

The Viking



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Sweet Treats Stop
Complimentary sweet pastries, snacks and more, provided by Great Western Dining Service. Sponsored by Student Life.
First and Third Wednesdays 9 - 10 a.m.
Life Center, 2nd Floor

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Complimentary assorted snacks provided by Great Western Dining Service. Hosted by Student Life.
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Life Center, 2nd Floor

Gym & Fitness Center
Open to all students and staff with a college ID.
Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

"It's My Life" Student Leadership Series
Monday, September 28 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Community leaders are invited to discuss and share their philosophy on leadership in today's competitive work environment. *LA 101*
Speaker: Dr. Chase Machen, Dean of Academic Instruction

Student and Employee Spirit Day
Every Friday
Wear your GC attire with blue jeans and celebrate the Viking spirit.

Flu Shots
September 22 & 24 12 - 2 p.m. *The Bridge*
Get your annual flu shot from the Grayson County Health Department. Cost: \$20 (cash, check with ID or credit card). Sponsored by Student Life.

4-on-4 Flag Football
Pick up your registration packet from the Student Life office. Games are played on Tuesdays starting September 22. *Game times: 12 and 12:30 p.m.* The intramural field is located behind the baseball facility. A minimum of four teams is required. Registration ends September 10.

Litter Pick Up
September 24, 12 - 1 p.m.
This month we will be focusing on the pond to help with the campus beautification project. Hosted by SGA. Meet in front of the BSM.

Life Center
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dodgeball
Every Wednesday 12 - 1 p.m.
Gymnasium
Sponsored by Student Life.

Late Night Food Event
September 9, 9 - 10 p.m.
Free to students and employees. Featuring hamburgers, spicy chicken nuggets, sides, dessert and a drink. *Food Court*

BSM Weekly Lunch
Every Wednesday 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Students and staff invited. Compliments of the BSM.

Student Government Association
First Mondays (monthly) 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

Grayson Nursing Student Association
Second Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

New coffee shop 'GC Perks' to enliven campus life

Logan Beauchamp
Assistant Editor

By now much of the student body is well aware of our new coffee shop, GC Perks. What they don't know is the hard work that has taken place behind the scenes to make it all a reality.

In this article *The Viking* hopes to pull back the veil on a project that has been years in the making. We had the privilege of interviewing GC President Jeremy McMillen and GC Bookstore Manager Venus McGuire.

According to McMillen the first progress towards a campus-based coffee shop occurred before his tenure as president of GC. It began with the addition of several large expansions and



Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

renovations to the campus, which happened to include what we now call the Bridge.

McMillen stated that during the initial process the college had issued a request for proposal, calling on vendors to open a coffee shop, but at the time it simply was not possible due to many of the potential bidders not having the desire to build the facilities needed to make the business feasible.

The main road block was monetary; due to budget limitations the college could not afford to spend its valuable resources on the cost of installing counters, sinks and other necessary hardware that would have been in the neighborhood of \$40,000 and whose price would've been transferred to students in the long run. Also, during this time the economy had taken a down turn and college programs and faculty were actually being cut, so it is understandable that the chose to delay such expenditures while trying to trim budgets.

After the economy stabilized the gears once again began to turn. During a competitive bidding process, Follett Higher Education stepped in and offered to fund the build. The best



part of this arrangement was that the college got an up-to-date, efficient coffee shop without the expenditure of taxpayer dollars. All in all, the college has prof-

ited massively from the new addition. McMillen has stated that he feels that GC Perks has extended the learning environment beyond the classroom, creating a place where students and professors can meet and talk about things outside of the curriculum. It has helped bridge the professional gap between students and professors by providing a common ground on which they can meet. He also stated that he hopes that GC Perks will serve as an open forum not only for educational purposes, but also for social purposes, such as the discussion of politics, new ideas and the exhibition of the arts including poetry, music and other of GC's many assets.

In an interview with Venus McGuire, we learned a bit about the part Follett Higher Education played in making GC Perks a reality.

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GC celebrates fifty years



Photo credit: Rebecca Jones



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The college honored its fifty-year history with food and games on Friday, August 28.

Phi Theta Kappa at the Texas Honors Institute

Michaela Bledsoe
Student

On July 24, the GC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa headed back in time when we stepped foot on the University of North Texas campus to attend the Texas Honors Institute. This conference is an opportunity to delve fur-

ther into the Honors Study Topic for this year—Frontiers and the Spirit of Exploration—while also having a lot of fun along the way. Because our chapter, Omicron Psi, was elected to hold the position of District II Vice President this year...

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GC welcomes Howard Day

Rebecca Jones
Editor

There's a friendly new face on campus, and he comes bearing exciting opportunities for the GC community. Intrigued by the political process? Trying to break into a career in marketing? Meet Howard Day.



