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One of Georgia Highlands College's new logos, this image will be featured on the gym floor in Cartersville. Read more about GHC's new logos and athletics recruitment on page 15.

Activities offered for Women's History Month

Among other activities, the college plans to show a film on all campuses to honor women who changed history.

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Speaker Joanna Maddox impersonates Rosa Parks in honor of Black History Month.

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Changes on the way for GHC recycling

By Sarah Lane
Staff Writer

It's not easy being green, but Georgia Highlands is ready to take the challenge.

There are big changes ahead for the college when it comes to its recycling policy.

On Jan. 12, Rob Whitaker, vice president of financial affairs, announced that Highlands will be taking a proactive approach to recycle more, and Phillip Kimsey, director of the physical plant, will be leading that approach.

The biggest change for the Highlands' recycling program will be a written policy for how the college deals with recyclables.

Whitaker said, "We wanted a program in place before we sat down and wrote a policy. Now it's time to sit down and write a policy."

Each campus will have

some variation in its own recycling program, but all campuses will recycle paper, plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

All campuses have contracted someone to come and pick up the recyclables.

The Floyd campus' paper will be picked up by Carestar Industries for recycling, and the Marietta campus will follow Southern Poly's policy.

With this new program and policy, the Green Highlands Club is expected to expand. Kimsey says, "Green Highlands does a great job at the Cartersville campus, and we would like to see their impact at all of our campuses."

The key factor to making this policy a success is individual involvement. Kimsey said, "We are very excited about this program, but we really need the support of faculty, staff and students.

It's up to everyone to do their part, to make a conscious effort to place their recyclables in the appropriate bins."

According to Whitaker, some simple things faculty, staff and students can do is to make sure that plastic bottles and aluminum cans are completely empty before throwing them into the recycle bins.

Whitaker said that another issue is tobacco spit; bottles containing tobacco spit should be rinsed out before they are disposed of.

Kimsey believes that faculty can set an example for the students in their classes by placing papers in the recycle bins instead of the trash.

Whitaker said, "We need a group effort to make a group impact; however, it's a personal choice. If everyone does their part, the impact will be enormous."



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Bernie Mitchell empties the full recycling bin in front of the Office of Strategic Planning on the Floyd Campus.

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Honors program offers advanced classes at GHC

By David Godfrey II
Staff Writer

The Georgia Highlands College Honors Program allows students to transform ordinary classes into honors courses by completing an additional project by the end of the semester. These projects are then graded by the course instructor, and the

results are reported to the Honors committee.

To be eligible for the program, students must be currently enrolled, taking at least 12 hours and must also maintain a 3.5 GPA. Students are also required to submit a 500 word essay with their online application. The application is located at www.highlands.edu/honors.

edu/honors.

The only other requirement is the seminar course, IDIS 1100H, taught by Steve Blankenship.

Honors students can expect to benefit from smaller and more unique classes, priority advancement, travel opportunities and extra-curricular activities and the ability to meet and work

with helpful, like-minded students working toward a common goal, according to Laura Beth Daws, Honors Program director.

Daws said, "The Honors Program provides GHC's best students opportunities that otherwise wouldn't be available to them."

Interested students may visit Georgia Highlands'

webpage or contact Daws at ldaws@highlands.edu.

There is also a club that Honors Program students are eligible to join. According to Liv Hood, vice president of the Honors program, "We recently obtained club status, which will enable us to receive funding for activities and raise money for additional events."

SMP wins 17 awards at press institute; two students elected to hold state offices

By Neen Snowball
Staff Writer

The Six Mile Post received 17 general and individual awards at the 2012 Georgia College Press Association Press Institute in Athens. Also, two staff members were elected to state office.

"I'm really impressed and I'm encouraged by the excitement that I see in the students and their eagerness to present news and information to the communities through their college newspapers," said Otis Raybon, the publisher of Rome-News Tribune. Raybon was the guest speaker at the GCPA annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards that Six Mile Post received included

Casey Bass, first place for Best Column; Ross Rogers, first place for Best Review; and Michael Davis, third place for Best Photograph-Editorial/Feature.

Kaitlyn Hyde took third place for Best Photograph-Sports; Michael Davis, second place for Best Photograph-News; Ryan Jones, Kaitlyn Hyde and Scott Hale, third place for Best Photo Essay; Erin Baugh, first place for Best Entertainment Feature; and Michael Davis, third place for Best Feature Story.

The Six Mile Post also won second place for Best Website, second place for Improvement, first place for General Photography, third place for General Advertising, third place for Layout and Design, third place for

Best Campus Community Service-Editorial, second place for Best Campus Community Service-Sports and third place for General Excellence.

Hyde was elected secretary of the Georgia College Press Association, and Hale was elected to the executive board.

