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Paul Kilpatrick, with the editing help of Carrie Nelle Moye, both Class of ’57, emailed the following memory of Miss Bush.

“To set the scene. It was my first chapel. A little ole lady walks out on stage, gray-haired, with prim and proper attire. School marm attire, if you will. There was a roll on a snare drum and this ‘marm’ instantly morphed into a cheerleader, circa 1918.

“Allie vee vo; allie vi vo; Allie-vee-vo-vo-vum;

“Johnny get a rat trap, bigger than a cat trap, bigger than a big bass drum!


“Miss Marion” died on Dec. 30, 1981. Even though she has been gone for 24 years, she still is a living force among those who knew her.

(Postscript: Ms. Moye commented that “although Paul used ‘little ole lady’ for poetic emphasis, I do not think anyone thought of ‘Miss Marion’ as a ‘little ole lady.’ She was a stand-straight-and-tall fearsome lady to behold – especially if one had misbehaved.” Mr. Kilpatrick added, “Agreed. Miss Marion would become for me a very formidable woman, but that very first time I saw her I was still several years away from Senior English.”)
Dear Friends,

In 1953, the new president of Gordon Military College, Col. C.T.B. Harris, wrote a personal letter to parents. He wrote that the job of an education was to develop a student’s “desire for high ideals in learning, culture, physical development, and character,” but he shared parents’ worries that the education system might fail to instill these things in their children.

“This is not true at Gordon Military College,” he told them. “Our faculty is composed of well-qualified, experienced teachers, possessing strong character and able leadership. Proper education of a child is the process of forming habit-patterns – patterns of thought, awareness, behavior, responsibility, health, and citizenship. I can assure every parent that the big reason for forming good habits at Gordon is the close contact between teachers and [students] in the classroom, on the play field, and in the dormitories.”

Col. Harris was right then, and his philosophy of education is still in place at Gordon College today. As the current president of the College, I have expressed my pride in the professionalism and academic excellence of the Gordon faculty. Our success in educating our students and preparing them for their further education and professional lives is a matter of fact.

But we are not at rest. Gordon College is a very busy place, preparing for a future that demands excellence on a scale greater than President Harris’ student population of 600 and our current population of 3,400. Gordon College is not only preparing for a greater population of students but for a wider and more extensive curriculum to serve them. In all this change, the College’s guiding principle is the same as it was under Col. Harris – building in our students “high ideals in learning, culture, physical development, and character.”

In this issue of the President’s Report, as in past issues, you will read about former students who fondly remember their days at Gordon and the importance of their education here on their future personal and professional lives. Their stories and the stories of all our alumni are a testament to the past successes of Gordon, but we cannot lead Gordon into future success with only stories.

Today, Gordon needs the help of all its alumni, because we cannot rely on state support. In every one of the three years I’ve been president, the College’s budget has been cut. Despite these cuts and despite significant growth in enrollment, we have remained true to our tradition and purpose of “high ideals,” but no amount of belt-tightening will allow us to meet our future. It is time for the College to spend money on expanding academic programs, adding to our scholarship fund, hiring more faculty, and building more classrooms.

I invite you to come visit the campus and hear how you can help our students of tomorrow benefit as you benefited yesterday.

Lawrence V. Weill
“To us, he was like a father.”

Gordon Military College President

C.T.B. HARRIS

In 1960, a newspaper reported that when C.T.B. Harris came to Gordon Military College in 1953, it was but “a coal pile, a red brick building and 70 students.”

Another newspaper reported that Harris “walked into a school founded in 1852 that had amazingly few students, and no buildings, and in seven years has brought it forward to the point where there are some 700 students and amazing new buildings.”

Over the years that he was president of Gordon, from March 1953 until his resignation on Dec. 22, 1962, the newspapers described him as a “genius,” “a tightly wound little bundle of man,” having a name “like magic,” and “one of the best salesmen we have ever known.”

It isn’t known whether the reporters were deliberately
exaggerating or simply unaware of the facts, but Gordon Military College was certainly more than a coal pile with few students, no buildings or just one of red brick. Anyone at Gordon in 1953 will tell you that the campus had eight buildings and a football stadium. The point of the quotes from newspapers of the time is to give an idea of the many ways Col. Harris has been remembered.

But, if he is to be remembered for just one thing, his children know what it is.

“Daddy was an educator first,” Laura Harrison said. “He was in charge of academic excellence, not just for Gordon but as superintendent of the grammar school.”

“He pushed us to excel in education and ethics,” Susan Daniel said. “He was an educator.” Laura added that “he was a dynamic speaker, believing in truth, honor, decency, and a strong faith in God. He had a strong concern for each student and his fellow man.”

Anyone looking into the life of Clifton Tumlin Bud Harris will know this is true by just talking to those who learned life lessons from the man.

Catherine Cloud, Gordon Military High School Class of ’56, recalls leaving the Frosty Palace and walking up Thomaston Street late one Sunday afternoon with a group of friends that included Gus McKneely. Gus had bent his dress uniform hat into what was called “the 50 mission crush.” Just as they were strolling past the Methodist Church, a car pulled up alongside them and out jumped Col. Harris. Without a word, he simply removed Gus’s hat and left with it in his car.

The following week, as students filed into the auditorium for the weekly chapel program, they noticed something covered on the podium but had no idea what it was. As Col. Harris approached the podium to begin his introduction, the cover was removed and much to everyone’s surprise there was Gus’ hat. For the next several minutes, the hat was clearly a visual aid of how not to desecrate the Gordon uniform along with a lecture on how to show the proper respect for a military uniform.

Catherine Cloud, who was Catherine Redd, is also reminded of another lesson from Col. Harris each time she attends a college basketball game. At some point during a game when she was a student, the students started booing the opposing team and visitors. Col. Harris stopped the game and addressed the Gordon student section from center court. He was quick to remind them that the visiting team were their guests and should be treated as guests, and if the students continued to be impolite and disrespectful, the game would be stopped. She does not recall the students having to be reminded of this again.
Harris’ son Jim remembered that the greatest goal of his father was “to build character in young men and women, and Gordon Military College allowed him to do this.” He called his father a very optimistic person and that he “inspired students to make goals, stick to them, achieve them and to even achieve more than they thought they could.”

Jim, a retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel and a Vietnam veteran, said his father was never heavy-handed. “He allowed me to be the best student I could be – and I wasn’t the best of students, average at best.”

Another retired Army Lt. Colonel, Allan Imes, remembered that “when Col. Harris believed in something, he was one of the most enthusiastic people I have ever known. His favorite expression was ‘from the bottom of my heart.’ He believed in Gordon and the cadets. However, if you crossed him or were dishonest with him, he could be hard to live with.” Imes added, “You always knew where you stood with Col. Harris.”

A bit of Harris legend is a good example of Imes’ words and of Col. Harris never missing a chance to teach.

The story goes that a cadet and two of his buddies had gotten drunk and driven off the road. No one was badly hurt, but hurt enough to end up in the care of Nurse Garnett Quillian in the College’s infirmary. It’s not clear if the cadet had permission to take his daddy’s car, but it was crystal clear to Col. Harris that he didn’t have permission to get liquored up and crash it.

Witnesses remember the president pacing the infirmary’s porch that evening, incensed by the boy’s behavior and fuming aloud.

“I just can’t believe such a boy,” he said, walking the length of the porch. “I just can’t believe a boy would run off with his daddy’s car, get himself drunk and wreck it.” When he reached one end of the porch, he’d turn around and walk to the other, repeating his disbelief to himself and anyone within earshot.

It was a clear night, and midsentence and midstep, he pointed at the sky, tracing a line with his fingertip. “Shooting star,” he said, making sure everyone present got to see the phenomenon. Then he continued his march and recitation without missing a beat.
At times his instruction took on a personal aspect. When Col. Harris was 18, the son of President Calvin Coolidge, Calvin Jr., died from blood poisoning that developed from a blister on his toe. Calvin Jr. was only 16. The story made such an impact on him that one day he called Carrie Nelle Moye, Class of ’57, into his office. He told her that he had someone coming to drive her home because she needed to treat a blister on her heel.

She was somewhat taken aback that the president of Gordon Military College would know about a blister on her heel, but that he would insist she be taken out of class and driven home was over the top. But after he told her how President Coolidge’s son died from a blister on his toe, she understood and appreciated his concern. “This is how he looked after his students,” Carrie Nelle said.

Col. Harris died in 1980, but despite his fight with cancer, he remained an educator. When doctors had to remove his larynx, Harris had to learn how to speak again. He could have used an electronic speech aid, but he chose to learn a difficult technique called esophageal speech, refusing to use “that mechanical thing.”

After he learned, he taught. He taught laryngectomees he knew; he taught laryngectomees referred to him. When he had taught them, he went out and found others to teach. And when he had no one to teach esophageal speech, he went into the high schools to teach the consequences of smoking.

Is it any wonder that students who knew him, like Charlie Christian, Class of ’55, say, “To us, he was like a father”?

Laura Harrison, C.T.B. Harris’ daughter, has a huge collection of memorabilia of her father. The buckeyes he liked to keep in his pocket for good luck, boxes and boxes of photographs, scrapbooks, medals and newspaper clippings. Hours can go by if you start looking through it, and just when you think you’ve seen it all, she might show you a piece of balsa wood about the size of a very large baking potato.

