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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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# REMEMBERING *Reece*

BY DR. JOHN KAY

One mile north of Vogel State Park, in “the land of the dancing rabbits,” travelers down US Highway 129 will encounter a Georgia historical marker along the roadside. The first two lines of the marker text read, “Renowned Appalachian poet, novelist and farmer Byron Herbert Reece lived most of his life near this site. Here he composed, to critical acclaim, four volumes of poetry and two novels, *Better a Dinner of Herbs* and *The Hawk and the Sun*.” The final two sentences read, “Suffering from tuberculosis, Reece took his own life three months before his 41st birthday. He is buried in Old Union Cemetery near Young Harris.”

Fifty years have passed since Reece brought to an end a life plagued by illness, loneliness, relentless duties and literary achievements compromised by lack of monetary reward. Those who knew him in those last days recall a man who suffered from deep depression.

His life ended where recognition of his literary genius began in earnest, on the campus of YHC. In the late 1930s, the young Reece had been a student of Dean Lufkin Dance and was the shining star of the Quill Club, founded and led by Dance. Now in the ‘50s, Reece had returned to his alma mater to teach, not out of choice, but out of financial necessity. The bullet that ended his life cut short the promising career of a poet and novelist, but it could not do violence to the literary legacy he left behind.



In the mid-60s, during his presidency at YHC, Dr. Raymond Cook revived interest in Reece by establishing the Byron Herbert Reece Memorial Collection, located in the Duckworth

Library. He further used his influence to establish the BHR Memorial Lecture series at the college. Dr. Cook became the first biographer with his book *Mountain Singer: The Life and the Legacy of Byron Herbert Reece*. Cherokee Press and The University of Georgia Press have continued publication of Reece’s books of poetry and two novels, all of which remain available for purchase.

The most recent impetus for promoting Reece occurred in 2003 when the Byron Herbert Reece Society was organized in a meeting on the YHC campus. Beginning with 301 charter members, the society has in the five years of its

existence made significant strides in achieving its mission to preserve, perpetuate and

promote the literary and cultural legacies of Reece.

These accomplishments include the production of an oral history DVD entitled “The Bitter Berry with friends,” which features excerpts of interviews with nine persons who were acquainted with Reece.

A “Reece in the Schools” committee is working to introduce Reece and his works to students in local school systems. Lesson plans are evolving, and more and more

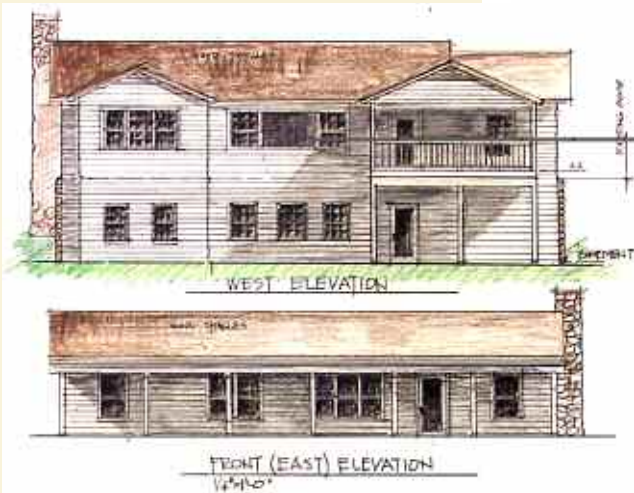




teachers are including in their curricula aspects of the culture and writings of Reece.

The most demanding of the society's projects is the establishment of the Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center on the 9.3 acres of the family homestead in Choestoe. The aim is to provide a place where visitors will learn about Reece as writer and farmer. A master plan has been designed by architect Garland Reynolds of Gainesville, and approximately one-third of the funds needed to complete the project has been secured through several grants and private donations. To date, the barns have been restored and made ready for agricultural exhibits, the Reece family house has been moved and prepared for renovation as the Visitor's Center, and a bridge is under

The Byron Herbert Reece Farm and Heritage Center developed by The Byron Herbert Reece Society



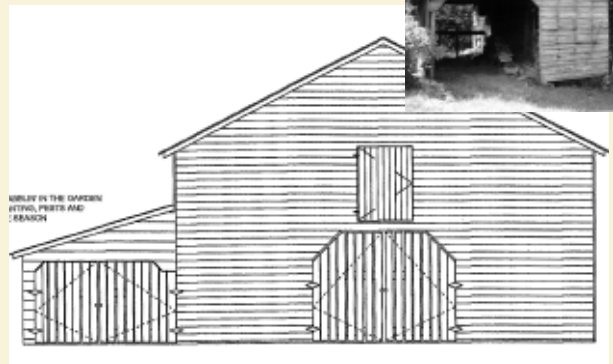
say. He left us enough of poetry and of friendship to give him a place as one of the best

and most sensitive poets of our time. This he would accept as epitaph enough."

Arguably, Reece is the most important literary figure to have matriculated at YHC over the 122 years of its history. The college now serves as the headquarters of the Reece Society, and the Duckworth Library is the principal repository of the Reece archival materials and

memorabilia. We have embraced his legacy.

In commemorating the 50th anniversary of his death, our challenge is to ponder the value of that legacy and its rightful place in the college's plans for the future.



construction across Wolf Creek, linking the two major portions of the property. Detailed information about this objective and other society activities is available at [www.byronherbertreesociety.org](http://www.byronherbertreesociety.org).

Following Reece's death in 1958, Ralph McGill, noted editor of *The Atlanta Constitution*, wrote these words: "He will live in the hearts of those who knew him. Appreciation of him as a poet will increase his stature across the years ahead. What he might have been, how far he might have gone as a poet, none may



# TWO GENERATIONS *of Art at YHC*

BY DAVID SELLERS '70

Ezra Sellers arrived on the campus of YHC in 1935, entering the academy in the eighth grade. By the time he was ready to begin his college studies, Ezra had chosen the ministry as his major. Officiating at a funeral at a local church as one of his duties, he was shocked when a young widow jumped into the casket of her dead husband and had to be forcibly removed. Ezra decided that his sensitivities could best be utilized by his second love, art.

After graduating from YHC in 1941, he continued his studies at The University of Georgia, did a stint in

the Army during World War II, married Bettie Mixon, and started a family. Teaching art under Lamar Dodd at UGA gave him the foundation to accept the head of the art department at LaGrange College.

By 1965, YHC had completed the Clegg Fine Arts Building and was looking for someone to build an arts program. Ezra's dream had always been to return to the valley of Young Harris, and when offered the job, he moved his family to the mountains.

He had a passion for painting the mountain area, and by 1975, one favorite painting of Double Knobs







was used by the college to make prints to be given to graduating students. This gave each student a special reminder of this beautiful place where they had lived and learned.

