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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

# Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. to speak at Friday night graduation ceremony

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

Georgia Highlands College's graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 15.

The evening will start at 7 p.m. at the Forum behind Broad Street in downtown Rome.

The ceremony is typically held on Saturdays, but according to Dr. Randy Pierce, president of GHC, the Forum had a conflicting event on Saturday this year and asked the college

to hold the ceremony on Friday.

The nursing penning ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on May 14, also in the Forum.

During the graduation ceremony, there will be two highlighted events: students graduating and remarks by the guest speaker, Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.

Each year, the graduation ceremony has a guest speaker that is influential to students or to the college as a whole.

Davis is the chancellor for the University System of Georgia.

"I think it's always a great opportunity when we have him here to speak to students," said Pierce.

Since 2006, Davis has been in charge of the 35 public college and universities in Georgia. Davis maintains these colleges and their 283,000 students and 40,000 faculty and staff members, according to the Chancellor's website.

Various achievements and

awards that reflect Davis's track record are "100 Most Influential Georgians," "100 Most Influential Atlantans," "75 Most Powerful Blacks in Corporate America," "Top 50 Blacks in Technology" and "50 Most Powerful Black Executives in America." Davis also won a bronze medal in Financial World's "CEO of the Year" competition and was honored as "Black Engineer of the Year" by U.S. Black Engineer magazine.



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**Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. is selected to be this year's graduation speaker.**

## HOPE may be some students' only way to pay for tuition in tough economic times

By LaTonya Burrell  
Editor

Considering the difficult economic times, many students may be concerned about the prospect of taking out a student loan to pay for college.

"I don't want to feel like I'm in debt and have to pay the loan back," said Lynn Vaughn, an early childhood major at the Floyd campus.

"I know I'm going to take out another loan, but I'm not

concerned about it. I have never received a loan from a bank. All of my loans came from the Department of Education," said Jedonia Cooper, an early childhood major also at the Floyd campus.

While taking out a student loan from the bank may seem like the only way to pay for college, there are other options.

One way to pay for college is through the HOPE scholarship.

Students may be evaluated

for consideration for HOPE at 30, 60 and 90 hour checkpoints.

A student must have a 3.0 GPA at these checkpoints to be considered for this academic scholarship.

"It covers full tuition and any fees that were in place through the year 2000. It does not include room and board or any fees that have been added since 2001," said Todd Jones, director of admissions.

Students should be mind-

ful that HOPE ends at 127 attempted hours. This means that if a student withdraws from a class, that class will factor into the consideration for HOPE.

The first step for students who are trying to find out the best financial aid plan for them is to fill out a FAFSA form.

"FAFSA is an application for students to be screened for financial aid such as grants, loans and scholarships. It is basically the government's way of

determining what a family can afford to pay for their college education," said Jones.

The deadline to complete and send a FAFSA from is July 1 for the 2009-10 academic year.

"The best advice for students is when you get your taxes done, turn around and do your FAFSA," said Jones.

For more information about FAFSA, HOPE and various types of loans, go to [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org).

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## Food may be coming soon to GHC

By Lesley Mathis  
Staff Writer

The students at Georgia Highlands have gone a whole year without food available for them on campus, but if everything goes according to plan, they may be able to stay on school property for lunch next year.

Cynthia Parker, procurement officer at GHC, has said that she is hoping to have a request for proposals posted before the fall semester of next year.

"Once the request for proposals is posted, food service vendors of all types and sizes may present their proposal for providing food service to GHC Campuses (Floyd and Carters-

ville)," said Parker.

Following that process, Parker said that a committee of

**"It was really inconvenient to not have food on campus."**

**-Mandy Bracket Student**

staff from GHC will pick two to three of the vendors.

Later, she and Rob Whitaker, vice president of finance and Administration, will interview those companies and decide

which one would be best for the college.

"The awarded vendor will be asked to start immediately," Parker said.

Parker said that the food service at the Cartersville campus may be handled differently, and it may have a different vendor than the Floyd campus.

News of food on campus has most of the students at Georgia Highlands feeling relieved that the school could have done something sooner.

"It really was inconvenient to not have food on campus. If you get hungry between classes, there are limited options as to what you should do. I hope this new food will work out well for our school," said Mandy Bracket, a business administration major from Rome.

# Sumner witnesses capital punishment firsthand

By Will Floyd  
Staff Writer

In any line of work, a person can occasionally be asked to go beyond the call of duty and do something that can be described as “not in the job description.” For Dr. Greg Sumner, associate professor of criminal justice at Georgia Highlands, being asked to view a capital punishment execution was one of those things.

Shortly before midnight on May 30, 1986, Robert Newland, a resident of St. Simon's Island on the coast of Georgia, approached his neighbor and friend Carol Beatty and tried to solicit sex. Beatty refused, and Newland attacked her. Within a day, Beatty was dead from blood loss, and Newland was

charged with murder.

After being convicted and on death row for 23 years, Newland was executed by lethal injection last month at Jackson State Prison, an hour south of Atlanta. Sumner was in attendance at that execution.

When Sumner was asked to act as a state's witness for the execution of Newland, he had mixed feelings about the situation. He said, “I was honored because I knew that very few people get asked to serve as a state's witness. At the same time, though, I couldn't say, ‘Let's celebrate’ because someone is going to die. You're almost honored on one side, but then on the other side, for what?”

Although being asked to serve as a witness came as a

surprise, Sumner assumes that it was because of his contacts at the state level after a career in law enforcement.

As for the experience, Sumner said that he approached it as an opportunity to expand his knowledge and pass that on to his students at GHC.

He said, “It was an educational experience. I took it as an opportunity to educate myself. I wanted to show a whole different layer to my students. They can now clearly have this picture in their mind of what really happens and form their own informed decisions.”

Although the whole experience was a very new one for Sumner, the only thing that surprised him in particular was the level of security. “It was very serious,” he said.



Photo by Jordan Penson

**Dr. Greg Sumner, sitting in his office, recalls his experience as a state's witness for the execution of Robert Newland, a convicted murderer.**



Photo by Jordan Penson

**Spranza holds his award.**

## Spranza brings home 2009 adviser of the year award

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Out of 200 college advisers in competition, John Spranza, director of student life, won the 2009 Adviser of the Year Award given by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA).

Each year, since its founding in 1994, the APCA has given awards to entertainers and

performers who perform on campuses and to advisers and members of the association.

Members of the association are nominated by one another and are voted on by everyone in the committee.

This year, Spranza was one of four finalists to find themselves close to the Adviser of the Year Award.

The conference, which was held in Atlanta, allows enter-

tainers who are eager to start performing from college to college a chance to show what they can do.