It is a Christmas greeting from 1956 to President Harris from the shorthand class that included Carole Witcher, Kay Revels, Catherine Redd, Patsy Fincher, Kathryn Morris, Faye Littlejohn, Leamon Burnette, Shirley Sims, Johnnie Brown, Louise L. Jackson, Guillermo Pantiga, and Faye Porter.

And yes, the Post Office did deliver the block of wood. This would never happen today, but in those days, all you needed was the proper postage and address.
A SALESMAN AND A PROMOTER

C.T.B. Harris “turned things around” at Gordon

PETER BOLTZ

A rocket buried nose-deep in an open field. A baseball shot from a cannon. A Hereford bull pulling a plow for a groundbreaking. A quarterback aiming to throw a pass riding on the back of a missile.

All these images add up to one thing – one man that is – Col. C.T.B. Harris, president of Gordon Military College from 1953 to 1962. As a public figure, he is remembered by the thousands who had contact with him in many different ways, and one of the most frequent ways he is remembered is that he was a salesman and a promoter.
But these characterizations need to be qualified. Col. Harris wasn’t in the sales or promotion business in the sense of Madison Avenue or P.T. Barnum. If he was a salesman and a promoter, it was to save Gordon from going out of business.

As George C. Bugg, Class of ’55, put it, “Had Col. Harris not come, Gordon would have failed to exist.”

It is in this context we need to understand some of the president’s more novel promotions like the groundbreaking for a new dormitory, Connell Hall. For the groundbreaking ceremony, he took a dummy rocket on loan from the U.S. Air Force and buried it nose-deep into the building site giving the appearance that the rocket had crashed into the building site. It certainly was a more interesting shot than a group of dignitaries with shovels.

To open the North-South baseball championship between Gordon and Brewton in 1962, he okayed the use of the College’s 75mm cannon to shoot the first ball of the game. The Gordon Reveille reported that Barnesville Mayor Emory Jones fired the cannon as President Harris looked on, and cadet and centerfieldman Kenneth Eugene Duncan caught the ball.

On May 9, 1962, The Atlanta Journal ran an article about another unusual groundbreaking by President Harris, this time for an auditorium-gymnasium, which is known as Alumni Memorial Hall today. The story, entitled “Groundbreaking Is Pure Bull,” was about the use of a 1,800-pound registered Hereford bull named Big Clarence to break the ground with a plow.

In 1958, Col. Harris promoted a football rivalry with the use of a U.S. Air Force Matador missile that used to grace the corner of College Drive and Spencer Street, now the location of the College’s Fine Arts building. The Journal-Constitution article, “GMC vs. Gordon – In Title Game?”, shows a picture of a football player atop the missile, his armed cocked and ready to pass. The caption reads: “Henry Schutte awaits countdown for the missile-launching arm.”

When it came to persuasion, Col. Harris was a master. Ann Coulon Dean, Classes of ’57 and ’59 and a Gordon faculty member from ’61 to ’64 recalled the following.

“One of the many speakers he brought in for chapel told us he had toured the grounds with Col. Harris, and the president had pointed out a site and asked if the guest speaker liked the addition. When the speaker stated he saw no addition, the president replied, ‘Come back next year. I see it now, you can see it when you return.’ The tour was completed, and under the spell of Col. Harris, he again looked at the site and suddenly saw the addition as well.”

Is it any wonder then that so many people, like Ed Legge, Class of ’53, remember him as a salesman and promoter? “He was a promoter and a politician. One of the best salesman I have ever known. A preacher, a cheerleader and a competitor,” Mr. Legge said.

But then again, he added, “He saved the school. He believed in Gordon, and he made you believe it was the best school in the country.”
THE RETURN OF THE BEATLES Beatle magic lit up Gordon College on the night of March 18, as a group of faux Beatles from Griffin, Georgia, named The Return staged a performance in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Rock fans of all ages turned out to sing, clap along and scream. One of those was Gordon College assistant professor of sociology Michelle McCormick who saw the Beatles live in California where she grew up. “This time I can hear them,” McCormick said, recalling that night in 1965 when she saw the real Beatles.

In those days, the group’s music was often overpowered by screaming fans. Something else was better, too. “I can see them,” she added.

“They even have the mannerisms down.” The tribute group moved, posed, gestured and rocked their way through early Beatles standards before an appreciative and packed audience.

ICAPP Grant Aids Nursing Program Gordon’s nursing program continues to turn out quality nurses – most who graduate pass the nursing exam. Since its beginning in 1973, more than 1,700 nurses have successfully completed the program and are in the workforce.

In spring 2005, another 100-some nurses graduated. But as the demand for qualified nurses grows, the nursing program is limited in the number of nurses it can produce, graduating about 100 each semester.

That means a lot of qualified candidates are turned away. “We can only accept about a third of the candidates,” said Pat Brown, the interim director of the division of nursing and health sciences.

As an example of the problem, the school had to turn away 200 such candidates in fall of 2005.

Some help has come for a second consecutive two-year period through the Georgia Intelligence Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP), the economic development arm of the University System of Georgia.

This program allows the college to partner with area health care agencies and Griffin Technical College to move nurses more quickly from the LPN (licensed practical nurse) designation to RN (registered nurses). The grant totaled $522,000 for the two years – fiscal year 2006 and 2007. But that’s only enough for 27 nurses.

Four area health care facilities will contribute through use of their facilities and scholarships, Brown said. ICAPP officials put the value of those services during fiscal year 2006 and 2007 at $2.6 million.

When money paid to faculty and for support services is included, the projected budget over the two years comes to about $3.4 million, according to ICAPP.

The four participating health care providers are Spalding Regional Hospital, Upson Regional Hospital, Anchor Psychiatric Facilities and Brightmoor Nursing Facilities.

Gordon’s in-kind contribution will come to $102,000 the first year and $105,000 the second.

The LPN accelerated program is structured so that a student with an LPN degree who meets certain requirements can complete the requirements for an RN degree in three consecutive semesters rather than the four required of students who aren’t in the program.
Academic Contest Draws High School Students to Campus

One brilliant day in October 2004, the best and brightest students from area high schools exited buses on the Gordon campus and headed for the gym. The students were part of an annual display of brain power known as the Academic Contest. Like other students had done for years before them, they fanned out across campus following their initial orientation session in the gym and readied for competition with students from other area schools. They were after $100 and a certificate – if they finished first – and the prestige of being the smartest students around.

Economic Impact of Gordon College

Gordon College pumped $76.1 million into the area economy during fiscal year 2004, according to a study by the University System of Georgia, which was released this spring. The total was up from $49 million in 2001. With the growth, Gordon kept pace with an overall increase in the economic impact of the system’s 34 colleges and universities, which generated $9.7 billion in 2004, according to the study, which was conducted through the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business.

As a significant part of the economy, Gordon College accounted for 782 jobs.

“Student enrollment more than doubled at Gordon College between 1990 and 2002 and enrollment continues to climb. The growth of our enrollment is the single largest factor impacting our economic impact on the area,” said President Lawrence Weill.

Gordon Commons Ribbon Cutting

Participating in the ribbon cutting that opened Gordon Commons were, from left, State Rep. Jim Cole, District 125; Gordon Burns, Hendessi & Associates; Alan Travis, university system director of facilities planning; Cecil Phillips, Place Properties; Lawrence Weill, Gordon College president; Bill Odum, project superintendent, Choate Construction; Gita Hendessi, president of Hendessi & Associates; Matt Relick, Choate Construction; and Millard Choate, president, Choate Construction. Not shown are Stewart Aiken, Harper Aiken Partners; Richard Vereen, Gordon director of plant operations; David Harper and Jim Griffin, both of Harper Aiken Partners; Todd Barnes, underwriter with A.G. Edwards; State Rep. David Knight, District 126; Jerry Turner, Gordon College vice president of business affairs; and State Sen. Ronnie Chance, District 16.
You’ve surely seen the words many times, in the catalog, on the website, in other publications: “Gordon College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.”

What, exactly, does it mean for Gordon College to be “accredited?” And just who is the Commission on Colleges?

Each accredited institution in our region is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, generally known simply as SACS, which is one of five regional accrediting agencies in the United States.

The purpose of accreditation is to ensure that each institution provides educational programs consistent with standards defined by all members of SACS. For both students and alumni, accreditation is important because they can be assured that their degree will be recognized as evidence they have completed educational programs embodying generally recognized standards.

Gordon College was first accredited by SACS in 1941. SACS requires reaffirmation of accreditation every 10 years, approximately. Gordon’s last reaffirmation of accreditation occurred in 1996; our next reaffirmation is scheduled for June 2007. Despite the hard work involved in accreditation, it provides an important opportunity for the college to take stock of where it is and where it’s going.

Previously, reaffirmation required a detailed self study of all aspects of the college. Its purpose, according to Gordon’s 1996 self study, was “to examine every significant component of the institution in order to identify the current strengths and limitations of its programs, processes and operations.”

As its title implies, completion of the *Gordon College 1994-1996 Self Study* took two years, and the committee putting it together consisted of 50 faculty members.

A self study has been prepared each decade since Gordon joined the University System of Georgia in 1972, and each self study has resulted in significant change for Gordon in the decade that followed. The following is just a small sample of the changes which have resulted from self studies over the last 30 years:

**FOLLOWING THE 1975 SELF STUDY**
- Facilities for the physically handicapped were built.
- A specific office to handle financial aid was established.
- The safekeeping of financial and academic records was improved.
- Joint enrollment with area high schools was expanded.

