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Cartersville library named for \$1 million donor

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The GHC library in Cartersville has recently been renamed in recognition of a \$1 million bequest from the John F. Collins Jr. and Ann Felton Collins Charitable Remainder Trust.

At a dedication ceremony on Nov. 29, the library was officially named the John F. Jr. and Ann Felton Collins Memorial Library.

This gift is part of Georgia Highlands' Legacy Campaign, a program launched in 2006 to raise money for the college. Contributors are able to give money for a specific department or scholarship or with no restrictions on its use.

"The Collins gift is a great boost to the Legacy Campaign," said Dr. Randy Pierce, GHC president. "It also reestablishes our momentum. It is most generous."

The Legacy Campaign is Georgia Highlands' first major gift campaign. Judy Taylor, advancement officer at GHC, manages the program.

According to Taylor, the program focuses on three key areas: scholarships, student success centers, and professional development for faculty and staff.

Scholarship gifts will be used to insure that students in need of financial aid receive it. Money for success centers will ensure more open hours for tutoring, as well as more aid in the centers themselves.

Gifts in the area of professional development will provide for such things as release-time for teachers to earn their advanced degrees as well as allowing them to employ more creative teaching methods.

Small donations are welcome, but larger gifts will allow donors to name a street on campus for \$25,000, a classroom or laboratory for \$10,000 and the Lakeview building for a donation of \$1 million.

Pierce is optimistic about the remainder of the campaign and is pleased with the recent donations.



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Dr. Randy Pierce and Judy Taylor review a recent Legacy Campaign gift.

Alabama Shakespeare trip sign-up will begin Feb. 4

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The college's annual trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery will be the weekend of April 14-15.

The trip, which is open to college employees and students and their guests, is "one of the longest-running and most popular trips at GHC," according to Dr. Kristie Kemper, one of the ASF trip coordinators.

Saturday night participants will go to Faulkner University's Dinner Theater to see the modern British comedy "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn.

Shakespeare's "Richard III" will be seen at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Sunday afternoon. There will be a guided backstage tour of the ASF theater complex before the play.

"Extra credit will be available in all English classes for students who go on the trip and is usually offered in a number of other humanities and social science classes as well," Kemper said.

The trip fee is per person and varies depending on whether someone shares a motel room. The Office of Student Life will help people find roommates if needed. No co-ed rooms will be allowed unless the people are married.

The trip fee is as follows: single room \$130; double room \$94; triple room \$82 and quad \$76. The trip fee includes: tour bus transportation to and from Montgomery, tickets to the two plays and the backstage tour, lodging at America's Best Inn with "deluxe" continental breakfast, supper at the dinner theater

and a boxed lunch on the theater grounds on Sunday and a packet of info about the plays.

An estimated \$25-30 should be enough to cover the other meals on the trip.

Sign-up begins on Feb. 5, and a deposit of \$40 is due at sign-up, according to John Spranza, director of student life. The deposit becomes non-refundable on the deposit deadline of Feb. 28. The rest of the trip fee is due by March 14.

Sign-up will be in the Office of Student Life on the Floyd campus, at the HUB in Cartersville, and at the GHC office on the Heritage Hall, Marietta and Acworth campuses.

Kemper recommends early sign-up since past trips have filled up quickly.

There will be a limited amount of financial aid to help

those who would like to go on the trip but really cannot afford it. ASF financial assistance forms may be picked up on each campus and must be filled out and returned with a faculty recommendation to the Floyd campus Student Life Office by Feb. 21.

Kemper said, "ASF always does a good job of making Shakespeare very understandable, and 'Richard III' is a fast-

moving, fascinating play. 'Noises Off' is just plain funny. I always look forward to the trip because of the great plays and beautiful setting that the park provides."

The humanities division and the Office of Student Life sponsor the trip.

Anyone who has questions about the trip may call the Student Life Office at 706-295-6363 or 1-800-332-2406.



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The multi-million dollar ASF Theater complex is located in a 250-acre landscaped park.

News

GHC Floyd Campus cafeteria closes after years in the red

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The Floyd campus of GHC officially closed its cafeteria in December 2006.

“The state audit department allowed us to operate the cafeteria in the red so long as the other auxiliary units operated in the black as a whole,” stated Dr. Wilbur Shuler, vice president of finance and administration.

For years the cafeteria made a profit with the presence of both the nursing school and police academy on the campus.

“Unlike the other students, the police academy and nursing school students had very structured schedules and didn’t have time to eat off-campus,” stated Dr. Randy Pierce, GHC presi-

dent.

However, the nursing school was moved to Heritage Hall in December 1994. The Police Academy then moved to Forsyth in July 2000. With the loss of these students the cafeteria began to lose money.

“When we came up for a SACS (Southern Association of College and Schools) reaccreditation we needed an official state audit. They said that we needed to find a plan to put the cafeteria back into the black, which simply could not be done,” Shuler said.

As a result, the cafeteria was officially closed at the end of last semester. Shuler is currently handling proposals from outside businesses to replace the cafeteria. One possibility is that the area will be filled with snack ma-

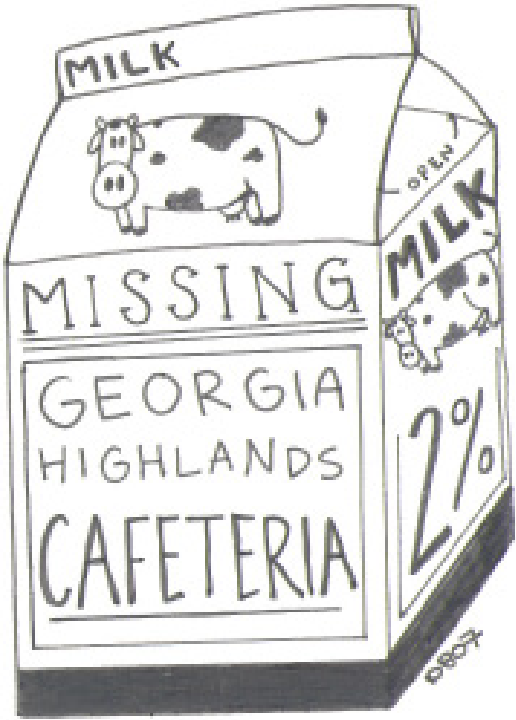
chines from the Atlanta Food and Beverage Company.

