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GHC Briefs

Service Learning Opportunity

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Georgia Highlands College is participating in a new tutorial center located in the freshly restored Main High School building in North Rome.

GHC is in partnership with 100 Black Men of Rome—Northwest Georgia. The tutorial center will serve primarily Rome City School students who live in the North Rome area—elementary through high school.

According to Dr. Jon Hershey, English professor, the starting hours are few but as the demand grows, the hours may increase. For now, the center is open after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Center needs volunteer tutors—faculty members or GHC students. This is an opportunity for students to help grade school students and also get experience. Education majors could participate, especially those who want to get a feel for the field, Hershey said.

The building is located at 41 Washington Drive in Rome. Those interested in volunteering at the tutorial center should contact Hershey at jhershey@highlands.edu.

Black History Month Read-a-thon to be held Feb. 22

On Thursday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. students, faculty and staff will be reading selections of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction by African American Writers.

The activity will be held in the student center on the Floyd campus and is sponsored and organized by the Black Awareness Society.

GHC celebrates Black History Month

Ellis explains why his life deserves to be a movie

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Jim Ellis was told his entire life that African-Americans could not swim.

The common notion at that time was that due to bone density a black person would never be able to out swim a white one.

But growing up in West Philadelphia during the sixties and seventies when most city youth were more concerned with gangs and violence than how fast they could swim, Ellis knew his place was in the water. Enrolled in his youth at the local YMCA for swim lessons, Ellis took naturally to the aquatic sport.

As he grew older, Ellis moved from swimming to coaching, taking positions at local pools to educate the youth. In 1971 he founded the Philadelphia Department of Recreation (PDR) Swim Team, which would eventually become the nation’s best predominately African-American team.

In late March, the movie “Pride” will be released, showing the world some of the events that occurred on the journey from after-school swimming to national championships.

In anticipation of the movie, and as part of GHC’s observance of Black History Month, Ellis spoke at the Floyd campus at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Ellis’ speech dealt with his actions with the swim team and how they not only set records in swimming, but in diversity.

The swim team started out with all African-Americans. But as word spread of Ellis and his expert coaching, more parents from all different cultures brought their children to him. As Ellis himself joked, “We looked like the United Nations.”

Ellis spoke more about the



Photo by Zack Bolien

Jim Ellis, the subject of the upcoming movie “Pride,” spoke to a gathering of students in the Lakeview Auditorium on Feb. 6. Ellis spoke modestly of his accomplishments and urged the audience to find ways to make a difference in other people’s lives.

accomplishments of the team than the color, however. He stressed that he never intended to cause such a commotion, but only to help the inner city youth stay away from drugs and violence.

Not only did he succeed in this goal, but several of his swimmers went on to Olympic tryouts and college scholarships.

In the nineties there were more than 150 people, either recreational or competitive, under Ellis’ tutelage. His name had become synonymous with swimming, and when an article published by the “New York Times” was written about him, Ellis said that he felt as if he was suddenly on the forefront of something very big.

In 2002, a script was penned about Ellis and his life. It caught the eye of Sunu Gonera, an affluent businessman with a passion for movie making. Soon after, the film was picked up by Lion’s Gate

and put into production.

Ellis remarked that the entire process of having a movie made about him was exciting, but surreal at the same time. “You have to sign away your life rights,” Ellis said. “Life rights. That sounds serious.”

Ellis hopes that not only will the movie do well, but that it will inspire more black athletes to try competitive swimming. The PDR he founded is still going strong in local and national competitions. Ellis is still the head coach of the team, as well as teaching geometry at a public high school in Philadelphia.

He took a leave from school this semester to travel America and speak about his life and the movie, but plans to return to teaching as soon as he can.

While he enjoys meeting new people and speaking at colleges, he still feels most at home near the pool.

“Give back,” was the main

point Ellis stressed through his speech. “Give back. When you graduate, give back to the community. We need it desperately.”

“And remember,” he chuckled, “They said African Americans can’t swim.”

Ellis’ appearance was part of the GHC Community Speaker Series sponsored by the Office of Student Life with additional support from the college’s Foundation.

The next speaker in the series is Deanna Latson, a nationally known nutritionist who has worked with a variety of high-profile clients, including NFL teams.

The title of Latson’s presentation will be “Eat Right. Feel Good. Look Great.” She will be speaking in the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd campus at 7 p.m. on March 1.

Admission is free to those with a GHC ID. There will be a \$5 charge for others who attend.

Committee chooses focus for QEP portion of SACS review

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GHC has chosen “Information Competency” as the focus of its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) required as part of the college’s process of renewing its reaccreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The QEP portion of SACS reaccreditation of colleges is based on a five-year plan of improvement in a specific area.

According to Leslie Johnson, QEP committee co-chair, the term “Information Competency” refers to several methods for understanding information handled by students.

These methods are understanding how to obtain informa-

tion pertinent to assignments, how to locate reliable sources and how to process and use information in an effective manner.

“Information Competency is the ability to find useful and credible information and effectively communicate it in some way such as in writing or a speech,” said Johnson.

The committee is currently meeting to write a specific plan to be submitted in August. The plan is supposed to have a clear way to measure how well the students are learning and make adjustments as necessary.

“In the past, SACS worried about whether we had professors with the right degrees or the right number of journals in the library,” said Dr. John Reiners, professor of business and economics and co-chair of the QEP committee, “but now they are interested in seeing a five-year plan for enhancing student learning in some specific area.”

The QEP committee is comprised of co-chairs Reiners and Johnson and members Eddie McLeod, Susan Vines, Teresa Hutchins, Alan Nichols, Becca Maddox, Harriet Kiser, Rachel Wall, Carla Patterson, Jeanie Cassity and Dr. Renva Watterson.

Currently, the QEP committee is attempting to involve students by having a contest to design a permanent logo for the QEP plan.



Photo by Josh Kelley

QEP committee co-chairs Leslie Johnson and John Reiners review plan to increase information handling abilities.

FAME! FORTUNE!

