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## BAS celebrates black history month

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The Black Awareness Society (BAS) will hold a poetry reading on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the student center on the Floyd campus to celebrate Black History Month.

Though poetry will be the main focus of this reading, excerpts from all kinds of African-American literature will also be featured.

Barbeque sandwiches will be sold during the reading.

Throughout February, the Black Awareness Society will be putting up photographs of African-American men and women who have made a difference in our society, including inventors, poets and people involved in the civil rights movement. Alongside these pictures will be information and historical facts about the person in the picture.

The BAS members hope that the students of Georgia Highlands College will find this a fun and interesting way of learning about these important men and women who have helped our nation to become a better place, said Dr. Jon Hershey, club adviser and professor of English.

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Photo by Randie Mayo

**Adam Lee (left) helps Michelle Banther, education major from Resaca, with her classwork in the Tutorial Center.**

## Lee receives state recognition

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Twenty-seven-year-old Adam David Lee, this year's Academic Recognition Day representative for Georgia Highlands College, is living proof that it is never too late and that hard work pays off.

To be considered for this honor, students were expected to boast a 4.0 grade point average and have earned at least 45 credit hours (not including transfer or learning support hours) at Georgia Highlands.

This year three students met the criteria, and the selection was made by the Academic Council.

For his selection, Lee will receive a resolution signed by

Georgia's senators and representatives as well as a certificate from the Chancellor of the Board of Regents. He will also be recognized for his achievement at the Georgia Highlands awards ceremony in May.

"Mr. Lee has brought great distinction to himself in his academic accomplishments and has enriched the institution through his volunteer tutoring efforts," said Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs.

Lee, last year's winner of the Excellence in Accounting Award, is a business major who has currently earned 63 credit hours at Georgia Highlands.

"It was at awards night last year that I found out about peer tutoring," said Lee. "I had helped a lot of people in class, so I asked

Professor Nolen about tutoring. Previously there had been no one to do it. Students needed that help."

Lee said that the hard part is getting the students to come in on a regular basis. Since accounting students come few and far between, any of his spare time in the Tutorial Center is donated to students seeking assistance with other math.

Betty Nolen, professor of business at the college since 1983, described Lee as always being punctual, present and prepared. "He never failed to perform in a successful manner," she said. "We expect him to do extremely well at his four-year school."

According to Nolen, Lee is to be among the first inductees to a new business club at the college,

the Alpha Beta Gamma Society.

In his spare time, Lee also works as a part-time pianist for North Beech Tree Baptist Church in Atlanta. He said this requires a lot of practice, but his school work takes priority. Maintaining a spotless grade point average does not come effortlessly, and sometimes it does not leave him as much time to practice his music as he might like. "It requires very strong work ethic," Lee said.

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# Regent approves satellite nursing program at Acworth



Photo by Michael McGill

The nursing lab on the Heritage Hall campus in Rome gives students hands-on experience.

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The Georgia Board of Regents has approved the plan for Georgia Highlands College to establish a satellite nursing program at Acworth.

The Regents' decision came in January, according to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs.

There are three qualified ap-

plicants for every one that is currently accepted into the Georgia Highlands College nursing program. The Acworth program will help meet the needs of the students and community, Carson said.

"Many of the applicants live some distance away from Rome. Forty-one percent of the currently enrolled students live in Cobb, Bartow and Cherokee counties," stated Carson.

Georgia Highlands College

(then known as Floyd College) offered nursing classes in Cartersville as well as Rome in the 1990s. However, the classes in Cartersville were discontinued when the job market saw a dip.

Presently, there is a high demand for nurses and large numbers of students wanting to enter or bridge into the nursing program. So, Georgia Highlands College is going to once again make the nursing program available to students in Bartow County,

Carson said.

For a number of years, GHC has collaborated with North Metro Technical College in Acworth. North Metro is interested in having the GHC nursing program so LPN graduates from North Metro can bridge easily into the Georgia Highlands College RN program.

North Metro is willing to make its facilities and nursing laboratory classrooms available in partnership for this program. North Metro and GHC have signed contracts to this end, Carson said.

In addition, GHC students will continue to have access to the four general education classrooms on the North Metro campus. This will enable them to complete their core curriculum academic classes in Acworth as well.

Before the satellite program can be implemented, it must be approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The request for approval is on the Board's March agenda, according to Carson.

Once approved, the satellite program will admit 25 students in August 2006 and continue to admit that number annually, making 50 additional slots available at any given time in the two-year program.

Carson concluded, "This program will enable GHC to serve both students and the community by preparing graduates near their homes to help meet market demand."

## ADAM LEE

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Lee stressed the importance of listening during lectures and also completing all the homework. "It's not necessarily terribly hard," he said, "but time consuming. Especially in accounting, if you fall behind, it's hard to catch back up."

He advised other students to take things seriously if they wish to succeed.

"A lot of people get into a class and think it's a joke. That may work for some people. If I was careless like that, I wouldn't have a 4.0," Lee said. He also recommended that students always ask their professors when questions arise.

After not having set foot in a classroom since sixth grade, Lee confessed that he felt somewhat nervous about resuming his education.

It was in 2002 that he earned his GED and overcame any prior apprehension by enrolling in classes during the summer of 2003.

Previously, Lee had been living and working in the Atlanta area. In 2001, he and his wife Jennifer, a teacher at Pepperell Elementary, made the move to Rome.

It was the coaxing of his wife and then Floyd College Admissions Specialist Charlene Graham that led him to continue his education. "I realized that without having a degree of any kind, my job choices were limited," Lee said.

His family, both parents having graduated from the University of Georgia, was exceedingly happy with his decision and glad to have someone in college.

Lee would like to express his gratitude to the entire college faculty, especially those who recommended him for this recognition.

After completing his final three credit hours this semester, Lee will graduate and pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting at Georgia State University. He plans to start this fall and looks forward to returning to Atlanta.

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# SMP wins 21 awards in Macon

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The "Six Mile Post" won more awards than any of the four-year or two-year colleges at the annual meeting of the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA), with a total of 21 award, including 14 individual awards.

SMP advisers Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, and Cindy Wheeler, instructor of English along with 10 members of the "Six Mile Post" staff attended the meeting.

