

## Wally Fox

The Fox family arrived in Calhoun to begin working at GCA during the summer of 1975. Wally has taught physical education, health and driver's education, as well as coaching gymnastics and varsity sports teams. Wally now teaches and serves as the athletic director for GCA, coordinating our varsity sports program.

Wally and Mary Ellen have one daughter, Jennifer, a GCA graduate from the class of 1991, and two grandchildren, one of whom will be a freshman at GCA next year. The Foxes hold the record for number of years of service at Georgia-Cumberland Academy and are known and loved by thousands of students and alumni.

The following tribute was written by the class of 1989:

*As August rolls around and the school year begins, parents, as well as their children, are nervous and excited for the new adventure that awaits them. For students coming to GCA, boarding school becomes the first chapter in life away from home. Parents are no longer able to wake them up, fix breakfast or do their laundry. It doesn't take long for many to become home sick.*

*As freshman, everyone is required to take a physical education class. While some may dread this unknown, it may be because they are unaware of the teacher they will soon meet. If other students, who are not freshmen, are asked about this P.E. teacher they will be told, "You will love him, he is cool!"*

*But "cool" is not the word. "AWESOME" is a better descriptor. "A friend to each and every student" is the best description. His genuine smile and greeting for everyone he encounters is a signature for Mr. Fox, along with his endless energy. His sincerity and caring spirit is always a constant. While all students get to know Wally Fox, some of us had the privilege of being on the gymnastic team with this amazing man. Whether we were stuck on a bus in bumper-to-bumper traffic, chilling with him at the gym, or fighting to be in his "faculty family," we all felt like his kids and knew he loved us.*

*In all the years of his work at GCA, you would be hard pressed to find one person who doesn't know Mr. Fox or who has a bad word to say about him. Wally Fox was and is a friend to us all.*

*When our class was asked to pick the recipient of the Life Legacy Award, all we could say was, "The class of 1989 is selecting WALLY FOX!" There is no one more deserving. So today we say thank you for being our friend, guide and a person we can love and respect.*

*Love and congratulations from the class of 1989!*

