 p.m. | Dinner for The Greatest Generation Classes of '47–'50 and Classes of '59–'61 Moschetto's Restaurant, Young Harris |

5:30 p.m.

Class of '57 50th Reunion Banquet
Sharp Memorial Church Fellowship Hall
Classes of '56 and '58 invited
For more information (706) 379-2464

8 p.m.

Registration Tent Closes, Campus Plaza

8:30 p.m.

Planetarium Show, Rollins Planetarium

SATURDAY, JULY 28

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| 7 a.m. | Coffee, Grace Rollins Dining Hall |
| 7 a.m. | Dorcas & Spat Breakfast Mary Ann's Restaurant, Young Harris |
| 8:30 a.m. | Registration Tent Opens, Campus Plaza |
| 8:30 a.m. | Class of '57 Coffee with President Cathy Cox At the president's home Classes of '56 and '58 invited |
| 9 a.m. | YHAF, Susan B. Harris Chapel |
| 9:45 a.m. | Continental Breakfast In front of Clegg Fine Arts Building Complimentary alumni breakfast All welcome |
| 10:30 a.m. | Annual Alumni Program Dr. Jim Ellison '88, Speaker Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium |
| 10–4 p.m. | Family Time , Tent |
| 12:15–2 p.m. | Barbecue and Bluegrass on the Lawn Complimentary alumni lunch |



**Q & A WITH YHC
HOMECOMING SPEAKER,
DR. JIM ELLISON '88**

What led you to Young Harris College?

I had a cousin who attended YHC and absolutely loved the experience. I can remember visiting her and thinking, "I want to go college here." I only applied to YHC.

How did YHC prepare you for the life that you lead today?

In addition to the solid biblical foundation from my religion classes and the leadership skills learned from serving in different campus organizations, my experience at YHC taught me the importance of valuing people. This truth has impacted my life more than anything else.

What are some of your fondest memories from your YHC days?

My fondest memories of YHC include chapel services and sitting in the rocking chairs on the patio of Appleby Center talking with friends.

- 1 p.m. **Alpha Iota Reunion**
Mayor's Park
- 1 p.m. **Alpha Xi Reunion**
Mayor's Park
- 1–3 p.m. **Phi Delta Reunion**
Hesed House
- 2 p.m. **Alpha Omega Reunion**
On the lawn
- 2 p.m. **Class of '87 20th Reunion**
Mayor's Park
- 2 p.m. **Gamma Psi Reunion**
Student Center
- 2–4 p.m. **Kappa Tau Omega Reunion**
Home of George "Bud" & Woody Dyer
Dyer Cove, (706) 379-3420
- 2 p.m. **Phi Alpha Phi Reunion**
On the lawn
- 2 p.m. **Phi Chi Reunion**
Home of Clint and Teresa Hobbs
- 2 p.m. **Zeta Pi Reunion**
Cookout area across from Manget Hall
- 3 p.m. **Sigma Beta Sigma and Upsilon Delta Sigma**
Watermelon Cutting at Cupid Falls
- 3:30 p.m. **Young Alumni Event**
Picnic and Ultimate Frisbee
Intramural Soccer Field
- 4:45–6 p.m. Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall
- 6 p.m. **Dinner on the Lawn with President Cathy Cox**
Entertainment by Vintage Notes

- 6 p.m. **Kappa Tau Omega Banquet**
Honoring George "Uncle Bud" Dyer
Ramada Inn at Lake Chatuge
www.kappatauomega.org for more information

- 6 p.m. **Class of '67 40th Reunion**
Home of Toni Todd Britt '67
For more information (706) 896-1080

- 6:30 p.m. **Class of '77 30th Reunion**
Classes of '74 –'78 invited
Crane Creek Vineyards
For more information contact Bobby Bolton '76 at boltonius@aol.com

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 7 a.m. Coffee, Grace Rollins Dining Hall
- 7:30–9 a.m. Breakfast, Grace Rollins Dining Hall
- 9–10:30 a.m. Checkout Tent, Campus Plaza
- 10 a.m. Church School, Sharp Memorial UMC
- 11 a.m. **Worship Service**
Dr. Jim Ellison '88, Speaker
Sharp Memorial UMC
- Noon Lunch, Grace Rollins Dining Hall

Meal prices and times at Grace Rollins Dining Hall

- Breakfast—\$4; Lunch—\$5; Dinner—\$6
- Coffee 7 a.m., Breakfast 7:30–9 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Dinner 4:45–6 p.m.

Not all items listed on this schedule are official events of Young Harris College and the Office of Alumni Relations. If you have questions, contact us at (800) 241-3754 or alumni@yhc.edu, and we will put you in touch with the event organizers.



ACCOMMODATIONS

RESERVATIONS

Reservations for Homecoming 2007 will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservations will be taken for Appleby West Hall from those who are physically challenged or who have difficulty getting around campus. Preference will be given to those in classes prior to 1950. Reservations are \$15 per night, plus a key deposit of \$5. For reservations call (800) 241-3754, extension 5173 or email alumni@yhc.edu.

A member of the student life staff will be on duty during Homecoming 2007 to offer assistance. Your compliance with the college policy of no alcohol and/or drugs on campus is expected. It is requested that the privacy of all attending Homecoming 2007 be respected, as well as observance of quiet hours in the residence hall after 11 p.m.

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Located in the center of the campus next to the Grace Rollins Dining Hall, Appleby West features 44 moveable beds in 22 air-conditioned rooms with built-in closets, dressers and bookshelves. Each room opens to a central interior corridor with every two rooms sharing one bath. A lavatory is located in each room. Two of the 22 rooms are equipped for disabled persons.

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ATTENTION ALL KTΩ's
Banquet Honoring Bud Dyer's
33 Years of Service
July 28, 2007, 6 p.m.
Ramada Lake Chatuge Lodge

There will be a mandatory meeting of ALL brothers of Kappa Tau Omega Fraternity on July 28, 2007. After serving for 33 years as mentor to our brotherhood, "Uncle" Bud Dyer is stepping down and retiring as the advisor. It is only right and proper that a celebration be held in his honor.



Please plan to join us for a banquet at the Ramada Lake Chatuge Lodge of Hiawasee at 6 p.m. Seating is limited, and a number of rooms have been retained at the same location. As this is the same weekend as the Georgia Mountain Fair, reservations at the Ramada should be secured as soon as possible. Be sure to ask for a room reserved for the Bud Dyer celebration.

