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Campus security checks cars early in the college's founding in the 70s. *Please see page 4 for full story...*

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# Students start petition for solarium

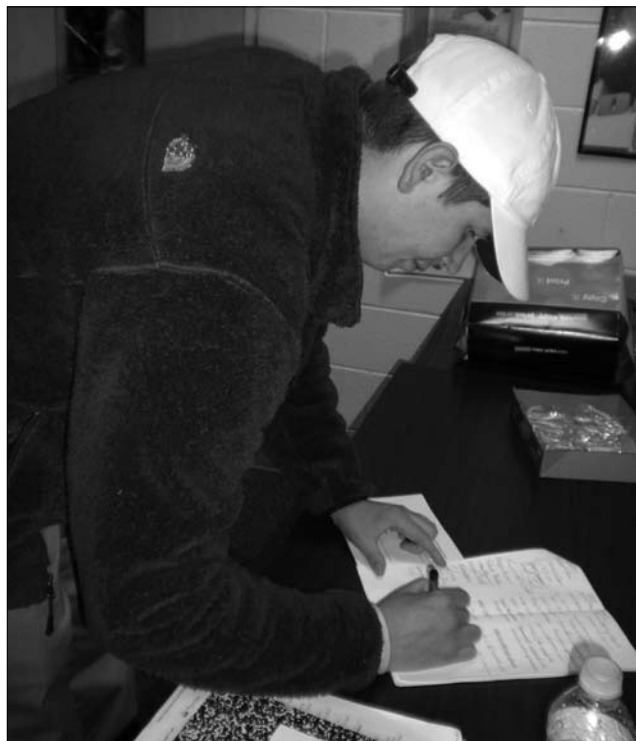


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**Cody Bishop signs a student petition to get the conference equipment out of the Solarium.**

**By Christie Boyd  
Staff Writer**

Two students at GHC's Floyd Campus have created a Facebook group entitled, "Fight to KEEP the Solarium solely for the students!" in response to a recent change in the function of the Solarium.

Psychology major Lori Dotson and nursing major Krupa Patel, both of Rome, said that they were upset with the administration taking over the Solarium and placing the video conferencing equipment in it without any student input.

The Facebook page Dotson and Patel created states that the Solarium "is a quiet, peaceful, comfortable room that students use for many different reasons." At the time of this report there were 167 members in the group.

Randy Pierce, president of GHC, said that the video conferencing equipment was originally housed in the Executive Dining Room.

"The Foundation decided the President's Conference Room was old and worn and it needed remodeling," Pierce said.

The President's conference room and the Executive Dining Room were remodeled into one area. "The Foundation then renamed it the Foundation Executive Dining Room. The Foundation hopes to be able to use this space to further the school's fundraising capabilities," Pierce said.

Pierce stated that the Foundation looked for space to place the video conferencing equipment. It was decided to place it temporarily in the Solarium and later it would be moved to a permanent location in the P.E.

Building. The permanent space is not currently being used, but at some point, it will be reconfigured for the video conferencing equipment when funding is available. According to Pierce, there is no money available at this time for this project.

Pierce said that the Solarium is used infrequently by students, but they have free access to it anytime the space isn't scheduled by the administration or student groups on campus.

"I was not included in the discussions about the use of the Solarium but was informed of the decision," said John Spranza, director of Student Life. "I feel like for the immediate future this is the best solution."

Student groups that need to use the space can schedule a time by contacting Christy Twilley, the secretary at the Office of Student Life.

## Laboratory tests show where germs really are

**By Jose Ajanel  
Production Assistant**

It is a part of microbiology students' curriculum at the Floyd campus to go out and look for germs—an interesting project with a few surprising results.

Any bacteria or microorganism that is capable of producing a disease is commonly referred to as a "germ."

In a laboratory assignment conducted by Jason Hitzeman, assistant professor of biology, students were instructed to take samples of bacteria from different parts of the campus.

"The point of the lab was to have them pick up samples from the doorknob, the carpet and other surfaces.

You see students in white lab coats because they're just building basic skills," Hitzeman said.

The germ collection process involved taking a cotton swab, placing it in water and then collecting a sample by touching the desired surfaced to be studied with the cotton swab.

The sample was placed in agar, a gel-like substance, which is used to grow microorganisms, such as germs.

The results of the experiment might surprise some people.

"The worst I've ever seen—this might be a warning to clean these things—are the phone and computer mouse. The phone (is bad) mostly because it's breathed on and saliva could be on



Photo by Cody Allen

**(From the left) Katie Oakes, Ty Rhinehart, Jacob Yancey and Kim Riggins inspect bacteria collected from the vending machines in the Floyd student center.**

it from different people," Hitzeman said.

However, Hitzeman states that the restrooms are well-maintained.

"I've never seen anything that scares me; we mostly see what we expect, which is staph. Not the bad staph, but staphylococcus epider-

midis," he said.

This form of staph is usually non-pathogenic or disease-causing, according to Hitzeman.

