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Photo by Michael Davis

**Peace Choi, political science major on the Floyd campus, escapes the stuffy indoors to continue his studies in the fresh spring air by Paris Lake.**

## **HOPE changes are now official**

Gov. Deal signs HOPE changes into law that is set to take effect in fall 2011.

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**Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia**

# New HOPE law will affect Georgia students

By Kim Riggins  
Staff Writer

Just three weeks after unveiling the proposal designed to save the HOPE scholarship program, Gov. Nathan Deal signed into law the bill that has many college students anxious about their education.

The new bill, signed March 15 and scheduled to take effect by the fall term 2011, will cut tuition assistance to 90 percent but keep the 3.0 minimum GPA requirement. Graduating high school seniors who earn a 3.7 GPA or higher and score a 1200 or better on the SAT will be awarded full tuition coverage, but this does not affect current college students. Also, HOPE will no longer cover mandatory fees or books for any student.

"If you take away 10 percent of the cost of tuition and add the mandatory fees,

you are talking about an out of pocket expense of about \$450 to \$500," said Georgia Highlands President Randy Pierce. "That does not count the cost of books."

According to Pierce, about one fifth of the en-

**"Everyone out there is concerned about it."**

**-Willis Potts Jr.**

rolled student body at Highlands relies on HOPE. Anticipation of the added expense has some students unsettled.

"There are a bunch of things going on in my family that we need money for so this will have an effect," said art major Sara Billian.

Others, however, remain optimistic. "It doesn't really bother me because it's only 10 percent," said gen-

eral studies major Matthew Riggs, who plans to attend Kennesaw State in the fall. "I only buy like one book a semester. It will affect me a little bit but it's only 10 percent."

Despite the optimism, decline in enrollment on a system-wide level is a possibility. "I think there will be students who will not be able to attend," said Willis Potts Jr., chairman of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. "Everybody out there is concerned about it."

Potts advised students to speak to financial aid counselors in order to be aware of other avenues available for covering expenses. "There are so many students who don't know what their options are," Potts said. "I talked to a lot of students who are scared. If they talk to financial aid, they might feel a lot better."

## Speakers celebrate Women's History Month at Floyd Campus March 22

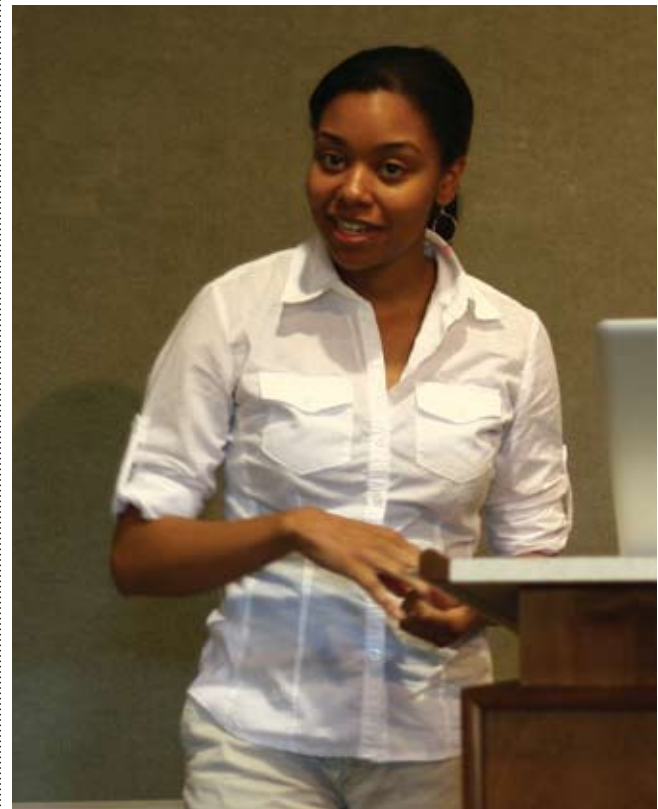


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**Alexis Carter, new student orientation coordinator, speaks about the unsung women heroes of the Civil Rights Movement.**



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**Frank Minor, associate professor of English, discusses the life of singer/songwriter Laura Nyro.**

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# Regents emphasize retention and graduation

## College presidents' salaries may be linked to these goals

By Kim Riggins  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met recently, calling for the presidents of its 35 colleges and universities to give an account of the problems at their institutions and present a plan on how to improve student retention and graduation numbers. Many of those presidents were sent back to the drawing board.

"They did not come prepared to analyze why students were not returning," said Board chairman, Willis J. Potts Jr. "We met expecting each campus to put together plans to address why students were dropping out. We asked the presidents to be specific and some did not do what I felt was an ad-

equate job."

This meeting has led to allegations that college and university presidents' salaries will be based on their institutions' retention and graduation rates.

According to Potts, the system on which salaries are decided does include retention and graduation but also takes into account many other areas from finance to relationships with the legislature and the community.

"To say their salaries are based entirely on graduation and retention is a gross error," Potts stated.

According to Georgia Highlands' president, Randy Pierce, the RPG, or Retention, Progression and Graduation, is one of the University System's strategic initiatives. "There's a lot of

conversation out there about graduation rates across the University System," Pierce said.

"It is something we need to talk about. I think it's wrong to necessarily say we're going to pay you based on how many students you bring back each year but we need to be doing that anyways. If we're not, we're not



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**Randy Pierce, president of GHC, stresses the importance of the RPG initiative.**

doing our jobs."

It isn't simply about achieving higher numbers. According to Potts, the purpose of the initiative is to find out why students are dropping out.

"There are things that all our schools can do to intervene before a student gets into trouble," Potts said. "I firmly believe that if we're going to take a student's money, we should do whatever we can to ensure that that student is successful."

At Highlands, the RPG has college leadership already considering areas that may need attention.

"This has us looking at all our processes so we can be more student friendly," Pierce said. "Many students don't make it through the admissions process. Last fall we purged 500 schedules. If

students show up and can't get financial aid, they can't come. They need that."

In the case of two-year institutions like Highlands, where many students simply transfer rather than graduate, the path may be different but the destination remains the same.

"Highlands does offer an associate degree," Potts stated.

"The predominant mission of schools like Highlands is a transfer mission. Most of these students are planning on seeking a bachelor's degree at another school. But it is about how many students who enter stay and why they drop out. A student who drops out of Highlands may have a different reason for leaving than a student who drops out of the University of Georgia."

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## Highlands Happenings

### The Blue Play to be performed at GHC

**By Felicia Scott  
Staff Writer**

"A normal girl enters a blue world," explains Richard Stafford, communications lecturer and play director.

In this world everyone is blue and their names are numbers. Thoughts are limited and choices aren't an option. Ideas and beliefs are questioned and punished. The "normal" girl's desire for individuality, independent self-concept and quest for self-identity become challenged.

This one act comedy will be performed by the theater appreciation class and other students who responded to the email about auditions.

They hope to enlighten the audience's outlook on topics that cause us to classify one another. A 20-30 minute discussion will be held afterwards.

Actors began rehearsal Feb. 28 and had only a few weeks to prepare before the show must go on.

The show begins its GHC tour on Monday, April 11, at noon in Room 111 on the Douglasville campus. On Wednesday April 13, the students take the show on the road to Cartersville, where it will be performed in the library at noon. On Monday, April 18, they will perform at the Marietta site in room H-203 at noon. The last performance will take place on Wednesday, April 20, at noon in the student center on the Floyd campus.

