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GHC faculty gives Model Middle students a Fabulous Friday

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

Most days students travel throughout the halls of GHC. However, once a month those students are middle school kids participating in a program called Fabulous Fridays.

One Friday a month, middle schools send groups of students to the Floyd campus to learn a variety of subjects. The main goal of the visit is to promote continuing education to the children.

On March 26, sixth graders from Model Middle School visited the college. They began the day with an introduction to the school by Alison Lampkin, the alumni development officer. She explained the many avenues that students can take after graduating high school.

Next, the students were broken up into groups, and then they participated in one of four activities that took place throughout the afternoon. These sessions

focused on different subjects to help the kids decide what they may want to study later in life.

Most students' favorite was the physics lesson with Mark Pergrem, assistant professor of physics. In the lesson, they learned about how spinning objects act in certain situations. They also got to see what happens when different objects are placed in liquid nitrogen.

"I learned that the liquid nitrogen makes things very cold. Then you can throw them in the air and watch them break apart!" said Abby Lang, a sixth grader.

Trace Bishop, another sixth grade student, enjoyed a lesson from Scott Akemon, instructor of political science, about the value of voting.

"My favorite part was the class where they teach you to vote. I learned that everyone has to vote in order for your favorite person to actually win," Bishop said.

In the activity, two volunteers tried to convince

their group to vote for them to be the new principal. One of the candidates offered everyone laptops and iPhones, while the other focused on giving the students educational supplies.

The students made their choice, but Akemon disqualified a percentage from the original winner's votes to represent the people that do not go out and vote during real elections. That would lead to the candidate with less votes originally becoming the new winner.

Vincent Manatsa, a math instructor, gave the kids a chance to test their math skills with a Venn diagram word problem. The puzzle was not a simple task, but some of the groups were able to figure it out successfully.

Finally, the students learned about journalism jobs from Daniel Bell, the education editor at the Rome News Tribune. They learned about how newspapers are printed and the importance of online articles in today's fast-paced world.



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(Left) Associate Professor of Geology Billy Morris demonstrates different objects' properties while in motion.



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Students from Model Middle School run in clouds of liquid nitrogen covering the grounds of the Floyd campus on Friday, March 26.

GA Poet Laureate reads to GHC students

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

Georgia Poet Laureate David Bottoms shared poems about subjects ranging from his daughter's karate lessons to a big, red plastic duck at his poetry reading at the Cartersville campus on April 1.

Bottoms read at the Cartersville campus during the afternoon.

Then, he appeared at Heritage Hall in Rome later that evening in celebration of National Poetry Month.



Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

A Cartersville student looks on as Bottoms reads.

Bottoms has written quite a few books throughout his lifetime, which he was reading from at the reading.

He was also selling and autographing his most recent book, "Waltzing through the Endtime" at the reading.

Bottoms is planning on having another book out soon.

"The new book should be out in the next year. It's actually a year overdue. It will focus mostly on family things," he said.

Some of the poems that Bottoms read were "Under the Vulture Tree," which was inspired by the "jungle" that he lived in at Tallahassee and "The Desk."

It was inspired by a desk he sat in at school with his father's name carved into it. He also explained that his memories play a valuable role in his poems.

"Something will occur to me or something in the world will jar me. If you live to be nine years old, then you'll always have something to write about for as long as you live," he said.

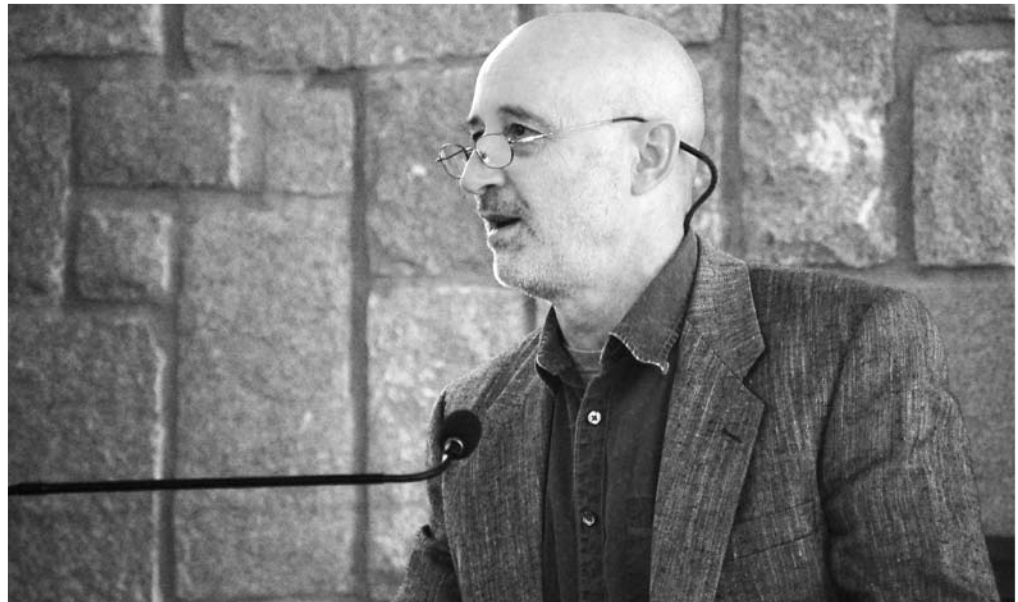


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Georgia Poet Laureate David Bottoms reads to students at Cartersville.

"I always have to give my thoughts time to gel before I can write a complete poem about them," Bottoms said.

Along with reading an assortment of poems, Bottoms also offered answers to any questions that the audience had for him.

He answered questions ranging from his family life

to his poetry style.

"Many of his poems reminded me of home because I am from the country," said Jasmine Gibson, a general studies major from Cedar-town.

"It seemed like someone from my hometown was standing up there speaking about things that I experience every day. That made

the whole reading more enjoyable," Gibson said.

"I was very moved by the poems that were read. Some of them were very deep, while others simply made me laugh out loud," said Donny Jenkins, a biology major from Rome.

"It was nice to learn about his family life from what he read," said Jenkins.

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Georgia Highlands College approved for exemption from Regents' testing

By Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

According to Laura Musselwhite, director of strategic planning, assessment, and accreditation, the Regents' Test is over for GHC as of right now.

E-mails were sent to faculty on Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31, stating that officials from the University System of Georgia had informed the college that the exemption application filed by GHC had been approved.

"Our proposal to the Regents' exemption committee showed that our presently existing assessments of student learning outcomes already assess writing and reading competence," said Diane Langston, chair of the academic support division.

GHC is the first two-year college to apply for and be approved for the exemption.

The basis of the exemption is the college's current student learning outcomes system.

"It proves that our assessment system is good enough," Musselwhite said.

GHC is the fourth USG institution to receive the exemption. The other schools—Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia and Georgia State—are four-year institutions.

If a student only lacks completing the Regents' Test, he or she will be allowed to graduate this spring. New students coming in will have Regents' holds removed from their records.

"Why did we have to take the Regents' Test and new students don't? It's not fair to those who had to take classes for failing the test and then had to re-take it. I just, personally, think it's unfair," said Ashley Phillips, Floyd campus.