Further details of the event will be forthcoming in the US mail, email and on the KTΩ Website, so be on the alert. In the meantime, we would like to hear from as many people as possible in order to update the mailing list. In addition, we need volunteers from the various years to track down lost members.

Anyone who attended the 25th anniversary celebration of Kappa Tau Omega would attest to its incredible success. This gathering should be even better! So mark your calendars and pack your pillowcases and bandannas.

POINTS OF CONTACT:

Ramada (706) 896-5253
Mark Hellman '89 (770) 653-7425
Brian Atwell '91 (678) 662-3901
Dan Barnette '84 (706) 224-3578
And visit the Website maintained by Tom Marks
at www.kappatauomega.org

Alumni
CONGRATULATIONS

Young Harris College is proud of our connection with the United Methodist Church and our alumni who strengthen this connection through their involvement in the North and South Georgia Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected as delegates for the 2007 North and South Georgia Conferences.

DR. JIM ELLISON '88
clergy delegate
North Georgia Conference

HENRY M. "HANK" HUCKABY '62
laity delegate
North Georgia Conference

Mark Shelnutt, husband of
CHRISTINE SHELNUTT '85
laity delegate
South Georgia Conference



A Little More in Store

BY BERT W. HUFFMAN '97

It is virtually impossible to complete two years as a student here without visiting The Little Store.

Whether purchasing books, art supplies, pens and pencils or just an old fashioned Cherry Coke, The Little Store is a landmark to former students, parents and friends of YHC. For nearly a half century, David and Margaret Mullins '61, '60 have been the friendly faces available to answer questions or just relieve the stress from a hard day with a joke and a snack. Though David has been retired for several years, this year marked Margaret's 46th and final year of full-time employment with the store. In this issue of *Echoes*, we are excited to turn the spotlight on a couple who have been a quiet and integral part of the YHC experience for years. They are living proof that the call of Young Harris can grab hold in your youth and never let go!

ECHOES: We all have our YHC story. Obviously yours is one that has lasted throughout your marriage. Will you share with us how you met?

MARGARET: Well, I grew up in Fannin County and had always heard of Young Harris College, but never really thought about going to school here until John Banner came to visit West Fannin High School. He was so dynamic and made it sound so great that I couldn't wait to enroll in the fall. At the time, Mr. Banner was



Dave and Margaret Mullins '61, '60

a little bit of everything at YHC. He was the admissions office, the registrar, etc. And, he had an incredible memory. He remembered every student he recruited. I remember seeing him in the fall after I had first met him the spring before. He came up to me and called me by name. I knew this place was special then.

DAVID: I came to YHC a few years after Margaret started, and we met in the chapel one evening. I was running late for a gathering and the only seat available was next to Margaret. I sat there. That's how it all began.

ECHOES: I know your love of YHC stems back to your time as students here, but what made you stay on in The Little Store?

DAVID: It's a very involved story for me. After I had graduated, I received a call from Dr. Clegg. He asked me if I would consider coming to YHC, and I was quick to say yes. Then he promptly thanked me and hung up the phone. I wasn't even sure what he wanted me to go for! At the time, The Little Store was being run on the campus as a project of the Georgia Co-op for the Blind (a state program to provide employment for the visually impaired), and soon after my phone call from Dr. Clegg, I received another call from the Co-op explaining that my job would be to replace the current manager of The Little Store. When

I arrived the store was in horrible condition. Students had been running the store for about three weeks, and it was in desperate need of a good cleaning. I hadn't been away for long, so I rounded up some of my friends who were still students. We closed the store for a few days to clean it. I'll never forget being in the middle of that project when Dr. Clegg keyed into the locked store and said, "I called you to come up and run this place, not shut it down." Then he looked around, saw what a difference the cleaning had made and just smiled.

MARGARET: It wasn't long after that that I came up and helped out for a while. Then we were married in March of 1962 during spring break. The rest is history.

ECHOES: Having spent so much time on the campus over the years, I am sure that you've had your stand-out friends, whether they were fellow faculty and staff or even students. Who do you appreciate the most, and do you still keep in touch?

DAVID: Tommy Perry '65 immediately comes to mind. He was such a good friend. He started out by helping me fill up the drink box and perform other little tasks in the store. Soon he was babysitting our kids and became a part of our family.

MARGARET: In those days the dining hall didn't prepare dinner on Sunday evenings. They served lunch and then sent the students back to their rooms with a sack dinner for the evening. It was usually a sandwich of some kind. Well, Tommy was a big eater, and a sandwich just wasn't enough, so we would have him over every Sunday evening. He would help me fix dinner in exchange for eating with us.

DAVID: We usually had fish since he was from Florida. We do keep in touch with him, and try to see him once a year or so, but it's hard now that we all have grandchildren. We still think the world of him, and when he retires, I hope we'll have plenty of time to spend with him.

ECHOES: Does anyone else come to mind?

MARGARET: I always think of Dean Weaver and Dean Flanders, both of whom were deans of students in our early years. They both lived in the Hesed House at one point or another, since the new president's home had been built by that time. Just like it is with everyone else, Dr. Clegg was an important part of our experience, but he died not too long after we were married. I think of

Faye Clegg Hoag like a mother. She was always so good to me and continues to be an important part of my life.

ECHOES: You've spent the majority of your lives associated with YHC. What was it like to raise a family on campus?

MARGARET: It's funny. When I was a student, I can remember the children of the faculty members, and I always used to say to my roommate, "Wouldn't it be horrible to raise kids on the campus?" Then, when we had children I couldn't think of a better place for them to spend their time. They were exposed early to so many different kinds of people and places. It was an advantage for them, and I was proud of that.

DAVID: We lived on Maple Street for much of the early part of our marriage. It wasn't until 1970 that we purchased the land that we built our house on in Young Harris. We moved our little trailer to the west corner of the land then and started construction on the home on the east corner. It was completed in 1973, and we've been there ever since. We always brought the kids to work with us though, and they considered the campus a second home.

ECHOES: You are obviously so proud of your family. Tell us about your children.

MARGARET: We have David Jr. "Beau" '81 born in December 1962, DeBronda Celeste '81 born in June 1964, Kevin Perry born in March 1967 and Margaret LaRanda '91 born in April 1971. Our nine grandchildren range in age from 20 months to 20 years, and the oldest, Crystal, is a student at YHC!