**FOLLOWING THE 1986 SELF STUDY**
- The Office of Enrollment Services was created.
- Intercollegiate athletics were expanded.
- The system and format for faculty evaluation was reviewed and improved.
- A standard format was developed for new course proposals.

**FOLLOWING THE 1996 SELF STUDY**
- The College developed a well-defined procedure for handling student complaints.
- The College instituted an ongoing strategic planning process.
- A formal classroom observation process was instituted for part-time instructors.
- The College developed a formal plan for facilities maintenance.
As valuable as the self study has been in keeping Gordon thoroughly in line with evolving educational processes, SACS has instituted a new process for accreditation which it hopes will contribute to quality enhancement in an even more meaningful way. Under the new plan, the self study is replaced by two general components. First, the college must demonstrate that it is in compliance with 72 specific standards of accreditation specified by SACS through the development of a compliance certification document. The 72 standards cover all aspects of the college and can be divided into core requirements and standards covering governance, programs and resources.

A team of more than 30 faculty, staff, and administrators has been working over the last year to ensure that Gordon is in compliance with all standards and has now begun writing the actual compliance certification.

As part of the second component, during the fall semester, the entire college community will identify a single area to receive special attention during the coming five years. Other colleges undergoing reaffirmation have chosen a variety of focus areas; a few examples include student engagement, improving students’ preparedness for college, enhanced first year orientations, integrating learning and technology, and creating learning communities.

Once we at Gordon have identified a focus which is most appropriate to our own situation, the college will develop a Quality Enhancement Plan for bringing about improvement in the focus area of the next several years. Design and implementation of this plan will not only ensure that the reaffirmation process results in positive change for Gordon, but also that Gordon pursues quality enhancement on a continuing basis.

From last year’s preparation for writing the compliance report to this year’s framing of the Quality Enhancement Plan to next year’s review by SACS and ultimately to reaffirmation of accreditation in June 2007, everyone at Gordon will be busy with a variety of reaffirmation activities. The end result will be not only continued accreditation, but also a plan for an improving quality with assurance that Gordon College’s programs, facilities, faculty, and staff are fully consistent with nationally recognized standards.

 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON GORDON’S REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION, INCLUDING THE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN AS THEY TAKE SHAPE, GO TO HTTP://SACS.GDN.EDU.

I’m Going to College! The entire sixth grade of Lamar County Middle School spent a day on the Gordon campus this past spring. This was the second time for the event which Larry Weill hopes will become an annual experience.

“I was disturbed by the data on the number of students who don’t make it to high school graduation in Georgia. Those numbers begin to decline long before the date of graduation. By hosting this annual event where we promote the value of a college education for students before they reach high school, I hope we can turn those numbers around locally,” said the president.

Students are exposed to a taste of college in the daylong event organized by the College’s community education department. They eat in the cafeteria, attend classes, hear speakers, tour resident hall rooms, take part in recreational sports, and end the day by promising President Weill that they will go to college. Each student is asked to make a personal proclamation by approaching the president and stating “I am going to college!” The president then gives each student a small pocket mirror. On the back of the mirror are the words: Turn this over to see a future college student.
James Watts Commendation
A Gordon public safety officer who served in Iraq in 2004 was awarded an official commendation as a member of a top U.S. general’s security detail in the strife-torn country.

James Watts holds the rank of sergeant at Gordon and with the Army Reserve and was cited for outstanding performance of his duties as a bodyguard for Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller. The 39-year-old Watts was an “integral part of the successful completion of over 200 missions during active combat,” according to Miller.

The 14-year Reserve veteran was the acting Primary Security Officer for Miller for more than a month while he was a member of Task Force 134. Miller took command of Iraq’s prison system following revelations of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib last year.

In the commendation document, Miller said he was “extremely impressed” with Watts’ performance. “His positive leadership and ability to motivate soldiers, Marines and airmen in combat is simply outstanding,” Miller said.

David Edgar Sellers Scholarship
Elizabeth Sellers established a scholarship for Lamar County science students in memory of her husband, the former vice president of Gordon Military College, Edgar Sellers. Her sons, David Edgar Sellers III and Walter J. Sellers contributed to the gift.

“My husband taught school for 40 years,” she said, “and I feel his legacy is the thousands of students he taught. This scholarship is a way to continue his influence.”

BIG WEILL 500
Height is great in basketball and useful in some other sports but as some Gordon College students recently learned, it doesn’t help in one event – Big Wheels racing. Stephen Evans of Marietta stands 6-foot-8 and had to scrunch down real small to fit behind the handlebars of his silver and black tricycle with the huge front wheel. His legs stuck way out to the side. “It was really hard to get my feet on the pedals,” said Evans, who finished last in the summer semester race.

Evans was one of four Big Wheels racers in the first heat of the initial Big Weill 500 held on Lambdin green. Gordon President and race namesake Lawrence Weill worked the checkered flag at the finish line.

The race is one of many student activities organized by Gordon Athletic Director Scott Henderson.
Gordon International Lecture Series

Costa Rican Ambassador to the United States Tomás Dueñas was the inaugural speaker in Gordon’s International Lecture Series on April 13, 2005. His topic was the Central American Free Trade Agreement which was signed into law on Aug. 2, 2005.

The lecture series was conceived by Gordon President Dr. Lawrence Weill working with Gordon alumnus and former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Luis Guinot, who has so far lined up three more speakers for the series in the 2005 fall semester.

The first of these is U.S. Asst. Secretary of the Navy William Navas Jr. who is also a retired major general in the U.S. Army.

The second speaker is the former U.S. ambassador to Colombia, Morris Busby. According to Mr. Guinot, Busby “is one of the foremost experts in the U.S. on matters having to do with relations with Latin America and the war on drugs.”

The third speaker is the former Colombian ambassador to the United States, Gabriel Silva. Mr. Silva currently serves as the manager of the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia, which is marketing coffee shops under the brand name Juan Valdez.

Carrie Ashley, Outstanding Student

For the 2004-2005 school year, a 32-year-old mother of four was named Outstanding Student at Gordon. Ashley and her husband, James, live in Peachtree City.

As Outstanding Student, Carrie Ashley joined those chosen from other state colleges and universities this year and recognized by the state legislature for their excellence in academic achievement as well as personal development.

Ashley is studying pre-pharmacy at Gordon and plans to attend The University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. She said she decided to stay home and raise her children after graduating from high school in Arizona. “This (recognition) was very unexpected, and my children were very impressed,” Ashley said.

Travel Abroad Scholarship Winners Cone and Thayer

Two Gordon College sophomores, Jennifer Thayer of Fayetteville and Cassie Cone of McDonough studied Spanish in its mother country in summer 2005 thanks to help from a scholarship given for the first time by the Gordon College Foundation.

The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence and was endowed by Claudete Smith in memory of her late husband. Mrs. Smith and her husband valued travel abroad and its ability to broaden a person’s understanding of other cultures.

Jennifer Thayer and Cassie Cone

International Lecture Series
Fall 2005 Schedule


Oct. 20, 2005 Former U.S. Ambassador to Colombia Morris Busby

Nov. 8, 2005 Former Colombian Ambassador to the U.S Gabriel Silva
At 85, Cartha “Deke” DeLoach has a memory for names and dates that can humble even the most vigorous and youthful mind. As a former “G-man” working for J. Edgar Hoover, he can recall specifics of investigations from 50 years ago. He thinks it’s a skill developed in his FBI training, but the evidence is that he was developing an exceptional mind even as a child in Claxton, Georgia. Mr. DeLoach recently recalled his beginnings at Gordon Military College, 68 years ago, with names and dates and images as clear as they were in the 1930s.
As a high school student, Mr. DeLoach said he knew about Gordon because it was well-known throughout middle and southern Georgia as a prestigious military school. Furthermore, he had older friends like Curtis Hanes, Billy Perkins and E.M. Beasley who were already attending Gordon, and “they loved it.”

“When I was 16, I visited Gordon to see Coach Dickie Butler about the football program. Then Maj. Connell came down to Claxton to see my mother. He was a professor of English and language, and he told her he thought Gordon would be good for me, and she agreed. On my part, I have never been sorry about my decision to come to Gordon.”

Deke’s father died when he was 8, and the Great Depression descended upon an already struggling South. Even though his mother opened the family home to board high school teachers, they didn’t have enough money “to rub two nickels together.” Fortunately, he was a gifted athlete, and Gordon Military College wanted him.

When he left Claxton for Barnesville, he left by train, and he still remembers his mother running alongside the train imploring him to wait another year before leaving her. “But I had to go,” he said. “We had no money. I had to get out to study for something I could do for a living.”

He thought he wanted to be a pharmacist because he worked for Claxton pharmacist Dr. B.E. Brown and his son B.E. Brown, Jr. as a soda jerk. “I made a dollar on Saturdays and 75 cents on Sundays. A dollar-seventy-five was big money in those days.” But it didn’t take him long to figure out pharmacy was not going to be his life’s work – he didn’t like chemistry and pharmacy was confining.

His memories of his time at Gordon are mostly about the friendships he made and sports. Mr. DeLoach especially remembered Sid Cheatham, who would go out with him every afternoon to work on his kicking skills, but because Deke had broken his collarbone twice while playing football in high school, Gordon coach Dickie Butler was reluctant to let him play in games. Instead Deke was put on the second string which was called the “Bull pups.”

