

**APPENDIX D:**  
**GC&SU Department of**  
**Special Education Honors**

**Honors Earned by Alumni of  
The Department of Special Education  
In GC&SU's John H. Lounsbury School of Education  
(2002-present)**

**County Level Teacher of the Year**

**Susan Hendley Stone** (Alumna Spring 2000 Special Education) has been named Special Education Teacher of the Year for 2004 in Jasper County Schools. Susan, who also completed her graduate study in Education Leadership at GC&SU, is the daughter of Dr. Tish Seay.

**Stacy Sanders** (Alumna Spring 2000 and GC&SU Valedictorian that year) was named Special Education Teacher of the Year in Laurens County, 2003. She is a teacher at East Laurens Middle School.

**School Level Teacher of the Year**

**Keysha Wilmore**, a 2002 graduate of the special education cohort, was named "Teacher of the Year" for 2004 at Morningside Elementary in Perry. Keysha was nominated in 2003; in 2004 she won.

**Maria Saavedra**, a 2002 graduate of the special education cohort, was nominated and selected "Teacher of the Year" for 2004 at Linwood Elementary School in Warner Robbins.

**Oconee Exceptional Children's  
Professional Excellence Award 2003**

The John H. Lounsbury School of Education alumni represented 7 out of the 8 awards given.

**Vicky Black**, Putnam County

**Otto Arlin Brown**, Baldwin County

**Jennifer Currie**, Jasper County

**Cheryl Davis**, The Learning Center

**Debra Happoldt**, Wilkinson County

**Teresa Moye**, Johnson County

**Glenda Williams**, Hancock County

**Honors Earned by Students in  
The Department of Special Education  
In GC&SU's John H. Lounsbury School of Education  
(2002-present)**

**Phi Kappa Phi**

Phi Kappa Phi is a premier honor society that draws its members from all academic disciplines within colleges and universities. The Society's mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

**2002-2003    Holly Adkins**  
**2003-2004    Cindy Crane**

**Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges**

**2002-2003 Recipients**

**Kasey Connell**  
**Brooke Few**  
**Beth Goldstein**  
**Kristy Malcom**  
**Marilyn Meusel**  
**Amanda Tarpley**

**2003-2004 Recipients**

**Holly Adkins**  
**Dana Baxter**  
**Shea Buckley**  
**Theresa Ignatius**  
**Karen Reddish**  
**Keri Wallace**

**Omicron Delta Kappa**  
(for superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character)

**2002-2003    Holly Adkins**  
**2003-2004    Dana Baxter**



THE JOHN H. LOUNSBURY  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

*Seventh Annual  
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Class of 2004*

EDUCATORS  
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*April 30, 2004 • 7 p.m.*

*Russell Auditorium*

*Georgia College & State University*

## Special Education

### Holly Adkins

*\*Participant*, International Student Teaching Experience, Sweden  
*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Dr. T. E. & Lavane Smith Alumni Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Jessie O. Smith Alumni Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Annette Hodges Callahan Alumni Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Virginia Daniel Weir Study Abroad Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Ann Simpson Smith Alumni Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
*Recipient*, GC&SU Emerging Leader Award  
*Member*, Alpha Lambda Delta honor society  
*Member*, Gamma Beta Phi service and honor society  
*Member*, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society  
*Member*, Phi Kappa Phi honor society

### Haley Allison

*\*Co-presenter*, National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship

### Stefanie Ayala

*\*Co-presenter*, National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Historian*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Member*, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society  
*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference

### Dana Baxter

*\*Member*, Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society  
*Co-presenter*, National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference  
*College Director*, Best Buddies  
*Secretary*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

### Shea Buckley

*\*President*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-presenter*, 2003 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Seattle, WA  
*Recipient*, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

### Missy Daniels

*\*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Co-presenter*, 2003 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Seattle, WA

### Jenny Davidson

*\*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Air Force Aid Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship  
*Membership/Fundraising Chair*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*President Elect*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA

### Shay Flores

*\*Recipient*, Hope Teacher Promise Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, All American Scholar Award

### Regina Freeman

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA

### Kerrie Garrett

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-presenter*, Annual Georgia Conference for Exceptional Children, Athens, GA  
*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference  
*Historian*, Student Council for Exceptional Children

### Dondrea Geter

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Recipient*, GC&SU Athletic Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Alamo Chapel Baptist Missionary Church Scholarship

### Theresa Ignatius

*\*Public Relations Officer*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Recipient*, Centennial High School Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Papa John's Scholarship  
*Recipient*, GC&SU Alumni Scholarship  
*Recipient*, East Roswell Recreation Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-presenter*, 2003 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Seattle, WA  
*Recipient*, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
*Liaison*, Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators

### Tracy L. Mallory

*\*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Hope Teacher Promise Scholarship

### Karen Reddish

*\*Recipient*, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges  
*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries Scholarship  
*Vice President*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-presenter*, 2000 TASH Conference, Miami, Florida  
*Recipient*, CEC Division of Early Childhood Mini-grant Award

### Tommy Robinson

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference  
*Recipient*, Hope Teacher Promise Scholarship

**Casey Singleton**

*\*Secretary*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-presenter*, 2003 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Seattle, WA  
*Recipient*, Hope Teacher Promise Scholarship  
*Participant*, International Experience, Spain

**Christy Spangler**

*\*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Hope Teacher Promise Scholarship  
*Children's Action Network Coordinator*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children

**Ashlin Stephens**

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Historian*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children

**Julia Strange**

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Treasurer*, Student Council for Exceptional Children

**Leighann Torrance**

*\*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Ft. Stewart Military Family Member Scholarship  
*Recipient*, Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship (1year)

**Lindsay Tyler**

*\*Co-Presenter*, GC&SU Student Research Conference  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Children's Action Network Coordinator*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Recipient*, Hope Scholarship, 4 years  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship

**Keri Wallace**

*\*President*, Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Recipient*, Who's Who Among America's Universities and College  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship

**Kelli Watkins**

*\*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Recipient*, Hope Promise Teacher Scholarship

**Michelle Williams**

*\*Vice President*, Georgia Federation Student Council for Exceptional Children  
*Co-presenter*, 2004 National Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New Orleans, LA  
*Co-presenter*, Annual Georgia Conference for Exceptional Children, Athens, GA  
*Recipient*, Jason Palmer Scholarship



# The Colonnade

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## Campus News

### February 23, 2001

# SCEC dominated the CEC convention in Athens

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The GC&SU Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) once again swept the student officer elections at the state CEC convention in Athens. New state officers include: President, Kristy Sims; Governor, Annie Renfro; Vice President, Jan Garner; Secretary, Dawn Wells; Newsletter Editor, Maria Saavedra; and Children's Action Network Coordinator, Kay Griswell. Our chapter also played a very active role in the overall conference after being invited by the CEC state Executive Board to introduce speakers, collect evaluations, and assist

administration and a variety of other duties. SCEC is a professional organization for students majoring in special education. Dr. Amy Childre and Dr. Rosemary Jackson from the Department of Special Education and Administration are co-advisors of the GC&SU chapter. In the fall of 1996, the John H. Lounsbury School of Education at Georgia College & State University embarked upon a journey of innovative leadership in the initial preparation of special education teachers. Recognizing that the educator of the future must be prepared to take a leadership role in the community and have the skills to collaborate with others to meet the needs of students in the 21st century, a field-based teacher preparation program was initiated with the goal of producing teachers who would become architects of change in their schools and communities.

This program rekindled a spirit of hope among faculty and students that beginning teachers would enter their first classrooms fully prepared for the challenges awaiting them. Out of this renewal of spirit came an effort by the Department of Special Education and Administration to revitalize a dying student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. Five years later SCEC Chapter #996 has become a leading SCEC chapter in Georgia. The 1998 chapter initiated, organized and administered the first student strand at the Georgia state CEC convention and captured a variety of leadership positions at the state level,



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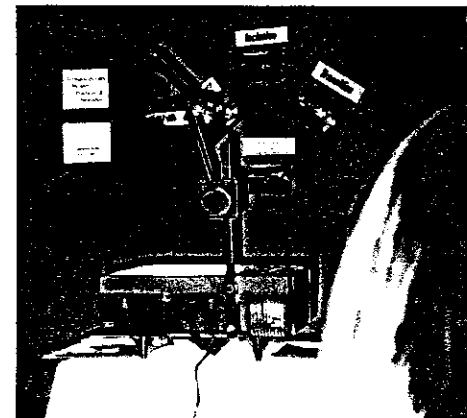
establishing a firm foothold as student leaders in the field of special education at the state level. Each chapter since then has become more and more involved at the state level and proceeded to venture into the national arena. Two groups submitted proposals and were accepted to present programs at CEC National Conventions in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Vancouver, British Columbia. This year, the chapter has been invited to present a research study at the national convention in Kansas City.

Chapter #996 has also been active in community service activities and was recognized by the G.I.V.E. Center in 1999 as Student Organization of the Year for the variety of service activities initiated. Students have organized several workshops for local teachers and last fall, organized a workshop for students with learning disabilities at Oak Hill Middle School.

