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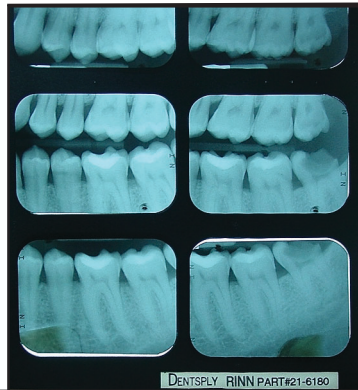
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Students turn out for high stakes Vegas games

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Poker, prizes, magic and free food was plentiful in the student center at this year's Las Vegas themed Spring Fling on the Floyd campus on Wednesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Crowds swarmed the casino style games, manned by volunteers from Phi Theta Kappa and Human Services as well as members of Highlands Interactive Productions.

Included were the high stakes games of Texas Hold'em, black-jack and roulette. Students also had access to a line of slot machines.

Students were initially given \$200 worth of fake poker chips which they could build up for an exchange of a number of raffle tickets, raising their chances of winning a prize.

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Spring Fling times two



Photo by Randie Mayo

Adam Lee (right), a business administration major from Rome, deals at one of the Texas Hold'em tables at this year's Spring Fling on the Floyd campus. Students at the Las Vegas themed event played for a chance to win various prizes.

National Youth Sports Program loses funding

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After 33 years of helping children through general health education and exercise, the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) hosted by Georgia Highlands College during the summer has lost its funding.

"It's going to be a real void in the community," stated David Mathis, the NYSP project administrator for the past 13 years.

According to Mathis, the \$18 million cut from the Federal

budget took out 207 health and services programs around the nation because the government wanted to focus funding on the war effort and Katrina.

"It creates a great disadvantage to the youth," said Mathis. "We were trying to make a difference in these kids' lives now, instead having to help them out later."

The six-week program at GHC usually hosted around 300 to 400 boys and girls ages 10 through 16 that were from low-income homes, teaching them about sports, math and science

and drug and alcohol prevention.

"We also provided children with a free physical check-up, including follow-ups if needed, and we also provided a free lunch to the students," stated Mathis. "A lot of these children are on free/reduced lunches at school, but that's only in the school year. It really helped out a lot of families in the community."

Over the years, the program has hosted over 10,000 children from Floyd County, Rome City and Polk County schools. According to Mathis, a few of these children have even continued their

schooling here at GHC.

"A lot of the time, this is the first time these kids have set foot on a college campus. It gives them hope for the future and provides a safe, education environment today," said Mathis. "It makes me proud to see a few of the students out on the court or in class here that were former campers. It shows the impact we had on them as children."

Although the program will not be in effect this summer, there is still hope for the summer of 2007.

"There is still a glimmer of

hope that we can put it back in the budget," stated Mathis. "We're asking that parents contact their congressman, Rep. Phil Gingrey, who voted against the program, to try reinstate the program."

"It's going to be sad," stated Mathis. "I've already had parents call and ask about the program this year, and I had to tell them that there was no funding and have been redirecting them to other programs such as the Boys and Girls Club. The only thing is that this program was totally free."

GHC says farewell to two faculty members

Jack Sharp

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Dr. Jack Sharp, professor of mathematics at Georgia Highlands College, will be retiring in June after 30 years of service.

According to Sharp, many changes have occurred since he began teaching here in 1976, back when GHC was still called Floyd Junior College. What he believes to be the two biggest changes are the increased usage of technology in the classrooms and the elimination of tobacco use on campus.

Back when Sharp began working here, there were disposable ashtrays on every desk in the classrooms. "Students were allowed to smoke in class, to dip snuff and to chew tobacco and spit into plastic cups - Yuk! Of course the use of tobacco was at the discretion of the individual instructors, and I allowed the usage of tobacco unless a student came to me with a complaint," said Sharp.

The biggest change in technology that Sharp said he has seen occurred in the middle of the 1990s with the advent of the college's Information Technology (IT) Project.

Every student, at then Floyd College, was required to bring a

laptop computer to class. The students were able to have Internet access in every classroom, and they would follow along with the instructors, using CDs that the teachers gave them to use during class that contained all the necessary materials.

Even though the IT project failed, Sharp still continues to use CDs that go along with the textbooks whenever possible, and several of his students follow along with their own CDs in class and at home.

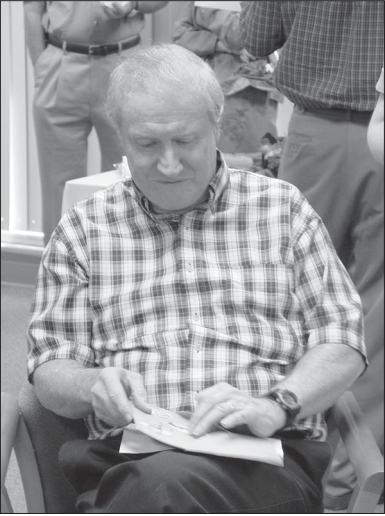


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Sharp opens a gift card at his retirement party.

Sharp says that his greatest accomplishment while working at GHC is the publication of his textbook, "Precalculus," which he co-authored with Phillip W. Bean, his good friend and professor of mathematics at Emory University, and Thomas J. Sharp, his

brother and professor of mathematics at the University of West Georgia.

The book was published in 1993 by the PWS-Kent Publishing Company in Boston, Mass. The textbook was used in teaching College Algebra and Precalculus at the college for two years.

Sharp will be receiving his 30-year award at the annual faculty recognition super at the end of this semester.

All the students who are going to miss Sharp don't have to worry yet. He plans to teach here at GHC part time for as long as he is needed. "In fact," said

Sharp, "I am already scheduled to teach two class here in the fall."

In addition to doing some part-time teaching, Sharp says he plans "to play a lot more golf" and spend some time at the casino resorts in Mississippi.

Carolyn Parks

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Another long-time employee of Georgia Highlands College is saying goodbye. Carolyn Parks, associate professor of child development and director of the student success centers, will be retiring on July 1.

Parks started with the college in 1977 part-time and worked off and on until 1991, when she came on full-time. According to Parks, she worked with grant money and Head Start teachers.

She has also taught Lifespan Psychology, as well as General Psychology and Early Childhood Education.

Parks was the director of the

Cartersville campus on Gilmer Street for eight years, until the new campus opened. In her current position she oversees the operation of the student success centers, which offer tutoring, assessment and advisement.

"The best part of working with the college is all the advising I have done with students over the years," Parks said. "It has been fun to watch tentative, unsure students become successful students. It has changed their lives."

Parks said that what she will miss most next year are her colleagues and student interactions.

Recently GHC faculty honored Parks by selecting her as the mace bearer in this year's graduation ceremony.

"I have no immediate plans," Parks said. "I like furniture and antiques." She said she would like to open a booth to sell antiques and antique furniture, but she would also like to spend time with her grandchildren.

Parks has two children and said that she thinks that they will be fine with her retiring as long as it makes her happy.

Parks is looking forward to her retirement and said that it's time for a change.



Photo by Mary Prickett

Parks bids farewell to her desk at the Cartersville campus. Parks has been a full-time faculty member since 1991 and served as director of the previous Cartersville campus.

Director of student life receives award

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Director of Student Life John Spranza was recently awarded the APCA Leadership Award by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities at the association's national conference in Atlanta.

Spranza was one of 15 student activities professionals selected nationwide for this award. According to Eric Lambert, executive director of APCA, Spranza was recognized for his continued efforts and services to the association, for demonstrating excellence in programming on Georgia Highlands College campuses and his professional commitment to his students.

Spranza is currently serving the APCA as the Area Coordinator for the North Georgia Co-op Block. Spranza, who has served as an APCA member for the past four years, said he was very proud to receive this award.

Social and Cultural split planned for fall

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Social and cultural studies, the largest division at Georgia Highlands College, plans to split by fall semester 2006.

The reason for splitting the division into separate humanities and social science divisions is simply the size and manageability of the division. Social and cultural studies has 36 full-time staff members and over 70 part-time members, bringing the sum of faculty and staff to over 100.

In addition, the division supervises 17 different course disciplines.

At one time, the humanities and social science divisions were two separate units, according to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs. When Dr. Lynn Cundiff became president, he restructured the divisions at the college. As a result, the two divisions merged.

According to Carson, "Teaching and learning will benefit from an organizational structure that regroups the disciplines given the recent enrollment increases."

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Spring semi-formal set for May 5

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To conclude this spring semester with festivity and conviviality, three of Georgia Highlands College's organizations are sponsoring a semi-formal dance with the theme "Masquerade Ball."

Refreshments will be served and complimentary masks distributed to attendees. A photographer will be present offering souvenir packages ranging from \$15-\$40, as well a disc jockey to entertain with an eclectic musical selection of rap, country, rock and pop.

John Spranza, director of student life, describes the Spring Semi-formal as "something to celebrate the end of the semester, something that hasn't happened for years." The dance is a project of Highlands Interactive Productions (HIP), Teaching Responsible Alcohol, Substance and Highway Safety (TRASH) and Black Awareness Society (BAS).