Students who formerly had Regents' Test holds on their transcripts will now be able to register for classes online without having to visit an adviser to register.

With the Regents' Test no longer in place, GHC will have to assess students' reading and writing skills in some other way.

"The main thing for all students is they will have reading and writing skills from English 1101 and 1102. Reading skills are the most important component of their college careers," said Musselwhite. Basically, students who take English 1101 and 1102 with passing grades will be deemed to have demonstrated adequate reading skills to be successful in college.

Musselwhite said that some kind of specific reading assessment instrument would be implemented, but its exact nature has not been

determined. It would likely be included in the English 1102 course. This assessment will be in place by the Fall semester, and only Summer semester students will not have an assessment in place.

As a result of the discontinuing of the Regents' Test at GHC, the nursing and dental hygiene departments will have to update their admissions requirements.

"Current students who applied in March or April are still required to have taken the Regents'. Policies are still in development, and the health sciences division will decide what assessments they want their applicants to have," said Musselwhite.

Katy Loyd, a nursing major on the Floyd campus, was planning to bridge to the RN program. She was advised that if she took the Regents' Test this semester,

she would still be able to apply to the nursing program by the March 1 deadline.

Loyd found out that advice was incorrect, so now she will have to wait a whole year to apply since bridging students can only apply in March.

"I'm glad I don't have to take the Regents', but I wish the exemption had come a month or two earlier," said Loyd.

According to Renva Watterson, vice president for academic affairs, students transferring to another college who have had English 1101 and 1102 will be accepted as having had the Regents' by other University System of Georgia colleges that still require the Regents' Test.

"There is no written policy that states this as yet, but the Regents and schools are working on the policies," said Watterson.

Passport to Success shows students how to succeed

By Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

The "Passport to Success" event, held on the Floyd campus, gave students the opportunity to ask past GHC students questions and even watch a "Dress for Success" fashion show.

In 15 minute sessions, students could also participate in Managing Debt, The Balancing Act, House Buying 101 and Resume Writing.

Four GHC alumni participated in an open discussion with current Highlands students. Alumni answered questions from students about what education meant to them and where it had taken them in life.

The second mini session

was the Dress for Success fashion show that was sponsored by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC).

Examples of proper attire to wear to an interview as well as what not to wear were shown.

Models also showed students what to take to an interview like a small briefcase or a purse and instructed students not to carry their keys in their hands to the interview.

Participants in the fashion show were faculty, staff and students from GHC.

According to Cindy Wheeler, assistant professor of English and a member of GHC's chapter of AAWCC, the group is newly chartered and supports and emphasizes

the roles of women.

By co-sponsoring events such as Women's History Month and Passport to Success, the group hopes to bring attention to issues concerning women at GHC.

The GHC chapter has also recently nominated Sandra Lewis, an education major at the Cartersville campus, for a regional AAWCC award honoring future educators.

Throughout the day, representatives from Shorter College, Berry College, Jacksonville State University, Kennesaw State University, Southern Polytechnic State University and the University of West Georgia were available to talk with students about the possibilities of transferring to four-year

schools.

Brittany Krupich, a Nursing major from Cartersville, said, "I signed up to volunteer for hospice and I felt the information was really helpful."

Krupich explained that she had wanted to volunteer with hospice for a long time, but she didn't know who to contact.

She was able to begin volunteering, because the contacts were on campus at the Passport to Success event.

Students were able to pick up a passport at one table and get it stamped at each seminar.

The completed passports were entered in a drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Meredith Ginn, assistant professor of communication, models unprofessional dress and behavior for students during the "Dress for Success" fashion show.

Breakdown of complex healthcare bill

By Casey Bass
Staff Writer

The health care reform act recently signed by President Obama is an immense and complicated piece of legislation. Within the bill are massive insurance reforms, Medicare and Medicaid makeovers and a major restructuring of federal student loans. The reforms contained in the bill carry a price tag of \$940 billion over ten years, and, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO.gov), would decrease the deficit by \$143 billion in the first ten years.

Insurance Reform

One of the main focuses of reform was the exclusion of persons from health insurance coverage due to preexisting conditions.

The bill makes it illegal for providers to deny coverage to anyone based on a preexisting condition. The implementation of this reform is two-fold. Insurance companies have six months before they have to provide coverage to children with

preexisting conditions, and in 2014 no citizen can be denied coverage based on a preexisting condition.

The new law will also give millions of young adults the opportunity to be carried on their parents' insurance plan. The New York Times reports a parent can carry a dependent child until his or her 26th birthday. The young adult does not have to be a college student or live with his or her parents. This reform goes into effect six months from bill passage.

Important to note is the definition of "dependent." The definition of the term will not necessarily match that of the Internal Revenue Service. The Department of Health and Human Services has six months to define "dependent" as the term pertains to healthcare.

No federal funds may be used to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or where the health of the mother is at risk, reports the Associated Press. This provision is not in the bill, but was added in an executive order as a clarifying mea-

sure (and to appease pro-life Democrats). The distinction is important for one reason; a presidential executive order can be overturned by another executive order by this President or a successor.

Mandates

According to Whitehouse.gov, this bill contains an individual mandate. Except for some low-income families, in 2014 every citizen must carry health insurance or face a fine of \$695. The individual mandate seems to be a lightning rod for criticism. The \$695 fee may be cost effective, however.

By 2014 everyone must carry insurance and by 2014 no provider can deny coverage based on a preexisting condition; therefore, if the fee is less expensive than insurance, one could wait until they get sick or injured to purchase coverage. This is a dangerous game of chicken, but millions of Americans are currently weighing their financial options.

The bill applies to companies that employ 50 or more people. These companies

must provide health insurance for all those gainfully employed. The fine of \$2000 per worker does not apply unless one of those workers uses government subsidies to buy insurance.

Financial Aid

The health care reform legislation contains massive changes to federally funded financial aid. The basis of the reform is the exclusion of banks as middlemen. For two decades banks have offered loans to students on behalf of the government. Upon repayment, the banks received a portion of interest payments (called subsidies), while the government carried all the risk. This reform does away with the banks. The CBO estimates the exclusion of the bankers will save over \$61 billion dollars over 10 years.

By July 1, all colleges and universities must switch to the new lower interest loans offered by the federal government.

According to the New York Times, more than \$40 billion dollars has been allot-

ted to provide more and bigger Pell Grants. The administration estimates an increase of 800,000 Pell Grant recipients by 2020. Community colleges, such as GHC, will receive \$2 billion dollars over the next four years to help them compete against larger institutions. The bill also relieves some of the burden of repayment, the NYT reports. Payments will be limited to 10% of a student's income after graduation- that number is down from 15%.

If borrowers make their payments on schedule, loans will be forgiven after 20 years instead of 25. A student who chooses to work in public service- military, education, nursing and law enforcement- will be relieved of his or her burden after 10 years.

This article is just a summary of healthcare reform focusing on current GHC students. Understand that the above summary covers only a small portion of the bill. Other aspects of the legislation relate to Medicare, Medicaid, subsidies and health insurance exchanges.