In 1968, David Sellers graduated from Berry Academy in Rome and received a music scholarship to Berry

College. After careful consideration, he chose instead to enter YHC and study art under his father and literature with his mother Bettie.

On leaving the valley, he entered the Army during the Vietnam Conflict, returning to his studies on completion of his tour of duty. Following the family tradition, David found himself in Paris, France, teaching art at Schiller College. But like his father, the call of the mountains was too strong. So by 1975 he returned to Young Harris to open the Appalachian Gallery, now located behind the tennis courts adjacent to the campus.

David's love of painting the mountains was much like his father's. And in the spring of 2008, he painted his version of Double Knobs and the valley. Wanting to create a similar memory for graduating students, he approached the administration about the idea of making prints of his new painting.

They accepted his idea, and now each graduate has a print of the place where they lived and studied. A wonderful memory of the time they spent at YHC is now theirs.

In the photographs, you may notice that both Ezra and David are wearing the same painting smock. On his father's death in 1986, David was given his dad's smock and paint brushes which he uses daily to follow that wonderful tradition passed on to him from his teacher, mentor and friend.

At this year's homecoming, the original painting of "The Valley" will go to the highest bidder at a silent auction to help fund the upcoming building program for the college.

Prints of the painting will also be available for a \$100 donation. Visit Homecoming 2008, and take home your own memory of the valley of Young Harris.



# Young Harris College Homecoming 2008

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

**H**omecoming 2008, July 24-27, promises to be an unforgettable experience for every alumni and friend of YHC! Not only will you have the opportunity to reconnect and revisit your alma mater and special friends, classmates and professors, you will have the opportunity to celebrate one of the most exciting times ever at the college. President Cathy Cox will be inaugurated as the 21st president of YHC on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., and together we will begin the journey to becoming a four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting institution. Plan to be on hand for this exciting event as well as all the activities and events planned by the Homecoming Committee of the AAYHC. 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 for the latest information. Come back and spend a magical weekend in the enchanted valley as we celebrate cherished memories and old friendship and look ahead to our exciting future. You won't be disappointed!

*The Trustees, Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni of*

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

*Request the honor of your presence at*

**THE INAUGURATION OF  
CATHY COX, J.D., LL.D.**

*As the Twenty-First President of*

YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

*Saturday morning, the twenty-sixth of July*

*Two thousand and eight*

*At half past ten o'clock*

*Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium*

*Young Harris, Georgia*



*The favor of a reply is requested by July 1, 2008*



#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 3 p.m. Registration Tent Opens, Campus Plaza  
11:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
4:45–6 p.m. Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
7–9 p.m. **Meet and Greet**  
Myers Student Center  
8 p.m. Registration Tent Closes, Campus Plaza

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 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  
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  
4:45–6 p.m. Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
7 p.m. **YHC's Gala for Green**  
Brasstown Valley Resort  
(Reception at 6 p.m.)  
Annual Alumni Awards will be presented at this banquet.  
8 p.m. Registration Tent Closes, Campus Plaza  
8:30 p.m. Planetarium Show, Rollins Planetarium

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 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 a.m. Inauguration Delegates meet for robes and instructions, Susan B. Harris Chapel  
10:30 a.m. **Inauguration of Cathy Cox, 21st President of Young Harris College**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium  
Noon–4 p.m. Family Time, Tent\*  
12:15–2 p.m. **Celebratory Lunch on the Lawn**  
Complimentary lunch in celebration of the Presidential Inauguration and Homecoming 2008  
1 p.m. **Class of 1998 10th Reunion**, Tent  
1 p.m. **Class of 1988 20th Reunion**, Tent  
1 p.m. **Class of 1983 25th Reunion**, Tent  
1 p.m. **Alpha Iota Reunion**, Mayor's Park  
2 p.m. **Phi Chi Reunion**  
Home of Clint and Teresa Hobbs '88  
(706) 379-1352

2–3 p.m.

#### **Student Center (Little Store):**

Unveiling of plaque for Mullins' service to YHC

#### **New Dorm Naming and Groundbreaking**

2–4 p.m.

#### **Kappa Tau Omega Reunion**

Home of George "Bud" Dyer, Dyer Cove

2 p.m.

**Zeta Pi Reunion**, Location TBD

2 p.m.

**Phi Delta Reunion**, Hesed House

3 p.m.

**Sigma Beta Sigma and Upsilon Delta Sigma Watermelon Cutting**  
Cupid Falls

3 p.m.

**Young Alumni Event**, Location TBD

4:45–6 p.m.

Dinner, Grace Rollins Dining Hall

4–6 p.m.

**Artist's Reception—Mary Barber Cox with Special Guest David Hammond**  
Campus Gate Art Gallery

*Take the evening off to enjoy time with friends new and old.*

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 7 a.m. Coffee, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
7:30–9 a.m. Breakfast, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
9–10:30 a.m. Registration Checkout, Registration Tent  
10 a.m. Church School, Sharp Memorial UMC  
11 a.m. **Worship Service**  
Reverend G. Lee Ramsey Jr. '76, Speaker  
Sharp Memorial UMC  
Noon Lunch, Grace Rollins Dining Hall  
Noon Lunch, Sharp Memorial UMC

#### **\*FAMILY TIME, TENT:** Need a break with the kids?

Bring them by the tent to be entertained clowns, bubbles, face painting and they can jump the day away in the Moon Walk while munching on cotton candy!

**\*\*Be sure to visit the Campus Gate Art Gallery** throughout the weekend for a special exhibit featuring the artwork of Mary Barber Cox, mother of President Cox, and other special friends of YHC.

#### **Prices at Grace Rollins Dining Hall:**

Breakfast—\$4; Lunch—\$5; Dinner—\$6

**Meal times:** 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.

**Homecoming 2008 information will be posted on [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu) or call (706) 379-3111 extension 5173 or email [alumni@yhc.edu](mailto:alumni@yhc.edu).**



## ACCOMMODATIONS

## RESERVATIONS

Reservations for Homecoming 2008 will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Reservations will be taken for Rollins 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](mailto:alumni@yhc.edu).

A member of the student life staff will be on duty during Homecoming 2008 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 2008 be respected, as well as observance of quiet hours in the residence hall after 11 p.m.

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## ROLLINS HALL

Rollins Hall has 11 air-conditioned suites with four student rooms and one common living room in each suite. Each suite has four double rooms and two bathrooms; each room contains a built-in closet/dresser and moveable beds and desks. A laundry facility and a lounge with TV and vending machines are located on the first floor.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours will be announced at registration.

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# THE *Greening* of YHC

DR. JASON BROWN

In the Strategic Plan 2008-2012, YHC outlines a plan to make the campus one that is committed to sustainability, including a comprehensive recycling program, an increase in the student body workforce and coordination with the current student group, the Greener Campus Union.

