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COVER STORY

New Gordon Road Opens July 10

You may have seen the signs on College Drive and Stafford Avenue advising drivers that Gordon Road will close on July 10 and that they should take the Gordon Road "alternate." If not, you cannot have missed all the yellow tape, traffic cones and construction workers at the intersection of College Drive and Gordon Road/Stafford Avenue for the last several weeks.

The meaning of the signs and the construction is that Gordon Road is moving, and that the road bed is going to run behind the Gordon College Police Department (Gordon Hall) instead of in front of it.

The new Gordon Road will be at a right angle to College Drive, run downhill, then between the police department and several playing fields, behind the plant operations building, turn through the new parking lots on the eastside of campus and connect with Memorial Drive.

The move will open approximately 20 acres of former roadway part of which will become a pedestrian walkway to and from the Commons. With the help of alumni and other donors, the College hopes to add features such as benches and an architectural element to the walkway.



KUDOS

Ohara's Bowling Center in Jackson would like to form a college bowling league consisting of any combination of faculty/student/staff members according to **Mary Wilson**. The Bowling Center is a high quality center, possessing the latest equipment and a pleasant atmosphere. If interested in participating, call 770-775-2190.



South City Grill is now open for business at 111 West Gordon Street on the south side of the courthouse square in downtown Thomaston. The new restaurant will feature a combination of Southern home cooking and California cuisine with Classical French influences and will be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday-Saturday. The restaurant is owned and operated by Ryan and Lindsey Dutilleul, daughter and son-in-law of **Rhonda Morgan**.

Alumni Affairs and **Student Affairs** are teaming up to welcome resident students to campus on *Moving-In Day* by providing bottled water!



Rhonda Wilcox's husband, Richard Gess, was the main writer for a grant proposal to the Andy Warhol Foundation for the nonprofit arts organization, Eyedrum. They were awarded a \$30,000 grant!

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”

~ George Eliot

CAMPUS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/4		Independence Day Holiday	
7/8, 7/15, 7/22		Barnesville Fire & Rescue Support Training	A 112
7/11	8-5	New Student Orientation	Various
7/11	9-4	BOR GHENEHS Meeting (Office of Real Estate & Facilities)	Russell Hall Conf Rm
7/11-12	10-12	Animal Antics (Community Ed)	IC 205
7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 7/27	6-8	College Prep Courses (Community Ed)	IC 118
7/12 & 7/19	10-1	Harvest Christian Pre-School Summer Shorts	A110
7/12 & 7/19	12-1	Harvest Christian Pre-School Lunch	Amphitheater
7/15	10-4	Lamar Family & Children Collaborative (Youth Leadership)	Ropes Course
7/18	12:30-2:00	ATI Presentation (Nursing)	IC 103
7/18-19	10-12	Harry Potter Science Camp (Community Ed)	IC 205
7/19	8-5	New Student Orientation	Various
7/21		Last Day for Second Session Classes	
7/25		End of Summer Semester	
7/26-28	8-5	Aldora Mills Training & Coaching Sessions	Various
7/27	10-6	Staff, Faculty & Student Reception	Cafeteria Atrium

Visit the Gordon College website for the most up-to-date calendar information!

CAMPUS HEADLINES

Giving Is Living!

There is a growing body of medical and other evidence showing a strong relationship between philanthropy and health. People who share their time, talent, and treasure with charitable causes tend to live longer, happier, more fulfilling lives.

PHYSICAL benefits of giving include:

- enhanced immune system functioning,
- improved cardiovascular circulation,
- a significant reduction of toxic stress chemicals in the body,
- decreased metabolic rate, and healthier sleep.

EMOTIONAL rewards are:

- increased endorphin release (providing a natural feeling of well-being),
- increased ability to cope with crisis,
- stronger feelings of personal satisfaction,
- and improved concentration.

Among the SPIRITUAL benefits are:

- a greater sense of connectedness to God,
- enhanced compassion, empathy, and sensitivity to others, sustained peace of mind,
- and greater clarity about the meaning and purpose of life.