The cafeteria closing, along with rumors of replacement plans, has sparked controversy among both the students and faculty.

Corbitt Lyons, a freshman business major, stated, “I think it’s a bad thing that they have removed the cafeteria. It takes away our ability to eat healthful food while we’re here.”

Dr. Jon Hershey, professor of English, and Susan Claxton, associate professor of human services, created a petition requesting the reconsideration of the cafeteria’s closing. Multiple copies exist throughout the campus for students and faculty to sign.

It is still unclear what provider, if any, will fill in the gap left by the cafeteria.



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Second Smithsonian exhibit on display in the Lakeview Auditorium

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The whole world will be displayed at Georgia Highlands College in Rome beginning Jan. 28 in the Lakeview Auditorium art gallery.

"Earth from Space," an exhibition from the Smithsonian, will feature unique photographs taken from satellite.

Visitors can view swirling hurricanes, shadows of the Great Pyramids, detailed channels entering the Arctic Ocean and more.

Georgia Highlands will be the first to host the exhibit since it left the Smithsonian.

The exhibit was made possible by the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum along with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Geographer Andrew Johnston is the exhibit curator.

"Earth from Space" will remain in the art gallery until March 25 and will continue on a national tour throughout the year.

"Earth from Space" will be open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-noon, and Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Information is available from John Spranza, director of student life, at jspranza@highlands.edu.

F-Wing roof will finally receive much needed repairs in February



Photo By Josh Kelley

Phillip Kimsey stands in front of the leaky F-Wing.

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Roof renovations on the F-wing of the McCorkle Building on the Floyd campus are set to begin mid-February, says the new director of plant operations, Phillip Kimsey.

The F-wing roof, which is flat and more susceptible to deterioration from the elements than slanted roofs, underwent repairs a little over a year ago during Christmas break. The problem was not solved, as the occasional surviving leak attests. Af-

ter the planned renovation, says Kimsey, the roof could go as long as "28 or 29 years before it needs work."

The new metal gabled roof, which is being installed for just under \$330,000 by McGowan Construction Company of Townsend, Ga., "will look much like the Walraven Building's," said Kimsey. He estimates that the project will require 8-10 weeks for completion.

Mounting maintenance costs, potential corrosion of the F-wing's infrastructure and the compromise of expensive electronics gave impetus to the

project. "It leaks pretty bad in heavy rain," explained Kimsey. "This impairs light fixtures, destroys ceiling tiles, ruins paint and could damage electronic equipment."

The student body and faculty are glad that the renovations are taking place.

Professor Sheila McCoy, whose language lab has been the site of chronic leakage, said, "I had just kind of given up on the roof. I just hope there aren't any obvious puddles when we walk in the room."

Tabitha Duck, a freshman from Rome studying early childhood education, believes a more presentable campus environment is an asset to the college. "I think it will attract more people because of its clean appearance," she said.

Freshman biology major Evan Babb's singular concern is "hearing people up there nailing when I'm trying to write an essay."

Kimsey had the foresight to address this issue in advance with the builders. "They will work when classes are not meeting-early mornings and late evenings," he said.

Volunteer Fair held on Floyd campus Jan. 17



Photo By Josh Kelley

Kimberly Lupfer (left) receives information from Tanya Jett during the Volunteer Fair. The Human Services Club, the Office of Student Life and the Office of Service Learning sponsored the Fair to rally interest in community service.

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Two new potential GHC clubs await approval of president

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Two new student organizations-Highlands Animal Interests Society and Chargers Raising Colts- are in the process of being approved.

The Highlands Animal Interests Society (HAIS) is to be based on the Cartersville campus.

When asked about the new student organization Marwa Starkey, the president of HAIS, said “We are a unique organization dedicated to helping both people and animals.”

The club is set up with the general goal of advancing both people and animals without trying to force certain beliefs or lifestyles, such as vegetarianism, on its members.

Optional donations and community service hours are listed in the constitution as part of the

commitment that will be expected of members, allowing them to obtain such things as club shirts as well as the ability to post web pages.

Chargers Raising Colts (CRC) has a different goal in mind.

“CRC is an organization for students who are balancing school, work, and family,” said Cassie Taylor, a sophomore early childhood education major and president of CRC.

“We will not be requiring major commitments from our members or make them attend meetings,” said Taylor. “We just want to give students someone to lean on when they need it.” CRC is based on the Floyd Campus and is already promoting meetings and gatherings.

“I even have an online group for CRC on Facebook,” said Taylor. “I just need more people to get involved.”

The approval process for stu-

dent organizations is comprised of multiple steps including the selection of an adviser and officers, the drafting of a constitution, the approval of the Student Engagement Council (SEC), the approval of faculty and the college president.

Both organizations have selected an adviser and officers and were recently approved by the SEC and the faculty.

The new clubs are waiting for approval from Dr. Randy Pierce, GHC president.

Information about these and other clubs can be found in the Office of Student Life on the Floyd Campus or at (706) 295-6363

Division chair collapses after brain aneurysm on Cartersville campus

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Science, math and physical education department chair, Dr. Soumitra Chattopadhyay, collapsed at the Cartersville campus on Jan. 11.

He was immediately transported to the Cartersville medical center emergency room, where he was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm, according to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs.

Later that evening he was flown by helicopter to Emory University Hospital.

He underwent an angiogram to detect the brain aneurysm and then an endovascular coiling treatment in which coils were inserted into his brain to stop the bleeding.

When the “Six Mile Post” went to press on Jan. 24,

Chattopadhyay was stable and recovering in neurosurgical ICU.

Doctors are watching him for signs of infection and a condition called vasospasm that causes the blood vessels in the brain to constrict.

It is estimated that Chattopadhyay will be in the hospital for 4-5 weeks, depending on his recovery. He will then need to undergo rehab before he can return to normal activity.

Three people are taking over Chattopadhyay’s responsibilities at GHC.

Brent Griffin will take over as acting chair of the mathematics department, Donna Daugherty as acting chair of the science department and Dr. Catherine King as acting chair of physical education. King will also continue as the physical education director of the Marietta campus.