Under the leadership of President Cathy Cox and Provost John Wells, YHC is demonstrating a strong institutional commitment to playing a prominent role in environmental action and education for students and the local community. Acting on the strategic plan, the Campus Sustainability Committee, a new standing faculty-staff committee, has been commissioned and charged with reviewing policies and practices that relate to the college's environmental impact and sustainable operation and growth. This committee will make policy recommendations and propose sustainability projects to the campus community.

In one of its first actions, the Sustainability Committee proposed that YHC join Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia, part of the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. As a member of Sustainable Georgia, YHC has expanded recycling efforts, adding cardboard to the already existing aluminum, plastics and compostable materials recycling.

YHC may not actually paint the campus green, but through the efforts and energy of students, faculty and staff with strong administrative support, YHC is moving into its bright future as a baccalaureate institution with a solid foundation on which to build its greening efforts.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
FIRST ANNUAL

## *G*ALA FOR *G*REEN

*A fundraiser for a sustainable YHC  
and Alumni Awards Celebration*



*As part of the Plant a Legacy year at Young Harris College, 21 native tree specimens will be planted in three groves on the campus this fall. The 21 trees, representative of YHC's 21 presidents, will serve as a symbolic planting of the legacy of Young Harris College while simultaneously honoring our vision for the future and paying homage to our past. All funds raised at this year's Gala for Green will go toward offsetting the cost of the tree planting and other beautification and environmentally friendly projects at Young Harris College.*

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Tree Patron:	\$1,000/Couple
Rhododendron Patron:	\$500/Couple
Flowering Patron:	\$250/Couple
Individual:	\$125

### Alumni Class Rates

Table of Ten:	\$1,500
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*Use the Gala for Green as an opportunity  
to bring your classmates together.*

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# A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY

BY DR. RON ROACH

Students in my public speaking classes sometimes accuse me of having a Winston Churchill quote for every occasion. Churchill was, indeed, a master wordsmith and is one of my favorite orators. For example, Churchill once said: “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” These are appropriate words for us to ponder this year.

As most of you know, YHC is planning to begin offering baccalaureate degrees in the near future. There is no doubt that moving to four-year status presents many challenges. However, it is also true that each challenge presents an opportunity to make YHC a better college.

Led by President Cathy Cox, the college already is working hard to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities that lie before it. We are making progress on many fronts, including:

## REAFFIRMING OUR MISSION.

Last November, the college’s board of trustees approved revised mission, value and vision statements. This document remains true to the historic mission and values of the college, while embracing an exciting vision for the future. The revised mission statement reads: *Young Harris College educates, inspires and empowers students through a comprehensive liberal arts experience that integrates mind, body and spirit.* We believe this mission captures the essence of what it means to be a church-related, liberal arts college. It will be our focal point, providing direction for all planning, programming and activities at the college and ensuring that the YHC spirit remains strong as we move to four-year status.

**EXPANDING OUR TEAM.** In addition to loyal alumni, trustees and friends, the college enjoys an outstanding team of staff, faculty and administrators. One of our strengths as we grow into a four-year college is that most of our faculty members already hold the terminal degree in their teaching fields. However, in order to grow the college into a four-

year institution, we must add more personnel. This expansion will enable us to make YHC the superior four-year institution we want it to be.

**APPLYING FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-GRANTING STATUS.** In order to offer baccalaureate degrees, the college must apply for and receive approval for each degree from the Commission on Colleges of the

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We intend to submit the first such application in August 2008. For each major that is approved, the college can begin offering the degree in the fall of 2009. The first five projected majors for which the college will apply are: Liberal Arts, Biology, Business and Public Policy, English and Music. Each of these majors is designed to build upon our strengths as a liberal arts college.

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

At an alumni focus group last year, an audience member asked how the college intended to carry out the move to four-year status. Paul Beckham, chairman of

the board of trustees, replied, “We plan, we plan and we plan some more.” Under the guidance of Rosemary Royston, vice president for planning, assessment and registration, the college is doing just that: vigorously preparing for growth through strategic planning. In addition, a leading planning firm is helping to develop a new campus master plan, which will ensure that we have adequate physical facilities to accommodate projected growth. Such planning is essential to integrate all the necessary components as the college moves to baccalaureate status.

The personnel and students of YHC are excited about the future. Every day we hear another student say, “I want to stay here for my junior and senior years! Can’t you speed up the process?” 2008 is an important year in the history of the college—a year of challenge and a year of opportunity. Join us as we continue the transformation of YHC from a fine two-year college into a leading four-year college.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2012

*The mission of Young Harris College is to educate, inspire and empower students through a comprehensive liberal arts experience that integrates mind, body and spirit. With this in mind, the following 2008-2012 Strategic Plan was designed and approved by the board of trustees on April 25, 2008. YHC will review the plan on an annual basis. For additional information and a list of the YHC Goals, Values and Vision Statement, visit [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)*

## **1. Young Harris College will undergo a process to successfully obtain reaffirmation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2011.**

- A. The following committee leader positions will be designated by fall 2008: chair for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee and chair for the Leadership Team for SACS Reaffirmation.
- B. The Compliance Certification process will begin in spring 2008, with a completion date anticipated in March 2010.
- C. The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will be identified by spring 2009.

## **2. Expand and improve YHC's academic and extra-curricular programs to provide a comprehensive liberal arts experience.**

- A. Add Baccalaureate Programs (in the following order:)\*
  - Fall 2009 – Biology, Business and Public Policy, English, Music
  - Fall 2010 – Elementary Education, Outdoor Education, Theatre, Psychology
  - Fall 2011 – Math, Religion (comparative/ministerial), Education (middle grades, secondary)
  - Fall 2012 – Communication/Media Studies, Political Science, Liberal Arts
  - Fall 2013 – Art, History, Philosophy, Sociology, Languages

*\* New programs listed in years 2010-2013 are tentative, pending board approval of funds, and will be reviewed annually.*

*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean, Planning and Assessment Council (PAC), Academic Council*
- B. Ethics Across the Curriculum – A component of ethics will be added to some regular classes by fall 2008.  
*Oversight: Ethics across the Curriculum Coordinator*
- C. New Advising Center – By summer 2008, a professional advisor and a part-time associate will be hired to coordinate a new advising process for YHC students.  
*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean*