Professor of History and Criminal Justice Howard Day
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Celebrate Local History

Local Landmarks and their Preservation

a presentation by **Dorothy McKee** of the Sherman Museum

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 12:15 IN LA 207

T.V. Munson Memorial Vineyard & Vinita House Tour

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 MORE DETAILS TBA

Litter Pickup NOON • BSM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

History Comes Alive

presented by The Sherman Museum SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 WEST HILL CEMETERY SHERMAN, TEXAS

To volunteer contact JonesRe@grayson.edu

Hosted by the Student Government Association & the History Club

Paramedic Student Association

October 1, November 3, December 1, 12 - 1 p.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

Student Ambassadors

Third Mondays, 12 - 1 p.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

Men of Distinction

Thursdays, 12 - 1 p.m.
CWL Seminar Room A

Honors College Club

Thursdays, 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

DAAC

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. HS 202

Cosmetology Club

Mondays bi-weekly
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. CTC

Clay Club

First Thursdays, 5 - 6 p.m.
Ceramic Room, Arts & Communications

Phi Theta Kappa

Wednesdays
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. LA 207

Psychology Club

Tuesdays, 12:15 - 12:50 p.m.
CIS 202

Delta Phi Delta (Art)

First Tuesdays, 12:15
Arts & Communications
Design Room

LAE (Criminal Justice)

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sigma Kappa Delta & Writers Unlimited

Second Mondays, 12 - 1 p.m.
GC Perks, Life Center

Veteran Student Association

First and third Wednesdays
1 p.m. Veteran's Hub

Welding Technologies Association

First and third Mondays
12 - 1 p.m. CTC Break Room
First and third Tuesdays
12 - 1 p.m. South Campus

Cultural Diversity Club

First and third Wednesdays
12 - 1 p.m. Int'l Student Office

Radiology Tech Club

The 15th of each month
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. HS 200

Music Club

Every other Friday
12 - 1 p.m. Band Hall, Arts & Communications

Science Club

First Thursdays, 3 p.m. S 106

Gay Straight Alliance

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Bridge

HALO (Hispanic-American Leadership Organization)

Second and fourth Tuesday
12:20 - 12:45, LA 108

Future Educators

Every other Tuesday
12:20 - 12:50 p.m. CIS 200

TIPPS (Culinary Arts)

First Tuesdays, 3 - 4 p.m.
691 Restaurant

Eta Sigma Delta

First Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
Culinary Arts Building

Film Club

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.
Life Center Lounge

History Club

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
LA 207

Veteran Nursing Student Association

First Mondays, 12 p.m.
South Campus Skills Lab

Sisters of Destiny

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Conference Room, Life Center

FCA

Third Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Viking Residence Hall Lobby

Dental Assisting Club

Wednesdays, 11:30 - 12 p.m.
HS 205

Gamers Guild

First Wednesdays, 12:15
Arts & Communications
Design Room

Mu Alpha Theta

First and third Thursdays
1 - 2 p.m. LA 204

Roteract

Second and fourth
Wednesdays, 3 p.m.
Viking Room, Life Center

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Pond beautification off on the right foot

Rebecca Jones
Editor

After securing a huge \$25,000 grant from Lowe's and SkillsUSA, the college is quickly moving forward with improvements to the campus pond. Submitted as a service learning project by the Welding Technologies Association (WTA) early last year, the group's vision of the pond as a useable recreation area will soon be realized.

Over the summer work began on removing much of the perilous brush that once surrounded the water and proposed footpath. Despite the effects of low precipitation in the later summer months, which brought the pond's water level down significantly, a ten foot walkway has been installed as a dock. The water's decline was fortuitous in alerting welding students and maintenance

staff that an extension of the walkway would be necessary to make the dock more versatile year-round.

Still to come on the project agenda is the construction of a pavilion to be completed by the welding club after a concrete pad is installed in October. The group must also build a blind on the north side of the pond's footpath to keep visitors safe.

Welding club advisor and Department Chair of Advanced Manufacturing Technologies Alan McAdams says that the group is also seeking suggestions for ways to bring more wildlife to the area. "Quote quote quote," McAdams said. McAdams stated an interest in working with local Boy Scout troops to build nesting boxes for Purple Martins, which arrive in north Texas January-March.

"Any and all are welcome to help build the blind" or

take part in other aspects of the clean-up process, he added. The Student Government Association (SGA) will host a litter pickup this month focusing on removing debris from the pond's banks. The WTA and SGA hope to enlist the aid of oth-

er campus clubs and community members to make the pond a more hospitable place. For more information on what you can do to get involved with this project, contact welding professor Chance Backest at backestc@grayson.edu. ♥



Photo credit: Rebecca Jones

The pond cleanup initiative is a service learning project organized by the WTA and open to the entire campus community.