Probe Fair returns to GHC

The PROBE Fair is coming to GHC’s Floyd campus 10a.m.-noon on Feb. 12 in the Lakeview Auditorium. PROBE Fair gives students an opportunity to scope out possible transfer schools. The attendees usually do not vary much from year to year. The attendees last year were

- American Intercontinental University
- Armstrong Atlantic State University
- Art Institute of Atlanta
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Brewton-Parker College
- Clayton College and State University
- Dalton State College
- Emory University Medical Imaging Program
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia State University
- Georgia Student Finance Commission
- Georgia Tech
- Jacksonville State University
- Kennesaw State University

- LaGrange University
- Life University
- Medical College of Georgia
- Mercer University
- North Georgia College
- Phoenix, University
- Piedmont College
- Reinhardt College
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Shorter College
- Southern Polytechnic University
- Truett-McConnell College
- University of Georgia
- Wesleyan College
- University of West Georgia

Celebrate First Amendment week with GHC

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At Georgia Highlands, the First Amendment is celebrated during the week of Jan. 29 through Feb. 3.

According to Dr. Kristie Kemper, adviser of the "Six Mile Post," the annual First Amendment week is sponsored by the "Six Mile Post" and is co-sponsored this year by Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union, the College Democrats, the GHC chapter of the AAUP (American Association of University Profes-

sors) and the "Old Red Kimono." Students and faculty are strongly encouraged to reflect on the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment during this week.

During the establishment of the United States, the Founding Fathers wrote what we now know as the Bill of Rights, which begins with the First Amendment.

"The First Amendment contains many rights that the Founders believed to be the most significant in an individual's independent life," said Dr. Robert Page, social sciences division chair.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

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Tips for Teachers

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Tips for Students

- 1 Don't erase the marker board with your hand and then touch your face because then the marker is all over you.
- 2 Encourage a student in or outside of class especially if they are one of the rebellious or slacker students.
- 3 Don't have a late policy if you are going to be late.
- 4 Don't, or at least try not to, gossip about the students or teachers because you never know who is listening or who doesn't keep their mouth shut.
- 5 Don't wait till the last minute to call in sick... some students don't care and some students do...especially if yours is their only class.



- 1 When coming up with an excuse, try not to kill off more than four grandparents per semester.
- 2 Know why you are at college and realize that this isn't high school anymore... keep your grades up and focus on your major.
- 3 Don't come to class unprepared... teachers don't like teaching to the bricks on the wall.
- 4 Remember, sitting on the back row doesn't make you invisible and learn your teacher's name – how hard can it be?
- 5 Meet with your professors because it is crucial for the two of you to know each other. Then the teacher can see what type of student you are and how to help you.

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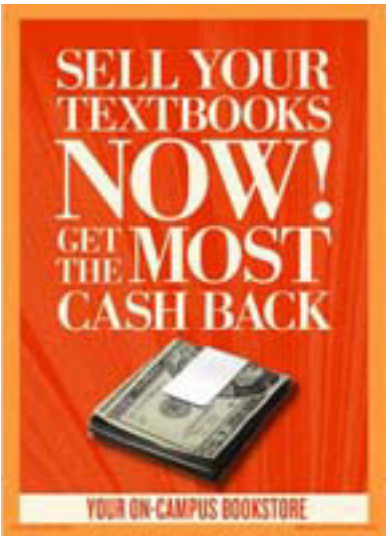
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Acworth site director Laura Ralston has provided years of service teaching and advising at GHC



Laura Ralston waits for a meeting at a desk in the Career/Counseling Office. Photo by Jehna Holder

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Laura Ralston, associate professor of math, has recently been named site director of the Acworth Campus.

Ralston grew up in Calhoun, Ga. (where she also currently lives).

She attended North Georgia College, where she began as a chemistry major. However, that soon changed after she attended her first class.

She later received her bachelor's degree in secondary education (with emphasis on mathematics) from North Georgia College.

Soon after graduating, she went on to attend the University of West Georgia for her master's degree in the same field.

After college she began teach-

ing at the high school level as a math teacher.

During that time she taught three consecutive years at Calhoun High School and had an equally long stint at Coosa High School.

However, after several years of teaching high school students she found that the maturity level was questionable.

In 1996 Ralston began teaching at Georgia Highlands as a part-time math teacher.

She immediately found that the level of maturity and dedication in college students was much more acceptable.

It was not until two years later that she became a full-time math teacher with GHC.

In addition to being a full-time teacher, she has also taken on the responsibilities of being an academic adviser.

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How hard is it to open a door—rather than to push a button?

Everyone has seen the handicapped doors around campus that allow people to press a button and open the door hands-free.

However, some people take advantage of this service without necessity. This over-use causes the batteries that operate these doors from the outside to not work. This leaves people who are truly handicapped without this useful function.

According to Sheryl Ballenger, director of the Access Center, these batteries open the doors from the outside leading inside. They have to be replaced every couple of days in the winter to ensure that they still work. During the cold weather, they use

more energy than during the summer and therefore have to be replaced more often.

Everyone on campus can help with this problem. Do not use the doors unless you really need them. Also Ballenger stressed the issue of reporting when these buttons do not work.

Please report it to either the Access Center at (706) 802-5003 or the Physical Plant at (706) 295-6353 so that the batteries can be replaced as soon as possible.

Ballenger said that “universal accessibility” is something she desires at GHC. In other words, she wants to equip all of GHC with automatic door-opening buttons so that everyone will use them

and handicapped persons will not have to be specially accommodated. What an interesting perspective.

Not to say that it is unreasonable to bump the button every once in a while when carrying a heavy load of books. But it is a regular occurrence to see people with nothing but a notebook or a backpack push the button with a perfectly able hand just because they are too lazy to open a door.

Think of the people who really need the function and how often it is not available. Do not use the automatic door-openers if it is not necessary and report them as soon as possible if you find that they do not work.



Editor’s Box

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The life of a server...

Servers are people too! The next time you’re out eating at a restaurant, look at your server. Do you think he or she is really happy to be doing that particular job? Most servers would say no since they only make enough money to pay the bills because a lot of people do not understand the art of tipping.

I did not understand tipping until about four years ago when I decided to start serving because I needed more flexibility with my job due to my college schedule.

I love my job except for a few things every now and then, but then again that can be true of any person and any job.

It is a tougher job being a server than you think and you should pay servers accordingly.

There are so many people out there flooding the restaurants without any knowledge of how to tip or even behave for that matter. Here are a few things that sometimes push my buttons:

1. THE CAMPERS

If you feel the necessity to stay for longer than 15 minutes after you pay, it is a nice gesture to leave an extra \$3 every 30 minutes. We make our money from the tables. If you are at one and we can not seat it, we do not make money.

