FIRST MILLION DOLLAR GIFT
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2002
NEW BASEBALL FIELD IS A REALITY
Georgia Military College hosted a formal proclamation ceremony for Governor Sonny Perdue in recognition of Georgia Day, February 12, 2003. Participants included the eighth grade class, marching band, regimental staff of the 124th Corps of Cadets, junior college color guard, junior college drill team, and MG Peter J. Boylan, President of Georgia Military College. GMC has hosted this ceremony for 20 years. The governor graciously posed for photographs with GMC high school band students following the ceremony.
If you have visited GMC lately you will have seen many changes to the campus. The baseball & softball fields are under construction (baseball will be completed by the time you receive this issue), a new athletic complex is started to go up, and Whitfield Hall has been torn down in preparation for a new academic building.

A lot of changes are taking place and that is wonderful for the school and for our students, but one thing that is not changing is the percent of alumni giving to help support the school’s programs and goals. It has remained the same over the years. One of the most frequently asked questions we get when we solicit grants and donations from foundations, corporations, and businesses is “What percent of your alumni give?” When we respond that 1% of our alumni give, they seriously wonder why they should support our school when alumni do not. We know this percentage is not a true picture of how our alumni feel about GMC. We believe our alumni care, and we want to show this as we go and ask for really large donations and grants to help with much needed projects. Your donation will help raise our percentage and will help us tremendously as we plan for the continued growth of GMC.

So what can you do and how can you help? It is simple enough. In the center of this magazine is a return envelope. Put a donation in the envelope and mail it to us. It is that easy. How much should you give? Give from your heart and according to your financial ability. The size of your donation does not matter, but what does matter is that you give. It would also be wonderful if you mark your calendar to give each and every year. Not only will that help us with the priority needs of the school but it will also prove to these foundations, corporations, and businesses that you do care. Put your money where your heart is — in GMC.

As always, please remember to stay in touch and keep us updated with your new address when you move. Share your news with us and let us include it in the class notes section of The Cadence. We want to know when you get married, have a baby, make a career change, or about any of your life’s other significant accomplishments. We want to pass your news on to your classmates and keep them informed. I hope to hear from you soon.

P.S. And on a personal note...I want to share my news with you. In May, my husband, Jeff, and I will be having our first baby. We are excited and look forward to sharing our joy with you.
Dear Alumni,

Last year just flew by; I can’t believe we are already in the year 2003. It is exciting to look ahead and see what is planned for this year. First, I would like to mention a few things about the past year. As I looked over the campus, I saw the soccer field looking really great, the new tennis courts added so much to your growing campus, and the new baseball field was really taking shape. Old Whitfield Hall was retired and is being replaced with a very impressive, well-designed new academic building.

It is really amazing to see those dreams turn into plans and then actually become reality. You have been very supportive, and you can also be very proud of your Alma Mater and the way it is developing. Major General Peter Boylan and his staff truly strive to be all that they can be. The General’s planning and leadership has really made things happen. Your help has been greatly appreciated, and I would like you to consider your Alma Mater again this year as you provide support to worthwhile projects. As grants and funding are sought, one question always comes up and that is “How Supportive is the Alumni?” Their main interest is the percentage of alumni who actually support their school. The staff at GMC had 100% participation in their giving last year. So, I would ask you to keep your Alma Mater in mind as you enjoy the fruits of her teaching and training.

We also had a great time at our Alumni Weekend this past fall. We tried a two-day weekend this time in an effort to be more accommodating to our alumni who have to travel so far. The barbecue at the lake lot was very enjoyable, and the stories were even more so. We recognized six of your fellow alumni and friends in the Old Capitol Legislature Chamber for their outstanding achievements. It is always a great honor to recognize these recipients and also a matter of great pride as we review candidates for these awards. GMC has always produced quality people, and it is evident each year as we receive these nominations. I encourage you to continue to provide us again this year with your nominations for the awards to our outstanding alumni and friends by completing the form on page 3.

Charlotte Bearden again did a magnificent job with GMC’s choral ensemble. She is able to take our students’ and teachers’ talents and create a production that is outstanding. It was great to have Bob Bevelacqua, JC 1985, take time away from the FOX News Channel to speak at our parade. As a matter of fact, it was great for all of you who came to our alumni weekend and took time out of your busy lives to visit your old campus and add to the fellowship and camaraderie throughout the weekend. You made it a success. We ended up Saturday night dancing to the music of “Reunion.” The band was so well-enjoyed, there was a great effort made to keep them playing longer than planned.

It was an outstanding weekend, and you who were there made it turn out that way. For those who were not able to come, we really did miss you. However, to everyone who did, I would like to invite you this year for another great Alumni Weekend October 24 & 25, 2003.

I would also like to invite you to another special event on June 14th- your Alumni Auction. We elected not to have it this past alumni weekend, but to make it a special event during the time of Milledgeville’s Bicentennial. The proceeds from this auction will go towards funding alumni scholarships for middle school, high school, and college students.

Thank you again for being such a big part of GMC, and I encourage you to become even more involved. Please come by and visit anytime. Give us your input and ideas. Support your school not only monetarily, but also feel free to volunteer. Above all, stay in touch. Let us know where you are, what you’re doing, and how you are doing. I am very proud to be a part of such an outstanding group.

Bruce Dempster
HS1971
President, 2001-2003

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Charlotte Bearden, Director of high school/middle school chorus and drama, directs the GMC choral ensemble, made up of middle school & high school students, faculty, and staff, as they perform at the awards ceremony.


The newest members of the Oak Leaf Society, Mrs. James E. Baugh, Mr. & Mrs. Winston Shelby, and Mr. & Mrs. James T. Paul, Jr., were recognized during the alumni awards ceremony.

Claire Duke Garrett, HS1979 and Sally Chandler Thrower, HS1976, celebrate and reminisce at the alumni dance.

Robert “Bob” Bevelacqua, JC1965, was the guest speaker during the alumni parade.