Honors College to host second annual "Run for Your Lives" 5K

2ND Annual Run for Your Lives 5K Run/Walk & Fun Run

Join Us: **October 24, 2015**
 When: 5pm (packet pick up at 4pm)
 Where: **Grayson College**
 How Much: \$25 5K / \$10 Fun Run
 Contact: **Dr. B. Fair 903-463-8734**
fairb@grayson.edu
 Benefiting: **Officer Down (ODMP)**

www.getmeregistered.com

Brandy Fair
Honors College Coordinator

On Saturday, October 24, the Grayson Honors College will host the second annual 5K and fun run event. This year, proceeds from the race will benefit the Officer Down Memorial Page (odmp.org), which benefits the families of fallen police officers and works to buy bullet proof vests for agencies that cannot provide them.

Grayson Honors College is a group of highly motivated students who work to improve their community while also maintaining a high GPA. We have been fundraising all summer to find sponsors for our event as well as raffle prizes including free food, movie passes and a one year membership to Anytime Fitness, just to name a few.

People of all ages are welcome to participate in the

5k or the Fun Run. We have medals for first place male and female in several age categories, as well as a separate competition for police officers/first responders. There is a "challenge" out for local officers to compete and take home bragging rights (and an awesome prize package) to their agency. After the event, runners and their supporters will gather in the gym for race results, raffle prize giveaways, the chance to speak to local vendors and a free dinner provided by Chipotle.

Grayson Honors College would like to extend a big thank you to all of the local businesses and Grayson College employees that support this event! Register before October 5 to receive a free event performance shirt and bag. Go to www.getmeregistered.com and search for "Run for Your Lives." ♥

Howard Day: officer, teacher, innovator

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Day is not only a decorated military officer, former law enforcement official and, now, an adjunct instructor of history and criminal justice courses at GC, he is also a candidate in the race for Grayson County Sheriff. "I'm fairly new to the political process," he says. By opening up internship possibilities with both his campaign and advertising agency, CBC Creative, Day wants to provide students the opportunity to learn with him "outside of the classroom."

Day brings years of military and police experience to the table, but he also brings an affection for history fostered from a very young age. Growing up in southern St. Louis, Missouri, Day stumbled upon the remnants of WWI training grounds just a mile from his childhood home. "[A] park ranger took me for a tour of what had been a Civil War army [outpost] that the Union forces had had there," he says. Further inspection led, to his amazement, to the discovery of WWI barracks used for soldiers suiting up to fight in France. "That was really what sparked my love of history...the more I dug in, the more I knew that someday I wanted to teach."

After high school, he

joined the Army. "I wanted to jump out of planes and visit exotic countries," Day says. In 1994, Day left active duty to pursue a career in law enforcement beginning at Collin County Law Enforcement Academy.

Things really "took off" for him after his assignment to a college police department in Dallas County, where the opportunities afforded to him as a rookie helped him grow into a tenacious leader. "They had a lot of faith in me," he says. In his first year and a half as a police officer he started a bike patrol unit, took additional courses recommended by his supervisors and was involved in crime prevention and other community outreach projects that he says have greatly aided in the advancement of his career.

His law enforcement experience has varied widely, from Sheriff's offices with over a thousand deputies to small police departments starting from the ground up. In accordance with his policing methodology, what is commonly known as the "broken windows" theory of community policing,

Day believes that a down-to-earth approach to crime prevention is necessary. "Community policing at its core," Day says, "is based on community disorder. If we go in and we approach and



Policeman of the Year Award, 2007

deal with the small things, then the larger issues often fail to develop."

In later years as a School Resource Deputy in Orlando, Florida, Day spent much of his time teaching, working with the school board and parents and developing emergency management initiatives for the safety of students, staff and faculty. His efforts in creating a more comprehensive emergency management plan were so well received that they became in-service training for the entire school district. As a result, Day was named the top School Resource Officer in the state of Florida. "I was then asked to sit on Governor Jeb Bush's K-20 Education Safety Partnership... One of the keystone initiatives that he rolled out was an extension of the program

that I had started in Seminole County, training not just law enforcement but the educators."

When Day returned to Texas, he helped establish the Anna Police Department before being deployed to Iraq for fifteen months. "I had been in combat back in Panama in 1989... [and] I was still on active duty for Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 90-91, so I wasn't new to combat operations. I actually felt compelled to go because of that." After a subsequent tour in Afghanistan in 2008 and extensive work with Wounded Warrior units around the nation, Day settled again in Grayson County for a very different mission: affecting change in the County Sheriff's office.

Besides offering interested students an inside look at the campaigning process through internships, Day would also like to inspire the campus community to get informed and do their civic duty. "I've served in countries where people would literally put their life on the line to vote..." he says, "...[to] take [their country] in a different direction or just let their voice be heard." For more information on Day's campaign, visit his website at www.dayforsheriff.org. To learn more about interning, contact Professor Day directly. ♥

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A college student's guide to eating well on a budget

Dawn Smith
Student

Many college students are faced with two prominent issues: poor food consumption habits and lack of funds. These two problems aren't unrelated. If you lack money, chances are your eating habits are of low quality. If you choose to eat poorly, it's highly likely that you will run out of funds relatively quickly. Sometimes students can struggle with these monsters so much that they lose their ability to function at school.