2. THE VERBAL TIP

Telling a server he or she is the best server they’ve ever had is NOT a tip. If we are good, let us know by leaving us more money. We can not pay our bills on compliments, although I wish we could because then I would be rich. It is not that we do not appreciate the praise, it is just that if you say that and then leave a horrible tip, or nothing at all, it is an insult.

3. TIPPING

It is not 1960. 15 percent is normally the MINIMUM amount you should be tipping your servers. We’ll break it down for you....just look at the tax line and

multiply by 2-3. This gives you your minimum tip amount. Remember, our companies pay us minimum wage (\$2.13), and we are taxed on 10 percent of the cost of your meal automatically anyway. So if your meal is \$100 and you leave \$10 and we tip out \$2-3 to the busser, then \$2-3 to the bartender and whoever else then we pay tax on \$10 and we make \$5.

It seems small, but it adds up. How many times do you eat out per week and do this? Take into consideration that most days or nights some servers work a shift varying from four to eight hours. Some days are busier than others, but there are also slow days. We may only get two tables in the whole time we work or 12—it all depends. Just do not complain on the gratuity; smile and pay it and be thankful for the service.

4. THE COMPLAINERS

If you get a discount because your food was prepared wrong or you just feel like being a jerk, do not take it out of our tip. We did not cook it. The cooks get paid hourly regardless if the food sucks. However, we only make what you give us.

5. THE GREET

When we come to the table to greet you and we ask how you are doing, please let us know. If you are in a bad mood, we want to know that we are going to have to deal with your attitude the entire time. A confused stare or complete silence does not suffice as a reply to “How are you doing?” And do not say you are ready to order and keep us standing at your table for endless amounts of time while you actually decide what you want. There are other tables and other things that need to be done. Furthermore, stop interrupting our greeting by saying, “I want coffee.” “Can we get some bread?” or “What are the soups?”

6. THOSE DANG CELL PHONES

Seriously! Get off your freakin’ phone....This is probably the rudest thing to do. If you feel you must be on your cell, at least keep your voice down out of respect for other customers. If you are on your cell phone when we walk up to greet your table, we will walk away and not return until you get off your phone. All we ask is MAYBE two minutes

of your time. So get off your phone. If you want to be rude to the guest with you, by all means, go right ahead.

7. THE IMPATIENT ONES

Ahh yes... If a server comes to bring out your drinks and she/he is juggling about five things, do not ask, “Are we going to get some bread?” Do you not see their hands are full? Does it look like you are going to get bread at that moment? Clearly you will get bread, but unless the server can magically make bread appear, your question is ridiculous. Some people at your table might want their drink first, so that’s what I’m bringing right now.

If you are a server, have ever been a server, know any servers or have ever had a server that you liked, please spread the word so this can get out since so many people are uneducated about tips and our lives depend on this - at least for now...or refer them to the movie “Waiting.”

Thank you, and hopefully now you understand where I and other servers are coming from.

Something to think about...



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Picture this: two guys and two girls go into a department store, me being one of the girls. I see someone know working there while I’m checking out. The girl smiles and winks at me and says: “You know it’s so good to see that you finally have a boyfriend.” I smile, nod, say thanks, walk out and find the people I’m with laughing. They are laughing because I didn’t have the heart to tell her that the guy I was with was my own brother.

Honestly, situations like that happen all the time. Soon after my rendezvous with the girl at the store, I find a guy in one of my classes who seems cool enough. So it took a lot of time for me to muster up enough courage to email him-not talk to him-email him. He writes back asking me if I want to play laser tag. Duh, who offers to play laser tag? SOMEONE AWESOME! So I give him my number and a few more emails about nothing. He stops talking to me altogether. I mean, heck, I just wanted to watch a movie, get coffee, something. But by giving him my number he probably thought: “OH MY GOSH! Wow, she probably wants to get together with me and get married have 39,589 kids and combine finances.” What the heck ever happened to laser tag?

I was at the school I mentor at checking my email for the last time to see if this guy actually wanted to be friends with me. My mentee found out what I was doing and she said: “The reason why you ain’t never had no man in yo life is because you ain’t got no game.” I corrected her grammar of course and then asked her what the “game” she spoke of was. I felt like I should take this 10 year old out for drinks(non-alcoholic of course) and learn more about this game but instead we stayed at the school and she proceeded to tell me that I needed to get my nails done and wear nicer clothes.

Now, I’ve tried playing this so called game, and I’ll admit it’s fun. One day you walk in looking awful then the next you look “spiffy” and everyone notices. Unfortunately, I go out friends in what I think is a nice skirt and a nice shirt and this boy comes out of no where asking me if I am from South Africa. I say, “Uh, no. What the heck makes you think that?” He tells me that my outfit looks African.

How does this all work? How do two people get together and like each other at the same time? The planets must align that one day just so these people can get together.

With me, by no means am I desperate. I’ve always been single. I’ve maintained the fact that I will either convert to Catholicism or go the nun route so the only man in my life will be God or the alternative. I could buy a house in Florida with a bunch of my friends with dogs because I hate cats, and we could live like the Golden Girls. Blanche was always my favorite, I could be Blanche. Unless someone could explain to me this “game” if anyone really knows. That’s just something to think about. Well I’m off to get my nails done.

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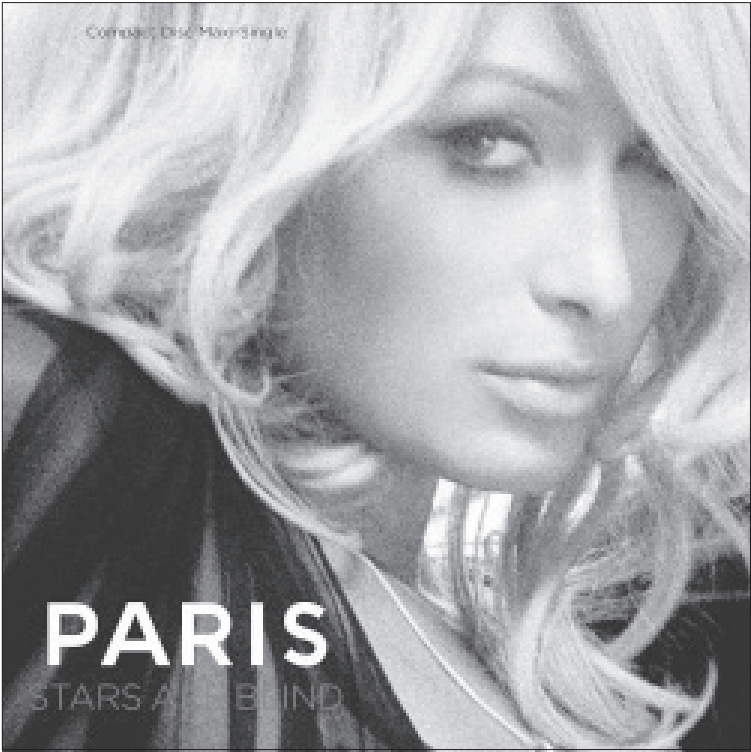