The conference, held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Macon on Feb. 4, included the election of officers, 10 workshops and an awards ceremony luncheon.

Two members of the "Six Mile Post" were elected to GCPA offices. Carolyn Grindrod, the editor-and-chief, is now GCPA secretary, and Jacki Padgett, staff writer, is on the junior board.

The workshops were taught by guest speakers such as the



Photo by Randie Mayo

**SMP Editor-in-Chief Carolyn Grindrod shows off the 21 awards won in Macon, Ga.**

"Rome News-Tribune" editor, Charlotte Atkins, and James Mallory, the managing editor of the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution." The topics for the workshops ranged from journalism

ethics to digital photography.

"I am very proud of everyone for doing such a great job," said Kemper.

Other members attending the convention were Sarah

Abercrombie, Jeff Denmon, Sam Chapman, Jake Carter, Joshua Daniels, Randie Mayo, Jenn Smith and Jason Trask.

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## BLACK HISTORY

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Though the students of BAS recognize Black History Month as important in celebrating the lives and accomplishments of great African-American men and women, they do not want their club activities to stop there.

Hershey stated, "I think the club wants to be active throughout the year and offer a variety of services and activities all year, not just through February. The students want to make their presence known on campus year-round."

BAS hopes to visit an African-American fraternity to view a step show on Feb. 25 and also to take a trip to see an African-American play in late March.

For additional information on the activities planned for Black History month and the activities planned for the future, email Hershey at [jhershey@highlands.edu](mailto:jhershey@highlands.edu).



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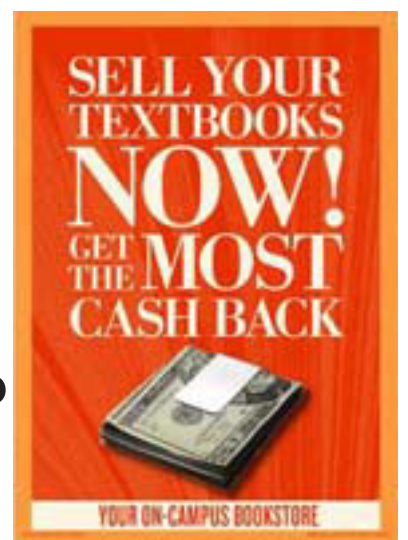
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# Emergency fund helps GHC students in need

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In 2004 Georgia Highlands College created a small fund to help students in need. This little known fund was formed to help students at GHC who, due to a financial emergency, would not be able to attend classes.

The fund is structured in one of two ways, as a loan or as a scholarship.

According to Judy Taylor, administrator of the GHC emergency fund, the criteria for awarding an Emergency Fund scholarship are that the student has been afflicted with a short-term financial crisis, has been referred by a faculty member and holds a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Examples of a “financial crisis” could include child-care costs, a broken down vehicle or

an illness, Taylor said. These issues must represent an emergency and not an ongoing financial problem.

The Emergency Fund loan is a no-interest short-term loan. It was conceived because there were students who did not qualify for the scholarship but had a financial need.

Taylor said that loans have been generally given for students whose financial aid had not come through in time for classes. The loans are offered in the anticipation of and are paid back by financial aid.

The scholarships and loans are a one-time boon, ranging from \$100 to \$500, based on the need of the student at that time.

There have only been six scholarships awarded since the fund was set in place, and all of the loans have been paid back in full. Taylor said, “As long as it’s

working we will keep doing it.”

The student’s financial need is based on his or her FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) score and verified by the Office of Financial Aid. Taylor strongly urges students to fill out the FAFSA online form.

It all began at the urging of the GHC faculty. Teachers and staff repeatedly brought up the idea at faculty meetings of an emergency fund for students, though there had never been funding for it. Finally in 2004, as a result of a Board of Regents’ auction, GHC had the capital to set aside some money for the fund.

“This process confirms what we already know about our faculty and staff,” Taylor said. “Their input made this happen. Without their input we would have never known about this need.”

## Cathy Cox visits Georgia Highlands as one of the first stops in her campaign for governor



Photo by Carolyn Grindrod

Secretary of State Cathy Cox speaks to students and members of the local community in Lakeview Auditorium on Jan. 26. This was Cox’s first day of campaigning. After her opening remarks she took questions from the audience related to issues such as taxes, homeland security, child care and education. Cox’s visit was sponsored by the College Democrats and the Black Awareness Society.



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PowerPoint encourages dropouts

With the world making more advantages in technology, colleges and universities are now faced with the challenge to raise the bar and try different teaching styles. At Georgia Highlands College, the teachers feel the need to update their teaching habits, and one of most popular forms of advancing towards the technological revolution is through Microsoft’s PowerPoint program. However, even though teachers have made adjustments into the technological age, their efforts have not been entirely successful. While it is a good idea to relate to the new group of students who are technologically savvy, teachers need to understand that

students learn in different ways. Many teachers just use PowerPoint as their only method of teaching, without answering questions or interacting with the class. But students may not necessarily get the information they need to understand by watching a professor click a mouse. These “PowerPoint Professors” need to learn when it is the right time to use PowerPoint and when it is time to interact with their class. Group discussions and teaching through example are key to an instructional environment. Although it’s a great tool for a neat and orderly presen-

tation, PowerPoint should not be used as the main form of educating students because it is boring and mindless. Students should be involved in class discussions and, in turn, they will be more likely to stay awake in classes and will be encouraged to attend classes regularly. If PowerPoint is used, then it should be used in moderation. To avoid overkill, teachers need to balance the instructional time, using PowerPoint only to supplement the lessons. Let’s turn the lights back on. Let teachers and students interact with one another. Who knows, it may actually work.