### Spring Fling

**By Mary Bryant  
Staff Writer**

Spring Fling is coming to Georgia Highlands.

According to John Spranza, director of student life, Spring Fling will be taking place at all five campuses during the week of April 4. Paulding campus will start the week-long event on April 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Floyd on the fifth, Marietta the sixth and Douglasville the seventh. Cartersville campus is the only campus to have

night events on April 8 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The main feature this year will be Bongo Ball Mania. Megan Youngblood, assistant director of student life, describes Bongo Ball as a "game much like paintball but with Nerf balls." Last year's winner of The Battle of the Bands, The Visualizers, will be performing at the Cartersville campus for Spring Fling.

Contact Youngblood at myoungbl@highlands.edu or Spranza at jspranza@highlands.edu for more details.

### Speech competition

**By Anastasia Jean-Louis  
Staff Writer**

A speech competition is going to be held at the Cartersville campus from 3-6 p.m. on April 8.

The competition will provide the opportunity for the use of public speaking skills acquired in COMM 1100 and the chance to win cash prizes.

Dr. Laura Beth Daws, assistant professor of communication, said, "Our judg-

es represent a diverse range of communication professionals from the GHC and north Georgia communities. Judges will evaluate speeches based on their overall quality, delivery style and persuasiveness of message."

Students from all campus locations and of all majors are invited to attend. The speech competition will operate in rounds, with winners from each semi-final round participating in a final round at 5 p.m.

### Passport to Success

**By Silvia Milligan  
Staff Writer**

"The Passport to Success event is designed for students and alumni to gather information to help them be successful, and to bring successful alumni back on campus to share their story," said Allison Lampkin from the Office of Alumni Development.

Last year's event sported a Dress for Success fashion show by the AAWCC (American Association for Women in Community Col-

leges), which previewed the good and bad of job interview clothing.

There was also a panel of Georgia Highlands alumni who were there to answer questions about their experiences after graduating from Georgia Highlands. There were also local companies there to answer questions about what it is they are looking for in a future employee.

"Last year's turnout was wonderful, and this year we are looking forward to the same but better. We are asking that teachers let class out early or bring their classes to the event so that students who wish to attend can and not miss class," said Melinda Ewers, financial aid counselor.

This year all this is available, and as an added bonus, students are being asked to nominate one of their friends for a makeover for the fashion show.

The Passport to Success will be at the Floyd campus March 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and at the Cartersville campus March 31, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



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## GHC Gaming Club

### Potluck Game Nights

The GHC Gaming club will be holding a potluck dinner on the Floyd Campus on Friday, April 15, from 7 p.m. until midnight in the student center. The club will provide games to all attendees. Games played will likely include Magic: The Gathering, Munchkin, Arkham Horror, Zombies!!!, World of Warcraft: The Board Game and many others. Attendees are also encouraged to bring their own board and card games. The entrance fee is \$5 per person or \$2 per person with

a covered dish or other pot luck item.

The club is also hosting a Magic: The Gathering tournament and potluck dinner on the Cartersville campus on April 12 from 5 p.m to 10 p.m in the Game Room. The cost for entry will be the same as the Floyd event. The price to enter the tournament is TBA and the format will be depend on players present at the event, possibly limited or constructed, so players are encouraged to bring their own decks.

## Phi Theta Kappa

### Spring Events

Phi Theta Kappa will be sponsoring the annual Gene Thacker Memorial Cleanup on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are welcome to attend, and the event is open to friends and family as well. Food, door prizes, t-shirts and gift bags will be provided. Following the cleanup, PTK will be hosting a fellowship event at Mountasia Family Fun Park to meet and greet new members and potential officers.

Phi Theta Kappa will also be

hosting a dunking booth at this year's Spring Fling. This is the students' chance to exact their revenge on professors who worked them hard this semester by dunking them in icy cold water. All proceeds from the dunking booth will benefit the Give a Kid a Chance organization.

Anyone willing to volunteer for either event is urged to contact Orry Young at [oyoung@highlands.edu](mailto:oyoung@highlands.edu) or Cynthia Harrington at [charrin1@highlands.edu](mailto:charrin1@highlands.edu).

## GLBTSA

### Outreach Supply Drive

The GHC GLBTSA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender & Straight Alliance) plans to work with the CHRIS Kids TransitionZ program this semester by holding a supply drive in support of their GLBT outreach.

GLBTSA will also honor April 15 as a National Day of Silence to bring attention to anti-GLBT name-calling and bullying. Interested students can join the club on Facebook by searching for "Highlands GLBT-SA," or follow the club on Twitter, @glbtsa.

## Human Services Club

### Motorcycle Fundraiser

The Human Services Club will be holding a motorcycle ride fundraiser to benefit the Felicia Claxton Memorial Scholarship. The ride will be held on Saturday, April 30, at the Heritage Hall Campus. The cost is

\$30 which includes entry fee, T-shirt and food. Even those who are not motorcycle enthusiasts can still come out and support the Human Services Club. Flyers with more information will be posted on campus.

## Green Highlands

### Spring Activities

Green Highlands, a group dedicated to preserving the environment, just finished its annual Spring Break trip to Tybee Island, where members enjoyed walking through marshes and learning about the plant and animal life that inhabits the area, helped clean up the beach, and assisted in gardening in honor of an American soldier that recently lost his life.

Upcoming events include: March 30 Janisse Ray, a well-known Georgia author and ecologist,

will be reading from one of her works, and the group will be participating in a storm drain project. Upcoming events include: April 2, Gene Thacker Memorial Cleanup; April 15, Spring Fling; April 22, Earth Day; April 30, National Arbor Day. More information regarding these events will be available soon.

Anyone interested in being a member of Green Highlands may email [greenhighlands@highlands.edu](mailto:greenhighlands@highlands.edu).

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### Editors' Note:

All GHC organization advisers were asked to submit club news via email to the Six Mile Post.

# SRPI a success for Six Mile Post staff

**By Hanna Yu  
Staff Writer**

The Southern Regional Press Institute, SRPI, celebrated its 60th anniversary at Savannah State University with a two-day program of journalism workshops and a luncheon ceremony.

The Georgia Highlands' newspaper, Six Mile Post, attended and brought home several awards from the two-year college division.

Other colleges that participated at the Press Institute included Armstrong Atlantic State University, Clark Atlanta University, Macon State College, Savannah College of Art and Design and Savannah State University.

Four students from Georgia Highlands went on the trip to represent the newspaper, including editor, Michael Davis, assistant print editor, Jesse Beard, staff writer, Hanna Yu; and staff photographer, Kaitlyn

Hyde.

Hyde said, "The Press Institute helped me push myself to be a better photographer and want to do more for my own newspaper."

The program started on Thursday, Feb. 24, with a series of classes led by professional journalists and photographers.

The classes varied and covered all aspects of the newspaper business from writing and photography to printmaking and cartooning.

Cindy Wheeler, Six Mile Post assistant adviser, led a class on editorial and column writing.

On Friday, Feb. 25, the Press Institute ended with a formal luncheon in the Savannah State Ballroom. Candlelit tables were set up with white tablecloths and flower centerpieces.

The ceremony began with several awards presented to professors and distinguished journalists.



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**Six Mile Post staff display the fruits of their labor from the Southern Regional Press Institute. From left: Jesse Beard, Kaitlyn Hyde, Hanna Yu and Michael Davis.**

"Service Awards" were also given out to those that have contributed to the Southern Regional Press Institute for a notable number of years.

