Get Involved

Sweet Treats Stop
Complimentary sweet pastries, snacks and more, provided by Great Western Dining Service. Hosted by Student Life.
First and Third Wednesdays
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Life Center, 2nd Floor

Hump Day “Snack Attack” (New Program)
Complimentary assorted snacks provided by Great Western Dining Service. Hosted by Student Life and Student Life. Employees please register when you arrive. Sponsored by Great Western Dining Service and hosted by Student Life.
4-on-4 Flag Football and 5-on-5 Soccer
Team registration period:
25 August - 11 September
Student Life office, 2nd floor of the Life Center
Teams needed! For additional information contact Student Life.
Pick-up Sand Volleyball
Monday - Friday
12:15 - 1:15 p.m. at the “Pit” located behind the BSM. The BSM will provide the volleyball. Inquire inside.
Gym & Fitness Center
Students and employees are encouraged to use the Gymnasium and Fitness Center. The facilities are open daily to meet your exercise and recreational needs. Hours of operation are listed on the college website and by the Fitness Center door. The Fitness Center has been equipped with 10 new pieces of cardio equipment.

Weekend Recreational Opportunities
Beginning 6 & 7 September (8-week pilot program)
*Life Center (Saturdays)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Student usage will determine if weekend hours continue!
*Fitness Center (Sundays)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Student usage will determine if weekend hours continue!

Get to Know GC Clubs and Organizations
Looking for a place to share your interests? Check out these monthly club meetings or contact an advisor. Each group has something different to offer, but every one promises a host of new opportunities for students who want to get involved.

Expand your college network today!

Student Government Association
First Monday
15-16:45 p.m.
Life Center Viking Room

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

Student Ambassadors
First & Third Mondays
12 p.m.
Life Center Viking Room

The Clay Club
Every Tuesday & Thursday 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Conservatory, Arts & Confugurations

Mu Alpha Theta
Math Honor Society
forestday@greyson.edu

Psychology Club
Every Tuesday
12:15 - 12:50 p.m.
CH 502

DAAC (Drugs and Alcohol Counseling)
First Mondays
Time TBA (RS-02)

Cosmology Club
First Tuesday
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Career Tech Center

Care Center (BSM)
Bertie Gallahger
903-643-8789

Sisters of Destiny
Cynthia
youngm@greyson.edu

Science Club
First Fridays
12:15 p.m. S 107

Future Educators
Day & Locallin. TBA
barryv@greyson.edu

Gay Straight Alliance
Every other Friday
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Locallin. TBA

Music Club
Every other Friday
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
BSM, Band Hall
Arts & Communications

Phi Theta Kappa
Every Monday
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
LA 107

Delta Phi Delta Art Club
First Wednesdays
Time TBA Arts & Communications 105

Vocational Student Nursing Association
Contact menscherah@greyson.edu

Halo (Hispanic American Leadership Organization)
mcchs@greyson.edu

Veteran Student Association
First Monday
Time TBA Veteran’s HUB

Radiology Technology Club
Every Thursday
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.
LA 107

Honors College Club
Every Thursday
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Life Center Viking Room

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
gallahger@greyson.edu

Electrical Technology Club
Dutes & Tmes
TBA

For contact information go to www.greyson.edu. In the “Current Students” menu, click “Student Life” and follow the “Clubs & Organizations” link.

The Student Government Association Presents:
A Great Chance to Meet and Recruit New Members!
Wednesday, 17 September 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Under the Bridge/along main walkway

Clubs:
- Please prepare a quarter to half. Take time to see what each GC clubs page informational handout and a and organizations have to offer. sign-up sheet you!

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form up now = Pg. B1
New library print management system saves students time and money while reducing waste

Users only pay for what they need. Any print jobs left in the queue simply expire after a certain amount of time. This ensures the user financial obligation for the use of the library. The library will like- wise never have to worry about the expense of paper and ink (we have already reduced waste!), since only released prints are what will be utilized in the library.

Security

Users can print documents containing private information without worry. This is possible since only the user can pay for and release their own print jobs.

Accountability

Users are aware of how much they are printing since they won’t be able to obtain prints without paying for them. Previously, users would sometimes print large docu- ments without realizing that when they only needed a portion of the file. The print management system helps remove the cost of the print job and allows users to do it in another printer location or even send the print job with the modifiable parameters (e.g., a selected page range or multiple slides per page) so that they aren’t printing anything unnecessarily.