A high point in Mr. DeLoach’s sports life at Gordon came in the boxing ring.

“One of our faculty, K.D. Colson Jr., had set up a welterweight boxing championship, and there was this young cadet lieutenant who was favored to win. He was so confident, he even brought his girlfriend to the bout, but I knocked him out. They gave me a medal, which I gave to a girl I was dating.”

Mr. DeLoach said Gordon cadets often dated girls from Bessie Tift College in Forsyth and Wesleyan College in Macon. “Of course you had to go to their campus,” he said, which could be a problem since it meant leaving the Gordon campus at night without permission.

Using sheets he tied together, one time he slipped out his second story window and planned to climb back up at the end of the evening with the help of his roommate. He also had the help of his first sergeant, George Burns, who would “turn his head and not see anything, just as long as we advised him of what we were up to.”

This worked well enough, but Deke hit a snag on his date with a Tift girl. Hitchhiking back to Barnesville, he got into the back seat of a car before he realized the driver was the commandant of cadets. “What are you doing out at this late hour?” he asked. After Deke answered that he was out on a date, the commandant said, “Be in my office at 9 a.m.” and didn’t say another word on the drive to Gordon.
The next few hours must have been unpleasant because Mr. DeLoach still remembers waiting for the appointed hour “with fear and trembling,” which is probably the punishment intended, but just for good measure, the commandant gave him two hours of walking the bull ring. This was nothing more than having to walk a prescribed circle in front of the administration building, today’s Lambdin Hall, but it was something cadets hated.

Cadet DeLoach left Gordon Military College before his sophomore year to go to South Georgia College to pursue pharmacy, changing his major to law after discovering his dislike of chemistry. His Gordon experience eventually helped him win a football scholarship to Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, where he took to his studies and briefly toyed with the idea of becoming a politician. He later attended Stetson’s law school.

Then in 1942, while he was driving to a meeting of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity, he heard an announcement on the radio that eight Nazi saboteurs had been captured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. “I thought this must be a pretty good outfit,” Mr. DeLoach said, “so I applied.”

For 28 years, Deke DeLoach served first as an agent, agent supervisor, special agent in charge, and then as the deputy director or No. 3 man in J. Edgar Hoover’s FBI. The walls of his Hilton Head Island home are covered with photographs of him and his family with some of the most powerful Americans of the ’50s and ’60s, most notably President Lyndon B. Johnson. In a framed letter to Mr. DeLoach, LBJ wrote, “His competence and dedication have made him one of the finest public servants I have ever known... and the strength of his character and principles one of the finest men.” In another framed letter are the words of President Richard Nixon: “It is a pleasure to join with your many friends and colleagues in expressing appreciation for your unselfish dedication to the work of national security....”

After his retirement from the FBI, Mr. DeLoach joined PepsiCo, Inc., becoming the vice president for corporate affairs and assistant to the chairman for 15 years. Today, he is chairman of the board of the local SunTrust Bank at Hilton Head Island, and he lectures at the Executive Development Institute at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, to FBI agents heading up the organizational ladder.

Sixty-seven years after he attended Gordon Military College, Deke DeLoach was asked what it had taught him.

“I learned discipline,” he said. “It helped me to get along with many individuals who were in the same economic straits. Gordon was a ‘testing stage’ that assisted in forging a future career.”

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The DeLoach family with J. Edgar Hoover (center) in 1969.

Photo Right: Deke DeLoach, fourth from the right, was the welterweight boxing champion at Gordon, knocking out the cadet lieutenant who was favored to win.
Marvin Thomas

A Passion for the Past

CHUCK WANNER
When Marvin Thomas was a boy

of 12 or 13, he was vacationing with his parents

in Charleston and had to see Ft. Sumter.

He knew the fort had been bombarded,

starting the Civil War.

He talked his parents into letting him hop the boat to the island citadel, where he began the tour. But then the boy did something different. He waded into the water surrounding the fort, started digging and found what he thought would be there – shell fragments. Being infatuated with history even at that young age, Thomas kept his treasure. A National Park Service ranger saw him pocket the fragments and told him he wasn’t supposed to do that, Thomas recalled, but he let the boy keep them anyway.

Now years later, Thomas is well into a career that squares with his early love – he is a history professor at Gordon College, having taught here 30 years. Looking back, he said he was lucky to have parents who encouraged his interest in the past.

The future historian grew up in Knoxville not knowing his father, who was a World War II bomber pilot killed in a 1945 raid over Tokyo a few weeks before Thomas was born. But his stepfather, a Tennessee Valley Authority transportation economist, was determined to fill the void and nurtured the boy’s passion.

As the Ft. Sumter story illustrates, it was the Civil War that ignited Thomas’ love affair. And it still is his favorite era – his daughter, Lee, is named after the great Confederate general.
“I would drive my parents nuts until they took me on trips to (battlefield) sites,” he said. Thomas saw Ft. Sanders near Knoxville and Chattanooga’s Chickamauga, among other places. No matter where they were headed, if a Civil War spot was nearby, “I made them detour to the site,” he said.

The boy was encouraged by another family member as well. An aunt had a master’s degree in history from the University of Wisconsin and would prime his interest by talking to him about history. The Civil War – in both gray and blue – was also deeply rooted in his family’s past. One of his great-grandfathers was a Confederate soldier and another served in the Union cavalry and had a brush with history. He was among the troopers who hunted John Wilkes Booth following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

The Union man’s daughter traveled south after the war and fell in love with Thomas’ grandfather, who had grown up in the region and whose father was the Confederate. “So I got tales about the war from both sides,” said the history professor, who has been the editor of a history journal and has written essays and other papers over the years.

Thomas, whose hair is thinning but still worn longish, teaches American History, Western Civilization and an occasional history colloquium or two on society in the Middle Ages and the Civil War in Georgia. He lives with his wife, Denise, in Griffin. His daughter Lee and his son, Vin, are both grown as are his wife’s two children.

When he isn’t teaching, he swims to keep in shape – a mile a day – and enjoys snow skiing, hiking and gardening. And then there is that war again. He still likes to see Civil War sites and will guide tours to different places.

Interest in the Civil War is always high, he said. And not just with him. “It resonates with many people because it is the most traumatic event in American history. Historians still argue over it, and it is still alive, especially in the South.”

“We were invaded and conquered, most of the battles were here, along with most of the damage and destruction, such as that from Sherman’s march. When things happen to you, they stay in your collective memory.”

But even with his longtime passion for history, when he first set out on his career path, he wasn’t following his heart.

Thomas headed for law; in fact, he expected to become a lawyer because it seemed almost part

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John McIntosh Kell, 1823-1900

As befitting a naval officer, John McIntosh Kell’s grave lies under an open sky with a surf-white marble monument like a block ship marking the spot. On top of the monument is the proper emblem for Kell’s career – an anchor, which is also in ivory marble. Seven seashells are arrayed round the anchor.

What is out-of-place for this notable Confederate raider is the location of his burial site – Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin, many leagues from the sea. Tradition holds that after the Civil War, the U.S. government barred Kell from living near the ocean, according to Gordon history professor Marvin Thomas, who is well-versed in the Civil War. So Kell didn’t, instead dwelling inland with his wife and six children in a plain, white house in Sunnyside, a small community just north of Griffin.

Thomas, who is a resident of Griffin, has visited the grave often. He said the naval officer became a favorite of his after he discovered he was from Georgia and lived close by. “Kell is someone I have enjoyed learning about,” Thomas said.

Kell is also largely forgotten today, even though he was a man of high moral standards and character and, when he died in 1900, was one of the most respected figures in Georgia. He should be alive in our memories, according to Thomas. “Kell was considered a splendid naval officer and was known for his discipline, organizational abilities and bravery under fire,” the history professor said.

The Georgian was also second-in-command on the famous Confederate sloop-of-war, the C.S.S. Alabama, the most successful Rebel raider in terms of ships captured. Kell resigned his commission in the U.S. Navy the day Georgia seceded and eventually teamed with Confederate Commander Raphael Semmes, who personally selected Kell to be his executive officer aboard the C.S.S. Sumter, the first of the South’s commerce destroyers.

After the Sumter was decommissioned at Gibraltar in 1862, Kell continued with Semmes aboard the Alabama.

The naval officer was born in 1823 in Darien, Georgia, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and in 1841 was appointed a midshipman, beginning a distinguished 20-year naval career that included service in Commodore Matthew Perry’s expedition that opened Japan.
He has advice for prospective students. Major in the subject you enjoy, he said. Everything else will take care of itself.


of the family DNA. Many in his family were or are lawyers. After graduating from Auburn University in history, he enrolled in law school at the University of Tennessee.

However, after a year of studying what he described as the “dry” business of law, he decided it wasn’t for him. He went back to history, first at the University of Georgia, where he earned his master’s degree before returning to Auburn for his doctorate.

(He has advice for prospective students. Major in the subject you enjoy, he said. Everything else will take care of itself. “When you get a job with a company, they will train you in what they want, anyway.”)

“I’ve always loved history,” Thomas said as he sat in his modest office in Russell Hall. “It’s something I really enjoy teaching.” According to his students, they can tell.