Among those recipients was Six Mile Post adviser Kristie Kemper, who received the "25 Year Service Award."

Then the four-year college division awards were given out, followed by the two-year college division.

Writers and photographers from Georgia Highlands won in each category: Casey Bass and Kim Riggins for editorial or column writing, Lesley Mathis and Audrey Helms for sports writing, Danielle Donaldson and Michael Davis for feature writing and Chiara VanTubergen for photography.

Six Mile Post also won the online newspaper category as well as the overall best newspaper competition.

Georgia Highlands left Savannah with ten plaques to hang on the wall of the college, adding to the continually growing collection of awards and honors.

## Parking woes plague Paulding students

**By Lorraine Rebuelta  
Staff Writer**

Some GHC students at the Paulding campus have at least one thing in common; they want a bigger parking lot.

Taylor Hern, a freshman nursing student, says, "It would be more convenient if we had parking spots closer to the actual campus, versus having to park in the back parking lot where it is gravel and not even paved."

The first possible improvement would be having closer parking to the building.

Another idea for improvement would be to allow GHC students to park in the parking lot to the right of

the building without a two dollar fee.

Stephanie Mora, a freshman, shared a story as to why the gravel should be changed to a paved parking lot.

Mora said, "This one time I had to grab a poster for my presentation that day, and I had to go to my car in the gravel parking lot. When I was a couple feet from my car, my heels lost balance as well as myself." Mora arrived at her class looking a little less presentable than she intended.

"I had to explain to my teacher that the dust on my skirt was from the gravel parking lot and that it was clean when I got here," said Mora.



Photo by Brandon Allen

**Paulding students complain because of unpaved gravel lots and parking being too far from the building.**

# It's a bird; it's a plane; it's a bat biologist?

**By Dana Hogan  
Staff Writer**

Jacqueline Belwood, assistant professor of biology, is a conservation biologist whose passion is for bats.

Although Belwood enjoys educating people about the environment, she loves to be in the field studying bats.

She is particularly interested in what they eat, how they feed and their general behavior. Her favorite thing to do is observe bats in their natural cave habitats.

Belwood knew that she wanted to be a biologist from age 12; however, she always pictured herself working in a lab until she got some outdoor experience in undergraduate school.

"I am really interested in the bigger picture. I am taking a bigger picture approach to biology, and that's where the conservation biology comes in," she said.

Belwood is very passionate about teaching children the importance of biological issues. She does numerous volunteer programs for nature centers and other similar establishments.

Currently, she and her husband are working with a team of people to have gar-

dens in schools and other public places within a 25 mile radius of Atlanta. Their mission is to increase awareness about species that are pollinators and how invaluable they are to the environment.

Matthew Roberts, mathematics major from the Cartersville campus, says, "Dr. Belwood is a terrific person, a fantastic teacher, and she loves what she does."

William Tibbitts III, chemistry major, said, "Dr. Belwood is too cool for school."

Belwood is also very interested in travel.

She said, "I think it's a shame that people can't travel more because when you do, you really realize that people everywhere are the same." Belwood is concerned with the bigger picture of life and believes that everybody pretty much wants the same things. She also said, "Traveling really influenced me in how I view the world and how I view other people."

She has had many opportunities to travel throughout her life. She has been able to visit many different countries, including Belgium, Jamaica, Brazil, Ecuador,



Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

**Belwood has fun in the classroom while teaching students about conservation biology and the world around them.**

Canada, Panama, Columbia, Costa Rica, Palau and the Cayman Islands.

Belwood has a Bachelor's Degree in Science. She also has a Master's in Wildlife Ecology and a Ph.D. in Ento-

mology from the University of Florida, as well as a Master's in Teaching from Agnes Scott College.

She has worked for the Florida State Museum, the Natural History Museum

of Ohio, Bat Conservation International and Thomas Moore College.

She also worked as an AP Biology teacher at Kennesaw Mountain High School.

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# Heritage Hall site renamed to honor James D. Maddox

By Christie Boyd  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents approved the renaming of Heritage Hall to James D. Maddox Heritage Hall in honor of one of GHC's strongest supporters.

Rebecca Maddox, daughter of James D. Maddox and interim director of GHC's Nursing School, said that Georgia Highlands has been a part of most of her life. One morning in the early 60's her father was reading his Atlanta Journal at the breakfast table when he saw an article stating that the Board of Regents was looking to place a junior college in Northwest Georgia. He was determined to bring it to Rome.

Maddox said that part of the property that the James D. Maddox Heritage Hall sits on was where her great-grandfather grew up when Rome Junior High was built there in 1939, Maddox said

that the Maddox family roots run deep in this area.

James D. Maddox was the first to say that he did not bring Floyd College to the area; it was a group effort by the people of Floyd County.

A committee was formed and the first application was submitted to the Board of Regents. They required \$1 million to be raised and the property purchased before the application could be submitted. This application was not successful.

The Board of Regents changed the parameters for application and increased the amount needed to \$2 million and at least 150 acres and property that was fully developed and ready for construction. The full cost of the college was \$3,215,000.

"The people of Floyd County passed a bond referendum to raise the money and buy the land, placing the county in debt until 1986.

The vote carried approximately 1600-500. The voters felt that people with an education would make the area a better place to live," according to Rebecca Maddox. "The college has been a part of my life since I was 11 years old," Maddox said. "Not only was it a part of my life, I attended the school before I became a faculty member."

Maddox was a local Rome attorney and judge of the city of Rome and the Court of Floyd County. He was also a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

In his introduction of Judge Maddox as the commencement speaker for the first graduation of Floyd College, former Dean Wesley Walraven said, "Jimmy Maddox was instrumental in establishing Floyd Junior College in 1970 by spending countless hours in meeting with steering committees, engaging local community leaders and state legislators,



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**James D. Maddox**

conducting surveys, compiling data, raising funds and negotiating the acquisition of a 233 acre tract of real property." Walraven added, "He had fought for Floyd College...and he never failed us."

Randy Pierce, GHC president, said, "Judge Maddox may not have worked alone, but he was responsible for leading the push to bring the college to Rome. Judge Maddox also served on the Board of Regents for the 11th

Congressional District from 1973-1980. Pierce added, "Throughout his life, even after the establishment of the college, he was a staunch supporter of the college and higher education in Rome and Floyd County."

According to Maddox, "At the time the college was built, only 14% of Floyd County's high school graduates attended college. There were no nearby colleges and some simply couldn't leave home to further their education."

In his commencement address to the first graduating class of Floyd College in 1972, Judge Maddox told the students, "To love liberty we must first believe in honor, do it yourself." He thought that the students should live life as honorable, productive citizens.

He felt that the best way for them to do that was through higher education and returning to their communities as professionals.



Photo by Kara McDowell

**The James D. Maddox Heritage hall is in downtown Rome.**



# Rome's history preserved for all ages

By Michael Davis  
Editor

Historic Downtown Rome is ever growing and changing with new shops, restaurants and other businesses. But, at 305 Broad Street, the Rome Area History Museum provides people of all ages a window to Rome's past.

Teri and Bobby McElwee, C.J. Wyatt, John Caruth, Ed Byars and David Oswalt established the Rome Area History Museum in Oct. 1995.

Their mission was "to promote an understanding of our shared past, to enrich our lives and to inspire a stronger sense of community." It is because of this mission that the museum was so appropriately located in middle of Historic Downtown Rome.