Spranza said it's exhausting going all day, but he got to see all the performers and comedians “do their thing.”

Spranza wasn't the only one from GHC to attend the conference; seven students attended as well.

“The APCA offers students

leadership development, different campus activities to look into and student promotional tips,” said Spranza.

On the final night of its conference, the APCA held its annual award night, and Spranza was presented the 2009 advisor of the year award.

“I'm not sure who nominated me, but it's always good to be recognized for the work that you do,” Spranza said.

## GHC's nursing program has high enrollment and even higher test scores

By Sean Jepson  
Staff Writer

When the Georgia Board of Nursing reviewed GHC's nursing program as part of the reaccreditation process this academic year, its exit report stated 14 commendations and one recommendation.

“One of the commendations was on our quality of tests,” said Rebecca Maddox, associate professor of nursing. “It is important that our test standards are high to ensure our graduating students can pass the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX).”

“The one recommendation was about physical space,” said Maddox. “Our classes are

big, and Heritage Hall has limited space, but we are looking into this.”

Maddox said the nursing program's success is attributed to the reputation of its graduates. Between 2004-2007, GHC graduates had an average

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**-Dr. Barbara Rees**

pass rate of 91 percent on the NCLEX.

Georgia Highlands attracts a large body of students to its nursing program. In the fall of 2008, more than one out of five new students indicated an interest in nursing. Approximately three students apply directly to the program for every one slot available.

“There is a big shortage of nurses and we have seen an increase in enrollment,” said Dr. Barbara Rees, director of nursing.

“I have students who travel more than an hour to be here,” said Maddox.

Rees said even with budget cuts and a high demand for nurses, the program will not lower its standards. Despite high competition and standards, GHC's nursing program has a high retention rate. “Nationwide retention rate is about 50 percent. GHC has a 75 percent retention rate,” said Rees.

All new students in the program are required to attend a workshop to help them achieve success.

Students are then assigned a faculty mentor to assist in tracking their progress.

Donna Flemister, first year nursing student, enjoys the program at GHC.

“The instructors are knowledgeable, efficient in respond-

ing to questions and are willing to go the extra mile for their students.”

Flemister said she investigated several schools before enrolling at GHC.

“When I called around, GHC just stood out. They weren't rushing me. Instead they were helpful, supportive and encouraging. I would recommend this school to anybody,” said Flemister.

Recently, the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission sent GHC its maximum accreditation approval of eight years.

Rees says that the Georgia Board of Nursing is expected to present its formal report of the site visit in May.

# Progress being made toward opening new GHC sites

By LaTonya Burrell  
Editor

Paulding County has given the Board of Regents the Winn and Bagby buildings to be used by Georgia Highlands College as it opens its new site in downtown Dallas in the fall.

While the Douglas County site will be in Douglasville, a location for the building has yet to be determined. Dr. Renva Watterson, vice president of academic affairs, says, "It may be another week or two before we can give a definite location."

Watterson also says that for now, classes offered will consist of basic first-year courses only. "Our charge from the Board of Regents is to test the demand of the area," she said.

While science courses will not be offered in the fall, Watterson says that the "plan is to add geology in the spring."

Accommodations will be made for full and part-time

faculty, but it has yet to be determined if instructors will be based at the sites.

Each site will have a three-member team consisting of a director of site operations, administrative secretary and student services specialist.

Related to the opening of the new sites, GHC will be ending its Accelerated Transfer Program (ATP) which provided learning support and other classes for students planning to enroll at West Georgia.

Dr. Diane Langston, division chair of academic support, says that even though the program is closing down, GHC will still be able to serve the types of students who made use of the program in the past.

"Service offerings for the students will be more appropriate and complete at Douglas and a person can complete an entire associate's degree when he or she was unable to for the ATP program," said Langston.



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## Health Department furloughed; are hospitals going to be next?

America is in the middle of a great fiscal fiasco.

If you do not agree with this statement, maybe you should get a job so you can understand the value of a dollar. That being said, it is baffling how many people are being so apathetic about our country's current economic situation.

If you have noticed that your wallet is thinning, well that is because Lady Liberty's pocketbook is thinning, too.

It seems as if everyone today is nervous to see if a pink slip is waiting for them when they get to work, or when payday arrives, if it is their last one.

Everyone is feeling pressure, despite what color collars they wear. Blue

and white collars alike are being laid off from their jobs, their hours are being cut drastically and certain work-dates are being furloughed.

Just the other day, a member of the Six Mile Post staff walked into the Rome City Health Department and approached the reception desk. As he approached, he noticed a sheet of a paper with a long list of dates that the Health Department is being furloughed on.

After this, the man behind the reception desk at the Health Department remarked that indeed they were being furloughed and not even by the state, but by the city so that the city can finish the parking deck

in downtown Rome.

It is unsure about the factuality of the Health Department's statement, but if that is the case, hopefully the city commissioners do not contract smallpox. Are parking spaces really more important than our health?

This is not the right direction that America needs to be taking. Priorities are warped and tainted. People caring about the first lady putting her arm around the Queen of England and not the President's economic policies is what is digging America into a financial grave.

Something needs to be done now, and it starts with recognizing our country's economic state.

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## Keep your head high at the end of the spring semester

I have been a terrible person. With the balancing act of maintaining good grades, turning assignment in on time and trying to make pockets of time to study, I have neglected to take care of one person that means the most to me: myself.

It has been so difficult to scrape out and find motivation when it feels like everything is caving in on you. It feels as though life is not what it seems and that I may need to change course direction.

It is moments like this, however, that I have to remind myself and others that it's really not that bad. It is so easy to think of all the things that you cannot do or what you do

not have. It is even easier to focus on the gray clouds. One must remind himself or herself that even in gray clouds, the sun is always shining.

If you have the desire to succeed and take every opportunity to do so; you will be successful. Sure, there will be challenges along the way, but the obstacles are put there to see how bad you want your

goal.

I ask students to keep this in mind while the school year is coming to a close. Final exams are right around the corner. Now is not the time to buckle under pressure. Instead, hold your head high and find the fortitude within yourself to persevere. You will reap the rewards by having a wonderful summer.



### Editor's Box

**LaTonya Burrell**  
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## Voice of Reason

James Swift  
Staff Writer

### Finality

The prospect of recollection is always a difficult road to traverse. As this is my final article for this institute, I have nary an option but to reminisce over the last two years and the influence the establishment has made on both my character and future navigation.

I must state that I was indelibly tempted to pen a "clincher" piece for my last hurrah, a definitive editorial that would rouse the collegiate newspaper rankings of whichever school I was to enroll in next--an incendiary, revelatory article that would boost my academic "free

agency" stature.