The Press Institute helps student journalists learn more about the profession and how to become better at delivering the news.

In addition to Hyde, Hale and Jones, those from the Six Mile Post that attended the Press Institute were Andrew West, Christie Boyd, Jesse Beard, Neen Snowball and Sarah Lane. Advisers Kristie Kemper, Cindy Wheeler and John Kwist also attended.



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SMP staff members (from left) Scott Hale, Kaitlyn Hyde, Andrew West and Jesse Beard receive critiques from Jim Zachery, editor of Granger Today.

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Women's history events scheduled on all campuses

By Brandon Allen
Staff Writer

March is Women's History Month, and Georgia Highlands College has some form of celebration and event planned for each campus.

Lytic Burnett, student life coordinator at the Douglasville and Paulding campuses, has put together many events. For instance, at the Douglasville campus on March 20, there will be a showing of the documentary "Rosie: Stories from the Homefront." This film will focus on women who live in the Rome, Georgia area who went into industry during World War II.

This film, which was directed by Brian Armstrong, technical director digital media services/GHTV, will also be shown at each of the other college locations.

On March 28, there will be an event where students are encouraged to bring mothers and grandmothers

to the Douglasville campus for tea and a conversation about personal and family history.

Michelle Abbott, assistant professor of English said, "The most unique thing about the events planned for Women's History month at the Paulding Campus is the sponsorship of the local club chapters. Their support of the event will increase the involvement of the student body and make our events successful."

The Paulding campus has many of its events sponsored by various student organizations as well. So far, the following events have been confirmed. On March 13, the Gaming club is sponsoring Women's History Trivia in the student lounge.

On March 21, Students Without Borders and the Office of Student Life will sponsor the showing of "Rosie." On March 29, there will be a poetry reading, weather permitting, in the courtyard

sponsored by the Office of Student Life, Writer's Collaborative and Green Highlands.

At the Floyd campus, there will be a celebration of women's achievements, including student papers on women's roles throughout history, and a showing of "Rosie" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 28. The event planners are hopeful that some Rosies from the Rome area can be present.

The Cartersville campus will also be showing "Rosie." This is expected to take place the week of March 19. Also in Cartersville will be an event to recognize female evening and non-traditional students. The tentative date for this is March 28.

Marietta will be hosting a forum called "Courageous Conversation: Women in the Workplace" on March 14, and a showing of "Rosie" on Mar. 19. Both events will be at 12:30 p.m. at locations to be announced.



Photo by Denise Perez Campos

Laura Musselwhite (left) and Carla Patterson plan events for the upcoming Women's History Month on the Floyd campus.

Women Who Changed History

Susan B. Anthony was a leader in the women's suffrage movement of the 1800s.

She founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and published "The Revolution," a women's rights journal.



Mary Church Terrell was the first black member of the National Association of University Women.

She was a teacher as well as the president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.



Gloria Steinem is a writer who became a leader of the women's liberation movement of the 1960s.

In addition to co-founding "Ms." magazine, she also co-founded the Women's Media Center.



Hillary Clinton is the current Secretary of State in President Obama's administration.

She was the first First Lady to be elected to the U.S. Senate as well as the first female senator from New York.



All photos contributed

Wyoming trip rocks geology students

**By Ross Rogers
Staff Writer**

Sign-ups for Georgia Highlands' annual summer field course in Wyoming are underway.

Students may receive eight credit hours for Geology 1121k (physical geology) and Geology 1122k (historical geology) during the two week course.

Travel dates are June 18 to June 30, and mandatory pre-trip meetings will be held June 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the Floyd campus.

Billy Morris, associate professor of geology, has been on the annual trip since 1997. Morris stated that Wyoming is an ideal location for the study of the forces that shaped our planet. "In Wyoming, you can see all three major rock types, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic," he said.

"You can also study rocks of all different ages, including some of the youngest and most ancient rocks in North America, along with both dinosaur and marine fossils," said Morris.

The trip costs \$1,600, covering transportation, entrance to national parks, museums, and attractions,

"I cannot put into words how much this changed the lives of me and my family."

**-Joshua Proctor
GHC alumnus**

dinner at the Bar-J Chuckwagon and boat ride on the

Alcova Reservoir. The cost of tuition and fees normally associated with coursework at Georgia Highlands is not included in this fee.

Donna Daugherty, the dean of natural sciences and physical education said, "It provides students with the opportunity to gain life experience in the field."

"The best part of the experience, without a shadow of a doubt that would be the climb through the Cascade Canyon of the Grand Teton Mountains. I cannot put into words how much

this changed the lives of me and my family," said Joshua Proctor, GHC alumnus.