According to Spranza, stu-

dents have requested a spring social for years, but in an untimely manner and without consideration of the volunteers it requires. This time, HIP and TRASH formed a coalition and volunteered to make arrangements and started planning in December 2005, later to be joined by BAS. This allowed time to ar-

**"It is right after finals, stress free."
-Candice Peugh**

range catering and entertainment as well as decorations and proper publicity.

Those involved with the preparation of the semi-formal have high hopes for its success. Danielle White, a member of HIP, says the ball is "a nice way to send everyone off to summer break."

Candice Peugh, a member of both BAS and HIP, exhorts students, faculty and staff to take part in the event because "it is

right after finals, stress free," said Peugh. "We can get our minds off everything and relax."

Hailey Elakman, representative of HIP and TRASH, affirms that the dance will be "a chance to get out and meet your fellow students in something other than a classroom setting."

All students, faculty and staff of Georgia Highlands College are cordially invited to attend. Escorts are not required to be affiliated with the college.

Ties are optional; collared shirts, khakis and dresses are considered appropriate apparel. The spring semi-formal is officially a non-alcoholic function.

The dance will take place on Friday, May 5, the day after the last day of exams, from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Lakeview Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 per individual and \$7 per couple at the Offices of Student Life at the Cartersville and Floyd campuses.

Gingrey to speak at graduation

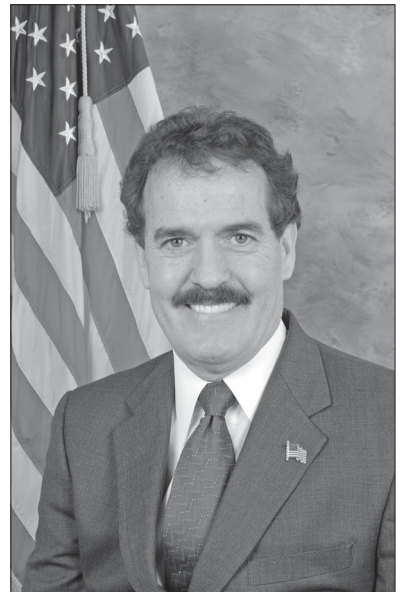
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Phil Gingrey, District 11 congressman and medical doctor will be the speaker at the 2006 graduation ceremony.

Gingrey, a native of Augusta, with degrees from Georgia Tech and the Medical College of Georgia, is chair of the Republican Healthcare Public Affairs team.

Gingrey plans to speak on the importance of giving back to the community and having friends to help you through life after college, according to Becky Ruby, Gingrey's press secretary. However, the topic of the speech is subject to change.

"I am honored that Georgia Highlands College chose me to share this important day with its students, parents and faculty. We live in the freest and most prosperous nation in the world, and one of the lynchpins of our success is education," said



Contributed photo

Phil Gingrey, District 11 congressman.

Gingrey. The graduation ceremony will be held on May 13 at 10 a.m. at The Forum in Rome. Directions to the forum may be found at floydcountyga.info.

An estimated 330 students are expected to graduate.

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Foreign language programs take backseat

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Many majors in the Georgia Highlands College curriculum are required to have an advanced language course, yet these courses are not offered consistently.

It is not that these classes are not scheduled regularly; they often have such a low level of enrollment that they are cancelled.

These cancellations present a problem for many students. English major Angela Faith of Cartersville said that the cancellation of upper level Spanish courses "has held up" her graduation.

Some students have found that they can get their needed classes through independent study, but without regularly scheduled courses many others are just left in the lurch.

There are some ways to alleviate this problem, and often foreign language professors will allow some students to take independent study courses. Faith said that she contacted Kathryn



Photo by Randie Mayo

Shelia McCoy (center) instructs Spanish students in the language lab on the Floyd campus.

Garcia, instructor of Spanish at the Cartersville campus, and is taking an independent study course.

Shelia McCoy, professor of French, Spanish and English, feels that many foreign language courses are not conducive to independent study. "Upper level

courses are more appropriate for individual study because the basic skills you need to learn another language have already been built by previous courses," McCoy said.

Dr. Rob Page, social and cultural studies division chair, said that the division has "tried to

open up higher level language courses for independent study." Page also said that to his knowledge "no one has taken 2002 Spanish, and rarely French past the 1000 level." Business, nursing and education majors, the most popular majors at GHC, do not have language requirements.

McCoy, said that she would like to "see the foreign language requirement reinstated for all majors, especially due to the large amount of Hispanics in our community."

The Hispanic population of Rome, according to the 2000 census, is over 10 percent, which doubles Georgia's average, although it is below the national average. McCoy feels that there is a danger of creating a "language barrier" and that students should strive to overcome this barrier. McCoy said that the cancelling of classes due to attendance and the reinstatement of a foreign language requirement are "ultimately administrative."

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, said that the administration has attempted to set targets for enrollment and worked toward having "a cycle of courses, so students would know when a course was available." Carson also said, "We have run small section classes before so that students who need these classes could get them. However, we cannot do that every semester."



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Cook's book tells the story of Georgia Highlands College from the beginning

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Georgia Highlands College has a history that will soon be told.

"I was asked by Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, and Judy Taylor, director of advancement, to write the book, and in a moment of weakness, I agreed to do it," said Dr. James Cook, history professor emeritus, who retired from full-time teaching several years ago.

For many the idea of writing a book on the history of a college would seem pretty tough, but Cook has written several non-fiction works already.

"This is my fourth book, and I expect it to be my last one. I enjoy the finished product, but it's hard work doing it. I didn't expect to write this one, until they asked me, and then I thought it needed to be done," said Cook.

For Cook, writing this book is very important not only for the college, but for those who helped establish the college. "We had

some outstanding faculty members of the original faculty, and people at the college now don't remember them. And even the others who have retired, people forget about their contributions," he said.

Though Cook was a part of the original faculty at Floyd College, in doing research for the book, he found some very interesting information about students who have gone on to achieve success in fields such as law, medicine, education and so on.

"I actually taught Dr. Lynn Plunkett, the assistant superintendent of Floyd County Schools," Cook said.

Cook also thinks the founding of the college was interesting. Cook stated it probably should have been located in Cartersville instead of Rome. "It would have been except for the role of Jimmy Madix. He was the key figure in getting it located here," Cook said.

In addition to the story behind the placement of the college, Cook also found in his research that due to the leadership of Dr. David B. McCorkle, found-

ing president, and Dr. Wesley Walraven, founding dean, many of the original faculty and staff stayed at the college until they were ready to retire.

"They created a unique style and made the college a very pleasant workplace. Also, it's interesting the original president, the academic dean, the controller and the dean of students all stayed here until they retired, which is a period of 20 years or more," said Cook.

Other than preserving the college history and those involved with it, Cook is hoping to change the public's view of the college and its students.

"The public has always perceived junior colleges as somewhat inferior to four year schools, but in many cases, the actual teaching in the classroom is just as good and in some cases better," said Cook.

Cook said, "You're actually treated like a person. It was even moreso in the early years when it was a much smaller college."

Currently, Cook is finishing up the last chapter of the book and said that it should be out and finished before Christmas.

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Cancelled NYSP camp destroys hope

One of the saddest things to happen to Georgia Highlands College is not going to affect the students here or even the faculty, but the countless number of children who would have spent their summer at the National Youth Sports Program camp.

The program was shut down after 33 years on the Floyd Campus because of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services budget cut. That money will now be focused on the war effort and helping the victims of the Katrina disaster.

The summer program was designed to keep kids off the streets and to put them in a positive environment where they could learn about health, sport and good life choices.

The children that attended the camp were students who typically were not well off financially; they were students

who were on reduced/free lunch programs at their schools during the year.

The program was completely free to eligible children and also provided jobs for college students and volunteers.

For a lot of these children, ages 10 to 16, it was the first time they were exposed to a college campus. They got to experience what college was like during the summer semester, and interacted with college students on the campus. It gave them a positive outlook for the future, which brought them hope. Many of the former campers even came to GHC to further their education, showing the effect NYSP had on them.

This budget cut is a shame. This is our youth we're talking about here. This program was a positive thing for communities around the nation. One can only imagine how this

cut and the other 206 NYSP programs that were cut will affect Americans.