Leigh Barba, the museum's executive director since 2008, oversees the museum's general operations, tours, marketing and the business side of the museum. She said it is not just a love of history that makes

the museum run. "History is like a puzzle. We are always looking for that missing piece to see how it all fits together," said Barba. Donna Shaw, former Floyd Junior College (Georgia Highlands) student, is the museum's secretary and Russell McClanahan, sixth generation Roman and retired elementary school counselor and Army Reserve Broadcast Journalist, works as the museum's archivist.

The museum operates as a non-profit organization. It receives monies for renovations, updates to collections and day-to-day operations through admissions, donations and various grants. They recently renovated the upstairs into a reception area that people can rent out and host events; all the proceeds go directly into the museum fund with no profit whatsoever.

Looking out of the windows from the reception area reverses the window to the past, making it a window to present day Rome. Guests look at how Rome was and compare it to the modern



Photo by Andrew Calvert

**A miniature clocktower exhibit built for children to climb on sits next to a tribute to local law enforcement and emergency workers.**

version. "There is no future without a past," said Barba.

The museum provides a timeline that visitors can literally walk through. They can go back to when Native Americans roamed these lands; they can see the founding of Rome and learn about the flood of 1886. The

Civil War exhibit shows the effects of the war on this area, as well as displaying rifles, bullets, swords and uniforms from that time. The Civil War Hospital exhibit allows visitors to see what it would have been like to be wounded during the war and what tools and measure were taken to treat them. These exhibits allow visitors to follow Rome's growth as a city, its culture, industry and ways of life.

"This museum allows students and the community a place to collect, preserve and educate themselves and their children about where

we live and who we are," said McClanahan. Barba added, "local history is not taught in schools today as much as it was. This museum is how children learn about our past."

People can view original blueprints, photos, letters, business records, books and more in the reading area located in the upstairs.

The museum is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Price of admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children ages six to twelve.



Photo by Andrew Calvert

**This Coca-Cola display is a recent addition to the museum, donated by Frank Baron. It is located in the upstairs banquet area.**



Photo by Andrew Calvert

**Secretary Donna Shaw (left) and Leigh Barba, executive director, display an item from the museum.**



## BOOTH MUSEUM BRINGS THE WEST TO YOU

By Erin Baugh  
Staff Writer

The Booth Western Art Museum brings the past to life at 501 Museum Drive in Cartersville.

Month after month, hundreds of guests walk through each exhibit, eyes gazing across the paintings and sculptures.

People of all ages watch Cowboys and Indians come to life in one exhibit, while The Civil War starts in another. As time progresses, this museum stays modern, with new travelling exhibits almost every month.

Starting April 2 and going through Sept. 24, the Booth Museum is hosting Mort Kunstler's Civil War

Art: For Us the Living. This temporary exhibit is to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. It will feature over 40 paintings, preliminary sketches, documentary photographs, studio artifacts and other objects to reenact different conflicts that happened at the beginning of the war.

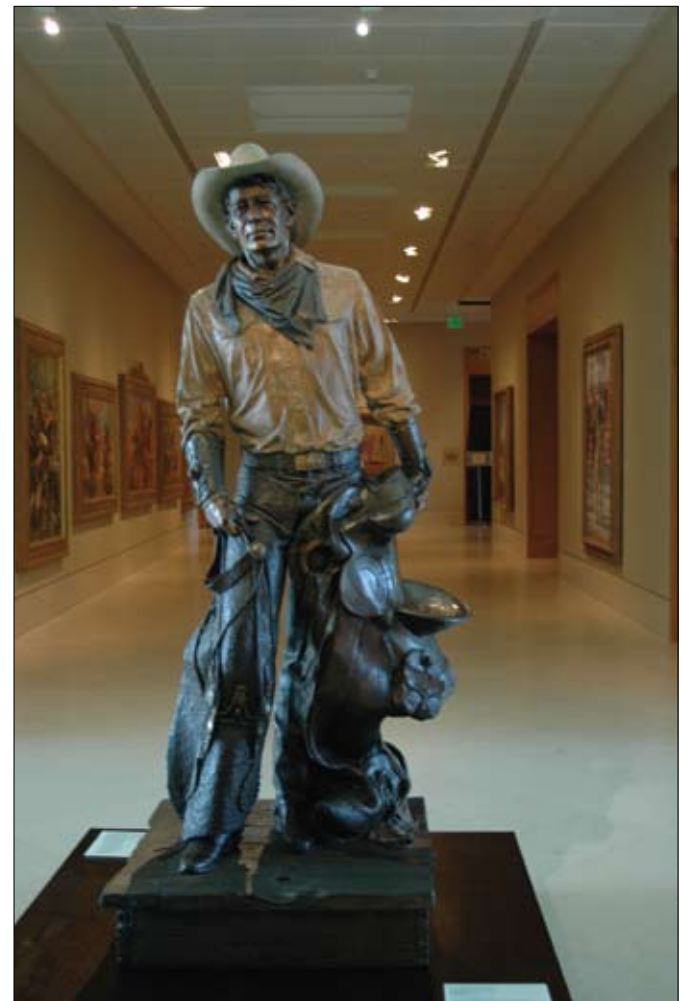
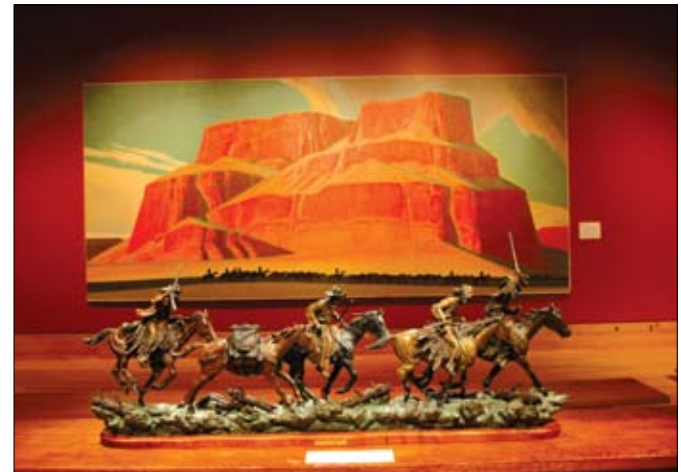
Tara Carrier, the marketing director, says that she hopes that a lot of people will come out to the exhibit.

The Booth Museum has four permanent exhibits—Western Art, Presidential, Civil War Art and the Sagebrush Ranch. All of these exhibits have galleries to show different types of paintings and/or

sculptures. This does not include the Sagebrush Ranch, however, which is a place for the little kiddies to have fun without the hassle of not being able to touch anything.

Admission prices vary depending on the guest. Members, children under 12 and those active in the military (ID required) receive free admission. Adults must pay \$10, senior citizens pay \$8 and students pay \$7.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the Booth Museum is opened from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, it is opened from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the “after work” crowd. It is also open on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.



Photos by Erin Baugh

Clockwise from left: “Attitude Adjustment” by Austin Barton sits in the north courtyard at the museum. “Rendezvous Rendezvous” by Truman Bolinger sits in front of “Red Butte” by Maynard Dixon in the Colliding Cultures gallery. “Cowboy” by Buck McCain is a representation of a contemporary cowboy and is located in the upstairs of the museum.





# Sarwari clears popular misconceptions

By Jesse Beard  
Asst. Print Editor

When Zohra Sarwari gets on a plane, people look at her as if she is bringing a bomb on board, but instead she brings only books. She says that she is asked so many questions on planes by fellow passengers about her culture that it is easier just to hand them one of her books.

Sarwari is an American Muslim, born in Afghanistan and then raised in the United States.