Spaces for the trip are limited to 12 students, so any interested students should begin the application process immediately by visiting www.highlands.edu/site/faculty-billy-morris-summer-field-course-in-wyoming. Applications should be submitted to Morris at bmorris@highlands.edu. Students seeking more information may contact Morris via email or by phone at 706-368-7528.



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Students from the 2005 Geology trip to Wyoming (from left) Kristen Parks, Matt Mullins, Kristen Thomas, Debra Westbrook, Morgan Hollis, Julie Shackelford, Chad Watson, Shira Rummel, Jen Henley, Shannon Ward, Brannen Morris and Chelsea Barrett gather around the remains of a petrified tree in Yellowstone National Park at a place called Specimen Ridge.

Highlands Happenings

Winning plays to be produced

By Joshua Fisher
Staff Writer

The "Flash in the Highlands" playwriting contest has just wrapped up and is now in the judging phase.

Richard Stafford, who teaches at Douglasville and Cartersville, hopes to see the plays produced the week of April 15.

There were ten entries across all campuses, according to Stafford. He, along with Jeff Kozee, an instructor at the Cartersville campus, started this playwriting contest because they both believe in drama and in its ability to do well amongst GHC students, faculty and staff.

Kozee made the point that this is the perfect way to introduce drama to the GHC community in an extra-curricular way, especially in this economy.

The whole effort will be on the behalf of students, faculty and staff. So if students are interested in auditioning to be in one of these plays, please contact Kozee at jkozee@highlands.edu or Stafford at rstaffor@highlands.edu.

New dean hired for Health Services

By summer term this year Lucy Megginson will be filling the new position of GHC's Dean of Health Sciences, according to Renva Waterson, vice president for academic and student affairs.

Megginson previously taught at GHC between 2005 and 2010. She holds an associate degree in nursing from Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing in Danville, Pa, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, a master's degree in nursing education from University of West Georgia and a Ph. D. in nursing, also from Medical University of South Carolina.

She has numerous publications to her credit, among them "RN-BSN education: 21st century barriers and incentives" in the Journal of Nursing Management. Megginson will lead the effort to open GHC's much-anticipated first baccalaureate program in nursing in fall 2013.

Free massage coming soon

By Amy Chavarria
Staff Writer

Massage specialists from the Campus Spa will be visiting the Georgia Highlands locations to offer the service of their massage chair along with a back massage and paraffin hand wax therapy, according to the Marietta student life coordinator, Alexis Carter. Everything is free of charge.

Lovepreet Kaur, a freshman at the Marietta site, said, "The wax treatment sounds soothing. I have participated before. It helps me relax and makes me feel like I'm in paradise."

The massage chair is scheduled to arrive on Mar. 19 from 9-11 a.m. for the Douglasville campus and 1-3 p.m. for Paulding. It will be at the Floyd site on Mar. 20, the Marietta campus on Mar. 21, and the Cartersville campus Mar. 22.

Waiting list open for ASF trip

The college's annual trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival is now full, but students and college employees may put their names on the waiting list, according to Kristie Kemper, one of the trip coordinators.

Waiting lists are being kept in the Student Life Offices at Floyd and Cartersville and the GHC offices elsewhere. No deposit is necessary to get on the waiting list.

Because the April 21-22 trip itself is still a long way off, Kemper expects a number of openings may occur as those who signed up early have various conflicts develop.

"People on the waiting list have a good chance of getting to go on the trip," Kemper said. "They just need to be patient and ready to pay the deposit or trip fee if they get called about an opening."

The plays for this year's trip are "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Travels with My Aunt." A side trip to the Tuskegee Airmen Museum and National Historic Site is also scheduled.

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Break for Spring!

March 5- March 11

Ortiz overcomes the odds to be recognized

By Elisheva Ray
Staff Writer

“Echale ganas mijo!” (Try harder, work harder.) At every stage of his life, Abra-

ham Ortiz does not take his parents’ advice lightly.

Ortiz, sophomore and president of Brother-to-Brother on the Marietta campus, is Georgia High-



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Abraham Ortiz, Georgia Highlands College’s Academic Recognition Day Representative, will be commended by the Board of Regents and state Legislature.

lands College’s 2012 representative for Academic Recognition Day.

The students from colleges around the state who have been chosen for this honor receive a commendatory letter from the chancellor and signed resolutions from the Georgia Senate and House of Representatives.

To be chosen for this honor, prospective students must have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and hold a high grade point average.

Born June 6, 1990, in Pasadena Calif., Ortiz has overcome many trials in his life.

One that has impacted his life the most is a condition he was born with termed cerebral palsy.

The Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke reports that this is caused by brain damage and usually affects muscle movement.

What stands out about Ortiz, though, is not the slight limp he walks with but his warm and engaging presence.

As a child, Ortiz recalls that he did not understand why he had to be born with such a disability.