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The college **needs a logo** to launch its new school improvement program, or QEP. This program, called “**IC**” for **Information Competency**, will focus on strategies which improve the ways students locate and use relevant and valid information in their coursework.

We need **original submissions** from current GHC students for a QEP logo – something that would work on anything from business cards to web pages.

Submission deadline is March 16.

For more information, check out the QEP article in this *SMP* issue, look for the related email in your GHC inbox, contact carla.patterson@highlands.edu, or visit www.highlands.edu/logocontest

QEP Timeline

Spring 2006

The process began with the release of college-wide surveys during March and April. The SACS Leadership Team then met to review the results and narrow down the potential topics to three: writing, information literacy and learning communities.

Spring 2007

In May the plan will be distributed at the GHC faculty’s annual Assessment Day and final feedback will be added.



Fall 2006

Six different focus groups comprised of faculty and staff and one comprised of students met on the Floyd, Cartersville and Marietta campuses to begin discussing the topics during September.

The results of the focus group sessions were presented at Town Hall meetings of faculty and staff on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, where attendees ranked the topics. The SACS Leadership Team narrowed the QEP topics to two: information literacy and writing on Nov. 13.

On Nov. 29, the first committee to oversee the plan was formed. The committee combined the two remaining topics and renamed the focus “information competency.”

Fall 2007

Integration of the QEP plan will begin in classes in Area B of the academic core. A new area of classes will be added to the process each year.

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Division Chair still recovering



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Dr. Chattopadhyay

Dr. S. Chattopadhyay, chair of the math, science and physical education division, is still recovering after an aneurysm that landed him in the ICU at Emory University Hospital.

Chattopadhyay collapsed on the Cartersville campus on Jan. 11.

He is now in a private room in what is called an ICU recovery unit, which is very similar to the ICU, according to Harriet Kiser, associate professor of math, who recently visited him in the hospital.

Chattopadhyay may now have visitors, and Kiser says his doctors are very hopeful of his complete recovery.

SMP best 2-year college paper in GA

13 awards come home from the annual GCPA

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The "Six Mile Post" was recognized as the best two-year college newspaper in Georgia at the annual Georgia College Press Association's Press Institute in Macon on Feb 3.

The "Six Mile Post" placed first in the two-year college General Excellence category for the first time since the publication began in 1972.

The SMP won six awards overall in the state-wide contest, including: first in General Excellence, first in Best Campus Community Service-News, first in Best Campus Community Service-Editorial Excellence, second in General Advertising Excellence, second in Best Campus Community Service-Sports and second in Best Community Service-Features.

During the individual awards portion of the ceremony, the staff won seven awards. These included first place for Zack Bolien for Best Review, first place for Josh Kelley for Best Sports Photograph, second place for Sara Baggett for Best Column, second place for Nicole Duck for Best Editorial or Feature Photograph,

second place for Dustin Taylor for Best Sports Story, third place for Megan Van Meter for Best Feature Story and third place for Sarah Abercrombie for Best Editorial or Editorial Series.

The entries in the "Better Newspaper Contest" sponsored by the Georgia College Press As-

sociation (GCPA) are judged by professional journalists. The awards were presented at a luncheon in the Macon Ramada Plaza Hotel.

Jehna Holder, SMP editor, was elected treasurer of the GCPA, and Jake Carter, staff writer, was elected to the GCPA

Board of Directors.

Student journalists from various two-year and four-year colleges from throughout the state attended the Press Institute. Workshops were held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and were conducted by speakers from different newspapers and colleges, such as Rick Crofts, presentation editor for the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution."

Jehna Holder, editor of the "Six Mile Post," said, "I am very excited about all of the awards the "Six Mile Post" won as a whole in Macon in the Georgia College Press Association contest, and I am eager to win more. I am looking forward to being the new treasurer of the GCPA and to helping plan the Press Institute for next year. Also, knowing that this is the first time ever winning the award for General Excellence was very rewarding."

The staff came back from the trip with a total of 13 awards and two state officer elections, giving the SMP one of the most successful trips to the Press Institute that the publication has ever had, according to Dr. K. Kemper, SMP adviser.



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SMP staff (back row from left) Josh Kelley, assistant adviser Cindy Wheeler, Amanda Stegall, Jake Carter, Eric Celler, and (front row from left) Mary Lynn Ritch, editor Jehna Holder, Leanna Gable and adviser Dr. Kristie Kemper show off awards at the GCPA Press Institute in Macon Feb. 3.

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Tutorial centers offer help for struggling students

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If a student is having trouble in a class, the tutorial centers are there to provide help.

The centers offer free one-on-one tutorials in English, reading, math and certain sciences.

Currently, there are two full-time tutors, Jennifer Hicks on the Floyd campus and Nea Martin on the Cartersville campus. There are also three permanent part-time tutors, Andy Bemis, Jessica Lindberg and Jonathan Ingram.

The tutorial centers can help students overcome obstacles that get in the way of completing their degree.

Hicks commented, "The tutorial center is the place students come when they fall behind in classes, need help with homework, need to study for a test, want to go over missed questions



Photo by Josh Kelley

Joseph Worley, a biology major from Douglasville, receives help from Jennifer Hicks, lead tutor, on the Floyd campus.

on a test, need practice for standardized tests such as COMPASS, Regents, SAT and GACE or just to hang out while they work on their assignments in case a question arises."

The tutors take time with each student to determine what they need help with and the easiest way to help them learn the material. Everyone gets one-on-one assistance, and the student

will not be there all day waiting.

Hicks pointed out, "Sometimes it is easier for a person to comprehend material when it is presented one-on-one rather than in a class with one instructor and 25 students. We try to adapt to each student's learning style, an option that is not always available in the classroom."

In addition to the one-on-one tutorials, the tutorial centers have computers equipped with software for practice in reading, English and math. "We also have workbooks and handouts that go along with many of the current

courses," Hicks said.

The tutorial center website also has useful information students can check out from any computer. The site gives the hours, bios of tutors and tips and practices for a variety of subjects.

The website may be accessed by clicking on "Current Students" on the GHC homepage, scrolling to the bottom of the list that appears and clicking on "Tutorial Center."