# First Amendment Week promotes awareness of students' individual rights

By Kursten Hedgis  
Assistant Editor

Awareness about some of the most basic freedoms promised to every citizen of America will be spreading through the campuses and sites of GHC during the college's annual First Amendment Awareness Week.

First Amendment Awareness Week, sponsored by the Six Mile Post, will be held Jan. 25-30. During this week, students will be urged to become more aware of the rights guaranteed to them under the Bill of Rights.

According to the First Amendment Center website, the First Amendment protects religious freedom, free speech, freedom of the press and assembly, and the right to petition the government.

"The First Amendment is our blueprint for personal freedom and the hallmark

of an open society. Without it the government could silence protestors or establish a national religion. Without it citizens could not mobilize for change," wrote Brian J. Buchanan, the managing editor of the First Amendment Center website.

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-Brian Buchanan

This week hopes to educate people about what the First Amendment actually is and what freedoms it protects.

Cosponsors of the week include Baptist Student

Union, Books for Change, GLBTS, Phi Theta Kappa, Old Red Kimono, Spanish Club, Black Awareness Society, College Democrats, GHC's Libertarian Club, GHC's chapter of American Association of Women in Community Colleges and

GHC's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Students can expect these sponsors to be raising awareness through different methods across all campuses.

"PTK's goal during First Amendment week is to explore the role of media as it relates to the freedom of press," said Sarah Colston member of Phi Theta Kappa.

# Students blamed for lack of recycling on Floyd Campus

By JoNathan Brown  
Assistant Editor

According to Phillip Kimsey, director of plant operations, students at Georgia Highlands are the reason for the recycling problem at the Floyd Campus.

"Students don't know how to recycle. They mix recyclable items with non-recyclable items, which causes a problem because we can't recycle them," Kimsey said.

"I believe that the blame should go both to the janitors and the students," said Ginger Green, an education major from Rome.

"I've seen janitors dump all of it into one black bag, so what is the use?" said Sarah Colston, a nursing major from Rome.

Until recently, the recycling bins were being confused with the regular trash cans. Then the custodians placed clear trash bags inside the recycling bins.

"If we could get the recycling containers donated then that would be great, but we don't have money in the budget to purchase them," Kimsey said.

One organization that is in full force behind recycling at the college is Green Highlands.

This organization has a recycling program in place at the Cartersville campus; however, it is taking longer to get one in place at the Floyd Campus.

"It took us over a year to get the recycling program started in Cartersville, so it's a task to get it started here," said Samijo Miron, president of Green Highlands.

"We are in the process of trying to make GHC a remote recycling area so that we can get the recycling containers for free. The only thing is that we have to get it approved by the president and Board of Regents," she said.

**Ever read an article and wanted to express your opinion?**

"Raising tuition for students is not the answer to the University System of Georgia's budget crisis. It is the same as the Federal Government raising taxes on Americans during this recession. It won't work."

-Jody Lawson, Floyd Campus, via Sixmilepost.com



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## Smoking, Tower Hour are memorable pieces of the college's past

**By Kursten Hedgis**  
Assistant Editor

Georgia Highlands, or Floyd Junior College as it used to be called, was authorized to be established in 1968. The first term began in September 1970 and started out differently than most had expected.

"For the first quarter of Floyd Junior College, the buildings were not completely finished on the main campus. The campus for that first quarter was actually located in downtown Rome. We occupied spaces in an old building no longer standing that had been previously owned by the Harbin family," said former long-time faculty member and administrator Jerry Shelton, who was employed by the college from 1970-1999.

While Floyd Junior College occupied the downtown area, classes were held in churches.

In January 1971 campus construction was complete.

Students and staff moved into the buildings that are still currently in use today.

The Floyd Campus buildings still serve the same purpose today, but the atmosphere of the 1970s was drastically different from the 2000s.

"When we opened, students were permitted to smoke both outside and inside the buildings," Shelton

explained.

"Back then it was normal. As time passed and health hazards became a concern policies were changed."

"First smoking was restricted to outside only. Then to designated areas away from entrances and exits, and then eventually the campus became tobacco-free," Shelton stated.



**Jerry Shelton**

According to Ken Weatherman, a professor of physical education who has been a part of the college since 1974, professors were the final say in whether or not a student could smoke in class.

"Most of my students are surprised to hear that if they walked into a classroom back then, they would find students and even professors smoking indoors," said Weatherman. "In fact, I had to sit through many conferences and committee

meetings putting up with the smell of smoke because half the people would smoke during meetings."

The lack of buildings and classrooms, regardless of smoking or non-smoking, has been an issue throughout the college's history. GHC was, and still is, constantly trying to find new ways to accommodate a growing student body.

According to the "New Georgia Encyclopedia," by 1972 the college was in need of more buildings to accommodate students. The same year, new construction was approved for a 60,000 square foot addition that included the library, additional classroom and office spaces, and add-ons to the student center. By 1975 the college had grown from 544 students to 1,300 students.