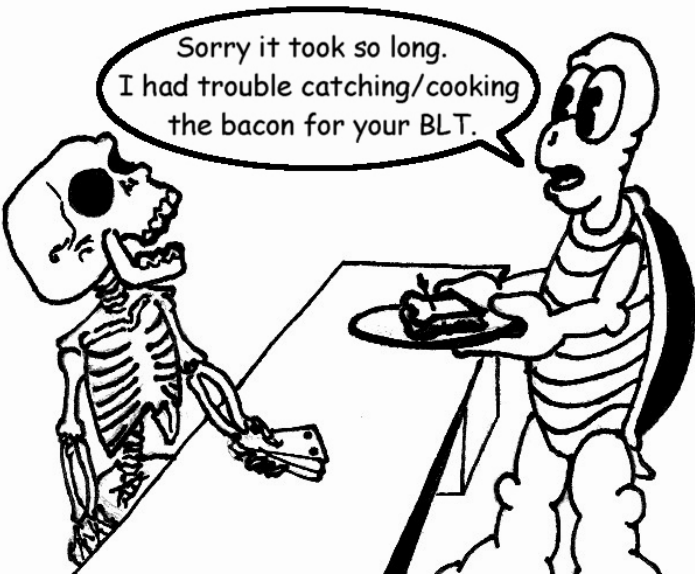
Hopefully, the Federal government can reinstate the program. Otherwise what will become of our youth? Will we let them live on the streets? Do we want them to end up in jails or hooked on drugs and alcohol? How is it possible that America would rather be at war than save our children?

It's just heartbreaking that this summer the campus won't echo with the laughter of children.

In the silence, let us think of how this cut has affected our future.

The only resolution to the problem is to write our congressmen and senators and bring back NYSP. We have to get our youth back into healthy programs and off the streets if we want to continue being a successful nation.

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS CAFETERIA
"SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE"



Artwork by Dustin Taylor, 2006

Being drunk is not funny; it is just stupid

Alcohol. Booze. Bevvv. Piss. Juice. Sauce. Whatever you call it, it disgusts me, and I'm about ready to swear it off completely. FOREVER.

I was eight years old when I had my first taste of alcohol in a small restaurant in Germany. It was a beer, and I remember thinking it was the worse thing I had ever tasted in my life. It wasn't until I was in college that I actually picked up a beer again. And I still thought it tasted like piss.

When I lived in Europe, I never had to deal with the pressures and social taboos of alcohol. The responsibility of drinking is held in a different regard there than it is here; it's okay for minors to get alcohol there legally. I was raised in an environment where there wasn't anything wrong with a beer or glass of wine at dinner.

However, I've noticed that people in the States take drinking to the extreme. I can tell you, nothing annoys me more than someone saying, "Come to so-and-so's place. We're gonna get DRUNK!" Just hearing that makes me cringe.

The mentality of those kinds of people scares me. Why would



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you want to lose all of your motor skills and ability to comprehend? Why put yourself in a situation where you have no control over yourself?

No thanks, I much rather just sit at home watching cartoons.

I've got several friends who drink way too much, and I've watched what it does to them. One of my friends falls asleep every night clutching an empty bottle of wine. I've noticed how unhappy that person must be with life. But can life really be that horrible that you have to drown the pain out with booze?

I have another friend who is in complete denial. My friend, like a lot of college students, goes out and parties a lot with people, but he doesn't even realize what the effects of alcohol will do to his body.

My aunt, of all people, will tell

you what effects alcoholism has on your life. Her first husband was an alcoholic, and shortly after they were married, they had my cousin Rick. My uncle used to drink every night, getting angrier as he did, and would throw the empty beer cans at my baby cousin. My poor aunt had to get out of that relationship, and now my cousin doesn't even know his father.

I hate seeing people act that way. I never want to become that. I never want to see anyone I love or care for become that. And it's not just the social aspects and relationships that are destroyed because of alcohol; your body is being destroyed.

Alcohol damages your liver and your pancreas. It also destroys brain cells.

Being drunk is not funny; it's stupid.

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Have you noticed?

The blatant disregard for Georgia Highland’s no smoking rule



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- Whoopie Cushion 21.05%
- Snake-in-a-Can 10.53%
- Booby Trapped Binoculars 10.53%
- Undecided 57.89%

Something to think about



Jamie Swertfager, a communications major who attends class on the Marietta campus, loves to work, eat healthy and shop. She hopes to one day be the leading broadcaster for CBS Sports. Jamie also enjoys hanging out with her closest friends and enjoys the little things about life.

When was the last time you ate food from a fast food restaurant? For most people it was probably not too long ago.

Too much of our lives revolve around bad habits. Fast food is not healthy or good for your body in any way.

Everything that comes from your favorite fast food restaurant is processed.

It contains many chemicals that are not natural in order to keep it eatable for longer periods of time.

These chemicals are not meant by nature for you to eat. In other words, all of the chemicals you eat when you ingest fast food or packaged food never get digested and just add up in your body.

This is a result of your digestion system not recognizing these chemicals and discarding them into parts of your body because it doesn’t know what else to do with them.

Along with eating right, a regular workout routine is essential to having a healthy body.

Nutritionists tell us we should participate in an activity which gets the heart rate going every day for at least 20 minutes.

This could be walking your dog or riding a bike. How easy is that?

One of the best things of all about exercise is that it makes you a happier person. When you exercise, your brain releases serotonin, a hormone which stimulates your body to feel happy.

So if you are ever having a bad day, go run a mile and tire yourself out and you will feel so much better.

Being healthy is not rocket science. It just takes awareness of the facts. The more you know about health, the more healthier habits you can

“Too much of our lives revolve around bad habits.”
-Jamie Swertfager

add to the list.

The point here is this: You are what you eat, and exercise is essential to keep your body in shape! Think about what you put in your body and how it benefits your body to be active. It is one of the things you can control in your life, and the results are worth it.

I eat, sleep and play with more enthusiasm and fun than ever before! You should try it. I did, and I’m changed for life and much better off for it!

SIX MILE POLL

What is the craziest summer job you’ve ever had?



LaNelle Daniel
Silver Creek, Ga.
Associate Professor of English

“I drove an 18-wheeler with my husband. We hauled 60-pound blocks of butter from Louisiana to Illinois. ”



Joey Hays
Trion, Ga.
Undecided

“A Jell-O wrestler.”



Jennifer Parson
Chattooga, Ga.
Nursing

“A health service tech at Northwest Regional.”



Wil Smith II
Greenville, S.C.
General Studies

“I was a bar-back at a country western bar called Cowboys in Greenville, S.C.”



Selena Parrish
Adairsville, Ga.
Education

“I was a chicken at an amusement park, and my webbed foot got caught on the carousel.”

Poll by Michael McGill and Randie Mayo

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If you ask me

By Jason Trask
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Columnist

Ever get that sinking feeling that someone is watching you? There is a very legitimate reason for this. They are.

Every day bits and pieces of each of our lives are shipped and stored into a database somewhere. This evil is not committed by Big Brother. No, these nefarious deeds are committed by corporations all across the Globe that feed off our own lack of patience and our desire to be pampered.

Each time we purchase a book online, use our debit cards at the grocery store, apply for credit or create a MySpace page, our information is processed and stored.

To what purpose, you ask? Companies such as AOL and Yahoo are primarily marketing companies. Therefore they gather, use and sell information to market to their potential customers more accurately.

Ever get credit card applications that you have not requested in the mail? Those applications are the result of a company, somewhere, pulling your credit file and deeming you eligible for the privilege of applying to become their indentured serf, er, I mean their credit card holder.

Within the past few decades we have come to expect everything faster and personalized to meet out individual needs, but at the same time

we desire to remain completely anonymous. This paradox is simply not sustainable.

Companies will continue to exploit our personal data that we give them access to. They will continue to invade your lives, market you, spin you and grip you with new and improved slogans and ad campaigns that are tailor-made to appeal to your tastes.

We no longer have the ability to remain anonymous. That right has been washed away with the black ink of the bottom line. The Gross National Product must march on, reaching ever higher, and petty issues such as personal freedoms and personal privacy will have to be laid down as fodder and trampled on as worthless in the great shadow of capitalistic gain.

It is strange to me that many of us become very concerned with government identification cards or improper use of our social security numbers. It seems that every time something resembling national ID cards comes up everyone starts ranting about the antichrist, or Big Brother swooping in to steal our way of life, but we willingly allow huge corporations almost unlimited access to our personal information.

Do we not realize that the information that these corporations are gathering is more detailed than any of these governmental actions we fear so much?

Donna Florence
Nursing
Dallas, Ga.

Student agrees
Ws should not be
easy way out

Dear Editor,

I would like to say thank you for pointing out to myself and others how many individuals give up during midterm. I personally have dropped out of a class, but my reason was I had no understanding of pre- calculus, so my professor at the time instructed me to take a lower math class such as quantative skills and reasoning and at the present moment I am doing fairly well.

I like how the writer illustrated what would happen if students had to earn their “W.” If that was the case, in the future there would be a lot less withdrawals. Earning a “W” would

Letters to the Editor...

Smoking editorial
parallels reader’s
own experience

Dear Editor,

In response to the article “The one thing I would never want,” I can really relate to what Mrs. Abercrombie has written. I used to be a smoker. I thank God for giving me the strength to give up that habit. Smoking has absolutely no benefits.

My father whom I was very close to died five years ago from emphysema and Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease. I saw him suffer and I did not want to be afflicted with the same. There really needs to be more emphasis put on the health hazards of cigarette smoking. Every time that I see someone smoking I say a prayer for them because they really don’t know how dangerous this habit is.