As I began to dwell on my tenure at Georgia Highlands College, something rather peculiar occurred to me. Despite the sundry advances and progressions the interlinking of my previous endeavors has accrued, I do not view my last two years as a cohesive, collaborative session. Rather, my ultimate reminiscence of GHC is a string of uncorrelated, fleeting moments.

Trembling as I read my 4.5 essay aloud in Jarmon's class. Mugleston inviting me into his office and delivering unto me a delicious breaded snack that his wife had prepared. The one

time that health nut girl from communications class sat down beside Elizabeth and me at a Mexican eatery. Meeting Dan, Josh and Micah on the last day of school and subsequently imbibing lukewarm, expired soda in the parking lot. Walking around the perimeter of the park with Ansley on all those Sunday afternoons. "Corporate Prom." The kindly, elder Nigerian student who told me to never give up. "Sometimes, you just get tired of saying 'next season.'" Dominic, with tears in his eyes, coming to me for comfort. Nichols and McKinney allotting me that same placation. Seeing a special person for

the first time in the lobby and knowing that my life wouldn't be the same afterward.

Within that hodgepodge of nostalgia, I suppose I have discovered a veritable, universal answer. Was my stay at Georgia Highlands worth it?

Up to this juncture in my existence, have I made satisfactory progression? Did I make the proper selection by foregoing that initial tendency toward an inflammatory send-off? If I had to do it all over again, would I pursue alternative outlets?

In summation, the solution is oh-so readily apparent:

"I did the right thing."

## Procrastination always has its place

When we know there's something else that needs to be done, something that is probably far more important than what we are currently doing, why do we put it off until the last minute?

There are those who feel they do their best under stress, and though in some cases it may be true, is it worth putting yourself under the tension and constant worry?

I know there are countless times when I find myself hours away from a deadline or test and have yet to begin.

Instead, I will be catching

up on T.V. or constantly checking my Facebook for any notifications. Procrastination can be deadly.

But when else are we supposed to find the time to do things? While we are procrastinating is when we remember things we should have done months ago or finally clean out that closet we've been looking at for forever.

Procrastination invites people to seek and explore new things and areas they have never discovered. Or perhaps causes one to accomplish a goal

he or she has been attempting and to feel that the appropriate timing is the night before a paper is due.

Procrastination can also bring in situations that will actually assist in the completion of an assignment. It is room for open thinking and diverse possibilities. In other words, procrastination can be looked at as a stress reliever.

So far I've caught up on "The Office," finally beat Spider Solitaire on medium and now know what a "Twitter" does, all before finishing this assignment. Not

## Something to think about



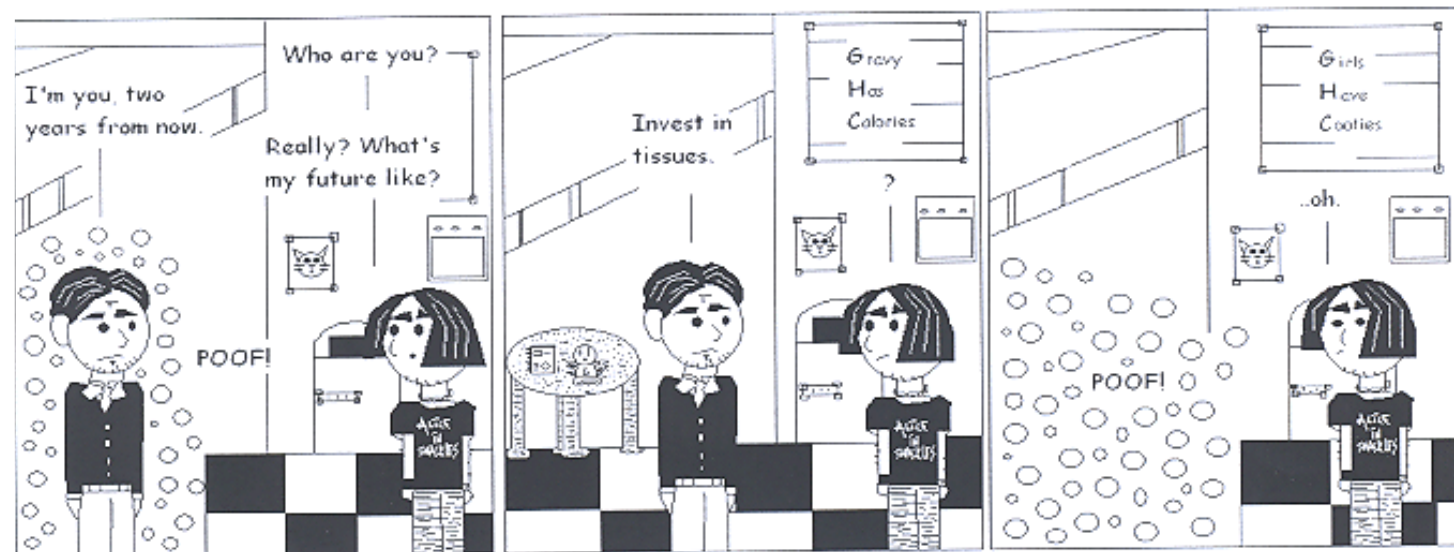
Sana Hamid is a sophomore at the Marietta site and plans to major in biology with a minor in journalism.

life-long ambitions I've been trying to reach for some time, but things I probably would have never done on any other day.

School and work are areas where procrastination can really get the best of a person.

And with the semester winding down, procrastination is screaming at us. So when there is a major project coming up, instead of breaking down, procrastination might be just what you need to relieve that stress.

## The Two Year College Student Discovers Time Travel



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**From left: Hanna Yu and Sana Hamid**  
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**The Six Mile Post staff would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer!**

# Former reality star discusses Islamic perception with GHC students

By Lesley Mathis  
Staff Writer

Parisa Montazaran, a former cast member of MTV's "The Real World," spoke at Heritage Hall on March 25 about the perceptions of Islam in America.

Montazaran was in the nineteenth season of "The Real World" in 2007. During her stay in the house, she was worried about how her roommates would react to the fact that she was a Muslim.

"I was kind of scared because there were no other minorities in the house besides me. I didn't know how the others would react to my religion. Instead of stereotyping, though, I found that my roommates didn't even want to

discuss my religion. They didn't even care. That almost hurt more than the judgment I thought they would send," said Montazaran.

Because of the indifference of her cast mates, Montazaran decided to educate America on the truths of Islam.

Montazaran's lecture focused mainly on the way Islam is portrayed in the media. She believes that when most people hear certain terms dealing with the religion, they immediately associate those words with violence and war. Montazaran wanted the audience to learn that Islam is a very peaceful religion with some extremists that give other Muslims a bad name.