Autonomy

Users can pick up their own print jobs with- out worrying about some- one else walking off with the prints. The user can inter- rupt their work every time they print something. They don’t have to go to the release station to retrieve all their print jobs.

Although we know there will be a bit of a learning curve explaining the new system to users, we are excit- ed to get this system up and laun- ched at this time. The library computer lab is serv- ing as a “beta test” location for potential campus-wide expansion of this system.

Among other benefits, this means that the user would be able to send a print to another printer location on campus. Once the print is ready, as well as utilized a secure card that could be tied to the user’s student ID. (At this time, the system only accepts bills or coins for payment.) There is a lot of potential for growth with this new system. If we are feeling very excited to get this new system rolling, the library is very excited to have you, the users, and happy to help with any questions you have.
Welding Tech Association shows commitment to service learning with pond improvement project

For many, this small body of water has long been an eyesore. The club now has plans to make the pond more hospitable to students and guests by clearing the water of extraneous algae and the surrounding shores of picnic tables and walking paths will now look less like a park.

"Service learning is not just volunteering," said Leon Deutsch,Director of Teaching and Learning at GC, "it can include projects such as the pond."

The Welding Technologies Association hopes to make the space more hospitable to students and guests by clearing the water of extraneous algae and the surrounding shores of picnic tables and walking paths will now look less like a park.

"I get tired of driving in every morning, and seeing it in the same shape," Beckley said. The club's new Service Learning initiative is a program that aims to incorporate volunteer and community service into the classroom, was the perfect catalyst for this environmentally-friendly proposal.

"The students in the welding program are capable of gathering equipment/ideas, drawing up blueprints and building," said Beckley, and, over the course of this school year, they and other campus volunteers will begin to clear brush, build benches and create a pond.

Steps in the improvement process include clearing the pond of overgrowth. A large pond rests nearly 100 yards to the west of campus along Hurricane Creek Parkway. The pond is marred by a mix of overgrowth of algae, debris and many species of fish to the east of campus. "We are looking to create a habitat," Beckley said, clearing the pond of overgrowth. A large pond rests nearly 100 yards to the west of campus along Hurricane Creek Parkway. The pond is marred by a mix of overgrowth of algae, debris and many species of fish to the east of campus. "We are looking to create a habitat," Beckley said, clearing the pond of overgrowth. "This is a big year for the welding class," Beckley said. "I hope they can put the pond not only to good looking, but also to good use."

The club still has quite a few students who are interested in working on the pond. A few new students and some current members have signed up to help with the pond. "We have a few new students and some current members have signed up to help with the pond. Next year's goals for this project is to increase wildlife diversity by adding new species of fish to the pond. A new floating dock will also give students, staff and faculty a chance to fish, though a policy has not yet been determined for recreational removal. Beckley stated that his overall expectations for the project are high, both for community and learning outcomes. "When we leave here," he said, "we would like to see the pond not only looking good, but being used."

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"The event proceeds will allow the Department of Welding Technologies to provide services to local and international projects, such as the Rehabilitation Center in Grayson County, the Freshwater Project, the Rotary Stroke Project and the Rotary Literacy Project."

Lewis described Rotary projects as "programs that aim to improve the service organization, being founded in 1905. The Rotary Club in Midlothian, Texas, is both Rotarian and open to ev ery race, culture and creed. The twenty-five members of Hurricane Creek Rotary Club meet each Thursday at noon at the Hurricane Creek Country Club in Anna, Texas. The club has also hosted golf tournaments, and Cherries’ Casino Night."
Class are under way at Grayson College, but new scholarship opportunities are available. Up to 33 GC students could receive financial assistance, thanks to a grant Grayson College received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Awarded for its TexAssure, Technol- ogy, Engineering and Mathe- matics (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship, the college expects to allot up to $2,500 per qualifying student for the 2014-2015 academic year.

"T-STEM Challenge Scholarships are merit scholarships based on past and continued student performance in special programs," said Janis Shubert, director of annual giving. "They must be 1040s! cancelled 1040s!

