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Will Ray (left) and Kim Riggins play pool to pass the time at the Floyd campus.

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...when it comes to graduation

Students give blood

Many students and faculty gave blood on Feb. 1 to help Blood Assurance.

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Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

Christa Lang places a plastic bottle in one of Carterville’s unique recycling cans specified for aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Recycling is successful at Cartersville campus

**By Mike Geibel
Staff Writer**

Efforts are well underway at the Cartersville campus to reduce the amount of solid waste sent off to landfills.

The evidence can be seen in nearly every classroom on the Cartersville campus. Next to each trash can sits another similar looking receptacle with one minor exception in appearance. Each of the blue plastic bins has the words “Paper Only” printed on a sign attached to the front. This is the most frequently seen facet of the recycling program at Cartersville.

The blue bins were donated by Keep Bartow Beautiful, which agreed to help out the Cartersville campus with its recycling efforts.

Before the county organization got involved, the old bins were handmade and hand-emptied by students volunteering with Green Highlands and Phi Theta Kappa. After the county donated the blue bins, the support staff of the Cartersville campus graciously took on the task of collecting the recyclable materials and placing them in a large container found behind the Cartersville building for Bartow County to remove.

“Bartow wants to help us recycle,” Green Highlands co-adviser Devan Rediger stated.

The county does not charge for the removal of the recycling container. “The success of the recycling effort will take motivated students,” said sophomore math major and Green Highlands member David Burkett. “We can spread the word, but without people motivated to recycle, it will ultimately fail.”

When campus recycling began, paper was the only product being recycled. Soon the school began recycling cans and bottles, and now just outside the entrance to the library are places to recycle used batteries, empty ink cartridges and even old cell phones.

Not only do these recycling options help the environment, but in the case of recycled electronics, donations are made for every item recycled to a cancer cure charity.

Green Highlands continues to do its part to expand the recycling program. It is spreading the word with faculty advisers on several different campuses, drumming up support from students for the recycling cause.

President tells it like it is: Institutional Fee needed

**By Nick Godfrey
Editor**

The Institutional Fee, notorious for making students groan when they look at their bill, is a sign of the dire economic times.

But some students are asking, “Why do I have to pay this? Where is it going?”

“It’s a complex issue,” said GHC President Randy Pierce.

“We have the HOPE Scholarship and no one had any idea that HOPE would be as successful as it has been,” he said.

Pierce explained that the

main issue is how to protect HOPE, so it continues to be a scholarship that is purely academic based.

“If the cost of education keeps going up and you raise tuition, you’re putting a burden on HOPE,” he said.

Pierce stated that the college’s two main sources of revenue are what the state

gives and the money that comes from tuition.

“Whatever we get in, we spend towards quality education,” he said. “If the state cuts the budget, we can do some cuts, shut down offices, but we’ve taken all the non-essential things away. We’re as light as we can be.”

So if the state keeps cut-

ting the budget and college’s aren’t going to increase tuition, then there has to be something to balance the budget, Pierce explained.

Hence the Institutional Fee, that grew from \$50 last year to \$100 this year.

“Nobody wants to raise tuition, but if the state keeps cutting, it will impact

students,” Pierce said. “It’s going to continue to be a battle.”

Rob Whitaker, vice president for finance and administration, said that the fee is not permanent and has a sunset date of June 30, 2012. Until then, all students will be required to pay the Institutional Fee.

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SMP victorious in Athens, bringing home four first-place awards

**By Nick Godfrey
Editor**

The Six Mile Post brought home 14 awards after battling it out with several schools in its division at the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) Better Newspaper event held Feb. 5-6 in Athens.

The Six Mile Post came home with four first place awards. Chiara VanTubbergen won first place for best sports photograph, and the entire paper won first place in general advertising excellence, best campus community service editorial excellence and best campus community service sports.

Nick Godfrey, editor, won second place in the best editorial or feature photograph category and third place in best investigative news reporting. Also, Godfrey and Ashlyn McPherson, cartoonist, took third place in the best entertainment feature category.

Eric Benavidez, former staff writer, won third place in the best sports story competition. Lesley

Mathis, staff writer, took third place in the best entertainment story category. Christie Boyd, staff writer, won second place in best investigative news reporting. LaTonya Burrell, former editor; Robyn Johnson, former staff photographer; and Chiara VanTubbergen, chief photographer, jointly took third place in best photo essay category.

The SMP also won second place in improvement and third place in general photography excellence and overall general excellence.

Judging in all categories was based on material published in calendar year 2009.

JoNathan Brown, assistant editor, and Godfrey also were elected to state office in the GCPA. Brown was elected secretary, and Godfrey was elected to the board.

Eight Six Mile Post staff members from the Floyd, Cartersville and Marietta campuses attended the meeting in Athens to participate in workshops and the annual awards luncheon.



Photo by Cody Allen

Chiara VanTubbergen, chief photographer, accepts her first place award for best sports photograph.

"The workshops were very helpful because I learned how to develop my skills as a photographer," said VanTubbergen.

"I really liked the sessions on multimedia. The man who spoke said that even when you feel like you've taken plenty of pic-

tures always take more."