Floyd Junior College in the 1970s was not just a place of dilemmas over smoking and space. Students and faculty found a way to have some fun in the form of Tower Hour.

Unfamiliar to most current student, the first Tower Hour was held in the spring of 1972.

"Tower Hour was a celebration for the college and was created and planned by students and faculty. Everyone engaged in sports, games, and contests. I distinctly remember a game in-

## 40 years of GHC

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

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

**Segment One:** The first ten years- the 70s

**Segment Two:** The 80s

**Segment Three:** The 90s

**Segment Four:** The last ten years- 2000 to present



**Students participated in Tower Hour activities in the 70s.**

volving ropes, tugging, and a lot of mud. Lunch was provided for free and the event lasted a few hours," Shelton said.

Weatherman has memories of mud pits and tug-of-war as well.

"I remember we had a tug-of-war game, and in the middle of the rope was a horribly muddy pit," he said. "One of the most amusing things I can remember was when another P.E. instructor picked up a very attractively dressed young female and dropped her right in the middle of the mud. She was stunned."

Shelton and Weatherman both acknowledged that many things have changed over the college's history, but one thing has seemed to stay the same in both their minds.

"I was in awe of the faculty when I first started, and I always have been ever since," Weatherman said.

"We had quality from the very beginning," said Shelton. "I got to meet and work with some extraordinary professionals. It's the people that make an institution. Being involved in the founding and success of this college has been the highlight of my professional career. We created a solid two-year institution."

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# Old Red Kimono prepares for 2010 issue

**By Kursten Hedgis**  
Assistant Editor

A magazine with a “diversity of work” that has seen controversy and change since 1971 is in preparation for its next publication.

A haiku written by Patricia Currie begins every issue of *The Old Red Kimono* (ORK), Georgia Highlands’ literary magazine.

“Old red kimono, thrown carelessly on the chair... we wait your return.”

The haiku was the inspiration for the name, because the magazine, like the kimono, hopes to embody culture and this sense of “return.”

ORK releases a new issue yearly blanketed with an art themed cover, filled with poetry, artwork and short stories.

“Patti Boxerman, the art editor, will be in charge of creating the cover. She has been very secretive about her direction, but says that it is going to be very different from previous years,”

said ORK faculty advisor Nancy Applegate.

Anyone can submit work for publication in the ORK, regardless of their affiliation to the college.

“We have work submitted from students, post graduates, professors and professional writers from all over the state and country,” said Ashley Hill, assistant editor of the ORK.

The literary magazine chooses items for publication through an editing process based on merit.

“Basically, Dr. Applegate and I read through or look at each submission and say ‘yes or no.’ Sometimes I like certain things she doesn’t and vice versa. This system helps us get a good variety of things published so all kinds of people can enjoy a diversity of work,” Hill said.

This diversity of work has, in the past, lead to slight controversy.

“Ken Anderson told me about an incident that happened before my time. An is-

sue was almost halted from release because a scene from a one act depicted a man with his hand on a woman’s knee,” Applegate said.

The *Old Red Kimono* website provides a detailed list of nine submission guidelines and tips that can be accessed at <http://www.highlands.edu/ork/>.

Although the 2010 issue will not be out until April, the deadline for submission is Feb. 15.

Students who submit work are also made eligible for a contest in two categories: Best Artwork and Best Creative Writing. The categories are judged by academic divisions, and winners are announced on awards night and receive a monetary prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

For more information students can visit the ORK Facebook page operated by faculty adviser Jesse Bishop, or they can direct e-mails to [napplega@highlands.edu](mailto:napplega@highlands.edu).



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**Assistant Editor Ashley Hill sorts through artwork entries for the upcoming 2010 issue of the *Old Red Kimono*.**

## Sign-up begins Feb. 1 for annual ASF play trip

**By Lesley Mathis**  
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands students are getting the opportunity to see a production of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” and “The Fall of the House” by taking part the college’s 25th annual trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) in Montgomery while earning extra credit in a variety of classes.

Starting Feb. 1, students can begin signing up at all campuses for the trip to ASF set for the weekend of April 17-18.

Sign-up locations are the Student Life Office at Cartersville and Floyd and at the GHC office at the remaining campuses.

A \$50 deposit is due at sign-up, and the rest of the



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**The ASF Shakespeare Garden is located next to the theater building.**

trip fee is due March 29. The fee covers tour bus transportation, motel, play tickets and most meals.

Those students who go are recommended to bring about \$20 for other food.

The fee is based on how many people are sharing a motel room. The fee is \$125

per person (two per room), \$110 per person (three per room) and \$100 per person (four per room).

On the way to ASF, the group will stop at Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, which is located at Tuskegee University. While they are there, they will eat a brunch and visit the George Washington Carver museum and tour Booker T. Washington’s home.

That night, the group will eat dinner at Golden Corral and go to ASF to a professional production of see “Fall of the House.” This play is a first-time production by Robert Ford. The play won out over other entries in the ASF’s Southern Writers’ Project. It is recom-

mended for mature audiences, because of language.