During the alumni dance on Saturday night, prizes were given to our most recent and earliest graduates in attendance. Brad Cooper, JC2001, and Lovett Briggs, HS1949 & JC1951, were recognized. MAJ Tom Hall, JC1981, and GMC Professor of Military Science, presents the winner’s trophy to Nathan Brown, JC2000, following the alumni knock-out drill competition.

During the alumni dance Saturday night, please we have given to our most recent and earliest graduates in attendance. Brad Cooper, JC2001, and Lovett Briggs, HS1949 & JC1951.

Desiree Dugger, JC2001, entertains the crowd during the alumni dance.

Nellie Harrington and Bobby Bonner, JC1952, share a dance while listening to the sounds of “Reunion.”

The alumni platoon shows they still have what it takes during the alumni parade.

Shelby I. Highsmith, HS 1946 & JC 1948, is a GMC alumnus whose name and rulings are regularly cited in testimony before the U.S. Senate on the Internet by various national and international organizations, and in newspapers and magazines. He has had his name submitted by the 41st President of the United States of America to the U.S. Senate for an appointment, and is a man whose opinions are routinely examined in classrooms across the country. Shelby Highsmith is one of the most well-known GMC alumni.

Alumni Achievement Award; Mr. Terry Schubert, GMC Service Award; Mr. Thomas L. Wyatt, Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award; Mr. Robert B. Wise, Honorary Alumnus Award; and Mrs. Shannon New, Community Service Award.

The Honorable Shelby I. Highsmith, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Mr. William R. Yoast, JC 1948, was a coach of a successful football team when his school system underwent dramatic changes. Even though Coach Yoast had seniority, he was asked to resign. His reputation was tarnished, but he remained committed to helping others.

Thomas L. Wyatt, JC 1999, as a junior college student at GMC, was selected as the Regimental Commander for the 120th Corps of Cadets and earned top academic honors while leading the Corps as Cadet Colonel. In the 3 years since his graduation from school, he has actively sought leadership roles, serving as an officer in the student government association at his new university and assisting in the political campaign of a candidate from his community.

At the University of Georgia, Thomas is a member of College Republicans (Student Coordinator), Phi Kappa Literary Society, Student Government Association (Internal Affairs Committee), and Advocating Safe Alternatives for Peace. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, work efforts, Red Cross blood drives, Veteran’s Day activities, American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, and March of Dimes.

Mr. Wyatt has strengthened his leadership skills with each new challenge he has accepted and, in ever-widening circles, is known as a very intelligent young man of reliability, dependability, and capability. Sustaining excellence in his academics, Thomas continues to succeed in every endeavor, and we are sure we will be hearing about him for many decades to come.

The recipients of the Georgia Military College Alumni Awards were recognized at the annual Alumni Awards Ceremony, which took place on Saturday, October 25th, during Alumni Weekend. The following recipients were honored:

Terry L. Schubert, HS 1970, through his many deeds of caring, kindness, and growth, the lessons he has imparted to each of us about service to a program in which one believes in which one’s principles have been beyond measure. His actions have unceasingly spoken, and continue to plainly speak, volumes about service.

A life long resident of Milledgeville, Terry is married to Bonnie Rice Schubert (GMC HS 1954), and they are the parents of Lynde and Brandon. As the owner of Terry Schubert Construction, he is a contractor who is always lending a hand to assist the junior college football Bulldogs in any way needed. As GMC Foundation member, Mr. Terry L. Schubert is undoubtedly one of the most active and supportive boosters of any of the school’s programs.

Mr. Schubert is a builder by trade, and he builds in many areas of the world. Not only has he constructed many essential facilities for GMC’s sport program at little or no cost, he has also helped build young men and women of character by being a role model of consistently good actions. Being a day-to-day example of unselfish service for our students to emulate has strengthened the school’s mission immeasurably.

Bill Yoast, JC 1948, was a coach of a successful football team when his school system underwent dramatic changes. Even though Coach Yoast had seniority, he was asked to resign. His reputation was tarnished, but he remained committed to helping others.

Bob Wise has seen GMC through very tough financial times. He has served on the Board of Trustees, was an Advisory Board member from 1992-1993, and became an officer on the Board in 1993. He has served on the Finance Committee as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has served as President of the GMC Alumni Association. He has also served on the Board of Trustees. He has always been very active in raising funds for GMC.

Mr. Wise has served GMC through very tough financial times, but he has never wavered in his belief in the fundamentals and mission of the school. He is a man who has been involved with GMC for many years.

Making his home in Milledgeville, he is married to Ann Smith Wise, and he is the father of daughters Kathy Segrest, Becky Roberson, and Debbie Cox. Bob Wise possesses the strength of character, determination of spirit, and the truest commitment to the ideals that would see all of our alma mater through all it’s trials.

Shannon New, HS 1975 & JC 1976, as an untiring advocate for those whom society has too long shut away, brings activity, competition, exercise, therapy, and recreation. Through numerous licensing agencies, she is certified to coach and to conduct sports training; and, through her dedication and devotion, it is through this vision from the core of her huge heart that everyone begins to believe and see them too.

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Shelby Highsmith’s dedication to the public service is unparalleled. He has served Georgia Military College and the Georgia Military College Foundation with great distinction. He is the founder and has served Georgia Military College and the Georgia Military College Foundation with great distinction. He is the founder and has served the Georgia Military College Foundation Board of Trustees. He has been a dedicated volunteer and a dedicated donor to the Georgia Military College Foundation.

As the Chief United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, the Honorable Shelby I. Highsmith has heard high-profile cases involving the War on Terror and national security. Judge Highsmith is married to Mary Jane Zimmerman Highsmith, and he is the father of Holly Law and Shelby Jr.

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Shelby Highsmith is the GMC alumnus that we hope all of our alumni would possess. Bob Wise is the benchmark of the greatness in GMC alumni.
Upward Mobility: Sergeant Melvin M. Denson

By: Mr. Shannon N. Gilstrap • Assistant Professor of English • Georgia Military College, Union City Campus

I asked Sgt. Melvin M. Denson of the Atlanta Police Department (APD) what he thought about graduating Magna Cum Laude from Georgia Military College in January of 2002. He was quite comfortable with his new educational experience, yet it excited him..."There's nowhere to go but up from this point." This confidence in upward mobility seems to have governed Sgt. Denson's attitude toward life for quite some time now.

