This production was directed by Robin Robinson, GC Theatre Director. Ten- na Matthews, GC Design/ Tech Director was the light designer and Technical Di- rector for this production. Thes Albert, theatre adjunct professor, has helped guide the three student designers for this show. Nick Ellis and Skylor Allen, both Sopho- more theatre majors were the costume designers and student Katie Sisemore de- signed the set. Jordan Moore was the Stage Manager and Dustin Meadows was the Assistant SM. Other crew members were Krystina Burns and Trant Street.

The actors on stage each played a variety of roles making this show de- manding to perform. Commedia is a style that focuses on the performer, so actors sang, performed gymnastics and portrayed characters. In this production, there were roles of characters who travel from place to place throughout the performance. The actors in this produc- tion were Jasmine Shannon, Gabe Parker, Brandon Langston, Diakora Foster, Brandon Stockton, JT Med- ders, Alex Watkins, Ryan Ramirez, Azron Hoague and Madison Sisemore.

There were three matinees of this show for area school groups as well as the community. Schools from ther- man, Denison, Paris, Sam Rayburn, Bonham and Rox- ton attended these perfor- mances. The Theatre department is committed to performing for young audiences each year to serve the commu- nity as well as it serving as a learning tool for the theatre majors.” This type of perfor- mance offers opportunities for our students to learn and experience a different genre which is important for their theatre education,” stated Robinson.

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 was an ex- citing evening since the Art department had a reception for their show in the gal- lery, the Music department played music in the lobby and the Theatre department performed in Cruce Stark following the reception. This evening celebrates the mission of the Fine Arts de- partment at Grayson.

Robin Robinson
Director of Drama & Theatre

The Grayson Theatre de- partment presented The Commedia Pinocchio in Cruce Stark Auditorium 30 April, 1 May and 2 May at 7:30 p.m. The show is a popular tradition that celebrates the classic story of Pin- occhio, a puppet who wanted to become a boy. This version of the show was created by Lane Riosley, who heads the theatre program. Her script tells the story from characters who are a traveling troupe of ac- tors who choose to perform this story in a “Commedia” style.

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EOY BBQ: food, fun and civic awareness

South Campus entered the final weekend of the spring semester with its annual End of Year BBQ in Grayson College. The event was held on May 24, 2014, on the South Campus lawn, with food and activities for faculty, staff and students.

WHY DENIM DAY?

In 1993, the Italian High Court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans at the time of the assault. The court, in its decision, stated that tight jeans must have helped her attacker remove her jeans, from which she could not receive fair trial. People all around the world were outraged. Wearing jeans on this anniversary became an international symbol of protest against sexist and degrading attitudes about sexual violence. One in four Texas women or men in the next term will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. In- terpersonal violence is the most common form of violence. For those wishing to help, contact the Grayson Crisis Center to make monetary donations.

South Campus students receive writing awards

Several authors from South Campus entered this year’s “Telling Our Stories” contest, a popular program at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Their stories addressed the theme “Home: Memories of Childhood.”

The award recipients will be recognized at Austin College on Sunday, May 4, 2014. You are invited to the program at 2:00 p.m. in Hobie Thompson Auditorium of Sherman Hall, on the Austin College campus at 916 N. 20th Street. Admission is free.

Our winners are Nichole Bowers from Van Alstyne, and Tiffany Hanan from Tom Bean. Both students won Silver Star awards for their short stories. Also, winning a Silver Star award was Sharon Brazil, an avid supporter of the South Campus Scholarship Foundation. Clara Getts Bell, South Campus English teacher also received an award.

Application Deadline Quickly Approaching!

The deadline for applying to Grayson’s VN program for the Fall 2014-2015 school year is June 19. Applicants should pay special attention to the VN information packet details and deadlines on necessary immunization series. Specific inquiries should be directed to the VN Program assistant Tara Taylor at taylorj@grayson.edu. Students that miss the deadlines will have other options to catch up quickly as the South Campus, in coordination with the CWL, plans to offer health career alternatives such as a Medical Assistant or CNA. More information on these classes will be forthcoming and students should consult the CWL website for dates for the South Campus. Payment for MA and CNA classes are due at the time of registration.

South Campus News
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Harley Francis, like other former smokers participating in the competition, has put many hours into completing his pieces. He will submit three total, all of which he says are made entirely of scrap materials.

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Many of the students on campus are cigarette smokers and vapers. This isn’t surprising because smoking and vaping are two of the best times, a stressful moment. I submit an as a former smoker, that there is nothing more relaxing than a good nicotine rush to calm the nerves. Many of those things we arrange at our problem. There is too much evidence to our problem.