He is a great teacher, said one of his students, Shannon Johnson of Barnesville. The sophomore said Thomas brings out her “passion” for history by telling interesting stories from the past and gets students involved by offering extra credit if they attend lectures, such as the one given by Blackfeet leader Curly Bear Wagner in spring 2005.
“During the presidential election of 2004, Dr. Thomas encouraged debate,” said William Martin of Locust Grove, who took a Western Civilization course under Thomas. Martin said the teacher respected all opinions and challenged students to test their convictions.

A colleague cites Thomas’ flexibility. “As an instructor Marvin has always been open to innovation and change,” said fellow history professor Don Butts. He said he counts Thomas as a friend.

“When I came to Gordon College 26 years ago, I inherited Marvin’s office which included, along with the furniture, a Gideon’s Bible and a picture of Linda Ronstadt. He has been a friend and colleague ever since.

“But what sets Marvin apart is his willingness to do whatever needs to be done to make Gordon a better institution. He has organized field trips, driven school vans, served as dean of students, and done a lot of the unglamorous committee work that makes the college go. During Gordon’s time of crisis, he was one of the faculty members who stood up and made change for the better possible,” Butts said.

Effective teaching doesn’t happen by accident. Thomas makes the past come alive by emphasizing people.

One day recently, his class featured a talk by Wagner. The tribal leader talked about Lewis and Clark’s expedition and the trouble it caused for his tribe. It was a story that needed to be told, Thomas said. The history professor likes to have such guests in his classes, and he also encourages people to see movies about history, even those with a lot of Hollywood. Regardless of the lack of accuracy, you can get an idea of the times, he said.

Although he doesn’t require it now, he used to ask students to do a family history as an assignment for a class paper. “When I think about my own family, I understand where I came from. It gives you a better sense of who you are.

“If you have an ancestor who died in the Civil War or relative who died in any war, you get an idea of what’s important to you and what a person is willing to die for.”

The research can turn up some intriguing points, he said. One student discovered that he had an ancestor who was a Confederate draft dodger and hid out in the North Georgia mountains. That same student also found out that he had another relative who also avoided a war by hiding out in the Georgia mountains – this time World War I.

He said today’s students may not come to college knowing geography as well as they have in the past, but they seem to be, on average, well prepared in history. That’s good, he said, because from history we get a sense of how we became who we are.

Great-great-grandfather
Eugene Walton Thomas
Born in Oakbowery, Alabama, 1845.
Died in Prattville, Alabama, 1929. Private, Company B, 37th Regiment, Alabama Infantry, CSA. He was 16 when the war started, so he lied about his age to enlist. His regiment was at Corinth, Vicksburg, Lookout Mtn., Risaca, Ezra Church and the Battle of Atlanta.

President’s Report
Ambassador LUIS GUINOT JR.
Luis Guinot Jr. is quite ambitious and clear about what he would like to do now that he has reconnected with Gordon College. “I would want to see Gordon regain its international reputation.”

Guinot, Class of ’51, remembers that in his day the College was known as Gordon Military College and had students from all over the Caribbean, Central America and South America. Students from these parts of the world came for many reasons, but many of them came for the same reason Guinot did – their fathers sent them. “You know,” Guinot said, “in those days, we respected our parents and obeyed them without question.”

It’s not like the matter was discussed, but his father, an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army, had thought it over. He made his decision and announced it. Young Luis was going to go off to military school “on the continent.”

“Puerto Rico is part of the United States,” his father said, “and I don’t want him growing up with an island mentality.” Guinot remembers that his father’s reasoning behind the specific choice of Gordon was its good reputation and because it was in the South. “You see,” Mr. Guinot said, “he had lived in parts of the North and the South, and he believed that I would suffer less culture shock in the South.”

When the time came, his father gave the 14-year-old boy $20 (which was a lot of money in 1949) and travel instructions. “You’ll land in Miami. Stay at the Miami Colonial Hotel. Next day, take a
Gabby called a cab to the airport and got on an Eastern Airline flight to Macon. There you’ll take a bus to Barnesville.”

Guinot arrived in Barnesville at 5 on a Friday afternoon. The bus station used to be across Forsyth Street from the post office. The walk to Gordon is not far, unless you are carrying a heavy suitcase with your whole life in it, and Guinot was. Sweating, road-weary and alone, he discovered no one was home at his home away from home. Gordon was closed for the weekend. Having nowhere else to go, he returned to the bus station. Maybe, he thought, he could spend the night on one of the benches and have better luck finding someone to take him in the next day.

“And this is when I fell in love with Barnesville,” Mr. Guinot said.

“You know the manager called his wife and she came down to the station. She asked me, ‘What’s wrong little boy?’

“I guess I still looked little. When I told her my problem, she told me she was going to take me home and feed me and then get me in touch with the president of Gordon at the time, Col. J.E. Guillebeau. This was my first Southern meal.

“Then we went over to North Barracks. You see, in those days, the faculty lived in their own apartments in the barracks, but Guillebeau was out, so she took me over to Maj. Slaydon’s room who told us Col. Guillebeau would be back in a little bit, and we should come back.

“When we finally got to Col. Guillebeau, he took me over to the T-Street Barracks and opened it up and told me to pick any room and that he would be back in the morning. He was, and he took me to his home for breakfast. On Monday, I was moved into North Barracks, and that’s where I lived all three years I was at Gordon.”

Fast forward 54 years. Guinot was returning with his wife Marta to deliver Gordon’s 2005 graduation address. When the car entered the Mill Street neighborhood, he reflected on an old girlfriend who once lived there.

“Wonderful girl and family. I’m not sure what her father did, but I think he worked at the mill. On Sunday nights they’d have these wonderful meals with so much food that they were like feasts. It was great for me, you see, because Gordon didn’t feed us on Sunday night. If you didn’t have a girlfriend, you had to scramble for some place to eat.”

Anyone listening to his graduation address will surely understand that Gordon and Barnesville had given him his opportunity to make his mark on the world – a successful military career, a successful government career, a successful law career and a successful marriage.
Then it was Marta’s turn to remember a visit about 20 years earlier. She and her husband had decided to go through Barnesville on their way back from Amelia Island. As the car moved over the railroad tracks, she looked at the train station and said, “It reminds me of Switzerland. The way you come into a new world all of a sudden.”

It’s ironic that she should say that since thousands of young men from all over the world must’ve thought the same thing when they first arrived in Barnesville by train, not knowing what their futures held, excited by the prospects.

This is just the excitement of a new world Luis Guinot called to the attention of the 2005 graduates. “If you reflect on your names now being added to those graduates of the past 153 years, you will arrive at an understanding of the place of Gordon College in the makeup of this nation and commonwealth.” He added that these past graduates “sat where you sit, they also faced an uncertain world, a dangerous world.” But it is not a world to be feared, he said. Rather, they should be excited and optimistic. “I, for one, envy you for the opportunity you have to make a mark in it.”

His words offer a clue to how Guinot would have answered a question Marta asked earlier in their trip to Gordon College by the Costa Rican Ambassador to the U.S. Tomás Dueñas who inaugurated the College’s International Lecture Series on April 13, 2005. He is lining up three more international figures for lectures during the College’s fall semester in 2005, and he and his wife have created a scholarship to be awarded to a woman from a Spanish-speaking country. On top of all this, Guinot, as a member of the board of directors of Global Education, a corporation which helps students from South America come to school in the United States, hopes to guide more Global Education students to the College.

It seems Ambassador Guinot isn’t finished making his mark on the world.
As a child, Paul Stinson remembers how much he wanted to be out playing with his friends or riding his bike. He used to think he was missing part of his childhood because, as the eldest of seven children, he was responsible for caring for his three sisters and three brothers.

But he doesn’t express any regret for a lost childhood. Rather, he understands that his parents and grandparents taught him important lessons of responsibility and service. Whether his grandfather had him help with the garden or sweep up hair clippings in his barbershop or his father, a part-time farmer, had him in the fields pulling weeds, young Paul learned the value of hard work.

Maj. Stinson began his professional life as a serviceman, joining the U.S. Army in 1975 as a combat medic. While in the Army Reserves he entered Gordon College’s nursing program and graduated in 1981. From Gordon he went on to San Antonio to earn his B.S. in nursing from Incarnate Word College.
In 1990 he returned to active service as an officer, serving in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. After Desert Storm he went back into the reserves and Plano, Texas, to work for Charter Medical Corp. After returning to Georgia in 1996, he went to work for the Clayton Center, which provides behavioral health services in Clayton County.

Not long after he retired from the service in 1998, he decided he needed to give back to his own community in Lamar County, which he did in creating Compassion Care Inc., a private home care service. His first intake of patients, 40 of them, was in 1999. Today, Compassion Care averages about 7,300 home visits a year and employs 20 certified nursing assistants who attend to elderly and shut-in clients across Lamar, Pike, Butts, Upson and Spalding counties. Compassion Care services include bathing, dressing, personal care, assistance with homemaking and light cleaning.

His gentle manner with children belies the fact that Stinson is also a warrior, initially trained as a combat medic. After he finished nursing school, he was commissioned as an officer and eventually promoted to major. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, Stinson went to war.

Compassion Care is the for-profit business of Stinson’s entrepreneurship. His nonprofit business is called Compassion Care Community Services Inc. A 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation, it provides two major services toward improving the lives of children: the Exploration After School Program and Camp Compassion Day Camp. Explorations is a program for school-aged children during school sessions, and Camp Compassion is offered during academic breaks.