The multimedia workshop was conducted by Professor Mark Johnson of the Grady College of Journalism at UGA.

The workshops featured an array of professionals in the field of Journalism, such as Frank LaMonte, execu-

tive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, DC.

SMP staff members attending the two-day event in addition to Boyd, Brown, Godfrey and VanTubbergen were Cody Allen, James Lane, Danielle Donaldson and Hanna Yu.

Wondering which name was chosen for the GHC mascot?



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Douglasville site will soon have a home of its own on Stewart Parkway

By Nichole Alderman
Staff Writer

Douglasville students are readying themselves for "the real college experience" as things move forward with the plan to move the campus into a newly renovated facility.

According to site director Ken Reaves, the new site will be located at 5893 Stewart Parkway in a renovated Cub Foods building.

It will feature up to four new classrooms, three computer rooms, a virtual library, a student lounge and a faculty "hub" that will serve as a space for offices, assemblies and classes.

"The plan is for, in mid-February, to begin gutting out the location, knocking down walls and taking things out so that the renovating process can begin," Reaves said. "Once the process starts it will take about three months to get everything into the building. The

goal is for students to hopefully start taking summer classes at the new site."

Reaves explained that the new location will make the Douglasville Campus more accessible.

"It will be easily reached if traveling from different areas and will feature plenty of parking," he said.

"I think it will be a great contribution to Georgia Highlands," Reaves said. "I am most excited for Douglasville students to feel that they have their own home. The students can finally have a place that they can be proud of."

"Having the new campus will make it seem like a real college experience," Douglasville student Lindsey Armour said.

"I would feel more comfortable participating in student life activities when we have our own campus. I will get more involved," said Lanisa Laughlin, student at the Douglasville site.



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The inside view of the new Douglasville site, an old Cub Foods, in the very early stages of renovation.

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Annual on-campus graduation process stumps some students

By Dylan Patrick
Staff Writer

As students work towards getting all the classes they need to complete their studies at Georgia Highlands college, some are unaware of how to apply for graduation.

"Honestly I have no idea about what the steps for graduation are. This is only my second semester," said Courtney Coen, undecided major.

However, the Admissions Office advises that when students believe they are getting close to completing all of their courses for their selected major, they should apply as early as one semester prior to the semester they believe they will graduate.

Many of students said that they lack information on GHC graduation because they plan to move on to four-year colleges.

"I want to transfer to KSU and won't be seeking graduation here at GHC. I'm attending so I can obtain my HOPE hours," Jennifer Sperry, early childhood education major, said.

However, some students said they do plan to graduate from GHC.

"This is my second semester. I'm concentrating on doing the best in my core classes. I plan to study the GHC graduation process when it comes time," said Chelsea Roland, early childhood education major.

According to GHC's Admissions Office, there are some basic things students

should know in addition to petitioning for graduation no later than the beginning of the semester prior to graduation.

All library fines, fees and traffic tickets must be cleared before receiving a diploma.

Diplomas are ordered March 1, so any petition for name change should be submitted before this date.

Also, to participate in the ceremony all graduates must wear cap and gown, which can be obtained from the college bookstore.

Prices will be announced when the caps and gowns arrive, which is sometime in March, and fluctuate yearly.

A full graduation checklist with requirements can be found on Georgia Highlands College web site.

Graduation Checklist

- ☒ Petitions for graduation must be submitted the semester before the completion of requirements.
- ☒ Students who transfer from another college must complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit level classes in their degree at Georgia Highlands.
- ☒ Check the catalog (any one from the years a student has been enrolled in GHC) and make sure all classes have been completed under program of study.
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Students and faculty participate in blood drive

By Robert Holder
Staff Writer

GHC hosted its first blood drive of the spring semester on Feb. 1 at the Floyd campus.

According to Sandra Kerr, the donor recruiter for the Rome branch of Blood Assurance, 38 people signed up for the drive and 37 pints of blood were collected.

"I always felt that giving blood was an honorable way to show concern for fellow humans."

-Ken Weatherman
Professor

"The blood drive normally occurs once, and sometimes twice, a semester. This event normally draws around 40-50 donors," said

John Spranza, student life director.

"Currently, Blood Assurance is the organization responsible for handling the blood donation process as well as transporting the samples of blood at GHC," Spranza said.

The blood drive has occurred every year at GHC since the 1980s. During this time, it was sponsored by the Student Activities Office as well as the American Red Cross, according to Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education and former director of student activities.

"I always felt that giving blood was an honorable way to show concern for fellow humans and to meet pressing community needs," Weatherman said. "I am glad that blood drives continue on our campus. I believe that the college has done a good job of supporting this need through the years."

Those who are interested in donating blood to Blood Assurance or want a blood drive involving this organization can contact Kerr at 706-506-5544.



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Charles Garrison, lab assistant, sits calmly while a nurse collects his plasma for the campus blood drive.



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into 3 components
and used to treat 3
different patients.

-Students and faculty
donated 37 pints of
blood on Feb. 1.

-The blood collected
at GHC will
potentially save 111
lives.