Students from Georgia High-

lands who attended Montazaran's talk were surprised when they learned so much from the former reality star.

Schylur Solomon, a psychology major from Rome, said, "As a fan of 'The Real World,' I was ecstatic that a cast member was coming. I went in expecting juicy tid bits from the show, but was actually surprised to learn some sweet information on Muslims and Muslim life. I got to learn how the Sunnis and the Shiites originally became divided."

"I enjoyed having Parisa come to Heritage Hall," said David Echeverria, an art major from Trion. "She did a good job expressing how Muslims deal with the terrorist stereotype."



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Parisa Montazaran (right) stands with Schylur Solomon after her lecture on Islamic perceptions.

## GHC student and HSA vice president raises awareness for DREAM Act

By Eric Benavidez  
Staff Writer

Orlando Ramos arrived in the United States when he was only three years old.

He nearly lost his life crossing the Rio Grande. He has lived in this country ever since, keeping his grades up, working part-time and pursuing a higher degree towards a good career. He became a United States citizen at 17.

Ramos is currently the vice president of the Hispanic Student Association (HSA) at Georgia Highlands College. He is also a supporter of the DREAM Act.

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors

(DREAM) Act was recently reintroduced to Congress and has bipartisan support, although it has failed to pass since its original introduction in 2001.

The DREAM Act would give undocumented students a temporary legal status while they complete at least two years of higher education or in exchange for military service. Its main purpose is to make them eligible for financial aid so they can actually afford a higher education and be able to join the professional workforce. Under the current laws, undocumented immigrants cannot legally work, even with a college degree.

According to dreamact.info, the website for the proposed



Orlando Ramos

piece of federal legislation, 65,000 students a year will not have the opportunity to pursue their dreams "because they bear the inherited title of undocumented immigrant."

The website also allows one to see which senators sup-

port the DREAM Act. Currently both Georgia senators, Saxby Chambliss (R) and Johnny Isakson (R), oppose the DREAM Act.

When contacted about the proposed legislation, Sen. Chambliss responded by email, saying, "This legislation would have allowed illegal aliens to receive post-secondary educational benefits from the state in which they reside and would have adjusted an illegal alien's status to permanent legal resident status as long as they entered the United States before their sixteenth birthday and have been in the country for at least 5 years." He also added that he will continue to "not support" any similar legis-

lation.

"Undocumented immigrant students are the ones with potential. Not passing the DREAM Act is like saying we don't have the drive and motivation to succeed," said Ramos.

"My major is physical therapy. I want to help people get back on their feet. Of course, I'll help out the Latino community because I'm bilingual, but in general it does not really matter; I'm an American citizen. You can't be in the United States and not love this country. Many Latinos take that for granted, but you gotta be thankful, and if you are not, then you are just as ignorant as the people who oppose immigration," Ramos said.

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### Tyler Ashley's "Dream Under Trees"

Winner of IC@GHC  
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## Boxerman wins national award for logo design

By Chiara VanTubbergen  
Staff Writer

Patti Boxerman, art editor for the Old Red Kimono, is the brains behind the new Psi Beta/Psi Chi "Building Bonds" logo.

Not a member of either society, Boxerman felt inspired to participate in the "Building Bonds" logo contest anyway. "It began as a class project," Boxerman stated. "Then I was informed about the contest."

The contest was sponsored by the Psi Beta and Psi Chi national psychology honor societies. Its purpose was to create a unique logo for an award honoring Ruth Hubbard Cousins, an individual who made significant contributions to both honor societies.

"Community, scholarship, research, leadership and community service were the things



Boxerman's winning logo

they wanted included in the logo. So I linked them all together," said Boxerman, referring to the links on her design.

Boxerman worked for hours on end, through multiple stages of art, to achieve the design she imagined.

When she found out that her design had been chosen as the winner in the logo contest,

she was surprised.

"I thought it was great!" Boxerman said.

Now, almost a year later, her design will be engraved onto two-inch medallions, which are to be presented to honored students at awards night.

Boxerman has already earned a visual communications degree from Georgia Highlands and North Metro Tech and has returned now as an art major.

"It's not every day that someone from Georgia Highlands wins a national award. I'm glad Patti is being recognized for her work," said Dr. Nancy Applegate, Old Red Kimono adviser.

The GHC chapter was awarded \$100, and Boxerman was awarded with a certificate of recognition and received an "A" on her class project.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Patti Boxerman stands with her award winning design that will be used as the logo for medallions at awards night.

## Old Red Kimono to be unveiled Tuesday and Wednesday

By Smith Holder  
Staff Writer

This week the Old Red Kimono, GHC's oldest publication, will be unveiled in its newest edition.

According to ORK adviser, Dr. Nancy Applegate of the Floyd campus, two receptions are scheduled to take place.

One will be on the Floyd campus on Tuesday, April 21, in the Tower View Dining Room from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The second reception will be held at the Cartersville campus on Wednesday, April 22, in the library at 12:15 p.m.

At both receptions, there will be food as well as a cake that recreates this year's art cover, a '60s-'70s themed cover drawn by Patti Boxerman, the

art editor for the ORK.

In addition, Applegate has stated that writers will have the chance to read their work and artists will be able to discuss theirs.

Some notable entries include submissions from classes taught by Dr. Jon Hershey of the Floyd campus and Jesse Bishop, also an ORK adviser, of the Cartersville campus as well as poetry from new faculty member Melissa Keith, who teaches English on the Cartersville campus.

Other submissions include a poem by frequent contributor Larry Stephens, librarian at the Floyd campus.

Also, the 2009 edition will contain more artwork and a different layout from last year, Applegate said.



Photo by Tyler Ashley

ORK literary editor Amanda Stegall (left) looks over submissions with Dr. Nancy Applegate, ORK adviser.

### Old Red Kimono Unveiling:

\* Floyd campus:

When: Tuesday, April 21, 12:15 p.m.

Where: Tower View Dining Room

\* Cartersville campus:

When: Wednesday, April 22, 12:15 p.m.

Where: Library

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**Chris Bruno (above) plays the electric guitar in the band Lloyd Dobler Effect. To the right, students enjoy the fast-paced adrenaline rush of Dance Dance Revolution.**

# **GHC's Spring**

**By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor**

Free barbecue catered by Backyard BBQ, various booths sponsored by GHC clubs, a portable recording studio through Coyote on Campus and a live band--the Lloyd Dobler Effect--highlighted this year's Spring Fling.

The annual festivities took place at the Floyd campus on April 13 and at the Cartersville campus on April 14.

"Spring Fling is fantastic. There's great food, fun company and good music," said Leah Barton, general studies major from Rome.