DAVID: We're so proud of all of them. They've made fine paths in their lives. David Jr. is a paramedic with Union General Hospital in Blairsville. DeBronda spent years as an insurance specialist at Union General before deciding to work here on campus. Kevin is an accomplished builder, and LaRanda is part owner of Mauldin Grading and Hauling in addition to working with me at The Little Store for the past few years.

MARGARET: LaRanda and DeBronda are taking over for us at the store. It is great to have the family pick up where we're leaving off. I'm really not done yet. I'll be around as seasonal help and during heavy times or when one of the girls is on vacation.

ECHOES: Spending as much time as you have spent on the campus of YHC, I'm sure you have some incredible memories of past events. What really stands out in your mind?

MARGARET: It's not necessarily a good memory, but I will never forget the day Byron Herbert Reece died. I was a student at the time. It was such a shock to everyone here. I never had him for class, but I was registered to take his composition class the following fall. We weren't supposed to have radios on in the dorm at the time, but someone had been listening to hers that morning, and she told us what had happened. In those days we would meet outside of the dining hall for breakfast as a student body, someone would ring the dinner bell, we'd have prayer and then go inside and take our seats. On that morning, Dr. Clegg was outside the dining hall waiting for us. He made the announcement that Reece had committed suicide and asked us to meet in the chapel following breakfast. He told us to keep to ourselves in spite of the onslaught of members of the media and



community sure to be on campus that day. Dr. Clegg's death a few years later was equally sad. He meant so much to this place and it happened so suddenly.

DAVID: The ice storm of 1960 was really something. We went without power for days and began to run out of food. I lived in Hamby Hall at the time, and I remember that my shaving lotion froze. We would all huddle under the mattresses of our beds for warmth.

ECHOES: You've also seen so many physical changes to the campus over the years. Would you comment on that?

MARGARET: It's funny. Since we've been here all along, it seems as though the campus has stayed the same. It's the alumni who leave and only come back occasionally who really notice

the change. I have always been supportive of the incredible growth of the campus, and I think it's for the good.

DAVID: It's almost like a child born into poverty who becomes more successful and financially stable as he grows up. We've seen so many changes, but they've been necessary and worthwhile.

ECHOES: We always provide an opportunity for our spotlights to give thanks to anyone, past or present, whom they feel especially shaped their time at YHC. Who do you want to thank?

DAVID: Ray Farley was the best friend that YHC gave me. He is a great man, and I will always appreciate all he did for us.

MARGARET: Ray was definitely a friend, and I have to thank Fay Hoag. Like I said earlier, she has always treated me like a daughter and still calls me one of "her girls." She is an incredible person through and through, and she makes the best chicken salad.

David and Margaret—Thank you for all you've done for this place! You've been a stable and unflinching cornerstone of the YHC character for years. On behalf of the alumni and friends of this institution, I express our pride in the dedication and sense of family you have created for this campus. No matter how much things change, to the alumni of YHC, the sign above the door will always read "Dave's Little Store." May the days of retirement ahead bless you as much as you have blessed our past.



THANK YOU!

Young Harris College is grateful to Dr. John Wilson Wells, provost and vice president for academic services, for serving as interim president throughout the 2006–2007 academic year. Dr. Wells has taken great initiative to move forward our beloved YHC, and thanks to his leadership, we have seen immense achievements during his time in office. This past year will go down in the history of Young Harris College as a time of immeasurable vision, and we are thrilled that Dr. Wells will be here for years to come.

*C*hange is inevitable. People change, places change, ideas, theories and even hearts change. Those who master the true art of change can do so without alienating or abandoning the wealth of individuals and places they have influenced over the years. YHC is not immune to the phenomenon of change. Since returning to Young Harris in 2001, I have chosen to view every day here as a blessing and an opportunity to learn more about the fabric of the place that changed my life.

I was recently privileged to be a part of the spring meeting of the board of trustees held on campus in late April, where I witnessed a historic moment. Former Georgia Governor and US Senator Zell B. Miller '51, chair of the strategic action committee of the board, addressed the trustees about the future of YHC. His words led the entire board in a unanimous vote to shift the model of the college from that of an associate's degree-granting institution to the baccalaureate. In other words—YHC is going to be a four-year college!

The question has always been on the table. When is YHC going to become a four-year school? If I had a dime for every time I've heard it over the last six or seven years, I would have easily recouped a year's salary! The truth of the matter is that as the market has evolved and time has moved forward, the once comfortable resting place of the private, church-related, two-year college has become cramped and tight. There are very few of us left, and in order to flourish and continue to live our reputation as a second-to-none educational experience, we must rise up to meet the demands of the very market that currently crowds us out! YHC has become known for its ability to consistently churn out academically and socially prepared young men and women for the four-year experience of their choice. My question is, why not finish what we begin and release our graduates directly into the workforce and beyond?

I fully understand my role in this entire transition. It is my job to assure you that the college will remain safe above and beyond the next few years of transition. In fact, it will emerge in the end as a beautiful amalgamation of old and new. Just as they have always done, YHC professors, administrators and staff members will continue to align and provide an enchanted experience that changes the lives of the young people who make the investment. The mission remains the same, folks. Believe me when I say that I have only the best in my mind for our beloved alma mater. Trust in me and the more than 100 faculty and staff members at YHC to safeguard an experience that doesn't just last two years or four years, but for a lifetime! This is really just the beginning, and as time progresses and the plan unfolds, we will be in touch!

Should you have any questions concerning this exciting time in the life of YHC, please feel free to give me a call at (706) 379-5112 or email at bhuffman@yhc.edu. I would love to hear your opinions, feelings or thoughts about the future of our YHC!

Warmest regards,



Bert W. Huffman '97
Vice President for Institutional Advancement



Test Your Knowledge of YHC!