"Students should feel free to contact us if they have any concerns about their classes. We are here to help," said Martin.

Tutorial Center Hours

Floyd campus

Monday and Thursday 9 p.m.—2 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday 4 p.m.—7 p.m.

Tutoring is also available by appointment.

Cartersville campus

Monday through Thursday 9 p.m.—2 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 p.m.—7 p.m.

Advising Daze scheduled for early March

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Georgia Highlands will be holding Advising Daze on all campuses in early March.

This is an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with an academic adviser.

Carla Patterson, humanities advising coordinator, said, "Advising Daze are designed to assist students in short-and long-term academic planning."

A formal Advising Daze will not be held on the Marietta campus during Spring 2007.

However Laura Ralston, lead advising specialist, will see students in Marietta on March 7, from 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. in D-165.

Advising Daze locations and times

Cartersville: Room 210 March 6, 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Floyd: Room W253 March 5, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Acworth: Room 212 March 8, 12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

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The ‘Old Red Kimono’ now accepting submissions

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The “Old Red Kimono,” GHC’s literary magazine, is accepting submissions for this year’s publication. The deadline for student submissions is Feb. 28.

According to Dr. Nancy Applegate, faculty adviser, “The ‘Old Red Kimono’ is a collection of poetry, very short fiction that is less than 1,500 words and art.”

This year, prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the best student artwork and student creative writing piece.

Artwork will be judged by Brian Barr, associate professor of art, and creative writing will be judged by the English professors.

The magazine has been in print for over 30 years. In addition to works by students, the

“Old Red Kimono” has received submissions from writers throughout the world during the years of its publication.

The current editors are Brittany Holcomb, Donal Harrison and Rochelle Henderson.

Meredith Ginn, instructor of communications, also advises the “Old Red Kimono” staff.

A reception for the “Old Red Kimono” will be held during the week of April 23. At the reception students whose submissions have been printed in the magazine will present their work. The reception is open to all students, faculty and staff, and free food will be available.

Applegate said that submissions can be sent by e-mail to any of the following e-mail addresses: napplega@highlands.edu, bboggs1@student.highlands.edu, dharri11@student.highlands.edu, or kittie_chylde@yahoo.com.



Photo by Josh Kelley

The “Old Red Kimono” staff (from left) Rochelle Henderson, Dr. Nancy Applegate, Donal Harrison, Meredith Ginn and Brittany Holcomb admire an art piece submitted for this year’s publication.

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All-American team participants selected

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Two students from Georgia Highlands College, Hannah Smith and Amin Lalani, have been nominated for a chance to be part of the 2007 All-USA Academic Team according to Tammy Nicholson, the administrative secretary to the vice president for student services.

Being nominated for the All-USA team automatically places Smith and Lalani on the All-Georgia Academic Team for 2007.

The All-USA Academic Team recognizes students from different backgrounds to represent all outstanding community college students.

The All-USA Academic Team is sponsored by “USA Today,” the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and Phi Theta Kappa. Students nomi-



Hannah Smith

Photo by Josh Kelley

nated to the team must have a minimum 3.25 GPA.

Nominated students must complete a 500 word essay on their nomination form. The nomination form for the All-USA Academic Team states that the competition is seeking excellent aca-

demic students who show intellectual rigor in their field of study, demonstrate leadership, civic growth and better themselves, their schools and their communities.

According to information provided by the All-USA Aca-



Amin Lalani

Photo by Josh Kelley

ademic Team, the team consists of three smaller teams with 20 students each. Members named to the first team will receive a trophy and \$2,500 cash stipend from “USA Today.” They will also attend the AACC convention in Tampa. The remaining 40 mem-

bers named to the second and third teams of the All-USA Academic Team will receive engraved medallions from Phi Theta Kappa.

Members of the 2007 All-USA Academic Team will be notified after Feb 20.

Financial Aid

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month. The Office of Financial Aid will host two events. According to Julae Grosz, financial aid counselor, FAFSA Day will be held on Feb. 24 on the Floyd campus in the Lakeview Auditorium. Financial aid officers will help students and their families complete and submit FAFSA forms. A Financial Aid Fair will be held Feb. 28 in the Floyd campus student center. Free food and prizes will be available as well as lenders to answer any loan questions that students may have.

Cartersville site director also active in community

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Carolyn Hamrick, site director of the Cartersville campus, is an advocate for Cartersville students and for children in the criminal justice system.

Hamrick, who has years of experience working with students both as a teacher and a mentor, oversees Cartersville campus administration, scheduling and financial aid issues in addition to teaching developmental reading classes and being an active participant with C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

“My favorite part of my job would be advising. I love working with students,” said Hamrick.

Sixteen years ago on the Floyd campus, Hamrick began teaching developmental reading.

At the Cartersville campus, Hamrick is taking steps to improve the comfort levels of both staff and students on campus. Her goal is to bring this community together through clubs, annual school trips or simply side-by-side studying in the many



Photo by Jamie Goss

Carolyn Hamrick

“I love working with students.”
-Carolyn Hamrick
Site Director

lounges available.

In addition to her job at Georgia Highlands, Hamrick is an advocate for C.A.S.A., an organization that places children in the juvenile court system in the homes of safe families. C.A.S.A prevents children in the system from being overlooked. Hamrick feels every child deserves the best care and opportunities that can be provided.

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Smithsonian exhibit is popular with local schools



Two girls from Ms. Rogers' 6th grade gifted class from Model Middle School examine one of the many photographs in the exhibit in the Lakeview art gallery.



The "Earth from Space" exhibit includes a maze of pictures taken from outer space and will be open until March 25.