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“Pass this semester and get my money up to visit my hometown”

Stars are blind but not deaf: Paris Hilton cries when she hears her song- so do her listeners



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Paris Hilton
‘Stars are Blind’

After reviewing the musical attempts of Hulk Hogan’s daughter, I searched far and wide for another CD that would carry on my tradition of journalistic excellence. Luckily, I had to look no farther than a supermarket tabloid cover. When I became aware that the legendary Paris Hilton had released an album, I knew that my mission was determined. Strangely, the title track, ‘Stars are Blind’, isn’t as horrible as it could be. I could imagine it being played in the background of many a teen clothing store and not being offensive. It’s also the first track, which sort of eases you into the album, and Paris’ whispering makes you wonder if she will do any actual singing later on.

About halfway through this

CD, you will come to the same realization that I did: Paris Hilton was not allowed near the recording studio when this album was being made. If you took out her voice, the songs would be 98% intact. In fact, on a few of the tracks, her vocals are mixed so low that you may think she was gone already. I imagine the staff who created all the music needed someone to put on the cover, and who better than one of the biggest celebrities out there? Her actual vocal talents didn’t seem to factor into that equation. I’d even be willing to forgive her lack of strength on the album, if the CD had been finished. Instead, the last few songs sound as if they were practically copied from other pop songs, with a tiny change in instrumentals here or there. Paris continues to whisper (and sometimes speak!) all the way to the end, determined to leave her mark, even if she is standing three feet from the mi-

crophone the entire time. You will play this CD once, you will copy the first three songs onto your computer, and you will go back to thinking of Paris only as the main source of the E! Network’s programming. Paris once said that she cries every time she hears her song on the radio. After enduring this album, I know her pain. Score - Can I give negative notes? Negative two. And the CD jammed up my car stereo for a day.

Note System

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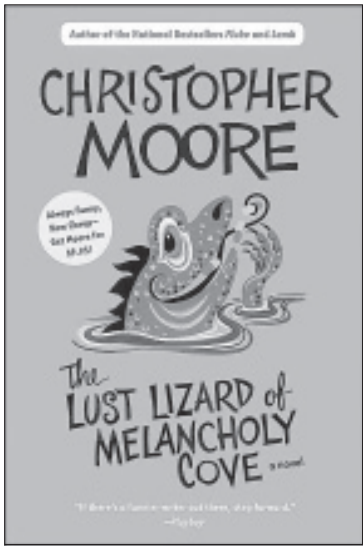
♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ -Bought the t-shirt

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ -Dying for the album

Christopher Moore’s ‘Lust Lizard of Melancholy Cove’ has readers rolling with absurd humor

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Book Review

Christopher Moore has done it again. Possibly the most absurd, hysterically funny living author, Moore spins tales of colossal proportions with a finesse that makes them all remarkably believable. In “The Lust Lizard of Melancholy Cove,” Moore delivers laugh after laugh with a story of a coastal tourist town that is invaded by a large, sexually frustrated prehistoric beast. Imagine this: the town psychiatrist, because of a single alleged suicide contributed to the drugs she prescribed, decides to



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change everyone’s medication to placebos. A local scientist and the

sheriff (who has a severe addiction to marijuana), begin an adventure to locate and destroy the beast and solve the mystery surrounding the death. The townspeople are all influenced by the pheromone bait produced by the beast to lure in its food. Strange couples begin pairing off and the beast finds himself adopted by a former actress-turned-town-crazy who protects him and makes sure he survives. Throw in an artist, a black singer with “the blues on him” and a large dog whose thoughts you hear regularly and the reader will be entrapped by sheer hilarity. Moore must have written his books while influenced by some hallucinogenic, creativity-spik-

ing substance. This love-story meets hysterical comedy meets action-packed adventure will have readers laughing until their eyes water and they fall off their chairs. This book is the pinnacle of absurd humor so easy to read that it literally cannot be put down. Moore develops his characters with so much personality that the reader cannot help but view them as real people by the end of the book. There is only one thing that can be said about what to do with a book this funny-read it. Just be sure to read this book in private because people stare at readers giggling like loons while reading in public.

More books by Christopher Moore:

“You Suck: A Love Story”

“Bloodsucking Fiends: A Love Story”

“A Dirty Job”

“Fluke: Or, I Know Why the Winged Whale Sings”

“Island of the Sequined Love Nun”

Expectations cause disappointment with game graphics and animation

‘Red Steel’ is fun, but not up to par for Wii fans

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Video Game Review

Developed by Ubisoft Paris for the Nintendo Wii. A nice glimpse of the future, at least. One of the more talked about titles for the new Nintendo Wii, Red Steel was supposed to be a large step forward for the immersive first person shooter genre. The new Wii controls take some getting used to, but once that is out of the way, playing Red Steel is a delightful time picking off enemies using stan-



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dard-fare f.p.s. weapons. Occasionally, the player will be challenged to a sword duel, which will be a treat for martial arts movie fans. There are downsides how-

ever. For gamers expecting a wild, Kill Bill-esque gore fest, look elsewhere. While the game has action aplenty, the most graphic violence is light flashes of when damage is dealt. The