Sunday afternoon is a chance for those attending ASF to have some time to explore the landscaped park that the ASF Theater Building is located in. A catered box lunch in the park is included in the trip fee. Then, the group will get to see the production of “Hamlet.”

Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, has been a coordinator for this trip to ASF ever since it began 25 years ago.

“In addition to seeing great plays, the social aspect of the trip is also a benefit because students are meeting people from other campuses and both day and night students as well. Students and college employees also get the chance to get together in an informal set-

ting,” Kemper said.

The trip, which is sponsored by the humanities division and the Office of Student Life is open to GHC employees, students and their guests.

According to Kemper, extra credit is offered in all English classes and many other classes as well.

“The trip usually fills up before the sign-up deadline,” Kemper said. “So I recommend signing up as early as possible.”

Some limited funding for financial assistance with the trip fee will be available.

“Students may obtain the ASF financial assistance form at the same offices handling sign-up. The forms are due at the Floyd Campus Student Life Office by Feb. 22,” said John Spranza, director of Student Life.

## Healthcare needs fix

When the words "Healthcare Reform" are said in a room full of people, it is sure to start a huge, heated debate.

In America today, the healthcare system is in a terrible situation. There are people who really need help but cannot get it.

Some may say that reform is not needed because there is already a system in place and they do not want to pay for change.

While others may say it is much needed because the system is broken and misused by a lot of people.

President Lyndon Johnson signed into effect the Social Security

Act of 1965, which included Medicare. It was created for those who were in need of medical assistance from the federal government.

But the system that was created to help the elderly and those in need is not really helping them. The system is broken and needs to be fixed.

It's sad when a 70-year-old woman, who has worked for over 30 years, explains that she has to pay over \$100 a month in insurance.

Still, the insurance does not cover all of her medicine, and she ends up paying full price for some of her medications.

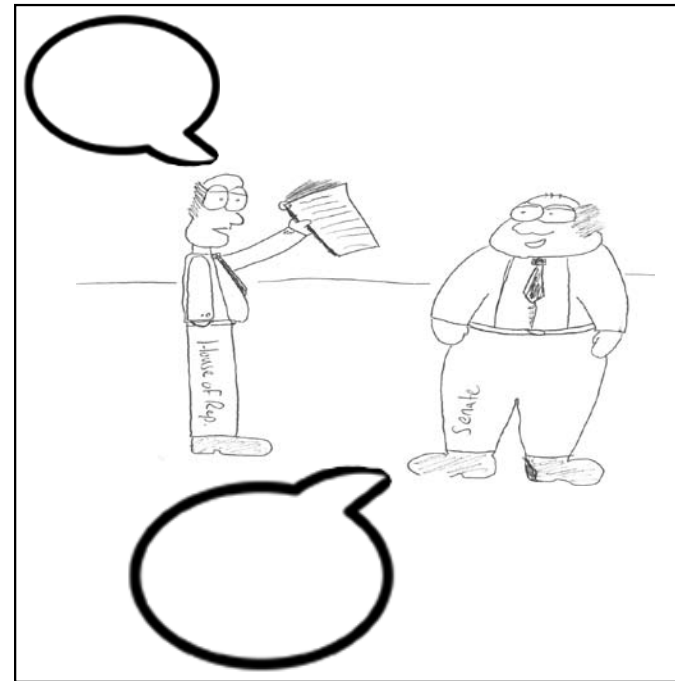
Then, there are those who do not work and sit

on their backsides and receive Medicaid for free. It is unfair and a crime against humanity when Congress or the president allows such things to happen in America.

This new healthcare bill can be a defining moment for President Obama.

He has the opportunity to change the lives of millions of people who need help from the government to provide insurance.

If the president allows partisanship and backdoor deals to go down, then it will just be another slap in the face to those citizens who are longing for help and really deserve it.



Artwork by Nick Godfrey

Exercise your First Amendment rights by entering the SMP Cartoon Contest and writing captions concerning the Healthcare debate for each character. Send submissions to [6mpost@highlands.edu](mailto:6mpost@highlands.edu)! Deadlines for entries is Wednesday, Feb. 10, at noon.

## Why give up just yet?



### Editor's Box

**Nick Godfrey**  
Editor

I talked with a friend the other day who said to me, "Is all this really worth it?"

He was talking about college. I wasn't sure how to answer.

He posed his argument, saying, "I'm tired of going to class all the time, never having time to do anything... always being broke. Why continue to go to school when you can just as easily get a pretty well paying job without."

I thought about this. He was right. There are jobs out there that don't require a college education, and for the most part, a lot of graduates don't get a job specific to their degree anyway... so why not give up and leave

college?

There's really only one answer.

Although college isn't cheap, most students with good academic standing, which just means keeping at least a "B" average, can get HOPE (FREE College). Or, maybe you've slipped up and fallen below HOPE's expected standards for keeping it. There is also federal money. Which if you can't afford college, this is where Uncle Sam will step in and help (Again, FREE college).