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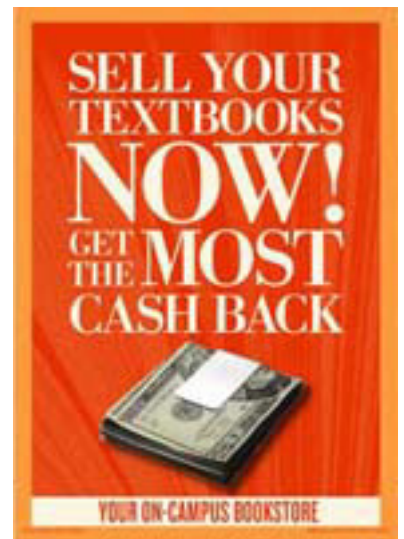
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The Southern Polytechnic State University offers GHC students option of on-campus housing at Marietta site

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The Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) offers campus housing to GHC students who are attending classes on the Marietta site and plan to choose to reside on campus.

There are currently 545 GHC students enrolled at the Marietta campus, of which 41 live in the Southern Poly campus housing, according to Dr. Catherine King, site director of the Marietta campus.

Living on campus allows GHC students on the Marietta campus to spend more time studying or sleeping, instead of commuting to classes every day.

According to King, "Traffic can make travel extremely difficult," so living on campus is much more convenient for some students.

GHC Marietta student, Alexandra Lee, says that living in the dorms makes it "easier to be motivated to get to class on time."

Lee says that living in the dorms makes her feel like "part of the whole college life, especially after being off-campus." It's easier to be "more involved" with campus life, says Lee.

Lee also says that she would



Alexandra Lee stands on the balcony of her dorm enjoying a nice view of the campus.



Photo by Eric Celler

Alexandra Lee enjoys the convenience of living in her dorm room on campus and being able to experience the true college life.

"definitely recommend living" in the dorms because of the "great community."

According to King, prices for student housing range from \$450 to \$530 a month in the SPSU apartments.

In the dorms the price is \$1655 per semester. There is a \$135 application fee and a refundable deposit of \$100.

The residences are all-inclusive with phone, internet and cable unless the electricity bill exceeds \$100, in which case the

remainder will be split between the residents.

There are three residence halls and two apartment complexes on the SPSU campus. The housing is managed by Ambling, an independent company.

Marietta students who would like to apply for housing at Southern Poly should contact the Housing Office at (678)915-7335. More information about SPSU's housing can be found at

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When do I change my clock?

It's time to spring forward!

Daylight savings is on March 11.

The nurse is out!

When people injury themselves, they normally visit a doctor. But what happens to a student who needs medical attention while on campus at GHC?

The Cartersville, Acworth and Marietta campuses have the advantage of being located close to at least one hospital, but the Floyd campus is several miles from a hospital. So if a student needs immediate medical attention, it is more difficult for him/her to be treated.

Even though there was no designated school nurse, until the nursing students moved to Heritage Hall, first aid was available at the Floyd campus from the nursing faculty. However, that option no longer exists.

Students experience headaches and fevers or suffer cuts and bruises on a daily basis.

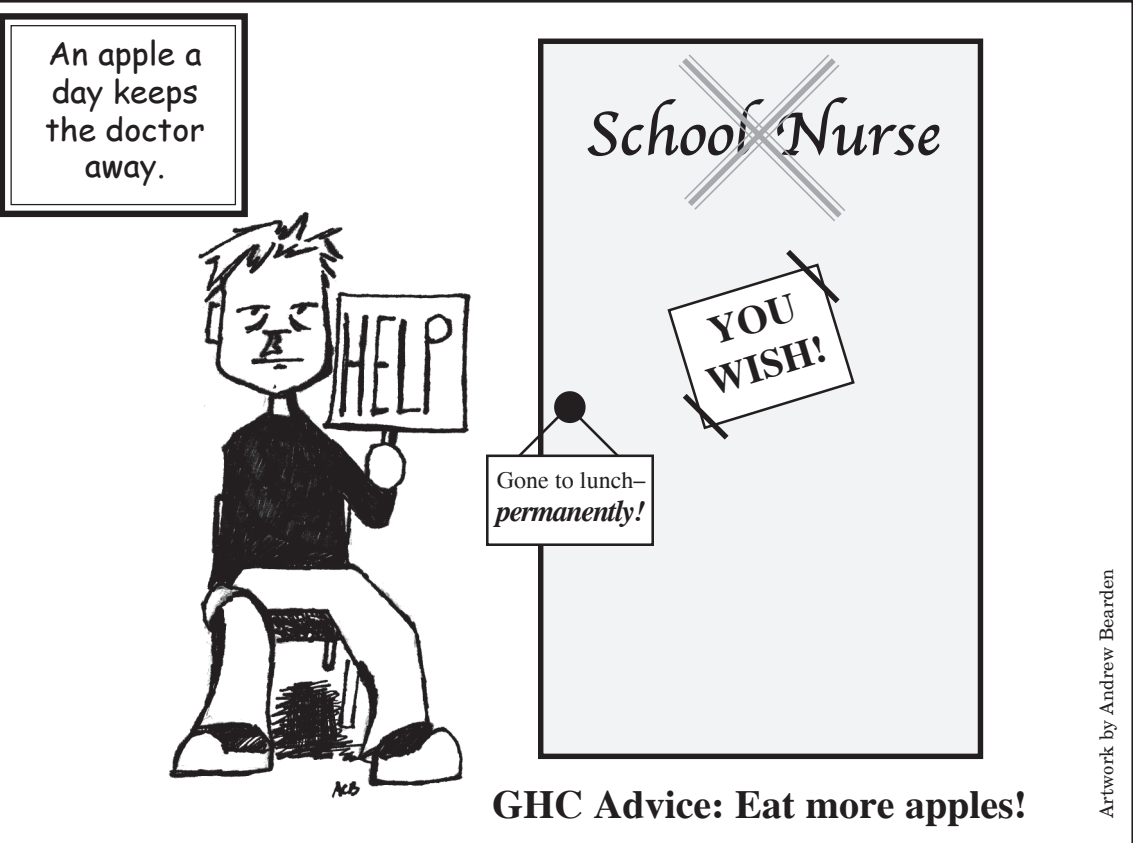
There is a first aid kit

available in the Office of Student Life and various other campus offices, but a first aid kit cannot provide care if a serious injury were to occur. There are also defibrillators available in case of an extreme emergency, but would anyone know their location or how to use them?