To all students, no matter the level of struggle you may be experiencing with these troubles: have no fear; a guide is here! There are solutions to these related evils, and now they are within your grasp.

First, **consider the kinds of food people of college age should eat.** Our bodies are not finished growing by the time we reach college. They still need the vitamins and proteins provided in the healthier foods suggested for us to eat. We especially need the energy that is provided by eating grains, vegetables, fruits, meat, dairy and the occasional treats that food pyramids everywhere espouse. Life is busy for most college students; thus, you need as much help to make it through the day as you can get.

Cari Tolentino, a nutritionist, recommends that what students need most in regards to healthy eating habits is to avoid skipping

meals, especially breakfast. Though college life can appear to leave little time for every single meal of the day, it is necessary to take that time to eat, even if it's just a sandwich and/or some fruit. Our body needs the nutrients and energy provided in our meals in order to function properly.

Many students fall into a food rut. They consume cheap and simple, yet unhealthy, foods such as microwave meals, sugary snacks and fast food. However, this pattern of eating can lead to some health problems. Tolentino says that such issues include a deficiency of

break the bank, Tolentino has a few suggestions. "Instead of going out," she says, "take the time to make and eat your meals in your own kitchen." Starting with breakfast, eat a bowl of whole-grain cereal with milk. For your other meals, make food that gives you protein, fiber and other such necessities, like beans and brown rice.

Now that we understand what we should be eating, let's progress to the money side of the problem. Whatever cash a student does obtain is rarely enough to last long. Here are two simple ideas to consider that

will help you manage your money:

#1. Cover your needs before your wants. Les Stanaland, a professor of economics for three colleges in the North Dallas area, suggests that instead of focusing upon buying apps or other products for entertainment, students should focus upon paying for their basic needs like food and shelter. According to Stanaland, you need to "pay yourself first" before even considering paying for the wants you may have. Though it may be difficult or seemingly unbeneficial to get your food needs taken care of first with all the other priorities and needs you may have in your life, it is necessary to take care of yourself if you seek to succeed.

#2. Plan your spending. Though many students have a small budget, it can appear

that few really plan how best to spend their hard-earned cash. Take care of your money step by step, considering how, when and what to spend it on or save it for. Both Stanaland and Tolentino suggest saving your money wherever possible and spending it wisely by covering your and your body's needs before buying something you may not really need. Tolentino explains that if the average person who decides to spend around \$5 per day on getting the cheapest food, or \$35 per week, "change[d] their mindset," they would see that with the money they spend on unsatisfying, unhealthy food, they could buy healthier food items (such as milk and cereal, supplies to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with honey, or some fruits and vegetables) that can last around the same amount of time.

Occasionally money can be too tight to afford food items in general. Some students may not have the means to make the money necessary to eat healthfully or at all and not know where to go to for help. Turning to your local library can provide you with the information you may need. There are phones, internet and people whose job it is to find the answers to queries for you, and it's all at your disposal.

Sheri Smith, a local librarian from the Sherman area,

has helped those in need of food find government assistance, local food pantries, church congregation food assistance opportunities, school food drives and other such services in the area. She sees a "boost in courage.. and self-worth from those whom she has been able to help find and obtain the services they need in order to survive and has even seen them help others who are in need.

The issues of a college student's lack of money and healthy eating habits are not all that difficult to solve. If you follow the suggestions in this guide, you will be able to complete your studies with success, as well as triumph throughout the activities of the rest of your life. ♥



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Hybrid police vehicles: investing in the future of GC

Rebecca Jones
Editor

The gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle is not a new phenomenon, but one that is quite possibly changing the face of transportation as we know it. How can institutions of higher education benefit from this kind of technology?

At GC, a fairly small fleet of police vehicles is making a big impact on campus: the use of these conventional gasoline engines produces over 30 tons of greenhouse gas emissions and costs more than \$10,000 in fueling per year. By switching to a hybrid model such as the Ford Fusion or Subaru VX Crosstrek, the college could:

- save nearly 60% on fueling costs each year,
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 50% and
- set a positive example for students, other local/community agencies.

The aim of this article, which will appear in series over the next several issues of *The Viking*, is to propose that a positive environmental change, such as switching from gasoline-powered engines to hybrid-electric engines in our police vehicles, can produce other constructive and thoroughly tangible results. We will begin with a little history.

For over 100 years, gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles have waited for their moment. It apparently all began with a young engineer named Ferdinand Porsche in 1898. Porsche, working to improve the loud, odorous gas-powered vehicles of his

time, innovatively incorporated battery power into the front-wheels hubs of carriages. In a later design, a gas engine turned a generator to in turn charge the batteries.