It’s just a big misunderstanding

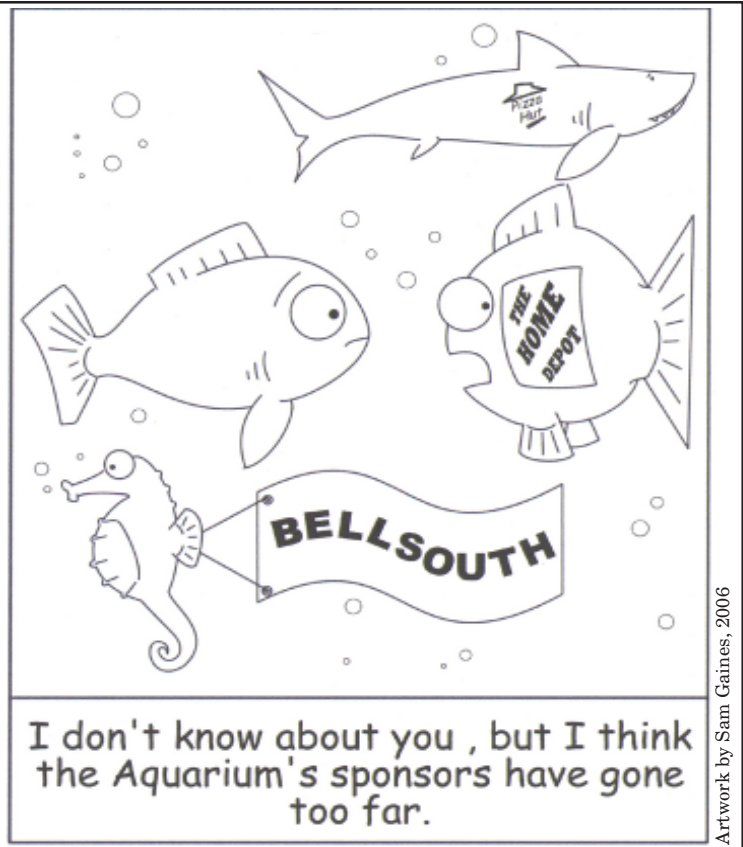
The other day I was in Atlanta, and I stopped for dinner at the Mellow Mushroom. In the doorway were several local magazines advertising events in the area. But it wasn’t these magazines that caught my eye—it was a larger book stacked in the corner—the “Gay Yellow Pages.” I picked it up thinking how bizarre it was the homosexual community of Atlanta needed a separate phone book. I took it home with me, and it was there that I realized what its true purpose was. I was looking through the pages and realized the majority of places featured support groups, for example a medicine clinic geared to homosexuals. I realized that this minority is just like most minorities, complete with its own lifestyle and culture. For example, here at GHC we have several clubs geared to different political or different lifestyles. We have the GLBTS, which is geared, similar to the other organizations in the Gay Yellow pages, to the homosexual communities in the area. BAS is geared to African-American culture, which I think is of great



Editor’s Box  
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importance for this predominately white school. GHC even has clubs dedicated to different religious, political and other different lifestyles. At first I thought it was ironic that in today’s society, where the main stress on the community is we accept everyone for their differences, that people would segregate themselves from society. However, I began to realize that it’s important that minorities have support groups with other people who share their interests so they can turn to people that understand their needs. There has been a major misunderstanding about why these clubs were formed and that saddens me. The major argument that I hear from people is that the clubs outcast themselves,

forming cliques to separate themselves from society. People automatically assume that just because an organization’s main focus is race or personal preferences that the organization is hostile towards others, and this is just outrageous. I think its high time that people learn to respect each other. Everyone has different and unique things that makes them who they are. Whether you’re homosexual, straight, black, white, hispanic, male or female, you should get the respect you deserve, and no one should judge you because you seem different. Hopefully, one day we can eliminate the need for separate yellow pages, and, as John Lennon sang, “ ... the world will live as one.”



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# All the forgotten children

My view of the world is not always bright and rosy. At times my mind is filled with war and rumors of war, and in the most lurid times filled with the tens of millions of AIDS related orphans in Africa.

These orphans are part of an enormous demographic crisis that has been brewing in Africa for years.

While the Western world continues its impressive growth, many of the world's poorer nations have seemingly been forgotten.

It will be up to the collective "us" in a few short years to address these problems. I don't believe it is up to America alone, but that the global community must come together as a whole to work towards better living conditions for all of the world's people, not just the lucky few.

Of course, I don't know the answers or solutions to these issues, and most days I am unwilling to deal with them.

It is easier just to sit back and ride my own melt, and as is often the case, it is easier to be apathetic.

While in Russia last year I had the privilege of doing some humanitarian work in orphanages around the western part of the county. As I sat in one dismal place spoon-feeding a nine-year-old girl who had never even been taught to feed herself, apathy was hammering at the



## If you ask me

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door. The question that came to mind was "what can be done?"

Certainly we have to protect our country from our enemies that would bring war to our doorstep, but without doubt the hundreds of billions spent fighting our enemies would have been better spent taking care of the world's children. It is estimated that in Africa alone there will be around 40 million orphans by 2010, according to the Awake Project.

When I sit back and ponder about the grandeur that America has achieved, I also know that many millions of children will die in the next few years from a lack of basic needs. How do we cope with the fact that while we spend our resources fighting freedom's "enemies," these children will be left by the tens of millions to fend for themselves.

I am not categorically against this war that we find ourselves in. I do see the need to attempt to create a secure world.

I simply desire a way to impress upon people that blowing each other up is not the best or only way to communicate and to see the funds currently used to engage in wars diverted into something more meaningful.

This sounds idealistic even to me, and I doubt seriously if I will ever see such a change in perceptions....Sadly, this is the reality of the world in which we live. Cheers.



Artwork by Jenn Smith, 2006

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# Letters to the Editor...

## Ample ski instruction provided for students

Dear Editor,

I wanted to explain that I feel that a recent quote by a GHC student may be misleading relative to our ski program. The quote read: "The trip was fun, but as far as instruction, we had to learn on our own. They didn't really prepare us for anything. Overall, the whole experience was pretty awesome."

I do 6 hours of pre-trip instruction prior to this trip. During that instruction I discuss safety on the slopes, including the NC State Skier's Safety Code, dressing for skiing, equipment characteristics, pre-trip drills, the ready position, conditioning for skiing/snowboarding, and turning and stopping characteristics, including some of the physical laws that govern the action of skis and snowboards.

Ski French Swiss then does

an orientation upon arrival and gives each student a minimum of 75 minutes of instructional time per day (5 days). Also, I have seen them go one-on-one with a ski instructor with unlimited time for a student who is struggling. Ski French Swiss goes to great lengths to give each student opportunity for success.

The GHC student may have been misquoted in the article, he may have said something that he did not mean to say, or maybe his quote was indeed correct. If the latter situation is the case, I vehemently disagree with his conclusions.

