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ship has seen contributions of more than \$1 million each year.

"The OTC Foundation is positioned for great things, thanks to the previous leadership," Mathews said. "I want to make sure when funds are raised the College and community know how the donations are used."

Since 2002, Thompson has been director of the Coastal Rivers Water Planning and Policy Center.

"I am excited for this new opportunity and I feel that OTC is a vital organization in the growth and development of Bulloch, Evans and Screven counties," said Thompson. "With some of the state's resources available to OTC,

through Georgia Quick Start, we need to continue to see smart growth in Southeast Georgia."

In addition to GSU, Mathews has served on the Statesboro/Bulloch Chamber of Commerce, the American Heart Association, and Bulloch Academy Rotary Interact Club, all in fund-raising and leadership positions. She holds a master's degree from Georgia Southern University in Public Administration.

Joining Mathews in the foundation will be Lewis Clark, who is moving from the college's public relations department, to serve as Director of Resource Development.

"With Beth's and Lewis' backgrounds, I expect the foundation

to continue and exceed its present efforts," said Cartee.

Thompson received his JD from the University of South Carolina and his BS and MBA degrees from Georgia Southern. Additionally, he is the recipient of a number of awards and recognitions, including being named one of Georgia Trend magazine's "40 under 40" for 2003. He's a graduate of the 2002 class of Leadership Bulloch and a 2005 graduate of Leadership Georgia.

Joining Thompson in economic development will be Janice Alberson, Economic Development Specialist and Rusty Denning, Director of Business, Industry, and Community Services.

Cartee: Mathews, Thompson's expertise will be good for school, helpful to community

Special to the Herald

Ogeechee Technical College has announced two recent appointments to key positions at the college. Beth Mathews was named executive director of Institutional Advancement, while Dr. Ben (Benjy) Thompson was named vice president of Economic Development. Both started in their new roles Feb. 1.

Mathews, a seasoned veteran in the fund-raising game, is no stranger to Ogeechee Technical College or the Statesboro community – she is the former president of the Ogeechee Tech Foundation.

"We are excited to have Beth joining the OTC family," said Dr. Dawn Cartee, president of OTC. "Her expertise is the shot in the

arm the foundation needs to continue its growth and prosperity it has received in the past."

Thompson was the founding director of the School of Economic Development at Georgia Southern.

"Benjy's expertise will help OTC's mission of providing workforce development," Cartee said. "Under his leadership we will provide assistance to industries and businesses in our service area."

Mathews, for the past five years has worked at Georgia Southern University as the director of Annual Giving, responsible for the annual "A Day for Southern" campaign. The program under her leader-



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