Born in Fulton County, Georgia, Mr. Denson saw the opportunity to attend college early in life; however, he says, "I didn't capitalize on it right out of high school." Instead, Sgt. Denson began a 22-year career with the APD. Police work afforded it's own opportunities for education, and Sgt. Denson began by learning the basics of police work. He remained interested in how to interact with the public, how to solve crimes, and how to prepare cases for prosecution. Denson says, "I worked some very big cases, some of which were for commanders at a very high level. But, as I continued in my career, it became evident to me that, in order to succeed, I had to strive for an education up above a high school level." This, however, would not be an easy climb. Since joining the APD, Mr. Denson had married and fathered two children. He had also been assigned to oversee the Police Academy, a training center that all Atlanta Police Department recruits must attend and graduate before officially being declared police officers.

There was, however, something that was quite literally hanging in the air at the Atlanta Police Academy, providing Sgt. Denson's upward drive.

"We have a motto which is posted on an easel in the main lobby and in many of the classrooms at the Academy," explains Sgt. Denson. "It is Training Towards Excellence. We tell our recruits that their training is never over and that their training is never over, and I guess I realized what that meant for me as a professional as well as a citizen."

At the time that these thoughts were in Sgt. Denson's mind, Georgia Military College was in the second year of an educational outreach program for the APD.

"The program," says Denson, "was convenient and was structured for officers who were working full time and attending college. My decision to attend college was made very easy by GMC being in my department and actually at my workplace." This step into college life was made even easier when Sgt. Denson received the Academy Scholarship, an award given to one APD employee or officer each year.

As he was working on his degree, "The school never forgot me or my fellow officers," Sgt. Denson remembers. "On the day of September 13, 2001, the day that changed the nation, the APD went on 12 hour shifts, making it impossible for me or any other of the students to attend class. The school never forgot the fact that we were officers as well as students. They accommodated me and the other employees and officers by shifting the program to direct studies, helping me complete my degree." Sgt. Denson pauses a moment and then declares, "There's no other school that would do that on a moment's notice, without any preparation."

Attending GMC allowed Sgt. Denson to capitalize on those previous learning experiences he obtained early in his law enforcement career. He furthered his skills in appropriately preparing paperwork within the APD, compiling data, completing research, and putting professional projects together for presentation to his superiors. "It believe," Sgt. Denson states, "that my present commander has commented on the improvement in the quality of my work. She realizes that the education I was receiving at GMC gives me a leg up, so does his family. Since graduating, Sgt. Denson says, the bond between himself and his family has grown stronger. "My daughter and I were completing similar course work while I was attending college. We actually sat down together and worked on subjects like Algebra and Psychology together. This fostered a bond between us that continues to this day."

Sgt. Denson is not the only one reaping the rewards of his successes. His family truly appreciates and accepts the fact that he is inspiring others to have the same sort of upward drive. "My son," hesitates, "wanted my Phi Beta Kappa key following the graduation ceremony. He keeps the key on one wall in his room as a symbol of a goal he wants to achieve. David is the first person in his immediate family to graduate from college. I have two brothers who have attended college," he explains, "but I am the first to finish a degree. I am the number five child out of seven. Everyone in my family looks up to me because of my accomplishment. This degree puts me in the position of a role model for my nieces and nephews. It serves as a testament to them and to me that it is never too late to begin something."

Sgt. Denson, true to form, hasn't quit thinking about higher education. He plans on attending a four-year college to continue his degree in Criminal Justice. "I want to become a professional student for the rest of my life," he states, laughingly. "Nothing is impossible for me and I know I could do this work." Rosemary enrolled at GMC soon after and began working toward her AS in Education.

Upward Mobility: Rosemary Hooper

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Congratulations, Ms. Hooper. You earned it.

Perhaps the largest source of satisfaction for Rosemary Hooper came when PAGE - the Professional Association of Georgia Educators - recently sent a memo to all paraprofessionals in Georgia. "You're never too old. Give it a shot and give it a try," I figured I could handle that."

And why not? Rosemary definitely feels she can handle most anything. She moved from Georgia with Winchester, Massachusetts, in 1972, eventually settling in Peachtree City. She raised two sons (both graduates of the University of Georgia) and one daughter (a graduate of Georgia Southern) and watched her family grow with the addition of five great-grandchildren. She established herself as a paraprofessional at Oakgrove Elementary School in Peachtree City, and raised a solidity of her life.

"Life, however, has a way of throwing curve balls, and a family incident fractured some of the certainty that Rosemary worked hard to build. "I had just gone through a divorce," she said, "when Jim Price came to the school and spoke to the paraprof about the Promise II Scholarship. The new came at just the right time I was 52 years old and divorced, but I could still start my own grade and I knew I could do the work." Rosemary enrolled at GMC soon after and began working toward her AS in Education.

"I stuck with Georgia Military College," Ms. Hooper says, "mainly because of the personal concern and care that they give each student. The faculty and staff know people by name. Dean Condon and several of the advisors were very concerned about me and how I was doing. They all made it a point to ensure I was taking the right classes at the right time. It was nice to be a person again and not just a number."

Rosemary's confidence continued to build and she finished her two year degree in Education in only a year and a half. "The school had confidence in me," Rosemary says, "and that made me have confidence in myself."

Rosemary looks forward to her graduation. She will walk across the stage and graduate Cum Laude in front of family and friends. "My family," she reflects, "was one hundred percent proud of me. The moment they heard my name was called, the roof came down. They were just so proud. My entire family will be there when I walk in. I want this for my son is currently stationed in England with the US Air Force. It's just like the fact that her family gets a bit of inspiration from her recent graduation. Her children, even though they have already graduated from college, map the following lessons from their mother's accomplishment. "You have to use your brain. The more you use it, the more you learn every day.""

