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Spring Fling goes ‘Wild West’ as students enjoy free food, country music, festivities

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The annual spring festival took place Wednesday, April 9, at the Cartersville Campus, and Thursday, April 10, at the Floyd Campus, offering beleaguered students and faculty a welcomed release from the end-of-semester stress.

There was live music, free food, old-fashioned pictures, simulated cattle roping and much more as Spring Fling 2008 got underway.

Many of the students were laughing and singing along with the music of Natalie Stovall and her band from Nashville, Tenn. Stovall sang and played the violin.

She ended the show with her own rendition of “The Devil Went Down to Georgia” that brought much applause and cheers from her listeners.

Stovall said, “I love this! I went to Burklee in Boston, and we didn’t have a campus so we never had this sort of thing. Is just so awesome to look out and see this beautiful lake! Yesterday at the Cartersville campus we

took one of the old pictures, and it was hilarious! And I have never seen simulated calf roping before! It’s really amazing that your college does this stuff for you!”

Aside from the Stovall show, students at the Cartersville campus enjoyed other festivities sponsored by many of Georgia Highlands College’s clubs such as Books for Change and Green Highlands.

The clubs used games and baked treats as a fun way to inform fellow students of what they’re all about.

It was evident that faculty and students took equal delight in the day’s pleasantries when Frank Minor, associate professor of English, ended his class early so he could go out and join the party, strapped on his boots and showed off his lasso-skills in the Rodeo Calf Roper, creating one of the more memorable moments of the afternoon.

“I didn’t know Mr. Minor was such a cowboy,” remarked James Troiano, a former student of Minor’s. The Rodeo Calf Roper was sponsored by the office for student life.

John Spranza, director of student life, said that he was “very pleased with the campus participation at spring fling by



Contributed Photo

The Natalie Stovall band entertains Spring Fling participants at the Cartersville campus.

both students and faculty/staff. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves, and who could blame them? The weather was beautiful, the food was great, and the entertainment was just amazing! Spring Fling is cer-

tainly one event that we look forward to every year and I’m glad we had such a great turn-out at both the Floyd and Cartersville campuses,” Spranza said.

Jenn Wright, assistant director of student life, alluded to

what was perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the Spring Fling at Cartersville: stronger than expected student participation.

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Regent Willis J. Potts to speak at graduation 2008

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Georgia Highlands College will host its 2008 Graduation Ceremony at the Rome Forum on Saturday, May 10, at 10 am. The speaker for this year’s graduation will be Regent Willis J. Potts.

Potts served as the president of the Paper Industry Manage-

ment Association in 1995 and 1999 and was named a fellow by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry because of his performance in service in 1999.

He won the Executive Eagle Award in 2002 from the Pulp and Paper Safety Association in recognition of his efforts for safety at his company and even beyond the company. After 35 years in

the international pulp industry, Potts retired in 2004 as the vice president and general manager of Rome’s Temple-Inland Corporation.

Potts has also been involved with the United Way, The Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Chamber of Commerce and the Communities in Schools mentoring program.

Potts has his bachelor’s de-

gree in industrial engineering with highest honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He also completed the University of Virginia’s Executive Program.

Potts was appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to his position on the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia.

Approximately 400 students will graduate May 10.



Willis J. Potts

Smithsonian exhibit reminds students of baseball legend

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The new Smithsonian exhibit titled "Beyond Baseball, the Life of Roberto Clemente" is now open in the Lakeview Building on the Floyd Campus.

It will remain open in the Lakeview exhibit hall through the spring semester.

The exhibit includes numerous standing boards that contain information and pictures about Clemente. They portray various themes of Clemente's life, such as his image, his heritage, his family and his career.

One board in the exhibit titled "Pirated Away" depicts his transfer from the Brooklyn Dodgers to the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ironically, Clemente connected for a single in his first Major League Baseball game, against the Dodgers on April 17, 1955.

There is one board titled "Nicaragua" that discusses the earthquake that devastated the country in 1972. Clemente had

managed a team in the amateur baseball World Series previously held in Nicaragua. This earthquake resulted in a loss of many of Clemente's close friends.

Another display is entitled "Breaking into the Pros." It discusses Roberto Clemente's struggle and success in major league baseball.

Clemente was the first Latin-born player inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame after his death in a plane crash that occurred while he was delivering humanitarian relief to Nicaragua.

"Clemente was the greatest God-given talent I ever saw on a baseball diamond," said former Pirate teammate Dick Groat. This and many other quotations from teammates, family members and biographers can be found throughout the exhibit.

Students and staff can also view a virtual exhibition at www.robertoclemente.si.edu. Curriculum materials for teachers, interactive children's activities and downloadable web casts



Students (from left) Brad Hobbes, Luke Allmon and Chris Duggan visit the Smithsonian Exhibit.

Photo By Andrew Cole

with interviews can also be found on the website.

The website is funded by the Smithsonian Women's Committee, while the exhibit is spon-

sored by the Smithsonian Institution, Museo de Arte de Puerto Rico and Carimar. The Smithsonian exhibit also provides students with a take-home

pamphlet written in Spanish and English containing a timeline of the life of Roberto Clemente, as well as photos of his career.

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Engelby shares passion for marine life with students



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Laura Engelby answers questions after her speech on the Floyd campus.

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Listening to marine biologist Laura Engelby speak, one can tell she has a true passion for her work, rescuing and protecting marine mammals such as dolphins and whales.

“Your life is intricately connected to the ocean,” Engelby

stated. “Both human and animals depend on it for survival.” She said that marine mammals are “the sentinels of the sea.” This means that scientists pay close attention to whales and dolphins because their behavior is a sign of what is going on in the ocean that may affect humans.

A love of dolphins and the work of famous marine biologist Jacques Cousteau is what moti-

vated Engelby’s interest and career choice when she was just a teenager during the “Flipper” generation.

Her work with marine mammals began small. She was in charge of crowd control at the dolphin shows at Six Flags as a teen. However, this job got her in touch with trainers and really allowed her up-close experiences with dolphins. “I had a clear mis-

sion in life,” Engelby said, reminiscing. “I was like, ‘I have to do this!’” Her clear mission and teenage dream have led to a successful 24-year career.

Engelby’s lecture on March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd Campus was filled with pictures of various species of dolphins and whales, each with their own unique qualities. She spoke about dolphins’ and whales’ amazing ability to communicate through sonar.