Eric Smith



Nick Webster

Photo by Lesley Mathis

Pen and Paper performs on the Floyd campus during Black History month.

GHC plans to celebrate Black History Month

By Savannah DeGrosky
Staff Writer

Black History Month, also known as African American Heritage Month, has been celebrated nationwide since 1976, and February is Black History month at GHC.

One of the performances during Black History Month will be by comedian Ron G at noon on Feb. 16 at the Floyd campus and Feb. 17 at the Cartersville campus. After making his first major appearance on "Last Comic Standing," Ron G is becoming widely known from coast to coast. Ron G, contrary to many other comedians, ad-

vocates and performs clean comedy. Raised in South Carolina, he now resides in California, yet still finds time to tour colleges nationally.

Another Black History Month event at GHC will feature Barry Scott, who will perform at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Floyd campus and Feb. 25 at the Cartersville campus.

Barry Scott is known for his dramatic "Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr." Throughout Scott's lecture, he re-visits the oppression blacks faced during The Civil Rights Era, as well as re-creating well-known speeches by Martin Luther

King Jr. Scott will be appearing as part of GHC's speaker series.

Also performing during Black History Month was the group Pen and Paper.

This slam poet duo consisting of Eric Smith (E-Baby) and Nick Webster (DJ Tao) were at Floyd on Feb. 10 and Cartersville on Feb. 11.

These events are being sponsored by the Office of Student Life and offered to all students at no cost. Highlands Interactive Productions Club urges the student body to participate in these events to acknowledge Black History Month and appreciate Black Art.

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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 course of the next few months, the Six Mile Post will be chronicling these 40 years of history. In each issue, a different decade of history will be 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

80s known as the 'me' decade

By Kursten Hedgis
Assistant Editor

Georgia Highlands College during the 1980s was a time of big dreams, big hair and a big student population.

"Every student wanted to be a business major. All the girls had big, big hair. It was definitely the 'me' decade," Margaret Davis, professor of mathematics said.

According to a University System of Georgia website, enrollment in the fall of 1987 was 1,204 students. It was also the same year that the "junior" was taken from the college's name, and it officially became Floyd College.

"The 1980s at the college were overcrowded, which seems to be a common theme at Georgia Highlands. People wanted to come in, hurry up and then transfer so they could go out and start making money," Davis said.

The growth

in enrollment during the 80s, as it does today, resulted in growth in campuses. In 1982 Georgia Highlands made an off-campus presence for itself at Cartersville.

One year at the Cartersville campus Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, was holding his bowling class in the lobby of an early GHC location in Cartersville due to lack of classroom space. Weatherman had a student named Nancy Knowles, now deceased, who had muscular dystrophy and was confined to a mechanical wheelchair.

"One day a student brought a cat in that they had just picked up from the vet. Nancy loved animals and offered to hold it," Weatherman said.

He continued teaching class in the crowded lobby, when he was interrupted by commotion.

"The sedated cat woke up with a jolt and pressed its paw on

Nancy's wheelchair controls. Her chair started spinning around in circles. Desks went flying, students scattered



Buddy Blankenship, chair of the Floyd County Board of Commissioners, burns the 20-year bonds that helped finance the creation of the college, after the college finished paying them off in 1986.

in all directions. Nancy just responded with: 'Don't look at me, the cat did it!' Weatherman said.

The tradition of Tower Hour followed the college into the 80s. Pink Floyd had just released "The Wall" in November 1979, and "Another Brick in the Wall, Part II" reached its peak in popularity in the 80s.

Davis said, "One year Sheila McCoy (retired lan-

guage professor) and another teacher decided to lip sync a popular song. They came out lip syncing 'We don't need no education.' The students joined in singing and really got into it."

The 80s came to a close with Floyd College poised for growth and ready to expand its presence all across Georgia.

"I don't think there is any end to the expansion.

Who knows, maybe there will be a Georgia Highlands site in Russia, and I will be teaching Elementary Statistics to students in Moscow!" Davis joked.

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Ken Weatherman



Students enjoy a wet t-shirt contest during Tower Hour in the late 80s.



Wesley Walraven, founding academic dean of the college, smiles despite being hit by pie.



Jeff Rickman shows off during a wet t-shirt contest.

Confusing parking spaces lead to unfair tickets

Recently at Georgia Highlands, a prospective student received a ticket because he was parked at the McCorkle building.

When he went to inquire about the ticket, the security officer told him that he was parked in student parking and did not have a parking pass in his car window.

The student tried to explain to him that he was registering for the summer semester here at GHC and was only inside for about an hour.

The security officer told him that he should have parked in the reserved parking for visitors.

The student asked him where the visitors' parking was because he did not see any spaces labeled "visitor parking."