This is why he would often sit in the back of the class, hoping that no one would notice he was different.

All this changed during his teenage years when he found himself craving attention and did as many teens do by acting out and hanging with the wrong crowds in some cases.

His life and his perspective took a different turn during his senior year as he approached graduation and toyed with the idea of going to college.

Ortiz has a strong and quiet confidence, and his passion and zeal for serving his community is infectious.

Trey Squire, member of Brother-to-Brother since fall of 2010, believes that whoever succeeds Ortiz will have big shoes to fill.

Squire appreciates that Ortiz holds the brothers accountable, and he often takes a genuine interest in

their success.

Ortiz says if it had not been for his family’s support along with many of his teachers and various other supporters, who have and continue to champion him, he does not know where he would be today.

He said, “Now sure, some more than others have helped to shape me, but really every person I have encountered has added value to my life one way or another.”

Ortiz is wise beyond his years, and although he stresses that it’s not about him, one can’t help but be moved by his strong sense of self, which has ironically come about through his trials.

Although Ortiz is an exceptional student and a respected leader on campus, he maintains that he’s far from perfect and believes that everyone has something of value to offer regardless of who they are.

Ortiz’s parents advice to “Try harder, work harder” has certainly made all the difference in his life.

What are your spring break plans?



Brianna Caldwell
Cartersville Campus
Journalism Major

“Though I’ll be working the whole week for spring break, I’m excited to be working for Anthropologie as a Visual Intern, not only on Spring Break but all semester long.”



Aaron Mann
Cartersville Campus
Journalism Major

“For this spring I’m contemplating between Chattanooga or Yellowstone. My friends and I will be either snow boarding or rock climbing.”



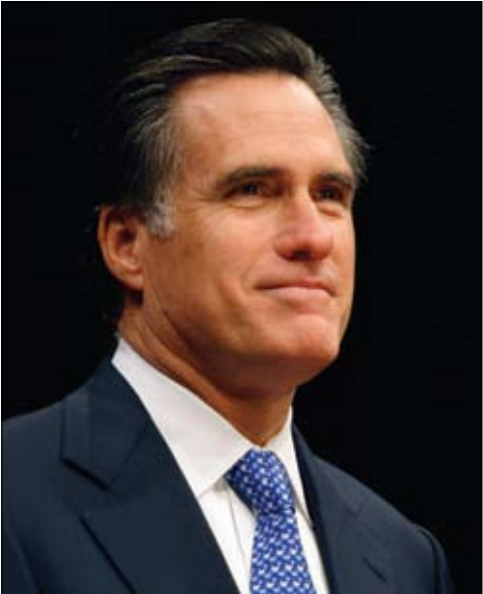
Jessica Wilson
Cartersville campus
Nursing Major

“I’ll be heading to North Carolina to visit my boyfriend who moved there to go to college at UTI. I’m very excited to be visiting, and, of course, the ride there will be better than the ride back.”



Shalonda White
Cartersville Campus
Accounting Major

“I’m very excited for Spring Break to get here so I can head to Destin, Fla., with my cousin and sister-in-law. It’s my second time visting the coast, yes... second time, and I am so excited.”



Mitt Romney

Republican Mitt Romney was born in Detroit March 12, 1947. This former governor of Massachusetts and his wife of forty-three years have five sons and 16 grandchildren.

Romney states that children in the U.S. score only in the bottom 10- 25 percent. Therefore, there is a need to revamp the education system. Education should not be confined to a teacher's union. There should be involvement from parents and government with the support of teachers.

He favors a "path to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants, but added that "consists of going to their home country, applying for citizenship or permanent residency just like everybody else, and getting back in the line." Romney supports employment verification systems with penalties for employers that hire illegals.

Romney's plan for taxes is to maintain low marginal rates, further reduce taxes on savings and investments, eliminate the death tax and lower the corporate tax rate.



Rick Santorum

Rick Santorum was born in Virginia in 1958. He first ran for office at the age of 38 as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1994 Santorum was elected to the U.S. Senate.

As a homeschooling parent, Santorum feels that government involvement in education should be limited. Education should be the responsibility of parents and students. According to Santorum, each state should be responsible for its own education programs.

The security of American borders is a major priority for Santorum. He encourages a more thorough teaching of American history in public schools, claims English as the official language of the United States and promotes legal immigration. He hopes these things will strengthen the security of our borders.

Believing that strong families encourage a strong economy, Santorum has mentioned several proposals throughout his campaign. By simplifying the tax code and reducing taxes for American families, small businesses and workers, Santorum hopes to strengthen the economy and encourage growth and investment.



Barack Obama

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961. After making his way through college, he attended Harvard Law School. He then taught at the University of Chicago. Subsequent to serving as an Illinois senator, he became president.