The workshop, entitled "Putting the Gold in our Goals" focused on helping students with LD learn self-determination skills. SCEC members collected information from the students and their teachers

before and after the workshop to see if workshop activities had any effect on the students' feelings about themselves. The results of this research will be presented at this year's national convention. The research project was supervised by Dr. Amy Childre, SCEC co-advisor.

Both Dr. Childre and Dr. Rosemary Jackson feel that participation in SCEC has helped their students develop the leadership skills they will need as special educators, where they will be required to direct placement and IEP meetings immediately upon entering the profession. "Participation in SCEC has become an integral component of our teacher education program," says Dr. Rosemary Jackson. "Although preservice teachers in special education are given intensive coursework in the nature and characteristics of special needs students along with innovative methodology for working with them, few are given opportunities to develop the leadership roles required in our profession. I think that the combination of our intense field based program and the leadership opportunities provided by our professional organization not only empowers our students with the knowledge that they can become architects of change in their future profession, but also has had an impact on the state organization itself. The veteran educators who run the organization seem to have been revitalized by the enthusiasm of our students. Although the Council for Exceptional Children is the leading professional organization for professionals in the field of special education, I think that our program is unique in that it utilizes the maximum leadership and teaching opportunities available."



# Local SCEC chapter thrives in Milledgeville

## THE UNION-RECORDER

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is the largest student professional organization in the world that is dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

One of the most active SCEC chapters in the country is located at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. GC&SU Chapter No. 996 is made up of around 50 juniors and seniors who are studying to be special education teachers.

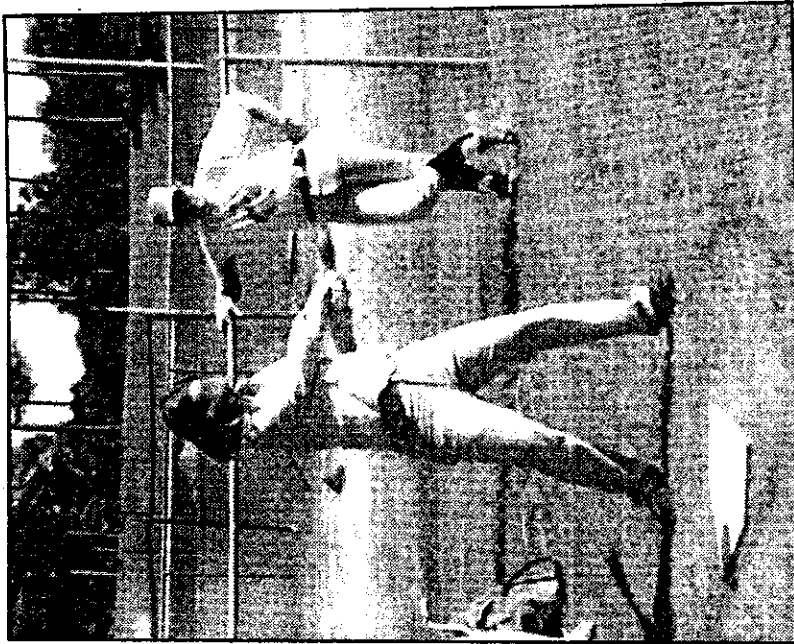
As part of their mission to educate others about people with disabilities, they recently sponsored a workshop about beepball, a sport similar to baseball that has been adapted for people with visual disabilities.

Roger Keeney and Jamie Teal from Athens met with SCEC members from across the state on Oct. 19 at the Baldwin High School soccer field to demonstrate the game and to coach the students as they participated in playing.

Beepball was invented in 1975, according to Keeney. In the adapted game, there are only three sighted players: the pitcher, catcher and an outfielder. The pitcher and catcher work with each batter to try to get the ball - a specially made softball that beeps to sound its location - into the path of the batter's swing.

Once a batter successfully knocks the ball at least 40 feet, the player runs for one of two foam rubber pylons positioned at about the same spot as first or third base would be in regular baseball.

Electronic equipment randomly picks a pylon to emit a loud buzzing



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sound, which signals the batter as to which base he or she should run. As the beeping ball goes into the outfield, the sighted fielder alerts the players as to which zone the ball is heading. The fielder in that area locates the ball by listening for the beeps.

If the batter reaches the base before the ball is touched, the batter scores a run. If the ball is caught before the batter reaches the base, the player is out. Beepball is played for six innings, and the batter has four chances to hit the ball.

All of the students who attended

than they had imagined, but those who hit the ball found that it was even harder to force themselves to run when they could see nothing around them.

They usually found themselves walking very slowly toward the buzzing base, feeling very disoriented. Even the students who were watching from the sidelines had difficulty with the game because they were not allowed to cheer when someone hit or caught the ball. The noise from cheering would interfere with the players' ability to locate the beeping ball or the buzzing base.