She left Afghanistan when Russia invaded in 1979. She moved to New York City, then to Virginia and California. She now lives in Indiana.

Sarwari came to GHC as part of the Student Life sponsored speaker series for the 2011 spring semester. Sarwari spoke on the Floyd campus on March 1, ad-

ressing around 40 students and faculty as well as their friends and families.

She also spoke at the Cartersville campus March 3.

The focus of her presentation was to clarify the meaning of Islam as well as the true meaning of the word "terrorism."

She also clarified the meaning of words such as "Muslim" and "jihad," which she feels are misinterpreted by the media.

Sarwari said that, according to the Muslim faith, a jihad is not a "holy war" but a struggle by an individual, usually to help another.

Sarwari told a story in which she looked out her window to see several neighborhood children holding another child and trying to beat him up.

She knocked on the window and yelled at the children, telling them they



Photo by Kara McDowell

**Sarwari addresses the Floyd Campus on issues related to Islam.**

should stop.

She told them there were many better things to do, and that they could go to

the library or go get some ice cream.

By the end of her talk with the children, she had them all smiling and laughing, including the child being "oppressed." She told her audience that this was an example of a jihad.

Sarwari also pointed out that the true meaning of "terrorism" is to bring terror or fear to another person.

She gave the example of the recent political shooting in Arizona and the fact that the media did not call it "terrorism."

"I thought Zohra did a great job," said GHC student Amera Skullfield. Skullfield, who is also Muslim, said, "She presented the aspects of the Muslim religion and culture very well. She provided the facts and left a clear understanding that Muslims and terrorists are not one in the same."

"Being Muslim in America is never easy," said Skullfield.

"You come into a culture that's entirely different from yours and you have to try to get accustomed to it, while at the same time not losing track of your own background."

"As tough as it can be at times, it's never any less enjoyable. It allows me to introduce others to aspects of my culture that may be unfamiliar to them. In other words, I get to bring something new to the table every time," Sarwari said.

Sarwari went to college at UC Davis and got her M.B.A. from American Intercontinental University.

She is currently working on getting a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies when she is not home-schooling her children, writing or speaking around the world.

# David Mott teaches aspiring artists to take flight

By Jesse Beard  
Asst. Print Editor

David Mott came to teach art at Floyd Junior College, (now known as Georgia Highlands College) in the summer of 1972. He had just returned from teaching in Ireland, had a wife and a child and was in need of a job.

Mott first went to Georgia State University looking for work. They didn't have any positions available, but said that there was a little junior college in Rome that was looking for an art teacher, so Mott came to what was then Floyd Junior College.

Mott taught art at Floyd College from 1972 until 2002 when he retired and was succeeded by Brian Barr, the current associate professor of art at Georgia Highlands.

Barr said that he has known Mott for around eight



Photo by Andrew Calvert

**David Mott displays one of his paintings.**

years. He said that Mott "has a great background and a diversity of styles and experiences. He taught prisoners for a while and did various forms of teaching and

brought all of that here. He pushes the students to be skill driven and at the same time deal with the conceptual and experimental side."

Barr commented that

Mott has brought a lot of innovation to the college and said that "a lot of what we have here is based on his efforts."

Mott grew up in Connecticut and in upstate New York.

After joining the Navy, he attended art school in Atlanta at the Atlanta College of Art and Chicago at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He was not always interested in art and did not plan to make a career out of it until after he had left the Navy.

Mott now teaches part time at GHC. He said, "I came back for two reasons. One, I'd been retired for seven years and was living on a farm up in Lyerley and was missing interaction with people. I'm not exactly a hermit. And, two, my daughter is going to school here in Rome, and we decided we

needed to get an apartment in Rome. I came here and they said they had part-time work available so I took it. I enjoy it."

In addition to pursuing his interest in art, Mott runs a sanctuary where he takes care of about 60 parrots.

He uses the sanctuary as an educational resource and takes the birds to schools in the area and sometimes takes groups out to the aviary.

He has also brought the birds to Highlands for his classes to draw.

For students who want to have a career in art, Mott says to "concentrate on learning a marketable skill."

He said, "It's good to know how to paint portraits, meat and potatoes stuff that will bring you in some income. Learn the basics. Learn to draw."

# It was a whiskey-soaked Saturday night

## Band Review

By Ross Rogers  
Asst. Print Editor

The low rumble of drums carried through the darkened streets as I took a drag off the night's last cigarette. As I opened the bar's door, it became clear that Atomic Boogie was already in full swing.

The band is a three-piece outfit that blends the sounds of rockabilly, blues and other forms of Americana. Atomic Boogie's music could be compared to early recordings at Sun Records with just the right amount of Nashville twang and Mississippi blues mixed in.

Watching the band perform live at the 400 Block Bar in Rome was a real treat.

Chad Vaillencourt, who plays the upright bass and provides vocals, put on quite a show, slapping away at his instrument like a madman.

Drummer Steve Duncan, a native of Rome, kept the beat rock steady throughout their set.

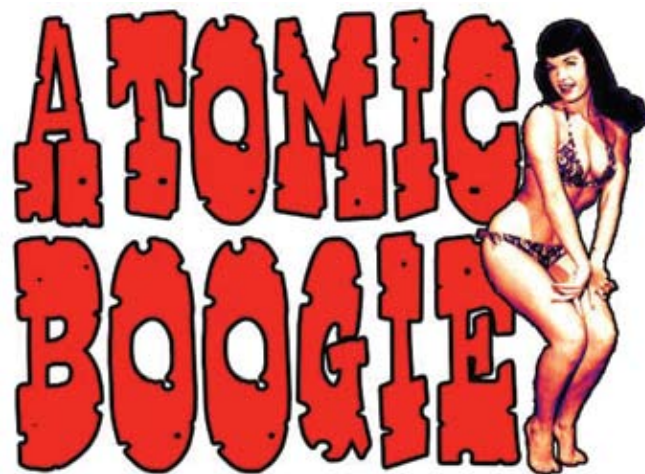
John Barton's vocals were snarling, passionate as the ramblings of a street preacher, and his guitar work was wonderfully bluesy and soulful.

Each note that Atomic Boogie plays conjures up

a whiskey-soaked Saturday night on Beale Street or a hot rod cruising in the American Southwest.

While popular radio is dominated by electronic music, it's good to know that bands like Atomic Boogie are keeping the traditions of American music alive, and it doesn't hurt that they are doing it well, displaying a sense of musicality and the swagger that a rock and roll band should have.

Check out the band's website at [myspace.com/atomicboogie](http://myspace.com/atomicboogie). They can also be followed on Facebook for updates on shows, sample music and more.



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## 'Ender's Game': A never-ending classic

### Book Review

By Meaghan Czachor  
Staff Writer

Aliens have attacked the world two times.

At the age of six, Ender Wiggins has chosen to leave his family. Ender is one of the few children selected that may have what it takes to successfully complete Battle School. He must win all the games to prove himself worthy, and he has been chosen for one reason, but

does he have what it takes to save our planet in a third round with the aliens?

"Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card is an exceptional intergalactic adventure.

The New York Times said, "Full of surprises...Intense is the word for 'Ender's Game.'"

The book has won both the Nebula Award and Hugo Award, and the Globe and Mail stated that "'Ender's Game' is an instant crowd

pleaser."

The United States Marine Corps stated that it is "about the difficulty and excitement that competition provides in preparing for combat. There are lessons in training methodology, leadership, and ethics as well."