Today, Engelby works with NOAA (National Office of Amimal Health), an organization that helps to protect marine animals, and studies their habits. She calls it her “dream job.” NOAA plays a big part in influencing government regulations regarding marine animals and even helps to create legislation to further protect endangered species.

One such endangered species Engelby spoke about is the Southern Right Whale. Indigenous to the shores of the southern United States, the southern Right Whale is on the verge of extinction with a dwindling population of only 300 left. In fact, its only known calving area is off the coast of northeast Georgia. Already, Engelby has seen three species of whales and a dol-

phin become extinct in her lifetime and says she definitely doesn’t want to see another species lost.

A major threat to marine mammals such as the Southern Right Whale is humans. Pollution caused by reckless disposal of garbage and accidental vessel strikes threaten the lives of countless marine creatures each year.

“When out on the water, take trash with you,” Engelby reminded those in attendance. Engelby showed several pictures of marine animals who were living with discarded ropes cutting into their skin, binding their fins to the point where the animals could barely swim, and even cases that resulted in the death of the animal, all of which could have been easily prevented by humans simply disposing of trash properly.

Engelby also warned about the dangers of illegal feeding, which can make dolphins and whales dependent upon humans for food sources.

She concluded the session by answering several questions about her work and the animals she loves to work with. Engelby was the last speaker in the 2007-2008 GHC Community Speaker Series sponsored by The Office of Student Life.

Barnes: students should participate in politics

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The former Governor of Georgia, Roy Barnes, spoke at the Georgia Highlands Cartersville campus on the “Paradox of Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences” on Monday, April 14.

Barnes, who served as governor from 1999 to 2003, addressed a large group assembled in the student center of the Cartersville campus. Phi Theta Kappa sponsored Barnes’ visit as the first in a series of speakers on the same topic.

Barnes began his speech by echoing the concerns of America’s founding fathers with regard to affluence. “Ben Franklin in particular, believed that affluence could become such an issue that no amount of wealth should be allowed to be transferred from one generation to another,” Barnes said.

Barnes warned the audience



Roy Barnes

Photo by Spencer Musick

that the current prosperity Americans enjoy is increasingly being disproportionately paid for by the middle class. “Affluence comes with a price,” he said, “and many times that burden is unfailingly placed on the shoulders of the average working American.”

Scott Akemon, political science instructor and PTK adviser, said that he found Barnes’ speech to be “enlightening and challenging.”

“In particular, I felt that his message to the young people resonated strongly with his audi-

ence,” Akemon said.

Barnes stated that much of the economic inequality that exists today is a result of apathy among the electorate, which translates to a lack of accountability for our elected officials.

Barnes challenged his young audience to pay attention to and get involved in politics. “Your generation has the task of rolling up its sleeves and solving the problems such as economic inequality and extreme poverty that cannot exist in a country that is to be truly free,” he said.

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Georgia Highlands to host summer camp for at-risk boys

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Along with summer session classes for college students, Georgia Highlands College will offer a summer camp for boys in the Floyd County area.

Foundation Camp 2008 is a two-week program for boys between the ages of 11 and 14.

For the past two years Dr. Jon Hershey, professor of English, David Mathis, intramurals director, and Greg Shropshire, former GHC student and president of

100 Black Men of Rome have structured a day camp where children can have fun and be safe while learning valuable experiences on a college campus.

Although any boy that falls into the age group can join the camp, Foundation Camp 2008 is geared toward boys who come from underprivileged families, are “at risk” for any reason or are in need of a male mentor. “I want the children to have a positive experience on a college campus. I want them to have a different perspective on academics because of the courses we offer,”

said Hershey.

The primary traits that the day camp wants to promote are teamwork, self-respect and confidence.

The array of activities from last year to this are changing and expanding. “Last year we had tennis, golf, canoeing and karate. As far as academics, we had a physics and biology lab. We even had a course on rap lyrics,” said Hershey.

“This year we would like to include some activities that the students have little to no experience with. We want to continue

with more math and science courses,” said Hershey.

Mathis agrees, saying, “The goal is to get the students excited about learning. Let them know that college is an opportunity for them.”

Foundation Camp is a continuation of a federally funded program NYSP (National Youth Sports Program) that took place at GHC for many years. NYSP, funded by the department of Health and Human Services, eventually lost funding, leaving at risk children with nothing to do over the summer. Unlike

NYSP, Foundation Camp is funded with only private donations.

Male camp counselors are needed for Foundation Camp 2008. “We would like for the camp counselors to be in college. We want the students to have a chance to see that they could be in the camp counselor’s shoes one day,” said Mathis.

Anyone who has questions or wants to apply for a counselor position may contact Hershey at (706) 368-7629 or Mathis at (706) 204-8308.



GHC lab coordinator Joesph McCauley aids a student dissecting a pig during lasy years foundation camp

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Mark Lamade instructs foundation camp students in rowing on paris lake during last years camp.

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Phi Theta Kappa chapter recieves top honors at international convention

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The Georgia Highlands College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, (PTK), was honored at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. on April 2-6.

GHC’s chapter was named one of the Top 100 Chapters out of 1,200 chapters.

The GHC chapter also received one of 25 awards that were given out for the Scholarship Hallmark.

Sharryse Henderson, assistant professor biology and PTK contact adviser, received the Paragon Award.

The Paragon Award is presented to advisers that make significant contributions to the growth of individual members, serve as the chapter’s advocate on campus and encourage the chapter to be involved on the local, regional and international level of Phi Theta Kappa.

This award is the highest given to advisers that have been with PTK for less than five years.

Shannon Albert, a nursing

major from Canton, was named New Century Scholar from Georgia. Albert will receive a scholarship for this award and also be featured in USA Today as a member of the All-USA Academic Third Team.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of GHC, won the Shirley B. Gordon Award for College Presidents, and Judy Taylor, former director of advancement at GHC, won the Distinguished Administrator Award. These awards recognize dedication and commitment to furthering the missions of the local PKT chapter.

Alberta Johnson to retire and head to Arizona

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Dr. Alberta Johnson, a psychology professor at Georgia Highlands College, will be retiring. She has been an educator for 30 years and has been at GHC since August 1993.

Johnson attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and graduated with a double major in history and English, with a minor in French. She received her doctorate in educational psychology, specializing in early adolescence.