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Born in Germany, and internationally known for her research about WWII POWs, Renate Milner candidly says her life began at Georgia Military College. Milner came to the United States in 1991 with her husband, Tom Milner (whom she met while he was stationed in her German town) when he retired from the military to return “home” to South Georgia. Originally from Quitman, Georgia, Tom decided to pursue a master’s degree from Valdosta State University where she earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree. While in Valdosta, she was recognized for being the highest GPA in the history department. During her studies she began an internship with the Lowndes County Historical Society and Museum. The historian learned that Milner was German, and shared with her that Moody Field had been a prison camp for German POWs during World War II. And so, in 1998, Milner’s life’s work began. She set out to research this era of local history, which had become near and dear to her German roots. By using newspaper reports, oral histories, and minuscule clues in military archives, she compiled her research about these little-known men. Off the 700 prison camps in the United States, 466 were in the South, and the 40 in Georgia held 12,800 prisoners. Through her interviews with local people who lived through WWII in the area, Renate learned that the Germans were known for their labor skills and hard work. With most of America’s young men overseas, the POWs helped overcome a labor shortage by harvesting crops and doing other physical labor for 10 cents a day. New to her latest research and her website (wwwwarprisoners.com) was picked up by the Associated Press in May 2002, and was published across the United States and Internationally. Renate Milner’s life has now come full circle: she is the Lowndes County Museum Director by day, and at night, an adjunct History and German professor at Georgia Military College. The very institution where she candidly says her life began, and her husband remains in Valdosta with their children, Tom Paul, age 15, and Elizabeth, age 12.

Kaila Jaworski (R) was named Milledgeville’s Junior Miss and Katie Rackley (L) was named Baldwin County’s Junior Miss during the scholarship program held November 2, 2002. Jaworski is a junior at GMC High School and is the daughter of Bob and Kelly Jaworski. Rackley also a junior at GMC High School, is the daughter of Terry and Patricia Rackley. During the program, Jaworski also won the Scholastic Achievement Award and the Talent Award, while Rackley won the Be Your Best Self Essay contest and the Fitness Award. Contestants were judged on scholastics, achievement, interview skills, talent, physical fitness, and poise. Kaila and Katie will represent Milledgeville and Baldwin County in the state Junior Miss Scholarship Program in July.

The Bruce Prosser Award was presented to Georgia Military College in sincere appreciation for the school’s years of service and dedication to the Baldwin County Special Olympics. Pam Grant (L), GMC High School faculty, accepted the award from Shannon New (R), HS1975 & JC1976. Grant organized the high school participation in the program and New is the organizer of the event through Central State Hospital.

Renate Milner: German-born war historian’s life began at GMC

IN SEARCH OF ALL GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE ALUMNI

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate, but not known where to start? Soon an impressive directory of our alumni will be available to help you locate all your friends.

The Alumni Relations office has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to produce our directory this July. Harris will begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus.

Please be sure to fill it out and return it.

The new Georgia Military College Alumni Directory will soon make finding an old friend as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on the project in future issues.

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Slacie Goggans, GMC Middle School Physical Education teacher, organized the largest-ever group of runners to participate in the 7th Annual Will Robinson Memorial Race. More than 150 GMC students, parents, and staff ran in the 5K race held to honor the memory of Baldwin County Sheriff Deputy Will Robinson, HS1997, who was killed in the line of duty in 1995. Proceeds from the race benefit the Baldwin County D.A.R.E Program, Baldwin County Volunteer fire programs, and the Will Robinson Scholarship Fund at GMC middle and high school. The event is organized each year by Mrs. Lauren (Barnett) Dair, HS1985, and Sheriff Bill Muse, HS1967.

The Old Capitol Guard Drill Team of Georgia Military College participated in the 23rd Annual Auburn University Invitational Drill Meet. GMC’s junior college drill team earned first place in Patton Exhibition and first place in Squad Exhibition, defeating drill teams from six schools as Auburn, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Morehouse Ulaya, University of South Carolina, and North Georgia. SLG Jonathan Andrews, Drill Team Coach (L), Cadet CPT Jonathan Sellars, Drill Team Commander (C), are shown with MG Peter J. Bigyan (R), President of Georgia Military College.
GMC RECEIVES FIRST $1,000,000 DONATION

It is my great pleasure to announce that Georgia Military College has received its first million-dollar contribution. This unprecedented gift, in the form of an unrestricted, irrevocable charitable remainder trust, is from a loyal alumnus and his wife. The family has requested that the gift be given anonymously, and we respect their wish. This is the largest gift by an individual in the 124-year history of this historic institution. We are grateful for, and honored by, their extraordinary generosity and anticipate that others will follow their lead. We ask that you, also, consider adding GMC to your estate plans.

Seeking greater security for their future in these very uncertain times by furthering their education, more individuals are applying to GMC. We believe we must do everything in our power to provide the means for our students to realize their educational ambitions. We experienced a 21% increase in enrollment for Fall Quarter 2002 over the same period last year. We must neither turn students away for lack of space, nor attempt to teach them in cramped, make-shift spaces for any but the most brief of periods. To do either would be unworthy of the basic beliefs and ideals of education to which we have been dedicated for the past 124 years. We need your help to accomplish this.

Last year was a difficult year for non-profits and their donors. The stock market has been in decline since 1999, and the economy continues to suffer. Yet, with conditions such as this, our loyal donors have continued their support of this fine school. We experienced a 116% increase in the dollar amount of contributions, with an increase in the average gift of 359%. These figures are phenomenal, especially in the face of a 20% decline in the number of donors.

We still remain well below the average percentage for alumni giving. It is so important to provide support to the fine young men and women currently enrolled in school here. It is the generosity of our donors that makes the difference between our ability to provide needed programs and services and our ability to provide excellent programs and services. You are the one who can make it happen. Please fill out the enclosed envelope and send your contribution today. Our students thank you in advance for your generosity.

This will be my last issue of The Cadence as, after nine years at GMC, I have taken a position elsewhere. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and I know you will continue your strong support of this wonderful school.