"The game still feels like baseball," said Keeney, who is totally blind. "It allows people with visual impairments to participate in this traditional sport."

Keeney and Teal are members of the Lobos, the only adult beepball team registered in Georgia. There are two school-sponsored teams in the Atlanta area for children with visual impairments. Keeney is currently working on his Ph.D. in Adaptive PE. at The University of Georgia. He had actively participated in beepball before moving to Georgia in 1996 and was disappointed to find that there were no teams here, so he started the Lobos.

Shea Buckley, a GC&SU senior and president of the state SCEC, was pleased with the turnout of SCEC members from GC&SU, Valdosta and Athens. She and other GC&SU state officers - Michelle Williams, Jenny Davidson, Casey Singleton, Christy Spangler and Ashlin Stephens - have worked for several months to make all of the arrangements for this experience.

**A blindfolded Christy Spangler, a senior at Georgia College & State University, swings during a game of beepball on Baldwin High School's fields. Spangler, who is the SCEC coordinator, and others have helped promote beepball, which is a game similar to baseball, in the Milledgeville community.**

the workshop had an opportunity to both bat and play in the outfield. The students divided into two teams, and each student wore a blindfold.

Although several players hit the ball, the ball was always captured before the batter reached the base, so no runs were scored. All of the students considered themselves "winners," however, because of the opportunity to learn about the game and to walk for a short time in the shoes of individuals with visual impairments.

Students commented on how much harder it was to hit the ball



**CENTRAL GA. CHADD MEETING  
FOR  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 2001 with be held  
AT  
GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY'S**

**Peabody Auditorium Located in the Kilpatrick Building  
On the corner of Montgomery & Wilkinson St.'s in  
Milledgeville, Ga.**

**Sponsored by  
The Student Council for Exceptional Children at GC & SU**

**AT  
7 p.m.**

**Speakers & bio is below.**

**Meetings are FREE & open to the public.**

**Subject: IDEA  
(Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)**

**Nov.'s speaker: Carol Duncan, the Project Staff Coordinator at East Central GLRS (Ga Learning Resource Center) located in Dublin, Georgia. She graduated from Georgia College and State University with a Masters in Special Education ,as a Behavior Specialist. She has worked with students with Autism, Severe Emotional Behavioral Disorders, and with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorders. She is married to Jerry Duncan and is the proud parent of three children and the grandmother of two children. One of her children struggles with Attention Deficit Disorder. He is presently in college out of state learning to make it on his own. Years of trying to find better ways to work with and help students find strategies that help students help themselves hopefully has increased the speaker and her children skills in learning.**

**NOTE: NO BABY SITTING SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED. DECEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE OMITTED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY'S. For more info. Call Teresa Miller at 478-452-2546 or email at [resagail@alltel.net](mailto:resagail@alltel.net)**



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**Georgia College & State University students at the Council for Exceptional Children president's reception held recently at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.**

### **Georgia College & State University**

The Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children held its annual conference at the Crown Plaza in Macon in January. The CEC is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities and/or the gifted.

CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

Several students from GC&SU's John H. Lounsbury School of Education made presentations and participated in poster sessions during the conference.

The Student Council for Exceptional Children, a student branch of the CEC organization, held elections at the conference. GC&SU students were elected to five of the seven state positions. Shea Buckley was elected president, Jennifer Dawson was elected president-elect, Michelle Williams was elected vice president, Casey Singleton was elected secretary, and Christy Spangler was elected

CAN coordinator.

The Office of Student Records at GC&SU has changed its name to the Office of the Registrar.

Dr. Paul Jones, associate vice president for enrollment services, said the change will help align GC&SU with other four-year systems in the University System of Georgia. GC&SU was the only four-year school that did not use the registrar name.

Sarah Scott, director of student records, will assume the new title of registrar, and Ana Edwards, associate director of student records, will assume the associate registrar title.

