**GC Collision Repair scores big with frame straightening machine**

**Phil Trotvino, Viking Sponser**

By Shelle Cassell

Toward the end of spring this year, the Grayson Collision Repair division purchased a key piece of technology that will provide graduates “one of the most desirable skills for a collision repair technology employee,” according to Workforce Dean Steve Davis. Working with the frame straightening machine “Duplicates training in the auto body business environment,” says Bill Gronemeier, Collision Repair professor and the person behind the initiative to purchase the equipment.

The Workforce division created a Local Advisory Board, which consists of business partners within our service area, determined that the program needed a frame straightening machine on which to train Grayson graduates. So Gronemeier requested Carl Perkins to find one that could be used in the 2012-2013 grant, which was appropriated to purchase the machine.

Student Timothy Bogle, who also serves as Gronemeier’s lab assistant in the basic auto repair class, explains that frame straightening is “a big part” of collision repair and can save a car that would otherwise be “scraped.” Straightening a vehicle’s frame requires an extended period of time, Bogle says, “like turning on a light switch,” says Gronemeier. Just positioning and attaching a vehicle to the equipment consumes an entire day, and pulling and measuring stretches over at least two weeks. Multiple pulls are necessary for any one correction.

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by Mayra Gonzalez

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On October 31 the Texoma Regional Blood Center was on campus in the Life Center for a Blood Drive in conjunction with Hall-o-Fest. The students in three of Dr. Braden Frost’s Business Speech courses hosted the event as their group project for the class. The students created brochures, posters, t-shirts, radio and TV ads, etc. to try to recruit people to come and donate blood.

A total of 195 individuals came on behalf of the groups to participate. Of that, 151 people completed the paperwork/process to donate, and the Triuma Regional Blood Center collected 113 units of blood. This could be a possible 339 lives saved!

The Dark Green Group had the most people (46) attempt to donate on behalf of their team. Group members included Rachel Carney, Shannen Goff, Ryan McElhee, Kyle McElhee, Taylor Reedy, and Ben Ried.

The staff from the Triuma Regional Blood Center were thrilled by the turnout and surprised by the increasing number of people that turnout for the event over the past couple of years.

Planning has already started for next year’s drive to determine how to handle the increasing number of donors. Thanks to all those who came out supported the event!

**Students take a courageous step**

by Mike Williford

Courage is something we all wish we had. Right? The truth is we all have it, but we are afraid to use it. The reality is that we are often caught up with fear and that fear itself withholds the ability to dream. Being brave is something we choose to be.

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Clay Club to host Empty Bowls event

Mattie McGleen

_Are you hungry for a chance to mix food, music, and art all in one event? Then join us for our annual Empty Bowls on Thursday, November 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m._

_in the event allows participants to select a ceramic bowl made by members of Grayson College Clay Club. Then through the generosity and support of culinary arts team you are provided with a delicious bowl of soup on the day._

_the cost is $10.00/per bowl and you get to keep the ceramic bowl for yourself or as a gift to someone else._

_SGA is sponsoring the campus-wide food drive to benefit the needy. Clubs, offices and departments are encouraged to collect for this worthy cause. The GNSA has challenged the entire Grayson community to join all of the other clubs to “out-collect” them. Bring your canned food to the Student Life office located on the 2nd floor of the Life Center. The top 2 teams who collect the most will receive a pizza lunch provide by SGA and Student Life. Two local agencies will receive the benefits of this food drive._

Rebecca Jones

_In the fifteenth century, movable type transformed not only the printing industry, but the entire organization of society. The invention of books were scarce, they could now be printed and produced on a large scale._

_In the printing industry, mass communication: catalysts for countless revolutions, re-wrote, and reshaped society, including the city and the social movements._

_At this time (and well before their time), books were still an “aura,” a sacred quality that was not possible for one of our greatest tools for studying the history of civilization._

_Needless to say, the way that information is spread has changed drastically._

_In literature, an end user was always the first to read the latest information._

_In my community?_
The club is very committed to the preparation of all of the students, and the events are very well planned and executed. The students are very proud of their work, and they enjoy the process of creating the dishes and sharing them with others.

One of the events that the club is known for is the Halloween buffet. This event is held in the fall of every year to celebrate Halloween. The students work hard to prepare the dishes and create a spooky atmosphere for the guests. The event is always well-attended, and the students enjoy seeing the reactions from the guests.

The Culinary Arts program at Grayson College is a very popular one, and it is one of the most competitive programs on campus. The students are very proud of their work and enjoy the experience of working in a professional kitchen. The program is designed to prepare students for careers in the culinary industry, and it offers a wide range of courses, including baking, cooking, and restaurant management.

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using information interviews to find your career

Zana Raka

Within the first year of college, approximately 50% of students drop out. Do not be a part of that percentage! Grayson College offers many tutorial opportunities, such as Math Hub (located in the Success Center) and the Writing Center (located in the Library), that are beneficial students who need extra help.

Most students go to college not knowing what to expect. Such students often find themselves having a hard time grasping the material, this is often because they are overwhelmed in the course or go through the classes in a very quick manner.

I found myself having to put in extra hours for math because I was not getting the information from the teacher in class. Says Kait Sizemore, a student at Grayson. "I would sit through lecture for one hour, skip the next fifteen minutes, and I would be completely lost, that is until I started going to the Math Hub. Then I saw my grade dramatically increase. Tutorials offer students resources and an opportunity for extra help."

Every professor has a different way of teaching, just like every student has a different way of learning. Tutors, though, try to find the middle ground. Tutors try to relay the information in a way that best serves the student. As Sayna Ford, Math Hub director, says, "Try to find out the learning style of the student. Then, I bring out videos and figures to figure out what the students are interested in and even put math into the world, e.g., include money."