Did you know that your IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA:

Attendance Rules
Did you know that your Attendance Rules may affect you:

If you are completing the FAFSA saving time, effort and financial aid suspension. Students will be suspended from the next semester, with the exception of those who complete their appeals before the end of the spring semester. If you are placed directly on financial aid suspension.

Established by the 82nd Texas Legislature, the T-STEM Challenge Scholarship Program provides Texas public Texas Science, Technolo- gy, Engineering Coordi- nation to connect with a live person. Office hours are Mon- day through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Students are most frequently retaken science courses on their high school transcripts, and be a self-declared major in the quality of T-STEM programs at Grayson College. They also must agree to spend more than 15 hours a week in their chosen program or area related field, or for a business participating in the T-STEM scholarship opportu- nities. Students, unless exempt, must submit an application to receive the scholarship, and be registered with the Selective Service System. "These scholarships assist Grayson College’s full-time students of any age in completing the T-STEM instructional programs," said Donn Ded- erson, director of annual giving. "Requirements must complete at least 80% of all semester credit hours to retain his/her T-STEM scholarship for the following semester."

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Grayson Theatre repeats GPAC

The Chair as an Artform

Truly an expression of what each artist, participants in this show were asked to use the concept, image or actual form of a chair to create a work of art. Located in 2nd Floor Gallery in the Arts and Communication Center, this show is certain to surprise its viewers.

The Chair as an Artform exhibit features 26 works of art by 18 artists including Donna Finch Adams, Dorey Bains, Mere O Black, Arlene Caso, Matthew Freeman, Brandon Gabbert, Shelley Tate Garner, Lynn Karam, Mary Karam, Christian McKee, Robert Milgrom, Nitaux Muocolo, Mike Pender, Terence Richard, Mary Rixen, Amy Jordan, Jon Skupin and many others. Each direction, design, and execution serve as an interpretation of the artists’ relation to the object itself. How did they treat the chair? Did they batter it, like Steve O. Black’s ‘Martyr’ (bottom right)? Or give it a make-over like Rebecca Jones’ ‘Tonatiuh’ (bottom left)?

This show will be up until 23 September. The Circle as a Metaphor, a breast cancer awareness show, will follow 29 September - 26 October.

His Way: Notes from a Journey of His Thoughts

For “as the heavens are higher than Earth, so are my ways higher than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9). Most of us never get beyond the words of God to see the ways of God. Nor, do we get beyond the words of God to hear the thoughts of God. His ways and His thoughts are what we shall see, hear, and understand. God will show you what you look for, and He will tell you what you listen for. If all you ever look at are the arts, you will find it.

If you ever seek to know His thoughts, He will share them with you and bless your life with knowledge and wisdom, the keys to life with contentment. We will seek to know the ways and thoughts of God, He will share his heart with us and we will know Him as our Friend.

September Photo of the Month

Rebecca Jones

An exhibit of 26 works of art created by 18 artists. Each interpretation of the concept ‘Chair as an Artform.’

September 5, 2014
PTK Officers

Hello Everyone! Welcome back to a new Fall term at Grayson College. Your Phi Theta Kappa Officers are here to assist you. This year’s Officers include: Beverley Harwell, Chapter President, and Kirk Smith, Vice President. The Chapter Officers traveled to Georgetown in July for the Texas Honor Institute and have returned to campus in time to start the year. The new chapter President, Todd Peck, has taken over as the new chapter President.

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Rebecca Jones
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A new look on campus

Walking the campus at Grayson College, it is not hard to notice the many students who are attending college. Many of these students are college graduates who have returned to school to complete their education. The number of college graduates who have returned to school has increased significantly in recent years.

Some people don’t call it a “Flash Class” and its combination of classes, conferences, lectures, seminars and more!

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Do the positives of the clothing industry outweigh the negatives?

Kristin Alexander
Student

Oftentimes monumental issues here in America—such as sanitary restrooms, meal breaks and labor laws—are not viewed by the same standards in other third-world countries. This is rather understandable given the wealth of America compared to other less fortunate countries, nevertheless, if we partake in the “prosperity” that these companies provide for our business, should we not also be concerned for those that are giving in this prosperity? The month of April marked the anniversary of the Rana Plaza clothing factory collapse—an event that killed roughly 1,129 people. The collapse brought to light the numerous compromises that many clothing factory managers had made regarding worker safety. Since the catastrophe, several U.S. companies have questioned whether the clothing factories in Bangladesh are truly beneficial to the community and the workers. And so, this article is part of a series that looks to discuss whether or not the price of the clothing factories are worth the cost of the workers.