George Bernard Shaw

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FINALLY! BASEBALL AT GMC IS A REALITY!!!

This is Bonner Park, where the GMC baseball teams have played for many years. No more! Two new fields, one of which is shown below, will enable our young men and women to finally have a place to call "home" and will allow us to truly have the home field advantage as we host other teams from schools and counties around the state and country in our interscholastic and championship play.

Dedication of the new CRAIG FIELD took place April 17, 2003. The field is named for the Chairman of the GMC Foundation, Bill Craig, H'S 1971. Located on 29 acres at a bend in the Oconee River, the baseball and softball complex will feature two fields, team locker rooms, dugouts, stands for over 300 people, a lighted scoreboard, lights for night games, a comprehensive sprinkler watering system and a concession stand.

With your thoughtful and generous help, we will have a complex that is worthy of both Georgia Military College and of our players. Your donation will make a difference!

HIT A
Single $75; Double $100; Triple $250
HOME RUN: $1,000
DIAMOND: $2,500

Home runs and diamonds may be paid over four years.
Please indicate on the enclosed envelope that your contribution will be used for the baseball complex.

In January 2003, American Football Monthly magazine announced the winners of the annual 2002 Schutt Sports Coach of the Year awards. The Schutt Sports Coach of the Year award honors extraordinary achievement both on and off the field. It rewards not only excellence, but also character. It symbolizes everything that makes men into winners and winners into champions. GMC's Bert Williams was named the Junior College winner. In just his second year at the helm, Bert Williams, who is both athletic director and head football coach, guided the Georgia Military College football squad to a 10-0 overall record and a No. 1 ranking after capturing the NJCAA national championship in 2001. He had served previously as the offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at GMC.

Schutt Sports is a privately owned group of companies dedicated to providing innovative protective equipment and services that enhance the performance and enjoyment of team sports.

In 2002, seven GMC junior college football players were named All-Americans by the NJCAA.

OFFENSE
Andre Hall          FIRST TEAM
Joe Fowler       SECOND TEAM
Clay Crisp          HONORABLE MENTION

DEFENSE
Brian Staley        FIRST TEAM
DeAdrian Coley  SECOND TEAM
Charles Silas     HONORABLE MENTION
Ricky Grant       HONORABLE MENTION

2002 Season Results
GMC vs Dixie College 35-19  W
GMC vs Biloxi College 29-9  W
GMC vs Navarro College 24-19  W
GMC vs Air Force Acad. JV 35-6  W
GMC vs Valdosta St. JV 49-0  W
GMC vs Uni. of AL JV 33-10  W
GMC vs Nassau CC 14-7  W
GMC vs Uni. of GA JV Canceled
GMC vs W. GA JV 48-0  W
GMC vs Troy St. JV 35-6  W
GMC vs Valdosta St. JV 52-0  W
Golden Isles Bowl
GMC vs Joliet JC 24-14  L
**GMC Paths of Honor**

Our new baseball and softball complex will feature a brick circle surrounding the flagpole, and bricks edging the walkways.

We invite you to become a permanent part of GMC by purchasing one of these timeless bricks. Each brick is 4” x 8”, can hold up to three lines of 16 characters per line, and is a wonderful gift for a friend, loved one, or yourself. And what a way to mark an important event!

For group orders, if you wish, we can place all of the bricks in your order together. You may also purchase blank bricks and have them engraved at a later date. But however you want to work it, Order yours today ...

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**GMC Women’s Soccer to Play in Division I**

Georgia Military College women’s soccer team will be moving to full intercollegiate competition in the fall of 2003 and will play in the NCAA Region 17, at the Division I level. The GMC junior college women’s soccer team is comprised of both resident cadets and commuting students. Scholarships will be available to qualified female applicants on the women’s team due to the move.

Bert Williams, GMC Junior College Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, credited Coach Art Silsby with building the team and creating the basis on which the move to Division I play was made possible. “Art Silsby has done a tremendous job of establishing our college soccer program here at Georgia Military College. His teams have shown consistent improvement and I know they will continue to do so with the move to Division I,” commented Coach Williams. “Art and his players have built a solid base for our soccer program. He has developed a fertile ground upon which to further support the GMC mission of developing the intellect of our students while elevating their character.”

Coach Silsby accepted the challenge of building the women’s program from scratch in 2001, and followed with the men’s program in 2002. Since 1997, the Junior College Athletics Department at Georgia Military College has grown from offering only football and cross country track to now offering both men’s and women’s soccer, golf, and women’s tennis.

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**Nunn Joins Redskins**

Former GMC Head Football Coach, Robert Nunn, joined the Washington Redskins in January as defensive ends coach. Nunn, 37, came to the Redskins from the Dolphins, with whom he spent the last three seasons as a defensive assistant.

Nunn spent nine years (1991-1999) at Georgia Military College. After a season in 1999, as the team’s defensive coordinator, he was promoted to head coach, compiling a 66-19 record over eight seasons.

Nunn was a four-year letterman as a linebacker at Oklahoma State. He began his coaching career in 1988 as a defensive line coach at Northeastern Oklahoma University, and went on to join the University of Tennessee where he coached defensive ends for two seasons.

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**Brick Order Form**

- Your Name_____________________________  Your address_______________________________________
- Home Phone (       )______________________  City____________________  State________  Zip_________
- Email__________________________________  GMC Class of HS_____  JC_____ or Friend of GMC_____
- Each of the three lines may contain up to 16 characters - including spaces and punctuation.

- # of bricks* __________ x $50.00 = Total __________  Method of payment (please check one below).
- Personal Check (please make your check payable to: The GMC Foundation, Inc.), or,  Visa account #_______________________
- Master Card account #_______________________  Expiration date_____________ Signature_____________________________________________________

- *Note: For multiple bricks, you may photocopy this order form.

Mail order and payment to:  The GMC Foundation, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA  31061.  Phone (478) 445.2692, FAX (478) 445.2867

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Roy Hendrickson, HS1934, celebrated his 86th birthday, November 23, 2002, with family during Thanksgiving weekend.