"Ender's Game" has been placed on The Modern Library 100 Best Novels list and is a good read for people of any age looking for an adventure.



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# EDITOR'S PICKS

## March's Mix of Picks

### Pokémon Black and White Videogame

By Jesse Beard  
Editor's Pick

My pick this month goes to Pokémon Black and White.

I have been playing Pokémon since it first came out on the original Game Boy, and I must say that this is, in my opinion, one of the strongest releases for the franchise.

Graphically, Black and White is far ahead of any of the other Pokémon games; there are 3D environments as well as animated sprites during battle scenes. Several new features make this generation even better, such as the option for rotation

battles, triple battles and new enhanced multiplayer features.

### "Rango" Movie

By Michael Davis  
Editor

Rango is an ordinary domesticated chameleon that, through a series of unfortunate events, finds his wild side as the sheriff of a town called Dirt in the Mojave Desert.

This animated, feature length film, which released in early March of this year, is brought to audiences through the directional vision of Gore Verbinski—known for the "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy.

Rango is voiced by none other than Captain Jack

Sparrow, Johnny Depp that is.

Bringing life and voice to the other characters in this film are Isla Fisher (Beans), Abigail Breslin (Priscilla), Timothy Olyphant (Spirit of the West) and Bill Nighy (Rattlesnake Jake).

Rather than voice pre-made animations, Verbinski set the actors up on minimal Western sets, with costumes and props, and had them act out the scenes. From this process, the animation team was able to incorporate the actor's facial features, mannerisms and body language into the film.

Will Rango round up the bad boys of this Wild West town or will they give him the boot?

Either way this film is sure to be a nice change of pace from the ever predictable romantic comedies and

gory slasher flicks.

### "Year of the Black Rainbow" Album

By Ross Rogers  
Asst. Print Editor

Despite the fact that Coheed and Cambria have been running strong for the past decade, it took the release "Year of the Black Rainbow" for me to recognize their musical prowess.

It's hard for me to get enough of Coheed and Cambria's brand of melodic heavy rock, and the fact that each of their albums tells a rich science fiction story through its lyrics makes the experience that much richer.

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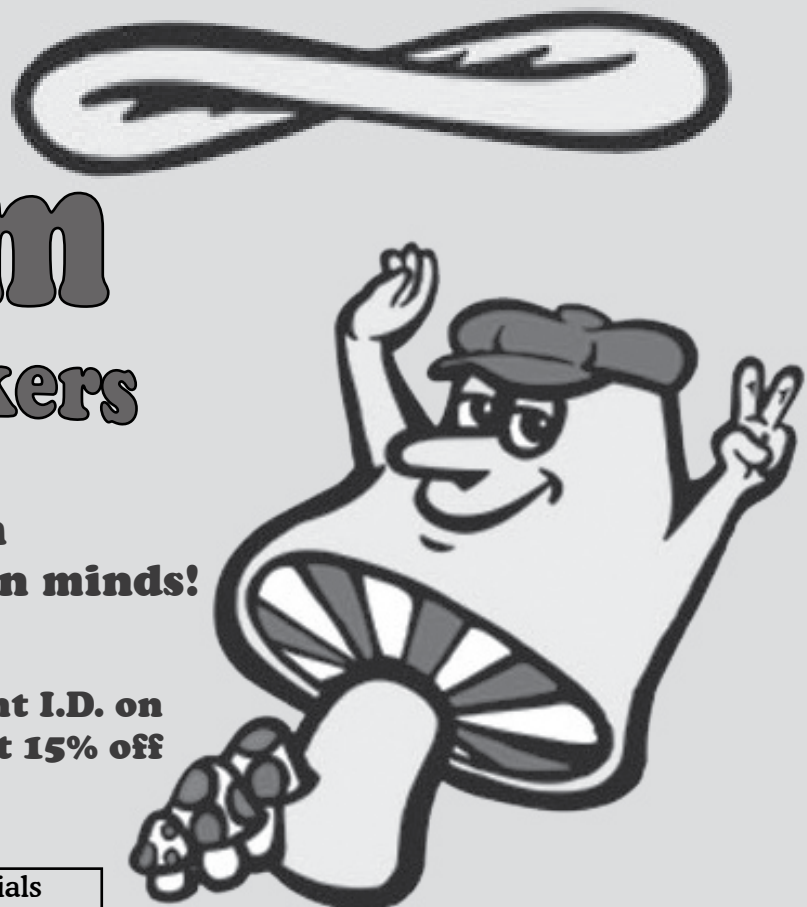
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# HOPE students given a raw deal

Recently Gov. Nathan Deal signed House Bill 326 into law. This law drastically changed the HOPE Scholarship, how it is awarded and what it will cover.

Under the new requirements, high school graduates will need a 3.7 GPA and a SAT score of 1200 or better to receive the full benefit of HOPE. Other bright students that meet the 3.0 GPA minimum will only be eligible for 90 percent.

Politicians have described these changes as a way to plug the hole in the dam for the HOPE scholarship that seemed to be hemorrhaging money as tuition increased along with enrollment

rates. But the changes to the program seem to ignore the first intention of the scholarship.

In 1993, when the HOPE Scholarship began, its intent was to help academically bright students attend college who otherwise could not have afforded it, and to retain academically bright students who would attend college out-of-state without it.

Look around college campuses today and focus on the parking lots. They are littered with nice and expensive cars. Many of the students who drive these cars are also on the HOPE Scholarship. While daddy's money pays for their cars,

Georgia lottery revenue pays for their education. Most Georgians that play the lottery are of lower socioeconomic status. These people are also the ones who are typically unable to afford to send their kids to college. The changes to HOPE make it even harder for students of these families to meet the requirements.

Another major change that came with this new law is that HOPE no longer covers any portion of the cost of books. This may seem like a minute point for some, but in actuality it is a big hit.

If affording college was not difficult enough, now students have to find a way to afford books as

well. Although the HOPE scholarship only covered a small portion of the book cost, it helped out. Anywhere students can save money helps.

The new changes to the HOPE Scholarship seem to go against what it was originally intended to do. Many students are academically bright, yet they do not meet the new requirements for a full HOPE Scholarship.

This could cause those bright students to begin leaving the state of Georgia because they are unable to get the full benefit and could get an equal amount of scholarship money to attend an out-of-state college.

Also, those students

who are in the upper tier of their class and unable to afford college without HOPE may again become unable to afford it under these new requirements.

All in all, the new changes to HOPE do not seem to benefit anyone except the people trying to fund it.

Given the increase in the required GPA and loss of funding for books, more Georgians will lose the benefit of HOPE.

HOPE's original purpose will no longer be relevant, all in the name of saving it.

But, is there any good in saving something, only to have it become something different in the process?

## The summer sun is on the horizon

Winter break was a cold one. Snow, ice, and too many cookies had a lot of us feeling sluggish and not exactly pumped about returning to school.

Hopefully, spring break was good for all of you. Remember that far off in the distance, summer break is just on the horizon. Just some tests, papers and finals left until a few months of escape. For those of us not taking summer classes, that is.

Try to hold on. The school year is more than 75 percent done and when we get through these next few months we can go back to our days at the lake, parties with friends and waking up hours after the sun has risen.

As we make the final push, toward graduation for some, and vacation for others, remember to be respectful of the students and teachers making the trek



### Editor's Box

**Mike Geibel**  
Asst. Online Editor

with you.