A short-lived frenzy of invention ensued. It was not long until gasoline-powered vehicles became king, however; the inexpensive mass-production of gas engines and proliferation of affordable gasoline erased all nearly traces of hybrid progress. It took rising concerns over pollution and emissions in the 1950s and 60s to prompt a resurgence in research on electric cars.

As it happened, "[a] typical car produced in 1963... discharged 520 pounds of hydrocarbons, 1,700 pounds of carbon monoxide, and 90 pounds of nitrogen oxide for every 10,000 miles traveled." As a result, many different models of gas-electric vehicles were developed outside of the U.S. over the next three decades, but production in America was stifled.

One needs only to consider why hybrid technology was researched and inevitably resurrected to understand its function and worth. Dubbed "the smog capital of America," Los Angeles, California, in the 50s and 60s served as a veritable "living laboratory for studying the causes and effects of massive doses of smog," largely related to automobile emissions.

The result was a new set of standards, based in federal legislation like the 1963 Clean Air Act and Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Act of 1965, meant to reduce emis-

sions and improve air quality across the country. Today, as environmental concerns resurface in the public eye and nations all over the globe pour millions of metric tons of CO2 and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, we should consider the ubiquity of fuel-efficient cars a gift, a tool that we can use responsibly to decrease our environmental impact.

Climate scientists today associate changes in our global climate with marked increases in greenhouse gas emissions, up five percent from 1990 to 2012. According to rigorous testing by the EPA and the Alternative Fuels Data Center, hybridization significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions in addition to saving drivers money on fuel.

Technological innovation has provided businesses and consumers in our society with a unique opportunity to curtail our impact on the environment and future fuel expenditures—hybrids seem finally to have found their niche. A police department like the one at GC, with two campuses and a relatively small area of jurisdiction, could certainly benefit from the use of hybrid vehicles; a decrease in overall fuel/vehicle expense and a significant reduction in emissions are assured, but I believe the switch could also set a powerful example for other campuses and regional law enforcement agencies.

In the next issue, I will discuss the financial implications of a switch from gasoline to hybrid police vehicles at GC. ♥

Are you job searching?

Register for Grayson College's online job board at www.collegecentral.com/grayson.

View job postings from area employers.

Remember to check it out frequently to view new opportunities!

Questions: Contact Gretchen Huff, Job Placement Specialist, huffg@grayson.edu or 903-415-2544.

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GC Theatre Department casts first play

Robin Robinson
Director of Drama & Theatre

The GC Theatre Department held auditions on Wednesday, August 26 for their first production of the semester, "Our Country's Good." The auditions were held at Cruce Stark Auditorium and 38 students arrived to either audition for the show or be considered to work "tech" for this production.

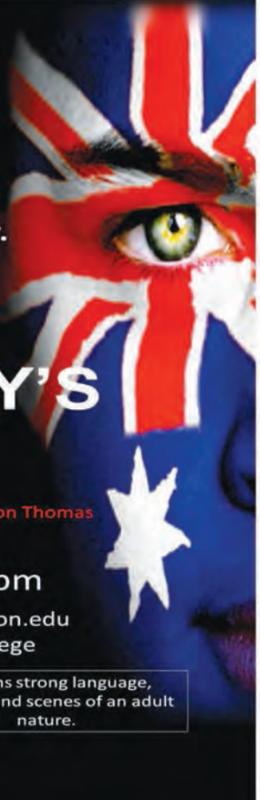
Twenty students were cast to act in the show and sixteen students will serve on tech crew and production team. Actors for this play are a combination of returning theatre majors and new freshman who just began their education this semester.

"Our Country's Good" is a play that takes place in 1788 in Australia, when Britain sent convicts to Australia to the penal colony. An officer, Lt. Ralph Clark (played by Howe's Connor Copeland), decides to direct a play in order to impress the governor of the colony, Captain Arthur Phillip (played by Denison's Holden Webster). The actors in this play are all convicts, which sets the scene for humor as well as drama as they begin to find worth and redemption through the power of the arts.

This play is based on a true story. Many of the characters in this play are based on real historical characters. The play is written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and

is based on the novel "The Playmaker" by Thomas Keneally. A leading London critic describes it as "highly theatrical, often funny and at times dark and disturbing, it sets an infant civilization on the stage with clarity, economy and insight [as] it relates the true story of the first theatrical performance in Australia." "Our Country's Good" won the Olivier Award for Play of the Year in 1988 and was nominated for a Tony for Best Play in 1991.

The convicts are played by Colton Wall from White-wright, Ashley Coffman from Sugarland, Dwayne Bruce and Katelin Britton of Tom Bean, Colt Schell from Denison, Caitlin Pohland from Corsicana, Shelby Clements from Wolfe City, Michael Butt from Sherman, Jordan Curry from Sadler and Tyler Burns from Bells. The officers are played by Chris Hendrik from Sadler, Darrion Dockins from Clarksville, James Berggren and Avery Speed from Denison, Hunter McDaniel from Caddo Mills, Luke Brown from Wolfe City and Jesse Alsop from Olney. Phillip Allen from Mesquite will



A story of hope, redemption and art. Based on a true story.

OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD

By Timberlake Wertenbaker, based on Thomas Keneally's novel, *THE PLAYMAKER*

Oct 8-10, 2015 7.30pm
903-463-8609 theatre@grayson.edu
Cruce Stark Aud Grayson College

Contains strong language, violence and scenes of an adult nature.



Photo credit: Robin Robinson

Blah Blah

play the Aborigine.

Performances of this play will be October 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. in Cruce Stark. The show will also perform at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, which will be hosted by Grayson October 14-17.

This play has adult themes and content and uses strong language, therefore it is not suggested for anyone under 18. For more information contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu. ♥

"Walk in My Shoes Art Exhibit" now in Second Floor Gallery

August 20 to September 24

Located on the first floor of the Arts & Communication Center
Art Reception: Friday, September 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Featuring forty-one original works by thirty artists including:

Donna Finch Adams, Rita Barnard, Steve O. Black, Kenda Carey, Arlene Cason, Custavo Castaneda, Jodi Castelli, Vicki Charlotta, MeAnnda Davis, Jen Foshee, Kelli Hall, Peggy Harlan, Whitney Haskins, Victoria Henderson, Mary Karam, Christian McGowan, Wesley Milner, Eric Chance Mobbs, Ilona Nogarr, Gaby Orozco, Claudi Prado, Kara Prince, Abi Reynolds, Alfred Robinson, Emily Rowley, Abigail Schilli, Joey Spindle, Sammy Thomason, Marie D. Van Arsdale and two unknown artists



Second Floor Gallery is all left feet this month, featuring dozens of works from students of GC and SOSU, as well as local artists, all related to shoes. Above: "A Long and Thorny Relationship" by former GC professor Donna Finch Adams. Right: "I am Woman" by Mary Karam.

Love to Write?

Monday,
September 14
Noon @ GC Perks



Bring your lunch and join Writers Unlimited and Sigma Kappa Delta for our first meeting of the year. Help us plan the semester's activities (field trips, campus events, community service) and sign up to write articles for *The Viking*.

*Look for our table reserved on the Bridge near the coffee shop.

Sigma
Kappa
Delta

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Call for giant Dia de los Muertos puppets

Steve O. Black
Professor of Fine Arts

The Denison Arts Council is calling for giant Dia de los Muertos puppets for its Dia de los Muertos festival and parade to be held on Saturday, November 7. This year DAC will be awarding prizes to the best puppets in the parade. The creator of the "Best" puppet in the parade will receive \$500. Second prize will be awarded \$300. Third place will receive \$200. Two \$50 awards will be given as Merit Awards.

Puppet workshops will be hosted at Grayson College every Wednesday evening beginning September 2. The workshops are held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in room AC105 in the Arts and Communication Center. The first Wednesday of each month will be dedicated to the introduction of various types of large puppets, ma-

materials needed, how to build a giant puppet and how to make wheat paste. The other Wednesday workshops will be working sessions.

Individuals, groups, clubs and organizations are invited. For more information or to reserved a seat or seats for your group contact Steve O. Black at 903-815-3665 or sblack_art@yahoo.com or blackst@grayson.edu. ♥



Free Puppet Workshops

Every Wednesday
6 - 9:30 p.m. AC105

New coffee shop on campus: GC Perks

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As a provider of services to colleges and universities across the country, Follett Higher Education is well-acquainted with providing the services that we are familiar with, such as the book store and GC Perks. McGuire stated that overall it has been the goal of GC Perks to “provide an improved experience for students/faculty and our campus community.”

Most of us can agree that they have met with success, and it is also evidenced in the change in atmosphere that has taken place in the Bridge since its introduction. She feels that GC Perks is something the college can

be proud of. So if you are happy with GC Perks, thank President McMillen and Venus McGuire for the hard work they have done. You might even give them one of their favorite items; McMillen enjoys the Hazelnut Latte and McGuire prefers the Iced Unsweetened Passion Tea Lemonade.

In closing, I would like to offer thanks to Professor Jean Sorensen for her long time advocacy in the name of a campus coffee shop. GC Perks is open from Monday -Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Fridays. GC Perks accepts requests for extended hours for events with two weeks notice. ♥



The coffee shop's opening April 10, 2015 brought together hundreds of students, faculty and staff, as well as local news agencies. Photo credit: Derek Dalton

Phi Theta Kappa Goes “Back to the Future” at Texas Honors Institute

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...Brandon Robinson worked alongside five other Regional Officers to put the whole conference together. The venue was UNT, the nerd count was in the hundreds and the theme was “Back to the Future!”

current and interesting topics is an invaluable experience. The chapter was very grateful for this opportunity.