*Play our matching game by pairing campus buildings with the approximate year each was built.
Many thanks to campus archivist Debra March for her invaluable assistance in compiling this information.*



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| 1. Appleby Center | a. 1892 |
| 2. Appleby East | b. 1908 |
| 3. Appleby West | c. 1912 |
| 4. Clegg Fine Arts Building | c. 1912 |
| 5. College farm | d. 1923 |
| 6. Dobbs - McEachern Gym | e. 1927 |
| 7. Duckworth Library | f. 1930 |
| 8. Goolsby Center | g. 1935 |
| 9. Hamby Hall★ | h. 1936 |
| 10. Hesed House | i. 1939 |
| 11. ITECH Building | j. 1949 |
| (originally built as library) | j. 1949 |
| 12. Manget Hall | k. 1953 |
| 13. Maxwell Center | l. 1956 |
| 14. New Hall | m. 1959 |
| 15. Original Appleby Dorm★ | m. 1959 |
| 16. Peel Hall★ | n. 1961 |
| 17. President's home | n. 1961 |
| 18. Pruitt - Barrett | n. 1961 |
| 19. Reid Building★ | o. 1965 |
| 20. Rich Building★ | p. 1968 |
| 21. Rollins Hall | q. 1974 |
| 22. Sharp Hall | r. 1979 |
| 23. Sharp Memorial UMC | s. 1986 |
| 24. Susan B. Harris Chapel | t. 1992 |
| 25. Swimming pool addition to gym | u. 2002 |
| 26. Winship Hall | |

Answers on page 17.

★Indicates building no longer standing.



NEW AAYHC MEMBERS



BOBBY BOLTON '76

Bobby Bolton '76 holds a B.S. from the University of the State of New York. He received his commission in the US Navy in 1981, and after flight school, went on to be a P-3 anti-submarine warfare pilot based

in Brunswick, Maine. Bolton is

now an airline captain with AirTran Airways and lives near Atlanta. His family includes his wife Jane, twin daughters Ashley and Lindsey and son Bid. The family has a small piece of property in Young Harris and Bolton plans to retire in the area "as soon as I am able to make it happen. My heart never left the valley ever since I first laid eyes on it in 1973. The two years that I spent there were the happiest and most fulfilling of my life, and my best friends today are the ones I made there. I am honored to have been elected to the alumni board and am looking forward to serving in any capacity that I can."



LUKE TEAGUE '06

The youngest member of the alumni board, Luke Teague, is 20 years old and a rising senior at The University of Georgia. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in journalism from Grady College and currently works at Southern Broadcasting Company serving in

a variety of roles for their five radio stations, such as on-air news and music announcer and producer for many of the UGA athletic game broadcasts. Originally from Cumming, Teague is an avid amateur radio hobbyist and classic car enthusiast. While at YHC, he was the chaplain of Alpha Omega, a senator on SGA, member of the Honor Council and treasurer of the Spat Club. Teague also served as general manager of WYHC, the online Webcast station at the college. Many of you may recognize Teague as one of the most helpful homecoming student workers ever!

AAYHC Board Members

OFFICERS

William A. Johnston '75
(Chairman)

Alvis R. Tucker '92
(Chairman-Elect)

Carol A. Chastain '84
(Secretary)

LTC Robert M. Murray '75
(Treasurer)

Lydia Jackson Sartain '79
(Immediate Past Chairman)

Henry M. "Hank" Huckaby '62

Ray P. Lambert Jr. '77

James H. Marlowe '52

Reverend T. Jack McCollough Jr. '47

John A. Poulos '81

Reverend Dr. Ernest W. Seckinger '37

Reverend Fred G. Shelnutt Sr. '46

Reverend James Robert Styles '47

Luke Teague '06

Julie Johnston Tepp '87

Beverly Woodward '53

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Madison M. Beasley '87

Bobby Bolton '76

Jared W. Downs '96

Clair Wofford Frazier '81

Candler Ginn '77

TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Paul D. Beckham '63

Reverend Dr. Donald A.
Harp Jr. '61

AAYHC Members MEETING

The board of directors of the Alumni Association of Young Harris College will hold its summer meeting on Friday, July 27 at 3 p.m. in the Robinson Dining Room. All alumni are invited to this open meeting.

For more information, contact Michelle E. Martin '96, director of alumni relations, at (706) 379-5318 or mmartin@yhcc.edu.



TOP 10 SITES TO SEE AT YHC

BY MICHELLE E. MARTIN '96

1. Statue of Artemas Lester

Erected in 1986 upon the centennial anniversary of YHC's founding by circuit-riding, Methodist minister Artemas Lester, this statue stands between the Charles R. Clegg Fine Arts Building and the Hesed House.



Statue of Artemas Lester

2. Campus Plaza

Redesigned and renovated in 2001, YHC's campus plaza is now home to hundreds of personalized bricks and a three-foot diameter rendition of the college seal. (Get your own brick! See page 25 for details.)



Campus Plaza and Susan B. Harris Chapel

3. Spat Fountain

Located in front of the Appleby Complex, the Spat Fountain is maintained by the brothers of Sigma Beta or the Spat Club. The fountain was built in 1966 in memory of Dr. Charles R. Clegg and W. H. Dowis.



Spat Fountain

5. Gazebo

Adjacent to the Susan B. Harris Chapel and overlooking the wide, green lawn in the center of campus, the gazebo is favored by couples, guitarists and perhaps even a few ghosts.



Gazebo

4. Susan B. Harris Chapel

The Susan B. Harris Chapel was built in 1892 as a memorial to the wife of YHC benefactor and namesake Judge Young L. G. Harris of Athens. Home to weekly chapel services, many weddings and baptisms, and office of campus minister Rev. Fred Whitley '66, the chapel is the campus' spiritual center and its oldest remaining building.

6. Cross-Country Trail

In addition to providing a home base for cross-country competitions, the cross-country trail has quickly become a prime walking trail for students, faculty, staff and local friends and alumni. The two-mile path winds around the sports complex of softball, baseball and soccer fields, runs alongside Corn Creek, and stretches back into the hilly, wooded parts of YHC's 30-acre campus. With the help of Towns County government leaders, a parking lot for local trail visitors was built to encourage community use of the path.

7. O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium

Donated through the philanthropy of Wayne and Grace Rollins and located in the Maxwell Center, the Rollins Planetarium is the third largest



O. Wayne Rollins Planetarium

planetarium in the state of Georgia. With a 40-foot dome and seating for 109 people, the planetarium features a GOTO Chronos star projector and many other special effects. Following Friday evening shows and dependent upon clear skies, stargazers may also visit the YHC observatory located on the nearby grounds of Brasstown Valley Resort.

8. Cupid Falls

This waterfall and picnic area, located within walking distance of campus, has long been a favorite of students seeking a quiet place to study or a place to cool off on a hot day. As evidenced by its name, Cupid Falls has always been popular with couples as well.



Cupid Falls



Cross-County Trail

9. Library Archives and Special Collections

With an assortment of objects spanning more than 100 years, the archives of Duckworth Library are filled with items as varied as student newspapers, blueprints, deeds, old diaries, postcards and photos. Special collections include the arrowhead collection and the Lincolniana collection.