Watching him interact with these children, ages 8 through 12, it is easy to imagine him as a big brother taking care of his siblings.

“Mr. Paul, can I get a book?”
“Mr. Paul, can I go to the bathroom?”

Maj. Stinson answers calmly in a storm of noise that 10 or 12 kids can generate, even when they are trying their utmost to be quiet. At one point during an interview, Maj. Stinson said, “I’m hearing too much noise,” and they quieted down.

His gentle manner with children belies the fact that Stinson is also a warrior, initially trained as a combat medic. After he finished nursing school, he was commissioned as an officer and eventually promoted to major. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, Stinson went to war.
“I was assigned to an advanced party to estab-
lish a 600-bed hospital at King Khalid Military
City in Saudi Arabia. There were 12 of us in this
party, and we were to make sure we had healthy
conditions, water and food,” he said.

Once the shooting war started, he said he didn’t
experience “strong fear,” but there were times
when he became anxious, times when SCUD mis-
siles were launched at the hospital. “We know
from their trajectories that they would have hit us
had not Patriot missiles knocked them out. Even
with the explosion up in the air, the concussions
would be so strong they would lift us off our feet.”

And every time there was an alert, they had to
put on chemical warfare suits and find shelter in
foxholes. The patients, he said, remained in their
hospital wards along with on-duty staff.

One of the toughest things he had to deal
with were civilian casualties, especially children.
He remembers an incident when Iraqis attacked
Kurdish families with grenades. “Children were
injured, maimed. It was hard to see, but the flip
side was to see them get better. We were there for a
purpose, for good. It was satisfying when the peo-
ple we helped showed their gratitude.”

In the last few years, he has found another
way to serve. In 2002 he ran for a seat on the
Lamar County School Board, and in 2004 he ran
for the Lamar County Commission. Unperturbed
by losing both races, Stinson makes it clear that he
will run again, that it’s only a matter of time
before he’s elected.

“I’m especially concerned about the children.
I’m anxious about their future, I want to help them
to be able to compete,” he said. “They have to leave
their homes to find jobs. I want them to be able to
sit in any classroom and not be embarrassed.”

In running for county commission, he said he
saw the chance “to help economic development, to
look at the health care system, to look at funding
and resources, and to help manage the county’s
growth.” He said, “I moved to Lamar County
because of its beauty and tranquility and didn’t
want to see it exploited.”

He likes to remember when there was a work-
ing factory in Barnesville and how it helped the
community work together, irrelevant of bias and
socio-economic status. He sees it as a time when
the community worked together in harmony.

In short, Paul Stinson has a vision for the
future of his community, and he’s ready to serve. ■
Keeping Gordon alive in their hearts

Puerto Rican Alumni Win Distinguished Service Award

This year’s Gordon College Foundation Distinguished Service Award was not awarded to any one person at the 2005 graduation on May 14 – it was awarded to the Gordon Alumni Association of Puerto Rico.

In presenting the award, the president of the Foundation, Mr. Peter Banks, said, “The recipient of this year’s Distinguished Service Award is not a single person, but a group of people, who represent a vibrant part of Gordon’s history.”

He told the audience of more than 2,500 people that he and Gordon College President Larry Weill “had the privilege of attending their November 2004 meeting and were impressed at what they have done to keep the memory of Gordon alive for their members. We want to honor them today because they are working with us to keep Gordon in the hearts of our many graduates, like these students today who will soon become official alumni of Gordon.”

With that, he invited David Mari, president of the Gordon Alumni Association of Puerto Rico, to come forward and accept the award which honors those who make outstanding contributions to the College.

Mr. Mari was not the only one representing the Puerto Rican alumni. In the audience were the Rivera brothers, J.P. and Jaime, Dr. Alberto Oben and his wife Milagros, Mr. Mari’s wife Virginia, and Charlie Provost. Another member of the alumni association, Mr. Luis Guinot Jr., was seated on the dais – he was the 2005 graduation speaker. (See the story on Mr. Guinot on page 26).
A delegation of Puerto Rican alumni visit the Alumni Room in the Hightower Library. From left to right they are Jaime Rivera, David Mari, J.P. Rivera, Dr. Alberto Oben and Charlie Provost on the couch.

A reception was held for the former U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica and his wife Marta the evening before graduation with the Puerto Rican delegation in attendance. They used the occasion to present President Weill with a plaque decorated with a colorful ceramic relief of San Juan. In part the inscription read: “With heartfelt appreciation, we the alumni from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico of Dear Old Gordon ... extend our deepest gratitude to the staff of Gordon and the people of Barnesville, Georgia, for the attention given to us during the years we were resident students.”

Ever since the lines of communication between the College and its Puerto Rican alumni reopened with a chance visit by David and Virginia Mari in the spring of 2004, a fruitful relationship has grown. In November 2004, Presidents Weill and Banks attended a reunion in San Juan, where they were introduced to Mr. Guinot. In the course of their conversations, Mr. Guinot was invited to be the 2005 graduation speaker and he in turn proposed an international speaker series.

Thus was born the Gordon College International Speaker Series, inaugurated by His Excellency F. Tomás Dueñas, the Costa Rican ambassador to the United States, on April 13, 2005. The College and Mr. Guinot are already planning for three more international speakers in fall 2005.

The College’s renewed relationship with its Puerto Rican alumni has also opened the possibility for international travel for the entire Gordon College community. Several of the Puerto Rican alumni have offered their help putting together custom tours of their island, and Ambassador Dueñas has offered to help do the same in Costa Rica. Gordon’s Office of Institutional Advancement has started looking into the possibilities.

This beautiful ceramic showing the historic quarter of San Juan, Puerto Rico, is part of a plaque presented by the Gordon Alumni Association of Puerto Rico to President Larry Weill on May 13, 2005.

The plaque reads: “With heartfelt appreciation we the alumni from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico of Dear Old Gordon our over one hundred and fifty year old Alma Mater extend our deepest gratitude to the staff of Gordon and the people of Barnesville, Georgia, for the attention given to us during the years we were resident students. Furthermore let this plaque be displayed in a prominent place on the campus so that all men and women who seek an education here will know that the discipline we learned and the good character we developed while attending Gordon has made us better citizens of our country and the world.”
S\footnotesize{urprising as it may sound, Gordon College did not have an official alumni association until President Larry Weill remedied the situation – and what better setting than at a Golden Anniversary reunion of the Class of 1954?}

Two standout Gordon College athletes from the days when the two-year school had both basketball and football teams have been inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Gary Barnes**, who was an all-ACC end at Clemson, and **Jim Fox**, who lead the University of South Carolina basketball team in scoring one season, entered the hall during ceremonies in May 2005. Both had notable pro careers.

Barnes was a two-sport star at Gordon in basketball and football in 1957 and 1958 before heading to Clemson and excelling on the gridiron. The Fairfax, Alabama, native was drafted by the Packers and was a member of the 1962 NFL championship team before landing in Atlanta and catching the team’s first touchdown pass.

Now a municipal court judge living in Clemson, South Carolina, the former Gordon star was named to the Clemson University Centennial Team.

At 6-foot-10, Fox was a towering presence on campus in the early 1960s and was known as “Big” Jim. The native of Sandy Springs set the school single-game mark with 63 points against Georgia Military College.

At South Carolina, Fox recorded one of the greatest single-game performances in school history when he hit for 30 points and hauled down 23 rebounds. He played for several teams in the NBA, including Seattle, where fans voted his game of a team-record 30 rebounds and 25 points as the No. 3 performance in franchise history. Fox is now a successful Phoenix-area businessman.

What this means is that the College recognizes an unbroken link of alumni from every graduating class whether from its private military school days or from its current public school status in the University System of Georgia. One of the greatest benefits to the different graduating classes is that they can call upon the resources of the College to help them coordinate reunions and find long lost classmates.

The reunion, held on the Gordon campus on Sept. 18, 2004, was also the occasion for naming the Alumni Association’s first advisory board. At its first meeting, also on the Gordon campus on Feb. 4, 2005, members elected Kike Seda, Columbus, Ga., as president, Don Neuner, Fayetteville, Ga., as vice president, Sophie Blosser, Barnesville, Ga., as secretary, and Dr. Aaron Buice, Barnesville, Ga., as treasurer.

The other members of the entire advisory board are John Burnette, Wilkesboro, N.C.; Laurie Chambers, Thomaston, Ga.; Berry Cook, Thomaston, Ga.; Chuck Copeland, Griffin, Ga.; Charlie Covin, Raleigh, N.C.; Lewis Covin, MacClenny, Fla.; Laura Harrison, Rome, Ga.; Carol Jenkins, Forsyth, Ga.; Marcia Rosenfeld, Woodstock, Ga.; and Paul Stinson, Milner, Ga.
FLOYD DAVIS  CLASS OF 1941

Floyd Ofgang Davis was already in military school in New York when he first learned of Gordon College. “I had been a student at Peekskill Military Academy when I saw an ad in the back of a magazine with a cadet. It was for Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia.” He said he didn’t know whose idea it was for him to go to Gordon, but “I liked the idea of an adventure.”

This was some time in 1937, and in 1938, Mr. Davis got off the train in Barnesville at age 14. He said he could’ve come by ship, landing at Savannah, but he preferred the train. “I remember going through towns in the South that looked like they hadn’t been fixed or rehabilitated since Sherman came through.” He says the first memory that comes to him about his arrival was the heat, the second was the wool clothing people wore, and the third was the number of horse drawn buggies.

