

CAMPUS

SGA one-act wins first in region

Southwest Georgia Academy's one-act play cast brought home the first-place trophy from region 3-AA competition at Valdosta State University Oct. 29. Ben Burkett and Michaelyn Newberry received outstanding actor awards.

This year's play, "Play the Hand That's Dealt" by Claudia Haas, depicts a high-school study hall that is thrown into chaos when its students are ordered into a code-red lockdown. As the play progresses, the students experience panic and utter shock when they realize that the suspected gunman could be one of their very own.

Senior cast members are Taylor Arnold, Ben Burkett, Michaelyn Newberry, Chip

Sanders, Abby Tedder and Ann Marie Walters.

Junior cast members are Maggie Bridges, Madison Bridges,

Marlena Collins, Preston Messer and Jeremy Reardon.

On the crew are Beth and Brittany Burkett.

Debbie Sloan is the director.

The cast competed at state Nov. 10 at Darton College in Albany.



SGA one-act play cast members include, left to right, Chip Sanders, Jeremy Reardon, Anne Marie Walters, Preston Messer, Madison Bridges, Michaelyn Newberry, Ben Burkett, Abby Tedder, Maggie Bridges, Marlena Collins, Taylor Arnold, Beth Burkett and Brittany Burkett. Director Debbie Sloan kneels in front.



Drivers recognized

Westley White, area Woodmen of the World representative, presented pins and certificates of recognition to Early County School System bus drivers during a special ceremony at the elementary school celebrating Bus Driver Safety Week. Minnie Love is pictured above receiving her award from White.

Belizean librarians train in SWGA

Bainbridge College hosted two librarians from Belize in October as part of an on-going cooperative program between the college and Belizean schools and libraries, said BC library director Susan Ralph, who has been an integral part of the initiative of the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation, which she serves as treasurer.

She coordinated the visit of Glenford Barrera, a librarian with the National Heritage Library in the Belizean capital, Belmopan, and Lusiola Castillo, public services librarian with Belize's National Library Service. They received training in library procedures at BC and a detailed tour at

Southwest Georgia Regional Library System and its sub-regional library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Their Oct. 6-10 visit included a tour of Valdosta State University's Odum Library and its COBEC archives. During their time in Valdosta, they visited with three Belizean students who attend VSU. In addition to their library training, the Belizeans enjoyed an art exhibit and reception at the Firehouse Gallery and a performance at Little Theatre.

"They really got a lot out of their visit to Georgia," said Ralph, co-coordinator with faculty member Dr. Dave

Nelson of BC's international education program, which will present special activities during International Education Week Nov. 16-20. She noted that Castillo said the visit was interesting, the hospitality extraordinary, and the library experiences valuable. Among the ideas they gained and hope to use in Belize are Toddlers Tales activities and implementing BC ideas such as creating a Facebook for the library.

Through her work with the BC library, the international education program, and COBEC, Ralph has forged partnerships with Belize's National Library Service for various projects and with various academic institutions there.

BC has an on-going early childhood education program with Corozal Junior College, she said, adding that BC education majors are busy planning fundraising activities, such as selling poinsettias and two yard sales, to help defray costs of their trip to study at Corozal during Spring Break. Their yard sales will be Nov. 18, during International Education Week, and Dec. 5.



BC early childhood education majors sort yard sale items for travel fundraisers beginning Nov. 18. Pictured, from left, are Rayna Andrews, Berinda Horne, Linda Jones, Caleb Adkins, Joseph K. Sarpong and student leader Valley Rogers.

Students raise money for study abroad

Bainbridge College early childhood education majors are busy raising funds to help defray costs for their studies in Belize at Corozal Junior College during BC's Spring Break. Students seen here are checking some yard sale items collected from BC faculty, staff and students.

Valley Rogers will lead the trip and coordinates work in the on-going early childhood education program BC has with CJC. She is also actively involved in planning activities for BC's International Education Week Nov. 16-20, which will involve her students. The future travelers,

who are also selling poinsettias, will have two yard sales on campus, one during IEW. Starting at 10 a.m. Nov. 18 the yard sale will be between the student center and the arts and sciences building.

Their Dec. 5 sale will start at 7 a.m. in the student center parking lot.



Seen here, from left, at VSU are Glenford Barrera, librarian with Belize's National Heritage Library; Deborah Davis, Odum Library archivist; Lusiola Castillo, public services librarian with Belize's National Library Service; and Alan Bernstein, Odum Library circulation manager.

ECSS celebrates American Education Week

During American Education week, Nov. 15 through Nov. 21, Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association and Georgia Association of Educators in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education.

The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, stu-

dents and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

It also reflects NEA/GAE's vision of calling upon America to provide public school students with quality schools so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

To further reinforce American Education Week's theme, Early County Association of Educators would like

for the citizens of Early County to wear a special color each day in support of education.

Monday — blue, "Reach for the sky with education."

Tuesday — green, "Go, Education, Go!"

Wednesday — purple or black, "Don't let education die."

Thursday — red, "Education is red hot!"

Friday — yellow, "Light up your life with education."

COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students have earned the honor of being placed on the academic achievement list for summer semester 2009 by previously earning at least 15 hours of credit at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus and by

being enrolled in three to 14 hours of courses and earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Those students from Early County and the surrounding area are Lauren A. Crozier, Bridget G. Edison, Jared L. Jarrett, Karen

L. Jeter and Hannah M. Pickle.

Summer 2009 Georgia Southwestern University graduates included Valerie T. Dunnine, Jared L. Jarrett, Hannah M. Pickle and Katrina J. Thomas.

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