The main event was when the amplifiers were turned up and the Lloyd Dobler Effect took stage to bring a great show to GHC students.

"The band was a good choice. They will definitely be on my iPod when I get home," said Allan Cole, psychology major from Rome.

Phil Kominski, vocalist and guitarist for the Lloyd Dobler Effect, explained that they love to play at colleges because students really get into their act. "Most schools are great to play at. They really get our name out there, and there is a good turnout," said Kominski.

"Spring Fling participation was a little down



Photo by Jordan Penson

# 2009 Fling



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Students sit and enjoy the BBQ lunch while listening to music.

at the Floyd campus this year compared to previous years, and I will attribute a lot of that to weather and change of location,” said John Spranza, director of student life. “Despite that, the event was a lot of fun. The Lloyd Dobler Effect is an awesome band.”

Although Spring Fling events had to be moved inside at Cartersville as well, attendance was up compared to last year.

Spring Fling was the last major entertainment event sponsored by the Office of Student Life for this academic year, but activities will resume in the fall semester.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Ashleigh Woodall (left) and Cera Nealey chat beside the recording studio set up at this year's Spring Fling.



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Phil Kominski is the lead singer of the band Lloyd Dobler Effect.

This year's Cartersville Spring Fling Pictures can be found online at [sixmilepost.com](http://sixmilepost.com) *i*

## Rock is more than decoration

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Between the Walraven Building and the gym, there is a large boulder that students walk by daily without even noticing.

Believe it or not, there's a story behind this rock.

The rock came from the now closed Florida Rock Quarry on Redmond Road.

"We used to take field trips to the quarry, and the plant manager donated it and had it delivered to campus in a dump

truck," said Billy Morris, associate professor of geology.

Morris said that the rock is a piece of limestone that holds a few fossils in it.

"There are quite a few fossils in it from the Mississippian Period of geologic history. The fossils indicate that this area was covered by an ocean at that time, relatively shallow, with warm, clear water-probably a lot like the Bahamas or Florida Keys today," said Morris.

However, the large donated boulder is not just decoration on the campus. Professors and

students use the rock for geology and physics classes.

"I use it in my geology courses, and the physics students use it as well to calculate its weight by first determining its density from a small piece and then measuring its volume, then solving for weight with a simple calculation," said Morris.

Morris encourages Georgia Highlands faculty, staff and students to inspect the massive rock for its beauty and for the many fossils that can be found on its surface.



Photo by Jordan Penson

The large rock that sits between the Walraven Building and the gym was donated by Florida Rock Quarry.

## DISCOVER Program may direct GHC students to various careers

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Sometimes students just don't have any idea about what career they want to have. Some of us think we know but are still not completely sure. The DISCOVER Program may just help students to figure things out.

The DISCOVER test offers several tools to help pinpoint and focus on what it is students are most interested in, skilled in and want in an occupation.

Recently, I went to the Student Support Services Office at GHC. The office is located down the hall from the Admissions Office. To take the test, I had to sign up in advance.



Photo by Tyler Ashley

Nick Godfrey (left) takes the DISCOVER test as Christin Perry-Michalik assists.

After signing up, I received a little card with my date and time on it. The next step was easy... Go at the appointed time.

There were a few paper work details I had to do before

taking the test. Since I had not been in the Student Support Services Office before, I had to fill out an information form.

Christin Perry-Michalik then helped me log onto the DISCOVER system and get

started using the college's login username.

There are three tests that help form the results. One deals with interests, one with skills and the final test asks about workplace wants, such as inside or outside.

After the tests are complete, students can review their results on a final page. Occupations are arranged in order according to the test results.

I have to say that when I took the test, I found that the end results for jobs for me to consider were not like anything I've ever wanted to do. My top results were Doctor/Medicine and Engineering.

However, the more I ventured through the program the

more useful tools I found. Students can look up just about any job and see all the information on that occupation, such as salary, hours, details and what kind of degree is needed for the particular job.

If a student finds a job he or she is interested in, the student can click on the degrees in that field, from the lowest degree to the highest, and then can find schools in Georgia as well as in any state that offers those specific degrees.

All in all, the DISCOVER test is a better informational tool than occupation locator, but really I don't believe that there is a test out there that can tell a person exactly what he or she wants to do.

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## Green Highlands and Phi Theta Kappa join to help clean up the environment

By Chiara VanTubbergen  
Staff Writer

Green Highlands and Phi Theta Kappa are teaming up to make "being green" a little easier. With Earth Day just around the corner, these two organizations have worked hard to ensure the beauty of the GHC campuses and are planning even more events to help GHC "go green."

Devan Mize Rediger, Biology Lab Coordinator at the Cartersville campus, stated, "It's Green Highlands' mission to provide an organization where ecological sustainability, social justice, peace and individual well-being is the emphasis."

According to Rediger, Green Highlands and PTK worked with Keep Bartow Beautiful last year to place approximately 15 recycle bins around the Cartersville campus, encouraging the recycling of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and office paper. Green Highlands is also planning a community garden, an opportunity for interested students to get involved during the summer months.

Green Highlands' members

Sandra Miron and Keri Moncrief, along with advisers Libby Gore and Devan Rediger, spent their spring break on a "Spring Green" Service Trip to South Georgia. They transplanted around 300 plants, received instruction in agriculture business management, cleaned up 1.5 miles of a county road and investigated the local recycling center and the progress of the area's recycling program.

"It was a very beneficial trip for the students and our Mother Earth," said Rediger. "The students were able to learn via 'hands on' activities and were able to give back to this beautiful planet!"

On April 4, Green Highlands and PTK sponsored the Gene Thacker Memorial Clean-Up in Cartersville. Over 100 adults and children rallied together to collect trash around various areas of Cartersville such as Walmart, Big Lots, The Hope Center and along Highway 20.

"Each year we have promoted and facilitated the recycling of collected material during the event along with providing educational material to the

participants. When people are properly educated, they are able to make better choices. Better choices result in a better environment!" explained Rediger.

Rachel Thrash, of Bartow County, said, "My expectations are to clean up as much trash as we can and maybe others will see us out there cleaning and get motivated to clean too—or stop throwing trash around."

During GHC's Spring Fling, Green Highlands has planned to promote educational material, host an "all natural" musical art booth and release their new reusable shopping totes, available on a first come, first served basis at one dollar per tote.

The idea to dedicate a day to our planet first began in 1963 when former Senator Gaylord Nelson began to worry about the earth. He wondered why more people weren't attempting to help keep it from becoming dirtier. In 1969, the idea came to Senator Nelson to designate a special day to teach everyone about the things that needed to change in order to save the environment. Earth



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**Rachel Thrash participates in the Gene Thacker Memorial Clean-Up sponsored by Green Highlands and PTK.**

Day, as a holiday, was first celebrated on April 22, 1970. People all over the nation pledged

to help the environment. Since then, Earth Day has spread all over the world.

