

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Not many families are so close that they attend college together, but the Gurley/Baker family does; three generations strong. Brandon Baker is a second semester Bainbridge College student who is studying Drafting and Fashion Design and one day hopes to have his very own clothing line.



“I just love drawing clothes,” says Brandon. Brandon graduated from Brookwood Academy in 2004. After completing his course work here Brandon would like to continue his studies at Georgia Southern University. Brandon’s Mother, Berlisa Baker is completing her certificate in Criminal Justice and has just

finished her Associates’ Degree in Criminal Justice. “Now, I plan to follow-up with my Bachelor’s Degree and hopefully use this education to work in the field of counseling,” says Baker. “Bainbridge College has been good to me and I love the instructors here,” adds Baker.

The eldest college student of the family is Mother/Grandmother, Lois Gurley. Having graduated from high school in 1955 and retiring from Thomas and Betts, Inc. now has decided to return to classes.

“It takes a lot of spunk to go back to school after 50 years,” says Gurley. Mrs. Gurley is currently enrolled in and Early Childhood Care classes and is interested in pursuing computer classes. “I would really love to learn how to use my computer, so that I could eventually produce newsletters for my church,” says Gurley. “I would love to become all I could be to benefit my church,” adds Gurley.

Not many college students have to worry about their Mother or Grandmother being in college classes with them, but Brandon doesn’t seem to mind. “At least I’ve got someone to push me now,” says Brandon. All three family members lean on each other for support and encouragement in their college endeavor. “I worked on the assembly-line with Thomas and Betts until I retired,” says Mrs. Gurley. “I understand how a college education can impact your life.”



New Look at Ernie's Cafe



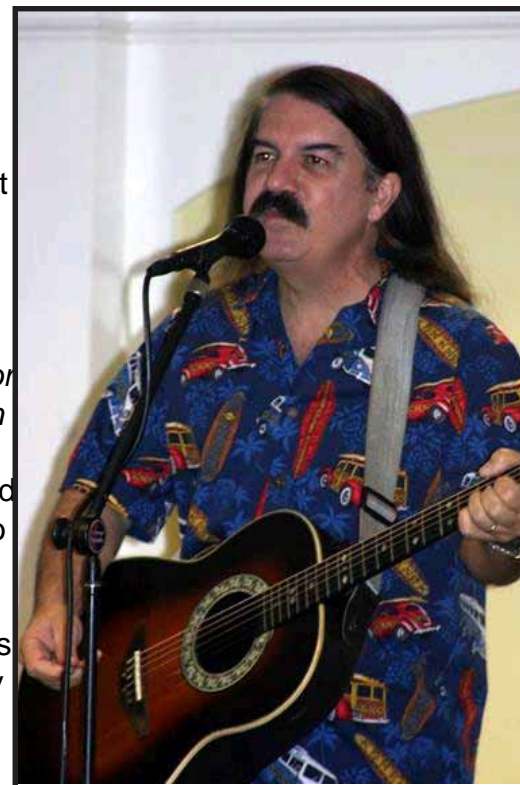
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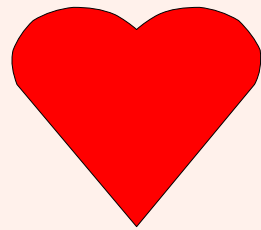
Ernie Jones, Dean of Students at Bainbridge College 1982-1998. He was beloved by all who knew him.

One of Florida's premier performers entertains BC. **DEL SUGGS**, a well known singer/song writer, serenades students and faculty/staff at the Student Center!

Campus Activities Magazine named Del “The Very Best of 2003” in the Music Category. The *Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities* voted Del “Best Solo Act” for 2002. Thanks to Student Affairs for a great day of entertainment.



Show your love with flowers, balloons, candy and stuffed animals with our own BC Panther making the deliveries. SEE A SGA MEMBER OR LEIGH THOMPSON TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.



New Scholarships to be awarded soon! Applications on BC website!



NEW YEAR NEW NAME! The Learning Center has a new name. It is now **The Academic Resource Center** and is open Monday-Friday 8am to 8pm and 10am-2pm on Saturday. The name was changed to better reflect the services offered! Stop in to visit, see the updated website and to get involved with what's going on!



BC Student Recognized
Each year the members of the General Assembly of the Georgia Legislature recognize college students for their superior academic achievement. Institutions in the University System of Georgia are asked to select a representative from their campus. This year, Bainbridge College has

selected BC sophomore Jacquelyn Fisher as the Academic Recognition Student for 2005.

