

The Man Who Has Done It All

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For this issue, we had the pleasure to interview Dr. John Pasto. He has been with Middle Georgia State College since his graduation from Florida State University with his Master's Degree. We hope you enjoy reading and learning about a man who has made countless contributions to this institution.

Question: How did you start at MGSC, and how long have you worked here?

John Pasto: I got my Master's degree in Florida State. It was a program for junior college teachers, so I began to look around. I sent letters to junior colleges in the Carolinas, California, and some to Florida. But they all wanted somebody with a doctorate degree and experience, and I had neither. One day, though, we had a recruiting session at Florida State. Representatives from many colleges showed up. I was wandering around, and there was a little table about half the size of my desk. It turned out to be Dr. Alderman who was the president of Middle Georgia, and nobody was talking to him. So, I said hello and we talked a few minutes. I asked him where he was from, and he said Middle Georgia College in Cochran, Georgia. I looked at him and said "Uh, I don't really want to go to a small town in Georgia." Because in Tallahassee, we kind of look down on those in Georgia. But he said, "Well, go ahead and fill out an application anyways." And I said "Okay, I'll do that." I filled it in, and they made me an offer. At the time, it was the only one I got so I accepted it. After I accepted, I got an offer from Brown County Community College in Fort Lauderdale, and I thought "Gosh, maybe I should have waited." But I'm so glad I came here because it was perfect for me.

I came in the fall of 1966. So I've been here for almost 48 years. I quit teaching in '09. But because I liked to teach and I enjoyed working with GAMES students, I worked out a deal to continue teaching part time and advising the GAMES students.

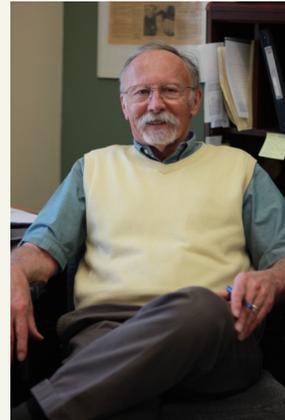
Q: What was the newest thing on campus when you started?

JP: 'Course when I started, everything was new to me. But it was an old college; we used to think we were the oldest junior college in the country. I think we're probably the second oldest, so we've been around for a long time. When I came, Dillard hall was only half as big. The old part. You know if you walk through the old part of Dillard, there is a metal strip in the middle of the floor halfway. That's where the original building was, and it stopped there. My first year, the rest of it was not complete.

I suppose I was the main person behind the new addition to the science building. The old new addition. Because when they planned to do it, they asked me "What do we need?" I said "Well, we need an auditorium," so we have that, "And we need a loading dock," because we were always hauling stuff to Dublin and back because we were teaching there, and so we have a loading dock. I said, "[We need] some computer rooms and a kind of a break room for the teachers and faculty." We got all these things, and I feel like it is kind of my baby.

When I first came, Georgia Hall wasn't here. And the summer before I went off to get my Ph.D, I needed a job. They didn't have too many summer jobs available, so I worked construction that summer to help build Georgia Hall. I remember building scaffolding, and I was a little afraid of heights. We built these scaffoldings maybe twenty feet tall. It was kind of fun, and It was certainly different.

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After a leak in information pointed to a plan by Google to open its Glass Explorer program up to anyone in the U.S. willing to sacrifice a sheer \$1,500 for the privilege to obtain the prototypes, Google announced that it will allow any member of the public to purchase his or her own set of Google Glass and become an “explorer” on April 15 2014.

Google first began to allow developers to purchase Glass over a year ago to join the Explorer program and has invited a limited number of corporate associates to join as well. Throughout the past year, Google has begun to circulate an increasing number of invites, but April 15th will mark the first time that anyone in the United States will be able to simply go online and order Glass without an invitation or code.

Google has announced:

“...next Tuesday, April 15th, we’ll be trying our latest and biggest Explorer Program expansion experiment to date. We’ll be allowing anyone in the US to become an Explorer by purchasing Glass at <http://www.google.com/glass/start/how-to-get-one/> for \$1500 + tax. Any Explorer signing up during that period will also get a choice of either their favorite frame or shade for no additional charge. The site will only be open for a limited time...”

For several months, Forbes author Erik Mack has received a few invitation codes to buy Glass, but so far, he hasn’t accepted the offer. Here is what he states:

“The main reason, if I’m honest, is that I expected Glass to be pretty nearly ready for commercial production by now, and I expect the consumer version of the product to cost much less than \$1,500. It’s also tough to justify it as a business expense to write about it because it’s been so widely covered already, and of late, lots of what’s been written about this first stab by a Silicon Valley behemoth at an augmented reality wearable hasn’t been too favorable.”