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ORK to be unveiled soon

By Kursten Hedgis
Assistant Editor

The Old Red Kimono (ORK) staff will be hosting magazine receptions at Cartersville and Rome to celebrate the release of this year's edition of the literary magazine.

"We will provide copies of the magazine, free cake that looks like the magazine cover, and artists will have the opportunity to read or talk about their work," said Jesse Bishop, assistant professor of English and one of the faculty advisers of ORK.

There is a contest for all students that submitted work. There are two categories in the contest: Best Artwork and Best Creative Writing. Winners are decided by a committee of 10-12 faculty members comprised mostly of English professors. There will be first, second and third place winners

receiving \$50, \$30 and \$20 prizes. Winners will be announced at Honors Night.

When asked what he think of this year's magazine, Bishop immediately replied, "The student work holds its own."

This year, ORK had considerably more student submissions as opposed to previous years.

"There are three creative writing courses and there have been more submissions, but that also means that it is more competitive. The student fiction and poetry are strong and the artwork is interesting," said Bishop.

On top of all the strong student work, there are also submissions from former and current faculty members.

"We have been trying to get some of these people to submit work for a while and this year they did," said

Nancy Applegate, professor of English and faculty adviser.

The magazine boasts art work from David Mott, a former associate professor of art, and Joan Christian, a current assistant professor of math.

Becky Sims, assistant professor of political science, will also make her first appearance in ORK with literary work.

Lillian Long, administrative secretary in the academic support division, will make a reappearance in the magazine for the first time in 10 years, also with a piece of literary work.

Receptions will be held on the Cartersville campus April 21 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on the Rome Campus April 22 at the same time.

There will also be possible mini receptions at the Paulding and Douglasville



Photo by JoNathan Brown

Thad Dittmer, head ORK editor (left) and Jennifer Garrett, assistant ORK editor, work on the magazine.

sites, but magazines will be available on all campuses regardless.

"Everyone is welcome.

We would love to see as many students as possible attend the receptions," said Applegate.



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Georgia Highlands PTK ranks among the best



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PTK officers (from left) Sarah Little, Cory Lowe, Sarah Colston and Brandi Gulow display an award received at a regional conference in Atlanta.

**By Mike Geibel
Staff Writer**

GHC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an International Honor Society, came home with several big awards from the International Conference in Orlando April 9-11.

During the Hallmark Awards Gala on Saturday, April 10, the GHC chapter was honored with four awards: Distinguished Chapter Member (Cory Lowe), Distinguished Chapter President (Samijo Miron) and Hallmark Award for Service and Distinguished Chapter, which was one of only 25 awarded.

The conference focused on leadership building seminars, as well as tips and techniques to get students and community involved with projects on campus.

The GHC chapter also recently won awards at a regional conference in Atlanta.

Included in the awards were Most Distinguished Chapter in Region, Sarah Anne Staples Award, Hall of Honor, Honors Institute Scholarship and several Hallmark Awards. In addition, the GHC chapter received the Five Star Chapter Award.

This award demonstrates the continued success and service of the Georgia Highlands chapter. Only five chapters in the region have achieved the Five Star Level.

According to Brandi Gulow, vice president of scholarship for the GHC chapter of PTK, "The Five Star award is huge. It reflects the hard work of everyone in our chapter of Phi Theta Kappa."

PTK's projects in community service and charity work are constantly going on at all campuses. Flood relief supplies, wetlands cleanup, Christmas in July and the budget cut rallies

were all Phi Theta Kappa driven projects.

This spring at Georgia Highlands College, PTK hosted a clean-up day at the Cartersville campus and a Relay for Life team in Bartow County.

"Phi Theta Kappa has had a positive impact on my time at GHC. It has helped me develop many leadership skills that I do not think I could have learned through any other organization. It has as given me the confidence I need to go out and accomplish my future goals," said Sarah Colston, nursing major and vice president of leadership for PTK.

Adviser Scott Akemon said that what sets the Georgia Highlands chapter apart from others is "being completely student run." He said, "The officers and students take full control of the projects and programs, and the advisers only guide them."

GHC hosts summer Foundation Camp

**By JoNathan Brown
Assistant Editor**

This summer Georgia Highlands College will partner with the 100 Black Men of Rome-Northwest Georgia to host the Foundation Camp, July 5-16.

The Foundation Camp is a two-week program that targets at-risk young males ages 10-15.

Students at the camp are provided breakfast, lunch and transportation to and from camp. Attendance to the camp is free.

The directors of the camp are Jon Hershey, professor of English, David Mathis, physical education lab coordinator, and Greg Shrosphire, vice president of 100 Black Men of Rome.

"During the camp, the young males are placed in academic classes taught by

college professors, and in personal development sessions conducted by area leaders," said Hershey.

Last year Rome commissioners, Bill Collins, Duane Reid and Milton Slack, as well as Floyd county commissioner John Mayes, were special guests at the camp.

The camp is not only about academic work because the students participate in different sports as well. Every activity at the camp is created to produce unity and brotherhood among the students.

"You will be amazed how time, teamwork and classroom skills can play a major part of these kids' lives," said Corey Pitts, physical therapy major at the Floyd campus.

The camp also takes the students to do different types of field trips.

"Last year we took the

students to Lake Winnepesaukee, near Chattanooga," Hershey said.

The foundation camp uses current GHC students to serve as camp counselors.

This shows the camp participants a positive role model and also gives the camp counselors a way to give back to the campers.

"The camp is greatly needed for our student body and the future of the younger generation," Pitts said.

"I love working and helping the kids because I once was one of those kids that attended the previous NYSP camp. It helped me with sports, friends and more skills," said Pitts.

Due to financial problems the NYSP (National Youth Sports Program) was shut down, and the Foundation Camp, a smaller version, was started up locally to help fill the gap.



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Miguel Pizano, (right) camp counselor, shows students how to make pottery during the Foundation Camp.

Spring Fling to be hosted on all campuses

By Robert Holder
Staff Writer

Near the end of April, GHC will be hosting "Spring Fling." This will be the first time that the event will be held on all campuses.

According to Student Life Director John Spranza, the Floyd and Cartersville campus activities differ from those held on the smaller instructional sites. The main attraction for both campuses will be a performance by the Natalie Stovall Band.

They are a country/rock band fronted by Natalie Stovall, who recently received awards for "Band of the Year" as well as "Female Artist of the Year" by the Association for Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). The Natalie Stovall band also performed for a previous Spring Fling at GHC in

April 2008.

Other attractions will include "Clearly You Crystals," a high-tech laser program in which one's face is engraved into the center of a crystal cube. Inflatable attractions may also be present.

In addition, students can submit their Stampede Cards for the grand prize drawing at this event. Students can submit one entry for every five stamps they have received. The grand prize is a 19-inch LD flat screen TV.

While students do not have to be present to claim their prize, they must submit their card before the drawing. Free lunch will be served at the Floyd event, but the menu has yet to be determined. On the Cartersville, Marietta, Douglasville and Paulding events, pizza will be provided.

On the Marietta, Paulding and Douglasville sites, there will be some novelty attractions.