Thank you,  
Ken Weatherman  
Physical Education Professor

## Review brings tears

Dear Editor,

The book review on "The prodigal grandson returns" by

Jacki Padgett was amazing! I started to cry just from reading the review. I am not the typical reader who loves to read. Something has to catch my attention in order for me to read it and this review has caught my attention. Is this book available in every book store?

Natoshia Tyquiangco  
Nursing Major  
Rockmart, Ga.

## More tolerance needed

Dear Editor,

As I read the January issue of the "Six Mile Post." I came across several articles that I thoroughly enjoyed. My favorite, however, was the article "Something to Talk About" by Jason Task. I agree with Jason that so much of America, or at least the South, is prejudice. I grew up in a small, red neck town where racism ran rampant. Our schools were very

diverse but there was always a distinct separation of races. I despise racism and feel that it is just a sign of ignorance. Although America can be prejudiced, I believe that we are not alone in this. So much of the world is intolerant of other culture and views; so it is not fair to limit it to America. It would be wonderful if the world became totally tolerant and understanding but realistically, I do not think we ever will.

Autumn Rutledge  
Biology Major  
Cedartown, Ga.

## Facebook connects old and new friends

Dear Editor,

Facebook is a wonderful way to keep in touch with friends. I have reunited with so many of my peers from my high school years. It is also a good way to meet and mingle with people you currently

go to school with. If it wasn't for this website I probably would not have met half the people I know from school. I'm new in town and facebook has been an essential tool for meeting new people.

Travis Rylee  
Education Major  
Cedartown, Ga.

## Great China dishes it out New York style

Dear Editor,

I liked the article on Great China. I think it was well done. The decor maybe different from what Rome is used to but it reminds me of home.

I'm a native New Yorker and the Great China is typical of how they do Chinese, New York style.

Helen Ferguson  
Education major  
Rome, Ga.

Have you noticed?  
The leaks are back in the exact  
same places in F-Wing!



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Online Poll Results

What do you think is the most important  
right given by the First Amendment?

- The right to freedom of religion (23) 43.4%
- The right to freedom of speech/press (24) 45.28%
- The right to assemble peacefully (1) 1.89%
- The right to petition the Government (5) 9.43%

Total Votes: 53

Something to think about



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State next fall. She enjoys  
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baths and longs for world peace.

There is so much animosity in the  
world due to political preference. It’s becoming  
annoying quite frankly.

There are so many more important issues  
in this world to talk about than politics. I’ve re-  
alized that no matter who you talk to, you will  
always lose in a political debate.

I am just really sick and tired of not being  
able to voice my opinion about what I believe in  
without someone breathing down my neck about  
it.

However, lately it just seems to me that poli-  
tics are really the only thing people can talk  
about. I know that because of the current gas  
crisis and the war in Iraq, everyone’s nerves are  
a little jumbled, but is that really a justifiable  
reason to yell at someone for being a liberal? I  
think not. Yes, I am a liberal-well, a libertarian  
if you will. This means that I still believe in  
many liberal views, but I get a little annoyed  
with the hardcore liberals.

Why is it that political preference is so im-  
portant these days?

Day in and day out, I hear the same thing. I  
can’t even go to work without hearing someone  
bash liberals. I work at a local talk radio sta-  
tion. The people I work with are great, but the  
station runs a talk program that could literally  
make me pull my teeth out.

Rush Limbaugh-that is all I have to say. He  
is the epitome of the public enemy, if you catch

my drift. His voice makes my skin crawl. It’s  
not that I don’t like him because I am a liberal;  
it’s just that he’s so angry, all the time ranting  
and raving about the “left.” (That’s another term  
used to describe liberals. Conservatives are  
known as the “right.”) I once thought the nick-  
names were pretty witty, but now it’s just plain  
dumb.

It doesn’t matter if you are black, white or  
pink with purple polka dots, being liberal or con-  
servative in this world will get you nowhere. All  
it does is label you as a part of an ongoing war  
that will never end. America should come to-  
gether and forget these petty differences and  
focus on more important issues rather than po-  
litical views.

The troops in Iraq need our support regard-  
less of whether or not you support the war. They  
aren’t over there fighting for their health. Those  
men and women are over there because they be-  
lieve that there is a threat against America. I’m  
liberal, and I support the troops. Though I don’t  
always agree with President Bush, I do agree  
that something has to be done.

But before I begin to rant about that old  
chestnut, I would like to get back to the issue at  
hand. I respect everyone’s opinion. What I don’t  
respect is when someone interrupts me to tell  
me what I believe in is wrong.

After all, does anyone in the world really  
know what’s right when it comes to politics?

SIX MILE POLL

What do you think is the best thing about  
attending Georgia Highlands College?



Rose Mauldin  
Dallas, Ga.  
Pharmacy

“It’s convenient, it’s close to  
my home, and the professors  
are really nice.”



Kristy Scott  
Cartersville, Ga.  
Chemistry

“The small class sizes and the  
teachers being able to work  
with you if you have a family  
and a job outside of school.”



William Cody  
Cartersville, Ga.  
Transfer

“The new facility, the  
computers and the nice  
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lot from them.”

Poll by Mary Prickett

Features



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Sheryl McKinney, new director of the Counseling and Career Office, works to help students with academic, personal and career decisions.

Sheryl McKinney has a heart for students

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Staff Writer

Sheryl McKinney is the new director of the Counseling and Career Office. She started her job on Jan. 17.

McKinney, who is originally from Anderson, S.C., attended Anderson College and Furman University and received her master's degree from Liberty University.

McKinney's credentials speak for themselves, but her attitude towards her job makes all the difference. "I just like the personal counseling. I love to help the students. I love helping people. Helping them reach success,

that's the most rewarding part."

She also enjoys working with "the friendly staff" at Georgia Highlands College. "They're great," she said.

The Counseling and Career

Office also provides services like the Discover program, which is an online career assessment. In addition, it offers personal counseling, skillshops and helps with time management and test anxiety. All services are free to the students.

The Counseling and Career Office is also responsible for orientation.

McKinney stated that the Counseling and

Career Office staff is growing and that she plans to place a full-time counselor at the Cartersville campus.

