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From left, Cierra Farmer, Tierra Farmer and Jaleesa Haney take a break between classes.

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GHC to expand to Douglas and Paulding

By Will Floyd
Staff Writer

In the fall, Georgia Highlands will open two new sites in Paulding and Douglas counties.

That will bring the total number of campuses and sites affiliated with Georgia Highlands to six.

Douglas and Paulding counties are both areas that have need and demand for higher education, according to Dr. Renva Watterson, vice president for academic affairs, and Georgia

Highlands plans to meet that need.

"Our charge from the Board of Regents and the University System of Georgia is to go to those counties and test the demand for schools. There are great deals of empirical capacity studies that have been done that tell us that populations are growing. The college-going population is increasing, and that demand needs to be met," said Watterson.

While the Douglas County and Paulding County sites will not be full campuses, as with

the Rome and Cartersville locations, Georgia Highlands will be attempting to offer as many choices as it possibly can for students at these new sites.

"We plan to begin pretty substantially, in my opinion," said Watterson. "We will be offering 16 courses at both the Paulding and Douglas sites. We are scheduled to begin classes at 8 a.m. and for the last class to end at 9:15 p.m., so we've tried to build the capacity for a full schedule."

According to Dr. Randy Pierce, GHC president, al-

though the budget cuts have affected some things, they will not affect the growth of GHC.

"We're dealing with them right now, but we just found out that we have to make another one percent cut, so that's another \$16,000 lost for us, but we hope to make all that back in increased enrollment," said Pierce.

Even though there has been some talk at the state level about possible furloughs of University System employees, Pierce said, "We do not have plans to furlough at this time."

Spring Fling will provide food, music

By Smith Holder
Staff Writer

The semester is less than two months from being over and what better way to celebrate than to attend Spring Fling?

According to Student Life director John Spranza, "Spring Fling is an annual event that celebrates the end of the academic year and gives students, faculty and staff the opportunity to interact outside the classroom and enjoy some fun social time together."

This year's theme at Spring Fling will be "Highlands Idol" and will revolve around music. The headlining act will be Lloyd Dobler Effect, an alt-rock/fusion band hailing from Silver Spring, Maryland. They are scheduled to play at both campuses 12:30 p.m.

Other activities will include a "Make your own CD" booth where students can record themselves and/or a group of friends singing a song. In addition, a number of student groups will sponsor a table or booth with other games and attractions.

Spranza said that a free barbecue lunch will be provided at noon (both campuses).

Spring Fling is scheduled for on April 13 on the Floyd campus and April 14 on the Cartersville campus from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

Early Bird advising available to help students decide among the many class options for summer sessions

By LaTonya Burrell
Editor

Summer registration is now underway for Georgia Highlands students.

GHC's summer schedule offers sessions in May, June and July, or students can take a full session which covers June and July.

However, Todd Jones, director of admissions says that the shorter time span does not equal an easier course.

"Summer classes take 15 weeks of coursework and combine it into four weeks. Summer sessions are not for everyone. It moves quickly," said Jones.

Jones does acknowledge the benefits of summer sessions.

"For working students, or for students who don't want to give up their whole summer,

"I consider summer school an opportunity for students on many levels"

-LaNelle Daniel

this would be a great way to complete 15 weeks of course work in four weeks if they are willing to do the work," said Jones.

Along with signing up for classes, students need to consider filling out the summer

financial aid application.

Students need to have already filled out the FAFSA form for the academic year in order to be able to fill out the summer aid application.

"The importance of filling out that application is so that students will not have to pay out of pocket and because they may have more money for that aid year," said Angelica Mosley, financial aid counselor.

LaNelle Daniel, division chair of humanities, sees many benefits in summer courses.

"It's really hard for students to get a two-year degree in two years. Summer school helps out with that a lot. I consider Maymester, for the dedicated student, an excellent way to get

an extra class in swiftly," said Daniel.

While she believes that summer school gives students advantages, she also believes that summer is a time to relax.

"I strongly recommend only taking two courses during the summer to get some rest," said Daniel.

Early Bird Advising for the summer sessions begin March 31 at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on the Floyd campus in the student center.

On the Cartersville campus, Early Bird Advising is 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on April 1 in the testing center. Advising for the Marietta campus is 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on April 2 in room D-165.

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GHC offers summer study trips for students

By Chiara VanTubbergen
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands is offering three summer study opportunities: Wyoming, Australia and Ireland.

Traveling to Wyoming will offer students the opportunity to visit Yellowstone National Park, hike Dinosaur Trail in the Morrison Formation and visit five museums at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. Students who participate in the Wyoming trip can earn eight credits for Geology 1121 and Geology 1122.