Mr. Davis graduated from Gordon in 1941, and like many of Gordon’s young men, he went to war. And like many who’ve experienced war, he discovered what it was he wanted to do with his life. It happened on a medical transport ship when he was a medic caring for a soldier who had lost his eyesight to shrapnel. “It was that experience that convinced me I wanted to help those who’ve lost their sight.”

And he did. After the war, Mr. Davis went to medical school and became Dr. Davis, an ophthalmologist.

And what does he remember about Gordon College? He remembers his professors. “I loved the way they explained literature in detail. I had one professor who taught Shakespeare; his name was Dickens. If I didn’t understand something, he’d say, ‘Come on over here boy,’ and he’d explain.”

Scott KENTON  CLASS OF 1943

“My brother Tom and I attended Gordon Military College during the school years of ’41-’42 and ’42-’43. Tom was in the college program, and I completed my junior and senior years of high school.

“Barnesville, Georgia, was a long way from Norbonne, Missouri (pop. 1,000), and it seemed even further when we got on the train in Kansas City to start our trip south. Norbonne is a farming community near Kansas City, and I do not think either Tom or I had been more than 100 miles away from home in our life.

“The train trip to Barnesville took nearly three days, and we were aware that we could only return home at Christmas and at the end of the school year. This did not seem to be a problem at the time and never really was. Our roommates and friends took us home with them for long weekends and other school holidays. Transportation was never really a problem either since we hitchhiked on every trip.

“After Pearl Harbor, activities were limited as well as official school travel, but this did not keep us from visiting many places around the state on weekends and holidays. My roommate Walter ‘Doc’ Lawry and I had some really great times at Valdosta with his family, and I always appreciated their hospitality since I could not go home for Thanksgiving and other holidays. On one of our trips to Valdosta, we were picked up by a Georgia Highway Patrolman. We were impressed with the radio, guns and the bulletproof windshield. We had a great ride and made a new friend.

“With the local students, both boys and girls, Gordon was a great place to attend school. We also thought the people of Barnesville were friendly, and we enjoyed taking part in their community activities. I remember ‘Confederate Day’ at the large auditorium each year. The band would play, and there was one gentleman still living in Barnesville who was a veteran of the Civil War who always had a part in the program.

“I will always remember Gordon Military College and the experiences I had as a 16- and 17-year-old cadet. Being out in the world at an early age made what was to come after Gordon much easier.”
“I wasn’t doing very well in high school, and so my mom decided to send me to a private school – a private military school. Most of what we found in the library were too expensive, but then we came upon one my mother said she could afford – Gordon Military College.

“I was 15 when I was put on the North Shore Electric Train in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Chicago. I was told to get off at Dearborn Street and walk about a block to the train station. That block was pretty bad, with winos and bums sitting and lying on the sidewalk, but I made it to the Dearborn Street Train Station, found the Dixie Flyer, got on in coach, and started my adventure.

“Because we were laid up in Atlanta for a few hours, I didn’t arrive in Barnesville until 1:30 in the morning. No one was around; the town was dark; I was scared. Then I heard clopping sounds. It was a man on a two-wheeled wagon pulled by a mule. God only knows where he was going that time of night.

“I walked to the corner and saw a light in a restaurant – I think it was called the Barnesville Cafe. There was a gal behind the counter, so I walked in and told her my problem. She told me the school was closed at night, but she could put a cot in the hall upstairs for 50 cents where I could sleep the night. I remember I had about 90 cents left from my trip, so it was a deal.

“The next morning I got out, saw a taxi, and asked the cab driver the cost to the school. I was in luck – it was 25 cents. I got to school, signed in, and was put in South Barracks. And I still had 15 cents.

“My first letter from my mom was how sorry she was to send me on a trip at age 15 by myself, not knowing much about travel, trains or anything in between. That was my start of three years at Gordon Military College, from 1945 to 1948. It was all worth it. My years at Gordon are priceless. ...”

““I was a good student, a straight A student, up until my junior high school years. I started to be fascinated with what young boys are fascinated with at that age. I became rebellious.

“During this time, I had a failing grade in chemistry, a 59 average. Worse, the chemistry teacher would delight in humiliating me. Knowing that I would not know an answer, he’d call on me, then taunt me.

“It was also during this time that I caught the flu and had to stay home for several days. When my mother decided it was time for me to return to school, I told her I was quitting. This was halfway through junior high school.

“My mother was a smart woman, and instead of arguing with me, she took me on a road trip. She took me around to several colleges and we ended up at Gordon Military College around Christmastime and visited with the president. What a nice man.

“I don’t know why, but I decided this was where I wanted to go and my mother enrolled me then and there. It cost $750 for everything including clothing, food, books. I still have the invoice. I’ve kept it all these years.

“When I went into chemistry class, I made a B+ under Prof. Reggie Coggins. Such a nice, pleasant fellow.

“The structure and discipline Gordon had to offer probably saved my life. I remember my mother crying at my graduation from Gordon and again at my graduation from the University of Georgia.

“She said that she never thought she’d see the day I’d graduate from college because of my rebelliousness in the 10th grade. And, if not for Gordon, I probably wouldn’t have.”
ANNA NORTH
CLASS OF ‘06

“I have wanted to be a nurse since I was nine. I grew up near LaGrange and thought about going to college there but decided I did not want to stay home and go to college.

“I had a relative who worked in admissions at Young Harris, and at the beginning of my senior year, I made up my mind that I was going there. Before Christmas, I applied and was awarded a scholarship.

“My mom graduated from Gordon and during my senior year in high school she received an alumni magazine. It had a picture of President Weill on the front of it. My mom found out about a campus visit day and said I should look at Gordon. In February, even though I already had the Young Harris scholarships and thought I had made up my mind, I went to Gordon for a campus visit.

“We went to Smith Hall and Pat Brown was there and the room was full of people. She started talking about how Gordon’s Associate of Science in Nursing program is the top one in the state and that there was a relationship with Gordon and the Medical College of Georgia. That was where I planned to end up, MCG, so the distance learning component with MCG was very appealing to me.

“I started thinking that Gordon might be a possibility for me, and I kept thinking about it. During spring break on a Sunday night I walked into the living room and told my parents that I was going to Gordon. My mom was happy – she was Class of ‘84.

“The nursing program is the hardest thing I have done in my entire life. I was used to not studying and still making A’s, and so the nursing program has been a very hard but good change. I enjoy being involved in campus activities but sometimes it is hard to find time around my class and work schedule.

“Gordon was the right thing for me and I am glad I made this choice. So is my mom!”

Dr. Jim Richards was chairman of the social sciences division at the time. He said this simply is not true.

“The columns were in danger of falling. They had to come down because they were unsafe and pulling away from the building.”

As can be seen from the photograph, the columns came down in broad daylight.

Dr. Richards also said that the architect, Tom Collum of Atlanta, “had a plan for the look of the building and for the campus. In keeping with the slate black steel of the windows and other campus improvements, he suggested we smooth off the facade.”

As part of the College’s master plan, “his style was chosen throughout the campus. There had been columns on Russell, smaller of course, and those too were removed.”

“When I discovered these photos in our collection, it was difficult for me to look at them,” said Rhonda Toon, vice-president of advancement. “I loved the look of Lambdin Hall with the columns and I miss them. Last year when the large oak trees came down, I felt the same sort of sadness. But the longer I am here at Gordon meeting military alumni from the 1930s through our last graduating class, the more I realize that change is a part of this place. We have to hold onto the history and heritage, especially its long history of academic excellence, but we also have to build upon it to meet the needs of students today and in the future. If we don’t, Gordon will live only in memory.”

O ne of the most recognizable features of the Gordon College campus during its military school years were the columns which marked the entrance of what is now Lambdin Hall. Their removal in 1975 birthed the urban legend that they were secretly torn down in the dead of night.
Walk up the steps of Gordon College’s Hightower Library, and you’ll come to stand under the gaze of a larger-than-life Gen. John Brown Gordon. Some would say that it was a larger-than-life man who presented it to the College, the University of Georgia’s Dean of Men William Tate.

At the presentation of the Gordon portrait on April 18, 1961, Col. C.T.B. Harris, Gordon’s president, introduced Dean Tate as “one of the University’s ablest and most popular staff members” with countless honorary degrees.
“Our speaker, because of his enthusiasm for college life, has endeared himself to thousands of University of Georgia students, and his nickname with them is ‘Wild Bill’ Tate.”

Later, when Gordon became part of the university system in the early 1970s, it was Dean Tate’s wife who confirmed that the painting, originally given to the University of Georgia by Gordon’s family, would remain at Gordon on “indefinite loan.” Soon after that confirmation, Gordon acquired several pieces of furniture belonging to Gen. Gordon due to the generosity of Gordon’s family. The mahogany sofa, rosewood mirror and table that are now displayed in the library once belonged to the college’s namesake. Other pieces belonging to the general were given to the High Museum of Art and the governor’s mansion in Atlanta.

The portrait, by E.F. Andrews, was completed in 1899, just five years before Gen. Gordon’s death. It was in the possession of the University until Dean Tate presented it to Gordon College and appears to be painted from a photograph that is often used to portray the general. It is said that his face is turned to hide a wound he received while in battle.