Spranza said that the history of Spring Fling at GHC dates back to the 70's. During this time, the event was known as "Tower Hour." The event received its name from being held outside the tower that stands between the McCorkle and Walraven buildings on the Floyd campus.

Spring Fling is set for the following dates: April 21, Floyd Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; April 23, Cartersville Campus from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; April 26, Marietta Site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; April 27, Paulding Site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; April 28, Douglasville Site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While Spring Fling is planned to be held outside



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The Natalie Stovall Band, performing here at the 2008 Spring Fling, will make a reappearance at this year's event.

on all campuses, it will be held in the following places if weather prevents: the Lakeview Auditorium on Floyd Campus, Student

Center at Cartersville, the second floor student lounge for Paulding and the GHC Office for Marietta and Douglasville.



GHC will be hosting a Blood Assurance Blood Drive Monday April 26 on the Cartersville Campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Presentations celebrate women's history

By Hanna Yu
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands celebrated March as Women's History Month (WHM) with presentations held on all campuses.

Marietta's presentation was held on March 22. Tables were setup outside of the Georgia Highlands office with Girl Scout cookie refreshments, coinciding with the women's history theme.

The first speaker, Dr. Laura Beth Daws, assistant professor of communication, began by defining feminism and listing feminist country songs.

The second speaker was Amanda Nichols, instructor of Spanish. She brought her baby along as a reminder that motherhood was part of womanhood. She also spoke on Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral and explained how the poet "took her experiences and instead of internalizing them, put them into writing."

The event moved along at a steady pace as the speakers continued in an orderly sequence. During the event, Kirk Nooks, site director, listened and snapped pictures of various highlights of the event.

Pedro Serra, a student at the Marietta site, spoke on Mother Teresa and her dedication to the sick and needy. Marietta student Yanique Letang's speech was on Rosa Parks, and Letang expressed her empathy for black women by saying that if she had been confronted with the same situation on public transportation, she would have also been arrested in an effort to demand equal rights.

Following Letang, Raymond Cates, a student at the Marietta site, spoke on Esther Peterson, who was an activist in the women's movement. At the end of the speech, he was visibly choked up and near tears, as he personally thanked three women important in his life.

These women included his "grandma, his mother and last but not least my wife and best friend."

The coordinator of this event, Meredith Ginn, assistant professor of communication, halted the string of speeches for a trivia break and handed out copies of "quotables for female notables."

Ginn resumed the program by speaking on the remarkable lives of Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan.

The speeches continued with Shea Mize, instructor of political science, who spoke on behalf of Women in Politics. Mize is a member of The American Association of Women in Community Colleges, co-sponsor for the women's history event.

Ginn said her goals and expectations for the celebration of Women's History Month were exceeded with abundant participation from speakers and audience members in the program.

Budget cuts still up in the air; student, citizen voices heard

By Nick Godfrey
Editor

Even though the 2011 Georgia state budget has not yet been adopted, the outcries and voices of the students and citizens of Georgia have influenced what the overall outcome may be.

Initially, it looked as if deep cuts to University System of Georgia (USG) colleges, including GHC, might be made in an effort to deal with the shortage of state funds.

After the initial \$300 million budget cut plan was presented, GHC's students held rallies at Floyd, Cartersville and Paulding. Also, GHC students joined other college students at a rally at the Capitol on March 15.

"While we do not know the exact amounts of the cuts as yet, we are confident that they can be made without closing either Douglas or Paulding sites and without shutting down our dental hygiene or our PE program," said GHC president Randy Pierce.

It was the "great uproar by students, faculty and staff as well as other citizens in Georgia that made the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education back off a bit," according to

Dana Davis, director of college relations

"Also, the governor came out at the height of the debate to say categorically that he would not allow the USG to be gutted," Davis said. "So it looks like things will not be nearly as severe as we thought."

However confident Highlands is about not having to cut programs, Davis said she fears there may be more furlough days in the future.

Davis noted that everything is still officially up in the air until the budget is adopted by the General Assembly.

"Nothing will be definite or official until the 2011 budget is adopted," Davis said. "That may not be until mid-May or the end of that month. I would certainly encourage students to enroll in Douglas and Paulding. The Douglas site on Stewart Parkway is in the middle of renovations, and we plan to open in time for summer semester... We're moving ahead in spite of budget uncertainty."

"We await the final approved state budget and our budget from the Board of Regents before we announce the actions (cuts) to be taken," Pierce said.



Randy Pierce

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Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

-- Lou Holtz

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Summer arrives work, school and fashion



Photo by Danielle Harris

Summer job options Bright colors, Aviators are the trend to follow

**By Casey Bass
Staff Writer**

Summer is a time of endless possibilities for college students. Some take advantage of the opportunity to gain maximum credits in minimum time, others use the break to work on their tan and relax by the pool or go looking to earn some much needed income.

In this economy it may seem work can be hard to come by, as daunting unemployment numbers dominate television and newspapers. However do not be discouraged, there is work to be found, especially for college students.

The key to finding work is to know where to look, and to know what employers are looking for.

When looking for seasonal work, students should consider what fields have

increased business during that particular season.

Golf courses make a large portion of their profits in the summer. With warm weather come more golfers, and quickly growing grass.

Nicholas Cole, superintendent of The Lion Golf Club in Bremen, says he will hire six additional workers this summer.

"I need people to cut grass, rake traps, and do general maintenance on the course," Cole said.

College students are great for summer jobs because they are generally free during the busy season.

"The money is fair, hours reasonable and workers play golf for free," added Cole.

Golf courses also use additional personnel for cart staff and to sell beverages on the course, servers only have to be 18.

Local recreation depart-

ments are also a hotbed for job opportunities. Most programs offer baseball, softball and soccer during the summer, along with summer camps. Check with any department and odds are there will be an opening for umpires, scorekeepers, grounds crew and camp counselors.

Lifeguard, landscaper, babysitter (kids are out of school) etc... look for fields made busier by the time of year.

Large portions of restaurant staff in resort towns are college students. Feeling adventurous? Drive to the beach, get a studio apartment with six other people, wait tables, meet new people and have a "Guess what I did this summer?" story to tell.

The possibilities are endless. Don't be discouraged by reports of joblessness; be proactive.

**By Nichole Alderman
Staff Writer**

With spring in full bloom, summer is now officially just around the corner and it is time for students at GHC to take a refreshing leap into a new wardrobe.

To start, summer fashion always gets a little more revealing and students like to blame this on the heat.

Keeping cool seems to be Kylie Lee's main concern.

"I tend to wear a lot of shorts and tank tops," said Lee, a student at the Douglasville campus.

Next, it seems to be all about colors and prints.

"I like to wear a lot of bright colors in the summer. Different flowery prints and plaids are always cool too," said Keri Kidd, a student at the Rome campus.

Getting rid of darker colors and switching to lighter bright colors will help to keep you cool this summer.

Popular stores such as American Eagle Outfitters, Hollister CO. and Abercrombie are offering summer styles on the shelves for 2010.

American Eagle Outfitters is currently launching

brand new denim shorts, soft and bright colored knit tank tops and new stylish flat sandals for the summer.

Hollister CO seems to be following up on this trend with a new collection of bright colored tees that will hit the shelves this summer.