- D. General Education Core – A comprehensive review of the general education core should occur by 2010.  
*Oversight: Academic Council, Faculty*
- E. Honors Program – By fall 2009, YHC's Honor Program will be reviewed and revised as appropriate.  
*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean*
- F. Year Experience and Orientation of New Students – By spring 2009, the institution will have hired an individual to create and implement a new first-year experience and orientation program for incoming students.  
*Oversight: VP of Student Development*
- G. Academic Calendar – By fall 2009, YHC's academic calendar will be examined, with special attention to the summer offerings, pay scale and the option of incorporating a January and/or May term.  
*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean, Academic Council, VP of Human Resources*
- H. Outdoor Education and Student Development Initiative – By fall 2010, a professional outdoor education staffer will be hired to expand and enhance outdoor education programming and services within the Student Development Division.  
*Oversight: VP of Student Development and Director of Outdoor Education*
- I. Living/Learning Communities – By fall 2009, a feasibility study of learning and living communities will be done, with possible implementation for fall 2010.  
*Oversight: VP of Student Development, Director of Residence Life, Provost/Academic Dean*
- J. Experiential Component in Curriculum and Service Learning – By fall 2010, a feasibility study regarding adding an experiential component and/or service learning to the curriculum will have been completed.  
*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean*
- K. Library – Beginning spring 2008, the library staff will work closely with faculty to analyze and develop collections which ensure adequate support for the expanding curriculum. Staff will also evaluate and adjust personnel and space usage to meet the needs of students and work to develop an information literacy program that will enhance learning for every student on campus.  
*Oversight: Director of Library*
- L. Enrollment – By the end of spring 2008, a comprehensive strategic enrollment plan for YHC should be completed.  
*Oversight: VP of Enrollment Management, Strategic Enrollment Committee*



### 3. Provide the infrastructure and human resources necessary to support the growth and development of YHC.

- A. Annual Review of Human Resource Needs – Each year human resource needs will be reviewed in order to ensure that YHC employs the resources needed to support its programs.

*Oversight: VP of Human Resources, VP of Finance, PAC*

- B. Information Technology – By summer 2008, a vice president of information technology will be hired to guide YHC in selecting and utilizing technology to support its mission and assure the timely provision of IT services and training to the campus. YHC will integrate the use of current technology into its operations and curriculum and make proficiency in its use a priority for faculty, staff and students.

*Oversight: VP of Human Resources, VP of Technology*

- C. Human Resource Policies and Procedures – By fall 2008, appropriate personnel policies, practices and procedures for faculty and staff will be in place.

*Oversight: VP of Human Resources*

- D. Faculty Rank and Promotion – By fall 2008, an updated tenure process and a procedure to evaluate and rank faculty will be in place.

*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean*

- E. Enterprise Resource Planning – By fall 2008, a final decision should be made on an ERP system for the campus, including training for all faculty and staff. Implementation of the ERP will occur in early summer 2009.

*Oversight: VP of Technology*

- F. Professional Development – By fall 2008, the process of allocating funds for professional development will be defined. Guidelines for faculty, staff and administration will be set for both professional development/training and educational assistance.

*Oversight: VP of Human Resources, Provost/Academic Dean, VPs, Division Chairs, VP of Finance*

### 4. Create a campus environment that reflects YHC's heritage and enhances the social and personal development of students.

- A. Culture Change – Young Harris College will engender a culture of trust, accountability, shared space, cooperation and collegiality.

*Oversight: President*

- B. Student Development and IDEAS programming – By fall 2008, a new approach will be utilized in regard to what is currently IDEAS/Arts and Assemblies.

*Oversight: Provost/Academic Dean, Academic Council, VP of Student Development*

- C. Campus Master Planning – By summer 2008, a campus master plan will be completed. The master plan will seek to be creative in utilizing space and will aid in the creation of an intellectual community. The master plan will incorporate the educational philosophy of the campus, the campus' heritage, the needed facilities to accomplish YHC's mission and identification of areas/zones of growth on campus and in the surrounding community.

*Oversight: President, VP of Planning, Assessment and Registration*

- D. Athletics – By June 2008, the Faculty Athletic Committee will recommend to the president the athletic division to which YHC should apply for membership. By summer 2009, application will be made to the appropriate body.

*Oversight: Assistant Athletic Director, President*

- E. Green Campus and Sustainability – By fall 2008, a coordinator of sustainability will be identified. The coordinator will effectively tie student development into the effort of making the YHC campus one that is committed to sustainability. This includes a comprehensive recycling program, an increase in the student body workforce and coordination with the current student group, the Greener Campus Union.

*Oversight: Coordinator of Sustainability, VP of Student Development*

- F. Religious Life and Student Development – By fall 2009, a plan will be devised to strengthen the religious life program through diverse programs, events and activities.

*Oversight: VP of Student Development, Campus Ministers*

- G. Appalachian Heritage – By July 2013, a coordinator will be identified and hired to facilitate programming and facility needs so that YHC may actively incorporate its Appalachian heritage into the liberal arts experience.

*Oversight: VP of Student Development, Provost/Academic Dean*

### 5. Optimize YHC's current financial resources and develop new sources of revenue.

- A. Open Budgeting Process – For the 2008–2009 budgeting process, a more open approach will be taken. The setting of tuition, fees, room and board will move from fall to spring so that fees will be set at the spring meeting of the trustees in April 2009. A campus-wide method of communication will also occur so that all employees understand the rationale of the budget. All managers with budget oversight will be asked to evaluate the budgeting process and make recommendations to the Administrative Cabinet, which will examine budgeted programs for their effectiveness.

*Oversight: President, VP of Finance, Administrative Cabinet*

- B. Capital Campaign – By late 2008 or early 2009, YHC will have begun the silent phase of a capital campaign. The amount to be raised and the scope of the campaign will be determined after a feasibility study that will occur by early fall 2008. Participation of 100 percent of faculty, staff and trustees will be needed to achieve the goals of the capital campaign.

*Oversight: VP of Development, President*

- C. Annual Fund – The goal for the annual fund has been increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 for the 2007–2008 year, with a goal of 100 percent participation from faculty, staff and trustees. Education of YHC's constituents as to the purpose of the annual fund and options of giving will be ongoing. By fall 2008, additional staff will be hired in the advancement office so that it may more effectively achieve its various goals.

*Oversight: VP of Development, President*

- D. Maximize Earnings from Endowment – In spring 2008, trustees and investment experts will review the management and investment structure of our endowment to maximize earnings that will support YHC programs.

*Oversight: Board of Trustees, President*

- E. Gift Acceptance Policy – By fall 2008, a gift acceptance policy to govern YHC's receipt of all types of gifts and bequests and assure that all gifts support the mission of YHC will be presented to the board of trustees for approval.

*Oversight: VP of Development, President, YHC Board of Trustees Properties and Development Committees*

- F. Leveraging Institutional Aid – As higher degrees are offered and the YHC experience improves, the proportion of endowment funds used for institutional scholarships should begin to lessen. Each year, the amount of funds used will be examined for effectiveness.