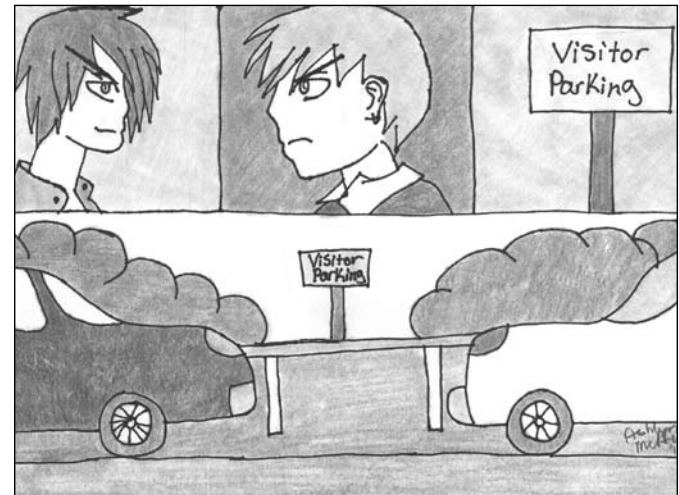
The security officer showed him the parking spots, but the labels were printed on the concrete. There were only a few parking spots, and they were all taken.

This incident high-

lights a major problem at GHC. Visitors come to the college for one thing or another and are getting tickets because there are not enough visitors' parking spaces.

They are also not labeled clearly enough for people to know that they are visitors' parking spaces.

If this continues to be a problem, people will stop coming here in fear of getting a ticket because they were not parked in VISITOR PARKING.



Artwork by Ashlyn McPherson

Haiti aftermath leaves some wondering: Why should I give?

Dueling Points of View



Kursten Hedgis
Assistant Editor



JoNathan Brown
Assistant Editor



Editors Box

By now, the news of the catastrophic events that occurred in Haiti has reached the ears of nearly everyone in the world. In the aftermath, one question looms, 'Now what?'

Some people give their money, their time, their aid to the betterment of this nation, yet others say that it is losing battle and turn a blind eye to the suffering going on in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding country.

George Clooney, long time liberal activist, opened the Hope for Haiti marathon on Jan. 22 with a message to these "others."

"Why help a nation where 3 million people are without clean water? So many of you are asking if they struggled so much before, why should we give more? How could we have faith we can make a difference now? This is a tragedy that reaches across all borders, all boundaries and demands our attention, our help and our compassion as fellow human beings," Clooney said.

Though the people of Haiti may look different than us, speak differently than us and live differently than us, there is one thing that we, as humans, share: our capacity for care.

A young Haitian woman, Jeanette, was trapped for seven days under the rubble of a fallen building. When the rescue teams got closer to her, she only had one urgent request, for her a message to be passed to her husband. "Tell him, live or die, I love him," she said.

I optimistically hope for a day when the enticement of celebrities will not be needed to motivate our society to be charitable in the face of such a devastating catastrophe. Behind the Hollywood veil is a nation of people hurting, dying in need of our care, our compassion and our service. That is why we should help.

When hundreds of miles separate us from the faces of the dying, it is easy to turn a blind eye. But, just because we don't see it, doesn't mean it isn't happening; and just because it's not happening to us, doesn't mean we shouldn't help.

The tragedy that occurred in Haiti was very horrible, and helping the Haitians is very important. However, helping people in need just to get recognition is not right. Also, it is a sad fact that it takes something horrible in order for people to start giving.

Over the past couple of weeks thousands of people have given to some organization or another that helps those in Haiti.

But Haiti has been a poor and needy country since it won its independence. Why is it that it takes something horrible for people to come together?

I strongly believe that Haiti needs help. However, it should not have taken an earthquake for people to donate more to the Red Cross or other non-profit relief groups. I believe that people should have been giving all along.

I also feel that there are people in America who need help too. Over the past couple of weeks the emphasis has been on the earthquake in Haiti and not on the children sleeping on the streets in America.

There are children in Georgia who are living in motels and tents because their families do not have enough money to pay rent.

The Foundation Camp, held at GHC to serve disadvantaged boys that are struggling in their home life, struggles to raise money to function. Does the camp have to have an earthquake to wake people up?

I do not want people to think that giving to Haiti is a bad thing. I just want people to have the right motives and realize that there are people in our own surroundings that are struggling and need help as much as the people in Haiti do.

-Letters to the Editor-

'Germs' story leaves nursing student wanting more

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed reading your article on "Laboratory tests show where germs really are," but I was disappointed with the lack of results given in the article. As a nursing student I think it is important for people to understand that germs are everywhere. I was hoping to find out what was swabbed, what had the most germs, and where you found the cleanest places. I thought this was a great way to let everyone know that germs are everywhere. Hopefully people will read this ar-

ticle and start washing their hands more often and clean the areas they work and play in.

Nikki Cantrell
Nursing
Cartersville Campus

Student impressed by campus organizations

Dear Editor,

I think that GHC having organizations to let students feel as if no one is discriminated against is a good thing. I recently joined the BAS (Black Awareness Society). Clubs such as this one give us students a tremendous opportunity to get to know other students. If one joins a club, this would be a great

chance to communicate with people that have something in common with you. Not only can you communicate, but also relate with others. I have met several people in just one day during the club meeting. GHC acknowledging that people have different personalities and preferences is something not all colleges recognize, so I am in favor of the different organizations for students.

Ashley Camp
Occupational Therapy
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Teacher with a record makes confession

Dear Editor,

I have a confession to make. As an adjunct instructor at GHC, I have a record.