In addition to the 15 years at GHC, Johnson was also an educator at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Pima Community College in Tucson and the Univer-

sity of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Johnson has traveled abroad to the Republic of South Africa, England, Scotland, Russia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, South Korea and China. "I think it is very important for students to see and experience other cultures. They can really bring a lot away from studying abroad," she said. Johnson strongly encourages students to take every advantage and seek every opportunity they can to travel and study abroad.

As the National Past-President of Psi Beta, an honor society for psychology majors, Johnson has helped raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina and helped create a Child Abuse Prevention Display at Mount Berry Square Mall. Johnson helped create the first chapter of

Psi Beta, not only on the Georgia Highlands campus, but the first chapter in the state.

Johnson is also a breast cancer survivor. Diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer, she had an experimental bone marrow transplant at the University of Arkansas before she moved to Rome.

Johnson has enjoyed teaching at GHC because of the family atmosphere among the faculty. "The best part about being an educator is seeing students who have low expectations of themselves grow and excel in the classroom," stated Johnson.

She plans to retire to Arizona and work with teens and parents with the Sierra Club. She plans to teach part-time and continue her volunteer work.



Photo by Andrew Cole

Dr. Alberta Johnson shows off the psychology board in the F-Wing.

Abuse of over-the-counter drugs growing among students

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A shocking new trend of drug abuse is occurring on America's college campuses. Campus officials are discovering that the drugs being abused need not be purchased from an illicit source. Often, they can be purchased in a college bookstore or pharmacy.

A study published in 2006 in a pediatric medicine journal found that abuse of over the counter medicines had increased tenfold among those aged 15-20. Particularly, the popular over the counter cough suppressant Dextromethorphan (the active ingredient in most over-the-counter cough medicines) is seeing increased abuse among high school and college students.

Dextromethorphan is taken at much higher doses than recommended to produce disassociative hallucinogenic effects.

In response to this alarming increase in over the counter drug abuse, many college bookstores have taken drugs containing Dextromethorphan off the shelves. Many adolescents erroneously assume that because these medicines are available

without a prescription, they are safe to use recreationally.

Donna Mantooth, assistant professor of psychology at GHC, says that the drug abuse trend among high school and college students is a result of many mental and social factors, such as peer pressure.

"Adolescence is a period where young people are going through a myriad of psychologi-

cal and physical changes. Drug abuse is a method of escape for many," Mantooth said.

Mantooth also stated that the drug abuse trend is especially an issue for college students who are getting their first taste of independence. "The lack of an accountability system is a primary reason that drug abuse is so widespread among college students."

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Features

Poetry Night will return for 22nd year in Rome

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The Rome Area Council for the Arts is calling on all local poets to be part of Poetry Night's 2008 season.

The poetry readings will be held at Schroeder's New Deli on Broad Street in Rome in the back courtyard, with no cover charge. This is the 22nd consecutive year for the event, which will take place every fourth Thursday throughout the summer.

Those who are interested in reading original poetry at Poetry Night, or who want more information, may contact the Rome Area Council for the Arts at 706-295-ARTS, or questions may be emailed to schilds@romearts.org.

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Iraq veterans make the transition from active duty to civilian life

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From marching into battle to marching through the halls of Georgia Highlands College, students are coming back from war zones and returning to classes. Their transition back into a normal civilian life has been easier than one would imagine.

Clay O'Neal, an early childhood education major from Cedartown, is a Marine who served one tour of duty in Iraq, which put him in combat for nearly seven months. O'Neal said that the most difficult thing about coming home was "getting used to everything in the States."



Clay O'Neal
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Photo By Andrew Cole
Keith Westlake

O'Neal also pointed out that another difficulty was hearing loud noises after coming home from an active war-zone. "The first month home was difficult, but you get used to it," said O'Neal. He has been home since September 2004.

Keith Westlake, a wildlife biology/general studies major from Cedartown, also served in the Marine Corps. Westlake served two tours of duty in Iraq. "As far as the war, I wasn't around any bad stuff," he said.

For Westlake, the transition back into civilian life was more difficult than coming home from war because he lived a regimental life for so long.

Westlake and O'Neal both went through what are referred to as "Warrior Briefs" before coming home. The briefs are classes to help assist in the transition back to civilian life. Westlake said that the classes are about two weeks long and are helpful in getting soldiers ready to come home.

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GHC’s Fabulous Fridays are filled with fun

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Because of GHC’s new program for sixth graders, Fridays are “fabulous” for local middle school students.

Fabulous Friday was started by Alison Lampkin, alumni development specialist at GHC and Judy Taylor, a local advancement director and community coach.

The event allows middle school students to visit a college campus and participate in activities, as well as provide opportunities to learn about college preparation for both students and parents while informing them about college admissions and financial aid. “It opens their eyes and lets them see what is out there,” said Lampkin.

Activities are held from 9am-2pm. At recent Fabulous Fridays, Dr. Randy Pierce, president of GHC, opened the program by welcoming students and presenting a power point outlining the program’s aspirations. Students also took pre-surveys before their morning at GHC started. After the middle school’s graduation coach spoke about the day’s goals, students were split into groups.

The itinerary has varied

throughout the year. For example, students had previously visited the Antarctica Exhibit and attended classes to engage in biology, physics, history, political science and psychology. Students participated in various experiences from riding on a hovercraft in the hallway to getting frog juice splattered on their t-shirt during a dissection of a frog.

At one of these sessions, Student Life produced a presentation after lunch. At the end of the seminar, students learned about financial aid and wrote out their goals.

Some may have lost a shoe in the duck pond, or gotten their

foot stuck in mud, but according to Lampkin, the feedback on the post-surveys has shown a “great response” and the kids “seem to love it.”

The program also inspires students to stay in school and further their education. Scott Akemon’s political science exercise changed the way a young student felt about college and citizenship. At the end of the day, the student was inspired by Akemon to attend college after firmly stating earlier in the day that he would not further his education.

Lampkin makes a point to tell students to find one person that

they can always go to for anything, and encourages them to become involved. “It’s very interesting to watch the kids and interact with them,” she stated.

Fabulous Friday coordinators follow through with schools to make sure students stay on track.

As for the future of this program, Lampkin said, “Word of mouth has really taken off.” Lampkin and other volunteers hope to expand Fabulous Friday to other school districts.