Likewise, Christiana Horn, tutor in the Writing Center, often starts her sessions by working with information from what the professor has written. She asks questions such as "Do you have an assignment? What exactly is your professor looking for?"

Students often go to tutorials not knowing where to begin. They are sometimes completely lost and do not know how to start. But, going to tutorials does pay off. For example, when a foreign exchange student came to the Writing Center, the tutor found that the student was completely lost and did not know how to approach the assignment. The student had a hard time writing his essay. The tutor then began working with the student to create an outline. The tutor had to help the student with everything - from the opening sentence to the conclusion. In the end, Horn had a paper that was completely written. Horn even had difficulty trying to find the ending of the essay.

"The biggest benefit of my job is seeing a smile on a student's face when they realize that they understand the information," she says.

Tutorials are offered in the Writing Center Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Center also sets up appointments for those students who don't have time to come in person. The only requirement is an email address for correspondence. The address can be found at writingcenter@grayson.edu.

The Math Hub is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The only requirement for going to tutorials is to show up and get right to work.

Ford and Horn agree that the biggest improvement within a student is their confidence level at the end of the semester. Because of this, the students are ready to tackle years in college and finally feel that they have so passionately wanted. Why be a part of the 50% of students who drop out when you could go to tutorials and be in the top 50% of the students who want to succeed in college?
Grayson College raises $6,000 for breast cancer support

The "Just Doo It" campaign brought unifies students, faculty, and staff for a great cause: support and awareness for those in the battle with breast cancer.

The Culinary Arts team managed to raise $1500 for the cause, winning the campus-wide contest.

Six students from the South Campus attended the Doo Rag Rally with the theme "Wild About the Cure." Our English students wanted to participate in the fight and support the Women Rock program. With our posters in hand, our donations in our pockets, and our doo rags on our heads, we drove to Sherman for the event set-up. "Just Doo It" was a proud moment for GC! The college rallied together to spread breast cancer awareness, serve our community and make a difference in the lives of others.

On Tuesday, October 22, Grayson College students, faculty and staff turned out in doo rags and pink to show support for breast cancer awareness. The campus community rallied and raised $800 to donate to Women Rock, a non-profit organization that provides monetary support to local CAL women fighting breast cancer.

Campus breast cancer fighters and survivors were also recognized. Women Rock founder, LuAnn Daniels, provided words of thanks to those present.

Fourteen campus teams registered to fundraise and compete for fun prizes. Teams were: Culinary Arts & Hospitality Student Group - TPWS, Future Educators, Dental Darlins', South Campus, Dental Assisting - Dental Technology, Paramedic Student Association, Grayson College Student Association, Welding Technologies Student Association, Future Educators, Hospitality Student Group.

A fun event this year was "The 'pie in the face contest'. Change was collected in buckets with the names of President McMillen, Dean Stanzo, Dean Davis, and Chief MacPherson. The winner (or loser) of the 'pie in the face contest' was Dr. McMillen. His Admissions Assistant, Linda Blount, had the honor of smashing the pie in his face. The rally concluded with a symbolic balloon release. Those whose lives were touched with breast cancer wrote names of loved ones on pink balloons and released them to the sky, a symbol of cancer vanishing.

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**What Vet's Day means to me**

Sherri Ferguson

**What does Vet's Day mean to me?** It gives me a chance to look back on the service that our veterans in my family, my Grandfather, Husband, and Brother-in-law have given, and the service done by several friends who served in the military profession in the United States. It is a day to give me a chance to celebrate the sacrifice of those men and the rest of our country. It allows me to say thank you to all of those veterans who are no longer with us, and to be proud of those who are still with us.

My Grandfather served in World War II with the US Army. I can still remember the stories he told me and how excited he was to show us his uniform and services in each time. We would sit down and listen carefully to each story about how hard it was being away from home, and how happy it was to make certain decisions to save his life or the lives of his fellow soldiers. Each time I would watch my Grandfather, I knew he was my hero, and I knew I would come over his face. These expressions let me know he considered me one of his brothers and I was blessed to have him in my lives. I may not know a lot about the war toward the end of his military career, but I do know he served twenty years, with some of those years overseas. I know the man he was before he was a Grandfather, Husband, and Brother-in-law. I know him to be today a GC named military friendly school

Kay Dulehos

Writing Center Coach

Grayson College was one of only 275 schools listed by Victory Media as a Military Friendly School for the 2013-2014 academic year, according to the 2013 edition of the Victory Media Guide to College & University Programs for Military Personnel Transitioning into Civilian Life. The list of 275 schools represents the highest percentage of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the United States that are doing the most to embrace American veterans, members of the military, veterans, spouses, and other dependents and their success on campus.

Inclusion on the 2014 list is based upon the results of a survey of more than 8,000 military-friendly schools listed by Victory Media’s Guide to College & University Programs for Military Personnel Transitioning into Civilian Life. The schools were scored based on the results of the survey. The survey included questions on the availability of services and programs for support student on campus, academic, accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services.

Grayson College is proud to announce that the 2014 edition of military-friendly schools will include the Grayson College. Grayson College has been named a Military Friendly School for the 2014-2015 academic year. Grayson College has been named a Military Friendly School for the 2014-2015 academic year.

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One brave decision can lead to another: her story

Paty

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On the other hand, it is excellent for people from different countries. Even for students who are not native English speakers, it is an American student at Grayson.

Grassroots Soccer: a truly multicultural campus

Mugitha Ntunga

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