Don't neglect your schoolwork. Remember not to miss too many classes; attendance policies can be tough on the GPA if not monitored closely. Don't get lazy when the sun starts to come out and the flip flops follow. Study hard now and there will be plenty of time for the fun stuff after May 11.

Remember, we're all working toward similar goals. Some of us will be transferring. Some will be graduating. Some may do both.

But none of us can do any of that until we get through this semester. For those of you who simply couldn't con-

tain yourselves, I hope that spring break took a bit of the edge off. A week without classes to relax and have fun is never a bad thing, but now it's back to the books.

I know what you're thinking, but summer's not too far away. If you look hard enough, you'll see the light at the end of the tunnel. I should say the barbecues, boats, beaches and bikinis at the end of the tunnel. Work hard and hang on for two more months.

Before you know it, you'll be sitting on a boat basking in the summer sun with a good semester under your belt and not a care in the world.

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## Lesley J. Henderson 1952-2011

**By Michael Davis  
Editor**

Lesley Henderson, associate professor of nursing, passed away in

late February.

In an email sent to all college employees Randy Pierce, GHC president, said, "She was always one of the most popular

instructors, demanding excellence from all of her students, but tempering that demand with kindness, humor and understanding. She possessed a very clear vision of what nurses should be, and she encouraged all her students to continue their education through the baccalaureate level."

Rebecca Maddox, interim director of nursing, said, "It was Lesley's strength of character and determination that carried her through her ordeal in the manner in which she desired and in which she could remain authentic."

Henderson came to Centre Stage at Heritage Hall on March 9,

2010, to give her own "Last Lecture" called "Oncology: A Nurse's Perspective." She spoke to nursing students on what it was like to be a cancer patient going through chemo and radiation and the emotions that go along with the disease.

Maddox said, "At the end she challenged each of them to be authentic in their lives and in their practice—the same authenticity that each of us has seen her demonstrate throughout her life and career."

At the 2010 spring graduation, Henderson's students honored her by wearing nursing caps and capes, two of her trademarks.



Contributed

**Lesley Henderson**

The Six Mile Post staff joins the rest of the GHC community in celebrating the life and mourning the loss of Lesley Henderson.

*Those who wish to share comments or memories may do so at [sixmilepost.com](http://sixmilepost.com)*



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**Lesley Henderson demonstrates her positive attitude during her "Last Lecture" to nursing students.**

## Letters to the Editor

### Good job, Fab Fridays

Dear Editor,

I recently read the article in the Six Mile Post regarding the "Fabulous Fridays at GHC." This article caught my attention most of all because not only was it about GHC, but because it was GHC reaching out to the younger generation of students even though they still have a little while to go before graduating. By doing this I feel GHC doesn't just care about their current students attending, but they also care about the generations soon to come. I thought this was a very good idea to bring in students from middle school because I remember that when I was in middle school I was already not liking school. I thought

it was boring and couldn't wait to graduate, and I didn't even think about going to college. By bringing in the students like GHC is doing now on Fridays, it is showing our middle-schoolers that college really isn't that bad and may actually be fun. Good job, GHC, for "thinking out of the box" and starting to influence our younger generation to get more involved in their futures and start thinking about college.

Melissa Vasser  
Business Admin  
Cartersville

### Hogan hits the target

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on an article written

on 2/22/11 titled "I write to bear arms." I agree with the author of this article. I am a licensed carrying owner of many weapons, and I also feel that it is against my Constitutional rights to not be allowed to bring my weapon to campus. I have a concealed weapons permit issued by the state of Georgia, but when I come to campus I have to remember to remove my weapon from my vehicle. There are many schools that allow students to at least store their weapons in their vehicles while at class. I feel with the rise of violence on college campuses I would feel safer if I was allowed to have my personal weapon in close proximity to myself. I do not think that everyone should go around wielding weapons,

but if it were a known fact that licensed carriers were allowed on campuses I think someone might think twice before trying to commit some heinous act of violence toward innocent people. In conclusion I would have to say I agree with Dana Hogan and think the matter should be looked into further.

Gary Alston  
Middle Education  
Cartersville

### Bookstore prices high

Dear Editor,

I have noticed that the bookstore on our Rome campus has items priced at an extremely high amount. I went into the bookstore to purchase a notebook, and I was completely surprised at

the price for a five subject notebook. It was priced over \$8 and was the exact same type of notebook that you can purchase for around \$5 at Wal-Mart. I have not been back into the bookstore except to purchase items required by my professor that I can only get at the campus bookstore. Many students, including myself, are broke and probably do their best at stretching the dollar. Have there been other complaints about the prices in the bookstore?

It would be nice to be able to purchase materials needed for school at the campus where I attend, but I can't afford to pay the price.

Jill Swanson  
Nursing  
Floyd

## Douglasville could benefit from a books on wheels program

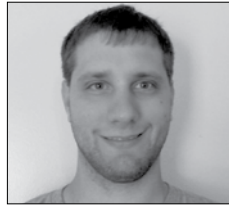
Why does the Douglasville campus not have an on-site bookstore?

The lack of a bookstore makes it much more difficult to start classes on the first day of the semester.

Teachers must often wait for some of their students to get any needed books or software from their online sources.

This unfairly delays students who have already received their class materials. Students who are better prepared are forced to wait along with their instructors for other students who procrastinated.

This is a most unfair penalty; after all, everyone has paid for their tuition.



### Soap Box

**Brandon Allen**  
Staff Writer

It is understandable that the college is hesitant to place a bookstore on a campus with a smaller enrollment, and in a building that is being leased as well. This could be remedied, however, to the benefit of staff and students alike.

An easy, temporary and somewhat low cost solution would be a mobile bookstore that can set up temporarily at the beginning of the se-

mester.

The school should have a list of which classes students have signed up for, and will know which books are needed at the bookstore. The bookstore could also carry any other necessary scholastic supplies that are often needed. This way, all students could get their needed textbooks and any other forgotten last minute articles.

## THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IS NEVER EASY



Artwork by Patricia Ogle

## What is your favorite April Fool's Day prank?



"I taped a nozzle on the sink faucet so that it would spray people when they turned it on."

**Burt Blackwell**  
Computer Science  
Cartersville

"My buddy left his truck keys in his truck so we moved it around back and he couldn't find it. The next day at school he had no idea it was me and had been looking for it all night. I ended up telling him it was me at the end of the day and we had a great laugh."

**Chris Gresham**  
Early Childhood  
Floyd



"Advertising that the principal's motorcycle was for sale in the local newspaper."

**Ginger Leguin**  
Business Admin.  
Floyd



"Last April Fool's Day I told my boyfriend of a year and a half that I just didn't feel the same way anymore and I didn't want to be together. It was just an April Fool's joke but he didn't think it was too funny."

**Haley Amos**  
Journalism  
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# Rising fuel prices affect students

By Hayden Jones  
Staff Writer

With rising gas prices, Georgia Highlands College students are having to learn to manage their money wisely. Some have resorted to carpooling or limiting their driving.

Floyd campus students are feeling the effect of the high gas prices. Josh Brown, a criminal justice major, said, "Gas prices are killing me! I have to fill up once a week and that is a lot of money when it starts to add up."

Eric Hunt, physical therapy major, agreed and said that he has been limiting his driving to school and places he has to go to.

Some students are testing out carpooling with friends from their towns.

General studies major Sarah Willingham stated, "I drive around 70 miles round

trip each day. I have started driving my mom's car to school because it gets better mileage. Also, my friends and I switch days each week to drive to the campus."