It is true that the Google Glass should have been ready for commercial production at a much cheaper cost by now, and considering how the Google Glass has great potential, it could be wise to wait for the Google Glass to improve technologically and become cheaper to purchase. \$1500 including tax is a great sum of money for most of the US population, and it may not be worth the risk of disappointment from potential bugs of Google Glass and the Google Explorer program. However, not obtaining the Google Glass on this one day of purchasing can also lead to regret if the Google Glass is more technologically advanced than it currently seems.

Either way, it is uncertain about whether one should purchase the Google Glass on April 15th. It may be a bit buggy or mind-blowing. Those who have enough fortune and wealth to be able to purchase it should at least obtain it and take advantage of this potentially wonderful opportunity to observe the accelerations in technological development.



The End to the Madness

Bailey Caldwell

We have reached the month of April which means that March and all of its madness is over. Brackets have been busted. Nerves have been shot. No one won a billion dollars. March Madness lived up to its name. After all the upsets and Cinderellas, two remained. The championship game was a seven seed versus an eight seed. The game was full of storylines. Kentucky’s head coach, John Calipari, has plenty of experience in this situation as expected of a seasoned coach. Uconn’s head coach, Kevin Ollie, was in his first season and first Final Four. Kentucky had a team full of freshmen. Alex Poythress, a sophomore, was the only non-freshman Wildcat. Uconn, on the other hand, had only two freshmen. That experience must have done some good as Uconn came out champions. Uconn’s star, senior Shabazz Napier, led the way with 22 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Ryan Boatright added 14 points for the Huskies. Kentucky star Julius Randle had a tough night, scoring only 10 points on 3-7 shooting. James Young did most of the scoring for Kentucky, having obtained 20 points. The final score was 60-54. Uconn can claim total dominance because the women’s team won the women’s tournament as well. The women’s championship was made of two undefeated number one seeds, Uconn and Notre Dame. Uconn looked unstoppable though. They came out hot and stayed that way. They ended up shooting 47% from the field. They had a very balanced scoring attack with four players in double digits. Notre Dame struggled and only 4 players had more than 5 points. The final score wasn’t even close. It was 79-58.

Q: How much has GAMES grown and do you think it is successful?

JP: Well I think it's very successful, and it's grown quite a bit. When it started, we had maybe fifteen or twenty students, so it's grown rather steadily.

Q: What do you think still needs improvement with GAMES?

JP: Well the biggest thing is scholarship money, and of course that isn't something within GAMES. That is something that is external to GAMES.

Q: What started the Galapagos trip?

JP: I'll tell you what started it. As a Biology teacher, I was always interested in it and I would always lecture about it and read about it. A former student of mine who taught at a local high school and now works for RESA which promotes educational opportunities in Georgia went the Galapagos. He came back and said "John! You need to go to the Galapagos!" And I said "Okay. You need to help me arrange a trip." His name is Ron Bryant, and he still lives in Cochran. He went with me the first time, and I just fell in love with the place. So I tried to go every year. I've gone 12 times; I've been there more than Darwin.

Once again, that time of the semester is drawing near. It is almost FINALS WEEK (cue the Shark Week music)! The last time I wrote about finals, I gave you a few tips on how to prepare for your finals; here is quick breakdown. First, do not under any circumstance think you can cram the night before for a final. This will not help you in the least. Secondly, get plenty of sleep the nights before your final. Falling asleep during a Chemistry final will not get you that A you've been aiming towards. Lastly, relax and say a quick prayer before your test. It might just help. All of these things are guaranteed to help you in the very least to pass your finals. Next are some things you should never do when preparing for finals. The first thing you should not do is stay up the night before each of your finals playing video games or catching up on the newest episode of Power Rangers. This will not benefit you whatsoever. Secondly, do not write the answers to questions you think may be on the final on your hand. In simpler terms: DO NOT CHEAT. Not only will you be embarrassed from being caught, but you will also jeopardize your entire collegiate career. Say goodbye to that college you so desperately wanted to get into and say hello to clown school. Thirdly, do not put off studying until the last moment possible. Like I said before, cramming is counter effective. All the knowledge will be crammed into the cerebral cortex, your short term memory bank, and will soon be forgotten. What good does that do you? There are many ways to prepare for finals and just as many ways to hinder yourself in preparation for finals. Each person uses different methods. My suggestions may or may not work with your study habits but no worries. Find your own ways of preparing that best suit you, and ace your finals!

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