My father died knowing what was the exact cause of his death. One week before he passed away,he called all of his sisters and brothers and warned them and told all of them to quit smoking. I followed his advice.

Because of his death, I will have more added years to my life. I gave up the habit the night that he passed away. I urge anyone who cares to listen to please find some way to break the habit. I am glad that I did!

Amanda Vick
Early Childhood Education
Rome, Ga.

Professors back off
PowerPoint in class

Dear Editor,

I’m very glad that some teachers have listened to the constructive criticism made in the past by frustrated students who had a hard time concentrating during class.

Although there are some classes that require the use of Power Point because of the amount of information to cover, it is nice to see that the teachers are changing their method of teaching by interacting more with the students. This makes their classes more interesting.

Elba Miranda
Biology Major
Kingston, Ga.

Grateful for W policy

Dear Editor,

I for one, am very grateful of the “W” policy. In my situation it was just a case of biting off more than I could chew.

I had intended to be a full-time student, but as time progressed it became obvious that the load was too big of a burden. I had to eliminate a subject from my schedule.

With this being my first year, I had no idea what I was getting into. The fact that I’m employed and raising a family, while attending school was simply too much to swallow. The “W” policy saved my GPA.

Helen Ferguson
Education
Rome, Ga.

Editor’s note: *The editorial actually defended people like yourself who had legitimate reasons for dropping a class.*



Contributed Photo

Front row (from left): Randie Mayo, Dustin Taylor, Jeff Denmon and Stephanie McCombs. Middle row (from left): Whitney Anderson, Tempest Holbrook, Nicole Duck, Joshua Daniels, Jacki Padgett, Sam Chapman and Kristie Kemper. Back row (from left): Leanna Gable, Joshua Owens, Jenn Smith, Sarah Abercrombie, John Bailey, Zach Green, Jason Trask, Cindy Wheeler and Jake Carter.

More letters

Rome Braves-as great as Wal-Mart

Dear Editor,

Rome Braves baseball has been a great addition to the greater Rome community. It brings people together to enjoy conversation and entertainment.

Since the single A baseball team has moved to the Rome area, there has been new friends made and old faces reunited. The Rome Braves baseball team has brought a South Atlantic League Championship, it has seen over six of its players make it to the majors and it is a constant stop for rehab assignments for players such as Chipper Jones and Marcus Giles. The Rome Braves has been one of the greatest additions to the community since Wal-Mart

James Mitchell
Transient
Cedartown, Ga.

‘Earned W’ concept intrigues professor

Dear Editor,

I commend your editorial in the March 14 *SMP*, “Too Many Give Up at Midterm.” Your idea of requiring an “earned W” is intriguing.

Too many students indeed drop courses for trivial reasons and lack of self-discipline. College is more than just showing up (occasionally) and having the instructor unscrew your head and pour knowledge in, so to speak.

While faculty (myself included!) don’t give an Oscar-winning performance every day, we try our best. Students and teachers are all in this college business together, and we must meet each other halfway.

For the student that means attending every class unless it’s a genuine emergency (some students cut far too often), working through the assignment or doing the reading *before class*, staying awake, taking notes, listening, discussing and asking questions.

Might there be an occasional dull class? You bet. That’s life. (Breaking news: Most jobs out there have their dull days, too.)

But if students and faculty both give it their best shot, then

college will be a rewarding experience for all of us.

Dr. William F. Mugleston
Professor of History

Children’s program recieves praise

Dear Editor,

I just want to say how nice it was to read about the creative writing program that takes place at the Anna K. Davie Elementary School on Mondays.

As an Early Childhood Education major, daycare worker and soon-to-be mother, it is very heart-warming to see Georgia Highlands students helping children with their writing abilities. I want to congratulate Dr. Jon Hershey (the program’s sponsor) and all of those students involved. It is programs like this that make a difference in children’s lives.

Crystal Mills
Education
Trion, Ga.

WEBCT needs single login for students

Dear Editor,

I agree with the article that Web CT helps us here at GA Highlands. In both my English class with Jon Hershey and my Principles of Nutrition with Tom Harnden, Web CT allowed me to keep in touch with my teacher, my peers and keep up-to-date with my assignments. However, my concern is that with both of these classes I had two separate logins. This just added more time for me to have to sign off of one and then sign on another. I believe that if GA Highlands starts to require that Web CT be used in most classes, that there should be one login and password given to all students. Just like we do to enter our email, grades, and the banner. All of these areas for each student have one user ID and one password, not several. I believe that with one ID for all classes, it will be easier for students to keep up with their classes better than wondering what login goes with what class.

Anna Mull
Early Childhood
Rome, Ga.

‘V for Vendetta’ changed my life

“Remember, remember, the 5th of November.”

That is the opening line to a movie that has changed the way I see the world, other people and even my own life. It was actually the 17th of March, but I knew the first time I saw “V for Vendetta” that I had been completely jaded concerning my outlook on life.

“V for Vendetta” is the story of a so-called “terrorist” who goes by the name V, which is also the mark that he leaves, sort of Zorro-style, where he’s been. V’s goal is to ultimately overthrow the fascist, Hitler regime-like British government that has taken away most of the basic rights of its citizens. I say that V is a so-called “terrorist” because it is clear who’s creating the real terror.

“Vendetta” is also the story of a girl named Evey Hammond, whose entire family was taken by the government. Evey ends up with V through a few coincidences and in the end discovers how to live her life without fear.

It was not, however, V or Evey that gave me my new outlook. It was a woman named Valerie, whose story comes into play towards the end of the movie.

We meet Valerie through letters written on toilet paper



Guest Column

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Guest Writer

and given to Evey through a hole in her government cell. Valerie has been arrested for the crime of being homosexual.

We learn about her life from her first girlfriend, to her coming out to her parents and being subsequently disowned, to the meeting of her life partner, Ruth. Valerie and Ruth have wonderful life together for three years, until the new fascist government comes into power, or until, as Valerie says, “Different became dangerous.”

I couldn’t hold back my tears as I watched the movie the second time, this time with my girlfriend.

But I wasn’t crying so much from sadness as I was from fear. I must have been in a cloud to think that while making my merry little lesbian way in this world, I wasn’t also putting myself in a potentially dangerous situation.

Being an out lesbian in the real world is not a terrible thing

as it is in “Vendetta,” but it makes one wonder how far we really are from living in that world.

Let’s run through this again: a new regime comes to power, throws gasoline on an already raging fire of national security paranoia and starts taking away civil liberties to protect its citizens from the “chaos” that is freedom. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

Valerie isn’t afraid of her impending death because, as she says, “I had three years of happiness when I didn’t have to apologize to anyone.”

It’s from her story that Evey gains her strength. It’s also where I came out of my fog.

I refuse to stand by and let a government tell me who is okay for me to marry. To paraphrase Lauren Lee Smith, “If I hide the fact that I’m gay, I hide the best part of me.” I plan on many years of not apologizing to anyone.

Commentary: Congress could stop the war

I am writing with a concern I have with the way people perceive the Iraqi War and President Bush.

Many people feel that the president’s decision to attack Iraq was wrong. However, while everyone blames the president for sending us to war, no one is blaming Congress. The Constitution of the United States in Article I, Section 8 gives Congress the right to declare war. Nowhere in the Constitution does it give that same right to the President or anybody else.

Congress can stop the president from leading us into war. It’s Congress’s right to oversee the actions the president takes in defending our country. Congress has led the U.S. into war only 5 times in this country’s history (the last being WWII), while the president has sent our troops into a conflict over 200 times. Congress is afraid to use its power to declare War, yet at the same time it are scared to stop the president from doing so.

In 1973, Congress passed the War Powers Act. This act gives Congress the right to control some of the president’s war-making powers. If the president sends the military into

harm’s way, he must inform Congress within 48 hours. Should Congress not approve of the movement of troops, the president must bring them back to their original starting point within 60 days.

No matter what side of the war you are on, proper action should have taken place. Congress is letting the power of war be abused by the president, when it has all the means to stop him.

If Congress were to declare war, then all the responsibility would be on its shoulders. The people in Congress are afraid that they will lose your vote if something goes wrong.

You can do something about the problem. Call or write your representative and senators and ask why they have not taken action to stop the president. If your representative won’t take the initiative, maybe it’s time you use your right to vote and elect someone that will get the job done.

