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Hall-o-Fest, so much fun, it was scary

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: the survivor's perspective

Logan Beauchamp
Assistant Editor

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The fundraiser is also a competition among campus teams/organizations. This year the Student Government Association took first prize. Left to right: Lisa Hebert, Logan Beauchamp, Shelley Jones, Gretchen Huff, Rebecca Jones, and advisor Gregg Miles (not pictured: Pauley Taylor)

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What was the fight like? Lisa Hebert: "It was frightening, unrealistic; I have never felt anything like it.

In this Issue

Fun and learning await in Costa Rica

Mary Yette McKeon
Professor of Spanish

One of the most memorable experiences you can have is learning a language in another country. June 2016 will be the seventh year for Grayson College to offer Beginner and Intermediate Spanish courses at the Intercultural Spanish Language Institute and Cultural Center in Costa Rica. Experience living abroad and become part of the international community while earning transferable college credit in Spanish.

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"This may be the best turnout we have had at Hall-o-Fest," said Director of Student Life and Housing Coordinator Gregg Miles. The day was complete with skits, contests and over 30 table activities, from SGA’s “Donut Dangle” to Roteract’s Purple Pinkie Project table, which accepted donations for the Rotary International effort to vaccinate children against polio.

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Contemporary art in another country... Garret Hardin’s "Lifeboat Ethics..."

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HVA/CR Club
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**Grayson College**

**College 85**

**Eminilion years ago**

The campus life of Grayson College 85 years ago was a time of many activities and events. Students and faculty were involved in various clubs, organizations, and classes that helped shape their college experience. Here are some highlights from that time:

- **Parachute Club**: Established in 1930, the Parachute Club was a popular activity for students who enjoyed extreme sports.
- **Cable News (Cable Arts)**: This organization was dedicated to teaching students about technology and cable demonstrations.
- **Art Club**: The Art Club focused on developing students' artistic skills and promoting their work.
- **Music Club**: The Music Club provided opportunities for students to participate in musical performances and events.
- **Science Club**: The Science Club aimed to encourage students' interest in scientific research and discovery.
- **Film Club**: The Film Club screened various films and provided a platform for students to express their filmmaking talents.
- **History Club**: The History Club fostered an appreciation for historical events and figures.
- **Veteran Student Association**: This organization supported veterans and provided resources for their academic success.
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- **First and Third Place Honors College Student Volunteers**: The honors college student volunteers planned and manned the event, responsible for the majority of the event planning.

**Fiber optics**

Fiber optics was introduced to the campus with the help of technicians by Pacent Structured Voice and Data Cabling. The classroom and lab demonstration allowed students to learn about technology advancements in a hands-on environment. Students participated in testing procedures and were able to perform their own projects with the help of technicians.

**Tour and Observation**

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors. The contributions and support have made the event a success. The Grayson Honors College will be donating all of the proceeds to the Officer Down Memorial Page, currently totaling over 2,200 dollars. Thank you to all the officers, participants, and volunteers who braved the cold to be part of a great event for a wonderful cause. Hope to see everyone again next year!
Hybrid police vehicles investing in the future of GC

Rebecca Jones  
Editor

Automobiles and other forms of transportation release a range of chemical and environmental pollutants that make up about one third of the U.S.’s greenhouse gas emissions each year. Greenhouse gases absorb the sun’s radiation, trapping heat inside our atmosphere. Most scientists agree that a rise in CO2, largely brought on by the burning of fossil fuels, can be directly associated with unhealthy changes and environmental pollutants that make up about one third of the U.S.’s greenhouse gas emissions each year. Greenhouse gases absorb the sun’s radiation, trapping heat inside our atmosphere. Most scientists agree that a rise in CO2, largely brought on by the burning of fossil fuels, can be directly associated with unhealthy changes in our environment.

Being a commuter campus, there is relatively little that GC can do to govern student use in this attempt to curb emissions. Student vehicle use is allowed on campus but there are certain policies in place that can help to decrease emissions. Factors affecting mileage and emissions are part of a patrol officer’s daily routine. Heavy acceleration, high vehicle weight and excessive idling reduce a police vehicle’s economy and correspondingly raise emissions. The college’s records indicate that its vehicles are well maintained and tires are replaced yearly to leave only one other avenue for exploration: fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles. Even a cursory comparison will reveal much about how taking advantage of hybrid technologies can increase distance driven and reduce exhaust emissions.