When it comes to education, the president believes that America's educational system has to be better than that of other countries. His policies have invested in raising standards for K-12 and making access to college education easier and more affordable.

On the subject of immigration, Obama says, "Let's at least agree to stop expelling responsible young people.... Send me a law that gives them the chance to earn their citizenship. I will sign it right away."

Obama believes that families that make under \$250,000 a year should not see tax increases. His proposed "Buffett Rule" suggests that millionaires and billionaires pay more taxes.



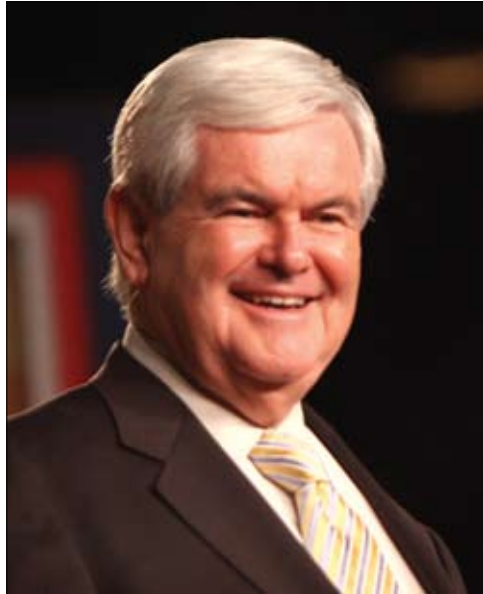
Ron Paul

Ron Paul was born in Pennsylvania and graduated from Gettysburg College and Duke University School of Medicine. He served as a flight surgeon in the Air Force during the 1960's. Paul now represents the state of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I think that the smallest level of government possible best performs education. Teachers, parents, and local community leaders should be making decisions about exactly how our children should be taught, not Washington bureaucrats," said Paul in a 2008 interview.

Paul will work to enhance border security instead of policing the world and implementing U.N. mandates. He also wants to end birthright citizenship while protecting lawful immigrants.

Paul supports a Liberty Amendment to the Constitution to abolish the income and death taxes. He believes high taxes stifle innovation, prevent saving, destroy production, crush the middle class and the poor, and discourage investment. He believes that every American is entitled to the fruits of his labor, especially during these tough economic times.



Newt Gingrich

Newt Gingrich received a B.A. in history at Emory University in 1965 as well as an M.A. and Ph.D in modern European history from Tulane University. He then served as the 58th speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995-1999.

His views on education center on bringing the concept of worshipping God to schools, allowing students to do so through voluntary prayer. He voted yes to giving federal aid to schools that allow prayer, and he says that education assistance needs to be tax-deductible.

Gingrich's views on immigration are founded on three principles. He provides 10 steps to solving the citizenship problem. These include deporting non-citizens who are criminals, providing a naturalization process for responsible immigrants and more. He also thinks English must be the official language in America.

He supports a 15 percent flat tax as well as cutting taxes imposed on the middle classes and marriage taxes among others.



Gary Johnson

Former Republican Governor of New Mexico, Gary Johnson, Libertarian, ran a construction business to pay for college before becoming governor. Johnson is an avid cyclist, skier and mountaineer, having scaled four of the seven highest peaks on each continent, including Mount Everest.

Johnson is a "supporter of school choice," saying that the detachment of government from public school systems will "drive innovation and improve student performance."

As a former Southern border state governor, Johnson believes in adopting systems to make it easier for immigrants to come to the United States on temporary work visas and "pay taxes, contribute to society, and fill jobs."

To cut taxes, he plans to abolish the Internal Revenue Service and enact Fair Tax. He also is in favor of the "legalization regulation and taxing of marijuana."



Buddy Roemer

Buddy Roemer is from an area of Louisiana just outside of Shreveport. He earned a B.S. in economics from Harvard and an MBA in finance at the Harvard Business School. He became governor of Louisiana in 1988 after serving four terms as a U.S. congressman.

Roemer sees the Department of Education as a professional body that will use data collection for the purpose of finding out how schools around the country have improved education. Roemer's administration would provide this information to other schools as a guide to improve education.

Roemer states that while immigrants bring skills to our labor fields, the U.S. has a responsibility to seal its borders and ensure that those who immigrate do so legally. He will enforce immigration laws, but welcome those that are here legally.

Roemer's tax reform plan would reduce the size of federal government to about 18 to 18.5 percent of GDP from its current 25.5 percent. He proposes a flat tax with an individual exemption of \$50,000 to simplify income taxes and standardize complicated tax laws.

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Black History comes to life at Marietta campus

By Liv Hood
Staff Writer

A woman dressed in formal church clothes sits at the back of the rotunda on a rainy Wednesday evening. As a few people enter, she continues to write in her journal. Getting up to begin her act, she speaks in the voice of an elderly woman.