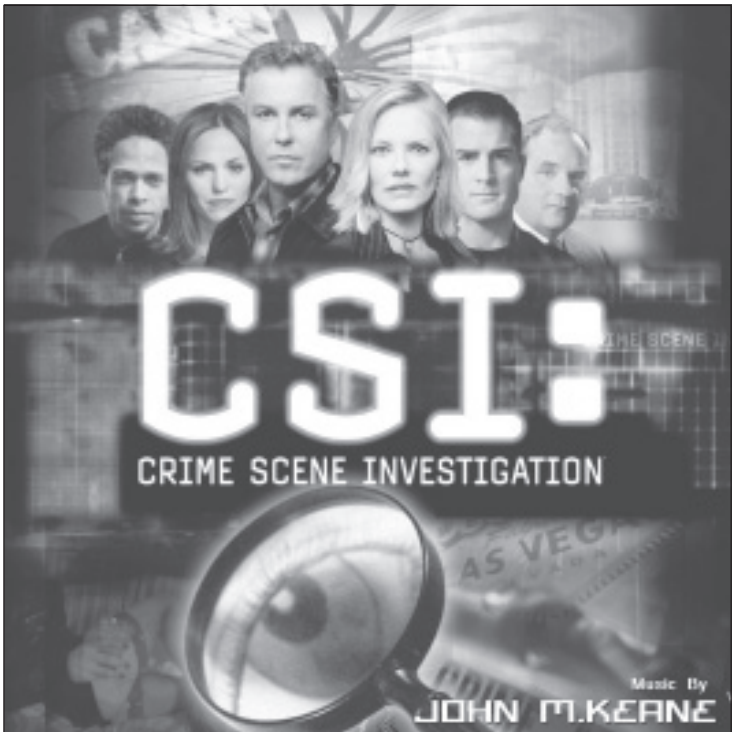
game definitely earns its teen rating. Plus, farther on in gameplay, the balance of difficulty goes out the window during the duels. Gamers may find themselves wanting to use a real sword on the television. Graphically, the game isn't quite next-generation worthy; it's simply underwhelming when expectations are so high. The cut scenes aren't even animated; they are simply pictures with voice-overs. The sound is passable, but not enough to take too much notice, and the voice acting is not quite B-movie caliber. Overall, Red Steel is a welcome look at what kind of potential the Wii has for shooters and it creates an entertaining couple of hours. If you don't expect to be dazzled, you won't be let down.

Hip-Hop poet Komplex to return to GHC

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Komplex is coming back to Georgia Highlands. The lively poet will be performing at the Rome campus Feb. 13 and at the Cartersville campus on Feb. 14. Both performances will be held in the campus student center at 12:30 p.m. Komplex speaks a modern hip-hop style of poetry. John Spranza, the director of student life, describes Komplex as having a Def Jam style similar to a street poet.

Great writers of ‘CSI: Las Vegas’ keep viewers coming back for the seventh season



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TV Review

For the past six seasons CSI has been rated number one. Just when viewers think the mystery has been solved, the writers come up with twisted evidence to keep everyone in suspense. “CSI: Las Vegas” is the best of all the CSI's on TV. For a show that has been on long enough to have lost its touch, the producers have managed to keep it fresh. The special effects are the best on primetime. For devoted watchers and newcomers, CSI has stories that keep viewers coming back week after week for more. It is awesome that CSI has managed to never have a storyline repeated.

‘Little Miss Sunshine’ a hit among the masses

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Movie Review



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In “Little Miss Sunshine,” it is obvious that dysfunctional families are the best to watch. Meet the Hoovers, a dysfunctional family at its finest. Olive (Abigail Breslin) is a small child who has recently found out that she has been entered in the “Little Miss Sun-

shine” pageant in California. She is extremely excited and her father Richard (Greg Kinnear) and mother Sheryl (Toni Collette) don't have the heart to tell her no because they don't have the means of transportation to travel all the way to California. When the grandfather (Alan Arkin) insists that he is going because he has trained Olive in her dance routine they decide to take the VW van all the way to California. To add to this crazy mixture of family, Sheryl insists that her recently out-of-the-hospital-for-trying-to-commit-suicide brother (Steve Carell) and Dwayne (Paul Dano), her Nietzsche obsessed son who has recently taken a vow of silence tag along. What is apparent is that no one wants to go on this so called trip to California. But in the midst of all this chaos and turmoil the family might actually have fun. With this all star cast in this Independent film it will not disappoint. It will appeal to the masses and might even win an Oscar for best picture.

Lifestyles

A Life-Changing Quiz

- * Do you know that having worked on a college newspaper is an excellent addition to any resume?
- * Do you know that students of all majors work on the "Six Mile Post"?
- * Do you know that having been on the "Six Mile Post" staff has helped many students of different majors get scholarships at four-year colleges?
- * Do you know that working on a student newspaper is good experience for education majors who may one day have to advise a student publication?
- * Do you know that business majors have gotten jobs based on their experience on the "Six Mile Post"?
- * Would you like an inside track on paid staff positions for next fall?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider joining the "Six Mile Post" staff for spring 2007. Positions are open for writers, photographers, artists, and ad sales/business staffers. Apply at www.highlands.edu/sixmilepost or contact Dr. K. Kemper, SMP adviser, at kkemper@highlands.edu or 706-368-7626.

Healthcare options available for students who are uninsured

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Students who arrive in class with a runny nose and hacking cough are not an uncommon sight at GHC. Many students are unable to obtain health insurance and cannot receive medical treatment. However, there are several options for uninsured students.

According to Todd Jones, director of admissions, "Students who attend a college or university that is a part of the University System of Georgia have the option to receive health insurance through the college."

"The Board of Regents has signed a contract with the University System of Georgia that gives students two options for health insurance," stated Jones. "The plan went into effect fall 2006 and Pearce & Pearce is the company that won the bid."

Jones explained that the two types of coverage include mandatory and voluntary plans.

"The mandatory plan is for nursing, dental hygiene and F1 international students," stated Jones. However, a student can waive the cost billed to his or her account by proving that they have adequate insurance.

The voluntary plan provided through GHC is available to all students. Students can also enroll family members in a health

insurance plan. Academic requirements are that the student is enrolled for six hours.

An informative brochure with detailed explanations of the health insurance provided by GHC can be found in the Admissions Office on the Floyd campus.

If students do not wish to receive the insurance provided by the University System, other options are available.

State Farm Insurance offers a Short-Term Medical plan as well as a Student Select health care plan for individuals. Bobbie Hand, a State Farm representative in Lindale, said, "The Short-Term Medical plan is offered for six months or 12 months. The six-month plan can be extended, however, and costs less than the 12 month plan."