Also, students can study abroad in Australia. They will spend 12 days touring Sydney, Surfers Paradise, Frazer Island and Brisbane.

Emily Young, student on the Floyd campus, commented, "When I pulled up the itinerary to check out the trip, I was impressed by all of the really cool adventures we were going to go on. The two that interested me the most were four-wheeling on Fraser Island and the

visit to the opal factory."

Students who travel to Australia can earn three credits for Communications 1100 and three credits for Sociology 1101.

The second option for study abroad is a trip to Ireland. Students will tour Dublin, Cork, Derry and other cities and historical sites around the country.

Students who travel to Ireland can earn four credits in Math 0097 or Math 0099. They can also earn three credits for Psychology 1101 or three credit hours for Psychology 2103.

Sarah Colston, a student who participated in a past program, said, "I think that the way the trips are set up gives students the opportunity to see parts of the world they may never see on their own."

For more information regarding the trip to Wyoming, please contact Billy Morris at bmorris@highlands.edu. For more information regarding the study abroad opportunities, please contact Erica Simpson at esimpson@highlands.edu.



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The sun sets on one of Wyoming's lakes in the Grand Teton National Park.

Six Mile Post wins awards at the Southern Regional Press Institute in Savannah

By LaTonya Burrell
Editor

Six Mile Post, the student newspaper of Georgia Highlands College, won four awards during a recent trip to the Southern Regional Press Institute (SRPI) in Savannah.

Editors LaTonya Burrell, Nick Godfrey and Tyler Ashley and advisers Dr. Kristie

Kemper and Cindy Wheeler attended.

Awards included first and second place in photos for Tyler Ashley and LaTonya Burrell, respectively; first place in editorial column writing for James Swift; and second for overall outstanding newspaper.

Commenting on the awards, Kemper said, "I'm very proud of the students who were rec-

ognized for their work on the newspaper staff."

Godfrey said, "The trip was fun and the SMP will benefit from the workshops that were provided. Entering the competition really helped us to see what is working and what is not."

Godfrey said that his favorite sessions at the conference were the session on opin-

ion writing and the editorial cartooning session with Mark Streeter, cartoonist for the Savannah Morning News.

The award presentation was part of a luncheon which included speakers such as The Honorable Otis S. Johnson, mayor of Savannah, and Michael Lewellen, former vice president of public relations for Universal Orlando Resort.

The SRPI, a scholastic press association, was formed in 1951 on the campus of Savannah State University.

At first, the SRPI was attended by only African-American high school and college students. Over time, however, attendance has broadened to include all student journalists.

The 58th SRPI was held on Feb. 26-27.

GHC's speaker series featuring...

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Students' spending patterns leading to early economic grave

The economy is weak-yeah, we know.

The real issues facing students are paying for tuition, car bills, insurance and gas, even though it's a lot cheaper than usual (knock on wood), and all teachers or parents have to say is "Well, welcome to the real world!"

If things don't go smoothly with the new president's stimulus package, this "real world" is going to be a wild ride into an economic black hole. Let's hope that the stimulus works, but that isn't the point.

The point is we're beginning to see a trend with students and the use of their money.

More and more students

turn to loan money as if it's left over birthday cash. If one loan is used up, we can always take out another, right?

That's the problem. We are becoming the in-debt generation before we even really go into the in-debt world, and we have this crazy idea that we can buy our way out.

Unfortunately, if we are not making money, but spending it; we still have no money that is really ours! That's what businesses call the red zone or red numbers.