It wouldn't be a Phi Theta Kappa event, though, without award recognitions and a lot of fun! Stacie Pope Felt, the chapter's president, re-

were put on display to view; our chapter's scrapbook will be on display in Professor Linder's office.

After the last seminar session wrapped up, each attendee received a certificate recognizing them as Texas Honors Scholars, which is a huge honor. The weather was hot, the campus was big, but the Texas Region knows how to host an event! The members walked away grateful for being able to learn as much as they did and were also inspired to carry this back with them to their respective chapters as they start on their Honors in Action projects. Our chapter would like to thank Brandon for his wonderful job on this Texas Honors Institute. We are very proud of the work he's done representing our chapter.

If you would like to get involved with our Honors in Action Project or attend the next conference, which is coming up October 9-11, stop by our meetings. We meet each Wednesday in the Fall and Spring semesters from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Viking Room on the second floor of the Life Center. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our advisor, Professor Mary Linder, in her office in Life Center 204 or via email at ptk@grayson.edu. We hope to see you soon! ♥



The group stopped for a photo with author and activist Shane Crone

All weekend long we traveled with our passports as we went from the past to the future, hearing from various speakers about each of the Honors Study Topic themes. Some of the speakers included Shane Bitney Crone, whose story is told in the documentary “Bridegroom”; Steve Snider, who discussed celestial exploration; Jordan Malone, an Olympic silver and bronze medalist, and Kantis Simmons closed out the event with a motivational speech. Being able to hear from all of these fantastic speakers was only heightened by being able to break out into seminar groups to discuss the topics even further. Debating, sharing, and listening to these discussions over

ceived her Five-Star Competitive Edge pin, and we are very proud of her. The other officers are waiting for the program to open back up in September so they can get their pins in time for the next convention.

For fellowship, the documentary “Bridegroom” was shown, which was a surreal moment having heard from the person in the documentary just a few moments before. And, every Phi Theta Kappa event has to have a dance, and what better way than to have an “Enchantment under the Sea” Back to the Future-inspired decade dance! Our district was able to rock the 80s with the big hair and make-up. After feeling “Footloose,” all the chapter scrapbooks

Carrying a gun on campus may soon be as common as carrying a textbook

Adriana Gayton Student

“It is official.” Starting August 1, 2016, any student over the age of 21 attending a public college or university in Texas will be allowed to carry a handgun on campus if that student is licensed to carry a gun.

This past June, Texas governor Gregg Abbott, signed Senate Bill 11 allowing any student with a concealed handgun license to carry a gun on school premises. Texas will be one of eight states to allow the carrying of concealed weapons on public college campuses, joining Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Mississippi, Colorado, Kansas and Wisconsin.

The waiting period will provide enough time for colleges to come up with a plan on how to implement gun regulations on campus. Although the police officers on campus are trained to deal with any kind of situations, the majority of the staff is not. It is likely that staff members will receive adequate firearm training and special training on what procedures to follow when someone with a gun exhibits

threatening behavior.

“The Collin College in Collin County, Texas is committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for all its students, faculty and staff members,” says Kim Tanuvasa, professor at Collin College. No student should fear for their life when attending class. It is more likely that Collin College will be increase their safety and security.

Opponents of this law responded that allowing students to carry concealed weapons would only create more violence, arguing that students and faculty members who cannot get a concealed handgun licensed for various reasons (probation, child support fees, driving under the influence, etc.) will not feel safe on campus.

“Faculty members and students will only have much more to be concerned about, having to go to school every morning not knowing when a maniac with a gun will have a mental breakdown and start shooting up the place,” says Christian Santibañez, a former student at GC.

Supporters of this law argue that weapons on campus

will only make the campus safer by allowing licensed gun owners to protect themselves and others from a tragedy like the one at Virginia Tech in 2007, where Senior Seung-Hui Cho, who suffered from mental illness, shot and killed 32 people and wounded 17. “Tragedies like this one can happen anywhere at any given time but can also be prevented,” says Santibañez

“Carrying a gun in school will make me feel safer, especially late at night when walking to my car after studying,” said Monse Garcia, a student at the University of Dallas. “A gun is a good means of protection when you find yourself in a situation like the Virginia Tech shooting,” she said.

“Guns will not prevent evil people from doing evil acts,” says Santibañez, arguing that necessary restrictions should be enforced preventing people with mental conditions from obtaining a gun so they would not be a danger to themselves or to other innocent people.

“Gun control is necessary for a safe environment and a safe haven for human life,” Santibañez stated. ♥



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Do You Qualify?

- Are you a current student enrolled in at least 6 credit hours?
- Are you a people person with outstanding leadership skills?
- Do you have effective communication skills?
- Are you energetic and outgoing?
- Do you have the skills it takes to represent Grayson College?
- Do you have a 2.75 minimum G.P.A.?