"The Student Select plan," Hand explained, "can be kept as long as the individual is a full-time student. Price depends on the student's age and physical well-being."

One of the major insurance providers in the nation, Blue Cross Blue Shield, also has health plans that individuals can apply for. According to Bob Babcock from the Babcock Insurance Agency, "Blue Cross Blue Shield has instituted a new policy called Tonik that is targeted towards people between the ages of 19 and 34.

The Tonik policy is for the

'young invincibles' who have been taken off of their parents' health insurance for various reasons and need insurance of their own." Through the Tonik plan an individual may apply for short-term policies that can last from three to six months. This plan has been designed to help students who are enrolled full-time to have insurance between the time of graduation and applying for insurance through his/her employer. More information about Blue Cross Blue Shield policies can be found on its website at www.bcbsga.com.

Although affordable health-care is difficult to find, several family practices offer a reasonable price for an office visit.

In Rome, Affordable Health Care, with Dr. Eric Taylor, M.D., offers a healthcare membership for individuals. A patient can walk into the office for a \$50 fee or join a membership that provides unlimited office visits, one free set of x-rays and many other medical treatments for \$600 per year if paid in full, or \$660 if financed through a checking account or credit card. For more information on the Affordable Health Care practice call (706) 802-1322.

"I can't imagine not having health insurance. Medical care is so expensive now," stated Nick Smith, a biology major from Rome.

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The Banner portion of the GHC website will be unavailable due to an upgrade beginning at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 through Feb. 11. This includes Banner, Banner Web, SCORE, and Xtender. If the upgrade is completed sooner, an e-mail will be sent to everyone.

Students juggle school and kids

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For many non-traditional students, managing a family and school can present a problem.

The sight of a child accompanying his or her parent to class is not unusual.

"My little girl got sick the night before finals one year," stated Amanda Diggs, an early childhood education major from Rome. "I couldn't get in touch with my teacher so I had to bring her with me. She's two and a half years old and distracted me even though I was in a separate room from the rest of the class."

For students with no children or a family to support it is difficult to imagine how those who do maintain a good GPA. "It's hard," said Diggs, "I studied when my kids were playing together and pulled a lot of long nights."

"Most of my teachers have

been very understanding," continued Diggs. "I understand the teacher's rules about no make-up tests, but it's not fair to the students who don't take advantage of the system."

GHC is in the process of creating a new club for students with children. "The Chargers

Raising Colts Club is an effort to bring non-traditional students together to help each other study and create activities so that families can be more involved," said Krista Mazza, GHC counselor. Mazza continued, "We're trying to make college life easier for our non-traditional students."



Photo by Amanda Stegall

Amanda Diggs, mother of three, studies between classes in the Floyd campus student center.

Totally Tattoos at GHC



Photo by Josh Kelley

George Trammell (right) receives a free airbrush tattoo at the Floyd campus.

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Jan. 11, at Floyd.

Students had the opportunity to have temporary tattoos or airbrush tattoos applied by a trained professional.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

Totally Tattoos visited GHC on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Cartersville and Thursday,

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5-on-5 basketball to highlight spring intramural schedule

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The new semester has begun and with it, another season of intramural sports.

For all those who were put off by the 3-on-3 basketball last year, rejoice. This semester there will be 5-on-5 basketball.

If an individual wishes to play, he or she will be placed on a team. Play will begin on Feb. 7. Each game is played on Wednesday starting at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

The spring semester FIT Program began on Jan 22 and will end on April 1.

The FIT program is a walk or run and weightlifting program that enables students, faculty and staff to set goals for walking, running, or weightlifting workouts.

If a student is unaccustomed to a fitness program, don't worry.

There are both beginner and advanced classes.

Those in the beginner walk-run class are expected to walk-run 80 miles within 10 weeks. The advanced class is expected to walk-run 120 miles in 10 weeks.

The FIT program for beginner weightlifting requires 24 workouts in 10 weeks, while the advanced class requires 37 workouts in 10 weeks.

Workouts can be completed on campus or at home, as long as miles or workouts are logged in the PHED office by the following Monday at 3 p.m. or by e-mail to Martha Kirkpatrick at mkirkpat@highlands.edu. Workouts logged in after that time will not be counted.

People who participate in the FIT program can win t-shirts, sweatshirts, gym bags and gift certificates.

Along with basketball and the FIT program, Ultimate Frisbee will begin on March 12. Games



Photo by Josh Kelley

Danny Earle signs up for spring intramurals during club round-up at the Floyd campus.

will be played on Mondays on the soccer field near the lake.

There will be a volleyball tournament beginning on March 27. A golf tournament is also scheduled for spring semester, with the date and time to be announced.

To sign up to participate in intramurals, contact David Mathis, director of intramural sports. He may be reached at 706-204-2202 or through e-mail at dmathis@highlands.edu.

Spring intramurals game schedule

5-on-5 Basketball

Play begins Feb. 7 Wednesdays at 1:30
in the gym

Ultimate Frisbee

Play begins March 12 Mondays at 1:30
on the soccer field by the lake

Florida shocks the nation in a typical ‘David vs. Goliath’ story

The Ohio State Buckeyes entered the national championship against the Florida Gators with an undefeated record of 12-0.

Led by Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, the Buckeyes were favored by 8 points, and expected to blow out the Gators. A typical “David vs. Goliath” story, many counted the Gators out before they even stepped onto the field.

The Gators were given the edge to attend the national championship when UCLA upset USC in the final week of the collegiate season. The Gators sneaked by the Michigan Wolverines by receiving one more point than the Wolverines in the BCS coaches’ poll.

Florida got the nod to be in the National Championship and was highly scrutinized and believed to have no chance against powerhouse Ohio State.

Sports Column

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Coming into the game many believed that the Gators did not share the same field as the Buckeyes. But Florida acted like a true David showing no fear and went into the game believing they could outsmart (and outplay) the Buckeyes.

The “Goliath” Buckeyes jumped to an early lead on the underestimated Florida Gators. The opening kickoff was returned 93 yards courtesy of Ohio State’s Ted Ginn Jr., and it seemed as though the Buckeyes were going to dominate the game.

Ohio State’s momentum

abruptly changed as their star wide receiver, Ginn, was injured on the touchdown celebration, and walked off the field shortly thereafter.

The Gators caught a break from the injury, which was self-induced, perhaps from the overconfidence of “Goliath.”