When she is not working, McKinney enjoys playing piano and co-ed softball. She also hopes to start work on her doctorate one day.

"I just like the personal counseling. I love to help the students."

-Sheryl McKinney

Office is located in the McCorkle Building. McKinney said, "It is a place for students to gain direction. We help them with academic, personal and career decisions. We exist for one purpose--for students and staff success. We help students adjust to college life."

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# Spring break for less

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For many college students, spring break is a time to get away from school and work.

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# ‘Transporter 2’ brings flash and bang back to the DVD player

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Movie Review

Frank Martin, AKA “The Transporter,” is back for another butt-kicking, adrenaline pumping, car chasing, bullet flinging adventure in “Transporter 2.” The movie begins as Frank, played again by Jason Stratham, is enjoying his life on the straight and narrow as a driver for the wealthy Billings family, taking a break from his life of transporting illicit goods.

Frank’s happiest moments are driving the Billings’ child Jack, played by Hunter Clary, home from school.

The sudden kidnapping of young Jack brings the action to full speed as Frank embarks on a devil-may-care adventure to both rescue his friend and to unearth the truth behind his kidnapping.

The car chases may seem too good to be real; however, they just make the viewer want to believe, much like the many over-the-top martial arts sequences placed between.

The DVD brings both full-screen and widescreen adaptations to viewers. Other bonus features include a making of featurette, blooper reel and deleted scenes.

With all things considered, “Transporter 2” delivers the need for speed that fans of “Gone in 60 Seconds” demand while maintaining the quiet boldness of any “John Wu” style martial arts movie.



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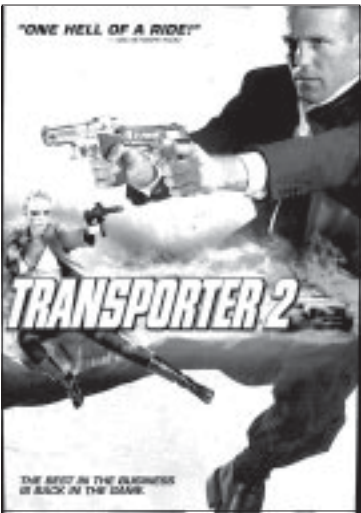


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Above: “Transporter 2” Box Art draws the viewer in with a heartpounding still.

Left: Frank protects his car from a group of street thieves.

# ‘Smack’ shows the truth behind ‘the hard life’

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Book Review

“Smack” by Melvin Burgess is a raw and provocative story of two teens from very diverse families that run away from their parents and do whatever they can to survive in Bristol, England, in the 1980s.

The story starts off with Tar, a 14-year-old boy, who is doing the jobs around the house his alcoholic mother should be doing and whose stepfather beats him regularly.

Tar decides to run away, but has a guilty conscience for leaving his mother. After a few nights of begging on the streets and sleeping in dilapidated buildings, he falls in with a few decent squatters named Vonny and Richard.

In the meantime, Gemma, a 14-year-old girl, who just happens to be friends with Tar, decides to run away from her power-crazed parents. She decides to join Tar in Bristol.

Tar loves Gemma, but Gemma does not return his feelings. She feels that tender, confused Tar loves her because he needs to.

Gemma revolts and turns away from the decent squatters and runs into a wild and care-free couple, Lily and Rob. This is where Gemma takes a turn for the worst. She tries heroin (street-named smack) for the first time, and Tar soon follows her lead.

This new group of four band together and do whatever they

can to survive. The girls become prostitutes and the guys go from dumpster to dumpster, store to store stealing whatever they can.

All in all, “Smack” covers the downfall of the runaways in their struggle to fit into a street

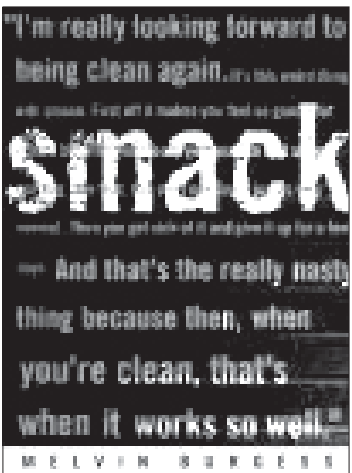


Photo courtesy of Amazon.com life and their heroin addictions.

Burgess uses teenage hormones, dark emotions and the temptations of youthful rebellion to give this piece a dark mood that lasts from the first scene to the last paragraph.

The book creates a feeling that heroin addiction is no longer something that only happens in gangs and movies; it forces young people to look at the actuality of possible addiction.

Burgess’ murky details, along with his distinctive narrative method, presents readers with an experience that puts them in the driver’s seat in every chapter.

This book persuades even the most ready-for-action rebels to think twice about using smack.



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# Four children help save a world in 'The Chronicles of Narnia'

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## Book Review

"The Chronicles of Narnia" is a series of seven famous stories all created by the amazing writer C. S. Lewis.

The stories, by name, include in the order Professor Lewis prefers, "The Magician's Nephew," "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," "The Horse and His Boy," "Prince Caspian," "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," "The Silver Chair" and "The Last Battle".

The most interesting part in the chronicles is when the youngest child, Lucy, comes across an old wardrobe during a game of hide-and-seek. She takes a step inside and just keeps going! She finds that there is no backing to the wardrobe and instead walks outside into a win-

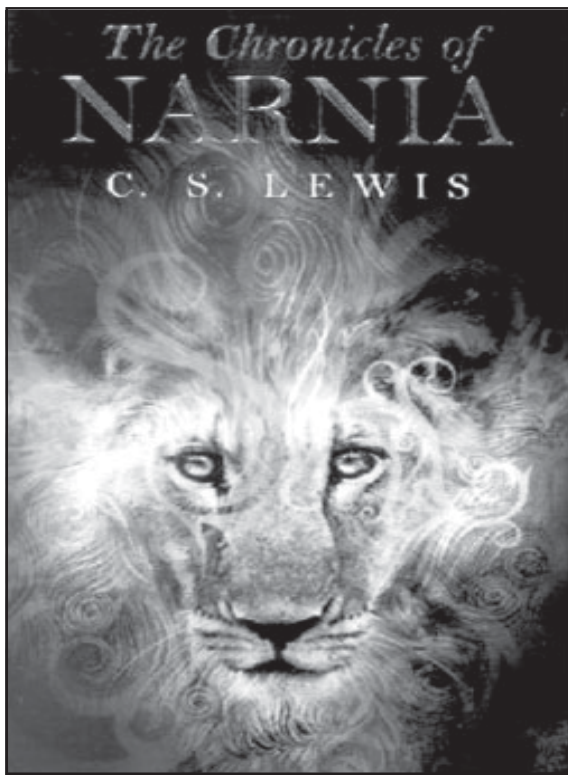


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ter wonderland. There she meets a fawn, to her surprise, and they at once start up a friendship.

