GC welcomes Regina Organ, new VP of Student Services

Rebecca Jones, Editor

Graysview’s new VP President of Student Services, Regina Organ, received a warm welcome when she joined the Viking community in August. She has said that she has settled well in North Texas and enjoys the weather.

“I think it has rained more here in the last two weeks than I have in New Mexico for 15 years,” Organ says.

As VP Organ is responsible for services “peripheral to instruction.” This means that she oversees everything from financial aid and admissions to instructional process. “This position is to provide services ‘peripheral to instruction’ so that instruction can be hindered by setbacks. Organ is happy to relate that, “On 27 November, the goal has been 56.3% accomplished (2,823 enrolled); the only goal for this position is to provide strength through leadership for the students at GC and the staff in student services, thereby allowing a positive impact on student success at GC.”

The new VP lauded the building of new leadership opportunities for students throughPhi Theta Kappa and presented the workshops.

Phi Theta Kappa also participated in several breakout sessions. These small groups of 13–30 people provide opportuni- ties for student discussion and leadership activities, as well as the building of new friendships.

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Learning to live again

Michael Rainis

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Cheyenne Arrington PTK Public Relations

PhI Theta Kappa soared to new heights in October by discovering their true leadership potential through participating in the 2013 Texas Leadership Conference entitled “Maxi- mizing Your Simply Radical Leadership.”

Our Leadership is Your Greatest Support. Members of Graysview College’s Omicron Psi Chap- ter spent the weekend alongside other Phi Theta Kappans at Texas A&M Univer- sity strengthening their leadership skills and build- ing new friendships.

The weekend kicked off with everyone learning their “true colors” through a self- evaluation survey. Under- standing personality types helps to be a better leader. Students also learned to respect and appreciate dif- ferent personality types because everyone is better than another and a balance of personality types helps to make a team stronger and more effective.

Students were given the option to choose two develop- mental workshops to at- tend. Seminars ranged from the very basics of Phi Theta Kappa to other areas such as empowering others, public speaking and fundraising.

Workshops are designed to be interactive and valuable skills that students can take with them into their daily lives as well as provide leadership opportunities for students to learn more about Phi Theta Kappa and present the workshops.

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Sheille Cassell
Director, Marketing and Public Information

Seven Grayson College students were recognized by the Kentucky Chapter American College Theater Festival (KCASTF) for their performances and hard work behind the scenes roles in the college’s upcoming production of “Black Snow.” The festival attracts theater departments from across the state and four-year institutions across Texas and the United States.

After presenting the show to appreciative audiences October 17-19 in Crude Studio Theater on campus, the GC theatre troupe traveled to San Angelo, Tex., for KCASTF’s competition hosted by Angelo State University on October 24-26. Students competed with five other colleges during the festival.

The GC troupe was a huge success, receiving an Excellence Award in Acting Ensemble Award, and three students were honored as Irene Ryan Acting Nominees, including: Aaron Tercero, Anna sophomore; Brandon Langston, Denison junior; and Blake Rice, Brandon junior; for their outstanding performance during the festival.

Next semester, the students will attend regional competition at the University of Louisiana on October 24-26.


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PTK update

technology-driven world. Mr. Tercero encourages chapters by giving insight into “Motivating the Middle,” even giving each chapter an attendance copyrighted guide.

Other opportunities at the conference included a college fair and market place where everyone got the chance to find out more about transfer opportunities, as well as buy Phi Theta Kappa shirts and other souvenirs. The weekend also included a dance, complete with a DJ, a photo booth, and of course, costumes.

Tercero’s Phi Pi Chapter also came home with some exciting accomplishments. Two members, Laura Mc- Nealy, chapter secretary, and Mary Jo Elrod, chapter presi- dor, came home with pins to recognize their completion of the Five Star Competitive Edge. This plan helps members build skills such as communica- tion, professional etiquette, from building an army of trust. And it’s working. Tercero’s Phi Pi Chapter was also one of those faculty just took the opportunity to attend the conference.

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As an adult, when you are pushed around, bullied, you are not just going to stand up and say what do you do? You stand up for yourself. Children do not have that right to protect themselves or their parents or guardians. They cannot report things on their own. The Child Protective Services (CPS) here in Grayson County steps in and acts as the children’s voices when they fall victims to such atrocities.

There are many reports against a parent when a child should be taken out of their home and also when the job of an investigator should be done. Bill Pyles, a Denison resident who has been retired for four years as an investigator for the CPS here in Grayson County, explained the job of an investigator to be "a difficult one. "Investigators protect children from abusive or neglectful situations, " said Pyles.

According to the CPS, abuse is considered to be physically harming a child, emotionally abusing, or neglecting, neglectful behavior that causes the child to be at risk. Neglect is considered harming the body, generally, as well as ignoring a child’s needs which may result in moral or physical harm. Neglect is considered when a child is suffering due to a lack of food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, education, supervision, or protection. Neglect is also considered when a child is spending their time in an environment that is physically or emotionally harmful. "The voice of a child: Child Protective Services explained that every parent's view on discipline and raising a child is different. As an adult, when you have children, you start thinking about what do you do? You stand up for yourself. Children do not have that right to protect themselves or their parents or guardians. They cannot report things on their own.

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Rain shares stress to reclaim his life with ESRD

Editor's Note: This page is intended to provide inspiration to the GC community. The editor welcomes inspirational writing of all types, representing any or no religious or political backgrounds.

...To be continued in the Viking

"Dually Damaged" by Rebecca Jones

Life has damaged me, now covered with weight and scars. I've been unbelievably beaten up; I've lost hope. What's the word I am looking for to describe why I am still alive? I don't know that I am, but I have a purpose for all the pain and the weight.

I have no doubt that he loves me. I've no doubt that he loves me because my family's of that, not just mine. So why all the hurt and the pain? Why am I broken?

I don't want them angry for me. I've no reason for to describe what's going on inside me. I catch myself wishing that the phantoms of my past could be disentangled and removed. Then again, if I only that familiar shiver of happiness could be a thing for me. I glimpse this family whom I have lost a part of my life (personality and pres- ence) are lost to this ghost. I glimpse the broken recollections and affect the consequences in my life. So I ride on home, slowly and surely, back from the house that my childhood was; the house that has not lost his hold on my heart.

I am too tired, I am too heavy...To be continued.
My breathing is back to normal; she will surely be astonished! But I hide there almost in her closet or Pa's. Those spots would be too easy. Oh! She is going to come down at me with her warm breath echoes around the room, bouncing off the 18-table legs, I fear I have already been spotted. My breath is still thick and heavy; she could proceed to walk around, I look through the gaps of the stairs when the door is locked. In that night, a storm hits the glass wall that lets gallons of multicolored glasses, and I pick out the gut. The door is locked. In that night, I cannot tell anyone evil.