This is Joanna Maddox, portraying Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement.

Maddox, while acting, embraced the persona of Parks so thoroughly as to greet stragglers entering the rotunda with a “Good



Photo by Liv Hood

Joanna Maddox portrays Rosa Parks during a Black History Month event at the Marietta campus.

evening!” and “Glad y’all could come out in this awful weather.”

The actress gave a powerful description of growing up in the segregated South. She described the life of Parks, growing up working on a plantation in Alabama and meeting her husband, Raymond. One story involved her confusion over whether the water tasted different at fountains marked “Whites Only” than ones marked “Blacks Only.”

The highlight of Maddox’s presentation was explaining the famous moment where Parks refused to move to the back of the bus. Mad-

dox sang a favorite hymn of Parks’ saying that Parks believed it gave her strength while she was in jail.

The event finished with a group of student volunteers singing the famous protest song “We Shall Overcome.”

An experienced actress, Maddox has portrayed the likes of Harriet Tubman and Bessie Coleman for her historical programs. She also does shows as Diana Ross, Tina Turner and Whitney Houston. Of them she says, “My divas have taken me everywhere!”

The Feb. 1 event was part of the Office of Student Life’s Spring into Diversity event series.

Rosa Parks 1913 - 2005

- Nationally recognized as the “mother of the modern day civil rights movement”
- Famously refused to leave her seat and move to the back of the bus to the “colored” section
- Has received many awards, including: the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Spingarn Medal, and the Congressional Gold Medal



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Get involved to effect change at GHC

As students at a public college, we have the ability to try to make changes to our institution, to change it to better suit our needs. Georgia Highlands has two large “forums” in which students can voice their opinions to the administration as well as the student body. One of these “forums” is of course the paper that you are holding in your hands right now. All of our readers have the ability to write to the editor and make their voice heard. We try to write articles and op-ed pieces that adhere to the topics of the letters to the editor. This is a student paper, so all students are free to write for us as well.

Another way to voice opinions to administration would be to join the

Student Engagement Council, which is Georgia Highlands’ form of student government. The SEC consists of representatives from GHC’s student organizations and also has what are called “student at large” positions for people who are not affiliated with a club but want to represent students as a whole. These meetings are open to all students at GHC and anyone who wishes to raise an issue at these meetings is welcome to do so.

There are a few committees that have seats available for student members including the Student Affairs, Diversity and Information Competency Program committees. Students can be nominated to work with these committees and

have a direct influence over the decisions made.

Since GHC is a (mostly) two year college, a lot of students are not as concerned with activism and changing their institution. The mindset of a large portion of students seems to be that “I will be gone in two years, so why try to make changes?” These students are not considering the students coming after them or the faculty and staff who plan to work here for years to come.

An example of students influencing change was in 2004, when a new smoking policy was passed that essentially prohibited smoking on campus. The president’s cabinet and SEC both approved of the policy before it was put in place the first of that year.

Last year GHC administration began what is unofficially referred to as “decentralization.” This was a plan to make each GHC campus more independent with student support services and student life offices on each campus. None of these decisions were brought up before the SEC and by fall semester of 2011 many changes had already taken effect. Student Support Services was essentially dismantled, splitting it into three departments and removing the paraprofessional who would greet students and schedule appointments. The Office of Student Life was also split up, making an independent coordinator in charge of Student Life events on each campus. This change has had

the effect of reducing the quality of Student Life events, compared to before “decentralization,” while students are still paying the same activity fee. The coordinators in Student Life seem to be stretched thin between organizing events and working with student organizations.

Although some policies, such as decentralization, are beyond the ability of students to affect, either through SEC or the SMP, hopefully our administrators are aware of the fact that this institution is ultimately for us and if they consistently implement policies that degrade our enjoyment of the institution, that we will not recommend the college to our family and friends.

Lesson from Super Bowl: Make it like Manning

Editor’s Box

By Andrew West
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On Feb. 5, the 2011 NFL season came to a close with Super Bowl XLVI.

As most everyone knows by now, this was a rematch of Super Bowl XLII. That’s right. It was five years ago that Eli Manning and the New York Giants went into the championship game and knocked off the undefeated New England Patriots, spoiling their dream season.

While watching this game, I could not help but notice the calm and poise Manning showed throughout the game. His team seems to play the spoiler role nicely. The Giants quarterback, and this year’s Super Bowl MVP, understands that.

This shows in the way he carries himself on the field. He is not afraid of a challenge,

and he does not doubt himself. He does the best he can to put himself in a position to win.

The storylines coming into this game very closely resembled those of the first Brady-Manning bowl back in 2008.