No, not a criminal record, but an academic record dating back to the late 70s. At that time I was a non-traditional student at Floyd Junior College. Also, I was employed full-time as a communication specialist with the Cartersville Police Department. There was a special tuition program called Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) that gave me the opportunity to attend college and continue my education. In the late 90s I was an employee of a federal government agency. There was a special government initiative where the agency had partnered with an inner city elementary school. Each week I logged in volunteer time by tutoring a select group of students. I enjoyed the experience and decided to reinvent myself as a teacher. As a life-long student I now find myself back in the classroom

at Georgia Highlands College. However, this time I am filling the role of an adjunct instructor. I attribute this great opportunity to my initial course of study at Floyd Junior College. As GHC celebrates its fortieth year, I have much to celebrate too. Little did I know that the choice I made years ago to begin my course of study at GHC would carry me this far in life. That decision has made a major difference in my quality of life today.

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'And rock-a-bye sweet baby James' -A Eulogy-



Living Life...

Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

Usually you will find me in a sunny mood and Living Life with a big smile on my face. Saturday, Jan. 30, took that smile off my face for a while, when one of our classmates here at Highlands was found dead in his apartment.

James Garner had just turned 22 on Jan. 20. He was excited about getting involved in clubs here at GHC.

James Garner was a wandering young man who had not found himself yet.

He was a sunny fellow too, and always had a mischievous grin pasted on his face and a twinkle in his eye. You never knew what he was up to, but you knew it involved good times.

I met James just a couple of years ago. He had some amazing stories to tell. He was always rattling off some

story. He had a BB gun, and we shot at coke cans in his backyard one day. We laughed and cut up. He loved my cream-filled cupcakes. He called my daughter, "Love Boots."

Our hallways will be darker since James is not here. The Student Center will be just a little bit quieter. We have lost one who radiated light among us.

When we are young, we think we are invincible and nothing can happen to us. When we are older, we know that we are not.

Grab life with both hands. Live life all out. You will find me "Living Life..." and remembering "Sweet Baby James."

What it's like to be me...

Student in Radio

By Savannah DeGrosky
Staff Writer

Greg Cayton of the Cartersville campus is making headway in his dream career of radio broadcasting.

Cayton was once an unmotivated, high school dropout. Upon earning his GED and enrolling in Georgia Highlands College, Cayton began feeling a sense of achievement.

"My chance at Georgia Highlands gave me not only motivation, but also the communication skills I needed to pursue an internship at Kicks 101.5," Cayton said.

An insidesource informed Cayton that Cadillac Jack, a radio personality, was going to be a guest speaker at Summit Hill Elementary in Milton. Cayton decided to embrace the opportunity at hand and was granted permission to participate in the school's event.

Once Cadillac Jack's speech was over and it was time to hand out prizes to the students, Cayton took

initiative and offered to help Cadillac Jack with anything he needed done. Cayton stood side by side with Cadillac Jack handing out prizes. Cayton introduced himself said, "I want to be in radio. What's your story?"

Later Cadillac Jack gave the school's secretary his business card and told her, "That kid needs to call me!"

A week later, Cayton was hired as an intern during the morning show.

May 5, 2008, began Cayton's summer as an intern. He learned all aspects of production, including sound bites, recording endorsements and celebrity interviews.

Sometimes he was trusted to be alone to do tasks himself while the producer was either busy or ill. Three months after his launch, Cayton became an official Kicks employee.

Cayton is currently a team leader for the Promotions Department. He has been working the concert crowd hands on, as well as

getting hands on DJ training, shadowing his inspirations, and interviewing artists.

He has also had the opportunity to meet country artists such as Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban, Zac Brown and Eric Church.

His greatest inspiration is Cadillac Jack. Not only does Cayton admire Cadillac Jack's DJing abilities, but he also admires his dedication to his work and family.

"If I become half the man he is, I will be I good shape," Cayton said.

Without Cadillac Jack, Cayton feels as though nothing he has done so far would have been possible.

Another inspiration of Cayton's is Tug Cowart. Cayton has watched Cowart diligently work his way up in the morning show.

Cowart is willing to do anything for Kicks whether he gets paid or not. Both Cadillac Jack and Cowart are team players, and Cayton is