So the question then becomes: Is it a good bet to let go of a free offer like college education?

I would answer, "No."

Think of it this way (this

is what I finally told my friend), we can get a virtually free education (books and boarding maybe not) that is practically just handed to us in a Government gift basket.

Politicians like to say that investing in education is an investment in the future, so it's pretty nice that we live in a country where our leaders want to give us something so amazing (and expensive) for free.

If anything, just tough it out for four years, or however long you have left, to at least reach that four year degree and take what's given to us. Whether you end up with a job specific to your degree or not, there's money and time invested into that rolled up piece of paper at the end of the college journey that can't be gotten anywhere else.

It's time consuming and tedious, but four years (at the minimum) is just a glimpse in a lifetime. I say go for it; there's nothing to lose.

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# Learning to 'Live Life' despite loss



## Living Life...

Christie Boyd  
Staff Writer

I have a blog entitled Living Life. I sign all my e-mails, Living Life; it is also my motto on my Facebook profile.

When I was 49 years old, my brother, Terry, was dying from melanoma. We talked one day about what we would do with our lives

if we had to live it over again.

I had a few regrets: not finishing high school with my class and a failed marriage.

I said I probably wouldn't change my life if I could because it has brought me a wonderful husband and a beautiful daughter.

I went back to school one fall. It was a hard thing to do.

Terry said, "Don't feel

guilty about going to school. This is my life, not yours, go live your life."

I did feel guilty though, and one day right before he died, Terry said that the day I started college was one of the proudest days of his life.

He held on until I finished my first quarter in school, and I was able to spend his last days with him.

I decided when Terry died to live my life intentionally. Every day, I inten-

tionally decide that that day is going to be lived fully.

I don't carry guilt around with me anymore. I try to accomplish something every day. Some days I succeed better than others.

I learned that I may fail at the things I try to accomplish, but I can always try again. I learned that going to school is one of the greatest privileges of my life.

I hope it's one of yours too. In the meantime you will find me, Living Life...

## -Letters to the Editor-

### Blown away by Silverman

Dear Editor,

I found the article about Taylor Silverman in the November issue very interesting. I saw his performance in the student center, and I was blown away. I have always loved the violin and its sound, but Mr. Silverman really gave the violin a different sound. It was truly astonishing how he could make so many different types of music with the looping machine. One of my friends bought his CD, and we listened to it all day. I plan on staying updated with Mr. Silverman. Thank you again for the article.

Jasmine Gibson  
Sociology  
Floyd Campus

### Curriculum changes praised

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your article "University System decides to change core curriculum" in your Nov. 17, 2009 paper.

I believe these changes

will make an overwhelming difference in a student's ability to transfer their credits to a four year school.

Currently many students have difficulty when transferring their credits from GHC to a 4-year school. I feel this new system would allow credits to transfer much easier, which could mean great things for GHC.

One of the main reasons students decide to go straight to a 4-year school rather than going to a 2-year school first is the fear their credits won't transfer.

Currently, this is a real problem. However, with this new system there would be no need for this fear, which could result in higher enrollment for GHC and other 2-year institutions. I think this is one of the smartest decisions the University System has made.

Thanks for keeping us informed on what is going on!

Tiffany Turnbill  
Nursing  
Paulding Campus

### Student suggests improvements

Dear Editor,

Myname is Joshua Towne and I am currently a stu-

dent at Georgia Highlands College. I am attending the Paulding Campus, and overall I am very impressed with what our school has to offer our students. Although we do provide a lot of services I feel that there is a lot of room to improve student leisure areas here at the Paulding Campus.

One thing I would like to see changed is maybe we can have a leisure room for students. Maybe the room could contain some sort of entertainment such as TVs, pool table, vending machines and lots of comfortable seating. I would also like to see a fitness room built, where students could exercise in between or after classes, to promote healthy living.

I know all these accommodations would cost money, but it would ensure the student body is happy and will persuade students to re-enroll at our beautiful school.

Joshua Towne  
Pre-Nursing  
Paulding Campus

### Parking not up to par

Dear Editor,

Student parking tends to

be an issue here at Georgia Highlands. The parking is either not enough, or it is too far away from our classes to walk.

We should have shuttle rides on campus for the students who get here later and have nowhere to park. When somebody's class is all the way on the other side of campus, and students are having to park a mile away from their class, it becomes very frustrating.

In order to make parking a little bit better, Highlands needs to make more parking lots closer to campus, or have transportation available to students who need it.

Hollie Brown  
Early Childhood Education  
Floyd Campus

### Student fees: Where do they really go?

Dear Editor,

I am still enraged by the rise in student fees referenced in an article of the November issue.

I understand that this was implemented in accordance with The University of Georgia System. However, we students already pay ridiculous amounts in fees.

Fees that are tagged on for who knows what!!