There is too much evidence to address the issue of smoking, none such exists to regulate vaping on campus. This needs to change in a major change in policy as well as in the opinion on camera. A former smoker and current vaper who wishes to remain anonymous, Jane, also stated that she felt that there really wasn’t much difference between an e-cig and a regular cigarette. Jane expressed great concern over the vapors’ effects on pregnant women, saying that both contained the same chemicals, which is the reason people even bother with e-cigs in the first place.

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BIG CHANGES IN THE WIND STARTING FALL 2014

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Saturday, 3 May: “A day of the arts!”

3 May marked an exciting event for the GC Fine Arts Department: an evening of art, music, social awareness and edible Xena costumes. The PB&J (Panties, Bras and Jockstraps) Exhibition is a unique event featuring 2-D and 3-D artworks to promote awareness of breast, prostate, testicular, cervical, lung, as well as other forms of cancer. The Artists’ Reception began at 6:00 p.m. along with bidding in a silent auction. One-hundred percent of the money raised from the sale of auction pieces will go to the American Cancer Society. Students and faculty from GC’s Music Department provided music throughout the event. At 6:45, guests dove into artworks from the fifth annual Incredible Edible Art Show, all of which exhibited the support of the arts in cancer awareness and education. At 7:00 p.m. the Theatre Department delivered the final performance of The Commedia Pinocchio.

Student Michael Rains on sharing his story of survival

There are, in our lives, any number of people that inspire us to reach higher, to do more or to see more clearly. They can be doctors, teachers, parents, friends or, for some, it could be a favorite singer, performer or actor. It could be that they are sitting next to you in class as you prepare for your upcoming biology exam. Courage, fortitude and resiliency can be found in the most unexpected places. Regular readers of the Viking have, over the course of the past few months, followed the continuing story of the challenges faced by Grayson College student Michael Rains. Rains chose to share with us the ordeal of living with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Inspired by the fact that he continues to go to college and tries to better himself despite the challenges of day-to-day living, I sought him out in hopes of an interview for a follow-up to his revealing article. Rains graciously accepted my request. Regarding my statement that many readers found his story to be inspirational, Rains stated, “I don’t feel very inspirational.” It was at this point that he explained that his doctor has estimated his survival at no more than five years. Now more than ever, Michael Rains is faced with difficult decisions. Not surprisingly, his first concern is his family. He asks himself, “Do I continue school as an example to my children to never quit, or do I quit school to make the best of my time remaining?” He pressed on with what he wishes to extend to his children, “Honesty, integrity, honor, morals and belief in people.” Faced with hard truth, Rains admits that “Life and death have exchanged priorities.” It is important to be aware that Michael Rains opened up on this delicate subject not to garner sympathy, but to instill a better understanding of what he and many others face. Despite his mettle in confronting the unknown, he is still human. He sometimes falters, “I finally have everything I have wanted from life, and only a minute to enjoy it.” Do not pity Rains. Instead, take notes. Inspiration can only be found when we look, listen and open ourselves to the experiences of others.

Hollywood: a Night of Stars!

presented by the cosmetology program

The orphans from Annie made an appearance at the cosmetology program’s spring fashion show. Page 83

Photo of the Month

This issue’s Photo of the Month was taken by Sophomore David Hall at Hagerman Wildlife Refuge. Hall identified the shorebird in the picture as a White-faced Ibis in its adult breeding plumage. These birds are common to the Gulf Coast region and Mexico in the winter and North Texas and parts of the midwest in the summer. “Discovering the wildlife refuge has really opened my eyes to the majesty of birds—we are privileged to live so close to unspoiled nature.”

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contact Rebecca Jones (jonesre@grayson.edu) or Marlea Trevino (trevinom@grayson.edu) for more info
The Inevitable conclusion
Blake Burley

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The Grayson College baseball program will head to Lubbock, Texas, May 9 for the regional tournament at Texas Tech University. "Our entire season and the 96 games we play come down to this one double elimination tournament" said Head Coach Dusty Hart. "It is the most important time of the year for us." According to Hart, this time of year is also critical for student athletes because of how their grades affect not only their ability to participate in school sports, but their self-esteem.

"The boys have worked extremely hard and have an overall record of [40-12] and are ranked number two in the country," Hart said. This means they will enter the tournament as the number one seed. The Viking men are 26-6 in conference play.

The team received a number of honors Monday, May 5, from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC). Austin Krajnak (first base), Zack Files (second base), Zack Reding (outfield), Luke Hamblin (outfield), Chris Gittens (designated hitter) and Grayson Huffman (starting pitcher) were named to the NTJCAC 1st Team All Conference. Matt McLean (outfield) and Chris Gittens (starting pitcher) were also named to the NTJCAC 2nd Team All Conference. Austin Krajnak and Chris Gittens were voted Co-offensive players of the year and Dusty Hart was named Coach of the Year.

Chris Gittens is a triple threat pitcher and first baseman who has been named NTJCAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year along with his teammate Austin Krajnak.