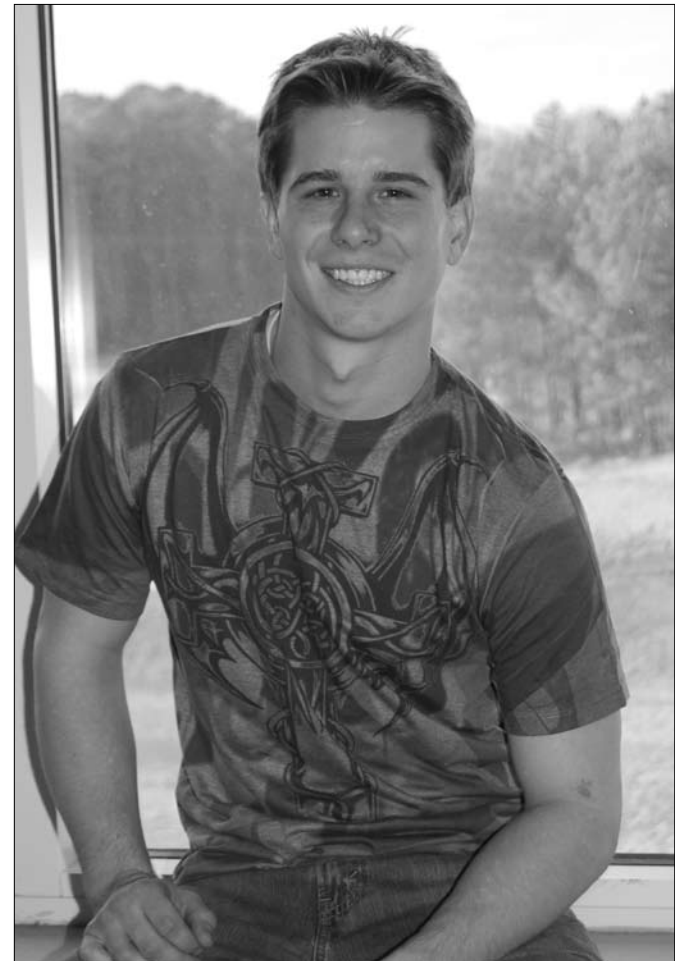


Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

Greg Cayton is team leader for the Promotions Department at Kicks 101.5 radio station.

honored to be a part of the team.

Cayton's goal is to keep advancing himself in the radio business.

The pinnacle of his career would be to become a sports

broadcaster for ESPN.

He is finishing his associate degree at Georgia Highlands and may decide to continue his education at another university in the future.

GHC alum leads nurses at Rome hospital

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

Humble beginnings can lead anyone to a successful life. This is the case for Ann Stocks, who went from a nursing major in 1971 to becoming the current chief nursing officer at Redmond Hospital in Rome.

Stocks chose Georgia Highlands when she began her college career for a variety of reasons. Location was the major factor.

She wanted to stay close to home, rather than travel far away from her family.



Ann Stocks

Berry College had just done away with a diploma program for nurses, and GHC had just started the same program.

Since her dream had always been to become a nurse, she made the choice to attend Highlands.

Stocks continued her education by getting her BSN at Oklahoma Panhandle State University and her master's degree at Jacksonville State in Alabama.

Stocks said that her experiences at GHC have helped her a lot in her career path.

"Georgia Highlands allowed me the opportunity to have the college experience and to also have contact with my friends and family,"

she said. "That brought me more security and encouragement. Later I realized I could do whatever I wanted to because I had that stable environment during my first years at college."

The classes that Stocks attended also reconfirmed the nursing dream she had always had.

Some of her favorite memories from the college involved the nursing clinicals.

"The practice clinicals created camaraderie because we were all laughing while doing something that

makes you so nervous," she said.

Stocks stressed that students should be proud of their beginnings at Georgia Highlands.

She explained that she is very proud of beginning her education at GHC and that "her degree is hanging in her office with all the rest."

"Always be proud of your local college and how they can assist you. It can be a very firm and sure starting place," Stocks said.

"It will prepare you. Always be proud of where you start," she said.

School purchases made into tax credits

By Diana C. Davis
Staff writer

A common error a lot of students make is not filing their taxes because they think they make too little money.

If students had money withheld from a paycheck they should file because they will most likely have a refund coming their way.

Whether they file taxes through a program like TurboTax or take them to a local H&R Block or Jackson Hewitt, there are things all students should be looking for.

One change college students should know about is the American Opportunity Credit (AOC) set in place for 2009-2010.

This credit is an expansion of the already existing Hope Credit.

The AOC can be claimed for tuition, fees and course materials.

Materials would include books, supplies and equipment needed for a course of

study.

"Students should know that they are allowed to file any required course material that was not purchased directly from Georgia Highlands College," said Anthea Evans, senior tax adviser at H&R Block.

Expenditure for a computer would only qualify for the credit if the computer was needed for enrollment in a course for college credits.

In order to be eligible for the AOC, the taxpayer has to have a gross income of \$80,000 or less.

This credit is claimed using Form 8863, attached to Form 1040 or 1040A.

Parents can receive the credits if they claim a student as a dependent, or students can receive the credits if they cannot be claimed as anyone's dependent.

Nothing has changed this year with the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, although a student has to be enrolled part-time in order to be eligible for this.



Photo by Cody Allen

Alison Fuller (right) purchases a psychology book at the Floyd campus bookstore.

Students enrolled during 2009 will receive a 1098-T statement of money paid to Georgia Highlands and can use this to compare to individual records when filing for tax returns.

"I think this will increase the want and the financial ability of more people to attend school. The additional credits now available are sort of like an incentive for some," said Jon Doss, gener-

al studies major at the Floyd campus.

All married couples filing separately cannot claim the American Opportunity Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit.

Pros and cons exist for online, DVD courses as class options increase for GHC students

By Danielle Donaldson
Staff Writer

Although many students are more familiar with the classroom course setting, Georgia Highlands College has quite a few other courses to offer. There are also DVD courses and online courses.