## What would you do with your last \$100?

By Hanna Yu  
Staff Writer

With the economy suffering, the art of penny-pinching is crucial. I went around and surveyed random people about what they would buy if they had \$100. They immediately answered with various objects of teenage decadence.

However, when I clarified it was to be their last \$100, they pondered on the thought of such limited amount of money and reflected on what was absolutely essential to life. Most people agreed that food, shelter and transportation are ultimately what life revolves around.

I asked a regular customer at Mellow Mushroom what he would do if he was down to his last \$100, and he jokingly retorted, "I'm down to a \$100

every month!" He laughs as he continues to gorge on his pizza. However, some people have a difficulty grasping the concept of a life with such limited means.

Society puts money on the modern American's hierarchy of needs. By being frugal, we must let go of certain luxuries that we pamper ourselves with; some of these indulgences include tanning beds, manicures, hair salons, restaurants and even overpriced stores like Abercrombie.

If this hypothetical question about "the last \$100" came true, people would be quick to forget the popular name brands and focus on things that have reasonable prices.

This holds true not only with clothing, but with grocery items as well.

People tend to buy national brands instead of store brands. Some people only buy Tropicana instead of the store brand orange juice. This example can also be considered as a "luxury."

One item people had a hard time categorizing as either a necessity or a luxury was the cell phone. Have we become a society completely dependent on cell phones? Have we become dependent on gas for our cars? The thought of being down the last \$100 seems to frighten people.

It is almost as though people confuse limited money with the apocalypse, similar to how people confuse money with happiness. Yet, despite all the confusion, the one thing that remains clear is the fact that the age of materialism is dead.

### Brief list of bargain websites

Bargains are still available, and a great way to find them is through the Internet. Below is a brief list of websites where bargain prices can be found.

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## Chef Ramsay cleans up kitchen nightmares

### TV Review

By Zac Bodkin  
Staff Writer

Many restaurants are run with great expertise and are in excellent condition within the United States.

Then, there are those few restaurants that are in need of some serious help with many, if not all, aspects of a successful food service industry business.

This is when Gordon Ramsay, world-class chef, investigates and turns a restaurant from a state of devastation to a successful "five star" dining experience.

Originally airing on BBC, and now on Fox, "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares" is a foray into the haunting realization of some of America's most disgusting and dysfunctional privately owned restaurants.

In this television reality show, restaurants apply to be

featured for an on-air restaurant makeover with the direction and guidance of Ramsay.

In each episode the owners, chefs, wait-staff and hosts are first shown in their normal everyday business atmosphere.

It is not long after that television viewers see the "real" action that happens behind the order pick-up window, and Ramsay bravely steps into a harsh and sometimes difficult atmosphere that he will soon have to manage, rework and correct.

Throughout this hour-long program, Ramsay will make basic changes to the restaurant by cleaning the restaurant, remodeling the interior design, correcting worker incompetence and relation problems and much more.

After this basic change, Ramsay will reopen the restaurant for a second grand opening.

During this segment of the

show, Ramsay will be on the side aiding the restaurant staff with what needs to be done more effectively, while also looking around to see how the customers react to the changes in the restaurant.

After the second grand opening, Ramsay will work on other problems he saw in the restaurant before bidding his farewells.

In the end, a round of compliments is also common from the restaurant staff about how much Chef Ramsay has helped and "turned the place around."

"Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares" is one of those high intensity shows that viewers will continue to watch every time it comes on.

This television show is rated TV-MA for language. Viewers can tune into "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares" on Fox on Thursdays at 9 p.m. and BBC America on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

## Point Break: 100% adrenaline rush

### Movie Review

By Colin Poe  
Staff Writer

fund their "endless summer" of surfing and partying.

What characterizes the best wave shredding, bad guy pounding and bank robbing movie? That answer is the 1991 action film "Point Break," starring Patrick Swayze and Keanu Reeves in a cat-and-mouse portrayal.

The movie takes place in Los Angeles, where Johnny Utah, Reeves, an all-American quarterback now turned FBI agent, is put on a case of "The ex-presidents," a group of surfers who don masks when they rob banks in order to



This film has much of what a high intensity action film should have: hair raising gun fights, gut wrenching car chases and super massive explosions. This movie has got it all!

You may think the special effects are not prevalent throughout the movie, but rather the director went with a more au-

thentic mentality, sparing no expense to get that action-packed-thriller feel that everyone seems to crave.

All in all, the movie receives six out of five stars. This film is truly 100 percent adrenaline!

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# Students to be recognized at Honors Assembly

The 37th annual Georgia Highlands College Honors Assembly will be held Friday, May 1, 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.

## Academic Awards

The Business Merit Award will go to **Kathryn S. Eley**. 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 **Julie Forman Ogle** for the highest combined GPA in Accounting 2101 and 2102.

**William Bishop** will receive the Excellence in Biological Sciences award which recognizes outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of biology and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological science courses and who has a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The Excellence in Health Sciences Award recognizes students pursuing careers in the allied health field while demonstrating academic excellence. Winners are **Michael Crouse, Teresa Pavlicek, and Brandi Nelson**.

**Ahron Choi, Joshua David Grizzle, and James**

**Larry Culberson** will receive the CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award presented by Taylor & Francis Group, LLC in recognition of outstanding achievement in chemistry.

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. **Shannon Williams** will receive this award.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to students who have demonstrated excellence in writing ability, personal interest in literature and a minimum GPA of 3.0, will be given to **Jordan Reece Thompson**.

**Matthew Stone** 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.

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

## Nursing Awards

**Christine Ali** will receive the Excellence in Bedside Care, for excellence in bedside care as identified by the nursing faculty.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Tara Lor-**

**raine James**. This award is for a freshman nursing student, Floyd County resident, who has potential for exemplary professional service.

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

**Stephanie Stanley** 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 standard of nursing care. **Jennifer Gandia** will receive this award.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award goes to **Kelly Ann Borowski** for having the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average by a nursing student.

## Special Recognition

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. **Christopher Godwin** will receive this award.

**Anthony Donaldson** is the recipient of GHAME Student Achievement Award, which goes to a student in the Georgia Highlands African-American Male Excellence program who has demonstrated achievement

in academics and leadership during his first year at GHC.