Duckworth Library

10. Myers Student Center

Renovated in 2003, Myers Student Center is housed on the first floor of Sharp Hall. Despite the fact that this building is more than 90 years old, it offers a wireless Internet connection, two widescreen televisions and a self-serve coffee bar. Pool tables provide a respite from studying, and a variety of seating arrangements encourage conversation and contemplation.



Myers Student Center

Test Your Knowledge of YHC!

Answers: 1-n, 2-n, 3-n, 4-o, 5-g, 6-k, 7-p, 8-t, 9-b, 10-f, 11-e, 12-l, 13-r, 14-u, 15-c, 16-d, 17-m, 18-j, 19-h, 20-i, 21-s, 22-c, 23-j, 24-a, 25-q, 26-m



AN *Eternal Bubble*

BY RACHEL BISHOP '07

I have heard many people say that there is a bubble encasing Young Harris College. I believe it now more than ever. It is a bubble that I will soon leave, and although I will return, part of me will remain outside the bubble while the rest wanders the campus like I have done so many sleepless nights. As much as it saddens me to realize, YHC does not exist for its alumni. YHC exists for its current students who are constantly discovering its ticks and twitches, niches and nuances. There is a reason this small college is called Young Harris. It thrives on the new faces and new attitudes and new minds that keep this tiny college town youthful.

It is always an unforgettable moment for an incoming freshman—graduating high school, leaving home and experiencing for the first time the life of an adult. But a person can



experience this with any new college or job. So what makes YHC so special? Why have so many alumni told me that attending YHC was the best decision they ever made? What captures its students so firmly and compels its alumni to come back? YHC is special because of the bubble.

The mountains cannot be touched. The trees are perpetually green. The neighborhood pets will always roam the campus. The sky will always be lucid with million-year-old stars. The air will always be crisp. And the students will always bring an energy that meshes with the past.

I will always remember my first night on campus. I did not hate it, but I didn't love it. I looked on as the returning sophomores screamed and embraced each other. I wondered if I would do the same. It turns out I did. I looked on as the graduating sophomores cried and said goodbye for what they felt was the last time. I wondered if I would do the same. It turns out I am doing that very thing. Even though it will not be the last time I will see these people, it will be the last time I get to experience the love and camaraderie inside a bubble,



Mary Warren Awarded THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

untouched by the reality that awaits me after graduation. We will continue our separate lives, but we will feel the gravitational pull of YHC. We will come back to the bubble and notice that the only thing that has changed is the faces. When I come back next year and 20 years from now, I will bask in its beauty and remember what it was like to be a student here.

I will always remember sitting on the lawn studying and being interrupted by friends walking by, screaming my name from across campus or jumping on top of me, disturbing my train of thought. I will always remember late night Waffle House runs and the delirium that only comes from lack of sleep. I will always remember Barkley, the dog who has an everlasting supply of drool to cover the faces of students who can't resist his quiet presence. I will always remember campus-wide snowball fights. As a theatre major, I will always remember camping out in the Black Box and waiting for Jesse, the ghost, to make his appearance. I will always remember the performances at Theatre Young Harris. I will always remember the professors who pushed me to my intellectual limit. I will always remember deep, philosophical talks at Cupids. I will always remember day-long chill sessions when all you need is some sun, good music and a few friends. I will always remember last minute decisions to go camping even when we knew a thunderstorm was looming. I will always remember the wonderful people who helped make this place home.

I will always remember Young Harris College.



The President's Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by the college, was presented to Mary Ripley Warren at the 2007 graduation ceremony.

Warren has served on the YHC board of trustees since 1985. She has chaired both the Endowment and Student Affairs Committees and is currently a member of both. She has also participated as a member of the Membership, Finance, Executive and two Presidential Search Committees, including the most recent committee that selected Cathy Cox as the 21st president of YHC.

Warren, a fourth generation Atlantan, graduated from Henry Grady High School and attended Agnes Scott College. She and husband William Chester Warren III have been married for 54 years and have four sons; William IV, Glenn, James and Thomas, and eight grandchildren.

In presenting Warren for the honor, YHC trustee M. Brantley Barrow '74 cited a few of her civic contributions. In 1989, she

established the Thomas Alexander Ripley Scholarship at YHC to honor the memory of her father. Currently the scholarship is valued at nearly \$300,000 and has assisted dozens of young men in attending YHC.

Warren is a member of Northside United Methodist Church, The Junior League of Atlanta, the Piedmont Garden Club, the Children's Health Care Auxiliary and the Shepherd Spinal Center Auxiliary. She chairs the Cumberland Island Historic Foundation. She has also served on the Sheltering Arms Day Care board, Atlanta Woman of the Year, the Frazier Center board (formerly the Cerebral Palsy Center) and was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Advisory Board of the Cumberland Island National Seashore.

In presenting the medallion, President John W. Wells stated, "You have been a vibrant and staunch supporter of Young Harris College since your appointment to the board of trustees in 1985. You have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial support to ensure the Young Harris College experience for generations to come. You have served as wise counsel to six college presidents and five board chairs. You have given admirable leadership to board committees. Young Harris College has been blessed by your commitment and by your actions."



HONORS NIGHT

Honors Night is a celebration of excellence for students and faculty alike. Each year the administration, faculty, staff and students take time from their busy schedules to come together to acknowledge the accomplishments of some of the college's brightest and most talented students and their professors. The Honors Night Ceremony held April 23 was no exception.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Academic Dean's Award (4.0 GPA)

Christopher Thomas Adams, Spencer Griffith Arnold, Anna Presley Dyer, Sarah Christine Lobello, Kelsey Lynn Meiring, Elizabeth Nicole Parker, Mollie Lynne Reeves, Michael David Sanders, Kristen Marie Stephens