James M. Torel, Jr., HS1934, retired from the Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA, in December 1989, after 26 years of service. He resides in Deerfield Beach, FL.

Eugene “Gene” M. Salet, JC1967, retired October 1, 2001, from First Union National Bank after 30-years of service. He has been married to the former Francis “Joy” House for 33-years. Gene and his wife reside in Augusta, GA.

Lorraine E. Martin, HS1934, was named July member of themonth of the Montgomery Retired Officers’ Association. He has been an inspiration to others. He still plays golf whenever he likes and still flies an airplane (box plane). Lorraine is 90-years old. He has a lifelong history of doing remarkable things. He grew up in Milligaville, GA, where he rode a pony to school. After graduating from GMC, he went on to graduate from University of Georgia with a major in Journalism. Hewent on a one-year leave with the Army over in Europe and applied for flight school. His application was denied because he was married, and later, after the rules had changed, because he was six months too old. During his time in the military, Lorraine served as an infantry officer providing support for airborne training at Fort Benning, GA, where he also became their weather officer. He then became the squadron commander of a support group in Jackson, MS, and there he received orders to sail from San Francisco to Australia, where he was involved in repairing aircraft. After three years in the Pacific, he was offered a regular commission in the Air Corps, and later an assignment in G-1 (personnel) led him to the Pentagon. In 1953, he became the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the 3rd Air Force and was based in London. In total Lorraine worked ten and one half years at the Pentagon and seven and a half years at Maxwell as Deputy Chief for Personnel. In 1959 while in D.C., he accomplished something that he had tried to do 10-years earlier. He learned to fly with a private school and earned a commercial license in addition to his pilot’s license. He started the Aero Club at Maxwell, was the Chief Pilot for several years, and was instrumental in procuring some of the aircraft for the club. Lorraine retired in September 1964. He says that his last military assignment was when he was in personal personnel at the Pentagon and used to go over to testify before Congress. As a young man, Lorraine had driven for one of the congressmen when he came home to Lorraine’s hometown. After his military retirement, Lorraine became the director of a statewide real estate association and worked with that organization for 14-years. COL Martin saw and did things that he could never imagine when he was riding that pony to school in rural Georgia. He resides in Montgomery, AL.
Jack Crocker, JC1968, retired from the Savannah Police Department at the beginning of 2003. He has enjoyed working part-time for the past 11 years with Leisure Services in Savannah, coordinating the 5 & 6 and the 7 & 8 year old baseball programs.

Richard A. Massay, Jr., JC1969, is currently working for Old Dominion University serving as the Chief Financial Officer of the Foundations that support the University. He has two daughters in college and a third serving in the United States Army as an engineer officer in Hawaii. Richard and his wife, Gall, reside in Yorktown, VA.

Nona "Jerry" D. Roach, JC1972, was selected over all other national nominees to receive the prestigious VFW Outstanding Community Health Care Provider of the Year Award 2001-2002. The award was presented at the VFV & Ladies Auxiliary, National Community Service Conference held in Washington, DC, on April 6, 2002. Jenny is married to Len Roach, HS1971, and they reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Edward Vance Walker, III, HS1973, assumed command of the 59th Medical Support Group in a ceremony July 12 in the Wilford Hall Medical Center auditorium. This group is responsible for mobilizing information, technology, personnel and work environment to enhance wing readiness and enable work-force health-class delivery. COL. Walker resides in San Antonio, TX.

Robert "Bob" K. Owens, JC1974, was recently promoted to Colonel in the United States Army. Bob is married to Lynne Deason Owens, HS1973, and they reside in Snellville, GA.

Thomas G. Towmace, HS1974, assumed command June 27, 2002, of the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery in a change of command ceremony at Ft. Stewart. COL. Towmace resides in Ft. Stewart, GA.

Richard H. Parker, JC1978, attended the United States Army War College. He was promoted to colonel in January 2003. He currently resides in Carolina, PA.

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Julie Fraser Clayton, HS1987, recently wrote to us before her 25th class reunion that her, and her husband's, life has been full and joyous. Julie is married to Phillip B. Clayton, JC1979, and they have three children, Anna (age 22), Lynn (age 20), and Bruce (age 18). The greatest joy for them has been raising their children and watching them become adults of integrity. Julie and her family reside in Toomaton, GA.

Lacy Cary, HS1984, married Matt Bentley, February 16, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Milledgeville, GA. They recently celebrated their one-year anniversary. Lacy is an Audit & Compliance Officer at First National Bank of the South in Milledgeville, GA, where she and her husband reside.

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Erin George Fulcher, HS1985, and her husband, Gary P. Fulcher, Jr., announce the birth of their son, Gary P. Fulcher, III, born May 17, 2002. Erin is employed with Cross Creek High School, and she and her family reside in Augusta, GA.

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Len Roach, HC1971, has retired from the United States Army after 22 years of service at a lieutenant colonel. Currently a member of the Standing Joint Force Headquarters (SFHQ) Prototype, he is employed with General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems and resides in Suffolk, VA, with his wife Cindy.

Evelyn Clark, JC1985, was appointed Manager of Operation for Kohler Mobile Plumbing Systems. Clark joined Kohler Company in 1997 and, most recently, served as Manager of Operations for Robem, a member of Kohler Co. family business, which specializes in high-end remodel both cabinetry. She has a Bachelors of Business Administration degree with a major in management from Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, GA.

Robert "Bob" K. Owens, JC1974, and his wife, Paige, announce the birth of their son, James "Jay" E. Lee, III, born July 19, 2002. They also have daughter, Lucy (age 2). Jay and his family reside in Macon, GA, where he has his own law practice.