**SCEC presents...**

**AN ADMINISTRATOR'S  
PERSPECTIVE ON  
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**November 14 • 4:30 p.m.  
Kilpatrick Auditorium • GC&SU**

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*In an effort to better understand special education  
from an administrative point of view,  
SCEC Chapter #996 students have arranged for a panel of  
four public school administrators  
to come discuss relevant issues in special education today.*

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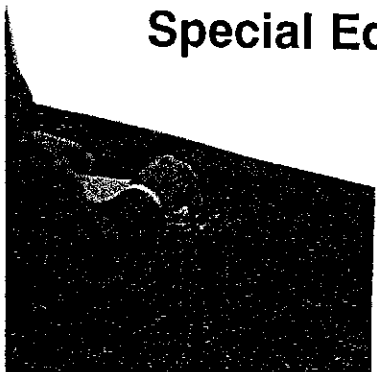
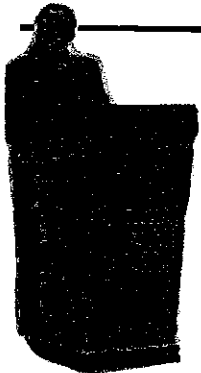
**Speakers Include:**

**Mr. C.E. Trammell**  
Superintendent of Baldwin County Schools

**Ms. Shirley Black**  
Special Education Director of Jones County Schools

**Ms. Donna Hinton**  
Principal of Tennille Elementary

**Dr. Bill Rowe**  
GC&SU Professor in the  
Department of Special Education and Administration





MEGAN NADOLSKI - THE UNION-RECORDER

Teachers Robin Swetman, Mary Nichols and Gail Davis dance with 18-year-old Aaron Socash and 8-year-old Jazmin Milner at Blandy Hill Elementary School during the Extended School Year Program.

## Extended school program wraps up another success

By Joseph Tkacik  
THE UNION-RECORDER

The Extended School Year Program for pre-kindergarten through high school students wrapped up its activities Thursday, allowing children from various counties to exercise their minds during summer break.

Students enrolled in the month-long free program participated in a myriad of activities that exercised their brains and encouraged them to think more critically. The program is not related to the Board of Education's summer school program.

Certified teachers from many parts of the state assisted the students in their daily activities.

Becky McMullen, an instructor in special education at Georgia College & State University and one of the program's coordinators, said Thursday's activities were the climax of the program's events.

"We invited parents in to join in the activities and to see some of their children's work samples," said McMullen. "The kids have just been great. We've had about six classes going everyday."

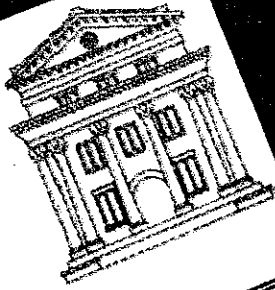
Mary Nichols, a program volunteer who teaches at McEvoy Middle School in

Macon, said each student has been taught things included on their Individualized Education Program.

Nichols, who is finishing her master's degree in special education and used to teach English, feels there is a need for special education teachers.

"I have really enjoyed it," she said. "The more I found out about it, the more I continue to feel this is the right place for me. ...I think that the (students) know we have been here because we care about them. I have just been amazed at

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NEWS

# SCEC heads to New Orleans

By Amy Keith  
Staff Writer

This month, approximately 25 junior and senior special education majors in the Georgia College & State University's Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) will travel to New Orleans, La. for the 2004 Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo.

Cara Meade and Rosemary Jackson, co-advisers of the SCEC, say the trip will be an informative experience.

"It is a fantastic opportunity for our special education majors to hear important information and to see the multitude of materials available to work with," stated Jackson. "I think they will gain a greater sense of the importance of our mission as special educators."

The SCEC Convention and Expo is an international conference attended by over 6,000 people every year. During the expo, there will be over 20 presentations on the latest research regarding teaching children with special needs. The expo also showcases products that assist in teaching children and adolescents with special needs.

Students can also look forward to a job fair with representatives from every state and several international communities.

"I'm looking forward to the conference because of the career opportunities," said senior education major Teresa Ignatius. "They'll be teaching us about new techniques in teaching as well, but we'll be able to

make lots of professional connections."

The primary focus of the trip for the students attending from GC&SU will be presenting the findings of a research project they've conducted over the course of the past year.

Last year, the students of the SCEC decided to concentrate its efforts on helping general education teachers have a more positive attitude about teaching children with special needs. The group designed a survey with questions for majors in early childhood, middle grades, and master of arts in teaching programs. The students also conducted interviews and focus groups.

A small group of students then analyzed the results of the survey and is now in the process of determining what is statistically significant. The results of the analysis will be used to design SCEC programs and activities that would be relevant to general education teachers next year.

In preparation for the trip, the group of students attending has been heavily fundraising in an effort to cut down on the cost of the trip. They have held monthly bake sales, a fall carnival, a cheesecake raffle and a rummage sale. They have also sold T-shirts and response boards to faculty and students in the school of education.

"Faculty members have been very supportive," Jackson said, "as has Dr. Craig Smith, our department chair, who donated three of his world famous cheesecakes to raffle off."

The final big fundraising event, a basket raffle and silent auction, was on Thursday, Feb. 12. The auction was held in the MSU Lounge, due to rainy conditions.