William Hilburn
Taylorsville, Ga.
Education

Graduates

Associate of Science in Nursing

Traci Lynn Abernathy
Bethany Nicole Alcorn
Malissa Brooke Allen
Tommi Amanda Anderson
Angela S. Bailey
Carrie Frances Barr
Mary Elizabeth Borders
Pavlinka A. Borissova
Stephanie Norman Bowley
Megan Anne Bramblett
Kimberly Hatcher Brock
Robert E. Brooks
Misty Gayla Burkhalter
Ashley Nicole Campbell
Amber Camille Cason
Stefanie Christopher-Kellis
John Coheleach
Jessica Lorraine Collins
Allison Nicole Cornett
Brittany Allison Dixon
Linda Donaldson
Cary Lee Eldridge
Matthew Lee Estes
Mira B. Fobi
Jina Ford
Penny Rene Fountain
Katrina Lavelle Freeman
Rhona Gainous
Jaime Catherine Gibson-West
Rickey Glenn Gilbreath
Kendall Ginn
Allan N. Gitau
Gloria Genise Grimes
Charles Hardaker
Linsey Michelle Hartley
Jan Marie Hartness
Matthew Steven Holland
Malisa A. Holmes
Ashley Elizabeth Johnson
India LaShane Johnson
Tiffany Rogers Johnson
Kasia Mikial Johnston
Jennifer Lynn Jones
Elizabeth Kariuki
Joseph K. Karuga
Susan Jean Kennedy
Kathleen Layman
Brenda Bryant Lowry
Kevin Gregory McFarland
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Kurt Denny McGinnis
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Jannah Curtis Melton
Carrie C. Mijon
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Amy Michelle Montgomery
Julie M. Morin
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Renonda B. Olney
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Sonia Lee Pack-Clark
Penny Suzette Payne
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Latrice Russell

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Kimberly Raye Sutton
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Deanna Lynn Wood
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Orlena Wyatt
Laura Ellen Yarbrough

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Britany Nicole Beavers
Brooke Cason
Amanda Brooke Dubiski
Lottie Rose Duncan
Tia Marie Fogt
Ashleigh Nicole Gresham
Rhonda Hendrix
Ashley Erin Langshaw
Julie A. McNeil
Jennifer Michelle Smith
Toni Denise Sunrich
Kelly Underwood
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Associate of Science

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John Edson Bailey
Sharon Kristi Bare
Rebekah Barnett
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Michael Lauren Crawford
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Lauren Leffew DeBoard
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Seth Andrew Ingram
Laura L. Jennings
Eleanor Jeanne Johnson
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Amanda May Jordan
Paulette Patricia Jordan
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James Kimberly
Elizabeth Padge King
Michael L. Kitchens
Renee J. Lamb
Adam David Lee
Meagan Lemaster
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Amy Louise Martin
Randie Mayo
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Lisa Marie Melendez
Hillary Brianna Melton
Melissa Meyer
Mark Adam Middleton
Lori L. Momon
Catherine Monroe

Jessica Lynn Montgomery
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Phillip Gregory Nolen
Ashley Marenda Nugent
Gregory Peter Nyahay
Brandi Ann Odom
Olumayowa Grace Orekoya
Kristin Leigh Parks
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Ashley Sanders
Whitney Michelle Sanders
Andrew Scarber
Kristy Lynn Scott
Lori Amanda Sparks
Lori Ann Starkey
Brian Alexander Strickland
Tonya Nicole Strickland
Karen Theresa Stuenkel
Ellen Moss Sturwold
Tiffany Ann Sulsberger
Dustin M. Taylor
Amy M. Tice
Stormy Lynn Townsend
Nathan Ryan Tucker
Regina Marie Turner
Lacey Nicole Vinson
Sandra Lea Wade
Morgan Benjamin Walker
Rickie Flynn Watters
Lashunda Darzelle Watters
Kenya Suzanne Webb
Kristy Ann Webb
Christopher E. Wellman
Benjamin D. West
Josephine Esther West
Debra Westbrook
Joseph M. Wharton
Marilyn Reay Wheeler
Whitney Renee White
Jason Wilder
Angela Williams
Adam Matthew Williams
Jamie Kathleen Williams
Crystal Y. Willis
Lori Wills
Connie Denise Wilson
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Loretta Woods
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Susan Flores
Matt Brandon Hall
Georgia Erin Henderson
Charles Casey Jones
Jeffrey L. Lawler
Kina Eugella Lewis
Kerianna Elise Pettett
Diandra Nicole Pile
Kimberly Lynn Prater
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Deidre Michelle Ringer
Casey Leigh Shore
Jennifer Smith
Angela Renee Spranza
Crystal Dawn Studard
Rosetta Williams-Sullivan

Associate of Applied Science

Steven Cecil Abel
Gail Elaine Black
Maria Borea
Travis Bullock
Laura Camargo
Robert L. Cannon
Jonathan Michael Cawood
Susan Marie Chapman
Steve C. Cottrell
Carol Hardy Crocker
Jennifer R. Elrod
Rose Edeline Estime
Priscilla Faulkner
Jennifer N. Garrett
Billy Gilliland
Virgil Hans
Amy Lynn Hyde
Doris Charlene Jablonski
Miranda L. Johnson
Jessica Elaine Johnson
Justin Daniel Lee
Elhadji Mbodji
Julia Phillips
Mary N. Poindexter
David Aaron Rizer
Horace Caldwell Robinson
Eric L. Sanders
Regina K. Sisk
Kimberly Nicole Smith
William Smith
Randy Scott Smith
Alaina Janette Stanbrough
Cody Lee Tibbitts
Arthur Pierce Ward
Kathleen Ann Crumpler Webster
Frances Nichole
Edna Williams
Michelle C. Wood

Note: These applicants for graduation must complete all necessary requirments.

Associate of Arts

Emily Ruth Bohannon
Heather Renee Bryans
Candice M. Callaway
Brittany D. Chambers
Brian Cook

*He started here...
now he's gone
to the dogs...*

*and horses...
and rabbits...
and cats...*

Barry Carr, D.V.M.

Partner,
Culbreth-Carr-Watson Animal Clinic

Barry Carr wasn't ready to leave home when he graduated from high school. So he came to Floyd College.

He needed a course not offered by Floyd to transfer to the University of Georgia. So, a professor volunteered to teach it just for him. Another drove him to Athens and waited while he took the Graduate Record Exam.

"Such extraordinary people have inspired me to repay such help in kind," he said. "I hope in some small way I have."

He got his start at Floyd College. He brings his legacy to Georgia Highlands.

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Honors

Students to be recognized at Honors Assembly

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The 34th annual Georgia Highlands College Honors Assembly will be held Monday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Building on the Floyd campus.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Georgia Highlands College, and Lori Momon, Student Engagement Council chairperson, will make opening remarks. John Spranza, director of student life, will be the master of ceremonies.

A reception will be held in the Lakeview Art Gallery following the presentation of awards.

Awards: Academic

The Business Merit Award will go to **Adam David Lee**. 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 **Amie Lindsey** for excellence in the study of the principles of accounting.

Briar L. Evans will receive the Excellence in Biological Sciences award. This award recognizes an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of biology and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The Excellence in Health Sciences Award will be presented to **Kelley Ann Borowski**. The award recognizes an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in the allied health field and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to a student who

has demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature and who has at least a 3.0 GPA, will be given to **Randie Christine Mayo**.

The Outstanding Spanish 1002 Student Award for the Cartersville Campus will go to **April M. Newman and Joshua K. Owens** for the Floyd Campus. This award is given to recognize outstanding students in Spanish 1002 who excel academically and show a positive attitude toward the subject.

The Outstanding Spanish 2001 Student Award for the Cartersville Campus will go to **Natalya Cartin and Rachel R. Pilgrim** for the Floyd Campus. This award is given to recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated academic achievement and interest in language learning at the 2001 level.

Billy Gilliland will receive the Jim McKeel Human Services Achievement Award. This award is given to students that demonstrate commitment to the field of human services and are involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrate a genuine concern for the community.

John Bailey will receive the History Award. This award recognizes excellence in the field of history.

Tri D. Doan and Michael Todd Pigott will receive the Mathematics Award for high achievement in mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Calculus 2262 or 2263.

Health and Science

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

The Floyd Medical Center Greatest Dedication and Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented to **Kathy Ray**. This award is for students who have demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and dedication to nursing.

Carrie Amo Barr will re-

ceive the Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award. This award recognizes competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.

The Seventh District Georgia Nursing Association Award for Excellence in Bedside Care will be presented to **Renonda Olney**. The candidate for this award is nominated by the sophomore nursing class based on competent clinical performance. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated, through his/her nursing care, the most concern for patients.

The Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Excellence in Home Health Care Award for nursing is given to a student who has demonstrated an interest in home health. This year's award will be presented to **Penny Payne**.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award for the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average for a nursing student will go to **Jennifer Jones**.

Special Recognition

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

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who, in spite of disability, are making achievements in intellectual, social and cultural endeavors or students who enhance disability awareness in the Georgia Highlands College community through such involvement as participation in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services. **Jessica Mathis** will receive this award.