Similar to that year, the Patriots came into the matchup riding the number-one seed in the AFC. Also, the Giants barely made their way into the playoffs this year, winning their division almost by default. At the end of the 2007 season, they were a Wild Card team.

Essentially, the guys who were winning game after game and riding quite a hot streak coming into the post-season were playing against the guys who some would say had no business being there at all. Rematch does not even begin to describe all of the ways that this matchup paralleled the 2008 Super Bowl. Few had faith in the Giants,

but they won.

The underdog story that is Manning (coming out from his brother’s shadow, winning consecutive road games to make it to multiple championships, etc.) is not one I can go into now. However, we could all learn a lesson from Manning.

As college students, we need to strive to be like the younger Manning in that sense. GHC, for many of us, is just one stop on the journey of life, but what we do here now will matter in the future.

So, when things start to feel overwhelming, and we question ourselves and the immensity of the challenges that lie ahead, we should strive to carry ourselves like Manning. We made it this far for a reason, and if we keep looking ahead, we will eventually achieve our goals, and that is what makes champions.

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Clinicals crucial to nursing students

Clinicals are an integral part of nursing school. Students are sent to area hospitals to apply what they've learned on real, live patients under the supervision of nursing instructors and a nurse on the floor.

At first, we began by pricking patients' fingers and checking their blood glucose levels. We also gave baths and changed sheets and made up beds with the patients still in them. We learned to do whatever the patient needed, as our two weeks of clinicals progressed and each day we learned something new.

In our last semester, we have gone on to more complicated nursing care such as starting IVs, removing central catheter lines, giving all the medications the patient receives in a day on time, calibrating IV pumps and micro pumps and so much more from beginning to end. My last clinicals took



Nursing Notes

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place in an ICU, where some of the sickest of the sick patients were. We literally hold their lives in our hands.

We have a list of Mandatory Clinical Skills that have to be checked off by instructors that must be completed for graduation. There are many, many more skills that are optional. Each skill checked off is an accomplishment, and it is nice to look over a tangible list since we are at the end of our training.

Sometimes, we had clinicals before we learned the units covering the material for the patients we had. That was the case with my patient in my last clinical.

The material covering open heart surgery was two weeks after my rotation was complete. When that happens, the wonderful nurses who agree to take students on teach us the procedures and interventions we are providing.

The nurses I learned the most from always said the same thing, "I don't mind if you don't know how to do something. I do mind if you tell me you know how to do something and you don't!" It's never a shame to say, "I don't know."

I still don't know a lot, but I know ever so much more than I did when I started.

SOPA impedes First Amendment rights

The Internet has become one of the most widely used tools in today's society. Many college classes, not just online classes, require students to have access to the Internet. Filling out paper applications for a job has become a thing of the past, and without the use of certain websites our lives would be a lot more difficult.

The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), introduced by U.S. Rep. Lamar S. Smith, is a bill that expands the ability of U.S. law enforcement to stop online trafficking in copyrighted material.

When I first read about this, I thought it sounded innocent because I believe it is wrong to steal other people's work. However, the more I read of this bill and its sister bill, Protect IP Act (PIPA), the more shocked I became.

If passed, these two bills could shut down entire websites and delete domain names. Wikipedia, Google,



Soap Box

Neen Snowball
Staff Writer

Youtube, and Facebook are just a few of the websites these bills would affect.

Our own Georgia Highlands' website could be affected if just one student is accused of posting copyrighted material. For the government to punish everyone for the sins of a few is ridiculous.

I have no problem with stopping online piracy, but these two bills would cost millions of jobs, stifle innovation and do absolutely nothing to stop piracy. This gives the government more power than needed to impede on our First Amendment right to free speech. If the government would stop coming up

with half-baked schemes to take away what few rights we do have and worry about more important issues like the deficit and the failing economy, then perhaps we could rise out of this recession we are in.

Wikipedia and Craigslist were among many websites that protested these two bills by completely blacking out their sites, which caused Congress to delay the bills until the two can be revised.

However, I am certain that Congress will come up with similar bills under different names which have the exact same meaning. I, for one, hope these two bills and those like them never pass.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read the article on energy drinks as I was looking through the most recent edition of the Six Mile Post. I thought it had an eye-catching title and that the article would be relevant to me because I occasionally drink 5 Hour-Energy Shots. I've only recently tried the small drinks and found that I benefited from this boost of energy when making it through my night-shift at work after previously taking a full day of classes. I thought the article was very good and informative. It influenced me to use caution with what I'm drinking, as well as the amount, and also to know what ingredients are actually in it. Mr. Weatherman's statements that were included in the article were also valuable to me because after taking his Fitness Walking and Jogging course last semester, I know that I can trust his judgment on health-related issues. I felt like he always had an abundance of knowledge relating to facts, statistics, and most importantly the "Do's and Don'ts" on maintaining a high level of health and wellness. It turns out I was just enjoying this drink instead of actually benefitting from it. Thanks for the information on an important topic that a lot of college students can relate to. I enjoy articles like this.