Lucy soon goes back into the wardrobe to her world to tell her siblings, but, to her dismay, no one believes and thinks her to be crazy and childish.

Only much later while running away from a party of sightseers, all the children find themselves in the wardrobe and then in the frozen world of Narnia. Thus their adventure begins with fauns, dwarfs, talking animals, Aslan - The Great King Lion and the evil White Witch, Queen Jadis. All the children learn many lessons in life.

This is a great series. Lewis has a way of drawing people of all ages into his books.

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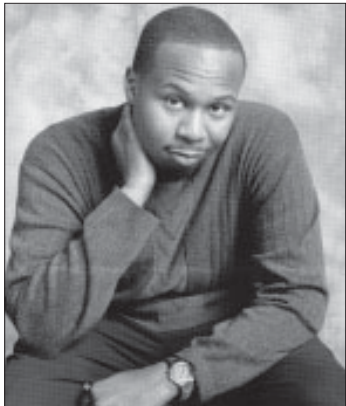
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Entertainment

Nationally known comedian comes to Georgia Highlands

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Comedian Roy Wood Jr. is coming to Georgia Highlands College Feb. 22 and 23. Wood is known for his performances on BET’s “Comic View” and Comedy Central’s “Premium Blend.” He is head writer and producer of the “Buckwilde Morning Show,” according to his website, www.roywoodjr.com . Wood will be at the Cartersville Campus on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the middle commons area and at the Floyd Campus on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the student center. “Don’t miss out on this hilarious performance,” said John Spranza, director of student life.



**Roy Wood Jr.** Contributed Photo  
The acts that come to the college are selected by the student members of the Highlands Interactive Productions (HIP) who attend the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) conference. There they view different performers. The APCA conference gives the HIP members the opportunity to select and schedule the performers for the year.

Johnson and friends rock

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Music Review

When Jack Johnson was asked to write and produce tracks for “Curious George,” the motion picture, he was more than happy to do so. It is also quite obvious that Johnson was on a natural high when he produced this album. This soundtrack is more than just a soundtrack. Johnson’s creative vision really shines through. The most repetitive, catchy song “Upside Down,” which is the very first song on this soundtrack, is very upbeat and well written. Another track, “Broken” acts as a soothing wave of music crashing in the listener’s mind.

The soundtrack also features special guests Ben Harper, G. Love and Matt Coasta. Love adds his funky jive vibe to the song “Jungle Gym.” Love accompanies Johnson on his harmonica. Johnson covers Harper’s “With My Own Two Hands” and Harper joins him on vocals to Johnson’s version of the song. Coasta guests in “Lullaby,” which is in fact a tender nighttime ser-

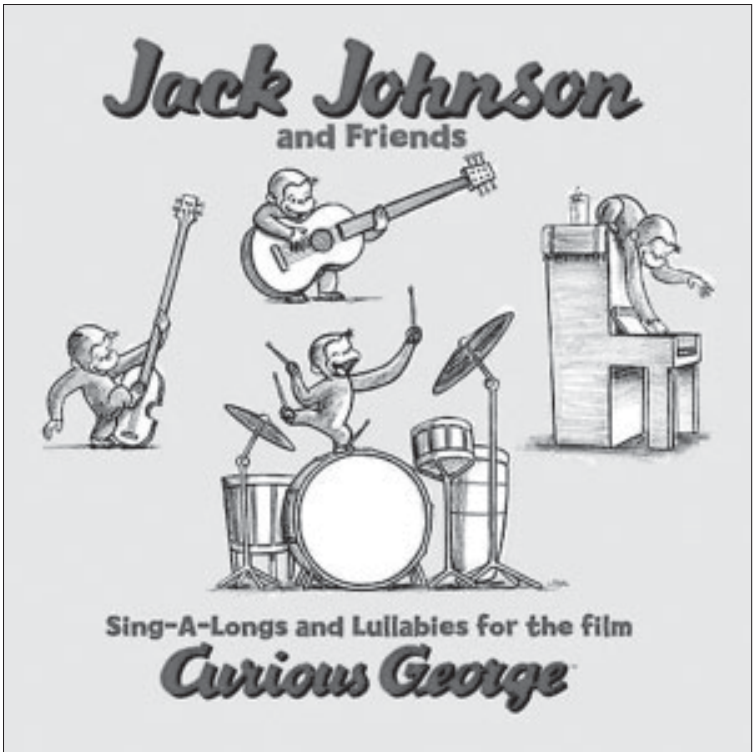


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enade. Johnson also covers the White Stripes song “We’re Going To Be Friends,” already a slow folk song. Johnson adds his flare to the song, making it more than sweet. In addition he covers School House Rocks’ “3 Is a Magic Number” and changes the name to

“The 3R’s.” Johnson’s fans will not be disappointed with his work on this soundtrack; it truly has something for everyone. Not only will the kids enjoy the music, but the parents will find the driving time a lot easier and bearable with this CD playing.

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# Serenity Room now open for relaxation needs

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The Serenity Room, located in W-324 on the Floyd campus, is the newest addition in the Walraven Building provided by the Human Services Club to aid in maintaining high performance from students at Georgia Highlands College.

The Serenity Room is a cluster of rooms consisting of two separate rooms and one reception area. In these rooms are beanbag chairs, fountains, lava lamps and CD players emitting relaxing nature sounds.

The Serenity Room is a place where students can go to take naps or just relax between classes. Susan Claxton, associate professor of human services and sociology and the coordinator for the Serenity Room, says that the area was created to offer a "healing environment" for students who may not have time to relax outside of school.

Claxton got the idea for the Serenity Room at a conference

when she learned about a similar project carried out by Allegany College.