Who's Who

The Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges Awards recognize students

for their service to the college and community and for their academic achievement. The recipients will be **Amad Abdellatif, Lauren M. Abrams, Seth Acuff, Whitney Anderson, Stephanie P. Ayers, John E. Bailey IV, Bonnie M. Bell, Joshua P. Bickhart, William B. Boyd, Casey Braden, Martha Broome, Robert L. Cavin Jr., Jacob Cole, Jeanne Coleman, Jannah C. Corn, Traci N. Craig, Lauren L. DeBoard, Gloria J. Dean, Jeff Denmon, Tri Doan, Nicole L. Duck, Hailey Elakman, Chidinma Eze, Shawna Farris, Leigh Ann Fowler, Billy Gilliland, Zachary C. Green, Renea L. Hale, Jennifer M. Heath, Rhonda Hendrix, Jared Hughes, Paulette P. Jordan, Darsi Knowles, Adam Lee, Amie Lindsey, Luke Martin, Jessica Mathis, Randie Mayo, Dana L. McAmish, Marcus McCrickard, Jackson McGehee, Lisa M. Melendez, Heather P. Minter, Lori L. Momon, Kendra G. Morgan, Tameka Mostella, Selena Parrish, Mauricia A. Pledger, Holly Poulos, Kimberly L. Prater, Cristal Reynolds, Regina Sisk, Jennifer M. Smith, Lori A. Sparks, Harold Spates, Tara J. Spraggins, Latesha Stokes, Amy Sutton, Dustin Taylor, Cynthia L. Thomas-Smith, Johnice L. Tillman, Jeremiah Veillon, Brittany Wagner and Leah Williams.**

National Creative Society

The inductees to the 2006 National Creative Society are **Sarah Abercrombie, Whitney Anderson, Jake Carter, Laura Crocker, Lauren DeBoard, Ahna Dillard, Nikkie Estes, Lillie Forsyth, Sam Gaines, Eduardo Garcia, Carolyn Grindrod, Amber Guyton, Raydi Jann, Josh Kelley, Mark Markham, Stephanie McCombs, Jackson McGehee, Joshua Owens, Jacki Padgett, Jaime Parris,**

Selena Parrish, Jacob Peppers, Candice Peugh, Mauricia Pledger, Mary Ann Prickett, Martin Ray, Mary Lynn Ritch, Jeff Shirley, Dustin Taylor, William Torres, Jason Trask and Victoria Wheeler.

Joshua Kelley and Adrian Sims will receive the McCorkle Creative Society Award. This award goes to returning students who excel in one or more artistic areas of prose, poetry, visual arts, theatrical or musical performance and serve as role models to other students interested in creative expression.

The Love Borchardt Memorial Scholarship is presented to an education major that has promoted excellence in education and is awarded by the Alpha Delta Kappa educational sorority. The recipient will be **Stephanie Lunsford**.

The "Old Red Kimono" Creative Writing Awards will go to **Mary Lynn Ritch** (first place), **Rachel French** (second place) and **Allison Shields** (third place). The "Old Red Kimono" Creative Art Awards will go to **Jenn Smith** (first place), **Rochelle Henderson** (second place) and **Andrew Dodd** (third place).

The Board of Regents Academic Excellence Recognition Award will be presented to **Adam Lee**. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement.

Leadership

The Georgia Highlands College Spirit Award goes to the student who best demonstrates dedication to campus life, activity in school and community projects and promotes school spirit to fellow students, faculty and staff. **Recipient will be announced at the honors assembly.**

The Georgia Highlands College Leadership Award goes to a student who best demonstrates the qualities of a positive leader, shows exemplary leadership on campus and in community activities while maintaining high academic standards. **Recipient will be announced at the honors assembly.**

Rome's K98 says goodbye

Station ends 21 years of service to Northwest Georgia

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Friends, families and fans are losing a very dear friend this year with Georgia Public Broadcasting's acquisition of K98 (WKCX 97.7) in Rome.

During the station's 21-year lifespan, Mills Fitzner, owner and general manager, has received inquiries from all sides about selling K98, one of the last substantial independent FM stations in Northwest Georgia.

The coverage that Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) stands to gain once the FCC approves the changeover represents a final frontier of sorts. In fact, Northwest Georgia is currently the last area in the state without a GPB presence, a problem that many area residents are happy to see remedied.

But Georgia Highlands Col-

lege student Matt Meyers, criminal justice major and loyal K98 listener, is anything but happy with the change, "We're losing all the music they play and the people that I've grown up listening to. I'm going to miss it."

Afternoon DJ Todd Williams, who left the station in early April, said, "The change is unfortunate for the many members of the community who have no interest in Public Radio."

Still others have raised concerns over the independent monopoly that the change awards Southern Broadcasting. While GPB will feature a wide variety of programming, it is likely that K98's listenership will gravitate towards other local independent commercial stations like Q102 or South107.

Here in the final months, K98 fans can take comfort in knowing that award-winning shows like the Breakfast Bunch with Rob-

ert, Tom and Ed will stay on the air until GPB takes over.

In the meantime, people like morning show host and Assistant General Manager Tom Barclay are reflecting on the two decades that K98 has served the community. "We've done everything from jumping out of airplanes to doing the show from a hot tub in the parking lot," said Barclay.

As for his fondest memories, Barclay credits the constant support of the listeners and the community. "I would hope that they would have a smile on their face remembering some of the fun things we have done throughout the years."

K98 programming could recede entirely by early June, but the memories will live on.



Photo by Dustin Taylor

K98's logo has become a part Rome's history and will be missed by all who listened to the station.

ASF group makes two new stops

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Alabama and Shakespeare mix to create the fifth largest Shakespeare festival in the world. On March 18 and 19, students from Georgia Highlands College attended two performances at this year-round festival in Montgomery, Ala.

However, this year's 21st annual Alabama Shakespeare Festival trip was different because the faculty, students and their guests toured two major historic civil rights movement museums in Montgomery, the Rosa Parks Museum and the Dexter Avenue Parsonage, the former home of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Each museum told the story of a civil rights legend. The Rosa Parks Museum shows onlookers a dramatic representation of Parks' bus incident as historians perceive it.

The Dexter Avenue Parsonage is where the King family lived and has been restored to the way it looked during the time of the civil rights movement.

The 56 trip-goers attended a Saturday evening showing of a



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Trip-goers vist the Dexter Avenue Parsonage, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his family lived.

stage adaptation of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" after a dinner at O'Charley's.

Lee's tale is about a young girl who grows up during the civil rights movement. The play focuses on a trial in her town that shows her the evils of society at the time.

The next day the trip-goers witnessed a performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the story of Viola, who is shipwrecked at sea and loses her only relative and twin brother,

Sebastian. Viola dons the disguise of Cesario, her male alter-ego, in order to obtain work and protection from the times.

Before "Twelfth Night," the trip attendees were allowed to scamper and search the multi-million dollar Alabama Shakespeare Festival complex for interesting sights.

"It certainly surprised me that we were in Alabama and watching Shakespeare," said Jeff Shirley, undecided major from Silver Creek.



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Artic Monkeys blast out sub-zero cool album

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The Artic Monkeys, a young band from Sheffield, England, are getting some serious air-play throughout the United States and the UK. The Artic Monkeys first became in the UK when the band members made their music easily accessible throughout the internet.

They started playing at small venues throughout England and eventually became the indie pop punk band that they are now.

Their first full length album, "Whatever People say I am that's what I'm not" has become extremely popular throughout the world. Their first two singles "I Bet You Look Good on the Dance floor" and "When the Sun Goes Down" went straight to number one on the UK Billboard charts.



Photo courtesy of Amazon.com

Most of the songs on this album are best played loud because of the explicit lyrics such as in "A Certain Romance" and "When the Sun goes down." "When the Sun goes down" has incredible guitar riffs, an upbeat tempo and pays special tribute to prostitutes everywhere. "Dancing Shoes" is also an upbeat rhythmical song that would actually make someone want to put their dancing shoes on.

A calmer ballad, "Riot Van," is a slow song that almost sounds like a children's lullaby. "The View from the Afternoon" opens up the album with an excellent pop punk demeanor, and really showcases the bands talent to make the listener want to keep listening.

The Artic Monkeys debut album does not disappoint. It clearly has something for everyone. This band is getting the attention they deserve.

HIP attends Atlanta convention

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On March 1-5 the Highlands Interactive Productions (HIP) group of GHC attended the National Association of the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) conference. APCA is a programming conference held in Atlanta each year.

John Spranza, director of student life, and Heath Rogers, co-director, took students Jacki Padgett, Candice Peugh, Nikkie Estes, Danielle White, Ahna Dillard, Tasha Wells and Tarius Anderson to the conference. These students had the chance to see acts and book them for next year's campus activities.

The students were required to attend three different educational sessions each morning, with a wide range of choices. The students listened to speakers discuss topics such as diversity on campus, promotion of campus events and financial issues. They also attended four different showcases each night with a variety of shows from stand-up comics to slam poets to magicians and several different types of musical acts.

Dillard, a psychology major from Rome, said "APCA was off the chain."

After each showcase, HIP was able to visit the exhibit halls, where all the acts, their agents and corresponding companies were set up and could talk to the students.

This was one of the major parts of APCA for the students because they got to interact with the acts and talk one-on-one, take pictures and get all kinds of free goodies. Danielle White, a nursing major from Rome, said, "The best part about the exhibit halls was that I got to meet Ruthie, from Real World Hawaii."