Fabulous Friday coordinators are always looking for GHC students to volunteer. Interested students should contact alampkina@highlands.edu.



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Young girl is amazed by science experiment.



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Dr. Chris Bern, biology instructor, wows the kids in the biology lab.



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Young students discover the wonders of science.



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Joesph McCauley and local students explore dissection.

Kirkpatrick retires

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After 10 years with Georgia Highlands College, Martha Kirkpatrick, senior secretary of physical education, retired at the end of March.

Kirkpatrick started working at GHC on Sept. 8, 1997. “I had butterflies at first,” she said, “then I got excited.” The thought of not working after so many years “the fear of the unknown,” is what worries Kirkpatrick .

Paula Edney, physical education instructor, commented that Kirkpatrick is going to be immensely missed. “She is a special person,” Edney said. Kirkpatrick has been a critical part of the Physical Education Department. Edney said that she “bridges the gap of communication” between students and faculty. She was a great contact person for students.



Photo By Andrew Cole

Martha Kirkpatrick

Kirkpatrick is a self-proclaimed homebody and plans to garden now that she has the spare time. She said that this will all be pretty difficult because she really loves to be around people. Edney said, “It will definitely be difficult to get along without her. She was always there if we needed anything.”

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The Fairtax: a quick shortcut to long-term inflation

Something was abuzz in the Georgia Legislature during its last session, and it wasn't bible beaters railing over Sunday liquor sales or partisan infighting over school funding. The ever wise Republican majority had something else up its sleeves: getting rid of the state income tax.

Legislation in the same vein has been introduced on the federal level as well. Designed by radio shock jock (and a self proclaimed "libertarian") Neal Boortz and Georgia congressman John Linder, the tax plan proposes that all federal income, corporate, and dividend taxes will be elimi-

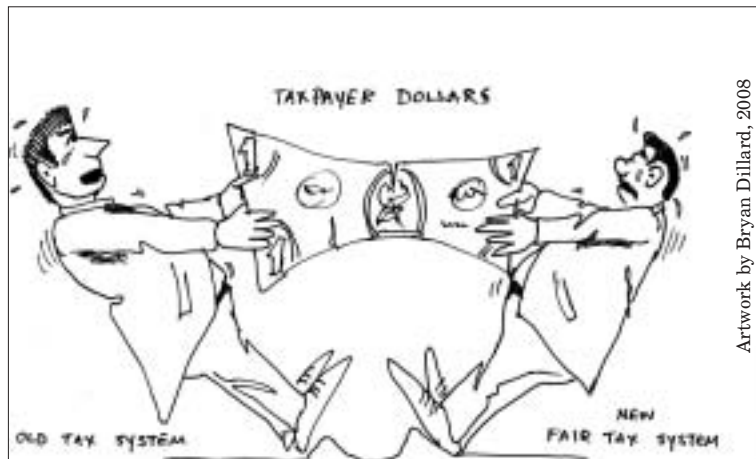
nated and replaced with a whopping 23 percent national sales tax.

This means that in addition to local and state taxes paid on new purchases, Americans would be forced to shell out 23 cents to the dollar on essential items like groceries and clothing.

Supporters of the "Fair Tax" tout it as an equitable means to eliminate the burden of income tax on Americans. In reality, it is an inherently regressive tax that places the largest tax burden on the middle and lower classes. Supposedly "small government" hyper-capital-

ists like Boortz and Linder fail to understand the disastrous effects of having the government's income be dependent on the growth of the retail market. When the economy slows down, do we close the schools, the police stations and the public hospitals?

The fair tax supporters have one thing right. The current tax system needs to be turned on its head. Where they are just plain wrong, is who deserves the tax relief. The middle and lower classes need a tax break, not an economy crippling new form of taxation.



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My little family that could

When I first entered Georgia Highlands College, I didn't know what to expect. I had just transferred from Coosa Valley Tech and changed my major from nursing to English. While I knew that changing majors was the right thing to do, I could not help feeling nervous. I was at a new school with students and teachers I had never met, not to mention that I could not find a single classroom. I honestly truly felt like a fish out of water.

Because I am an English major, one of the first things I did was join the Six Mile Post. Even though I had no experience writing for a publication, I jumped in head first.

My enthusiasm for becoming a member of the paper was quickly diminished by the time I was assigned my first article: the Georgia Primary. To be honest, I almost choked. I knew that I had to keep an honest, open mind while relaying factual information in a story format. Even worse, it dawned on me that everyone would read my article.

Once I mustered up the courage to start the writing process I realized it was not so bad. As



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the opportunities for me to interview people increased, the more comfortable I felt about and around the school. My classmates were more than happy to be interviewed and the faculty enjoyed giving me the information I needed. I truly felt that everyone wanted me to succeed, but I did not quite believe in myself.

There was still the pressure of making sure that I presented my findings in a suitable fashion. Considering that I only had a week to put an article together, I was under a lot of pressure. For nights, I fretted, typed, deleted and retyped my story, wanting to get it just right. Finally, sick of running around in circles and sleepless nights, I turned my ar-

ticle in.

For about two weeks, I patiently waited for the status of my story to be revealed. Then on January 29, the Six Mile Post was out. Slowly, but surely, people started to congratulate me on my article. For the first time in a long time, I was really proud of myself.

I have had a really great experiences my first semester at GHC, from the friends that I have made to the faculty that take great care in my success; the Six Mile Post is my little family that could. The staff always believed in me and my capability to be a great member. Without the SMP, I do not believe that I would have the confidence that I have now.

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The result of no ashtrays on the Floyd campus



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Barry Rogers, physical plant employee, puts out a fire on the Floyd campus caused by a tossed cigarette butt.

Even though there is a no-smoking policy on the Floyd and Cartersville campuses, people still choose to smoke.

Those who choose to disregard this rule should be careful where and how they put out their cigarettes.

College administration should listen to the concerns of students

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Perhaps the least enviable job in the cannon of academia is that of a college administrator. The people who we charge with running our educational institutions are a veritable crossbreed of politician, financier and educator. With so many hats to wear, to call these individuals busy is an understatement. They do a fine job, considering how thinly their efforts are stretched. That being said, there are issues at Georgia Highlands college that seem to be falling under the radar of the college administration.