Colleges often have infirmaries for students who fall ill and are not able to drive home or obtain a ride to a doctor.

GHC needs a place where students who need immediate medical attention could get assistance from a nurse.

Georgia Highlands has always had the best interests of its students at heart. In the past, medical care was available to Floyd campus students. Now, it is more difficult to find necessary attention. A school nurse is needed at the Floyd campus.



GHC Advice: Eat more apples!

Artwork by Andrew Bearden

Don't call my cousins stupid...

I have two cousins who are classified as mentally incapable of handling situations and life at a “normal level.” They are not, however, “developmentally delayed.”

Every time I go out in public with them, the same thing happens. People stare, laugh and on occasion point. This is not only rude, but it makes the person poking fun look stupid.

However, my cousins do not notice and continue to live in their own happy worlds.

My cousins are in their mid-50s but have the mental capacity of children. This does not make them dumb, but they are special and unique. In fact, they are quite brilliant if someone takes the time to listen to either of them.

Over Thanksgiving I was able to see them for the first time in at least ten years. Although our visit was brief, those two men taught me a lesson that I value above all others. Yes, THEY taught ME.

Life holds no burdens for my two cousins. They are carefree and do not feel depression. I never saw their expressions change from a smile, and the

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light I saw reflected in their eyes made me remember that life is what we make of it.

I did not find a cure for depression in this new revelation—though I wish I had because I suffer from that pain myself. I did realize, however, that it is never too late to enjoy every breath that is granted to us.

I do not want to give you the impression that my cousins never feel emotional pain. They are human and have felt heartache and loss.

I do, however, want people to stop thinking that it is fine to belittle them whenever possible and treat them like unintelligent children.

They are grown men and live their own lives and have their own jobs and homes. They are people just like everyone else.

It is not fair that these two men—whom I find to be incredibly intelligent—are degraded by society for being a little different.

They may think on different levels than others, and they require extra care, but they do not deserve the treatment that they oftentimes encounter.

After all, they understand happiness, and they love all that life has to offer. Few “normal” people understand life as well as my cousins do.

They enjoy life and do not wallow in self-pity and depression. They appreciate the little things that most of us overlook or take for granted.

These men have love in their hearts and have an innocent knowledge that is beyond comparison. Do not dare to call them stupid.

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Something to think about...



Sarah Abercrombie, SMP ad manager, likes to get her nails done, but she often takes them off after two days. She does not have a credit card, thank God, and she likes to color in her Anatomy coloring book while watching her favorite television show “Grey’s Anatomy.” She tried to cook lasagna, but that didn’t work out so she went and danced in the rain.

When you first meet someone of the opposite sex-let’s say on a blind date or in a local bar, what kind of questions do you ask him or her?

Most of us want to know things like, “Do you go to school and if so what are you going to do when you are done,” right?

Let me make this easy.

Ladies, if your friend sets you up on a blind date with this really sweet guy and your best bud thinks he is just what you have been looking for and this question comes up and the answer is “I just work at the post office delivering mail,” what would your first thought be?

I am sure it wouldn’t be “He is the man of my dreams,” right? Or “I can’t wait until our next date.”

In today’s world I think it is very hard to find a person who actually doesn’t care what your occupation is or will be. That is sad. I under-

stand people don’t want to be with a loser who can’t take them on dates (not saying being a mailman is a loser job. Please remember it is just an example), but if you never give the mailman a shot and just dismiss him because he is a mailman, how would you know if he is your dream guy or not?

I think that people should be given a chance.

When I met my boyfriend a little over a year ago, I thought “Ohh my gosh. You have got to be kidding me.” Let’s just say he looked like he had just rolled out of bed and thrown on clothes in the dark. Plus he had NO J-O-B.

But when he asked me out on a date over the phone later that night I said yes. I thought to myself *what would it hurt*. I mean to me it would have been very shallow not to give him a chance.

When I look back on meeting him I wonder where I

would be and who would I be today if I hadn’t given him a shot.

When we went out the next night he was a totally different person with dreams, goals and hopes for the future and not to mention looked like a complete stud. Today he is my rock. He supports me in everything that I do and don’t do. And yes he has a J-O-B.

I am writing this is to say that if you find yourself when meeting someone just thinking, “Ohh they are going to be this or that... they will make a lot of money... or ohh they drive a nice car...” or just things that really don’t matter, then you really need to consider changing.

I think today it is so hard to find someone who will just love/like you for who you are and do whatever they can to please you. And you never know if this special person just might be the guy who delivers your mail.

Black History Month Milestone



Photo by Leanna Gable

It is nice that Erroll B. Davis Jr. is the first African–American to permanently hold the position of chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

Six Mile Poll

Where do you plan to transfer after GHC?



Alina Abrahams
St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Sales/Marketing
“Probably Shorter College.”



Eddie Mathis
Rome, Ga.
Early Childhood Edu.
“West Georgia.”



Adam Houge
Summerville, Ga.
Psychology
“Georgia Southern University.”



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Cedartown, Ga.
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“Spellman University.”



David Etheridge
Lindale, Ga.
Education
“West Georgia.”

Letters to the Editor...

We are not easy

Dear Editor,

I just recently went to Athens, Ga, known as the home of the University of Georgia.

Some of my friends that go to school there were talking about their classes and how hard they are.

After a few minutes of talking about that, the conversation seemed to focus on me. They were talking about how “easy” Georgia Highlands College is and how they would have better grades with less studying.

It made me mad and I took an offensive side. I just want to let everyone who doesn’t really know about GHC, that this school is not “easy.”

If it were easy I would have a 4.0 and not ever have to study. This school is very demanding. Classes are smaller and it may be a community college but by no means is GHC an easy school.

I plan on graduating here with my associate’s then transferring but until then I will be here at GHC.

A school that is not easy.

Allan Cole
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Being lazy is no excuse

Dear Editor,

I am writing you regarding the article “How hard is it to open a door-rather than to push a button?” because I completely agree with this article.

I have seen countless people push the button who have no reason at all to use it, and then when it doesn’t work they look at it, and push it again.