The students got to meet later with Spranza and talk about what they liked, and what performers would like to bring to the college next year.

There were CO-OP (cooperative) buying sessions, which

Spranza and Rogers attended once a day to get a group rate by booking an act with other colleges in the same region.

On Thursday and Friday night, the students were rewarded with a midnight dance party provided by APCA. Saturday night featured a coffeehouse type of performance outside the exhibit halls for the students.

Spranza also won the APCA leadership award for his continued service with the association and his involvement with the students on his campus.

According to Spranza, this year was one of the best years and he was glad that the students who attended APCA were so involved. "We were definitely one of the most spirited groups there," said Spranza.



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HIP members (from left) Nikkie Estes, Tasha Wells, Candice Peugh and Ahna Dillard enjoy the APCA convention.

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As of February 2006 Swheat Market doubles as a market and deli.

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Restaurant Review

**Swheat Market
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When traveling down Main Street in Cartersville, one will see a variety of shops and restaurants. However, there is only one

organic food market, which, as of February, doubles as a market and deli.

Swheat Market Deli is located in the back of Swheat Market, which opened its doors in July 2005.

"I eat organic, and I was sick of driving to Atlanta to get the things I needed and I wanted to go back to work," Keri Hodge, owner, said.

Hodge did some research before opening the business and

Organic market now dishes out 'swheat' deli food

found that there was not an organic market between Atlanta and Chattanooga, Tenn.

The deli was the next step for Hodge in her business venture.

The deli focuses on organic dishes which include a wonderful havarti grilled cheese, chicken salad, tuna salad, pan roasted turkey and ham sandwiches, daily specials like turkey meatball on ciabatta bread and also a wonderful variety of sides, soups and salads to complement a meal.

Not only is the food GREAT, but it's great for you—it's organic.

What is organic? According to swheat.org, "Organically Grown" refers to a method of growing food free of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides on land clean of such chemicals for at least 36 months."

I had the opportunity to taste a freshly picked strawberry from one of Hodge's local growers. I was floored.

Unlike the ones a person would buy at Wal-Mart, this strawberry tasted like a real strawberry. It was sweet, not bit-

ter. I had never tasted a strawberry like that.

Food is prepared when it is ordered. The atmosphere in the deli is very calm and relaxing. Dress is casual.

The market opens at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Closing times are 3 p.m. Monday and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The Deli opens at 11 a.m.

Monday through Saturday. Closing times are 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

"We also cater small affairs of 45 or less," said Hodge.

**Overall Rating: Excellent
Quality and Quantity: 5/5
Service: 5/5
Value: 5/5
Atmosphere: 5/5**



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The deli atmosphere is very calm and relaxing.



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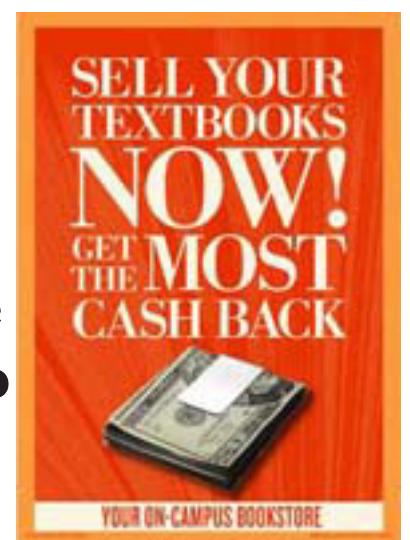
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Clinic program offers low cost, quality care



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Brittany Whitmore (left) cleans the teeth of Jamibeth Harris.

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Georgia Highlands College students as well as other community residents have access to low-

priced basic dental services provided by GHC dental hygiene students.

The college's dental hygiene program is based on the Heritage Hall campus in Rome, where the dental clinic is housed.

The clinic offers dental cleaning, cleaning of dentures or partials, x-rays, sealants, blood pressure screenings and many other preventative dentistry services. Costs range from \$30 to \$50 for adults and \$20 for children 12

and under.

The clinic is where the program's students take classroom knowledge and apply it in practice. Because the setting is a dental hygiene school and not an actual dentist's office, the students do not perform extractions, fillings or other services that many be only provided by a licensed dentist.

According to Donna Miller, the director of the dental hygiene program, the dental hygiene students make appointments with patients around schedules that she arranges for them.

The opportunity to work with patients in the clinic gives the students firsthand experience with people, instead of just textbook knowledge.

Classroom time "is not like the real world," says first-year student Sandra Shride, who feels the chance to work with real people and real teeth is rewarding.

When working with patients, the students are constantly supervised by dental hygiene faculty, according to Miller. "This process enables the students to learn the skills necessary to deliver quality healthcare to their patients," Miller said.

The only advertising the students have to promote the clinic is fliers posted on both the Heritage Hall and the Floyd campuses of GHC, a commercial on a local television station and word of mouth.

People from different counties and cities apparently find the clinic's offerings appealing. The program appears to be "well put together," according to Matthew Robinson of Summerville. "Everybody's very nice" and the students are "very talented and helpful," he said.

The dental hygiene program is "very challenging, very competitive," said Shride. About 50 people apply to be considered for the program each year. Out of those 50, the top 20 are hand-selected and then personally interviewed. Only 14 were actually accepted into the program for 2005-2006.

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Referee Rick Hasse stands between the champion All-Stars (left) and the runner-up Tru Ballas. The All-Stars are (front row from left) Jonathan Little, Terry Albert, Chris Strickland and (back row from left) Dayne Styles and Stephen Walker. The Tru Ballas are (front row from left) Byron Cliatt, Corey Pitts, Asheron Dorsey and (back row from left) Quantavious Martin, Hank Peppers and Maddrick Long.

All-Stars intramural b-ball champs

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In a hard-fought contest in the Georgia Highlands College gymnasium, the All-Stars claimed the Spring 2006 Intramural 5-on-5 Basketball Championship with a 53-34 win over the Tru Ballas on April 15.

As the first half opened up it was apparent just how badly each team wanted the title. Hank Peppers dominated the paint for the Tru Ballas while Terry Albert had 13 points by the end of the half for the All-Stars.

Jonathan Little was once again nearly flawless from be-

hind the arch for the All-Stars, while Ammar Abdellatif's vicious defense kept the Tru Ballas within striking distance.

All five of the starters for the Tru Ballas scored in the first half. As the halftime buzzer sounded the scoreboard read 24-21 in favor of the Tru Ballas.

Coming out of the half the All-Stars became an entirely different team.

Turning up the ferocity, Dayne Styles, Terry Albert, Chris Strickland, Little and Stephen Walker put another 32 combined points on the board for the All-Stars in the second half, while holding the Tru Ballas to only 10 second-half points.

With one minute, 25 seconds left on the clock, the All-Stars could smell victory as the scoreboard read 50-32 in their favor. Two points from the Tru Ballas free-throw shots were not going to be enough.

Little ended the season in style, draining a signature three-point shot only moments before the buzzer sounded, signifying the end of another exciting season of intramural basketball action.

Albert, the game's leading scorer with 20 points, said, "We really showed up today. This was the game that mattered and we knew that." Peppers led the Tru Ballas in scoring with 18 points.

Styles commented for the All-Stars, "I knew all of these teams had potential, but thankfully we had the most. I just tried to lead the team the best I could, and I'm proud of how hard we played today."

It is undeniable that both teams had their hearts in this contest. Even the referee had an emotional attachment to the season. Blowing his whistle to get the gym's attention before the start of the second half, he reflected on how enjoyable his involvement in the program had been.

The man in the stripes was certainly pleased with the performances that took place in the

championship game.

The rest of the All-Stars also commented on the day's performance. Little said, "The only way we could win was to keep shooting the basketball. I did that, and luckily it went in most of the time."

Strickland said, "I'm the chain that held this team together. They call me the 'clutch master.'"

Walker said, "Whew. I'm just a white man living in a black man's world."

Ryan Lloyd and Cyril Young were not on hand to comment on the All-Stars title, but both were valuable players to the team throughout the season.

Indoor volleyball champs crowned

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The Spring 2006 Intramural Indoor Volleyball Tournament came to a close on April 6, with the Spikes claiming the championship by defeating the Nets.

The Spikes roster included

Austin Nix, Joseph Hastings, Wade Usher, Rashad Stallings, Emmy Lou Prater, Lauren Best and Valerie Parish.

All tournament games were held during regularly scheduled class time for beginning/intermediate volleyball. Paula Edney, part-time physical education instructor taught the class.

The Intramural Outdoor Volleyball Tournament is now underway.

The tournament is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and ends April 27.

Games are held at the Floyd campus' outdoor volleyball court, located near the tennis courts at the south end of campus.



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Mitch McAfee tees off.

Wind threatens the scores of golfers

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Eleven golfers teed off against each other in the college's Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble at BEAA country club on April 7.

First place went to the team of student Megan Cousar and her father, Jim Cousar, and professor of physical education Dr. Ken Weatherman. These winners received a golf towel, a dozen golf balls and a bag of golf tees.