*Oversight: VP for Enrollment Management, VP of Finance*

May 2008



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# Sweet 17

BY DR. MEG GRING WHITLEY

CROP Walk 2007 found YHC raising funds to fight world hunger for the 17th time. Since 1991, the CROP Walk has become an annual event for faculty, staff, students and Young Harris neighbors, and for the second year, the cross-country trail provided their path. Participants enjoyed a perfectly gorgeous fall day, with warm sunshine that offset the cool autumnal breezes and refreshing temperatures. Many veterans with 10, 15, even 17 years of participation to their credit walked elbow-to-elbow with newcomers, notably parents who accompanied their students during this family weekend event. And who were the two 17-year veterans? The same two faithful CROP Walk supporters you have been reading about for the past 16 years, Dr. John Kay and Rev. Fred Whitley.

Why “sweet 17?” For several reasons, this year’s CROP Walk seemed especially blessed with extraordinary touches. First, the walk at YHC was actually the second one for the year – the other one took place at Lake Winfield Scott during Rev. Fred Whitley’s summer ministry, known as “The Church Without Walls.” More



Yoga instructor Ki Curtis gives CROP Walk a high five, leading colleagues and students around a corner

CROP Walk for Hunger in north Georgia.”

Coincidentally, the family name was Sweet! The Little Store made bags of candy for Halloween and sold them for \$1 each, donating all proceeds to the CROP Walk (an amazingly sweet \$359!). After chapel in October, one of my former students handed me a wad of bills, explaining that he had promised himself to tithe his salary to the CROP Walk. I unrolled a total of \$80. While that was a first, it was not the last! Following the Thanksgiving chapel service, another student approached me with the identical gift.

The sweet spirit that pervaded this year’s CROP Walks was evident from the start. At the first chapel service last fall, I told about how I met President Cathy Cox. Over the summer, I went to her office to meet her, but also to tell her about the CROP Walk. No, she had never been in one, but immediately added, “Mark and I will walk this year.” And indeed they did! All the walkers helped raise the most ever for any single year, a total of \$16,161.01, bringing our 17-year total to \$129,119.90.

Sweet often describes a taste, an emotion, a gesture, a breeze, a person, an amount of money, a moment, a message, a success...YHC’s 17th CROP Walk was sweet in every way.

## YHC CROP WALK PROCEEDS TO DATE

1991	\$2,702
1992	\$2,949
1993	\$2,144
1994	\$2,147
1995	\$3,569
1996	\$3,045
1997	\$3,367
1998	\$5,845
1999	\$5,866
2000	\$8,276
2001	\$ 9,581
2002	\$10,010
2003	\$14,302
2004	\$12,457
2005	\$14,048
2006	\$12,650
2007	\$16,161

Grand Total \$129,120

than 70 walkers congregated at the lakeside shelter for a comfortable walk around the campsites. This group was joined by out-of-town guests, including the impressively large youth group from First United Methodist Church of Union County in Blairsville.

In addition, CROP Walk 2007 witnessed several other firsts. Rev. Whitley officiated at the wedding of a family he had known for years. What a surprise to discover at the reception a little brown bag by every plate that announced, “In lieu of favors, a donation has been made in your honor to help sponsor a





2007 Crop Walkers, a string of walkers as far as the eye can see

◀ Captain CROP mysteriously appears among the trees (Dan Moore, alum)

Dr. Lynne Grady is all smiles for YHC's CROP Walk ▶



◀ President Cathy Cox and husband Mark Dehler keep in step with CROP Walk 2007







# Ben Anderson '99

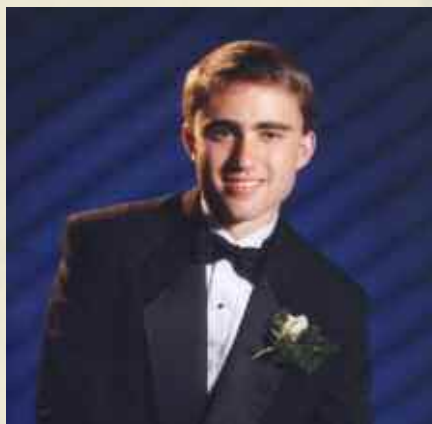
## M E M O R I A L

Ben has always been such a great friend to us. He shared his love of disc golf and music with us. Whether we were going to panic shows, meeting him for disc golf or just hanging out, he always made us smile and laugh with his unique sense of humor. We loved B.A. and miss him greatly. He was so dear to us and we are thankful to have had such a special spirit in our lives.

**LESLIE AND TONY BABCOCK '99**



Ben Anderson was a special and unique guy, setting himself far apart from anyone I have or will ever know. We had a mutual respect for each other. For some reason, he actually respected my political views on life, as different as they were, while I just simply respected the way he lived his life, period. Ben didn't have a fake bone in his body. You always knew where you stood with him, and you can't help but respect that. If he wanted to go take a midday nap, then that was what he did. No questions asked. The dude was as straight-forward as they get. And when Ben was happy, everyone was happy, because he always knew how to make you laugh and smile. His charisma was a gift few people



have in this world. Ben was such a kind-hearted friend who deeply respected everyone as individuals. Buddy would give you the shirt off his back; all you had to do was ask. Of course, it's a huge understatement to say that he will be greatly missed, because those who knew Ben Anderson will never forget the countless good times and memories he shared with them.

**CHRIS POSTELL '99**



Ben has held a special place in my heart ever since I met him in the winter of 1997. I had just started hanging out with this Zeta Pi crowd and was invited to go on their winter retreat to Boone, North Carolina. I didn't know many people, and Ben was a friendly face. We were friends ever since.

I have so many wonderful

memories of Ben: riding around YHC listening to the music of String Cheese, Jupiter Coyote and Van Morrison; talking about life on the tailgate of his red pickup truck; laughing hysterically with the rest of the four horsemen at 3 a.m. in suite 14 after an activity; going on road trips to see the Allman Brothers; many camping trips and keg parties; but most of all, I remember his smile and how silly he could be. Ben had a way of viewing this world that made him special and a role model to me. Besides teaching me how to throw a killer drive in disc golf, Ben taught me how to take life less seriously, to roll with the punches and enjoy the beauty in subtle things like a song lyric or a mountain view.

One of my fondest memories of Ben was our birthdays. Ben's birthday and mine were only four days apart. I always called him on March 7th, and then a few days later, on the 11th, I'd get a call from him singing, "They say it's your birthday; duh nuh nuh na nuh nuh, it's my birthday, too, yeah." That joke never got old to me in the 10 years I knew Ben. I am so sad that I won't be getting that call anymore.

I feel so blessed to have known Ben and to have had the opportunity to call him my brother in Zeta Pi and my friend in life.