I understand if you have your hands full and honestly need it, or are truly handicapped and rely on the use of the button. But when you’re just being lazy it’s a different story.

The one thing that I didn’t know was how often the batter-

Looking forward to cafeteria next year...but now I am let down...nowhere to have lunch

Dear Editor,

I recently read the January edition of the Six Mile Post in which Staff writer Jake Carter discussed the issue of the Georgia Highlands College Floyd Campus cafeteria closing after years of operating in the red.

In this article, Mr. Carter notes that the nursing students and the police academy students were the only ones on campus who utilized the services of the cafeteria and therefore, helped to keep the cafeteria in business.

Dr. Randy Pierce, the president of Georgia Highlands College, commented on the situation by saying that each of these two groups of students did not have enough time to eat off campus, so they benefited from the cafeteria being open and available.

I agree with this because I am currently a nursing student on the Cartersville campus and the way our science schedules

are set up, it is hard to get a structured schedule which makes it difficult to find time to eat lunch.

Because we are prohibited from eating or drinking in the classrooms, the rush for time is even more elevated and I feel as though I am forced to devour my food rapidly.

Last semester, it was said that the Cartersville campus may provide a cafeteria in which area vendors would offer various food items for the students to purchase, however, that never transpired.

An email was distributed to the student body discussing the idea of having students pool their money for the purchase of a refrigerator.

The refrigerator would serve as a place for students to keep their packed lunches, but that too, never happened.

I will be going to the Floyd campus next year and one of the things I was extremely excited and most anxious about was the

idea of being able to sit and eat my lunch in the campus cafeteria.

With news that the Georgia Highlands College Campus cafeteria is closing, I feel I will be in the same situation as I am currently in regard to acquiring lunch.

My preference for a convenient lunch option is to have the campus cafeteria available to all students.

However, if the café is not an option, I believe the suggestion of having vendors on campus to market their food items to the students during the week day is a great idea.

I believe that nutrition plays an important factor in one’s thought processes and the lack of a healthy lunch would be a great disservice to Georgia Highlands College students and staff.

Shannon Albert
Pre-Nursing Major
Canton, Ga.

Another perspective

Dear Editor,

I found the article titled, “The life of a server...” very interesting and satisfying at the same time. The article was written by Jehna Holder, a server for a local restaurant.

I am a server as well and Jehna’s article covered many of the topics which frustrate me daily while I am at work. Like Jehna, many of these things had not come to my attention until

I became a server almost 3 years ago at a local country club. Most of the customers are members of the country club and I have come to know them very well. I now know most of their good qualities as well as the bad.

I find it extremely aggravating when the customers linger at the table. Jehna referred to these

ies must be changed during the winter. I think it would be a good idea to post some signs around the school informing people about the batteries.

Thank you for your time,
Katie Cotton
Early Childhood Education
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Iraq vet urges understanding

Dear Editor,

Recently I received e-mails from Dana Davis, Amy Casey and Eileen Walker, all asking for the names of students that are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Apparently, the Chancellor is planning to recognize these students in some way for their service.

Having served in Iraq myself, just knowing the school is mak-

so-called lingerers as “campers”.

They have finished their drink but yet linger at the table wrapped up in their conversations. Sometimes this can even last until well past closing time.

Customers seem to be under the impression that because they are members of the club, they can use the dining room at their discretion.

What they don’t understand is that they are causing the club to lose money which affects their membership directly. The employees are being paid to stand around while you “chit-chat” with your friends. Is that not what your house is for?

The tipping aspect that Jehna mentioned is generally not a problem where I work. For the most part, the members tend to tip rather well. And with the few that don’t...we simply let them leave without signing their bill. Our policy is that if the member does not sign their bill, then we add 18 percent gratuity.

Jehna also mentioned the “complainers” in her article. It has been my experience that those that complain will continue to complain no matter what you do. Some people are just never satisfied and if there is nothing to complain about, then they will exhaust themselves looking for that something.

The thing in Jehna’s article that I have had the most experience in dealing with is the “impatient ones.” I have found that a few of the members feel that they have some sort of hierarchy when it comes to non-member customers. I have seen them show this impatience by beating on the bar, yelling the server’s name, and even nudging another customer out of their way so that they can get up to the bar.

I thought that these things that I have experienced were mostly characteristic of the “country club” atmosphere, but after reading Jehna’s article I now know that it happens in restaurants as well. Customers should treat their servers well and I guarantee that the service they receive will reflect the attitude that they showed.

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Cody J's brings good home-cooking to C'ville

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It may be reminiscent of a barn to the unfamiliar beholder, but Cartersville's own Cody J's restaurant is something more akin to home with lots of room for guests.

Located on the corner of South Erwin Street and Swisher Drive, it's a town staple. It certainly earns every bit of praise it gets with its warm atmosphere, friendly staff and the kind of Southern cooking expected from quality

independent eateries. The breakfast deserves some particular attention. Perhaps it's because the first bite of the day is the best—or that those are the last enjoyable minutes before the next 12 hours—but the breakfast is *special*. The pancakes are the kind of stuff on which this country was built. Only rarely is there an issue with the sausage patties being a bit dry. It's a fair trade. Overall, Cody J's is a comfortable establishment. It's not the type of place for suits and ties or wine-and-dining. In fact, Cody J's does not serve alcohol.



Photo by Josh Kelley

Cody J's feeds locals an incredible breakfast and provides a family atmosphere.

Campus activities keep students involved



Photo by Jehna Holder

Above: Students in the Black Awareness Society hold hotdog fundraisers since the cafeteria has closed.