If you would like to apply to become a Grayson Student Ambassador, contact an Ambassador Advisor for an application.

Rhonda Marroquin 903.415.2611 or email marroquinr@grayson.edu
Brooke Ross 903.463.8603 or email rossb@grayson.edu



Come Celebrate el 16 de Septiembre

with HALO

Wednesday, September 16 at 12:20 P.M. at the CWL Cyber Café

FREE NACHOS!!!

(Bottled water will be provided)

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate!
You do not need to be of Hispanic descent to join in on the fun!!

Hispanic American Leadership Organization

Questions?

Reyna Diaz: (President of HALO)
Reynamia113@gmail.com
Mary Yetta McKelva (faculty sponsor)
mckelvam@grayson.edu

Peer Tutoring is located in the Testing Center (SC 115)

Tutors are trained and CRLA certified

Tutoring is scheduled by appointment. Sessions are one hour per week.

Tutoring Center hours:
M-Tr: 8 AM - 8 PM
F: 8 AM - 4 PM



To request a tutor come by or contact Jeffri Johnson Hodge at hodgej@grayson.edu.

Save the date... 'Just Doo It' October 28

A campus-wide breast cancer rally and fundraiser for Women Rock

For more information, contact Gretchen Huff x2544 (huffg@grayson.edu) or Lisa Hebert x8651 (hebertl@grayson.edu)



Photo of the Month



Submitted by Dr. Brandy Fair, Fine Arts and Humanities Chair. Taken at Half Moon Cay.

HISTORY comes ALIVE

West Hill Cemetery

Saturday, September 26, 2015
The Sherman Museum

a walking tour fundraiser

Tour tickets will be sold for small groups at staggered start times, first tour group at 9:00 am, last tour group at 3:00pm. Knowledgeable docents will lead groups (encounters with historic figures are a distinct possibility).

Tickets must be purchased in advance & are available at Sherman Museum 301 S. Walnut, 903.893.7623 Touch of Class Antique Mall 118 W. Lamar purchase online! TheShermanMuseum.org

\$20 adults | \$15 museum members | \$10 students with ID | FREE children 12 and under

Phi Theta Kappa Presents:

Grayson College Constitution Day Celebration 2015

Thursday, September 17 at 12:00 PM in the President's Board Room in the Administration

Join us as we celebrate this foundational document. Phi Theta Kappa will be hosting an exciting game of Constitutional Jeopardy! Participants can form teams and compete to win prizes. A light lunch will be provided to those who attend. If you have any questions, please email ptk@grayson.edu

Need Money for College?

Join us!

September 15, 2015
12:15pm-1:00pm

In the Viking Room
Located on the second level
Of the Life Center

Contact Information:
Mary Linder: 903-463-8616
ptk@grayson.edu

Presented by:
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Attend a lunch and learn on scholarships! You didn't make it through college without instruction, why should you have to for scholarships?

Grab your lunch and join us as we provide information on how YOU can apply for millions in scholarships!

Sherman Autumn and Arts Festival

Saturday, September 19
Sherman Municipal Lawn

Want to volunteer? Here's how it works in 3 easy steps: 1. Visit VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/oJgq9x> 2. Enter your email address. 3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

The Paramedic Student Association presents Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Sale

S-XL \$12
XXL & Up \$14

Front

All proceeds go to Women Rock
Contact denisem.williams4@gmail.com

Back

Dental Assisting Club BAKE SALE

September 15

FOUR ROOMS FOR RENT

1111 Judge Elliott Dr. Sherman, TX 75092



Contact Richard Ryan
Call/SMS: 903-816-7424

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

•Walk dogs •Clean kennels/ litter

Any Day 12 - 2 p.m. and/or 5 - 7 p.m.

CONTACT STEPHANIE PHILLIPS
903-465-3197
3307 EISENHOWER PKWY DENISON, TEXAS

DENISON ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraising Family & Friends Night

Wednesday, September 30
Anyone dining at Buffalo Wild Wings can request to donate 10% of their bill to the Grayson County Rotary (all day long).

That's right, just ask!

5 - 7 p.m. Visit with Grayson County Rotarians

EAT • SOCIALIZE DONATE



The Grayson County Rotary is the sponsoring rotary club for the Viking Rotaract. The funds raised by the Grayson County Rotary are used for scholarships and other causes to advance literacy locally and globally.

Baptist Student Ministries Fall Activities

Noon Time Bible Studies: Monday and Tuesday at 12:15 pm throughout the semester

Tuesday Night Gathering: Open on the second Tuesday evening of each month during the semester for recreation, games, food and fellowship.

For more information concerning how you can get involved in BSM, please stop by our building (open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm), visit our webpage at graysonbsm.com, email us at bsm6101@airmail.net or call us at 903-463-8798/903-465-2207.