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Athletics director recruiting for fall 2012

By Becky Crooks
Staff Writer

Though the official signing date is not until early April, recruitment is underway for Georgia Highlands' soon-to-be intercollegiate basketball team.

Phillip Gaffney, the athletics director, has been hitting the road to find talent for the basketball team coming in the fall. Gaffney is going to recruit through the spring and into the summer. His plan is to recruit locally first, in Floyd and Bartow counties.

"Local kids will get a

good following; the newspapers, radio stations will all cover the games. The seats will be filled," Gaffney said.

After searching locally, Gaffney will move his focus to the Atlanta area, and from there, the rest of Georgia will be on his list. Gaffney plans on recruiting out-of-state as well.

With some athletes possibly coming from out-of-town, the biggest obstacle GHC has to deal with is its lack of housing. However, Gaffney is going to help athletes find places to live.

"With Rome being a col-



Phillip Gaffney

lege town, there are plenty of options for college housing around to secure for them," he said.

Gaffney says that he's optimistic about dorms for Highlands in the future. Right now, it's about researching the need for housing, and from there, it has to work its way through the proper channels. It still could be a long time away, but Gaffney is very hopeful.

He is looking forward to one day being able to take a prospective student and his or her parents to the housing and say, "This is where you're going to live."

Recruiting is a new frontier for Georgia Highlands, and it's only the beginning.

This fall, for the first time, students will have a team to rally behind. Taylor Elrod, a second-year student at the Floyd campus, said, "I think it's great. It will boost the school's reputation."

Though Gaffney is traveling to recruit basketball players, the recruitment of a women's basketball coach is still in the front of Gaffney's mind.

He is looking at high school and college coaches. The benefit of coaches who are already at the college level is that they have an inside track to where the best players are.

GHC chooses new Charger athletics logos

By Kaitlyn Hyde
Chief Photographer

With intercollegiate sports coming fall 2012, Georgia Highlands has designed a new logo for the athletic teams. With the design expertise of Ken Davis, GHC publications editor and Nadia Brown, graphic

designer, the new Charger logo was created.

Several different versions were debated upon between the months of August through November of 2011, and the two that were decided upon are a jumping horse (below, left) and a horse's head.

The horse's head is the one used for recruiting and

on letterheads, banners and business cards. This one will also be used on the Floyd campus gym floor when it is refinished in April.

The jumping horse will be used on the new Cartersville gym floor when it is completed in August 2012.

The school is in the process of having the logos

trademarked so that they can be placed on apparel and other accessories to be sold. Design of the first athletic uniforms is underway.

Georgia Highlands is a member of the Georgia Collegiate Athletics Association conference and of the National Junior College Athletic Association.



Jumping Horse



Horse's Head



Intramural Sports and Recreational Activities program Charger logo from 1988

The SMP/Intramural Ping Pong tournament is now underway!

For more information:

Floyd campus students can check the bracket posted in the game room to see deadlines for each round and player information.

Cartersville campus students can contact Clifton Puckett at cpuckett@highlands.edu

All matches to be played on honor system. Winners update bracket after each match.

Sea Turtles, True Grit, Hoopers all win

By Scott Hale
Assistant Print Editor

True Grit, the GHC Hoopers and the Sea Turtles emerged as victors in the intramural 5-on-5 basketball games on Feb. 7.

In the first game, True Grit squared off against the Sea Turtles and dominated the floor by scoring 18 points in the first half. This eventually led to a 32-21 victory for True Grit.

The highlight of the day was next as the GHC Hoopers faced the Jackets in a heated contest. In the first half, the Hoopers scored 17 points with Rashund Dean leading the floor. In the second half, the Jackets made a fierce comeback with Ladarion Morris matching the Hoopers' score of 23.

Dean said during half-time "We got fouled a lot, but

if we put some defense on them, we will win." During the second half, the game went into overtime with T.J. Houston making the one point foul shot for the Hoopers' win.

In the third game of the day, the Sea Turtles, using good fundamentals and strategy, controlled the floor and forced the Underdogs to keep running the court.

This strategy, coupled with a strong defense, led the way to victory for the Sea Turtles with a final score of 32-24.

Justin Nails, sophomore player for the Underdogs said, "It was a well-played game; we did what we could. We just fell a little short today."

Future games will be played on Tuesdays between 1:45 to 3:30 p.m.



Photo by Scott Hale

From left, students Jonathan Jean, Cody Shephard, Junior Virgile, and Derek Dodd participate in intramural basketball on Feb. 7 at the Floyd campus.

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