For example, the GHC Cartersville campus is the most populated GHC site with close to 2000 students enrolled. Yet, the Floyd campus remains the only GHC site to include an on site dining service. While available space is certainly an issue here, surely the administration can do better for the students than a hall-

way full of vending machines and a microwave.

To take another example, many students have voiced concerns about their experiences with the Office of Admissions at GHC. Students feel that the interaction that they have with personnel in this office is quite often negative in nature.

Also, questions that students voice about the admissions process are either not answered, or several contradictory answers are given. As the first administrative office that prospective students have contact with, it is imperative that students are met with a supportive and positive attitude throughout the admissions process.

As my time as a student at GHC draws to a close, I am reminded of the superb quality of education that is provided at GHC. Indeed, it compares with the best colleges in the state. The students of GHC must be proud of our alma mater, as we work with administrators to improve the already superb education offered at GHC.

True patriots or squawking cheerleaders?



Somebody's got to say it

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Darfur. Angola. The parking lot post Raiders loss. These are some of the most contentious spots on the globe, yet those bastions of ideological flare-ups are but a pale inconvenience compared to the ensuing battle that is the American college campus during election season.

Every four years, not-so-world weary idealists put on the colors of their favorite clubhouse and run around preaching their ill-researched respective rhetoric while declaring jihad on those devious

individuals fostering antithetical viewpoints.

Suddenly, EVERYBODY becomes a political scientist. The same guy that drinks brown stuff out of a Sprite bottle in class suddenly possesses the analytical know how to gauge which political affiliation is best suited to handle global economic treatises.

Essentially, all this is a glorified game of red shirts vs. blue shirts, with a healthy dose of dangerous, hyperbolic misunderstanding thrown in for good measure. One side wants Jesus in science class, and the other side

wants to give American abortions to the Mexicans.

There is no in-between. Either you are a racist Bible thumper that wants Neal Boortz as Secretary of the Treasury or you're a God-hating commie sympathizer that eats American flags. All of this begs the question: do you even know what it is that you choose to believe?

It really doesn't matter which tree house you swear allegiance to: whether you took the oath of the donkey or the elephant, your party still isn't as large as the TRUE number one political association in America: The United Non-Voter Liberation Front.

Each year, millions of truly patriotic Americans DO NOT exercise their civic responsibility to vote. Really, who needs democracy? It's just a bunch of squawking cheerleaders brainlessly demonizing one another.

If you ever wondered why voting figures are so low, try taking a look into the mirror.

Have a safe summer!

Six Mile Post Staff 2007-2008 wishes everyone a great summer



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Floyd campus staff from left: Dr. Kristie Kemper, Cindy Wheeler, Jeffery Barwick, LaTonya Burrell, Spencer Musick, John-Mark Millican and Andrew Cole

(Nine other Six Mile Post staff members on the Floyd campus, seven on the Cartersville campus and one on the Marietta Campus were unable to make the picture time due to conflicting schedules.)



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Cartersville campus staff from left: James Swift and Eric Celler

Everybody from the Six Mile Post would like to thank all of our readers for the support they have given us. We want to wish all of the graduates the best of luck in their future and want everyone to have a safe and fun-filled summer.

Six Mile Poll

What was the best movie you’ve seen in the past year?



Brittany Hill
Summerville, Ga.
Business

“Lions for Lambs”



Corey Campbell
Canton, Ga.
Nursing
“Hatchet”



Christina McDonald
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“Enchanted”



Adam Byrd
Rome, Ga.
Biology
“Vanilla Sky”



Ali Shah Badruddin
Rome, Ga.
General Studies

“There Will Be Blood”

‘In Rainbows’ considered as unique as it gets with music

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Radiohead is a band from the UK that has swept across the world like a wildfire. The band consists of Collin Greenwood on bass guitar, Jonny Greenwood (guitar, ondes Martenot, keyboard, glockenspiel), Ed O'Brian (guitar and harmony vocals), Phil Selway on drums, and lead singer Thom Yorke on guitar, keyboard and piano. The band originated in Oxford, England, and released their first single, "Creep," in 1992. They weren't a hit worldwide, however, until 1997 when they released their third album, "OK Computer," which showed the band's unique sound that set them apart from any other band at the time. "In Rainbows" is Radiohead's seventh and most recent album,

and, unlike the case with some of their albums Thom Yorke, wrote most of the lyrics. "In Rainbows" has a wider range of musical styles and instruments that make it unique, compared to "Pablo Honey," the group's first album. For example, the first track, entitled "15 Step," comes in very synthesized and electronic, and then the other instruments and vocals come in, giving the track a nice ebb and flow. Each song has its own style, yet somehow the band made the tracks almost collide into each other in such a way that the tracks flow together. Another interesting aspect of "In Rainbows" is that it was first released in October 2007 as a digital online album that fans could download at whatever price they saw fit.



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Powerful jazz duo Benevento-Russo compared to Medeski, Martin, & Wood

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Photo courtesy of amazon.com

"Best Reason to Buy the Sun" is the debut album by the Benevento-Russo Duo released in 2005. Benevento-Russo, who is based out of New York, has an enormous sound for just two musicians. Marco Benevento plays the keyboards and Joe Russo plays the drums, and in this album, they prove their status as an emerging jazz/experimental/progressive powerhouse. With the combination of jazz improvisation and electronic loops they carve a new niche in the jam band scene that only has been touched on by the great jazz trio Medeski, Martin, & Wood. The distinctive sound they have is due to the overdriven keyboards and several circuit-bent toys that Benevento brings to the

fore. Their debut album ranges from the heavy electronic, in the opening "Becky" and the closer "My Pet Goat," to the slow jazzy tune of "Vortex" or "Three Question Marks" and the rock-esque "Scratchitti." The album is layered in order to give the listener the chance to enjoy the album several times over and hear something new every time he or she comes back to it. The Duo is a surefire tour-de-force on the live stage; at the 5th annual Jammys, they won the award "New Groove of the Year." Their second album, "Play Pause Stop," was released in July of 2006. The follow-up album sets in stone their place as the newest and freshest band to shake up the jam band scene. More information can be found at www.beneventorussoduo.com.



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Rome/Floyd County Community Read

Sherman Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Native American, will be in Rome Sept. 18. He is the author of at least 12 books by latest count. Alexie has also written several screenplays.

Be sure to put Alexie's book "The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" on your reading list for the summer.