Maj. Gen. Gordon was present at many of the greatest Civil War battles, including Antietam where he was wounded five times but still refused to leave his command. But it was at Appomattox that he performed his greatest duty, the surrender of arms of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee’s command.

Anyone who has visited the Appomattox battlefield cannot help but feel the deep emotions of both Gen. Gordon and the Union Brig. Gen. Joshua Chamberlain in an account of the surrender by Mark Shaara: “They were led by an officer on horseback, and Chamberlain watched him, the back straight, the uniform clean, as clean as could be in the mud of the camps.

Chamberlain saw nothing else now. If this man was in front of the column it was for a reason, a choice made not by chance but by something in the man himself.

“… and now the name came, the recognition of one of Lee’s best. Chamberlain felt a sudden rush of excitement: John Gordon.”

The Union Army saluted the Rebel soldiers as they moved forward to the surrender—an action that is said to have surprised the men. According to a marker at the site, it was Gordon who ordered that the salute be returned. The Hightower Library holds many salutations to the general, who later became governor of the state of Georgia. In addition to the holdings belonging to Gen. Gordon, are a number of items of interest to historians and especially Gordon alumni. Yearbooks from many years as well as recruitment catalogs and other memorabilia can be found in the alumni room. Photographs of former Gordon presidents, military uniforms, trophies and other items are displayed. Yearbooks are missing from 1920-1923, 1926-1927, 1932-1935, 1937, 1940, and 1942 in our collections. We do not believe yearbooks were published in 1943 or 1951.

The College is very interested in preserving its history and welcomes donations to this collection. During this past year, Henry Wisebram donated two dress uniforms, his yearbook collection and a portfolio of papers. Other donations included the yearbooks belonging to Col. Kantner donated by his widow, Rochelle; a diploma dated 1918 from Gordon Institute by Aaron and Amanda Buice as well as a military tactics notebook; and Charlie Provost provided a set of cadet regulations. Photos and a 1948 Taps were given by Richard J. Kenny. Laura Harrison has generously allowed the College to copy many of the old photographs in her collection. Photographs and papers may be copied, and the originals returned to the donor if the donor so wishes. Please call the advancement office, 770-358-5124, if you would like to add to the alumni collection. The names of the donors are listed with the items so that alumni enjoying the artifacts are aware of the generosity of the donor.
The following submissions were received by the office of advancement between October 2004 and June 2005.

1940s
Ellen Smith Broadus ‘45
now lives in Bellingham, Wa. She visited Charleston, S.C., and family in Virginia this past spring before returning home.

W. Merrill Brown ‘45
was recently named Secretary for Sandhill Telephone Cooperative. He has been a director for 10 years. Merrill’s address is P.O. Box 97, Bethune, S.C. 29009, and he can be reached by e-mail: merrillb@shtc.net.

James Freel ‘43
retired as owner/manager of a hardware business in Canton, N.C.

Ellis P. Mosley Jr. ‘40
is retired from a career as a geologist and lives in Texas.

Eston E. Melton ’49
retired from a career in engineering and education and served as chairman of the Rabun County (Ga.) Board of Commissioners.

Richard J. Kenny ’48
and his wife Rita have been married for 54 years and currently live in Wisconsin. Richard is retired from 38 years as a tool and die design supervisor at A.O. Smith Corporation’s automotive division. He has a home on Lake Winnebago and loves fishing, snowmobiling and the Green Bay Packers.

1950s
John Douglas Burnette ’54
received his BA at Lenoir Rhyne College and his MA and Ed.S. at Appalachian State University. He spent six years as a teacher and 26 years in public school administration in North Carolina. He has completed a number of mission trips including ones to Hong Kong, mainland China and Romania. He has been a Gideon member for 26 years. Currently he serves as camp president of Wilkes South Camp. John led the efforts for the very successful Class of 1954 reunion and serves on the advisory board of the Gordon Alumni Association.

Charlie Christian ’55
is a retired dentist as well as a retired Army Lt. Col. and lives in Madison, Ga., where he is an active master gardener and president of the local eight-county association. Charlie enjoyed 34 years practicing dentistry and also served as an instructor at Emory University.

Ellen Middlebrooks Granum ’58
and her husband, Jim, have returned to Barnesville after “almost 30 wonderful years in Washington, DC.”

Lewis Johnson ’51
is retired but has served in a number of volunteer roles in his homeowner’s association since 1997 in Hernando Beach, Fla. Among the positions he has held are president of the Hernandez Beach South Association for three years, director for several committees including serving as chairman of the grounds and boat ramp committee, and serving as a crime watch official.

Katherine Mallon McHan ’55
is a semi-retired registered nurse who is married with three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She spends her summers in the mountains of north Georgia and winters in Florida.

M. C. “Sonny” Paget, Gordon Commandant ’53-’59
retired Army Lt. Col., now lives in Jackson, Ga., with his wife of 56 years, Frances. He served 31 (’59-’90) years as a high school principal and assistant superintendent. He continues to be active in the Georgia Retired Teachers Association and is presently serving as a Georgia State Accreditation Evaluator.

Help Gordon and your classmates keep up with what is happening in your life—both personally and professionally—by sending Class Notes items to rhondat@gdn.edu. You may also fax them to 770. 358. 5191 or mail them to Advancement Office, Gordon College, 419 College Drive, Barnesville, GA. 30204. We want to know your news!
1960s
William Hamrick ’60
is retired from AIG.

Mulkey McMichael ’69
is the director of public relations for the
Sumter County Schools. He is the author
of a compilation of folk memories, Led by
the Shepherd’s Staff.

1970s
Bobby Cone ’71 & ’74
has four children and lives in
Barnesville. He works for Directory
South of Jackson, Ga.

Laura Cone Hayes ’72 & ’91
is employed by Gordon College in the
computer services department, where
she has worked for the past 13 years.

Pete D. Reems ’72
serves on the Federal Reserve Board
in Atlanta and is chairman of the
board of the McIntosh Trail. He and
wife, Linda, have two children and
two grandchildren.

Charles W. Swindall ’72
is currently serving as the dining facility
attendant manager of the 284th Base
Support Battalion, Directorate of Logistics
in Giesse, Germany. Charles reports that
he has served in the area for approxi-
mately 33 years and expects to return to
Georgia between 2008 and 2010 if the
post closes as is expected.

1980s
Jane E. Mitchell ’83
is a teacher of the gifted with the Griffin-
Spalding School System. She resides at
The Rock, Georgia, with her husband,
Marcus.

1990s
Michele Whittington Cofer ’93
earned her BSN from North Georgia
College and has worked at the Henry
(Ga.) Medical Center for more than
11 years.

Dana Lynn Herringdine Fry ’98
married her childhood sweetheart in
2002, and is now living in Winder, Ga.

Kaye Hahn ’97
completed her masters of nursing in 2002
from the Medical College of Georgia and
is now working as a nurse practitioner.

Zeke Harvey ’98
and his wife, Lori Haygood Harvey live in
Griffin, Ga. After graduating from UGA
with a Horticulture Degree, Zeke now
owns and operates Chappell Mill Trees a
Wholesale Tree Nursery in Lamar County.

Dianne Hemmings ’90
has worked in elementary music
education for the past nine years, three
of which were in Lamar County, Ga. She
is currently facilitating drumming work-
shops for students and teachers
in her own business in partnership with a
local resident artist. They bring the health
benefits of drumming to patient care. She
resides in her hometown of Beaufort,
S.C., with her husband, Paul.

Marie Harvey Knight ’93
recently married David Knight, Georgia
House Representative for District 126
(parts of Lamar, Butts, Spalding counties).
While working for AmericasMart in
Atlanta, the Knights make their home in
Griffin, Ga.

2000s
Kelly Hayes Adamson ’00
is in her third year as an elementary
school teacher. She is currently
teaching fifth grade at Lamar County
Elementary School.

Stephanie Sheriff Corley ’03
has completed degree requirements at
Georgia College and State University
and is teaching first grade this fall at
Jackson Elementary School in Jackson,
Ga. She was awarded the Outstanding
Major Award for the Early Childhood
Education Department. She married
Jarrett Corley in July.
“COMING BACK TO WORK after losing my son Joey was difficult for me, but the first day back in the office the girls told me that they were collecting money for a gift to the Gordon College Foundation in memory of my son. They knew education had been a big thing in our lives. When I received the list of all the names of people who had given, as well as the gift made by the Gordon College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, I was overcome with an emotion I just can’t express.

“Words can’t describe how much it meant to me to know that people had shown their love in this way – a way that would allow young people to get an education to make the world better.

“In addition to the gifts made to the Gordon College Foundation, a book was placed in the Hightower Library with a nameplate in memory of Joey. I know students will see it and read his name and that matters to me – that he is being remembered.

“The interesting thing about the book is that the library staff chose a book they wanted to add to their collection to benefit the faculty and students, an art book. My Joey was not only a computer technician, but also an artist. The last name of the artist in the book is Anderson, the same as Joey’s middle name. And as my older son pointed out about the book, the artist in the book paints in the style that Joey most admired.

“The people who chose the book did not know any of these things, but when I held that book it gave me such comfort to know that this had been done in his memory. I like to think about students taking this book off the shelf and opening it and seeing Joey’s name there. This comforts and encourages me, and I think one of the most valuable things a person can do for a grieving person is give this kind of gift.”

Written by Jan Pharo, Comptroller at Gordon College, Mother of Joseph “Joey” Anderson Pharo.
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