The second place team consisted of Dr. Ron Shade, vice president of student development; Jerry Desmond, part-time history teacher; Jason McFry, director of IT client support services; and student Jason Foster.

They received a golf carry pouch, three sleeves of balls (nine total) and a bag of golf tees.

The winner of the Long-Drive Competition was McFry, who received a new 3-wood.

Megan Cousar won the closest-to-the-hole contest and received a golf book and golf hat.

The non-winners received participation prizes such as hats and golf balls. The day of the tournament the weather was warm but windy.

"The players had to fight the wind with every shot," said Weatherman.

The annual golf scramble is held in honor of the late Dr. Wesley Walraven, vice president of academic affairs, who was an avid golfer.



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Dr. Ken Weatherman (right) meets with his team, Megan Cousar (far left) and Jim Cousar before the scramble.

Pistons got game this year

They are known for their stylish offense, incredible defense and the ability to play as one. Who am I referring to? None other than the Detroit Pistons.

I've never been a Pistons fan, but as the years have passed, I've noticed they are different from any other team. They don't have just one player that they turn to, nor do they lack confidence in each other. The Pistons play together, and that's why they are considered if not the best team in the NBA, one of the best.

Ben "Big Ben" Wallace and

Rasheed Wallace are down low, while long arm Tayshaun Prince, Chauncey Billups and Richard "Rip" Hamilton are up top. These guys set the tone for the team, and they do a great job. I love watching them play. They're very unselfish with the ball, unlike Kobe Bryant. And they know how to set up plays for one another.

Having a starting five like this squad has, has to be a dream come true.

Then they have people like Lindsey Hunter, Antonio McDyess, Dale Davis, Kelvin Cato and Tony Delk that come



Real Talk

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in off the bench and pick up where they left off. The Pistons have a great team, and they know how to use their talent. You can't handpick their main go-to guy because there really isn't one. They have confidence in one another.

My brother said, "Oh yea, they do have a go-to guy, Billups. He's their clutch shooter in the heat of the game." I disagree, but he would know best because he's

a Pistons fan.

As the regular season draws near, many feel as though the Pistons will be the 2005-2006 NBA Champs.

I don't know about that, maybe the Eastern Conference Champs, but I doubt they'll be NBA Champs. I think the San Antonio Spurs have a chance for a repeat. The Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks also look like they have a chance to win it this

year.

Hamilton leads the team in scoring, averaging 20.5 points a game, Wallace averages 11.6 rebounds a night for the team and Billups leads the team in assists with 8.7 a night.

Their record as of March 3 is 59-14. They were trying to tie the Chicago Bulls record 72-10, but that didn't happen this year.

Although I'm a Shaquille O'Neal fan, I doubt the Miami Heat will win a title this year. They may get to the Eastern Conference finals. But they'll more than likely come up short-handed to the Pistons. Those guys, the Pistons, have earned their mark in history to be known as the NBA's "Bad Boys."

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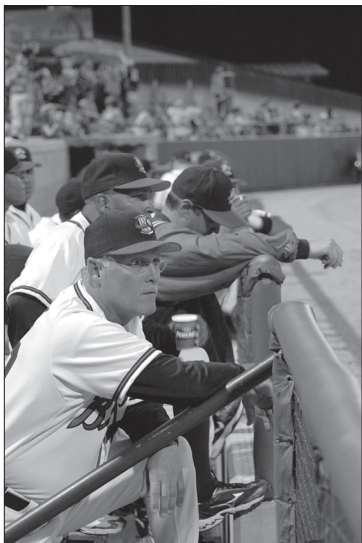
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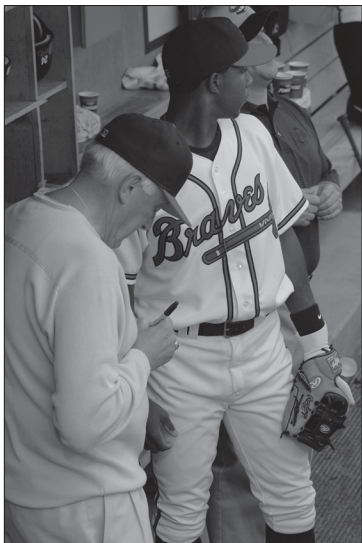
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Rome Braves come back to win season opener

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Randy Ingle, Rome Braves manager, watches the game progress from the dugout.



Even minor league players wish for a ball signed by the Phil Niekro.

Budweiser stand, the smell of hotdogs, popcorn and pretzels. Kids asking for autographs, a nicely cut field, mascots Romey and Roxie and a mixture of music being played. Give-a-ways of free bar-b-que and Applebee's gift certificates just to name a few. Cars being displayed and a live band outside the stadium. All this is what you can expect to see, as well as hear, when you attend a Rome Braves game.

"Glad to be back. We're ready for this," one fan exclaims, and another says, "I'm so excited I can hardly stand it!" The atmosphere alone explains itself. Just being in the stadium gets you fired up and ready for the game.

With the 4,335 fans in attendance at the April 6 Season Opener, National Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro threw out the first ceremonial pitch. After Niekro's pitch, the evening's game was underway.

With a man on base, a nice hit to right field put the defending team, the Kannapolis Intimidators, on the board first, making the score 1-0. At the top of the third Brandon Allen, Intimidators, hit a homerun and put them up 3-0. At the end of the third the Braves had made two runs, making the score 3-2.

By the end of the sixth the score was 4-2, Intimidators still leading the way. But that was just part of the Braves game plan. With the Brave's having the last



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(Above) Northwest Georgia's Rome Braves gather on the playing field at State Mutual Stadium before their first game of the season.



(Left) Elvis Andrus stands ready and vigilant, waiting for the pitch.

chance at bat, they showed up and showed out, winning the game in the last inning, 5-6. What a great comeback.

Commenting on the team's opening game performance, Quentin Davis, Rome Braves out-

fielder, said, "It's just setting the tone for the season. We're not going to die. We're gonna keep rolling and do what we got to do."

Davis said, "I had no doubt about it. We were going to win. I mean, this team is a pretty tight

team. Most of us have been together since last year and have had a couple of spring trainings together. So nobody let anybody down. Everybody just kept everybody up so we just kind of knew we were going to win."

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Spring Fling



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A neon sign welcomes students on both campuses to the Vegas style event.



Photo by Randie Mayo
Todd Green tries his luck at the slot machines.



Photo by Mary Prickett
Students at the Cartersville campus battle it out at the Texas Hold'em table in between classes.



Photo by Mary Prickett
Student Ashley Morris (left) unwinds while playing blackjack at the Cartersville campus.



Photo by Randie Mayo
Wayne Hoffman (left) demonstrates his card magic skills at the Floyd campus.

SPRING FLING continued from page 1

A free lunch was provided for students during the event. The meal included chicken sandwiches from Chick-Fil-A and fresh coleslaw.

As students gambled, the mentalist and illusionist Wayne Hoffman shocked and awed students at his noon performance.

Hoffman's performance included tying razor blades together in his mouth, refilling an empty Coke can before the audience's eyes and reading the minds of people from the crowd.

He even correctly identified the brand, style and color of student's underwear.

Alyse Dixon, an early childhood education major from Rome said, "He really freaked me out!

I just couldn't believe what I saw."

The Spring Fling concluded with a raffle. Prizes given out included DVDs, such as the second season of CSI. This was won by Mark Nicolou, an art major from Rome.

A dart board and the grand prize, a brand new DVD player, were won by Candice Peugh, a nursing major from Rome.

Students who did not win any prizes were not left empty handed. Free t-shirts were given away at the end of the raffle.

"The event went very, very well. We received a good crowd throughout the Spring Fling," noted John Spranza, director of student life.

Spring Fling goes indoors in Cartersville

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Bad weather couldn't stop the Georgia Highlands College Cartersville campus students from giving their Vegas Style Spring Fling a big turnout on April 4.

Heath Rogers, assistant director of student life, was in a cheery spirit that the turnout would be good, despite the weather.

"We have free food, roulette, blackjack, poker and slots. No real money, but every 100 dollars in chips gets you a ticket that goes into a drawing. There's a DVD Player, T-Shirts, and a Poker Set to win." Rogers said.

"We are trying to leave everything out as long as possible," Rogers said.

Though the weather won the battle in the end and the event was moved inside, spirits were not damaged.

"The people that first got here have stayed here," Rogers said with a smile.

Wayne Hoffman wowed the crowd with his mind tricks. Students crowded into seats around Hoffman's show and most of them

stayed until the finale. Faculty also hung around and watched the Hoffman show when they weren't working the poker and blackjack tables.

Other students took advantage of the free food, while some made themselves comfortable at the blackjack and poker tables.

"I like the food," Joel Cody, general studies major, said while playing a hand of poker.

"The whole thing was different and made you want to check it out," said student Ashley Morris.

"It was pretty fun being able to play poker at school," Chase Douglas, pre-med major, said while seated comfortably at a poker table with his friends.