Summer 2010 is all about making statements, and the best way to do this is by choosing the best accessories for every outfit.

According to Elle.Com, Aviator and RayBan sunglasses seem to be an upcoming trend for this summer.

Any outfit can be spruced up with bright colored sunglasses.

Beaded jewelry and long statement necklaces are also making a huge splash this summer.

Stores such as Forever 21 and Buckle offer a wide collection of statement jewelry at reasonable prices.

Bright and mismatched scarves seem to be a great accessorizing statement.

Celebrities such as Kim Kardashian and Vanessa Hudgens are all rocking this trend.

Stores such as Charlotte Rouse and TJ Maxx offer these styles.

Summer stories...



**Alicia Smith and Jenny Bailey
Floyd Campus**

Spiders

"We went boating with a group of friends down a very shallow river (due to the drought). We left early that morning and ended up floating until 1 a.m. We kept getting stuck, and there was a small hole in the boat so we had to keep bailing out water. We got stuck under this huge tree and Alicia looked up and saw a bunch of spiders dangling not even a foot from our faces. We both freaked out. We finally got to the truck we had left at the end of the river and realized that we had left the keys in the truck at the beginning of the river."



Art by Patricia Ogle

Summer classes available through May, June and July

By Amanda Ray
Staff writer

Summer semester is a time to complete a science sequence or take an art course. It is also a semester that students can take in order to graduate sooner or to complete a couple of prerequisites.

Summer semester is organized into four main parts: Maymester, June, July and full session June and July.

Maymester is only during the month of May. Classes begin on May 12 and end on May 28, with exams on the June 1. Students are able to start and finish a course within one month-- as if it were a regular full length semester.

Similar to Maymester are the June and July session. The June session spans from: June 7 to June 28, with exams on the June 13. The July session be-

gins on July 6 and ends on July 28, and final exams are on the Aug. 2 and Aug. 3.

The full June and July session begins on June 7 and ends on July 28, with exams also on the Aug. 2 and Aug. 3.

The classes offered during the summer semester are slightly similar to the classes offered during the fall and spring semesters. The only differences are the long class hours in the summer and the smaller number of actual class days, because of the short amount of time in the summer semester itself.

The other difference is the variety of classes offered throughout the semester; there are many options in the summer, but not as many options as in the fall and spring semesters.

However, when it comes to the physical education department, there is normally more of

a variety. So the courses offered in the summer that are not offered in the fall or in the spring are the physical education courses. The geology course that is a hands-on experience carried out in Wyoming, which fulfills an entire science sequence, is also in offered in the summer.

The summer semester, being one approach to get some classes out of the way, is fairly unknown to a number of students.

"No, I haven't ever taken a class in the summer semester, I heard that they were really long though, about four hours," said Casie Cochran.

This seems to be the case for several people, because most students attend the regular fall and spring semesters.

To help clarify the class offerings, hours, and locations the 2010 summer semester academic class catalogue is out and available on all campuses.

Insight for students transferring away

By Danielle Donaldson
Staff Writer

Students who plan on transferring from Georgia Highlands College often have questions of what to expect when they eventually move on to another university. Some questions cannot always be answered fully by staff and administrators.

The transition from a community college to a large school (or even just another school) can be intimidating for some because the student simply does not know what to expect until they get to the campus.

For Colleen Fries, a former GHC student, who now attends Savannah College of Art and Design, the transition was smooth.

"Things fell into place as they were supposed to. I didn't really transfer to a larger university system since I moved to a private art school, so the classes are relatively small," said Fries.

She also said that the classes range from about 15 to 20 students, "which makes the relationship between the teacher and the professor a lot more personal." Having this advantage in class can make it easier to ask professors questions and get immediate feedback.

A change of scene can be expected if students plan on transferring to a school like the one in Atlanta where Fries enjoys the skyscraping views every morning.

Even though the transition from a community college to a bigger university can be intimidating, the preparation at Highlands helped Fries adjust to a new learning environment.

Quarters

"I was picking up my sister one day and decided to start doing flips on the sidewalk. Well in midair, a quarter fell out of my shirt pocket and landed on the concrete standing straight up. I landed on it, sending the quarter through my foot, and it had to be pulled out by a student's dad, who happened to be a doctor."



David Barkhimer
Cartersville Campus



Mandy Hanson
Floyd Campus

Overseas

"One summer I spent a month in Europe teaching at cheerleading camps in the Czech Republic, Croatia and Slovenia. It's pretty amazing working with a bunch of people who don't speak your same language."

40 years of GHC

The year 2010 holds special significance for Georgia Highlands College. It marks the 40 year anniversary of GHC's founding.

Over the past four months, the Six Mile Post has been chronicling these 40 years of history. In each issue, a different decade of history was featured, taking students back in time to the earlier, unfamiliar years of their college.

Segment One: The first ten years- the 70s

Segment Two: The 80s

Segment Three: The 90s

Segment Four: The last ten years- 2000 to present



The construction of GHC's Cartersville site was well underway in 2004.



TOP: Randy Pierce, GHC president, unveils the new name of the Floyd College in 2005.

BOTTOM: With a new name in 2005 came a new sign.



All Six Mile Post file photos

College faces a new millennium full of change

By Kursten Hedgis
Assistant Editor

The 2000s opened with the welcoming of a now familiar face to students, faculty and staff.

On June 15, 2001, J. Randy Pierce was appointed president of Floyd College.

One of the biggest and most controversial changes to the college occurred under the leadership of Pierce.

As the college grew, both in numbers and location, the idea to change the college name to a more demographically inclusive one came about.

The college began accepting possible new names for the school, as well as hosting focus groups that in time created a list of 18 possible names, including Georgia Northwestern College, Georgia Heritage, Georgia

Foothills, Etowah College and Georgia Highlands College.

On March 23, 2005, in a press conference at Heritage Hall, Pierce announced the name which had been selected by the focus groups to be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval. That name was Georgia Highlands College.

Not everyone was in support of the name change. In fact, there was definite opposition to the change. Some members of the Floyd County community worried about the "obvious" Scottish reference of the name and about losing the close, historical tie between the college and community.

However, on April 20, 2005 the Georgia Board of Regents met and approved the name change request that transformed Floyd Col-

lege into Georgia Highlands College.

The following semester, Summer 2005, the Marietta site became operational, offering classes at the Southern Polytechnic University. Then, in the fall of 2005 the new Cartersville campus located at 5441 Highway 20 NE opened. These openings supported the decision to change the name in anticipation of continued expansion to surrounding counties.

Although presidents and names may change with the years, throughout Georgia Highlands' history there have been two major consistencies. One is constant growth; the other is the presence of tradition.

The first of the two consistencies is what allows GHC to keep expanding and evolving. Enrollment numbers have continued to climb

with the years.

According to the University System of Georgia Semester Enrollment Reports, at the beginning of the decade in Spring Semester 2000, GHC enrollment was at 2,060. By Spring 2002, enrollment was 2,497.

Following the opening of the current Cartersville facility in Fall 2005, enrollment the following Spring 2006 was at 3,690.

This semester, Spring 2010, enrollment numbers broke the 5,000 mark, totaling 5,195.