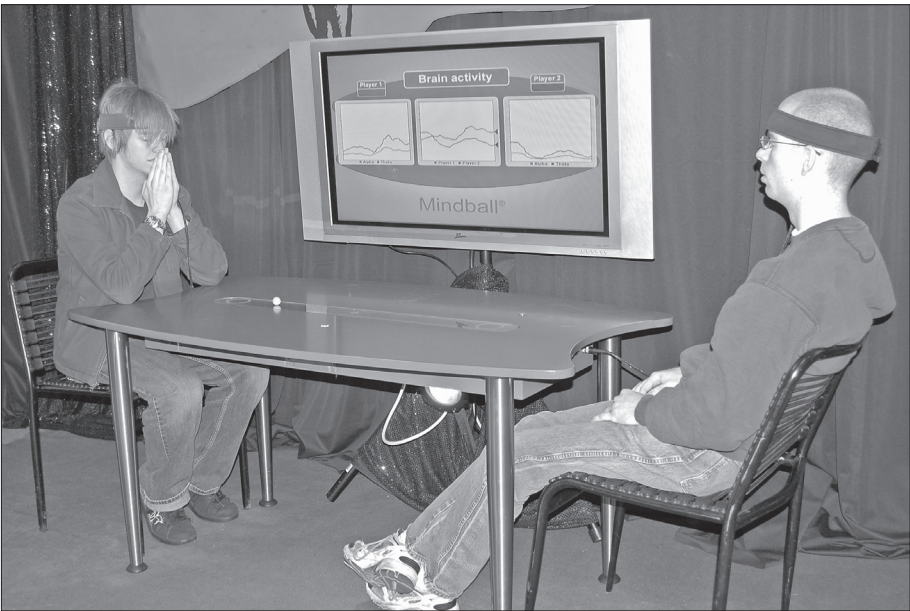


Photo by Jehna Holder

Right: Poet, Komplex rivets students with his hip-hop style and "truth is funnier than fiction" rhymes.



Photo by Zack Bolien

Left: Zack Bolien (left) and Jake Carter focus during a round of Mindgames, a brain-powered game that tests the frequency of brain activity.

Ten tax tips for busy college students and parents

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Every year students await the April 15 tax deadline, procrastinating until the last minute, often causing themselves heartache.

Debbie Cope, independent CPA from Trenton, Ga., gives ten tips to make the process of filing your taxes go smoothly.



1.) Actually file your taxes. This sounds obvious, but some college students don't make enough money to "have to" file. If you paid taxes from your paycheck, you have a refund coming.

2.) File your taxes early. This also sounds obvious, but if you get your taxes filed sooner, you will get your money faster and there will be less stress about the pending deadline.

3.) If you file your taxes yourself, give yourself time to do it. Don't sit down and expect to finish in 15 minutes. Like studying, do it in chunks and take breaks.

4.) If you file your taxes yourself, practice on paper first, even if you file electronically, to help avoid mistakes.

7.) Always keep a copy of your tax returns because when you file for financial aid again, you will need these documents to do so.

6.) Filing taxes online or on the phone may save you time and money. Also, some tax software allows you to check your numbers or it may even do it for you.

5.) If you are involved in work-study, make sure that you are taxed from your checks for your earnings. Otherwise, at the end of the year, you will owe the IRS money.

8.) If you qualify for a tax-credit program, use it! There are three of these programs:
The HOPE Scholarship Credit
The Lifetime Learning Credit
The higher education expenses deduction
But, you or your parents may only use one per year, so choose the one that is best for you.

9.) There is a savings program that is used to pay for college called a Section 529 that allows money to grow tax-free. Withdrawals are also tax-free if they are used for higher education.

10.) When you finish your tax-returns, don't mail them immediately. Wait a few days, review the contents and if everything still looks clear, mail away. This helps avoid errors from staring at the same document all weekend.

Students who are ready to file their taxes can find Federal tax forms online at www.irs.gov. The link to the forms is on the page along with instructions.

Students who are ready to file Georgia state taxes can find forms and instructions at www.etax.dor.ga.gov/. These forms are slightly harder to find since they are at the bottom of the page.

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Sports highlights

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GHC hosts high school tourney

The boys and girls 7AA High School Regional Basketball Tournament was recently held in the Georgia Highlands gymnasium.

The tournament ran from Feb. 10 through Feb. 17. The teams were playing for the region title and an opportunity to play in the state tournament.

The proceeds that GHC received will benefit the college's non-traditional student scholarships.

The 7AA tournament has been held at GHC since 1983 along with others such as the "Rome News Tribune" Christmas Tournament and the Class A State Tournament.

The next scheduled tournament on the GHC campus is the State Sectionals on March 1-3.

Having these events at GHC allows potential students and parents to visit the campus and see the facilities available.

Golf tournament set for April 13

GHC's annual Wesley Walraven Golf Tournament will be held April 13 at BEAA Country Club. It will be an 18-hole four-man scramble. The cost will be \$23 to ride the course and \$11 to walk. Prizes will be given to the winner, the person closest to pin and the person with the longest drive.

FIT program continues

During its first week, the FIT program averaged around 50 participants per day, and week two averaged about 45. The FIT program will last ten weeks and end on April 1.

The start of 5-on-5 basketball was delayed and will begin on Feb. 21 at 1:15 p.m. in the gym.

Fitness lab available to all students

Stephen Corbin, a hotel administration major from Armuchee, works out in the fitness lab.

The lab equipment includes treadmills, stationary bicycles and free weights.

A student ID is required to enter the lab and students must sign in. The lab is located next to the gym and is open Monday—Thursday from 8 a.m.—8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.—3 p.m.