The classroom course setting is the traditional setting, where learning takes place in a classroom filled with students and one professor.

"I like how small the classroom setting is, and I also like that it has a more one-on-one atmosphere. I learn better with teacher-student interaction, and

teachers are more accessible as opposed to an online course," said sophomore Roxy Russell from Cartersville.

Students in classroom course setting can get immediate feedback from professors, because the student can simply see them after class or ask questions during class.

Although online courses do not allow students to see their teachers on a daily basis, students can still email professors any questions that need to be answered.

"This is my second time taking an online class and it's great. The professors give you PowerPoints to go

by, and the online setting allows you to go at your own pace. The teachers are really more helpful online than in the classroom," Cartersville student Grace Pulliam stated.

Online course assignments are posted and distributed through GeorgiaVIEW Vista, and this is where all completed assignments are submitted to professors.

Similar to online courses, the DVD courses allow students to work at their own pace.

According to GHC website, "The DVD course is accompanied by traditional texts, handouts and online supplements. Periodically

during the semester, students will meet with the instructor on campus for tests, labs, etc." There is a \$25 per course fee to cover licenses and duplication costs.

"In the DVD course the assignments are the same as for the traditional courses that I teach," said Jon Hershey, professor of English, who is currently administering a DVD course. "The DVDs, which are redone every few years, contain the entire course lectures as recorded at Georgia Highlands College Television. The main difference is that students must manage their work and progress on their own. It may not sound like a

significant difference, but it is," he said.

Hershey said that some are successful and some are not. "Those students who are able to keep up and manage their time independently of a traditional classroom will do fine."

Hershey said that he prefers the traditional classroom setting above all the others.

"Many valuable and sometimes unexpected aspects of learning will occur during class discussion and the exploration of course material as a group. That is something that cannot be truly recreated in an online or DVD course," he said.



Photo by Whelma Villaester

Melissa Benton views the exhibit that is located in the Lakeview art gallery.

Exhibit cultivates interest

By Christine Sisson
Staff Writer

Walking through The White House Gardens is both an informative and entertaining journey.

The White House gardens, which are the subject of a Smithsonian Exhibit currently on display in Lakeview art gallery, on the Floyd campus, were once used in the earlier centuries to raise crops and livestock for the first families to eat.

Now, the White House garden is a traditional garden, not only full of vegetables and fruits, but full of flowers, roses and trees as

well.

The Rose Garden is one of the most frequently changed areas of the White House grounds. In the 1800s it appeared as a glass-enclosed rose house until First Lady Edith Roosevelt tore it down and nourished it into a colonial-style garden.

Then about 10 years later Ellen Wilson, President Woodrow Wilson's first wife, arranged the garden into an Italian-style rose bed.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy, inspired by Thomas Jefferson's landscaping ideas, decided it was time to make it an area for special events, meetings and

formal ceremonies.

During wars the grounds were blocked to better protect the president and his family.

The grounds are now used, not only to grow food, but also to have Easter egg hunts.

Andrew Jackson ordered all kinds of diverse seeds to be planted there, growing unusual plants collected throughout the world, and strived for urban citizens to experience the country life.

John Quincy Adams worked alongside the paid gardener, planting flowers and putting down walkways because he loved to do it.

Movie Review

‘The Book of Eli’ delivers

By Jacque Loewy
Staff Writer

Directors Albert and Allen Hughes combine gory and intense action sequences with a unique religious twist not found in current movies to tell the story of a nomad survivor of post-apocalyptic earth in the new movie “The Book of Eli.”

The world has become dark, gloomy and desolate. Scorched by the sun, endless wastelands roamed by cannibalistic scavengers have replaced once fertile farmland.

One man seems to still walk with a purpose, and his name is Eli, played by Denzel Washington. In his possession he carries a machete and a sacred book. Throughout the film it becomes clear that there is a higher power

protecting him against everything from looters trying to rob him to a corrupt town leader trying to kill him for his book.

Very few films can captivate an audience's attention and draw them into the screen for two hours, but

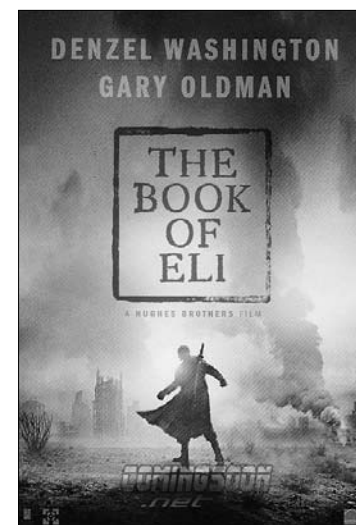
“The Book of Eli” is an exception.

From beginning to end the movie evokes emotion, curiosity and anticipation, keeping the audience's eyes wired to the screen.

There is little dialogue

but rather an emphasis on sound effects and faded color screenshots to convey the apocalyptic feel.

“The Book of Eli” is an entertaining, thought-provoking and unique film experience for a mature audience.



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What summer movie are you looking forward to?