The Florida Gators were led by a duo of quarterbacks: the highly criticized four-year starter Chris Leak and popular freshman Tim Tebow. The duo showed no signs of being the lesser foe and quickly proved this at the highest stage.

Florida rose to the occasion and fought right back to tie the game at 7-7. Leak hit Baker for a 14-yard touchdown pass; this led to the onslaught on the Buckeyes’ defense that lasted all game.

Not to be outdone by the Ohio State offense, the Florida defense, which carried the team all year, showed out in the national spotlight. Led by what some considered the best defensive line in the nation, Florida completely shut down the Buckeye offense.

Once the Gators started rolling on offense, the Buckeye defense was confused and fell out of position for the rest of the game.

Another sign from “David” manifested in the Gators when they found the weakness in the Buckeyes’ defense and exploited it all game long.

The Buckeyes’ zone defense seemed to have holes all throughout the middle of the field. The underneath passes from Leak

were open all night, and the front line couldn’t stop Tebow’s running game. The tandem of Leak and Tebow had the Buckeye defense off balance the entire night.

The Gators had everything working for them the entire game, and entered the fourth quarter with a huge 34-14 lead.

With no signs of easing up, the Gators put the final nail in the coffin with a Tebow touchdown run for the final score of the game.

The game ended with Florida 41, Ohio 14 and the MVP going to Florida senior Leak, who with his performance quieted most of his critics.

The “David and Goliath” story showed its value once again on the football field. Even though the Gators were considered by many to stand no chance, they rose to the occasion against the overwhelming favorite Ohio State Buckeyes.

GHC students hit the slopes for credit and fun

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Fifty-one GHC students and others got to experience a ski adventure and hit the slopes at the Appalachian Ski Mountain in Boone, N.C., during the winter break, not just for PHED 1420 and 1421 credit but also for the fun and relaxing times on the snow slopes.

Students who went on the trip had the option to earn two credit hours in physical education for skiing or snowboarding. The trip was supervised by Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education.

This year had a larger turnout than in the past. The trip was open to students from all Georgia Highlands College campuses and their guests. The larger portion of the group was from the Cartersville campus.

Students that signed up for the trip attended pre-trip workshops to help the beginners learn about the skis or snowboard and to learn the safety and courtesy rules of the slopes.

The five-day trip took place Dec. 17-21.

Upon arrival the students were advised in the direction of Ski French Swiss Rentals, where they rented ski equipment and were instructed on how to choose the proper and safest equipment to fit their individual needs.

Every morning the students met at the Appalachian Ski Re-

“Getting to ski five straight days for school credit, you can’t beat it.”

-Cody King

sort. During the morning meetings, classes were held with designated instructors employed by Ski French Swiss. The staff worked with students one-on-one to guarantee a successful ski experience.

Students were chosen to be in particular classes by ski ability – beginner, intermediate and advanced. The GHC students, most of whom had never been skiing before, were taught how to walk in the snow with skis and techniques on how to get back up after a fall.

As the week progressed, students learned more and more about skiing and the proper way to go down a slope, accelerate, slow down and stop. After each class, students had the freedom to leave the slopes but most stayed and tried out the skills they had been working on during class.

The students who signed up to go on the multi-mountain adventure were able to go to other ski slopes such as Beech and Sugar.

Closer to the end of the week the class was given a written test and a skills test. The last day on



Photo by Jehna Holder

Megan Powers (left) receives a helpful trip from the instructor at the Appalachian Ski Resort.

the slope put everyone’s knowledge of skiing and snowboarding to the test.

“I was very happy with the progression that most of our skiers and snowboarders made this year. Most were coming off of intermediate terrain in control, which shows much progress in a week of instruction,” said Weatherman.

Although the weather was not the greatest with rain and fog, GHC students took advantage of the situation and enjoyed the slopes and the skills that they had learned and prepared all

week to go down even the toughest slope, known as the black diamond.

Following the responsibility code went a long way in making a pleasant trip on the slopes.

History major Cody King from Dallas said, “First, I loved being able to ski every day, I had a blast on the trip! Getting to ski five straight days for school credit, you can’t beat it. I also enjoyed getting to meet people from school. I will always remember the ski trip, definitely good times! More people should try to go next year.”

See more pictures from the trip on page 16.

View from the Sidelines

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Sacrifice. That’s what it takes to become the best at something.

College athletes are no different. Every single time a collegiate athlete walks onto the field, they’re toying with their futures. All it takes is one collision, one misstep, and their future could be at risk.

College sports make millions upon millions of dollars

each year. Should some of that go to the athletes?

Most people say no, citing that sports should never be the center part of a university, which is a place for education. Also, some explain that paying college athletes is a slippery slope.

They say that if you were to pay the players, then eventually you would have to pay the cheerleaders, then the band and so on.

But do these people know what it is like to be so injured that your ability to walk is even in jeopardy? To have your dreams escape you and have nothing to show for it?

Willis McGahee is a star player in the NFL. He is the running back for the Buffalo Bills. But at the University of Miami, he suffered a dreadful knee injury in his last game.

His chance to become famous, a millionaire, a professional football player almost went up in smoke. But he was one of the lucky ones. After surgery and nearly two years of rehab, he was able to get back onto the field and realize his dream.

But not everyone is so lucky, such as people who hurt themselves and do not have the benefit of an established college ca-

reer like McGahee.

I am not asking for collegiate athletes to be paid an exorbitant amount of money. Just enough that in case of an injury, they would have money to afford surgery and rehabilitation and to get themselves back on track after they graduate.

They’ve given us hundreds of amazing moments. Don’t they deserve something in return?

Should college athletes be paid?

What happens to athletes who are injured before they can make big bucks as pros?

Travel Photo Album



Photo by Jehna Holder
Gabriel Walker snowboards down the Strudel Trail, which is one of the more difficult slopes on the mountain.



Photo by Jehna Holder
An Appalachian ski instructor (second from left) gives advice to students (from left) Nick Barnett, Andrea Hayes and Billy Hermenau.



Students enjoy the slopes skiing and snowboarding



Contributed photo
Top: Jehna Holder (left) and Jennifer Anderson prepare to go down the Upper Big Appal slope, known as a black diamond, at Appalachian Ski Mountain.

Bottom: Dr. Ken Weatherman safely secures himself in the ski lift before skiing down the Orchard Run slope.



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