**RENEE (ORR) HILLEY '99**  
**MISS ZETA PI 1998-1999**





Benjamin Eugene Anderson was my roommate our first year at beautiful YHC! We had the most “pimp pad” (thanks to our mothers) in all of Winship. The purple felt curtains that separated the sleeping area from our study area was Ben’s



personal sanctuary! He loved to slide back into Suite 7, Room B, under the radar and take a midday nap. That’s why I gave him the nickname Snoogene!

Ben and I had been friends since his days at North Hall High School and all the way through his graduation from The University of Georgia. He was one of the most avid Dawg fans the world has ever seen. I can’t tell you how many countless conversations, games and memories Ben and I shared through years about our beloved Bulldogs.

Fortunately, I’ve been blessed with many stories and memories about Ben in my life but none stand out more to me than the time I was arrested and thrown in jail at YHC. Ben was pledging Zeta Pi at the time and was out for the evening. I was asked to accompany a group of fellow students on a trip to get some décor for our suites. In an effort to make a long story short, the



“décor” were road signs, and you guessed it, we were caught. Once Ben returned from his responsibilities late in the evening, he noticed that I wasn’t in the room. This was a bit of a surprise to him, but he went to sleep thinking he’d see me in the morning. Well, morning came and I wasn’t around. Somehow, still surprising to me, Ben had an inkling to call the local sheriff’s office, Towns/Union County, and that’s exactly where he found me. Around 9 a.m. that morning, a guard handed me a folded up note and a pack of cigarettes. The note read, “Came home last night and you weren’t here. Waited until morning and decided to call the jail to see if you were there. Don’t worry about anything. Smoke



these cigs, and I’ll see you later on.” So, I did just that. I refused my phone call and trusted my good friend’s words. He did not let me down. Ben spent the morning and afternoon raising money to free me, his friend, from jail. I still don’t know exactly how much Ben raised, but it was probably around \$1,000. Late into the day, a guard came up to my holding cell and told me that I was free to go. It was music to my ears. I collected my belongings and walked outside. About 30 of my friends were waiting for me and cheering. Guess who was in the middle of the pack smiling from ear to ear?...my dear friend Ben, who greeted me with an embracing hug! What a scene! But most importantly, what a symbol of love and friendship.

It’s certainly hard to encompass a man’s life in a short, concise paragraph or eulogy. Ben was a simple man with a philanthropic heart. His contagious laugh will continue to lift me up through times of despair. My love and passion for The University of Georgia has only grown stronger



through this untimely loss. The Bulldog Nation has lost a special member of its family, but Ben’s passion for the Dawgs now becomes the flame in the torch that we all can carry. My roommate, your brother and our friend may be gone, but his spirit will continue to live in our hearts forever! I love you Ben, and I’ll never forget you! GO DAWGS!



**JASON DUKE ‘99**

I feel fortunate and blessed to have known Benjamin Anderson ‘99 and for all the time we got to share together at YHC, UGA and land surveying together in north Georgia after college. Ben had many characteristics that you like to see in a person. I think a lot of that came from his family and was why he had so many wonderful friends. Ben had a kind and soft heart, and his love for people made him a great conversationalist. He enjoyed people from all walks of life and could have a great conversation with just about anyone. Afterwards, he positively affected them. I always enjoyed this about Ben, whether we were talking about family, sports or music. Ben will be greatly missed, but more importantly, he will always be remembered.



**JOHN “SMITTY” SMITH ‘99**





# 2008 CLAY DOTSON Open



Participants in the 2008 YHC Clay Dotson Open enjoyed a day of near perfect weather on the Brasstown Valley Resort golf course. Almost 170 golf enthusiasts turned out to help raise funds, netting a profit of approximately \$70,000 to go directly toward scholarships

for deserving students. State representatives Earl L. "Buddy" Carter '77, Robert "Mickey" Channell '62, John W. Heard '75, and



Charles Jenkins were on hand as honorary chairs to greet the golfers prior to each shotgun along with President Cathy Cox and former president Dr. Clay Dotson. Between the two shotguns, golfers were treated to a wonderful meal provided by J. R.'s Loghouse Restaurant.

We are grateful for the loyal support that our

students receive from these dedicated sponsors, players and gift donors. The scholarship funds that are raised during the Clay Dotson Open provide much needed scholarship assistance to students that might otherwise be unable to attend college.





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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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## Attention Phi Chi's!!

Does anyone know where the Phi Chi Crest is that used to be in the student center? Please let me know if you do. See you in July for YHC HC 08!

**ROB MURRAY '75**

The March Family has moved! We look forward to showing off our new home to alumni and friends. Give us a call at (706) 745-2025, and we'll give you directions! Email is the same [leem@yhc.edu](mailto:leem@yhc.edu) or [dbmarch@yhc.edu](mailto:dbmarch@yhc.edu).

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**JOHN O. PARMELE JR. '62** recently returned from a week in Italy where he had a chance to visit the Republic of San Marino, Venice, Milan (base for a trip to Lugano, Switzerland), Genoa (base for a 4.5 hour walk along the challenging Cinque Terre, five cities located along the cliffs of the Mediterranean Sea between Genoa and La Spezia), Nettuno (site of the American Cemetery, Sicily-Rome campaign), and Naples. Great trip! Great weather! Everyone should try this! Contact John at [joparme@yhc.edu](mailto:joparme@yhc.edu).

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**TONY DANIEL '86** has relocated to Newnan and is working on a book about his wife's fight with cancer, her death and how family members of cancer patients can cope. The book is titled *Cancer Coaching*, and he is hoping to find a publisher soon.

**WINDY PHILLIPS PAUL '87** is nostalgic for the magic years at YHC and would like to hear from classmates at [windlanepaul@aol.com](mailto:windlanepaul@aol.com).

**CLAIRE KELLY SMITH '87** is now the program director at the Harris/Talbot Developmental

Disability Service Center through New Horizons. Claire and husband Roy live in LaGrange where she is also involved in cat rescue. She would love to hear from her YHC friends at [sassybean@yahoo.com](mailto:sassybean@yahoo.com).

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**CAPTAIN ERIC T. GIBBS '92** has taken command of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. Eric will be making his second deployment with the battalion this autumn.

**CHRISTINE JOHN '97** has been named president and CEO of the Lupus Foundation of America – Piedmont Chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina. Christine's non-profit career has also included involvement with the state YMCA of Georgia and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She is interested in hearing from YHC alumna in the Charlotte area. She can be reached at [cmj83@aol.com](mailto:cmj83@aol.com).

## MARRIAGES

**STEVE HADAWAY '85** to Kaye Hurst on October 21, 2006 at First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville. The couple lives in Loganville and would love to hear from classmates at [wshadaway@yahoo.com](mailto:wshadaway@yahoo.com) or 3746 Pine Village Place, Loganville, GA 30052.

