

## BC Bookstore Stocks Panther Items and More!



Bainbridge College sophomore student Grechelle Blocker (L) and Career Specialist Shana Dean (R), show that students and staff alike have Panther pride as they display BC Panther shirts, book bags, and supplies that can be found in the Bainbridge College Bookstore. Stop by and check out our new merchandise. You will find an inviting array of books, supplies, and merchandise that is sure to make you smile.



The Bainbridge College Benefits Fair was held Sept. 30th and drew a wide range of participants. Representatives from AFLAC, Fidelity Investments, Beech Street Corp., and many more provided information for faculty and staff about available benefit and investment opportunities. Thanks to Natalie Higley for a good job, well done.

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Bainbridge College, under the direction of new Music Instructor, Vaughn Roste, has formed a college and community band. So dust off your old horns and join us. The band meets in Room 429 of the Continuing Education building each Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Any interested persons are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Joseph Kelly at 229.246.7652 or Karen Hill at 229.248.2530.

### Literary Contest

The Fall Coffee House/Literary Contest will be held November 16 from 6-8 p.m. in the student center. The two categories for the contest are Poetry and Short Essay/Short Story. Prizes for each category are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. Students can enter either a poem or essay/short story and must provide a hard copy and a disc. Name, address, and phone number must appear on the hard copy. Submissions for the contest should be given to Ms. Jenna Miley or Ms. Lori Hancock by October 15.



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### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The hair was coiffed, the shoes were shined and the people of Bainbridge College never looked so fine. It was a night "On the Red Carpet." The first BC Fall Ball was held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Charter House Inn. Approximately 200 students, faculty and staff enjoyed the formal evening.

The 2004 "Fall Ball" was a well planned student-led event where students, faculty, and staff worked and later danced together to the enjoyment of everyone involved, said Vice-President of Student Affairs, Dr. John Colson. "The dance offered good clean fun and a chance for everyone to 'dust off those glad rags and formals' for a real Cinderella story - Hollywood Style."

The party-goers arrived in fine style chauffeured in a stretch limo and danced the night away to the tunes of Troy Williams, serving as D.J. Pictures were made of the lovely couples and contests were held for "most creative" and "best dressed." Winners of the contest were treated to an hour of entertainment in the limousine with a guest of their choice. "It was a really wonderful event which the students enjoyed themselves, learned new dances and made new friends," said Student Services Director, Leigh Thompson.



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## Changing Faces Changing Places



Richard Messersmith is the new Admissions Specialist. He received an A.A. in Business Administration from Broward Community College and is currently working on a B.S. in Management at Georgia Southwestern College.

Helen Catt has been promoted to Assistant Director of Financial Aid. She was previously Student Financial Aid Assistant and has become a valuable asset to the Financial Aid Department.

Spencer Stewart previously held the position of Accountant I at BC, and is now employed as Assistant Director of Admissions. He has a B.S. in Accounting from Troy State University.

Shana Dean is the new Career and Testing Assistant, and has received an Associates Degree in Accounting/Business Management, and is attending Bainbridge College for Accounting/General Studies.

Horace Taylor is the new Financial Aid Director, and has been with Bainbridge College six years. He previously held the position of WIA Case Manager for over two years, and then served as the Assistant Registrar. Taylor received an AA in Business Administration from Bainbridge College, and a BS in Business Administration & Management from Ft. Valley University.



Bainbridge College is pleased to congratulate Dawn Harrison, former Admissions Specialist, on her new position as Continuing Education Registration Specialist.

Dawn has held the position of Secretary for Fiscal Affairs/Payroll Clerk, and Admissions Specialist. She is currently attending Bainbridge College to obtain an associates degree in business administration.

Harrison's hobbies include running, step-aerobics, cycling and weightlifting. She is a member of the Bainbridge YMCA. "I am enjoying learning Bainbridge College's Continuing Education Process," says Harrison of her new position so far. "The department staff is wonderful."

## Do you love animals?

Help us build a campus chapter of the local Humane Society! Members will volunteer their time at the local animal shelter and help raise much-needed funds for the Bainbridge-Decatur County Humane Society.

The chapter will also work to raise awareness about animal issues, including the creation of a Spay/Neuter financial assistance program for animal companions of BC students. If you are interested in helping to create a Bainbridge College Chapter of the Humane Society, please contact Dr. Hobgood at [jhobgood@bainbridge.edu](mailto:jhobgood@bainbridge.edu).



Dr. Margaret Smith, Professor of English, will serve on an eight member On-Site Accreditation Team for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during October 18-21. The accreditation team will review Marion Military Institute in Marion, AL. The team is comprised of college professionals from South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia. Dr. Smith's assigned areas relate to faculty qualifications and governance, student records, transfer of credit and assessment of general education. The school also has a quality enhancement plan related to the development of a Honor and Respect Education Program which Dr. Smith will also review along with the other team members. With extensive professional experience as an administrator and faculty member, Dr. Smith is a frequent evaluator for two-year colleges seeking accreditation in the SACS eleven-state southern region that also includes Latin America.

The Testing and Career Center had some significant changes this week. New ly added cubicles around the computers provide students with more privacy and fewer distractions. Each cubicle holds three or four computers. The look of the testing center is totally different and promotes a healthier testing environment for our students.

The testing center also has a new testing schedule. Tests are offered on a walk-in basis. Students can come in between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday in room 308 and sign up for the test needed. Currently the Compass, Asset, SAT & The Strong Interest Inventory tests are offered.



The BC Cares Club will hold its fall organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 4:15 p.m. in room 267. BC Cares is a newly organized student club that supports the community volunteer efforts of Bainbridge College students. BC Cares members volunteer their time and help raise funds for local non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Hospice and Elder-care programs, American Red Cross, Keep Decatur County Beautiful, Bainbridge-Decatur County Humane Society, and much more. BC Cares helps students gain experience for the work force, a stronger resumé and helps build a stronger campus and local community.

The Learning Center and all tutors are taking donations of wrapped Halloween candy or small toys to give out at the Haunted Houses. We are sponsoring one in the Student Center for young children and one in Tech Studies for adults.

New members are welcome! Contact Dr. Hobgood at [jhobgood@bainbridge.edu](mailto:jhobgood@bainbridge.edu) for more information.