Even though there are many benefits to the clothing factories, there are also many downsides. Often times safety is compromised in order to make quotas and gain larger profit. Taimur Faruk Tusher, a national daily news reporter in Dhaka, Bangladesh, states that there are many reasons for factory owners to neglect a working environment. He also explains how factory owners will do anything to have an abnormal profit turnover, and that they are willing to pay workers low wages—even if it is the worker—that ensures safety regulations are in place so that his workers are protect. He says “Every year here in Bangladesh, 11 of them are going to die.”

Rob Alexander, the Health, Safety & Maintenance Manager at the Kwikset plant in North Texas, deals everyday with ensuring that safety regulations are in place so that his workers are protected. He says “Every year, in America, around 4,000 people die in the workplace. This is the number of fatalities every year. Ten times as many. Those are 100,000 million workers. So if you can split up the workers of 150 million workers, 3 people would die in America… and split it up between the 100 million workers, it would mean 1,000,000 workers, 3 people would die in Bangladesh. This means that basically, for every Bangladeshi, 11 of them are going to die.”

The regulations set in place in Bangladesh are not sufficiently protected workers lives. The rate alone of work-related deaths in Bangladesh to deaths in America is almost four times greater. So, the question that differentiates these two countries is—how is a life valued? Alexander continues, “More people work in America than Bangladesh, you would think the higher rate of fatalities is in America than in Bangladesh to deaths in America is almost four times greater.”

Tasher, the manager at the Rana Plaza, stated that there are still many steps that have to be taken in order to ensure worker safety. Stephanie Meixia, a former Grayson student that visited Bangladesh to teach English, states that there are many “categories of clothing factories that are not positive. She states, “There are factories that are full of places that are wretched and [I have heard] stories of basic slave labor. This world countries, Bangladesh included, aready a step up in the information generation. Where all first world countries have many ideas, many different countries, we students have to fight against. We need to be careful that in 2014 with internet, television and all the techologies in place the frontier of education has to be taken in order to ensure worker safety.”

Estelle Houndounou
Kokou, Student

People often say that there are not too stupid questions when a person travels abroad from America to Africa. This is often considered “undeveloped” when compared to the most advanced countries in the world. She may be wrong because every continent has a separate lifestyle. She reveals strange assumptions about this continent. As an intern, I’ve traveled back and forth in the United States. I could never answer to the questions I was asked by some American students at Grayson College.

Grayson College educates many international students from different countries and even different continents of the world. There are students here from Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and North America, but African students are especially well known for their bright eyes, their friendly personalities and their love for knowledge. They are so bright and knowledgeable. An informal survey of some African students reveals that their experience with American students in our college, Kekeli Eklou, from Togo, said, “Where is Africa?” was the first unbelievable question she got from an American student at the college. Her reaction was “Really? Where is Africa?”

Like her, I was surprised last in 2014 with internet, television and all the technology. How can they access to the world while in college? I wonder how many of us can ask such questions, and I won’t ever stop teaching students here in high school back when in my African country of Benin, I had to learn that there are three continents in the world. And that of those five continents, Africa is one. In fact, 6% of the world is inhabited by a continent but a continent made up of fifty-six countries, and at least one country in Africa is represented in almost every national student population.

This semester, Grayson College students took different courses of African studies. Abdulhuror (2), Cameron (1), Congo Brazzaville (2), Gabon (7), Togo (2), Nigeria (1) and Togo (2). These students from many countries have the opportunity to come just to Grayson College, one student made 15 questions after I told him that I am from Benin, a country in West Africa. “Really? Do you live with lions? Do you live in trees?” I was offended by that question because I come from Africa. I do not really mean that we live like monkeys in trees. But now, those kinds of questions make me smile because I understand that there are a lot of people who do not know that Africa is not all a jungle. Africa is made up of beachside, grassy, mountainous and urbane places. People do not live in houses like in American countries. Third world countries are not positive. This semester, I have been serving as an informal survey of some African students reveals that their experience with American students in our college, Kekeli Eklou, from Togo, said, “Where is Africa?” was the first unbelievable question she got from an American student at the college. Her reaction was “Really? Where is Africa?”

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