The electrical assist of a hybrid engine decreases the strain on the vehicle’s gasoline engine, which reduces fuel consumption. Expend- ing less fuel ultimately decreases harmful gases emitted. “Improving the fuel efficiency of U.S. vehicles is the biggest single step we can take to cut America’s oil consumption in half,” says the National Academy of Sciences. Concerned Scientists, a more likely perspective, would make more research into alternative energy forms with less injurious effects on the environment.

Based on the mileage data collected, GC could reduce the emissions of its police vehicles by an average of 54.6 percent if the institution switched to hybrid-electric models. A seemingly small change like this could have unprecedented results. Un- like oil, the supply of natural gas is virtually infinite; instead of natural gas could reduce our emissions by an average of 20 percent.

In the next issue, I will compare the emissions of the 2015 Ford Hybrid to the Ford Fusion Hybrid. This comparison of the 2015 Ford Hybrid and the Fusion Hybrid includes six vehicles from two prominent manufacturers: Ford and GM. As a result, the class is divided into two parts: Ford and GM. The emissions of the 2015 Ford Hybrid will be compared to the emissions of the 2015 Ford Fusion Hybrid, which is the more fuel-efficient of the two.

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Brandy Fair  
Professor of Speech

On October 28 and 29 the Truxton Regional Blood Center (TRBC) was on campus in the Life Center for a successful competition with the Just Do It Rally and the Hall-o-Fest. The students in two of Brandy Fair’s Business Speech courses hosted the event as their group project for the class. The students were responsible for producing brochures, flyers, a 1-shirt design, and a “sales pitch” speech to submit to the TRBC for use in their upcoming blood drive events. Representatives from the TRBC Regional Blood Center will also be weighing in on the group project. The event was a success and is greatly appreciated by the increasing number of people that turnout for the event year after year. Thanks to all those who came out supported the event.

Key Dildain (left), the founder of Just Do It & Event, with Breast Cancer Executive Director LeAnn Danner (center) and breast cancer survivor Gretchen Huff (right).
November is most widely known for turkey, sweet potatoes and Christmas decorations that didn't start until Thanksgiving. However, recent polls remind us that a presidential battle is brewing, though Election Day 2016 has yet to pass. With the 2016 election season in full swing, it was natural to survey the student body for its political views.

Of twenty-seven responses, forty-five percent identified themselves as Republicans. Of these, fully thirty-three percent of respondents identified as Democratic. Half of them support Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, while thirty-three percent support former US Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Interestingly, one respondent also identified as Democratic but listed both Trump and Clinton as their choice of candidate. Democratic students care about healthcare, unemployment, inflation, social services, racial and gender equality and gun control.

Thirty-two percent of our student respondents identified as Independent or non-political. Over half of them are undecided as to their political affiliation at this time. Twenty-three percent are undecided as to who they want to see elected in 2016, while thirty percent support Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, Bobby Jindal, Kanye West, or prank candidate Dez and Nats. Issues range as expected for independent, from conservatism, hunting, gun, and healthcare all the way to a literacy rate.

Ultimately, such results are probably unsurprising, given that many Catholics take their party allegiance seriously. Despite this, many respondents think that the upcoming election will be a caring and giving campaign, with a good chance of change.

Our Phi Theta Kappa chapter is once again hosting a canned food drive. We will be collecting items through November 30 and donations can be dropped off at any of our collection boxes or in my office (Life 201, window 204). Collections boxes have been placed in the Life, Center for Health Sciences and CTC buildings. Please help us in our collection efforts as we strive to support members of our community. We are also holding a competition between the different student clubs and organizations to see who can collect the most cans for the food bank. The student organization that collects the most items will receive $50 for our college's state-of-the-art Workplace Learning website that again this year!

The Viking wants to know: what’s your political stance?

Shelle Cassell
Director of Marketing

Grayson College’s fall cooking classes are offered via a categorical approach to health. Herbs, pastas, soufflés, pie baking, easy cooking and fancy cooking are the themes as the GC’s Hospitality Management Association and the Center for Workplace Learning offer 10 recreational cooking classes this semester, allowing students and faculty to take place at the Culinary Arts segment and make the cut properly chop, mince, chiffonade, julienne, dicing, brunoise, finely chop, mince, chiffonade, in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL and can be completed on GC’s Main Campus in Denison, east of the Viking Residence Hall. Students selecting the cooking classes are expected to be at least 16 years old to enroll in the classes.

