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## Regents Approve Naming of Three Facilities on MGC Campus

*Former MGC Presidents Dr. Joe Ben Welch and Dr. Louis C. Alderman and Former Regent John Henry Anderson Honored by College*

Middle Georgia College (MGC) announced in February that the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (BOR) has voted to approve the naming of two new buildings and one existing facility on the Cochran campus in honor of Mr. John Henry Anderson, Jr., Dr. Joe Ben Welch and Dr. Louis C. Alderman, Jr. MGC's Naming Guidelines call for the naming of buildings for individuals who have provided truly outstanding service to the college, the nation or society in general. The BOR vote was taken on February 13 in Atlanta.

The new Georgia Academy of Mathematics, Engineering and Science (GAMES) residential hall has been named Anderson Hall for Mr. John Henry Anderson, Jr. The 252 bed residence hall is currently under construction and scheduled for completion this month. Beginning fall semester 2007, the new dorm will house students participating in GAMES, an accelerated mathematics, engineering and science program for high school juniors and seniors that allows them to complete their high school requirements and obtain an associates degree simultaneously.

Anderson, who is now retired from the BOR, represented MGC's district on the board during the founding of the GAMES program. A graduate of MGC and the University of Georgia (UGA), Anderson served in the Georgia House of Representatives for five terms, representing the Bleckley and Pulaski County area. He also served as Sole Commissioner of Pulaski County for a total of 24 years. Anderson was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Joe Frank Harris and served on the board for 14 years. During that time, he served as chairman for two years and vice-chairman for two years. Anderson said that he was "extremely honored" that MGC chose to name the new dorm for him.



*Anderson Hall*

Following the BOR vote, MGC President Dr. Richard Federinko said, "We are very pleased that the Board honored former Regent John Henry Anderson with the naming of the new GAMES Residential Hall. Regent Anderson's career in public service & politics was exemplary as was his service to the state as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents for a number of years." Federinko further stated, "We think it is particularly fitting that this facility be named after Regent Anderson since he and former MGC President Joe Ben Welch were instrumental in starting the program.

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*Regent W. Mansfield Jennings Jr.; former Regent John Henry Anderson Jr.; Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.; Regent Richard L. Tucker; and MGC President Richard Federinko.*

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## *Regents Approve New Building Names Continued...*

The naming of Anderson and Welch Halls will not only honor the many contributions of John Henry Anderson and Joe Ben Welch but will also serve to inform and remind those who participate in the GAMES program of the original founders of the program itself.”

Welch Hall, named for former MGC president Dr. Joe Ben Welch, will house the new GAMES Academic Center, which is scheduled for completion in June 2007. The center will serve as an academic and advising facility for students in the GAMES program. During his tenure as MGC’s president from 1989 to 1998, Welch established the prestigious GAMES program. Welch also played a major role in founding distance education at MGC, began allied health career programs, expanded athletic programs at the school, and established the Academic Support Center. Before coming to MGC, Welch earned degrees from Louisiana Tech University, Lamar University-Beaumont and McNeese State University in Louisiana. He began his career as a math instructor at Lamar University-Orange and held several increasingly prominent positions during his time there. In 1983, he was named president of the university and served in that capacity until coming to MGC. After his tenure at MGC, Welch became the founding chancellor of River Parishes Community College in Sorrento, Louisiana.

When notified of the vote, Welch stated, “The recent action by the BOR to name the GAMES Academic Center Welch Hall has further deepened the strong positive feelings Dottie and I hold for MGC and the greater Cochran community.” Welch also said, “We are deeply honored by this action and commend the MGC faculty and staff for the nurture and care that has developed [the GAMES] program to its current state of excellence.