## BIRTHS

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

**MAXWELL GALLAND '97** and wife Kim announce the birth of Sara Laine on September 17, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 21 inches long. The Gallands live in Athens.

**CAPTAIN ERIC T. GIBBS '92** and wife announce the birth of Jack Addison on January 23, 2007.

**LEE D. HAZELIP '90** and wife Amanda announce the birth of Jocilyn Mary.

**MARK HODGES '91** and wife Allison announce the birth of Conner Mark on September 13, 2007. The Hodges live in Martinez.

**LIZ JOHNSON-MOSHER '88** and husband Greg announce the birth of Delaney Ann on September 18, 2007. Delaney Ann is the couple's second daughter.

**APRIL REESE SORROW '01** and husband Bucky announce the birth of Reese Ryan Archer on September 5, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs. and was 20-1/2 inches long. Reese was welcomed by big sister Annika Caroline, 2. The Sorrows live at 1757 Cooper Farm Road, Nicholson, GA 30565.

## IN MEMORIAM

**TANYA M. HIGNITE LAWRENCE '95** wife of Timothy Mark Lawrence '96 —November 2007

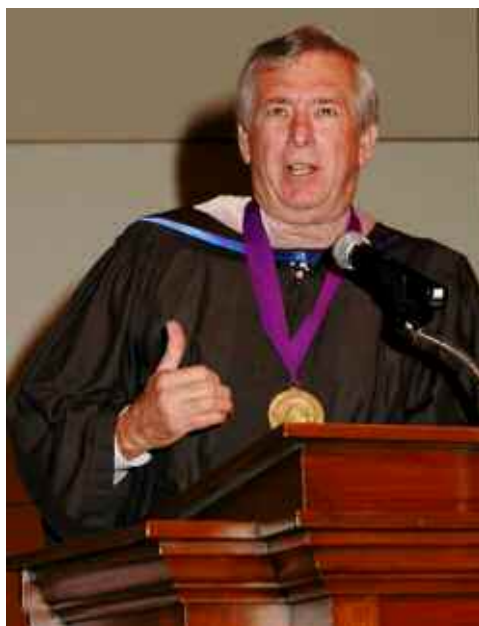
**MELODY VANN VAN DUSER '81** —November 8, 2007

**TARE E. VAERNIER '95** —June 6, 2008



# PAUL D. BECKHAM HONORED

Paul D. Beckham '63 received the President's Medallion, the highest honor given by Young Harris College, at commencement in May 2008. Dr. John W. Wells, provost, in presenting Beckham for this recognition cited his service on the YHC board of trustees since 1993 and his leadership as chairman of the board since 2000. Under Beckham's guidance, YHC has invested millions of dollars into the college's infrastructure, including the renovation of five residence halls, the Clegg Fine Arts Building, the president's residence, the Myers Student Center, the world-class Zell B. Miller Baseball Stadium and the E.D. Rivers Softball Stadium. Additionally, Beckham's leadership served as the catalyst leading to the transition of YHC to a baccalaureate-



granting institution, one of the most significant moments in the 122-year history of the college. Wells further stated that Beckham had donated his

considerable time, talent, vision and resources to YHC, and "all affiliated with the college have been privileged to benefit from his efforts."

According to President Cathy Cox, Beckham's life has been dedicated to great pursuits, and he has been a vibrant and staunch supporter of YHC. He has provided wise counsel to five college presidents, and although Beckham passed the chairmanship of the board to Jerry Nix at the April board meeting, he will continue to serve YHC on the board and on a variety of committees.

Young Harris College is indeed honored to count Paul Beckham as an alumnus, supporter and President's Medallion honoree.

*In addition to being honored by YHC at commencement, Paul D. Beckham was honored by the State of Georgia House of Representatives. The resolution enumerated many of Beckham's contributions to YHC and ended with these words:*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
that the members of this body commend Mr. Paul D. Beckham for his accomplishments  
and thank him for his tremendous contributions to  
Young Harris College as chair of the Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2008.

IN HOUSE  
Read and Adopted  
April 04, 2008

Robert E. Rivers Jr.  
Clerk

*A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Beckham following the April 2008 board of trustees meeting held on campus.*





# Activities Calendar

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

## AUGUST

- 19 **ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 7 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- 16 **FALL SYMPOSIUM DAY**  
*IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN*
- 18 **CONSTITUTION DAY EVENT**  
TBA TBA
- 23 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**  
*HANSEL AND GRETEL*  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 7 p.m.
- 24 **MARK CABLE CONCERT**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- TBA **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**  
*JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND*  
*LIVING IN PARIS*  
Dobbs Theatre TBA

## OCTOBER

- 1 **STUDENT RECITAL**  
Recital Hall 4 p.m.
- 3 **RICHARD CONTE**  
TBA TBA
- 13 **HAMPTON-INDERGAARD PIANO DUO**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 21 **SELLERS LECTURE**  
**FEATURING JO ANGELA EDWINS**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 24 **STUDENT RECITAL**  
Recital Hall 4 p.m.
- 25 **MUSIC SHOWCASE**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 25-26 **FAMILY WEEKEND**

- 29 **MODERN DAY SAINTS SERVICE**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 5-8 **THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTS**  
*ROMEO AND JULIET*  
Dobbs Theatre 7 p.m.
- 13 **GAINESVILLE SYMPHONY**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 18 **CONCERT BAND AND JAZZ BAND CONCERT**  
Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium 8 p.m.
- 19 **THANKSGIVING CHAPEL SERVICE**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.
- 20 **VILLA-LOBOS GUITAR ENSEMBLE**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 7 p.m.

## DECEMBER

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

## JANUARY

- 19 **MLK JR. CELEBRATION**  
TBA 8 p.m.
- 27-28 **WINTER REVIVAL**  
Susan B. Harris Chapel 8 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

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

Check [yhc.edu](http://yhc.edu) for up-to-the-minute sports schedules and results.



## MARCH

4	<b>STUDENT RECITAL</b> Recital Hall	4 p.m.
23	<b>FALL GUITAR TRIO CONCERT AND MASTER CLASS</b> Susan B. Harris Chapel	TBA
27–28	<b>YHC CHOIR SPRING CONCERT</b> Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium	8 p.m.

## APRIL

2	<b>HOAG CONCERT</b> <b>FEATURING DEKALB SYMPHONY</b> Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium	8 p.m.
7	<b>YHC CONCERT BAND/JAZZ BAND</b> Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium	TBA
8	<b>HOLY WEEK CHAPEL</b> Susan B. Harris Chapel	7 p.m.
9	<b>COLLEGE BOWL</b> Susan B. Harris Chapel	7 p.m.
14	<b>GUITAR ENSEMBLE CONCERT</b> Susan B. Harris Chapel	7 p.m.
15	<b>EASTER CHAPEL SERVICE</b> Susan B. Harris Chapel	7 p.m.
16	<b>SPRING SYMPOSIUM</b> <i>GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS OF A COMMON HUMANITY</i> TBA	TBA
16	<b>REECE LECTURE</b> <b>FEATURING MICHAEL HOFMANN</b> TBA	TBA
20	<b>HONORS NIGHT</b> Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium	7 p.m.
23–25	<b>THEATRE YOUNG HARRIS PRESENTATION</b> Dobbs Theatre	8 p.m.