Taught by GC’s chef instructors and guest chefs, courses provide hands-on training, demonstrations, a meal to enjoy and much more. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the college’s state-of-the-art facility. Participants experience hands-on training in cooking methods and learn dissections and taste skills as they prepare and consume foods that range from the familiar to the unexpected. In some of the classes, participants prepare food to take home as well.

“The Healthy Pie Baker” is an informational course sponsored and facilitated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Participants learn how fresh herbs can transform ordinary into extraordinary. Topics include types of herbs, health benefits and effects on plant growth, cooking as well as popular fresh herb combining equations. Class meets Dec. 3 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tuition: $29 per person.

“Holiday Cooking” is an informational course offered by an instructor from Grayson College’s Hospitality Management Association. The class meets Dec. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuition: $39 per person.

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“Holiday Cookie Decorating” is a family-cooking class for children ages 5 and above who are accompanied by an adult. Participation bake and take home a baker’s dozen of holiday-decorated sugar cookies. Classes meet Dec. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuition is $39 and covers one adult and one child.

In addition to the fall cooking classes, private cooking classes and children’s birthday cooking classes are available as well. For more information or to register for the fall recreational and private classes, visit the GC Center for Workplace Learning website at www.grayson.edu/cont.

Every single vote is important. Your opinion of how you think society could be run can be valuable by ticking a box or pushing a button. It is a civic opportunity that we, as citizens, have the right to do. An example of why it is important to imagine choosing a law that would dictate what our diners will be for each day of the week for a whole year. Would you rather have a menu: a good meal in exchange for your silence? Either, some of those that do vote may have excellent taste, the overwhelming majority of people can be quite drab. So if you choose not to exercise your right to vote, you are voting against the candidate you want or vote for it! You are the lifeline of democracy; keep the heart beating. Your vote is your right to vote depends on it!
Can convicted criminals be rehabilitated? How should they be treated during their imprisonment? These three questions of criminal justice are the concern of Timbleaker Wertenbaker’s play Our Country’s Good, set in 1785 New South Wales, Australia, in a newly established penal colony. The Grayson Theatre department presented a moving, visually arresting production of the work on October 8 and then on October 14 for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Lighting crew Robert Gilhener and Bryce Danby set the opening scene of the convict ship and Antipode backdrop with an indigo sky, accented by a strikingly painted Phillip Allen backdrop, setting the tone of coloniza-

tion protest as the Aborigi-

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Hardin then mentions those who may feel guilt-ridden because they were lucky enough to be in the lifeboat. His response to those people would be “Get out and yield your place to others.” He also suggests that all those with a conscience give up their seats; the lifeboat would soon be entirely lacking passengers. However, he fails to take into consideration that the earth’s resources are finite, and we almost certainly never again will increase in size, so more could not be created.

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He then concludes that the only solution is to develop and improve, as assuming that the lifeboat cannot increase in size, and more could not be created.

Resource Availability

The ideas Hardin discusses are highly relevant to societ as it is. There are always empty seats in the lifeboat and the effects of any actions we take concerning them and the outcomes of our actions could either make or break the countries we inhabit.

At first, and indeed perhaps seconds second chance as well, it might not seem possible to everyone. However, when we begin to scrutinize, more help becomes apparent. When we begin to scrutinize, more help becomes apparent.

We are therefore forced to consider the results of the boat’s actions. Some could help, and others only a few. However, necessary detrimental to other to them either. Depending on the boat, it is possible they could drop the people off on land and they are two-thirds that never could increase in size, so more could not be created.

Accessibility

The entire metaphor, while useful to an extent, stays on the surface of the issue. People helping them vital, but why do we need a rich man, Minkel, to do this? At a high-performing, high poverty school in Arkansas, and former Arkansas teacher of the year, likes to use an example he calls “The Drowning Babies Parable.”

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Caroline Rovell
Dual-Credit Student

The presidential campaign season has begun. With this comes concerns about the state of politics in our nation and high hopes for a new leader who will forge change. The political parties seem polarized, though, which makes us wonder whether or not they have the willpower and determination to work together.

His career began with President Dwight Eisenhower, a man who understood the need to reach across the aisle in order to achieve major legislation. Now, 50 years later, he notes that both Reagan and Bush lack the ability to do this. The political parties have seemed unwilling to compromise in recent years.