What exactly does my student activity fee of \$40 pay for? Other than on the occasion a counselor comes into one of my courses to notify us that they are available to and for us, my student activities consist of going to class and doing homework. Until a week or so ago, I couldn't even get a soda on my campus.

When I look at my bill for next semester there is \$676 of it that I deem to be reasonable fees: tuition and institution, yet my total is \$818. Why does my data card, which is essentially my student ID card, cost \$17 a semester? Why do I pay \$10 for parking? I attend a site that does not have patrolling campus security. Assuredly, I will pay the new fee, but know this, I am not happy about it!

Kristi Carlson  
Nursing  
Paulding Campus

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## New semester opens with 'Week of Welcome'

Whether it was getting food for the first time on the Floyd campus or getting lip balm and professional balloon creations at both Cartersville and Floyd, students had quite a first week of school this semester with Student Life's "Week of Welcome."



Photo by Danielle Harris

**Student Tina Hale (right) gets her face painted by Margaret Mauthe, a part of the Team M&M event.**



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**Mike Mauthe, a part of the Team M&M event, made balloon animals for students upon request.**



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**LEFT: The new Campuscafe opened on the Floyd Campus at the beginning of this semester. Students were able to eat on campus for a change.**



**RIGHT:** Frankie Hall (left) and Michael Guillory (right) challenge each other while other students watch during the MindGames event.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Patsy Sanchez creates her own custom lip balm, choosing a variety of flavors and scents.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Tim Grogan poses for the creation of his silhouette by a professional silhouette maker.



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# Douglasville site director avid jazz enthusiast

By Kristin Thomas  
Staff Writer

Sitting behind the site director's desk at the GHC Douglasville site is a pretty hip guy.

"I saw Sade a couple of years ago - she has always been my favorite jazz singer," said Ken Reeves.

Reaves said he is a big fan of jazz. His interest first started around age 12.

"Donald Byrd was the first I remember," he said.

Not being a musician himself doesn't keep him from appreciating what his favorite styles of music bring to the table.

Reaves said that the part of jazz that really sparked his interest was his love of the improvisation within the structure of the arrangement.

"If you hear an artist more than once, the music would be different," he said.

He stated that he likes both contemporary and classic jazz.

"Contemporary normally has great arrangements and smooth melodies," Reaves said.

"Classic displays the artist's true music talents without synthesizers, backbeats, etc."

Reaves has even been lucky enough to see some

-Ken Reeves

legends play live, such as Dizzy Gillespie, Pat Metheny, Sade, Kenny G, Wynton Marsalis, Chick Corea and Art Blakey.

Although he no longer attends shows as much as he used to, he plans on taking time this summer to catch some shows in downtown Atlanta, where his two children play instruments in a band.

"Students, faculty and staff are taking the start-up with an admirable attitude."



Contributed

The Douglasville site director, Ken Reeves, sits at his desk in one of the modular units.

Reaves anticipates a higher enrollment at the Douglasville site at the start of the 2010 fall semester.

"Not having your 'own' place has its challenges, but the high school has been a

gracious host - students, faculty and staff are taking the start-up with an admirable attitude," he said. "We realize this is temporary and everyone seems to make an extra effort to provide the

best service possible."

Douglasville site is temporary modular units located on the grounds of Chapel Hill High School until they can get moved into a permanent campus location.

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Cornelius R. Jones is the lead singer of a pop band, Sebgustave Yacht, which is currently signed to Dapper Entertainment/Ivy League Entertainment.

## What it's like to be me... Student in a band

By Lesley Mathis  
Staff Writer

Cornelius R. Jones, a computer science major from Rome, spends his free time performing around Rome, Athens and Atlanta with his pop band, Sebgustav Yacht.

For the past three years, Jones has been the lead vocalist for this band.

He also plays the bass guitar occasionally and writes original music for Sebgustav Yacht.

He said that his group is currently signed with an independent label called Dapper Entertainment/Ivy League Entertainment.

They have recorded songs in multiple studios, and they have played at a variety of locations around Georgia.

Some of these locations are Mariachi in Marietta and Red Light Café in At-

lanta. Sebgustav is planning on putting on a performance at The Extreme in Norcross.

“School is first. This is not a retirement plan into music. I want to go into computer software and hardware engineering later in life.”

-Cornelius Jones

“We’ve done a lot of open-mic nights, so we’ve been in front of an audience a good amount of times. Everyone knows and remembers us

because we are different,” Jones said.

Music is not the only thing that interests Jones. He is also planning on taking part in student government. In fact, next year he hopes to be the chairperson of SEC.

“Right now there is not much involvement with the student government at Georgia Highlands. I want to get in there and make people excited about what is going on with their school,” he said.

Jones is also joining a multitude of other clubs at GHC. Some of those include Brother 2 Brother and Young Democrats.

About his music career, Jones said, “School is first. This is not a retirement plan into music. I want to go into computer software and hardware engineering later in life.”

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# Cartersville students weigh in on the age old re-gifting controversy

**By Danielle Donaldson  
Staff Writer**

When the holiday season ends, there's always an opportunity to re-gift that unwanted present that's been collecting dust in the back of the closet.