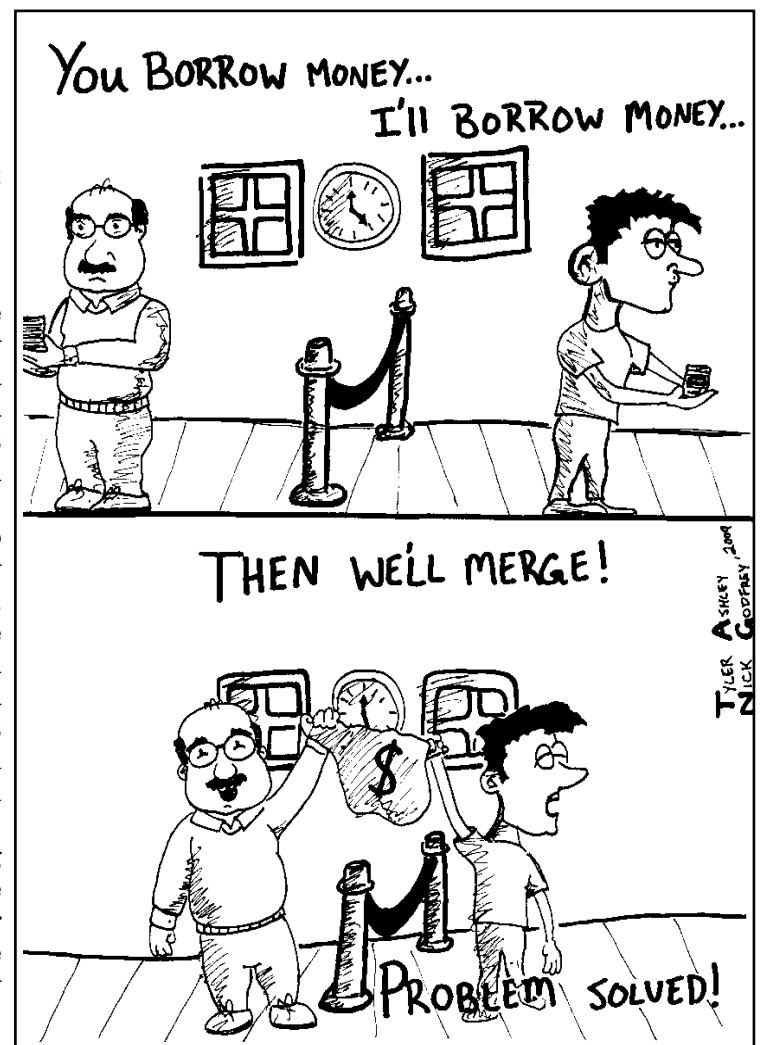
It's great that people haven't stopped spending because the helps to stabilize the bad economy, but spending borrowed money

just isn't good.

For some of us, it's the only way, but we have to try and not overdo it. It's hard trying to be a financial guru or a budget genius, but let's at least go easy on borrowed money.

It would be really bad to see our generation already digging its economic grave, only to inherit another. We should really try to spend only what we know we can afford to, and only if there's no other way, take out a loan for tuition or other financial woes.

But remember, spending borrowed money because we don't have money of our own is a double threat. We should not play the lottery with our futures.



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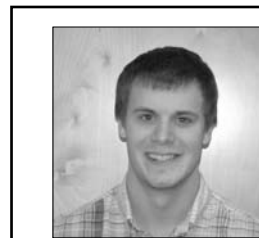
Every cloud has a silver lining

Almost two years ago, my mother suffered from a severe stroke that left her paralyzed on the right side of her body and without the ability to talk. Now she lies in a nursing home bed with feeding tubes and a tracheostomy attached to her, but even that dark and sinister cloud holds a silver lining that I have benefited from.

After my mother's stroke, I was left scratching my head wondering what I was to do now that the strongest person in my family was suddenly so weak; was I going to be able to make it?

I am making it.

Dealing with this has not been easy, and there are still times when bundles of tears form in my eyes and I wonder how I have even made it this far, but during times like those I focus on everything I have gained from this. I am stron-



Editor's Box

Tyler Ashley
Assistant Editor

ger, I am more independent and I am closer to my family--my father in particular.

When I was much younger, I always heard the saying "Every cloud has a silver lining." For the longest time, I did not understand this statement at all. I looked at the sky all of time wondering which clouds had the silver linings, because most of them just looked like bunnies. Recently, not only have I realized what that old saying means, but that it is so true.

There are silver linings to

my personal cloud. I told you about my experience because I want you to realize that you cannot go through life pessimistically. Life is too short for you to just focus on the negatives. You have to focus on the positives or you will hate everything.

Laugh and smile--sanguineness is the key to a successful life. You may lose a job, flunk out of school, get divorced or a loved one may get sick, but every cloud has a silver lining, even if it takes you a while to notice it.

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Voice of Reason

By James Swift
Staff Writer

What's the deal with all this Merger Mania?

I've heard a lot of jibber-jabber about this whole "tech school-community college" merger and frankly, I just don't get the "freak-out" mentality that so many of my peers have wholeheartedly espoused as of late.

For starters, the notion being bandied about by State officials is simply that: a "notion." That means that there are no top-secret blueprints detailing nefarious proposals floating around the offices of the accreditation agencies. It's

nothing more than an "idea" at the present, and who among us hasn't blurted out an ill-conceived sentiment?

Secondly, even if such an endeavor were to be initiated, it's not like the student body could do anything about it. No, it doesn't matter HOW many people you get to join your Facebook club, the head of the University System isn't going to be swayed by your Internet commingling.