"We are cautious to use the word 'unprecedented,' but this growth... has been unprecedented," said Todd Jones, director of admissions since May 2005. "In the future, it looks like we will just keep growing. We are estimating over 10,000 students within the next few

years."

The enrollment increase has affected the programs sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

"My first year at Cartersville was relatively slow. However, involvement has increased exponentially," said Assistant Director of Student Life Jenn Purcell.

As time went on some of the traditions of Floyd Junior College's past continued, while other new traditions developed as well.

GHC still hosts Spring Fling, a current version of Tower Hour. There is also a fall spin-off of this event, called Fall Frenzy, that started just this past decade. According to John Spranza, director of student life, the Student Life Office has implemented other programs that have become new traditions at the college.



Since its completion in 2005, GHC's Cartersville campus has grown and now has the highest percentage of the student population.

The Smithsonian Exhibit, which is located in the Lakeview Building on the Floyd Campus and hosts travelling art exhibits, has been in operation since 2006.

Also, the popular Speaker Series, which according to Spranza "is the different national speakers that visit and speak to the college's campuses" has been in operation since Fall 2006.

The first Speaker Series featured Ruthie Alcaide from "The Real World Hawaii," who spoke about alcohol abuse, and Jodie Sweetin, former child star from the television show "Full House," who spoke about her struggle with substance abuse and being a recovering meth addict.

Not only do the Student Life Office and student organizations help in the creation and maintenance of these campus traditions, but of community service traditions as well.

A service project unique to the Cartersville campus is the annual Great Ameri-

can Cleanup that was hosted this year on April 17.

"There are cleanups going on all around Bartow County, but we host the Gene Thacker Memorial Cleanup as a part of the Great American Cleanup," said Sharryse Henderson, assistant professor of biology.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors the cleanup portion of the day, and during the event co-sponsors, who include Green Highlands and the Spanish Club, host tents.

During this event volunteers show up, are broken down into teams and then go to various locations around Bartow County and pick up trash.

After the trash-picking, volunteers return to compete in contests, such as the team that collects the most trash and the most unusual piece of trash.

"People have found some strange pieces of trash. One year people found ladies' underwear, another year we found an entire toilet

and couch. But the best one was last year when someone came dancing up with a bag of marijuana," said Samijo Miron, president of Green Highlands. "Everyone was a little confused and started kind of moving away from her, until she said, 'No, I found it!'

According to Sarah Little, president of the Spanish Club, the club provides children's tent where kids can play and be entertained while their parents are working to clean up trash.

Green Highlands hosts a recycling education tent.

"It's amazing the amount of information people don't know, like why recycling is important. It's more than an effort to be trendy, so we try to educate people about ways that they can be more eco-friendly," said Miron.

There are endless community service projects that continue all year round, such as Christmas in July, Relay for Life, the Lake Park Cleanup, Arbor Day.

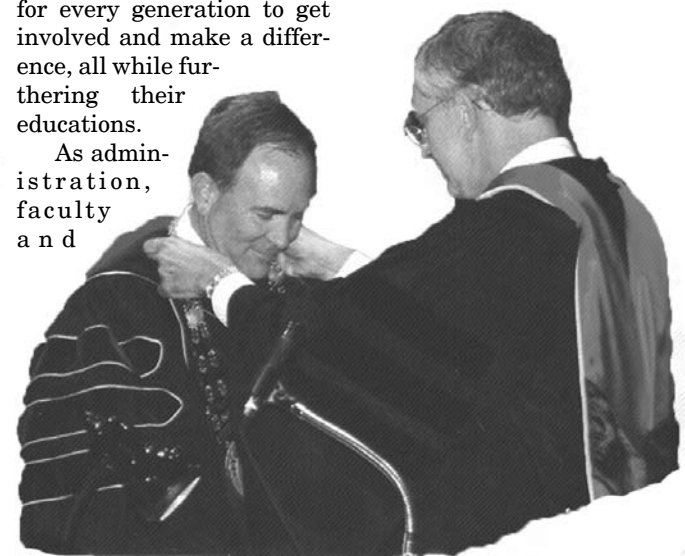
Whether students were throwing pies and playing

games at Tower Hour in the 70s at Floyd Junior College, singing Pink Floyd and rockin' big hair in the 80s, embracing new technology in the 90s at Floyd College, or readying themselves for a vast future of opportunities and expansion at Georgia Highlands College, it is certain that the college has always provided a means for every generation to get involved and make a difference, all while furthering their educations.

As administration, faculty and

staff look at the future, piecing together projected enrollment and possible expansion sites, one thing remains the focus: students.

"Dr. Pierce tries to always focus on what is best for the students, how to make a lasting impact and how to better service the community," said Jones.



Randy Pierce receives presidential medallion at his inauguration in 2001.

Student fees used for salaries

The student activity fee is the \$40 students pay at the beginning of each semester when they register for classes. This money is used to help fund student clubs, organizations, publications, activities and events, like Spring Fling and Fall Frenzy. It also pays the salaries for the staff of the Office of Student Life.

The paying of the salaries of the Student Life staff came into the picture about five years ago when the college started to pay one person's salary out of the student activity fee. This continued for about two years, and when the budget seemed to stabilize, that staff member was then paid out of the State budget.

Now that the budget

is back in the dumps, several staff in the Office of Student Life are being paid out of the student activity fees account.

Georgia Highlands College is not the only college that pays the Office of Student Life staff out of the student activity fees; several colleges do.

However, the tradition of the college has been that the Office of Student Life personnel have been paid out of the State budget and not student activity fees.

If the Student Life staff did not get paid out of the activity fee account, the money could then be put into clubs and organizations or used to bring more activities to all the campuses and sites of Georgia Highlands.

The issue is not about not paying the Student Life staff. Obviously, The Student Life employees deserve compensation for their jobs because the work that the Office of Student Life does for students at Highlands is integral to the existence of student activities. They put a lot of effort into bringing events to GHC for the students, and this should be recognized.

The problem is that they should get paid out of the same pot that every other staff employee of Georgia Highlands does. They should be treated like every other staff member and not paid differently, while simultaneously taking away from the "student" budget.

Going to play chess with the President



Editor's Box

Nick Godfrey
Editor

As my time comes to an end at GHC, I can't help but reflect on those in my exact situation: all those students looking to the future.

Saying that the future is uncertain is an understatement for our generation.

We face a hurt and struggling economy where even education is not off the table for harsh and devastating cuts.

The job market may as well be renamed the job kiosk because it's so slim.

There is nothing but fear to face when leaving the small, cozy halls of our two-year institution, fear of making it at a larger college,

fear of losing that momentum started long ago, fear of finally leaving it all behind.

But, Robert Frost would be one to reflect differently, I suppose.

He'd say, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

So, one could argue that although we face fear, we are the ones who are meant to, and although we face uncertainty, we are the ones who are meant to.

A friend said to me, "Transferring is going to be scary... I mean, I don't even know where to begin."

And I believe he's right where he needs to be. Not knowing where to begin is the start.

There's nothing but the road ahead of us. And, it is a bit scary not knowing exactly where to go.