Cartersville campus students have different opinions about re-gifting.

Some people prefer to return or exchange the gift instead of having to deal with the problem of what to do with it.

"If it's something I'm not into but another friend would like, I'll re-gift it, unless I know where they

bought it then I'll return it or exchange it," said Audrey Blair.

Blair has encountered the unwanted gift problem a few times.

"Once I was helping my friend put together her wedding around the time of Christmas, and she gave me a thank you present. It was this hideous orange bag from Target, but I said thank you... and I quickly returned it anyway," Blair said.

As for Ashtyn Glover, she came up with a clever way to give away her unwanted gifts.

"Re-gifting, yes I have

done that," Glover said.

"I don't necessarily think that re-gifting is good or bad. It just makes sense. You have something you don't want and it could be useful to someone else, so why not re-gift," she said.

Glover stated that one of her boyfriend's relatives gave her a lotion/perfume set one time.

"It was really nice. It was even a designer brand, but I hated the way it smelled," she said.

"So when I threw a wedding shower for my best friend, I used the set as one of the prizes for a game we played," Glover said.

According to a survey conducted by regiftable.com, "More than half (53%) of surveyed re-gifters state that they re-gift because they know the recipients will like the item given."

For one student, it depends on from whom the gift was given.

"If it's from my mom, I ask for the receipt to return it, and if it's from my dad I'll feel bad and keep it," said Jessica Taylor.

"And if it's from a friend, I'll keep it and try and use the gift when I'm around them," she said.

For other students, they say that if they receive a gift

they don't want, they would rather keep the gift than re-gift it or exchange it for something better.

"I usually just keep it and don't look at it and I don't re-gift," said Rachel Taylor.

Heather Rogers has reasoning behind why she does not re-gift her gifts either.

"I don't like re-gifting. I think you should give someone a gift that is very unique and something they would love, not something you received and didn't like."

"That's just my opinion though. I just like giving people things that are special," Rogers said.

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## Now I know why people re-gift



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## As it Seems...

Hanna Yu  
Staff Writer

## Keeping your New Year's resolutions

The last leg of the year is crammed with holidays—one big blur of festivities. Once the “holiday” of everything slows down, it is time to think about the New Year.

The highly awaited cross-over from December to January sparks the beginning.

New Year's is known for its parties with bubbly champagne, party hats and the intense anticipation of the universal countdown led by either a giant peach or a big apple and concluded by a midnight kiss to start off the New Year.

In the midst of the merriment, one tradition lingers in each person's mind, and those hopeful thoughts revolve around New Year's resolutions.

Some people succeed in

keeping them while others forget them as each resolution disappears in the depths of the New Year's hangover.

I talked to several GHC students, and the most common resolutions made among them were to either lose weight or make better grades.

The impressive factor about resolutions is not about simply making them, but keeping them throughout the year.

However to some, resolutions are only a symbol of hope, an unreachable goal that gives them that “light at the end of the tunnel.”

People may or may not keep them, but resolutions are worth making at the beginning of the year to signify the “clean slate” of the New Year.

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4. **Stampy:** Ties into the Stampede Card and getting stamped for campus events.
5. **Traveler:** Reflects the multi-campus aspect of GHC and how students travel down the path to success; also horse of R.E. Lee
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## Editors' CD Picks

- Modest Mouse: "No One's First and You're Last"
- Dead by Sunrise: "Out of Ashes"
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## Music Review

### 30 Seconds to Mars brings new sound

By Dylan Hatcher  
Staff Writer

If someone was expecting this album to be like 30 Seconds to Mars's last album, "A Beautiful Lie," he or she would be sadly mistaken. The group's newest release and their first studio album since 2005, "This is War," seems to be a step away from their previous releases. But is this album able to hold its own?

Someone listening to this album needs to first know that this seems much more like a concept album as opposed to just a bunch of songs. It's comparable to albums such as Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" and even My Chemical Romance's "The Black Parade."

Now that's not saying that this album is like those. No, this CD stands on its

own.

The main reason it has more of a concept album feel is that some of the lyrics and musical arrangements are reused within each song. But it is done tastefully, never giving the impression of the band being lazy or unoriginal.

Lyricaly the album is astounding. Jared Leto proves that he is a poetic force to be reckoned with. It seems that throughout the majority of the album he is shouting out a rally cry. At other points it seems that he is trying to be deeply sincere with his very interesting observations of a torn world.

The music itself is something that needs to be marveled at. Again the band proved that they are forever musicians.

One thing worth mentioning is a constant use of a children's choir. It can

honestly be breathtaking at times, giving the album a youthful feeling.

Noteworthy tracks include: "Kings and Queens," "This is War," "Night of the Hunter" and "Hurricane."

The final verdict on the album is that of high musical praise.

Now granted that this album is nowhere near the intensity or the brilliance of "A Beautiful Lie," it still proves that 30 Seconds to Mars is a band that is capable of not just hit radio songs but also something that could be considered a masterpiece.