All of these factors contribute to abundant living in its widest sense. We should not be surprised that the key to greater physical health, emotional well-being, and spiritual harmony is to be found in sharing with others. After all, the definition of philanthropy is *“love of humankind”!*

Community Blood Drive

Despite a shaky start, the Gordon Community Blood Drive, coordinated by Community Education, was a success. The blood drive was held on June 28 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Gordon gym. At the start of the blood drive, only 28 people had signed up to donate blood. By 7 p.m. the numbers swelled to 47 volunteers, 37 of whom were able to donate which exceeded our goal of 33 pints. There were even a few volunteers arriving after 7 p.m. who had to be turned away. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the event – whether it was through donations or time invested setting up and manning the event.

NOW SHOWING

“Night Watch” (Nochnoi Dozor)

There’s no surprise that “Night Watch” (Nochnoi Dozor) was a tremendous hit in its native Russia, where it made more money than both “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King” and “Spider-Man 2”. This movie rocks. Storyline, acting, special effects – they’re all there. In fact, it competes well with any Hollywood movie out there.

The film is the first part of a trilogy based on the sci-fi novels of Sergei Lukyanenko. Taking place in modern Moscow, the basis for the film is that there are *Others* – witches, vampires, shape shifters – that have been divided into Light and Dark for thousands of years. Both sides vie for the prophesied Great One, an Other with extraordinary power, who will end the battle between them.

The protagonist, Anton, discovers that he is an Other when he is used by the Light, or Night Watch, to catch a witch that promises to return his wife at the cost of her unborn child. Thrown into the disturbing truce that barely keeps the apocalyptic struggle between the Light and Dark at bay, Anton has no choice but to choose a side. Using his abilities, he helps the Night Watch follow and catch Dark Others that are violating the truce. In this way, he finds the Great One.

Without giving away some of the great twists, Anton bonds with the Great One, a 12-year-old boy, and struggles to come to terms with his own questions regarding the Light and Dark.

There’s plenty of action and quick-paced dialogue to push the story along. I found myself absolutely engrossed in the story and wanting more.

The visual appeal of the movie is in its dark mystery and symbolic imagery. Aside from the story itself, there is a tension created by the juxtaposition of everyday Moscow and the surreal elements of the Others. (Plus it shows part of an episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and you all know how I feel about that.)

I can’t wait for the second film, Day Watch, to come to the United States. Until then, I’ll just watch Night Watch again.

~Patti Lowery,
Community Education Coordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 5	Penny Beverly
June 7	Robert Koch
June 11	Evelyn Walker
June 13	Alan Scouten
June 15	Marvin Thomas
June 18	Rhonda Morgan
	John Prue
	Richard Schmude
June 20	Linda Hyde
June 21	Jeff Dean
	Cristina Fermin-Ennis
	Nancy Goodloe
	David Ritch
June 23	Ashley Calhoun
June 28	Reggie Hamm
June 30	Pam Bell
	Silas Edet
July 1	Gwen Perry
	James Wallace
July 6	Charlie Banks, Jr.
	Farrie Smith
July 7	Jason Horn
July 9	Carol Morgan
July 10	Jody Alford
	Allen Fuller
	Travis McClanahan
July 12	Linda Kucher
July 13	William Lupton
	Jason Turner
July 17	Peter Boltz
July 18	Justin Hogan
July 21	Kyle Oliver
July 23	Kay Waddell
July 24	Candi Babcock
	Patti Lowery
July 25	Larry Mitcham
July 26	Beth Pye
	Robert Vaughan
	Becky Watts
July 30	Carol Mackusick
July 31	Barry Kicklighter
	Michele Perry-Stewart

WELCOME TO GORDON

Angie Melton, Admissions Specialist
Lisa Millican, Library Technical Assistant

CARE & CONCERN

Our heartfelt condolences to:

Brenda Blackstock,
on the passing of her father,
James A. Bridges

Congratulations to:

Travis McClanahan,
on the birth of his daughter,
Taylor Kate McClanahan

*“If you want to lift yourself up,
 lift up someone else.”*

~Booker T. Washington

VACANCIES

Associate Vice President for Business Affairs
 Director of Admissions

Assistant Professor of History
 Assistant / Associate Professor of Nursing
 Assistant/Associate Professor Business
 Aerobics Instructor, Part-Time
 Nursing Clinical Instructor, Part-Time
 Piano Instructor, Part-time
 Soccer Instructor, Part-Time
 Theater Instructor-Part-time

Information Specialist
 Operations Clerk
 Resident Director