William Byron King '35 English Award

Dale Bryan Rigdon

Donna T. Fortune Award in Foreign Languages

Michael Shane Corbett
Corey MacKinnon Jarvis
Courtney Shea Roberts

Joseph Wilson Boone '31 History Award

FIRST PLACE:
Jessica LeAnne Jones
SECOND PLACE:
Dale Bryan Rigdon

Erasmus Grier Fowler Mathematics Award

Katharine Grace Thompson

Paul D. Coverdell Political Science Award

Clayton Dana Franklin

Eugene Barboza Scholarship Award for Astronomy, Physical Science or Mathematics

Angela Mae DelConte

Luke Rushton '42 Scholar Athlete Award

Kristen Marie Stephens
– Lady Mountain Lions Soccer Team

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges

Christopher Thomas Adams, Lauren Antonia Almaguer, Rachel Marie Amores, Spencer Griffith Arnold, Kimberly Grace Belflower, Rachel Leann Bishop, Ethan Morris Carney, Joseph Harrison Collins, Maria Elizabeth Cothren, Elizabeth Laurel Davidson, Zachary Benjamin Durrett, Anna Presley Dyer, Robyn Lee Harris, Jessica Aileen Lipcsei, Sarah Christine Lobello, Michael Robert Marshall, Marc Wilson McAfee, Kelsey Lynn Meiring, Fletcher Allan Page, Elizabeth Nicole Parker, Kayde Ree Sharpe, Kristen Marie Stephens, Katharine Grace Thompson, Kari Marlay Webb

Greek Academic Awards

- Alpha Iota Sorority with a 3.10 GPA
- Alpha Xi Fraternity with a 3.22 GPA

Teaching Excellence Award

Stephen D. Morgan
professor of astronomy

Outstanding Sophomore English Essay Award

Joseph Harrison Collins
Rachel Alexandra McMann

ART AWARDS

Best of Show

Mollie Lynne Reeves
– Distorted Figure Study

Awards of Merit

- Ken Novitsky Datas
– "T" is for Turntable
- Daniel Patrick Collins – Sandal
- Denise Nicole Ramey – Untitled

MUSIC AWARDS

Edwin Gerschefski Endowed Scholarship

Ashley Nadine Satterfield

Lynn Fowler '78 Music Scholarship Award

Kenneth Kyle Anderson

William H. and Mary Ann Fox Music Scholarship

Leah Van Doran

THEATRE AWARDS

Delta Gamma Member of Fall 2006

Rachel Marie Amores

Delta Gamma Member of Spring 2007

Ryan Nicholas Bender

New Delta Psi Omega Members

Christopher Joe Adams, Rachel Marie Amores, Kimberly Grace Belflower, Ryan Nicholas Bender, Chad Richard Hobson, Enrika Markia Maddox, John Henry (Hank) Martin, Caitlin Elizabeth Perdue, Danielle Christine Pratt.

AWARDS BY PUBLICATIONS

Corn Creek Review Literary Awards

- 1st: Carli Virginia Rodriguez-Feo
- Vulture
- 2nd: Rachel Leann Bishop
- Take Me Away
- 3rd: Kevin Wesley Craig
- Rearranging
- Cover Art: Mollie Lynne Reeves
- Material in Media

Enotah Yearbook Presentation

2007 Dedication
Dr. Amanda Lawrence

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS BY ORGANIZATIONS

Hilda McCurdy Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Anne Coakley
Jonathan Ryan May

ProMusica Camerata Award

Ryan Nicholas Bender

Spat Club Awards

Ezra Sellers '41 Award
Stephen D. Morgan
astronomy professor

Papa Rich Award

Jordan Anthony Price

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS BY GREEK ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Iota Presentation

Courtney Carroll Boyd

Kappa Tau Omega Presentation

The John James '81 Scholarship Award
Thomas Winston Dangler

The John Marks '75 Memorial Scholarship Award

Adam Jubel Sanders

Alpha Xi Presentation

Matthew Judson Chamblee

Greek Spirit Presentation

Sorority: Alpha Iota
Fraternity: Kappa Tau Omega and Alpha Xi (Tie)

Greek God and Goddess

Melanie Ruth Anderson
Elijah Dillon McAvoy

SPECIAL AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Life Special Recognition Award

Bennett Warner Coleman, Daniel Patrick Collins, Elizabeth Laurel Davidson, Zachary Benjamin Durrett, Anna Presley Dyer, Robyn Lee Harris, Daniel Wilson MacKenzie, Kayde Ree Sharpe, Kristen Marie Stephens, John James Sutton

S.T.A.R. of the Year Award

Patricia Lee Rollins
John Thomas McGahee

College Representative of the Year Award

Elizabeth Laurel Davidson
Sarah Adrian Lines

Outstanding Christian Service Award

John James Sutton

Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. B. Lee March
professor of political science

Outstanding Sophomore Award

Christopher Thomas Adams
Kristen Marie Stephens

HONOR COUNCIL RECOGNITION

2006-2007 student members:

Christopher Thomas Adams, Zachary Benjamin Durrett, Robyn Lee Harris, Sarah Christine Lobello, Marc Wilson McAfee, Kayde Ree Sharpe, Elizabeth Nicole Walker, Lee Kenneth Ponder (alternate), Joshua David Whittle (alternate)

2006-2007 faculty members:

Tim Bryant, Division of Social and Behavioral Studies; Dawn Dickins, Division of Fine Arts; Ken Fox, Division of Math and Science; Dr. Amanda Lawrence, Division of Humanities (chair); Dr. Ruth Looper, Division of Humanities; Dr. Robert Peacock, Division of Math and Science; Dr. Thomas Stearns, Division of Social and Behavioral Studies; Rusty Wallace, Division of Fine Arts



2007 CLAY DOTSON Open

The 2007 YHC Clay Dotson Open was a smashing success! A record number of golfers helped to secure proceeds of more than \$100,000 for the first time in the history of the event! After expenses, nearly \$80,000 will be used for student scholarships. As with the 2006 tournament, the



day was split into two shotguns with golfers hitting the links at 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Beautiful



weather, great food provided by J.R.'s Lighthouse Restaurant and a hearty philanthropic attitude from the nearly 180 golfers made the day one of the very best!

We continue to be grateful to our sponsors, players and gift donors for your support. The YHC Clay Dotson Open is a great time for participants, but more importantly, it provides much needed scholarship support to students who choose to begin their collegiate career at YHC!