The National Creative Society will honor a number of students for achievements in pictures, poetry, prose and performance. This year's inductees for the National Creative Society are **Charles Abend, Tyler Ashley, Caroline Atkins, Leah Barton, Eric Benavidez, Patti Boxerman, Kori Broadway, Torri Brown, Matthew Buffington, Brandon Burton, Marhonda Cunningham, Kristin Davenport, Will Floyd, Colleen Fries, Jennifer Garrett, Nick Godfrey, Sana Hamid, Hannah Hibbard, Derrick Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Lesley Mathis, Tyler McSwain, Greg Paulson, Jordan Penson, Colin Poe, Braden Ragsdale, Carrie Sanchez, Stephanie Shields, Chiara VanTubbergen, Richard Wagner, and Hanna Yu**.

The Old Red Kimono Creative Writing Awards will go to **Matthew Newton, Marhonda Cunningham and Kris Davenport**. The Old Red Kimono Art Awards will go to **Patti Boxerman, Dani Brown and Jasmine Williams**.

Georgia Senate Resolution for Academic Excellence goes to **Charlene Graham**.

## Leadership Awards

The recipient of the Library Community Leader Award, which recognizes outstanding performance to the GHC community through leadership and service to promote the mission of the college library, is **Bassel Rabah**.

Students completing the

Emerging Leaders program during the spring semester will be recognized as GHC Emerging Leaders 2009. Those students are **Lesley Mathis, Garrett Crook, Lacie Clonts, Patti Boxerman, Amanda-Ka McClain, Mignon Peek, Daisy Mercado, Teresa Parker, David Echeverria, Raul Echeverria, Sabrina Suttles, Matthew Roman, Tammy Ward and Linda Vu**.

The recipient of the Georgia Highlands College Steve Burns Service Award, which recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment and passion for serving others and contributing to the well-being of the community, will be announced at the Honors Assembly. This year's nominees are **Sandra Miron, Sarah Gibson, Bassel Rabah and Shannon Williams**.

**Daisy Mercado, Karin Graham, Matthew Roman and Courtnee Howell** are the 2008-2009 nominees for the Georgia Highlands College Spirit Award, which 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. This year's recipient will be announced at the Honors Assembly.

The recipient of the Georgia Highlands College Leadership Award, which 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, will be announced at the Honors Assembly. This year's nominees are **Sarah Gibson Little, Patti Boxerman, Terrilyn Blackstock, Bassel Rabah and Sarah Colston**.

# Clayton Jones, an instructor by day and a Mad Poet by night

By LaTonya Burrell  
Editor

Clayton Jones, instructor of English, walks into his classroom as students quickly print off and gather materials to prepare for class.

The topic of the lecture is how to approach epic poems.

Jones engages his students by giving a brief background about the author before getting into the poem and presenting audio visual material pertaining to the author.

Jones, who will soon complete his first year of teaching at GHC, wanted to stay close to home while educating students.

"I'm from Calhoun, so north-

west Georgia is my home," said Jones.

"I believe in community, and that's why I work at GHC."

Along with holding a Master's Degree of Fine Arts in Poetry, Jones is a musician and outdoorsman.

Jones is a singer and guitar player with three bands, Clayton Jones and the Mad Poets, Groundhaws and Jones True.

Jones also loves many outdoor activities. He enjoys going hunting, going fishing and golfing.

Calling himself a "foodie," Jones says he enjoys cooking with his wife, who is a chef.

Dishes that he likes to make include curried sweet potatoes, oyster stew, steak and BBQ.



Photo by LaTonya Burrell

**ABOVE: Clayton Jones jams with his band the Mad Poets.**

**RIGHT: Jones teaches his English class at Georgia Highlands.**



Photo by Jordan Penson

## Great restaurant for a great price, great taste and more

By Gwen Hennessee  
Staff Writer

Searching for a place to eat can be a daunting task, especially if you have someone eating with you.

Whether it is for lunch or dinner, Dragon Garden Chinese Restaurant located at 548 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. in Cartersville is the way to go.

The restaurant looks fantastic, and the inside is clean and harmoniously decorated. The music in the background and the realistic Chinese décor provide a relaxing feel. Hot tea can be ordered to add to the ambiance of the dining experience.

The service is friendly, prompt and efficient. The staff is knowledgeable, attentive and does everything possible to ensure a pleasant dining experi-

ence.

The ratio between the price and the portions plated is very reasonable, and the menu has every type of Chinese Food imaginable.

The sweet and sour chicken with hot and sour soup is a favorite among diners. The lunch menu is abundant with good values for the smart economic diner, making it a weekly favorite.

The food itself is excellent. Always served freshly cooked and warm, the flavor is tantalizing.

The sauces and entrée dishes are different and authentic.

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# McDaniel wins Six Mile Post Ping-Pong Tourney

**By Nick Godfrey**  
Assistant Editor

Jonathan McDaniel beat Tyler Ashley, winning a two-game shut out 21-11 and 21-18 in Six Mile Post's first ever ping-pong tournament finale, after a long season of ping-pong tournament battles.

The trash-talking started almost as soon as McDaniel and Ashley started playing.

"You know, you can't serve like that; it's against the rules," McDaniel said.

"You can't use that paddle," Ashley replied.

The first game almost ended with a skunk victory, 7-0, but Ashley was able to nab the seventh point.

McDaniel seemed frustrated by what he called "the seventh point curse," after having almost skunked Ashley.

The two went back and forth for a while on points until McDaniel pulled away with the win.

In the second game, Ashley and McDaniel were closer in

points, but McDaniel was able to pull away with the victory, 21-18.

"He's a big boy with mighty strength," said Ashley after his defeat.

"Ping-pong is 90 percent mental and 10 percent strength... God knows it ain't speed," McDaniel commented on his victory.

McDaniel will be recognized as this year's first annual Six Mile Post Ping-Pong Tournament winner with an engraved trophy.



Photo by Nick Godfrey

**Jonathan McDaniel (left) and Tyler Ashley battle it out for the SMP ping-pong championship.**

## GHC student trains for boxing while he makes plans for a professional career

**By Eric Benavidez**  
Staff Writer

Training hard for at least five to six days a week, sparring against more experienced opponents and going through intense workouts at the Royz Boyz Boxing and Fitness Gym in Cave Spring is nothing new to Devin Chidsey, psychology major at Floyd campus.

**"Boxing is something I was always interested in"**

**-Devin Chidsey**  
Student

This is just part of his regular routine.

Chidsey has been boxing since October of last year, and it was not just a spur-of-the-moment thing. When asked about his passion for the sport, Chidsey said, "Boxing was something I was always interested in, ever since I was a little kid. I've always been drawn to exciting sports and boxing to me is at the top of the list."