But, think about it. That's how we got where we are to begin with. If there's a horizon but no path, just start walking towards it.

Leaving is never easy, but it's a necessity for people like us: learners, students, scholars.

Leaving is what we do, going from one pond to another, gathering and gaining as much as we can to venture forth.

So, I guess in my reflection on all of us moving on, I'd just like to say, "Don't be afraid. Keep moving forward, because you can't play chess with the President if you're too busy playing checkers with the mayor."

Gun-less security guards may face gun-toting students



Artwork by Ashlyn McPherson

On Wednesday, March 24, Georgia Senate approved the "Gun-Carry Bill" allowing licensed gun owners to bring firearms on college campuses, churches, bars and outside of airports.

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Politics, government and the power of voting



Living Life...

Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

There has been a lot of talk going around the campuses about the budget cuts to Georgia Highlands and the health care legislation passed by Congress.

Politics just happens to be one of my favorite subjects. I loved seeing the student turn out at the tower when the Floyd campus protested the budget cuts to our beloved institution!

Many of us don't pay attention to what's going on

in the Georgia State Capitol or Washington, D.C. until something affects us directly. I think that ALL things discussed and legislated in our government affects us all.

When we protested at school, and some protested in Atlanta at the Capitol, our voices were heard. We will still have budget cuts, but they won't be as severe as we feared.

There are many factors

involved in this decision, but rest assured, our participation by protesting and signing petitions across the state by college students had an effect on our legislators!

I was proud to take American Government as part of the requisites for my degree. I'm sure some weren't. One of the greatest things about being an American is the right to vote. This is the first way we get to exercise our privilege of being a citizen in our country.

Another right is our right to free speech. We can protest! We can contact our congressmen and women and our legislators to let them know how we feel about a particular piece of legislation. I read once that

a letter from one constituent represents 50 voter's opinions, a petition represents 100 constituents per name and a phone call represents 1000. Make your voice heard on issues you care deeply about!

Use the power of your voice to be heard and contact your legislators and congressmen. It is very easy to find contact information for them. All one needs to do is Google US congress, US senate, or GA legislature to find your representatives by your zip code.

The America we know today is due in great part to the protests and activities of college students.

In the Civil Rights era, college students came to the

South to register African-American voters and participated in marches demanding equal rights for all. Some of them gave their lives for it. The Vietnam War was ended in great part because of college students demanding that we get out of the war. President Johnson did not run for a second term because student protestors at the White House chanted, "Hey, Hey, LBJ how many babies did you kill today?"

We have power, but we only have power if we exercise it!

In the mean time, you will find me contacting my legislators on every level: local, state and national about things that I feel strongly about and Living Life...

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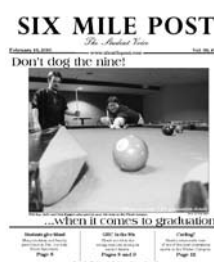


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Long-time faculty retire from GHC

LaNelle Daniel

By Kim Riggins
Staff Writer

LaNelle Daniel arrived at Georgia Highlands, then Floyd College, in 1996 from Powell, Wyo., to teach English, a subject she has been educating college students in for more than 30 years.

Though she admits she did spend one year teaching high school English, Daniel has guided college students through a variety of English courses from remedial English to British Literature, one of her favorite subjects. She is a Shakespeare fan, after all.

"I am an old-fashioned English teacher," she said with a smile. "I believe in grammar."

After 14 years with Georgia Highlands, Daniel is retiring and she says she hopes to do "as little as possible."

Daniel says without hes-

itation that what she will miss the most is "the people." She said, "I will miss the students and the faculty. There's a lot of concern for the student here. Education is about the student and that is what this place is about."

In addition to the many memorable experiences she has had during her time at Georgia Highlands, one of her favorite moments was seeing her twin daughters graduate from Floyd College.

"I've never tired of the students or my colleagues. I've shared frustrations, successes, failures, and great joys. I've been exhausted, thrilled, and satisfied but never, never bored," she said.

Over the years, Daniel has watched the school go through many transitions beyond the change in name.

"When I came here, we had small sites at Waco and Cartersville. The changes



Daniel

in technology are just overwhelming," she said. "Back then there were no computers for the teachers in the classrooms."

During her career at Georgia Highlands College, Daniel was awarded the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty award, the recipient of which is selected by a vote of the faculty. The Walraven Award acknowledges faculty members who have had a significant impact on the college.

Elizabeth Harrison

By Kim Riggins
Staff Writer

After 21 years at Georgia Highlands, Elizabeth Harrison, associate professor of developmental reading, will be retiring.

After retiring, Harrison plans on spending time gardening, traveling, playing with her grandson, and playing bridge.

"I can't think of a specific memory that is my favorite. I'm fond of every day. It's a pleasure to come to work every day," she said. "I love teaching, and I love being with the students."

Harrison said interacting with the students and her colleagues is what she will miss the most about Highlands. Over the years,



Harrison

Harrison has worked at all but two of the campuses at Highlands.

"I've been fortunate to work with wonderful individuals," she said. "The individuals at each campus are all different so the experience was enriching."

Among the many changes and developments at

Highlands, Harrison said the biggest change has been the Regents' exam. Harrison has been in charge of enforcing the rules for the exam in the past and said it has been very labor intensive and time consuming.

Harrison said Georgia Highlands will no longer participate in the Regents' program, and although Harrison will be retiring before these changes go into effect she said she is still happy to see the change. "It is a little late but I'm thrilled," she said.

Harrison also recalls the time before the CPE, or Compass, was in computerized form.

"You constantly have to adapt your teaching to your students," Harrison says. "Teaching is a learning experience as well and I hope I can continue learning even after I have retired."

Barbara Rees

By Kursten Hedgis
Assistant Editor

At the end of the semester, Georgia Highlands will say goodbye to a faculty member that has been a part of the college since 1979.

Barbara Rees, former chair of health sciences and nursing program director, will be retiring at the end of the Spring semester.

Rees started out with a bachelor's degree from Ohio State in nursing. Shortly after graduating, she began working in an orthopedic unit, where a supervisor encouraged her to pursue a degree in teaching.

After her husband graduated, they relocated to Atlanta where she began working at Georgia Baptist School of Nursing. She also worked in a Renal and Nephrology unit while in Atlanta.

Upon learning that she and her husband were relocating again, this time to Rome, she contacted then-nursing program director Belen Nora to inquire about a job. Nora told her, "Come back when you get your master's."

"I got my master's, came back and have been here ever since," said Rees.

Rees started out as an instructor and through the

years worked her way up to the position of chair of health sciences and nursing program director. She recently retired from that position, and is now working as a faculty member.

During Rees' time at the college, she has witnessed much progression and change.

"I was one of the first professors to offer a pilot course using laptops and power points as teaching aids. Life used to be simpler, it was a challenge. But, now we are really good at it," said Rees.

She also spoke about the progression of the nursing program, which she said has become more high-tech. The program had human simulation labs, numerous computers and the Well-star facility.

After retiring, Rees plans on continuing to work in a clinical setting and also plans to work part-time at the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Rees leaves one bit of advice to the current and future nursing and dental hygiene students.