Allegany College gathered information in a study and discovered that students from such rooms are "relaxed and reenergized" perform better as a result of lower blood pressure, heart rate and respiration.

The funding for the Serenity Room was provided by the Human Services Club. Because funds were limited, Claxton states that she has yet to purchase the aroma-therapy diffuser that she wanted to place inside.

The Serenity Room was temporarily closed due to technical difficulties with non-functioning electrical outlets but has now reopened.

However, because of a lack of qualified supervisors, the Serenity Room will be only opened on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to be a supervisor should be dependable and responsible. Please provide references at Claxton's office in F-142a.



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Students can go to the Serenity Room to relax and relieve stress in between class.

## The misadventures of Ned and Ted



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# True Ballas post first ‘W’ in 5-on-5 Basketball

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Staff Writer

The True Ballas lived up to their name, claiming the first win of the 2006 intramural 5-on-5 basketball season in nail-biting fashion, edging out the All-Stars 54-49 on Feb. 1.

Shortly after the jump ball, Dayne Styles of the All-Stars ran the floor and posted the game’s first field goal. By the end of the half the All-Stars lead 29-26.

As the second half opened up, the True Ballas began to show their true colors. Byron Cliatt, Quantavious Martin and Corey Pitts all drained three-pointers during the half.

With 52 seconds left on the clock the score was tied 49-49. Maddrick Long of the True Ballas went to the line with two foul shot attempts and drained both.

The True Ballas went up 51-49 with only seconds left on the clock. After the in-bounded pass, the True Ballas recovered a turn-over and kicked the ball to Long, who faced the basket and put the nails in the coffin with a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

Though the True Ballas admit to not having practiced as a team prior to Wednesday’s action, the squad’s performance spoke volumes of the players ability to work together on both ends of the court.

“When we get in shape and learn to play better as a team, we will be all right. You also have to consider that we haven’t had a team practice,” said Long, a business administration major from Rome.

Long was also the True Ballas’ leading scorer with 19 points.

Pitts, a computer science major from Rome, who plays for the True Ballas, said, “We played a good one against one of the best teams in this league. For the first game of the season we were all a little winded, but we look forward to improving through the season and seeing this team again in the playoffs.”

Other players on the team are Hank Peppers and Ammar Abdellatif.

Leading scorer for the All-Stars was Styles with 21 points, assisted by teammates Cyril Young, Chris Strickland,

Stephen Walker and Terry Albert.

In other action, C-Town, led by James Mitchell with 19 points, defeated Dem Boyz, led by Brandon Brown with 14. The final score was 43-33.

Intramural basketball is slightly different from standard play. In the place of quarters, two 15 minute halves are played. A referee is present to call all fouls, out-of-bounds and dribbling violations.

Students who are interested in viewing or participating in intramural activities, may contact David Mathis at dmathis@highlands.edu or stop by the gymnasium on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Josh Kelley

Dayne Styles, a physical education mayjor from Rockmart, shoots a free throw for the All- Stars.

## 5-5 Scores for Feb. 15

All-Stars- 68    Dem Boyz- 26  
Leading scorers  
Terry Albert (All-Stars) 21  
Brandon Brown (Dem Boyz) 13

The Ballaz- 62    C-Town- 46  
Leading scorers  
Quantavious Martin (Ballaz) 23  
Drew Martin (C-Town) 14  
(No games were played Feb. 8)

## Kobe’s not a one-man team

Kobe this, Kobe that. Who cares about Kobe Bryant? So what if he scored 81 points against the Toronto Raptors! Play a team worth playing-- Miami Heat, Detroit Pistons or the San Antonio Spurs--and see if he gets 81 points then.

When he was taking all those shots, where were his other four teammates, on the bench? Oh no, they were on the floor. He just hardly ever uses them.

As Charles Barkley says, “He’s a ball hog!” And I totally agree. Don’t get me wrong, brother has mad game and can play, but he has to learn to use his teammates as well. Learn to have faith in someone else besides himself.

Bryant should know by now he can’t win the game alone. He needs help. He can score as

many points as he wants, but nine times out of 10, that’s not going to get the job done.

When you look back on the Lakers’ season last year, the first thing that comes to mind is, “They didn’t even make the playoffs.”

Also that was their first year without “The Diesel,” Shaquille O’Neal. You would think, being that Bryant has the team the way he wants it, to himself, he would see that he can’t do it alone. But obviously it hasn’t sunk into his thick head.

I think in order for the Lakers to get back on track, Bryant will have to learn to use his teammates more often and know that it’s not a one-man game.

Yeah, he’s better than the team as a whole and as of right now he leads the league in scoring, but he needs to make his

## Real Talk

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Columnist



game a notch better by making his teammates better, as in passing the ball and setting up plays for them, etc.

Bryant’s assisting average as of right now is 4.3, not high at all. He hardly lets go of the ball unless he’s attempting a shot, or two or three.

On Jan. 29 the Lakers played the Pistons. Bryant had 39 and the Lakers still lost, 93-102. Feb. 1, the Lakers played the Indiana Pacers and lost 79-105. Bryant had 26 points.

Honestly, I don’t care how many points he scores or how good Kobe is, he can’t win a game or a NBA title by himself. He needs help. The Lakers haven’t been the same since the big man left, O’Neal.

Bryant, if you want to see the playoffs this season, son, you got to make some changes.



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# GHC student featured in NASCAR fan documentary

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Some people watch sports for entertainment, some play them for recreation, but for Georgia Highlands student Renea Hale, NASCAR is more than just a pas-time; it's a way of life.

"It's just one of those things," said Hale. "The first time you go,

emy Mayfield.

In her capacity as crew chief, Hale does everything from changing tires to changing motors. With both her husband, Casey, and her son, Zac, racing for the same team, Hale gets to share the rush with her family.

When Hale was named Fan of the Week last October at Talladega, she and her family were ecstatic. Apart from meet-

**"For all of you that have this image that NASCAR is bad, I say go to just one race...you will be hooked just as I was!"**

**-Renea Hale**

you get hooked. Oh God! You can feel it when they go by."

A mother of three and a native of Alabaster, Ala., Hale never imagined that a recognition as Fan of the Week would land her a spot in a FOX documentary.