Paul Scott Drury, JC1988, participated in "A Ride to Remember," a bicycle ride from the World Trade Center site in New York City to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The ride was in honor of our fallen public safety and military brothers and sisters killed in the attack on America on September 11, 2001. The ride took place Sept. 8 - 11, 2002, and consisted of 200 riders representing law enforcement, military, fire and rescue, and health care professionals. Participants rode as a unit along the approximately 250-mile course over a four-day period, arriving at the Pentagon on Sept. 11th. He wore the GMAC crest during the ride. Maj Drury currently lives in Arlington, VA, with his wife, Paige.
wife Karen (Sewell) and daughter Anna Elizabeth. He is assigned to INSCOM (United States Army Intelligence and Security Command), attends the Joint Military Intelligence College at the Defense Intelligence Agency, and plans to receive a master’s in strategic intelligence in 2003.

Frederick J. Hughes, JC1990, was promoted to the rank of Major in April 2002 and is currently attending the Command and General Staff Officers Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He and his wife, Suzanne, announce the birth of their first child, James Julian, born February 2, 2002. They reside in Platte City, MO.

Jodi Wommack Kent, HS1993, and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Marie, born June 28, 2002. They have one other child, Savannah (age 3), Jodi and family reside in Millidgeville, GA.

Roden Mull, JC1990, has produced videos for missionaries in Spain, Morocco, and Honduras.

Terry O’Neill, JC1990, has been transferred to Taegu, Korea, where he will be a prosecutor for the Army. Terry is a Captain in the United States Army.

Otto Arlin Brown, JC1991, was named Teacher of the Year for Creekside Elementary and nominated for Baldwin County Teacher of the Year for the 2002-2003 school year. Brown is a special education teacher for fourth and fifth-grade students at Creekside Elementary School. He and his wife, Brenda, reside in Millidgeville, GA, with their two children, Joshua, age 5, and Caleb, age 4.

Julia Caldwell Baugh, HS1993, and her husband Marvin “Tunny” Turner Baugh, HS1996, announce the birth of their third son, Daniel David, born April 29, 2002. They have two other sons, Connor (age 4) and Cameron (age 6). Marvin was promoted to Major, USAF May 31, 2002. The Baughs reside in Fallon, IL.

Patt Crockett, JC1996, announces the birth of their son, Ethan Christopher, born April 4, 2002. Rhonda is employed by the Baldwin County School System as an Early Childhood Educator. Chris is also employed by the Baldwin County School System as the Systems Warehouse Floor Manager. They reside in Milledgeville, GA.

Cathy J. Camron, JC1993, was promoted to Captain at Gemini Ball Bonds & Investigations, and resides in Apopka, FL.

Leigh Ann Davis, HS1993, married Tommy Howell, June 22, 2002, at the Jefferson Street Baptist Church in Dublin, GA. Leigh currently works at Willkam County Primary School as a media specialist, and her husband is a physical education teacher and football coach at Dublin High School. They reside in Dublin.

This letter was sent by Dr. James S. Johnson, Ph.D., father of Aaron J. Johnson, JC1999:

Dr. Richard Johnson has been promoted to the rank of Major in April 2002 and is currently attending the Command and General Staff Officers Course at Fort Leavenworth. He can be reached by e-mail: aaron.johnson@us.army.mil.

Patt Crockett, JC1996, after being named Teacher of the Year at Dewar Elementary School.
Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Please return this form along with your photo to: Alumni Relations, Georgia Military College, 201 E. Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA. 31061.

William Franklin Richards, HS1930, died Saturday, September 14, 2002. A native of Hancock County, he had lived most of his life in Milledgeville, GA. He retired from the United States Navy Naval Aviation Electronics Division and also worked with NASA on the Apollo space missions. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Minnie Lou Champion Proctor of Macon, GA; his daughter and son-in-law, Andgelia and Carl Kelly of Macon, GA; one granddaughter, Lori Leigh Wilson of Atlanta, GA.

Larry L. “Larry” Hines, HS1952, died Wednesday, June 26, 2002. He was born in Decatur, GA, in 1911. After he attended Georgia Military College, he joined the J. B. Richards Printing Company. He was a member of the Second Pence De Leon Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir for a number of years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a sister.

E. L. Anderson, Jr., JC1939, died July 15, 2002. He lived in Statesboro, GA. A native of Bulloch County, Mr. Anderson lived most of his life there before moving to Jacksonville, FL, in 1999. He attended the University of Georgia before serving in the United States Army during World War II in South Pacific under General Douglas MacArthur. After three years of service, he returned to his hometown to follow in his father’s footsteps as manager of Cotton Producer’s Association, later known as Goldkist, Inc. He was a lifelong member of the Statesboro First Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and past treasurer, and also a member of the Harmony Sunday School class. He was a lifelong member of many civic organizations: Rotary International, past president of Jaycees, past president of Bulloch County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a member of the Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife of 50-years, Wuldie Gay Anderson; four daughters, Linda Nixon of Griffin, GA, JoAnne Hunt of Macon, GA, Karen Seals of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, and Lisa Cochran of Southlake, TX; two sons, E. L. “Andy” Anderson, III, of Anderson, SC, and Greg Anderson of Statesboro, GA; twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Horner Andrew Proctor, HS1939, died Thursday, August 1, 2002, in Milledgeville, GA. He was a native of Milledgeville but had made his home in Jacksonville, FL, for many years. He was a retired civil engineer with Robins Air Force Base, was a member of Battery D, during World War II, served in the Army and Georgia National Guard, and was a graduate of Georgia Tech. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Macon, the Marshall A. Ware Masonic Lodge, the Southwest Optimists Club, and the Grand Chorus at First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Minnie Lou Champion Proctor of Macon, GA; his son and son-in-law, Anddgila and Carl Kelly of Macon, GA; one granddaughter, Lori Leigh Wilson of Atlanta, GA.