These are stone cold business executives, my compatri-

ots; they eat dashed dreams for breakfast and wash it down with a glass of undergrad tears.

The problematic notion at this epoch isn't the phantom fear of a worthless degree (jeez, isn't that kind of insulting to the millions of hardworking, outstanding tech college students in the nation?). Rather, your primary source of trepidation should be the American job market, which, in case you haven't noticed, is bad.

In 21st century America, education simply isn't enough to make progression. Just ask my good friend with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting that's presently mopping floors for a paycheck. Success is no longer a demarcation of fiscal accrual or a menagerie of diplomas; today, those that achieve are the ones that are most passionate about their careers.

Last time I checked, nobody graduates from "life."

Something to think about



Chiara VanTubbergen is a communications major at the Floyd campus. After graduation, she hopes to begin a career in foreign affairs and photography. She recently spent a year studying sociology in Italy.

Optimism beats pessimism

Since the economy is in a downward spiral, surely many of us are afraid of losing our jobs if we haven't already. Over 15 million Americans have lost their jobs since January, and this does not seem to be a pattern that will reverse anytime soon. So what happens now? From a psychological standpoint, we have two choices: pessimism or optimism.

interviewed about his previous failures that led to the invention of the light bulb, he said, "I have not failed. I simply found 1000 ways not to make a light bulb."

So what did Edison have that we can apply to our lives? Perseverance.

It takes perseverance to begin again after being knocked down.

Optimism is the key to perseverance. In order to begin again after being knocked down, there needs to be hope for an accomplished goal.

However, there are two parts to perseverance: hope and action. The greatest thing anyone can have is hope.

When things go bad, hope keeps you going. You cannot just hope you will succeed, though, if you do not actually work for the goal. Henry Ford once said, "Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right."

-Henry Ford

Pessimism can be brought on by failure. If you fail at accomplishing a task, you may lose your job, which will lead to searches for another job; if another one is not found, then depression and worry may set in.

Studies about depression have been paralleled to studies about pessimism: a depressed or pessimistic person may begin to frown upon job searches, believing that one will never be found and then doubt sets in regarding his or her abilities to work ever again.

One can actually fail his or her way to success.

When Thomas Edison was

If you believe you have what it takes to reach that goal, then all that is left to do is work for it.

If, however, pessimism has control and there is no belief in the success, then there is no opportunity for it either.

It is not the things done that lead to failure; it is the things not done that do.

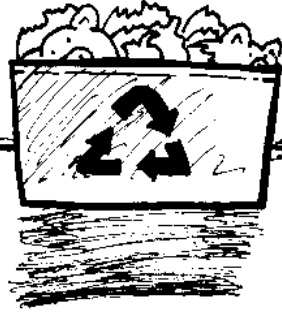
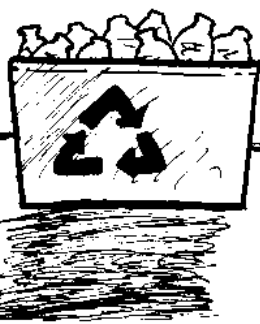
The next time a situation arises in which there is a choice between pessimism and optimism, here is something to think about: choosing optimism will increase the opportunity for success.

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A day in a GHC

By LaTonya Burrell
Editor

It may seem that because we are at commuter school, we are detached from one another. But just because Georgia Highlands College has campuses and sites in four different locations, this does not mean our goals and ambitions are different.

Whether we attend the Marietta site or the Floyd campus, we are all people striving to make a positive change in our lives. Because of this simple fact, we are more alike than we think. Floyd, Heritage Hall, Marietta and Cartersville sites and campuses are all vital parts of the portrait that is GHC.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Carrie Sanchez (left) and a friend take time to study on the Floyd campus.



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Barrie Shirley (left) and Dwayne Vital examine bones on Cartersville campus.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Josh Thompson walks to class at Heritage Hall.



Photo by Robyn Johnson

From left, Chris Johns, Matt Roberts and Tori Rakestraw wait for their next class in Marietta.

the life of student



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From left, Jay Mawer, Zack Sanders, Brittany Deeker and Amanda Southern take time to chat in Marietta.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Morgan Brown (left) and Lyndsey McDonald work on a computer at Heritage Hall.



Photo by Robyn Johnson

Lauren Jones (left) and Dani Litten relax in the Cartersville student center.

Finding the lost and found

By Tyler Ashley
Assistant Editor

If you have lost a set of keys or a textbook, do not panic: GHC has your back.

If you are looking for a bizarre lost and found room that resembles a dungeon with dated underwear and jars of mayonnaise, though, your search will continue. GHC's lost and found is fairly generic, possessing no eccentric items.