This book won the 2007 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

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Students to be recognized at Honors Assembly

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The 36th annual Georgia Highlands College Honors Assembly will be held Thursday, April 24, at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd campus.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Georgia Highlands College, will make opening remarks.

John Spranza, director of student life, will be the master of ceremonies.

Family and friends of the award recipients are welcome to attend.

The Business Merit Award will go to **Charles W. Bray**. This award is given to a business major that has completed 30 semester hours, maintained a 3.4 GPA and exhibits potential for success in the business environment.

The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs' Certificate of Excellence in the Study of Principles of Accounting Award will go to **Daniel Soto-Peinado** for excellence in the study of the principles of accounting.

The Excellence in Geology Award recognizes an outstanding student who has demonstrated an excellence in geology lecture and lab two semesters. This year's award goes to **Kristen B. Rambler**.

Tim Farrell and Jonathan Bulla will receive the Excellence in Biological Sciences Award. This award goes to outstanding students pursuing a career in an area in biology.

The Excellence in Health Sciences Award recognizes students pursuing careers in the allied health field while demonstrating academic excellence are **William Cook, Erynne Williams and Laurie Hennon**.

Gretchen Christa Culberson and Carmen E. Ward will receive the Chemistry Achievement Award

which honors students who demonstrate academic excellence in chemistry.

The Outstanding Performance in Physics Award will go to **Matthew Farmer and Harold Nikoue** for having the highest average in physics for the academic year.

The Jim McKeel Human Service Award recognizes students who demonstrate commitment to the field of Human Services, are involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrate a genuine concern for the community. **Kelly Kuykendall** will receive this award.

James Swift will receive the Outstanding History Student Award. Students who receive this award must have completed two history courses successfully and be recommended by the history faculty.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to students who have demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature, will be given to **Rachel E. Smith, Amanda Stegall and Joshua K. Thompson**.

Harold Nikoue will receive the Mathematics Award for high achievement in mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Calculus 2262 or 2263.

The Future Psychologist Award will go to **Elizabeth Newton**. This award is presented to an excellent student who plans to pursue a career in psychology.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Robert Cummings**. This award is for a freshman nursing student, Floyd County resident, who has potential for exemplary professional service.

The Floyd Medical Center Nightingale Award, which honors outstanding clinical performance and dedication to the nursing profession, will be presented to **Maggie Lyle**

and Bonnie Katie Godfrey.

The Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award recognizes competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement. This year's recipient will be **Phillip Dwayne Roberts**.

Valerie Grissom will receive The Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award for demonstrating the ability to work with aged patients and their families.

The WellStar Outstanding Nursing Student goes to a nursing student who exemplifies the WellStar core standrad of nursing care. **Denice Whitfield** will receive this award.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award goes to **Lindsey Anne Crocker** for having the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average by a nursing student.

Jessica Deane will be the recipient of the Dr. Melvin Perry American Association of University Professors Outstanding Future Educator Award. The award is presented to a student with a minimum 3.0 GPA who demonstrates an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching.

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who enhance disability awareness and are involved in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services in the Georgia Highlands College community. **Michael Chad Moore** will receive this award.

The Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges Award recognize students for their service to the college and community and for their academic average. The recipients will be **Sarah Abercrombie, Daniel Adkins, Oluwadamilare A. Aina, Shannon Albert,**

Carolynne D. Attaud, Jonathan Bedford, Tiffany Bentley, Margaret Brannon, Megan Hope Cagle, Jeff Capen, Shannon Casola, Eva Chambers, Bette Charles, Beverly Michele Cochran, Shannon Williams Davis, Rebecca Lee Duncan, Claudia Nikole Dunn, Chioma S.Eze, Shawna Farris, Kimberly Fisher, Elaine Flin, Monica Wambui Gichuhi, Kym Gillies, Christy Hall, Jessica Hall, Rochelle Henderson, Jimmy Greg Hughes, Tamara Hutton, Princess Ibekwe-Onwueme, Joseph Henry Johnson III, Andrew Ross Johnson, Jessica Dempsey Johnson, Tracey Jones, Pauline Kamau, Kelly Kuykendall, Robert Eugene Lanham, Jannah C. Layton, Robin Lee, Maria M. Martinez, Dana M c A m i s h , C o r e y M c C a f f e r t y , L a u r a McLendon, Leisa McMichael, Veretta Moore, Rachael Morris, Carol Patterson, Amanda Payne, Lacey Payton, Cheryl Peak, Katrina L. Pearsey, Matthew Pharr, Sarah E. Popham, Teresa Renee Pressley, Amy Quigley, Valerie L. Redden, Mandy M. Rees, Cristal Reynolds, Adam Rowell, Mary Schaaf, Sandra Shaffer, Heather Shook, Daniel Soto, Daniel Soto-Peinado, Amanda Stegall, Charles Stein, Sasha Turner, Joshua Robert Underwood, Carmen Erica Ward, Denice Whitfield, Beverly Williams, Samantha Williams, April D. Wilson, Candice Wingate.

The inductees to the 2007 National Creative Society are **Jeffery Barwick, Kris Baucom, Jessica Brumbelow, LaTonya Burrell, Jeff Capen, Tho-**

mas Casey, Andrew Cole, Bryan Dillard, Kiersten Elder, Ethan Fogus, Matt Gore, Brandi Gulow, Cotis Hammock, Emma Hicks, Rachel Huggins, Sean Jepson, Jessica Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Kyle Jones, Desiree Knight, Danielle Litten, Christian Limon, Miranda Lockridge, Maddrick Long, Aaron-Jose Lopez, Stephanie McCombs, Spencer Musick, Erin Patterson, Brianne Smith, Erin Spearman, James Swift, Audrey Waddle, Tara West and Autumn Williams.

The Love Borchardt Memorial Scholarship is presented to an education major by the Alpha Delta Kappa educational sorority. The recipient will be **Amanda Hardin**.

The "Old Red Kimono" Writing Awards will go to **Erica Baker, Sean Jepson and Audrey Waddle**. The "Old Red Kimono" Art Awards will go to **Patti Boxerman, Rochelle Henderson and Tyler Morgan**.