But Hale is no mere fan; she and her family get in on the racing action together in area go-kart competitions as well. In fact, Hale attributes some of the newfound fame to the homage her family paid their favorite driver by painting one of their go-karts to match that of #19, Jer-

ing Mayfield, the Hales also drew attention from documentary filmmakers who wanted to show NASCAR from a fan's perspective.

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing! Of course I was like, Oh YES, YES, YES," said Hale.

"The first thing they were going to do was tell what kind of fans watch NASCAR," explained Hale, "but when they went to the kart track and got to see what all went on, they decided to pretty much compare how they're alike and different."



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**Renea Hale is interviewed after being named Fan of the Week at Talladega in October.**

A camera crew followed the Hales' weekend routine from kart-shows to kart-tracks and even to their home for a tour and one-on-one interviews. From there, the crew headed to the Hales' shop, which would be their last stop of the weekend. "They filmed us in our shop, showing all

of our tools, and I had to explain everything on the kart and what I do to get the karts ready to race," Hale said.

Hale found the whole process to be a great experience, and she hopes that the show will help draw more fans to the sport.

Hale also had a challenge for

NASCAR naysayers: "I want everyone to see that anyone can love NASCAR. For all of you that have this image that NASCAR is bad, I say go to just one race...you will be hooked just as I was!"

The documentary has yet to be named but will air on FOX in June.

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# New Georgia aquarium is the largest in world

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Georgia Aquarium, the largest in the world, is now receiving visitors in Atlanta.

The aquarium, which took nearly three years to complete, opened on Nov. 23, 2005, boasts the square footage of approximately 550,000 and water volume of over 8 million gallons.

The exhibits, according to georgiaaquarium.org, display 100,000 marine creatures representing 500 species in five separate galleries: Ocean Voyager, Georgia Explorer, Cold Water Quest, River Scout and Tropical Diver.

The Ocean Voyager, with its 6 million gallons of water, is the largest of the galleries. This exhibit emulates the rich biodiversity of a major coral reef off the coast of Central America, the Meso American Barrier Reef.

The Georgia Explorer is an interactive gallery. It has “touch-pools” – similar to a petting zoo – where patrons have the opportunity

to feel stingrays, sea stars, horseshoe crabs and shrimp.

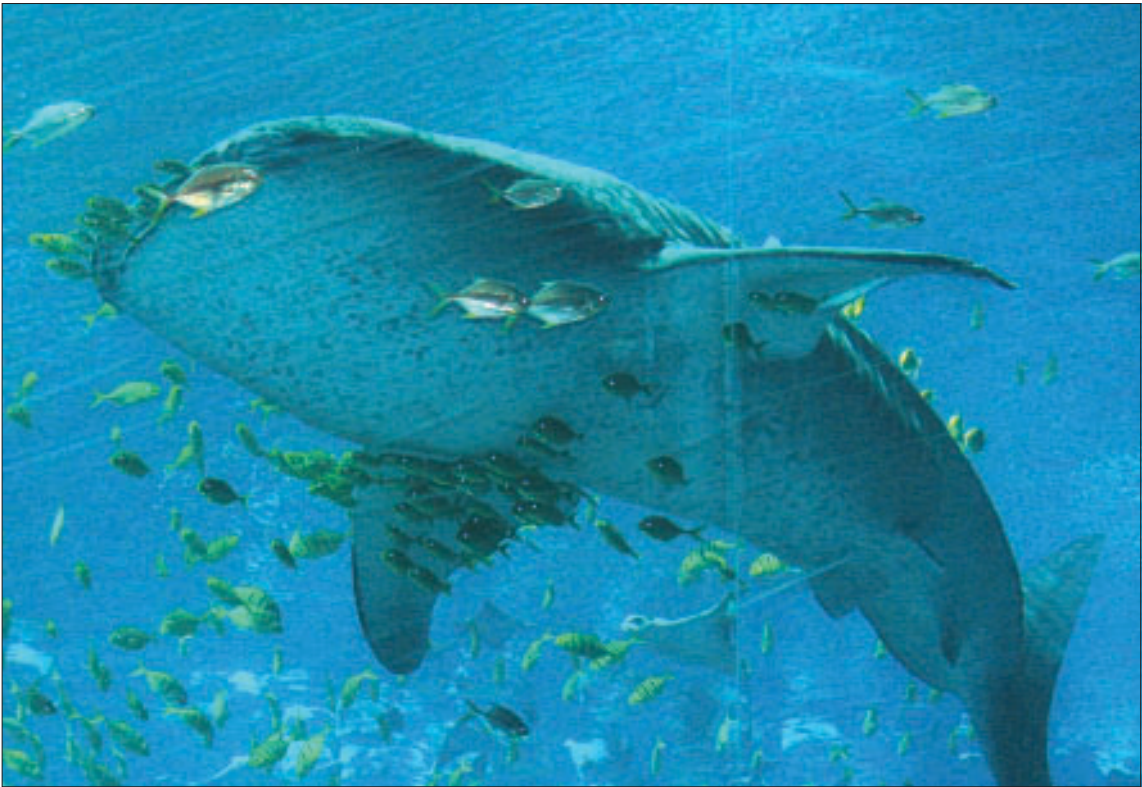
The Cold Water Quest displays, true to its namesake, seaweeds in comparatively colder regions. The Quest showcases sea dragons, giant octopi and the noted beluga whale.

The River Scout brings the African safari to Georgia. There are also specimens from South America and Asia, like the arapaima, a famed Amazon resident, as well as electric eels and voracious piranhas.

The Tropical Diver exhibit at the end of the tour features rare tropical coral and exotic mariners like yellow-head jawfish and fairy basslets.

Visitors wait from five to thirty minutes in the queue before entering the aquarium but online reservation is available at georgiaaquarium.org. Admission is \$22.75 for adults.

Dining accommodations are provided by the Café Aquaria, which offers several restaurants – including Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream. For more information visit georgiaaquarium.org



Above: Norton, the whale shark, swims happily in the largest tank in the aquarium.



Center: One of the beluga whales swims to the surface for air.

Bottom Left: As children watch, a gigantic tuna swims past.

Bottom right: A scubadiver swims above the shark tunnel as aquarium visitors stroll underneath.



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