At the end of the spring semester, Jacquelyn Fisher will be graduating from Bainbridge College with Associate of Arts Degrees in history, Foreign Language, and Political Science. She currently has the greatest number of credit hours with the highest grade point average at BC.

Fisher's family moved to the Bainbridge area in 1997 when her father, Thomas Fisher, began work with the Engelhard Corporation in Attapulgus. Currently Mr. Fisher, a Marine who was reactivated in October of 2004, is deployed in Iraq. Jackie's immediate family also includes Jackie's mother, Lynn Fisher, and her two sisters, Jennifer Fulton and Jessica Fisher.

Fisher works as a tutor at the Bainbridge College Academic Resource Center. "As a student I can help my fellow classmates and peers do better. I really enjoy that," Fisher stated. After graduating in the spring, Jackie is considering taking more classes for an additional Associate of Arts degree.

Fisher is fluent in Russian, French and Spanish. "I would really love the opportunity to have a career that involved the additional languages I speak," said Fisher. "I am considering future goals that might include teaching English as a second language." Fisher has studied abroad in Russia and commented that the accommodations at St. Petersburg Polytechnical College were extremely gracious. "I did find the food a little difficult to tolerate, it was very spicy."

"I think my favorite aspect of Bainbridge College has been the interaction with the faculty," said Fisher. "The instructors here are really great and are so willing to give their time to the students." Fisher will be recognized at the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held on January 20.

MLK Celebration

SGA and MAP sponsored a tribute on January 14th to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration featured BC students performing a rendition of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream Speech." BC students Brandon Baker and Dennis Conley inspired the crowd with their heartfelt performance. Joseph Randall tested the crowd's knowledge of facts about Dr. King for door prizes and refreshments were provided by SGA and were served from Ernie's Café.



The Bainbridge College Choir is pleased to announce its upcoming tour to Alabama. The choir has been selected to participate in an invitation-only 2005 Choral Masterworks Festival to be held at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. The Bainbridge College Choir will combine forces with the Troy State College Choir and other invited college and university groups to form a choral ensemble of over 110 voices strong! This massed choir will be coupled with the Troy State University Band and professional string musicians to create an orchestra, and together these groups will present Faure's Requiem and Vaughan William's Five Mystical Songs in the Crosbie Theatre on March 11, 2005. It's guaranteed to give a memorable performance, and the choir is already starting rehearsals in preparation for this trip, paid for in full by Bainbridge College! Pictured here are Vaughn Roste (middle) and two members of the Bainbridge College Choir, Yadira Martinez (left) and Gayle Grimsley (right), who are all very much looking forward to this event.



Dr. John Fenstermaker of the Florida State University and Dr. Barbara Frieling of Bainbridge College are pictured at the annual meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Roanoke, VA, where they both received awards for outstanding teaching from the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English. Dr. Fenstermaker coordinated FSU's graduate teaching assistants in the English Department in 1974, when Dr. Frieling was beginning her teaching career there, and she later studied Victorian literature with him as a part of her doctoral program. Their keynote remarks on teaching will be published by SAADE this spring.



Larry McConnell recently completed his Applied Science Degree in Electronic Technology and completed a certificate in Electrical/Electronics Maintenance. He is currently the Superintendent of Building and Maintenance. Congratulations Larry!

NEW BC EMPLOYEES

FULL TIME

- Rachel Davis
- Valley Rogers
- Bernette Williams

PART TIME

- M. Emily Bearden
- Jeanine Halada
- Vonda Hubbard
- David Jennings
- Richard Leagan
- John Lott
- Lisa Smart
- Sonya Williamson
- Ben Wynne



David Sarrette M.Ed., Health, Physical Education and Wellness Instructor at BC was recently honored by his former Cardiac Patients from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with a dinner at the Premier Club of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Mr. Sarrette was an Exercise Physiologist in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Dept. at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for ten years prior to coming on board the faculty here at BC. In the Cardiac Rehab Dept. he worked with high risk heart transplant recipients, Congestive Heart Disease patients, Open Heart Surgery Patients and other high risk cardiac patients using exercise prescription and patient education about lifestyle modification to improve the quality of life and longevity of his patients. Here at BC Mr. Sarrette instructs courses in First Aid, Physical and Comprehensive Wellness and Volleyball.