The recipients of the All-Georgia USA Academic Team will be **David Hannah, April Wilson and Shannon Albert**. This award is sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

The Leadership Award goes to student completing the Emerging Leaders program during the spring semester. The recipients are **Shannon Albert, Clyde Barrett, Daniel Burchett, Traci Cochran, Crystal Ensworth, Colleen Fries, Courtnee Howell, Jessica Johnson, Joey Johnson, Kelly Kuykendall, Katrina Pearsey, Megan Nicole Tillery, Brittany VanHorn, April Wilson**.

Other awards will announced at the Honors Night Assembly ceremony.

Rome Braves season opener disappoints fans

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It was a cold, bitter night at State Mutual Stadium. The Rome Braves didn't do much to warm it up. Difficulty making contact at the plate and a handful of untimely errors led to the Braves' 10-4 demise in their 2008 season opener against the Charleston Riverdogs on April 3. Charleston's starting pitcher, 6-foot-8 righthander Dellin Betances, showed the Braves and the 3,663 fans in attendance exactly why he's one of the top prospects in the New York Yankees organization.

Surrendering only three hits and two runs over a span of five innings, Betances (1-0) struck out eight batters enroute to his first victory of the season. His only mistake came in the third inning, when Rome's Concepcion Ramirez took a 1-2 pitch deep over the left-field wall.

Rome's one-run lead didn't last long. The Braves' southpaw starter, Jeff Locke, surrendered four runs through four and one-third innings, ultimately taking the loss to fall to 0-1 on the season. Michael Broadway would



Photo By Andrew Cole

Freddie Freeman, first baseman, swings hard at a pitch in the opening game.

replace Locke in the fifth, only to surrender five more runs in two innings pitched.

Left fielder Austin Krum led the Charleston onslaught, going 2-for-3 with a triple and four RBIs. Third baseman Bradley Suttle went three-for-five with a triple and an RBI. The Riverdogs would end up scoring ten runs on twelve hits, building an insurmountable deficit for the Braves

to overcome.

Not helping the Braves' cause were the five errors committed by the team. Dropped pop-ups, bobbled grounders and errant throws drew exasperated groans from the shivering crowd. The miscues handed the Riverdogs four unearned runs, which might have made things a little bit more interesting in the final two frames. At least half the crowd



Photo By Andrew Cole

The Braves huddle during the opening game to discuss strategy.

had made its way to a warmer place by then.

First baseman Freddie Freeman added two runs to the Braves' total with a single to left in the eighth inning, but Charleston already had the game well in hand. The hometown Braves would strike out 13 times altogether. Outfielder Cody Johnson was 0-4 with four strikeouts. Catcher Chris Anderson struck

out three times.

All in all, it was a forgettable night at State Mutual Stadium. The 54 degree temperature and wind certainly didn't help, and the team's overall performance certainly didn't warrant many cheers from the crowd. However, the Braves and their fans know that the season is long, and there is plenty of time for the hometown team to turn it around.

Major league baseball's steroid policy double edged sword: League rules tighten as drug tests increase in frequency



The Extra Point

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When Major League Baseball Commissioner Allan H. "Bud" Selig announced the adoption of a tougher steroid testing policy, he and the league took a major step in cleaning up the mess that the performance-enhancing drug scandal has left behind.

Players, including top minor-league prospects, will now be tested twice as frequently during the offseason as they've been in the past.

Those who have tested positive are being forced into community service, reaching out to youngsters and raising awareness of the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs.

At the same time, he irritated many fans, including myself, by giving amnesty to all players previously implicated in steroid scandals, specifically the 80-plus players named in the Mitchell Report.

For those who are unaware,

the Mitchell Report was a formal paper submitted to the commissioner by former United States Senator George Mitchell to share the findings of his private investigation into the darker side of Major League Baseball.

Approximately 80 current and former players were mentioned in the report, most notably Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte, two successful pitchers who might have been Hall-of-Fame bound.

The report also complemented knowledge already possessed involving Barry Bonds' alleged foray into steroid abuse.

Now these men, and all others who allegedly (and in some cases, definitely) abused steroids at a point in their careers to gain an advantage in the game of baseball, have been forgiven. Clemens' and Pettitte's names have been essentially cleared (though Clemens may still face federal

perjury charges.)

Barry Bonds' career home run record will not wield an asterisk in the record books as many thought it would and should.

Hundreds of steroid abusers in the game of baseball, both past and present, are safe from the consequences of their actions. Maybe you're indifferent.

But to me, this amnesty is spreading a message to some fans, especially the younger set, that steroid abuse is okay. That cheating, lying and deception are sins easily forgiven.

Selig's new policy is beneficial for the history of baseball. However, Selig is attempting to completely erase the game's tainted past, leaving many, like myself and hopefully some of you readers, shaking their heads.

Intramural Dodgeball Championship Results:

The Smashers defeated Joe's Gym in best 4 out of 7 playoff.

Winning team members:
Slater Cordle
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Intramural basketball championship tournament rounds out the GHC spring sports season

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The 3-on-3 intramural basketball championship tournament was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. The tournament capped off one of the most competitive intramural leagues at GHC in quite some time.

In the first game of the day, the Bulls were scheduled to play the Celtics. However, the Celtics, who were missing some players, were forced to forfeit. The Bulls automatically advanced to the championship game.

In the second game, the Lakers squared off against the Hornets. The Hornets jumped out to an early lead behind the shooting of Beau Brown and Corey Pitts. The Hornets held a 26-17 halftime advantage.

The second half was a different story as Terry Albert led a comeback for the Lakers, hitting

several three pointers. The Lakers came away victorious with a 48-42 win. However, despite the loss, Pitts was proud of his team saying, “We held it down and had



Photo By Andrew Cole

Derrick Sams slam dunks in the championship game.

a great season.”

The championship game was played between the Bulls and Lakers.

The first half went back and forth with both teams exchanging baskets.

Albert’s shooting remained constant from the first game as he hit three first half three pointers. Allan Cole led the Bulls, scoring 19 first half points.

The halftime score was 25-22 in favor of the Bulls. However, the Bulls came out in the second half determined to make a statement.

The Bulls dominated the second half, outscoring the Hornets 38-20. The Bulls finished strong, earning a 63-42 victory.

Albert, who led the Hornets with 20 points said, “They’re the champs, and they earned it.”

Allan Cole led the Bulls with a season high 47 points and stated, “I am just glad that we’re the champs, and I had a lot of fun

playing with my teammates.”

