

Georgia College’s publication for student research has worldwide reach

For anybody who thinks libraries are passé, dimly-lit rooms filled with dusty old books—take another look. An online repository called the Knowledge Box is maintained within the brick facade of Ina Dillard Russell Library. And, in that, is a publication called “The Corinthian.”

It has placed Georgia College on the map. Literally.

More than 200,000 people in nearly 200 countries worldwide have accessed the digital journal—which publishes about 10 undergraduate research projects per year.

“‘The Corinthian’ is our signature publication,” said Dr. Shaundra Walker, library director. “I love what we’ve been able to accomplish with ‘The Corinthian,’ because it pushes against that stereotype of librarians having buns and glasses and ugly shoes.”

“For anybody who thinks we’re just over here reading a book, dusting off shelves, that’s not what’s happening here,” she said. “We’re doing really impactful work.”

Just as impressive as worldwide attention—research in “The Corinthian” has been downloaded by members of the U.S. State Department, the Senate and Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Justice, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and the Department of Commerce.

The U.S. Department of Education leads the way with 58 downloads from the 2020 “Corinthian.” Officials there seemed particularly interested in music education for students with disabilities.

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stitutions— including 82 of the top 100 universities in America listed by U.S. News & World Report also accessed articles from last year’s “Corinthian.” These universities included Harvard, Yale, Cornell and Duke.

“‘The Corinthian’ fits really well into our liberal arts mission,” Walker said. “We’re uniquely positioned as a public liberal arts university. There’s a responsibility that comes with that, and I think Knowledge Box is one of the ways we can deliver on that responsibility of being good public stewards and making sure the knowledge that’s produced here is publicly available.”

Georgia College’s “Corinthian” has been around since the 1940s. More than 800 undergraduate students have published research in it over the years.

But their research never got the kind of attention today’s students enjoy.

In the past, it was standard to print, bind and copy research papers. Students got copies and one would stay on the shelf at the university library, mostly unread. With Knowledge Box, the online repository allows anyone—grandmothers, neighbors, business owners, teachers and government agencies to access research conducted here.

Knowledge Box keeps track of downloads and geographical locations of interested readers. Students are sent a monthly report on the traffic their research generates. They can use this information on Linked-In, resumes and graduate school applications.

Jennifer Townes, scholarly communication librarian at Russell Library, doesn’t know why “The Corinthian” is so “wildly popular.” She started working at Georgia College in 2016 and was given the task of reviving Knowledge Box, which also houses academic papers, dissertations, theses and conference presentations.

Many other universities have repositories like Knowledge Box and ways to publish research. What differentiates Georgia College, Walker and Townes think, is its longtime emphasis on undergraduate research. Attention to this type of research is growing nationwide.

Research is submitted from all disciplines at Georgia College, especially from health sciences, history, education, literature and



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natural sciences. Education and literature mark some of the most downloaded topics.

In 2020, favorite topics read by government workers were about the effects of dehydration on cognitive functioning; effective prison management; the relationship between teacher morale and school climate; and a comparison of two Machiavelli literary works.

The top searched Georgia College paper is about middle school students not completing homework assignments. It’s been downloaded 12,000 times since 2018. Another popular subject is being a woman from Shakespeare’s patriarchal perspective.

This research is free to the public, not inaccessible behind “paywalls,” Walker said. That may be why readers in developing nations read the 2020 edition.

Six new countries joined the list of readers in 2020: Afghanistan, Aruba, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Tonga, Vanuatu and Tajikistan. According to a report on the 2020 Corinthian, a reader in Kabul, Afghanistan, found “The Effectiveness of Teaching Math Using Manipulatives in the Fourth Grade at Southwest Laurens Elementary” by Denise D. Taylor, ’88, particularly interesting.

Readership of “The Corinthian” infers Georgia College students are impacting communities around them and beyond.

Did you know?

The Georgia College Women’s Soccer team will host an ID Camp Sunday, Jan. 16 for any female high-school athletes who are interested in showcasing their skills and playing soccer at the next level.

The Bobcat ID Camp is open to all prospective student-athletes, giving them an important opportunity to gain next-level recognition for their talents and skills. While being able to meet and train with coaches in person, the opportunity also allows these athletes to make connections with coaches and players at Georgia College.

The camp will cost \$125 for a 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. session, which will consist of individual skill challenges, as well as live-game simulations. Also included are a campus tour and lunch.

Questions should be directed to head coach Tinna Gallagher at tinna.gallagher@gcsu.edu.



Annual Holiday Concert takes place Friday

Georgia College’s 15th Annual “Holiday Concert” will help get you in the spirit of the season at Friday Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Russell Auditorium.

The entire music department comes together for this uplifting holiday tradition. Old favorites and new holiday tunes will be performed by the Max Noah Singers, Women’s Ensemble, Jazz Band, Wind Symphony, Orchestra, University Chorus, Men’s Quartet and Saxophone Quartet.

This concert will also be livestreamed at facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment. Tickets are required using this link: bigtickets.com/e/gcsu-department-of-music/holidayconcert/.

A \$15 donation is encouraged. Online donations can be made at alumni.gcsu.edu/music. Mail-in donations for music scholarships can be made out to GCSU Foundation, Inc. and sent to GC Music Department, CBX 66, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

All proceeds benefit music scholarships or the GC Department of Music through the GCSU Foundation, Inc.

For more information, please email music@gcsu.edu or call 478-445-8289.



Experience the holidays at the Mansion

Georgia’s Old Governor’s Mansion kicks off the holiday season with its annual Candlelight tours on the first three Saturdays in December.

The tours take place Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 6 and 7 p.m.

These 19th-century tours allow you to experience the Mansion by glowing candlelight during the holiday season. The museum is fully decorated for Christmas, including a giant, festive tree and live music in the Rotunda.

Group sizes will be limited and reservations are required.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7 for seniors; and \$2 for students.

A special “Photo Night with Santa” will be Friday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Guests can get their photo taken with Santa in front of the Mansion’s tree in the Rotunda.

Reservations are required and spots are limited.

Tickets are \$40 per family. Families larger than six will have an additional charge.

Each family will have five minutes with Santa and Mrs. Clause and a photo, plus a walking tour of the main level of the Mansion decked in holiday splendor.

There will also be hot chocolate and cookies and a 19th-century ornament craft in the education building. Photos will be available for purchase after the event through Lifescapes Photography.

To purchase your tickets and reserve your spot for either event, please call 478-445-4545 or email haley.stodart@gcsu.edu.



What’s going on in Bobcat Territory?

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5 p.m.- Student Government Association, in collaboration with Student Life and The Office of the President, will be hosting Hanging of the Greens on Front Campus. Holiday activities will take place from 5-6:15 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., the lighting ceremony will begin.</p> <p>6 p.m.- GC Women’s Basketball vs. Edward Waters.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 - 11 p.m. GC Shelter Buddies’ annual Jingle Paws concert takes place at Capital City located in downtown Milledgeville. Performing at the concert is a local band called Highspeed Dream. No ticket required— you will just pay the cover at Capital that night to see the concert. Part of the proceeds collected that night will go towards the Baldwin County Animal Shelter’s medical fund.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 p.m.- Georgia College’s 15th Annual “Holiday Concert” will help get you in the spirit of the season in Russell Auditorium.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 and 7 p.m.- Candlelight Tours at Georgia’s Old Governor’s Mansion. Please call 478-445-4545 or email haley.stodart@gcsu.edu.</p>