## MAY

8	<b>VESPERS SERVICE/GRADUATION PICNIC</b> Brasstown Bald	6 p.m.
9	<b>GRADUATION CEREMONY</b> Hilda D. Glenn Auditorium	6 p.m.
11	<b>YHC 2009 CLAY DOTSON OPEN</b> Brasstown Valley Resort	

## ROLLINS PLANETARIUM GETS AN UPGRADE

The Rollins Planetarium is closed for renovations. With the help of a grant from the Rollins Foundation, the 40-foot dome theater, one of the largest in Georgia, will be upgraded over the summer with new digital video projectors to supplement the existing Chronos star projector.

“We’re very excited about what this new technology will mean to our students and visitors,” said Steve Morgan, planetarium director and astronomy professor. “This will replace the old, obsolete slide projectors currently in use and will give us a much greater ability to present the latest astronomical discoveries with dramatic realism and breathtaking imagery. Once installation is complete, we’ll be able to offer a wider variety of exciting planetarium presentations. In combination with the Chronos, it really gives us the best of both worlds. The teaching capabilities will be tremendous.” Morgan says the



planetarium will re-open later this summer, hopefully resuming programs sometime in August.

“We are so grateful to the Rollins Foundation for making this leap in technology possible,” said Morgan. The

Rollins Foundation

was established by O. Wayne Rollins, head of the pest control company Orkin Inc., who served as a YHC trustee for 21 years. The Rollins family has been a generous benefactor of the college for many years. Originally opened in 1979, the planetarium is one example of that generosity, and was named for Mr. Rollins and his wife Grace C. Rollins.



# REMEMBERING *Mama Shaw* Gladys Shaw Scholarship Established

BY JENNIFER A. MARSHALL '79



College life is about growing, learning and maturing into adulthood. We make friends, memories and even learn something in the classroom. And along the way we come into contact with many people who will shape our lives. Often we don't realize just how great an impact those people have had on us until many years have passed—until that particular person is no longer with us—a time when we reminisce about classes, professors, curfews, roommates, the dining hall and dorm life. In thinking about all of those people, Gladys Shaw comes quickly to mind for those of us who attended YHC from the 1970s through the early 1990s. Mama Shaw helped shape the character of many young women who resided in Appleby West. Ruth Page, who many will remember as the campus nurse and wife of the late Reverend Cecil

“Rabbi” Page, said in the eulogy of her friend Gladys, “As I look at faces in this congregation, I see the summation of Gladys’ life.” That statement is never more visible than at homecoming each year.

Those of us who knew Gladys Shaw as a dorm mother might be surprised to learn just how much she valued such things as church, community and young people. She was an active member of the First

needed. As dorm mother, she was responsible for 45-50 young women each quarter, a task that she carried out graciously and, yes, motherly. She also worked to support Chatuge Regional Hospital, serving as a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for many years. Her sense of humor, her laughter and her concern for others will not be forgotten by those who worked in the auxiliary with her.

Ruth Page has worked to establish a scholarship fund in memory of Gladys Shaw so that her life's work of shaping young girls into young women of character may continue. If you would like to assist in memorializing this wonderful woman who meant so much to so many of the women who have passed through the doors of Appleby West, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement.



Left: Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Alice Day, dorm mother of Mrs. Shaw

Below: Mrs. Shaw's dog Pierro

United Methodist Church of Hiawassee for more than 37 years, and held many positions within the church. She fulfilled her promise to support the church through her presence, prayers, gifts and service and was always ready to do anything





Dear YHC Family and Friends:

***T**hey say, “Time flies when you’re having fun!” And that has certainly been the case for me over the past year. Getting to know the YHC campus and community, and working toward our four-year status has been rewarding, challenging, creative, all-consuming and, yes, lots of fun!*

*It seems almost impossible that the trustees voted only a year ago to transform the college into a four-year model. Since then, virtually everyone on campus has been involved in rewriting our mission statement and crafting new statements of our values and our vision for the future. Our Planning and Assessment Council (PAC), led by Vice President Rosemary Royston, worked for months to get campus input in developing a five-year strategic plan to guide our coming growth.*

*Both Rosemary Royston and Dr. Ron Roach, associate academic dean, have spearheaded the application process for our “substantive change”—the process by which we will seek accreditation to offer baccalaureate degrees beginning in the fall of 2009—barely a year from now. Our application to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) was submitted this month and will be voted on by SACS in December. We are seeking approval of four bachelor degree programs in English, Music, Biology and Business and Public Policy and anticipate applying for additional majors every year for the foreseeable future.*

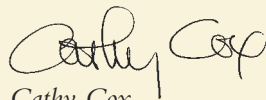
*Provost John Wells has serious interview fatigue, as he has led the marathon to hire new faculty, and we anticipate having 12-13 new faculty members on board by August. We also plan to hire another dozen professors by summer 2009 so that we’re fully staffed to offer upper-level classes to our new junior and senior classes, while keeping our classes small. This will be a 50 percent increase in our faculty within two years, a move made possible by the wise stewardship of our endowment reserve funds by our trustees.*

*The campus will also be growing to accommodate these changes. We will break ground at homecoming on a new 200 bed residence hall—a building that can’t come a moment too soon as we will have to move trailers onto campus this summer to accommodate our explosive enrollment for this fall. We’ve spent much of this year working with an outstanding master planning firm to evaluate and plan for our building needs over the next decade and beyond. In the near future, you can expect to see construction of a new student recreation center, a campus center which will include a library, student center and a larger dining facility, and we’ll also be building a state-of-the-art performing arts center for our outstanding theatre performances. Other buildings on the “wish list/needs list” will include a Welcome Center/Alumni Center/Admissions Office right at the campus entrance.*

*So, wouldn’t you agree this has been a fun year? We’ve made great strides and put together bold plans—all designed to make the next 122 years at YHC as strong as the past century-plus. We are focused on keeping the campus small and compact so students can walk everywhere, and we want our classes to remain small so students will know their professors personally and benefit from personal attention.*

*I’ve come to appreciate the special nature of a YHC education and am grateful to have the chance to lead a great team in this transition. And when my head’s not spinning from the whirlwind of activity, I realize I am having an awful lot of fun!*

*See you at Homecoming 2008!*



Cathy Cox  
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