"Critical thinking is the most important thing in healthcare. Always be at the top of your game. Seize every opportunity and try to bring pleasure into the life of the patient you are caring for," she said.



Rees (right) talks to a student.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Library director Elijah Scott helps Kayla Kilgore look for information on the computer in the library on the Floyd campus.

New librarian comes to Georgia Highlands

By Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

He's a tall, thin fellow with a perpetual smile glued on his face... with library paste, no doubt!

Elijah Scott, the new library director, comes to GHC from Chattanooga State Community College.

Scott has a master's degree in information science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a master's degree in English from Georgia College in Milledgeville.

He grew up in Delano, Tennessee.

His grandfather owned the first river outfitters and guide service in the Southeast. Scott was a guide on rafting trips on the Hiwassee River in high school and college.

Scott hails from Ringgold.

His wife, Nicole, works for a chemical company in Chattanooga. They have a Samoyed dog named Sasha.

Scott's favorite activity is restoring Chrysler Imperials. He has restored several over the years and his favorite is the '71. These are the cars his parents drove when he was growing up and they are near and dear to his heart.

Scott is concerned about budget cuts to the library, but is working hard to bring all the information needed for college students to be successful.

"We provide all the same services on all campuses to students, but all the resources aren't at all campuses," he said.

"We have access to Galileo on all campuses which works by paying a fee for a core of data bases. We pay extra for three databases

just to support the nursing program," he said.

There is a \$169,346 purchasing budget proposed for new acquisitions for 2011, but Scott expects that to be cut somewhat. Galileo is paid for from a portion of student fees.

The library has five full-time staff in Rome, three full-time and three part-time staff in Cartersville and one part-timer in Marietta.

Scott explained that more librarians are needed in order to cover all our campuses adequately.

Scott has a vision for the future of the library. He would like to see the Floyd campus library remodeled and made more welcoming and inviting to students. He would like to have better access to resources and more online databases that include videos, although these are very expensive.

Scholarship Deadline is quickly approaching!

For the list of institutional scholarships go to www.highlands.edu/scholarship

For more information email scholarship@highlands.edu



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Strike out the curveball



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A curveball can be called many things, but most experts call it TROUBLE.

In recent years youth baseball leagues have drastically changed pitch count rules to help protect kids' arms.

Overuse is a major contributing factor to arm injuries, but misuse is just as dangerous.

David Marshall is the director of sports medicine at Children's Health Care of Atlanta.

He explained that "Little

League Elbow" is a separation of the growth plate in the elbow caused by overuse and misuse.

Yes, they call it "Little League Elbow." How's that for a legacy?

According to Marshall, "The growth plate is not completely closed until a child is 17 or 18."

Leagues are doing a great job of policing pitch counts to deal with overuse, so let's focus on misuse--specifically the curveball.

The overhand throwing motion is unnatural, and the curveball exaggerates the motion by increasing torque on the elbow and shoulder.

"I have a teenage son, and we did not throw anything other than a fastball and changeup until he was 16," said Braves pitching coach Roger McDowell.

"Since becoming a Major League pitching coach, I have learned about growth plates and the importance of being a good steward of a kid's arm," explained McDowell.

Former Braves reliever Mike Gonzalez agrees.

"I am not a big fan of curveballs until you are a sophomore in high school. You have nothing to prove until then. The longer you can wait the better," he said.

"It's not a good idea for a kid to throw a curve ball, I don't even throw one now," said Chuck James of the Washington Nationals.

Former Brave Buddy Carlyle said, "I threw curveballs when I was 12, and I wish I wouldn't have. I wish



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Kids shouldn't throw curveballs until they're 17 or 18.

someone had taught me a changeup instead. Maybe I would not have so much trouble with it now."

Not only is a curveball dangerous, it is the easy way out.

Teach a kid to pitch. Give him a fastball and a changeup and explain how changing speeds and hitting

your spots is more effective than a big hook (it worked pretty well for Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux).

Pitch smarter not harder, or in the words of the greatest fictional minor league manager of all time, Lou Brown, "Forget about the curveball, Rickey, give 'em the heater."



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Oreos reign

By Jose Ajanel
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Students at Georgia Highlands College witnessed the victory of the Double Stuffed Oreos over the GHC team 53-48 in the 5-on-5 basketball championship game on April 8. Before this encounter, the Faculty/Staff team defeated the Deadly Assassins for third place, 32-22.

The championship game didn't start out to well for the GHC team because they were down one man. Not only that, DeMaurius Morgan of the Oreos scored the first two points of the game, foreshadowing his role as top scorer for the rest of the championship. Morgan ended the game with 22 points.

"I feel that if we had all our players, we could have won the game. One of our players was out with the flu," said Judge Watkins, top scorer for the GHC team with 20 points.

Watkins noted that in the end, the Double Stuffed Oreos won only by five points, which remained consistent both at halftime and at the end of the game.

The 2010 intramural champion Double Stuffed Oreos include Morgan, Corey Pitts, Nate Hibbets, Matthew Hughes, Branson Dulancy, Ben Carter, and Chris Campbell.

In the third place game, the Deadly Assassins had a few important absences such as Robert Alford and Junior Hernandez, who are usually key to the team's success. The Deadly Assassins played with only four men on the court. At the half time, the Deadly Assassins were down by one point to the Faculty/Staff team, 11-12.

"We had them (Faculty/Staff team), but in the second half they were on fire because they started shooting three pointers," said Luis Hernandez, of the Deadly Assassins. He further noted that playing with four players was a disadvantage to them.

LEFT: Corey Pitts, number 31, of the victorious Double Stuffed Oreos takes a shot. His team won in the overall 5-on-5 championship game.

Preliminaries set stage for championship finals



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Nick Rucker (left) of team GHC advances down the court guarded by Corey Pitts of the Double Stuffed Oreos.

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On April 1, Georgia Highlands College witnessed two very close semifinal games with GHC taking a victory over the Faculty/Staff team and the Double Stuffed Oreos defeating the Deadly Assassins, 36-34 and 29-25, respectively.

In the first game, the Faculty/Staff team could not find their way into the basket. Seth Ingram had opportunities to score, but the ball would circle around the rim and bounce out. Jason McFry, usually the top scorer for the Faculty/Staff team, seemed to be having an off day as he had zero points at halftime.

With a minute left until halftime a spectator supporting the Faculty/Staff team said, "They're running out of wind."

The second half looked more posi-

tive for the staff team. As the GHC team reached 34 points, the Faculty/Staff was at 25 points, but McFry began shooting 3-pointers and made them. He scored 11 points at the end of the game.

With a minute left in the final half, GHC reached 36 points and the Faculty/Staff 28. The Faculty/Staff team called two time outs in this short time. As play resumed, the Faculty/Staff were able to score six points. With 9.3 seconds left, the Faculty/Staff team took the ball from GHC, traveled down the center of the court and McFry received and shot the ball for a 3-pointer. The ball hit the backboard and bounced out from the front of the rim, securing GHC's victory.

In the other game, Corey Pitts and DeMaurius Morgan, with nine points each, led the Double Stuffed Oreos over the Deadly Assassins.