Olympic Curling: brought to you by Wrangler



The Extra Point

Casey Bass
Staff Writer

What is it about curling that grabs the attention of Americans? The Winter Games feature heart-stopping exhibitions like skeleton, snowboarding and downhill freestyle skiing.

There is the speed skating team, sponsored by Stephen Colbert, and hockey, a sport where fighting is accepted.

And yet, with all that action and the possibility of carnage at any second, Thirty-seven million Americans tuned in to watch Curling in 2006, according to NYTimes.com.

Thirty-seven million. That's 10 million more than watched the "American Idol" finale in '06.

Curling? It's like shuffle board meets chess meets good housekeeping, on ice. Curling has long been ex-

tremely popular in Canada and the British Isles, where it snows for 11 months, and they have tons of patience, but in America? Fast food nation. Instant gratification land?

Even our boring sports offer the hope of excitement. Baseball has Robin Ventura getting mauled by Nolan Ryan. Golf has Tiger yelling obscenities at fans that take pictures in his backswing. NASCAR has fights on the track, 23 car pileups and Danica Patrick. Even figure skating offers the random lead pipe to the knee. But not curling.

So what is it about this sport that Americans dig? Well, it is an enormously complicated sport. I think we get a kick out of watching something we don't understand and trying to quan-

tify what is happening on the screen, like Kim Kardashian's popularity or Charles Barkley's golf swing.

Looking for a headache? Google "rules of curling" and see how far you can read before you run out into traffic.

It also seems like a sport anyone can do. I will never be an the Olympic speed skater nor does anyone want to see me in spandex but I bet I could make it to a podium pushing a broom in front of a granite stone.

Maybe it's the sport's prevalence in Canada. Americans have a deep desire to be the best at every-



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The 2002 USA Olympic Curling team.

thing, and to whip someone at their own game is profoundly satisfying, especially if it happens to be our neighbors to the north. Free healthcare? Yeah, well, who won the curling gold in '06? Eat it Canuck!

I don't know what the appeal is, but I do know this: Curling is AWESOME. So I figure if we are going to em-

brace this sport, let's make it American.

I propose a curling Dream Team in 2014. How much fun would it be to cheer on Sir Charles Barkley, "The Nature Boy" Ric Flair, Brett Favre and Gary Busey as they slide down the ice in Wrangler jeans chasing the gold? I promise it would not be boring.

Marietta site to begin intramural sports program

By Daniella Ramirez
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College at the Marietta campus is recruiting a large quantity of students to join the recently added intramural program. This fall season 2010, the college will offer co-ed flag football, basketball and girls' volleyball.

According to Kirk Nooks, site director at Marietta, the GHC Marietta Chargers' flag footballs 2009 season was cut short because of inclement weather conditions. Nooks facilitated coaching towards the end of the season, which subsequently brought the team to victory in its last game.

"I am actually very interested in helping them out this fall, we had a lot of fun" said Nooks.

Although flag football is a co-ed sport, only two girls from Marietta participated in 2009. There are expectations for incorporating more females in coming years.

In addition, both the volleyball and basketball teams had challenges completing their seasons.

First, because of the miniscule number of team members, and then because the Marietta campus' extracurricular activities depend on SPSU's (Southern Poly Tech University) permission and scheduling.

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Spring intramurals tip off into a new season

By Jose Ajanel
Production Assistant

The 5-on-5 spring basketball tournament began with a surprise victory by the Faculty/Staff team over the Deadly Assassins, 18-17.

As the score indicates, the game was played more on a defensive mode rather than with an attacking plan.

The game began with the Deadly Assassins taking the lead.

But Seth Ingram tied the game with one minute and 40 seconds left in the first half.

Chris Perry scored the first two points in the second half, giving the Faculty/Staff team the lead.

Jason McFry led the Faculty/Staff team with six points, followed by Ingram and John Southwood with

five and three points, respectively.

Kaleb Ware took a promising 3 pointer for the Deadly Assassins in the first half, but the Faculty/Staff team defended him well as they only allowed Ware seven points.

"Now that we're going five on five, we can utilize our strengths, speed, quickness and experience. We're undefeated," said Southwood. "We plan on being that way until we play again."

In the other game, the Double Stuffed Oreos defeated the GHC team.

Corey Pitts, DeMaurius Morgan and Nate Hibbets led their team with 17, 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Games will continue every Thursday in the Gym on the Floyd Campus at 1:45 p.m.



RIGHT: Ben Carter of the Double Stuffed Oreos team (left) and Spencer Daniel of the GHC team reach for the tip off to start the game.

Photo by Cody Allen

Six Mile Post 2010 Ping Pong Tournament

Rules and Regulations

*All games must be played by set deadline: First Round, Feb. 18; Second Round, Feb. 23; Third Round, March 1; Fourth Round March 30; Final round April 14.

*All games will be played with an honor system, no cheating

*Games are played with a best two out of three system

*Match results must be sent to 6mpost@student.highlands.edu

*If opponent cannot be reached, notify SMP or both opponents will be eliminated

*After each deadline, bracket will be updated until final round

*Brackets and opponent contact information can be found in the gameroom or on the SMP board in the F-Wing