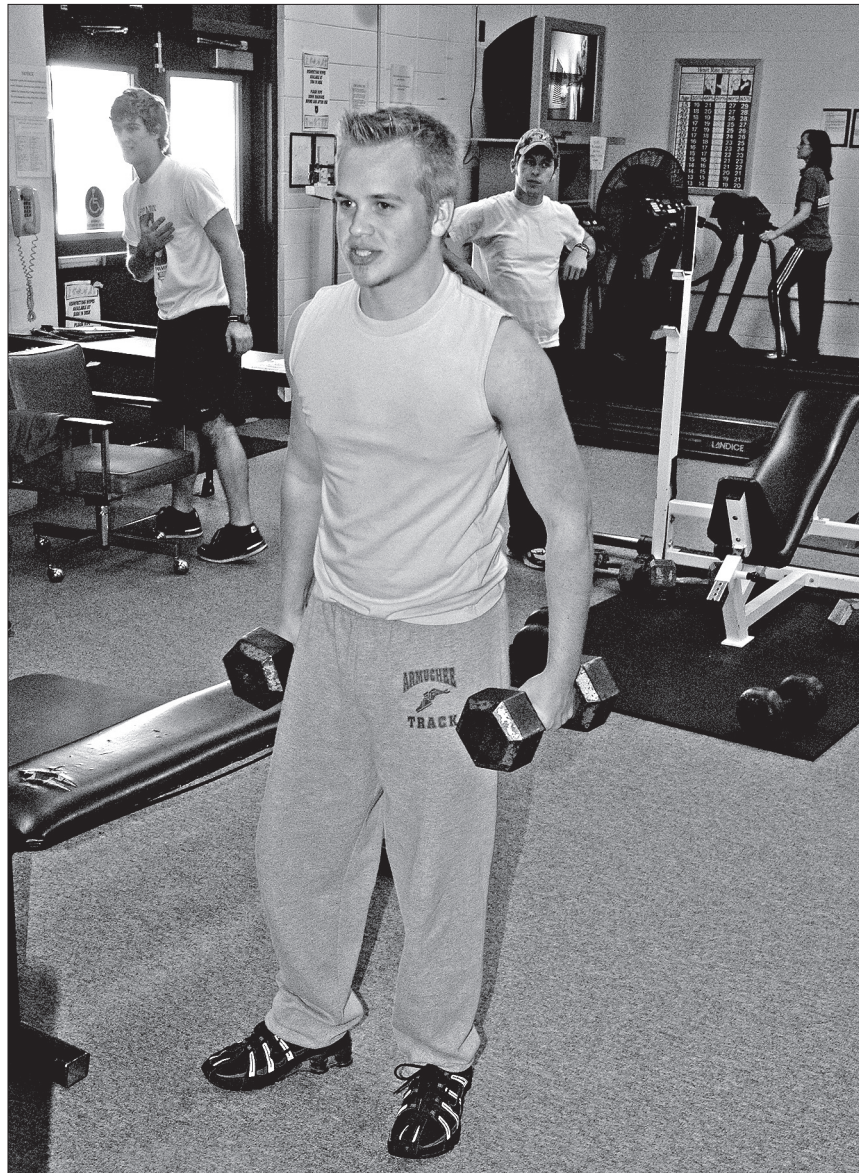


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View from the Sidelines

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February is a very important time of the year. It's Black History Month. There's also Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day. And every four years, there's a little surprise at the end of the month.

There's also one other important thing about February. It's only one month before March, which, no offense to February, is a much more exciting month. There are many reasons why, but the main reason March is so riveting is March Madness.

You have your baseball your NASCAR and your NBA, but those things pale in comparison to the joys of March Madness. Sixty-five teams duking it out

for a national championship in a tournament that's bound to be unforgettable.

Of course, you remember last year's March Madness, right? There was George Mason's improbable run to the Final Four, Adam Morrison's breakdown into tears when his career ended with Gonzaga's defeat and, of course, Florida's victory over UCLA in the finals. Though the sight of Gators celebrating might have upset some Georgia stomachs last year, rest assured the Gators will be a factor this year.

Along with Florida, the favorites have to be UNC, 2005 national champion; Ohio State, with freshman phenom Greg

Oden; and UCLA, last year's runner-up. Unless there's a monumental surprise, expect to see those three in the Elite Eight, maybe even the Final Four.

As Dick Vitale might say, "It's gonna be a blast, baby!"

Of course, part of the majesty of March Madness is making your own bracket—which only entices you to watch even more college basketball. Making your own bracket is not without risks, though. Always beware the bracket busters. My bracket from last year was up in smoke before the Sweet 16, thanks to George Mason.

Speaking of George Mason,

there's always the Cinderella story every year—a small college, mid-major usually, who rises up to the challenge and knocks off a major contender. Who will it be this year? No one knows, but I'm putting my money on Brigham Young to pull out a win and turn some heads in the process.

This year's tourney will begin on March 13 and continue until April 2. The championship game will be played in our very own Georgia Dome. So, during that time, if you're unlucky enough to have plans set up, drop them and watch the Big Dance.

If it's anything like last year, you're in for one hell of a rollercoaster ride.

Take a journey through education—study abroad and earn college credit

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Georgia Highlands College is planning to participate in two study abroad programs for summer 2007, the Bahamas and Russia trips.

Jeff Brown, coordinator of study abroad programs and director of extended learning, will be teaching photography on the Russia trip.

The college is also working on creating more opportunities for students to earn credits by studying abroad in the future.

“Think about yourself and your future. What type of job do you want to end up doing or where do you want to go after you graduate from GHC?”

“Traveling and getting an international experience and education can help you go a long way in life, emotionally and career wise,” said Brown.

Also, the University System of Georgia offers over 257 programs, for credits in photography, nursing, western civilization and many other classes.

There are several things a student needs to take into account before traveling and studying abroad according to Brown.

First, a student can never plan ahead too much. Next in the

process, the student should decide which program is of most interest.

Brown suggests spending time talking with an adviser to determine how the program will fit into the student’s degree.

There are various options for financial aid for study abroad students. It is never too early to start searching for scholarships or other forms of aid to help with the trip.

Brown recommends going to www.highlands.edu/studyabroad for different financial aid links. Students may also go to a GHC financial aid office for help.

Students who study abroad will need passports. According to Brown, the GHC Study Abroad website has links for on the new change in passport rules.

Tony Potts, education major, stated, “The hardest part of going on a study abroad trip is maintaining school work and night life. Also getting accustomed to the life of whichever country you are in is so different than ours.”

Students may contact Brown at brown@highlands.edu to review the wide range of programs offered through GHC or other schools linked with the University System of Georgia. Students may also call (706)802-5301 to get in touch with Brown.



Photo by Jeff Brown



Photo by Jeff Brown

The Church of Our Savior rises above the Spilled Blood River in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Fountains such as the one above are found at Peterhof Estate in Russia, originally the summer palace of Peter the Great.