Melodic guitar, ambient noise and frantic drum beats produce a fresh new sound. Mix that with the songbird screech of Jared Leto and striking lyrics to get this amazing CD.

If someone is looking for something fresh and different, then "This is War" is it.

### 'White House Garden' coming to Lakeview

By Robert Holder  
Staff Writer

Students will get a chance to walk through the White House Garden soon as GHC will host "The White House Garden" exhibit, part of the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition in February.

According to the Smithsonian Institution press release, the exhibit originally debuted at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. in 2008.

It is scheduled to be displayed in 20 different cities as part of a national tour that lasts through 2012. Observers will have the opportunity to see the White House landscape through a series of photos, illustrations, maps and "even family and business correspondence."

The significance of the exhibit is to describe the

history of the gardens surrounding the White House as well as the rest of the land around it.

The themes of the exhibit are based around three notable gardens: the Rose Garden, the East Garden (also known as the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden) and the Children's Garden.

Those who visit the display will discover new information about the landscape's history as well as its evolution over the years. In addition, they will learn about the role in which the garden played in affairs, whether national or global, during the administrations of different presidents.

For example, Presidents John Tyler and Abraham Lincoln hosted public receptions in these gardens. Another part of "The White House Garden" will showcase the 500 trees that have

been planted for commemorative purposes. Two notable trees in particular are the ancient magnolia planted by Andrew Jackson in memory of his deceased wife and the dogwood planted by former president Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary, which was to be dedicated to the children who lost their lives in the Oklahoma City bombing.

For more information regarding this exhibit, visit [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org).

"The White House Gardens" exhibit will be on display in the Lakeview Art Gallery from Feb. 1 until March 29. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday.

Those interested in viewing the exhibit on other days will need to contact Student Life Director John Spranza.





## The Extra Point

Jose Ajanel  
Production Assistant

# Brazil will rule the World Cup

The biggest party in soccer will happen this summer when the World Cup takes place in South Africa.

The World Cup is known to most soccer fans as the most competitive international event in the world. All the nations from the seven different continents had an opportunity to qualify, but only 32 countries secured spots in this prestigious event.

There are many countries that are returning from the last World Cup in 2006, which Italy won over France in regular time. Other nations include the USA, Mexico, Spain and Argentina just to name a few.

Italy and France haven't been doing so well in recent competitions, and the other countries mentioned have had an irregular time qualifying with the exception of Spain and the USA.

The question is who will win the World Cup in 2010? In my opinion, it will be Brazil.

Brazil has a remarkable history in soccer. Last year, they were ranked number one from July-October, ac-

cording to FIFA, which is the governing body of international soccer. In addition, they won the World Cup in 1994 and 2002; they placed second in 1998.

Nevertheless, there are those that think that Spain, currently ranked number one, will take the gold home. Luis Hernandez, a physical therapist major at the Floyd campus, thinks Spain will win because "All the other teams are good, but Spain is the most experienced. . . their defense is incredible."

However, even though Spain does have a good defense, the team's starting keeper, Iker Casillas, tends to fall short in major competitions.

Gerardo Felipe, a business administration major at the Floyd campus, agrees with me that Brazil will win because "they have good strikers and can defend themselves well." In the end, I think Brazil will prove to be the best this summer in South Africa.

Check out FIFA.com for more information on standings and a schedule of all the games.

# What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport?



"My favorite Winter Olympic sport is skiing."

Dar Robinson  
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"I believe that the skiing marathon is the best winter Olympic sport."

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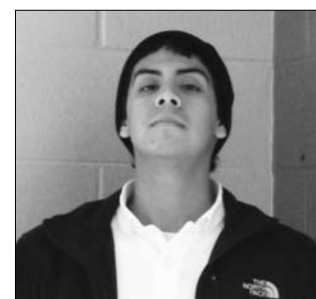
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DodgeBall begins March 16 @ 1:45 p.m.

Co-ed Volleyball begins Feb. 24 @ 1:45 p.m.

**Sign up is underway in the gym on the Floyd Campus**

# Highlands' skiers learn from professionals

By JoNathan Brown  
Assistant Editor

This past December, the physical education department took a group of students to Boone, N.C. to ski and snow board for college credit.

This year, there were 38 students who attended the ski trip.

"This was a very successful trip. About half were skiers and the other half were snowboarders," said Ken Weatherman, professor of physical science.

"The weather was a challenge but it made for excellent skiing and snowboarding conditions."

Before the ski trip, students had to attend three pre-trip workshops and take a written test.

"The reason behind the workshops and test was so that each student could get credit for the course, which is a two-hour P.E. course," Weatherman said.

While on the ski trip, each student was able to take lessons, either skiing or snowboarding, from professionals.

After taking the lessons, the students were required to apply what they had learned to the slopes.



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Student Brittany Vanhorn (left) listens to a French Swiss Ski instructor during the Ski trip.

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