FIRST SHOTGUN

LOW NET

1st Place

Cary Cox
Lamar Paris
Andy Ladd
Larry Garrett

2nd Place

All Shores Flooring
Frank Shores
Scott Jones
Gariel Hollingsworth
Ania Gawronska

LOW GROSS

1st Place

Horizon Housing #1
Hank Focke
Rich Focke
Chris Calvert
Larry Focke

2nd Place

Horizon Housing #2
Don Grant
Mike Grant
Tom Platford
Chuck Steele

LONGEST DRIVE

Men's

Women's

Jay Stibblefield
Anne Shurley

CLOSEST TO PIN

#5

#10

Mike Grant
Frank Shores

SECOND SHOTGUN

LOW NET

1st Place

Young Harris
College
Lonnie Norwood
Jeremy Boles
Ken Fox
Barry George

2nd Place

Bank of Hiawassee
Blairsville/Blue Ridge
Frank Hines
Jeff Patterson
Joey Swanson
Richard York

LOW GROSS

1st Place

Patton Excavating Inc.
Mike "Putt" Patton
Drew Phillips
Jason Busebee
Jeremy McDonald

2nd Place

Swartz & Swartz
Tim Swartz
Toby Swartz
Tom Platford
Joe Collins

LONGEST DRIVE

Men's

Women's

Frank Hines
Deborah Courtney

CLOSEST TO PIN

#5

#10

Lonnie Norwood
Tony Wade

2007 SPONSORS

\$10,000 CORPORATE

ARAMARK
SunTrust Endowment & Foundation
Services/Trusco Capital Management
United Community Bank
Wolf Creek Broadcasting Network

\$5,000 PLATINUM

Bank of Hiawassee/Blairsville/Blue Ridge

\$2,500 GOLD

Comcast Spotlight
Coral Hospitality
Cork-Howard Construction Company
Heritage Propane
KOR Systems/Mitel
Pathway Communities
Perkins & Will

\$1,000 SILVER

Benefit Support Inc./CMA Agency
BKR Metcalf Davis
Blue Ridge Mountain EMC
Brasstown Valley Resort
Davies Higher Education Services LLC
G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers Inc.
Hayes, James and Associates Inc.
Howard Technology Solutions
J.R.'s Loghouse Restaurant
Jacky Jones Ford
The Ridges Resort and Club Inc.
Tri-State Utility Products Inc.
United Community Bank of Blue Ridge
Wachovia Trust – Nonprofit and
Philanthropic Services
Windstream Communications

\$500 BRONZE

All Shores Flooring
Appalachian Waste Systems LLC
Blue Moon Graphic Solutions
Carl Patterson Carpet, Tile & Wood
Cornerstone Management Inc.
Cox & Son Roofing Inc.
Exit Realty Mountain Properties
Henry M. and Amy Huckaby '62 '62
Kurt and Channon Momand '77
Re/Max Hiawassee Realty
Tri-State Charters Inc.

\$250 AWARDS CEREMONY

Appalachian Community Bank

ArtBytes
Aviagen/North America
BRODI
Cadence Bank
Custom Home Painting
Duplicating Products Inc.
ECK Supply
Furby Tree Service
Gainesville Janitor Supply Inc.
Holcomb's Office Supply
Hope-Beckham Inc.
Indian Hills Spring Water
Lake Chatuge Animal Hospital
Mayfield Dairy Farms Inc. Dean Foods
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People in the News

Please let us know what is happening in your life! Send your news and photos to:
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1990s

OSCAR GARRISON '90 was named assistant commissioner of the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Consumer Protection Division on February 1, 2007. Garrison lives in Hoschton with his wife Tami and sons Pierce and Parker.

K. ALEXA MAVROMATIS '91 has been chosen to participate in the 2007 Kennedy Center Summer Playwriting Intensive in Washington, D.C. For the second year in a row, she has had a play featured in the New York City 15-Minute Play Festival. This fall Alexa will begin an MFA in playwriting through the creative writing wing of Boston University's English department.

SARAH ELIZABETH MCCARROLL '95 spent the 2006-07 academic year as guest artist in costuming for Theatre YHC, then left for her fifth summer on the costume staff at the Utah Shakespearean Festival. In August Sarah will be off to the University of Indiana-Bloomington to begin a Ph.D. in theatre.

2000s

STACIE BURMEISTER '04 graduated from Piedmont College in December 2006. She lives in Athens and works for the American Cancer Society.

MARRIAGES

KATHRYN "KATIE" BRANAN '98 to John Thomson on November 11, 2006 in Savannah. They live in San Diego, California, where Katie is employed as a pharmacist for Longs Corporation, and John, a general contractor, owns SoCal Construction and Design.

NICKI JONES '99 to Jason Cromer on February 24, 2007 in Savannah. The Cromers live in Jacksonville, Florida.

ENGAGEMENTS

LAURA ELIZABETH SMITH '97 to Jason Coggins. Wedding is scheduled for December 15, 2007 at First United Methodist Church in Blakely.

BIRTHS

MARCUS AND AMANDA BOLTON '96, '98 announce the birth of Caden Russell on March 21, 2007. He weighed 10 lbs., 10 oz.

JEREMY AND JENNIFER DIEMER BROWN '98, '01 announce the birth of Ella Avery on November 4, 2006.

BRANDON HARPER '01 and wife Rachel announce the birth of Gage Riley on February 2, 2007.



HOLLY SLACK HICKS '91 and husband Joe announce the birth of Cody William on March 29, 2005. He weighed 9lbs., 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. Cody joins big brother Justin Thomas, 7.

JEFFREY TRAVIS HICKS '88 and wife Laura Elizabeth announce the birth of Josephine Helen on September 25, 2006. The Hicks live at 124 Lathems Mill Lane, Ball Ground, GA 30107.

KATHRYN "KANDY" COLLINS HUNTER '91 and husband Kenny announce the birth of Gavin Harm on April 10, 2007. He weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was welcomed by big brothers Kevin, 9, and Trevor, 6.



JAKE AND ASHLEY STALLINGS JONES '02, '03 announce the birth of Keirsten Elaine at 5:09 p.m. on May 31, 2007 at Piedmont Mountainside Hospital. Contact the Jones family at 228 Woodland Way, Canton, GA 30114 or (770) 634-3415.

WENDY KRAWFORD JONES '91 and husband Chris announce the birth of Caroline Krawford on May 11, 2007 at 7:50 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 inches long.

AMANDA "MANDY" NOLEN SEALS '94

and husband Paul announce the birth of Trinity Dian on April 3, 2007. She weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19-1/4 inches long.



KATIE POWELL WILLIAMS '99 and husband Mike

announce the birth of Christian Michael on June 6, 2007 at Celebration Hospital in Orlando, Florida. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21-1/4 inches long. Christian was welcomed by big brother Cameron.