Giles R. Lewis, HS1944 & JC1945, died August 29, 2002. A Jacksonville native, Lewis grew up in Riverside area and graduated from Georgia Military College before entering the Army Air Corps in World War II. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1950 and from the University of Miami Law School in 1952. He later returned to Jacksonville and joined the law firm of his father, the late David J. Lewis. He served as an assistant county solicitor in 1955 and 1956 before opening his own practice in 1959. A 50-year member of the Florida Bar, Judge Lewis was appointed a Duval County Court judge in 1979 and was elected to the Circuit Court bench in 1985. He retired in 1992 but continued to join the jury. Lewis was a Mason and Shriner, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, the President’s Club of Wake Forest, past commander of the American Legion Post 137, and a captain of the Captain’s Club. He was also a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville Beach, FL. Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Lester J. Walton of Jacksonville, FL, and Michael Walton of Chalfont, PA; three daughters, Susan Moore and Lauren W. Carlton, both of Jacksonville, FL, and Linda Underwood of Tallahassee, FL; two brothers, Bland R. Lewis, HS1947, of Jacksonville, FL, and Frederick S. Lewis of Atlanta, GA; a sister, Jane Harding Moore of Jacksonville, FL, and Frederick S. Lewis of Atlanta, GA; and nine grandchildren.

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Walter “Leelie” Richardson, HS1945, died March 25, 2002, in Jacksonville, FL. He graduated from University of Florida in 1949. Mr. Richardson was an active member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He served 14 years with Gulf Life Insurance Company as an appraiser, five years as Vice President of Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association, and manager of the Mortgage Loan Department. From 1972 to 1996, he was President of the Walter L. Richardson Real Estate Appraisal Firm. He was a member of the Minniek Club, Timuquana Country Club, the Ponte Vedra Club, a volunteer with Memorial Hospital, and for 21 years a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, 51 years, Barbara Coleman Richardson, a son, Kevin Leelie Richardson, a daughter, Lisa Richardson Deely; two grandsons, Ryan Coleman Deely and Kevin Leelie Richardson, Jr.; and sister, Gloria Richardson Brady.

Linton Clarence Collins, Jr., JC1947, died Saturday, October 27, 2002. He was a native of Gundy County. Mr. Collins was an active peacan and produce broker. He was a 1946 graduate of Cairo High School, and a member of the state championship football team. He attended GMC, Florida State University, and the University of Georgia before joining the United States Navy (where he served on the S.S. Parisian ammunition ship during the Korean War). He was also a coach for YMCA midget and junior football. He was a member and trustee of Bold Springs United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Marzallie Collins of Ochlocknee; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Randall Curl, HS1977 and Rita Curl; a son-in-law, Joe Smith; and four grandchildren, Matthew Sheffield and Samuel Sheffield, both of Colquitt.

Robert “Rob” Joseph Rhea, III, JC1994, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, in Hilton Head Island, SC. He was born in Millen, GA, and was a native of Middleville. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Armed Forces from 1994 to 1996, attaining rank of captain. After his service in the Army, he joined Merck and Co., and retired from there in 1997 and moved to Tallahassee. Survivors include his mother, Gale K. Hillegas, and father, John F. Rhea, both of Middleville; and sister,Genie Rhea and husband, Tony Cook of Kansas City, MO; a son, Barry Robert David of Gainesville, FL; a daughter, Deborah Davis and granddaughter, Nina Davis, both of Lake Park, GA.

Thomas Edwin Stephens, JC1960, died Sunday, December 1, 2002. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia in 1963. He served as a member of the United States Armed Forces on the USS Jallao submarine during the Korean conflict. He moved to Durham in June 1963 and began a career of 28 years as an accountant for GTE, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Frances Gray Stephens; his son, Thomas E. ”Eddie” Stephens Jr.; his daughter, Cynthia “Cindy” Stephens Davis of Rugoff, NC; and grandchildren, Ryan, Taylor, Brandon, Lindsay, Marshel Stephens, Scott Stephens, and John Davis.

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Thomas R. Bone, JC1965, died January 9, 2002. He was a son of 28 years as an accountant for GTE, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Tera Clark Johnston for 34 years, had their own business, Memories Unlimited and Gallery on the Square. Survivors include his wife, Terri, of Lagrange, GA; his son Claude Guy Johnston, IV; two grandchildren, Ben (age 7) and Sara (age 4); and a brother, Jim Johnston, two grandsons, Matthew Sheffield and Samuel Sheffield, both of Colquitt.

Charles L. Youmans, HS1943, died November 9, 2002. He was born in Thomas County, GA, and was a native of Oconee County. Mr. Youmans was a native of Millen, GA. He was a veteran of the Korean War with the United States Army and retired mechanic with Gulf Industries. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jon Johnston Branch; two daughters, Clara Elizabeth Branch Padgett of Buford, GA, and Jonna Shipley Rhea of Greenville, TN. He was a member of the honor societies Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi University of Georgia, where he received his Bachelors of Business Administration degree in 1952. Mr. Branch also completed the Institute of Insurance Marketing at Southern Methodist University. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Robert “Bob” Joseph Rhea, HS1959 & JC1961, died Sunday, September 12, 2002. He graduated in 1964 from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Bob was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as an officer in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He was a lifetime member of the Greenville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the TAPS Crystal Excellence Award. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jon Johnston Branch; two daughters, Clara Elizabeth Branch Padgett of Buford, GA, and Jonna Shipley Rhea of Greenville, TN.

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Robert “Rob” Joseph Rhea, III, JC1994, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, in Hilton Head Island, SC. He was born in Millen, GA, and was a native of Middleville. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Armed Forces from 1994 to 1996, attaining rank of captain. After his service in the Army, he joined Merck and Co., and retired from there in 1997 and moved to Tallahassee. Survivors include his mother, Gale K. Hillegas, and father, John F. Rhea, both of Middleville; and sister, Genie Rhea and husband, Tony Cook of Kansas City, MO; a son, Barry Robert David of Gainesville, FL; a daughter, Deborah Davis and granddaughter, Nina Davis, both of Lake Park, GA.
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(L to R): Brooke Heinold, Lauren Lyautey, Whitney Davis, Amanda Hall, Haley Holloway, Kendall Castillo, Annie Cawthon, Jennifer Mixon, Rachel Harris, Allison Barker, Haley Hanson, Tina Purvis, Amanda Johnson. Not pictured: Coach Couch, Coach Moffit, Coach Hanson and Mr. Bulldog.