*Dr. Joe Ben Welch*

In addition to naming Welch and Anderson Halls, the BOR voted to name a historic meeting facility on the MGC campus the Louis C. Alderman, Jr. Community Hall. The facility was renovated in the summer of 2006 and is used to host a wide range of both campus and community events. A graduate of South Georgia College, Emory University, UGA and Auburn University, Alderman served as president of MGC from 1964 to 1987. Before coming to MGC, Al-

derman worked as Director and Professor of Biology for the UGA centers at Rome, Columbus and Savannah and also served as director of the University of Kentucky at Henderson College in Henderson, Kentucky. During his 23 years as president of MGC, 11 major structures were built on campus and the amenities and capabilities of the college were significantly upgraded. His tenure saw increased commitment to academic, artistic, and athletic endeavors, including several baseball championships and world tours by the MGC Vocal Ensemble. Alderman was well known for his commitment to fostering and nurturing outstanding relationships with the communities served by MGC.

Federinko said of the Alderman naming, “The naming of our historic and newly renovated Community Hall for Dr. Alderman is exceptionally appropriate given his many contributions to MGC. The college grew in reputation, enrollment and quality during his tenure at its helm.” Federinko added that, “Perhaps [Alderman’s] greatest legacy was his exemplary service to the communities served by MGC. He built relationships that continue to benefit the college and communities even today.”



*Dr. Louis C. Alderman, Jr.*



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# WARRIORS RECOGNIZE DEPARTING SOPHOMORES AT SEASON'S FINAL BASKETBALL GAME

In front of a standing room only crowd in Cochran on February 20, 2007, the MGC Warriors met long-time rival Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) for the final game of the regular season. The Warriors took the packed house as an opportunity to recognize and thank departing sophomore players for their contributions to the team. These players, along with their families, were honored during half-time and each was presented with a plaque. Congratulations and best wishes to all of these young men!



Guard Speer Brannen of Register, GA



Guard Chuck Hill of Lyons, GA



Guard Gerald Humbert of Thomasville, GA



Center Michael Lewis of Wadley, GA



Guard Carrlos Lyles of Atlanta, GA



Guard Austin Royal of Macon, GA



Guard Willie Walker of East Dublin, GA

## ENCORE TO PRESENT "THE FANTASTICKS"



*Students Terry Miller and Jordan Hamilton star in "The Fantasticks"*

MGC's ENCORE players and singers will present their spring performance on March 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Russell Hall Auditorium on the MGC campus. "The Fantasticks," the longest running show in American theater history and the world's longest running musical, opened in 1960 with over 17,000 performances before closing in 2002.

"The Fantasticks" tells the story of a small town boy and girl who fall in love but must conceal their romance from their feuding fathers. What the couple doesn't know is that their fathers are only pretending to feud in a plot to bring their two children together. The men believe that the boy and girl will be tempted by "forbidden fruit." When the young couple begins their romance, the fathers seek to end the charade with an elaborate scheme to have the girl abducted so that the boy can rescue her and appear to win the approval of her father.



*Nicole Ojeda Johns and Warren Griffith Rehearse their roles.*

"The show is a lot of fun just to practice, and I'm sure everyone will have fun watching it," said ENCORE actress Nicole Ojeda-Johns. "The cast is a bundle of laughs, and we work so well together. We put our sweat, tears and blood into this play. I know the audience will love it," Ojeda-Johns added.

MGC students Jordan Hamilton and Terry Miller star as the young couple. The production also stars Warren Griffith, Kristen Hanson, Erika Ludwig, Nicole Ojeda Johns, Brittany Reed, and Savannah Stanton. ENCORE advisors Kathleen Downs and Robert McTyre praised the play's musical numbers and the memories of simpler times that the production evokes. McTyre stated, "The Fantastiks' features at least one familiar tune, 'Try to Remember,' but all of the music is simply delightful."



*Actresses Savannah Stanton and Erika Ludwig*

The play is free for MGC students, faculty and staff. Tickets for the general public are \$5.00, and tickets for senior citizens and non-MGC students are \$3.00. For more information about ENCORE's "The Fantasticks," please contact Downs via e-mail at [krdowns@mgc.edu](mailto:krdowns@mgc.edu) or by phone at 934-3089. McTyre can be reached at [rmctyre@mgc.edu](mailto:rmctyre@mgc.edu) or by phone at 478-934-3379.



*ENCORE actresses Kristen Hanson and Brittany Reed*