Boxing is a very physical and demanding sport and in order to stay in shape, Chidsey goes through rigorous training



Photo by Tyler Ashley

**Devin Chidsey works a punching bag during training.**

and strict discipline. He stays away from alcohol, smoking and limits the amount of fatty foods he consumes.

As for his typical workout, it usually begins with him jumping rope or shadow boxing for three rounds and then moving to the double-end bag for a couple more rounds. Medicine balls are instrumental in his workout as well, with the balls ranging from 12 to 25 pounds. Chidsey uses medicine balls for core training as well as working out his abs. Still, he prefers some equipment over the others.

"The double end bag and mace ball are my favorite things to work on. They help me develop the speed and perception

I need to counter punches," says Chidsey.

Not that taking hits is bad; he actually enjoys a good punch, especially when he challenges himself by sparring against bigger fighters.

Yet his ability to counter punch is evident as Chidsey is currently undefeated, with his first three fights going up against far more experienced boxers.

"I'm only an amateur fighter right now and if things go well during my amateur career I might think about going pro. I still want to finish college and plan on transferring to Georgia State after my two years at Highlands," says Chidsey.



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## Floyd vs. Benavidez: Will the Braves make it to the playoffs this season?



### The Extra Point

**Will Floyd**  
Staff Writer

To make things short and not so sweet, the Atlanta Braves will not be making the playoffs in 2009.

Although the Braves have done well in the off-season to increase their chances and improve the team, I believe that the National League East will be too powerful top to bottom for the Braves to possibly win either the division outright or the wildcard position for the playoffs.

The fact that the defending world series champs, the Philadelphia Phillies, are division rivals will only make things that much more difficult for the somewhat retooled Braves.

Although the Braves have added three new pitchers in World Series winner Derek Lowe, Japanese superstar Ken-shin Kawakami and Tom Glavine, the season may still prove to be disappointing for Braves fans and players alike.

I believe that the rest of the division will be far too strong over 162 games for the Braves to even have a hope of making the postseason for the first time since 2005.

With Ryan Howard, Cole Hamels and the rest of the Phillies seemingly ready to defend their title and the ever present and usually productive New York Mets in the division, the Braves should finish

third.

With Hanley Ramirez ready to carry the weight of the Florida Marlins, the Braves may even have to settle for fourth place, in front of only the lowly Washington Nationals.

I do feel that if the Braves were in another division, perhaps the NL West, they could possibly make the playoffs, and I do also feel that they've taken big steps towards making the postseason again.

I think that this year is just a little too early to hold them to such a high standard.

Give the Braves another season or two, and they should be right back in the thick of things.



### The Extra Point

**Eric Benavidez**  
Staff Writer

The other day I was thinking about how the Atlanta Braves had no chance at making the playoffs, especially since they weren't able to get a power hitting outfielder, but after talking to Anthony Roberson, Floyd campus history major and fellow sports fanatic, I realized that the Braves may actually have a shot at the playoffs, if a few things go their way.

The Braves acquired starting pitcher Derek Lowe from the LA Dodgers and built up a strong bullpen, but they need starting pitcher Tom Glavine to stay healthy and pitch a solid six innings per outing. Of

course, starting pitcher Tim Hudson returning in August just in time for the playoffs adds to their strength, and one can't forget about pitching phenom, Tommy Hanson, who seems ready to come up to the big leagues in case he is needed.

The Braves also have starting pitcher Javier Vazquez pitching at least 200 innings and hopefully getting 200 strikes like he did last year.

They need starting pitcher Jair Jurrjens to avoid the sophomore slump and for catcher Brian McCann to have an All-Star year.

Right fielder Jeff

Francoeur should have a break out year offensively after changing his swing, which, according to third baseman Chipper Jones, makes him better than ever.

Speaking of Chipper, playing at least 140-150 games for the first time in years would be a great positive for the Braves and having a solid offensive play from first baseman Casey Kotchman would be a plus for the Braves.

In all, I believe that the Braves actually have a shot this season.

Let's just hope they can trade for a power hitter before the All-Star break.

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# Steelers unable to touch Untouchables

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

Intramural basketball finished up on Wednesday, April 8, with the Steelers beating the Backwood Ballers in the semi-final game 58-26, and the Untouchables becoming the intramural 3-on-3 champions by beating the Steelers in the championship game 71-58.

The first matchup was a semi-final game to determine if the Backwood Ballers or the Steelers would face the Untouchables in the championship game. At the beginning of the game, the Backwood Ballers stayed pretty close to the Steelers, going into the half only trailing by four points 20-24, but the Steelers pulled ahead with a 58-36 win.

During the championship

game, the Steelers consistently trailed behind the Untouchables. Even though Matt Gore scored 41 points in the championship game, it was not enough to touch the Untouchables.

DeMaurius Morgan, with 27 points, and Rodney Taylor, with 38 points, were the two lead scorers for the Untouchables, and their ball control had a lot to do with their 71-58 win.

"We started as a team and we ended as a team," said Morgan.

On a bittersweet note, this was the last intramural game for Gore, who is awaiting a call to play basketball at Tennessee Temple. "Intramural basketball at GHC helped me from not getting rusty. It was a nice filler between playing at Reinhardt and hopefully at Tennessee Temple," said Gore.



Photos by Tyler Ashley

**The Untouchables (from left) Luke Allmon, Rodney Taylor, Chavez Lundy and DeMaurius Morgan are the champions of the GHC's 3-on-3 intramural championship.**



**Nick Rucker (right) tries to dribble past Rodney Taylor as Chavez Lundy (left) and Matt Gore look on.**



**Matt Gore (right) tries to jump over DeMaurius Morgan as Luke Allmon (far left) and Rodney Taylor (15) wait for a rebound.**



**DeMaurius Morgan (center) plays man-to-man defense against Matt Gore as he tries to get a pass opened up.**

## Alumni host GHC Braves night

By Smith Holder  
Staff Writer

On May 2, the GHC Alumni Association will be hosting its third annual college night at State Mutual Stadium.

According to Alison Lampkin, who works in the Floyd Campus Advancement Office, the event is a chance for GHC alumni as well as their family, friends and others to socialize

and watch the Rome Braves play ball.

There will be a dinner buffet as well as exclusive seating at Terrace Tango upstairs and drawings for door prizes.

Also, there will be a speech by Lampkin as well as introductions of the members of the Alumni and Foundation boards, Alumni of the Year (Tony Samples) and other guests.

College night begins at 5:30

p.m. Admission is \$15 for one adult and \$25 for two. Children ages 5-12 can get in for \$10 and those who are under five get in free. The deadline for purchasing tickets is April 28.

For information on purchasing tickets, contact Lampkin at ghcalumni@highlands.edu or 706-368-7772.

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### Intramural Sports Banquet



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