Taylor Burkhalter, also a general studies major, said that her dad has been helping her buy gas for her car because her part-time job is not able to support everything she has to buy.

Some couples like Taylor Elrod and Shelby Gibbs ride to school together.

Elrod, a business major, said, "Gas prices are getting ridiculous. It costs a small fortune just to drive to school. My girlfriend's car gets great gas mileage, but diesel fuel is really expensive. When I drive my truck, I can literally sit and watch the gas hand drop."

Other students say that they do limit their driving and it is getting harder to afford going places outside



Photo by Kara McDowell

A petrol station near the GHC Floyd campus shows the spike in fuel prices.

of town on the weekends.

Jared Holt, a physical therapy major, commented, "I really hope these prices start to come down. I tried to carpool so I wouldn't always be using my gas, but it seems like I always end up driving."

Drew Hamilton, psychology major, stated, "It takes almost \$15 a day for me to drive to school and back home in my truck."

Gas prices, recently exceeding three dollars per gallon, continue to rise and are making driving to and

from the college's campuses and sites harder.

With the help of carpooling, parents and driving more fuel efficient cars, GHC students are learning to manage the expensive prices of gas and their daily commute to school.

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# Golf, a game fit for the Queen

Golf is a safe haven for men the world over. The game allows men to escape the responsibilities of the world for four to five hours, and spend time drinking, cussing and telling tall tales, all while chasing a ball around a field.

Exclusively male golf clubs have existed for hundreds of years and Augusta National remains male-only today. Golf, a Gentleman's Game.

One of the game's earliest advocates, however, was a woman.

Mary, Queen of Scots was an avid golfer. She kept a home at St. Andrews,

where she would play often with her friends.

Legend has it that the Maries (all of the Queen's attendants were named Mary) carried on like men, swearing and heckling each other, even gambling.

Mary is credited for making the game an international sport. While receiving her education in France, Mary played golf regularly.

This seed of French golf later blossomed into Arnaud Massy winning the Open Championship in 1907, then withered when Jean Van de Velde didn't win the Open at Carnoustie.

Golf has always had room

for women. I play with ladies regularly and enjoy it more than playing with the men. Women treat the game like a "Gentleman's Game" more than the gentlemen do.

Playing with women you never have to duck as a putter goes flying by after a bad putt. Rarely in a round with ladies will someone slam their club into the ground swearing like Ozzy Osbourne.

Women don't try to combine NASCAR with golf, so golf carts tend to stay upright and lake free. And unlike Mr. Tiger Woods, women tend not to spit on



## The Extra Point

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the green.

I've spent enough time at the links to know that golf is NOT a gentleman's game. It is, however, a game gentlemen play to escape their wives.

My advice to men who advocate for exclusive clubs, marry better. If you like your wife, you won't mind

if she stops by for a gin and tonic.

I will forever advocate the rights of women in golf; I would much rather have Paula Creamer and Michelle Wie visit my club than Colin Montgomery and K.J. Choi.

So ladies, do me one favor; pick up the pace of play, please.

## Floyd workout room available to students and faculty/staff

**By Haley Middleton**  
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There is a cheap, meaning free, way to work out and stay fit for students, faculty and staff.

All GHC students, faculty and staff are allowed to use the GHC workout center on the Floyd campus free of charge.

The Highlands workout center offers equipment from the simple traditional treadmill to the more advanced machines including a bicep curl, leg press, hip abduction, bench press with weights and the classic stair stepper.

Biology major Zach Willingham stated, "I love the GHC workout center, it's so convenient in between classes to just stop by and get some exercise in."

Jared Holt, a pre-physical therapy major, stated, "I never knew the GHC work-

out center existed until I took my PHED class this semester, but I sure am glad that I found it. It is so great to get to save my money."

The workout center is located next to the gym on the south side of the Floyd campus.

The workout center's hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

All students, faculty and staff should have their GHC I.D.s when they wish to use the facility.

While working out in the workout center, students should never work out alone, and while doing bench press or anything else with weights they will need a spotter.

Also, before any students or faculty members start to work they need to be sure that they know what all the equipment is and know how to work it, as well.



**Luis Hernandez spots Chase Patterson while using the Floyd campus workout center.**

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# Bumping it, serving it, spiking it at GHC

## Intramural volleyball 2011



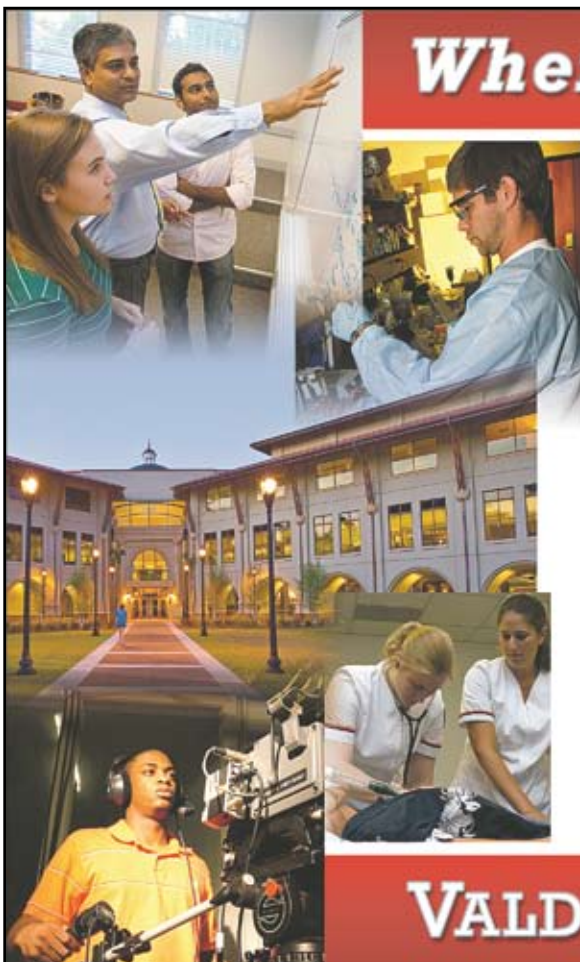
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**John Marangakis spikes the ball in a pick-up game of volleyball on the Floyd campus.**



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**GHC students play volleyball in the gym on the Floyd campus in anticipation of league play.**



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## GHC students hit the court in the 5-on-5 basketball semifinals

### Champs to be crowned today



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**Seth Ingram charges the goal in hopes to score points for Old School, while Matt Bishop defends the basket.**



Photo by Andrew Calvert

**Rome's Judge Watkins goes in for a layup in his team's win over Six Mile Sensation.**

## Rome, Those Dudes advance

**By Casey Bass  
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Rome and Those Dudes face off today, March 29, at the Floyd campus to decide the champion of the spring intramural basketball season.

The semifinal games that led to today's matchup were held March 22. The day's first semifinal game featured Old School and Those Dudes.

Fernando Lemus' 17 first half points provided a comfortable halftime margin for Those Dudes. Old School fought valiantly in the second half, but Will Anderson's 15 points, all from behind

the arc, were not enough. Lemus went on to score 31, leading Those Dudes to a 54-37 victory.

The second half of the semifinal double header between Six Mile Sensation and Rome was close from the tip.

The difference seemed to be Rome's balance. While Demaurius Morgan scored 25 of the Sensations' 41 points, Rome spread the wealth. Devin Ware put up 17 points and Judge Watkins had 16 in Rome's 47-41 victory.

Championship basketball tips off at 1:45 p.m. today in the gym, with the consolation game to follow.

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