The league champion Bulls’ roster consisted of Cole, Derrick Sams, Hank Peppers, Sam Ingram and Jimmy Garrett.

The 3-3 basketball participants were recognized at the annual Intramural Sports Lun-

cheon held on Wednesday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the lobby of the gymnasium.

Awards were also presented to all those who achieved their goals in the FIT Program as well as team champions in volleyball and dodge-ball.



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The Bulls championship team (from left) Hank Peppers, Derrick Sams and Allen Cole

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Bradley James Littlejohn
Krista Barbara Livingood
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Jacinta Joidhe Luster
Shannon Nenette Maqueira
Cody James Martin
Maria Maribel Martinez
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Jessica Lynn McDurmon
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Christopher Stephen Miller
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Jennifer Sabrina Monroe
Michael Chad Moore
Colleen Ann Moriarty
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Karissa Marlana Morris
Tammy Lynn Morris
Amy Carver Murillo
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Anna Michelle Myers
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Lynda Renee Nolan
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Brittany Dian Richardson
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Keshia Aleigh Roberts
Sara Diane Roberts
Cari Ann Robinette
Katie Jean Robinson
Winona L Rogers
Kayla Marie Sasser
Morgan Lea Scoggins
Melinda Beth Seabolt
Nathan William Self
Henley Nicole Shaw
Amy Grace Shumate
Sandra Smith
Timothy Lee Smith
Ryan Michael Spence
Lauren Amanda Stanford
Amanda Irene Stewart
Andrew Blake Stokes
Will Raden Sullins
Shandra M Sutton
Patricia Elizabeth Taylor
Johnny Richard Thomas
Karey D Thompson
James Christopher Tolbert
Sarah Lynn Townsend
Rachael Greathouse Truitt
Jacqueline Michelle Turner
Rindy Ann Turner

Jessica Ashley Vaughn
Amanda Jean Vick
Sarwat Virani
Elizabeth Renay Wadsworth
George Jackson Warren
Rebecca Elaine Warren
Mary Jessica Wesley
Jennifer Leigh White
Adelia Leann Wiggins
Nicholas Robert Wilkinson
Christina Marlenee Williams
Christopher Justin Williams
Wendell Joe Williams
Leah Marie Wilson
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Amanda Brooke Wolfe
Tyler Lee Worthington
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Stefanie Lauren Diemer
Kimberly Ann Johnson
Kodi Deanna Locklear
Fallon Nicole McCray
Jennifer Eve Moore-Dover
Ashley LeAnn Olvera
Lauren Drew Orebaugh
Emmylou Ann Prater
Grace Gail Raven
Stephanie Renae Williams

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Jennifer Lee Goss
Mary Ann Sailors
Melissa Jean Smith
Jennifer Elaine South
Megan Emily Tinch
Patricia Marie Worthy

Associate/Science/ Nursing

Erin Renee Alexander
Kelly Elaine Alexander
Jami Amandalyn Andrews
Karen D Archer
Carolynne D Attaud
Shawna Michelle Bailey
Rodney Wayne Baldwin
Stacy Marie Batchelor
Jessica Nichole Baucom
Barbara Elizabeth Berny
Lisa Michelle Bond
Dixie Denise Bonds
Jennifer Leigh Bradshaw
Roderick Lamar Brown
Lori Anne Bruce
Michelle Ann Burnette
Heather Wood Burns
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Amanda Jane Dempsey
Jeffery Hugh Duncan
Briana Diane Dunn
Tammy Edwards
Briar L Evans
Chidinma Ijeoma Eze
Ogochukwu Nneka Eze
Shawna Leigh Farris
Kimberly Page Fisher

Rosanna Marie Fletcher
Elaine Stephanie Flin
Barry Lawrence Forrester
Olive Rose Francis-Gibney
Cristian Derrick Franklin
Jennifer Marie Gann
Geri Shelton Gentry
Monica Wambui Gichuhi
Bonnie Kathleen Godfrey
Holly Daye Graff
Audrey Lee Griffin
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Steven Del Gunter
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Jessica L Hall
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Jennifer Marie Heath
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Angelica Hernandez
Jessica Nicol Herndon
Crystal Hiser Hicks
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Jimmy Greg Hughes
Tamara Wyketia Hutton
Princess Mary Ibekwe-Onwueme
Desmona Hera Ingram
Nicki Kathleen Ivey
Christie Marie Jackson
Candice Pinkerton Jarrett
Pauline Wambuku Kamau
James W Keeton
Jannah Christin Layton
Stephanie Marie Lee
Ashley Wilhelmina Leffew
Maggie May Lyle
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Michelle Dawn Massengale
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Daphne M Mohrmann
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Kendra Gabrielle Morgan
Rachael Daniels Morris
Tonya L Morton
Bich Chau Thi Nguyen
Kelly Cheyenne Parker
Carol Lee Patterson
Jessica Susan Payne
Rachael Catherine Payne
Cheryl M Peak
Jessica Teems Pons
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Cristal Dawn Reynolds
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Darlene S Robinson
Kristen Elizabeth Rooks
Anna Marie Russell
Vincencia Shirley Sarpong
Heather Michelle Shook
Brittany Nicole Smith
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Jamie Michelle Smith
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Lauren Kay Tibbetts
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“It was so awesome to see students lingering around, enjoying the food and games and even just sitting on the lawn talking. They were just hanging out, being college kids. I’ve never seen a student body become so engaged,” Wright said. “Each time we have major events, we try to build upon the last one. This was definitely the

most successful event ever on the Cartersville campus,” said Wright. Floyd campus students particularly enjoyed the music and free food. Tabitha Brown and Faith Anthony, both nursing majors, agreed that the food was really good and the music was amazing. “I’m so glad I came!” said Anthony.

Cody Tramley, a general studies major, said, “The food was so good! There was a barbecue sandwich, chips and a brownie. And the best part is that all of this was free!” Hannah Staton, a psychology major, also enjoyed herself and liked the live music. “It was very different,” she said.



Devin Swanson(center in cap) enjoys some barbeque with Logan Littlejohn and Brandy Boozer at the Floyd campus.

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Human services coordinator Susan Claxton arrests Hugh Harden during Spring Fling on the Floyd Campus.



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Political science instructor Scott Akemon lassos a mechanical calf during Spring Fling on the Floyd campus.



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A Cartersville student bobs for apples during Spring Fling on the Cartersville campus.