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The polarization of politics: History and culture have affected the polarization of politics. During the Civil War, the political parties appeared more divided than they do today. The political parties have been divided for many years, but we have always been at a "stalemate" right now because the parties and the politicians have so much hatred for each other that it makes it very hard to get anything done.

Historically, politics has always been this way, but we have always been at a "stalemate" right now because the parties and the politicians have so much hatred for each other that it makes it very hard to get anything done.

It's part of the Constitu- tion that the government supports personal freedom. Americans have the right to express their opinions freely. The government is founded on the belief that people have the right to vote. The government is founded on the belief that people have the right to vote.

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The American right to life becomes even more relevant when we consider the last time a political party died. If the Tea Party becomes the third party, then all males, then women, who owned property, and then all others. This is the answer to the question "What is the meaning of life?" and "What is the meaning of death?"

The political parties in America seem to want their candidates to be in the White House and Congress. One way to do this is to win the votes of white males who owned property. The other way is to win the votes of white males who owned property or read their newspaper. This is the way we've been as a country.

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Texas’ community colleges, you are eligible to enroll in this program through GC. You do not have to have any prior knowledge of Spanish to attend. You can be a beginner!

Interested? The first preview meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in Liberal Arts Bldg. room 108 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please call Professor McKelva at (903) 463-8623 or e-mail mckelvam@grayson.edu. For a complete overview of the program, staff, home stay selection process, excursion descriptions and a photo gallery of the school, visit the web site below.

http://www.interculturacostarica.com

**Travel to Costa Rica and earn college credit**

GC Spanish Professor Mary Yetta McKelva will accompany the group and oversee the language program. Students will attend classes four hours each day of the week and live with a Costa Rican family.

The school is located in Heredia, about 20 miles from San José. Heredia is a medium-sized city that still maintains a typical Latin American “pueblo” feel. Students may attend cultural events offered at the school and may serve as a volunteer for environmental projects and literacy improvement efforts in the public schools.

The group will take weekend excursions to the beautiful rain forests, beaches and volcanoes throughout Costa Rica.

**Cost**
The basic program fee is approximately $3,500.00 for a four-week stay. The price includes round-trip airfare from Dallas to San José, Costa Rica, airport transfers, your room and board with two meals a day with a Costa Rican family, one weekend group excursion and services of on-site staff in Costa Rica. GC enrollment fees will be paid directly to the college at the time of registration for Summer 1. Only air fare is paid ahead of time in mid February.

**Eligibility**
If you are a student in good standing at one of Texas’ community colleges, you are eligible to enroll in this program through GC.

GC students will be able to work towards their Spanish credit requirements.

**Plan ahead for Summer 2016!**

Earn a complete Spanish course credit in Costa Rica. Learn up to six hours of foreign language credits in Spanish while living in Costa Rica. Beginning and intermediate course credits are available. Continuing credit is available as well. For more information contact Mary Yetta McKelva at mckelvam@grayson.edu. (903) 463-8623

Learn Spanish while immersing yourself in the culture, the people, and the beauty of Costa Rica!

**International Education Week November 16-19**

**Nov. 17**

“TASTE THE WORLD”

A presentation from our students from Mauritania and a sample of some of the food from that region. Please email or call the International Student Office to reserve a spot, a limit of 40 people for this event.

Location & Time: BSM at 12:15 to 1:15

Please call the International Student Office if you have any questions: 903-463-8749

**Nov. 18**

BSM LUNCHEON

International student testimonials on cultural adjustments in the U.S.

Location & Time: BSM at 11:30 and 12:15

**Nov. 19**

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Table displays from over 17 countries

Location & Time: Student Life/Bridge Area 11:00-1:00 pm

Empty Bowls will also be going on during this time.

Location & Time: Student Life/Bridge Area 11:00-1:00 pm

**Nov. 19**

International Day

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**Empty Bowls**

Thursday, Nov. 19

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Life Center

Benefitting Visions of Sugar Plums

Hosted by Clay Club, Culinary Arts and the Music Department

**Grayson College Music Department**

Nov. 16th

7:30pm

GC Wind Symphony Concert

Nov. 20th

7:00pm

GC Music Department Concert

Dec. 3rd

7:00pm

GC Piano Department Recital

9 concerts and recitals will be held in the Grayson College Music Department Auditorium this fall. For more information go to www.grayson.edu/music or call 903-892-0439.