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C. FORREST BARR '42
—March 18, 2007

BERTHA A. HALL '44
—May, 7, 2007

ROGER C. PARMER
former YHC economics professor
—March 24, 2007

SAMUEL S. ROBB '07
—June 25, 2007

TEXANA SHELNUTT
dedicated friend of YHC
—March 31, 2007

MARY LAWRENCE WILLIAMS '63
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For more information or to obtain a copy of *Legacy*, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (706) 379-5173 or www.yhc.edu/advancement.



More than 30 years ago, I made my first trip to Young Harris College—not appreciating then that the magic of the beautiful north Georgia mountains would draw me back decades later. My visit was a part of the United Methodist college tour—a program I’d love to see reinstituted. As a high school junior, I was captivated by the YHC campus and thought long and hard about how I might find a way to enroll here—but as a teenager, I thought my future was in agriculture and I ended up at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, another small two-year school.

My how life has changed for me! My agriculture degree still comes in handy—it was a horticulture specialty, and I’m looking forward to working in the yard at the president’s house. I’ve also found fellow daylily lovers at YHC in Bob Nichols and Ernie Seckinger.

But my two-year college experience made it easy for me to understand why so many YHC alumni are passionate about this college. Many of you have shared stories with me about the lifetime friends that were made here, the bonds with faculty and staff, the overwhelming beauty of the surrounding mountains, and the connections you feel even if your only tie is that a parent, sibling or grandparent attended YHC. That says volumes about this very special college, and I feel very blessed to be here.


My years in state government helped me better appreciate the huge impact of higher education on the quality of life in this state, on our economy and on the potential for success of every individual student. My teaching experience at The University of Georgia School of Law this past spring semester also made me appreciate that top-quality teaching is hard work—and the heart of providing a first-class education. Both experiences make the chance to lead a world-class institution of higher education an absolute opportunity of a lifetime.

So let me say—I am very excited to be here!

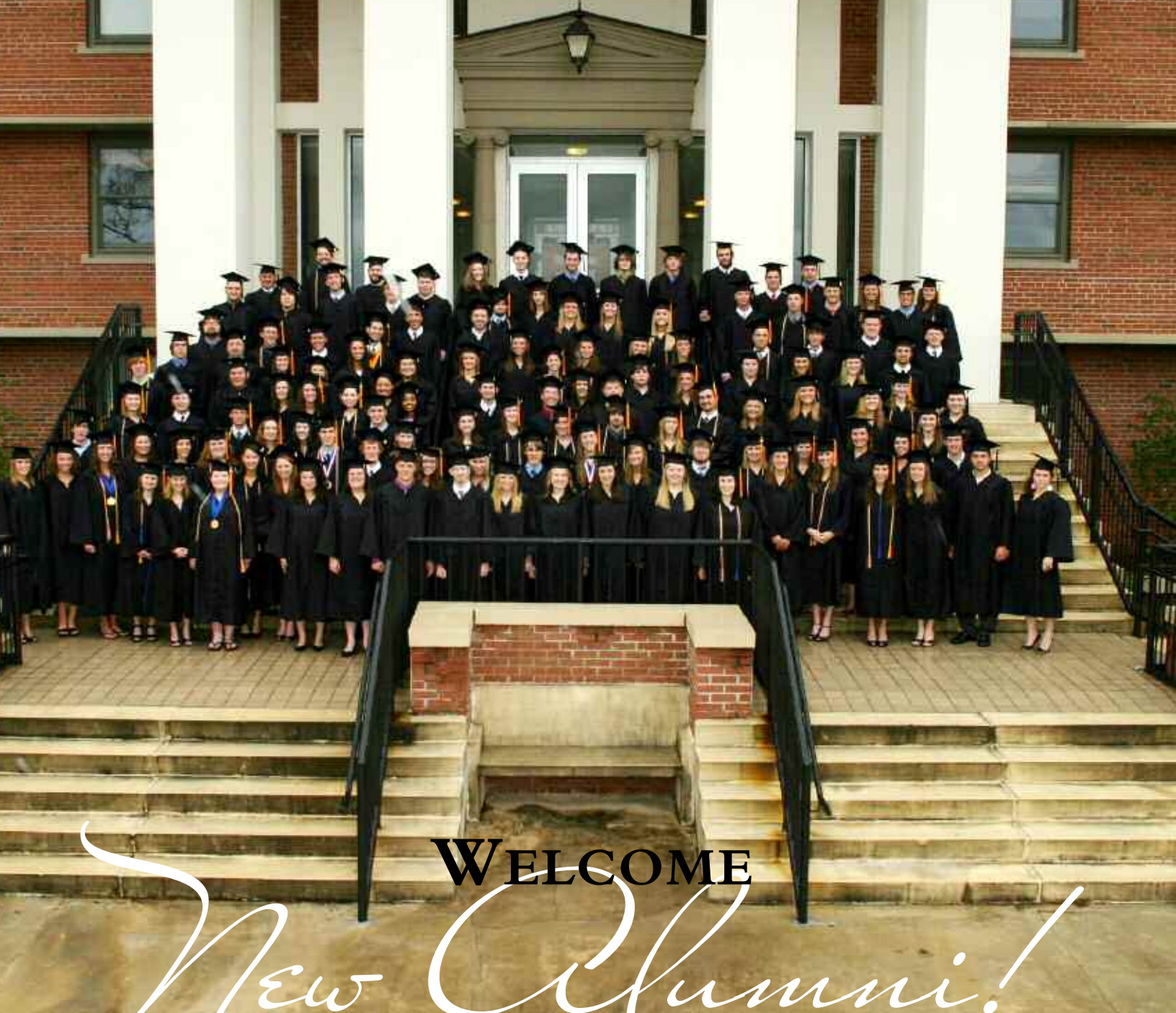
My husband Mark Dehler and I are already enjoying the warm welcome from a community of caring faculty and staff, engaged students and an enthusiastic alumni. Mark loves the lake view from his new law office in Hiawassee. The small town qualities I loved growing up in Bainbridge are very present here in Young Harris and Hiawassee and Blairsville—and we’re both happy to be making our home here. (Of course, my mother has joked that I’ve moved as far away from Bainbridge as possible while still staying in the state of Georgia!)

We consider ourselves fortunate to become a part of the secret I detected 30-plus years ago. This place is special. As we become acquainted with the essence of YHC, and work to make its future as strong as its venerable past, we will certainly need your support and encouragement.

So, please keep your personal stories coming. Please join us for homecoming. Please make a weekend trip to the mountains this fall, and come by to see us. There are big plans on the horizon to make you even prouder of Young Harris College!



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