Georgia Highlands' lost and found is not a specific room with cobwebs in the corners and odors coming from strange boxes that are marked "do not touch." It is a very simple and customary set-up.

"The lost and found is located here in the Security Office. Smaller things turned in go into a desk drawer and larger things may go into a closet," said John Upton, director of campus safety.

The lost and found is usually used only once or twice a week, mostly by students looking for cell phones, glasses, wallets, textbooks and keys.

Each found item must be identified, though, before it is released. Coats and umbrellas, for example, are identifiable

from their color.

"When we find wallets that have I.D. cards in them, we will contact the Vice-President of student services and try to contact the student," said Upton.

Though security is the main source for lost and found, sometimes the Student Life Office receives lost items.

"Student Life is not an official designation. Most things are found in the student center and since we are closest, they may be turned in to us. If something is not claimed in a day or so, it is taken up to the Security Office," said John Spranza, director of student life.

The strangest thing found according to Spranza was an envelope containing \$900. Needless to say, whoever lost the envelope was quick to inquire about it. The envelope was returned following a very

detailed identification process.

Also, somewhere there is a letterman fighting the cold. "One time, we found a Rockmart High School letterman's jacket, and it was never claimed," said Spranza.

Spranza's advice is, "If you lose something, come look for it; if you find something, turn it in."



Photo by Tyler Ashley

Various items are found in the lost and found drawer in the Security Office.

Students can save money and enjoy a great spring break too

By Hanna Yu
Staff Writer

Spring Break is just around the corner, but before heading down to the typical Spring Break resort in Panama City, there are a few alternatives to consider if money is an issue.

College students are notorious for being tight with money.

Young adults are being weaned off of their parents' income and starting to earn their own money with part-time jobs. Consequently, students become stingier with their hard-earned money.

Spring Break may be an excuse to let loose, but it doesn't necessarily mean to loosen up the purse strings as well.

There are ways to conserve money and still have fun on Spring Break.

The Econo Lodge hotel in Panama City is featuring a cheap deal for a three-night stay at only \$50 a person.

To save even more money, Gulf Shores is supposedly a cheaper equivalent to Panama City.

Since spending time at the beach may not strike everyone's fancy, there are plenty of

other options.

Some Spring Break excursions may require pricey airline flights.

Airline tickets are in high demand during Spring Break, although with a little research, there are bound to be some cheap deals that are offered to students.

A few recommended sites to use when looking for cheap airline seats include: www.studentuniverse.com, www.bookit.com, www.statravel.com, and www.cheaptickets.com.

The prime advice for any airline ticket purchase is to buy them as early as possible.

Some students prefer not to go anywhere for Spring Break.

Student Felicia Gadberry says she would rather spend "quality time at home reading favorite books." Delving into the fictional world-for free is a perfectly enjoyable and relaxing way to spend a vacation.

Regardless of how a student may choose to spend his or her Spring Break, everyone can agree with GHC student Arthur Finn when he says it does not really matter where someone goes on Spring Break, "as long as it's with friends."

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March 16-22

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- Lou Holtz

Former GHC student prospers in field

Small school leads to big life

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

John Strain began his journey to becoming a physician's assistant first in the military and then in civilian practice after majoring in nursing at Georgia Highlands.

Strain now spends 180 hours a month in the emergency room at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton.

Strain, who is from Cartersville, began his college career at Georgia Highlands in 1993. He was working full time and was the father of two, so he chose GHC because of

his need for a flexible schedule.

At first, he was planning to just get a degree in nursing. However, as he excelled in his classes, Strain began to plan to go even farther in his career.

"I was an EMS and medic in the military before I started college. While I was working, I would come to school. Once I reached a certain point in nursing, I decided I wanted to go into a physician's assistant program. I was able to use the nursing program as a prerequisite for the physician's assistant program,"

"The best thing that students can do is to dig in and learn the information they are taught."

-John Strain

Strain said.

The classes that Strain took during his time at Georgia Highlands were very influential in the choices he made for his future.

"My favorite mem-

ory is doing nursing clinicals with Betty Nalley. I learned a lot from that class because of the hands-on interactions that it offered," Strain said.

Strain continued his education for the next three years, until he finally finished with a master's degree in the physician assistant program from the University of Nebraska.

However, he never forgot his time spent at Georgia Highlands.

"After I left, I was worried about joining a group with students from big schools, but I realized that didn't really matter. I had

learned just as much, if not more, than these people. I had gotten a good education from a small school," said Strain.

Strain believes that every student at Georgia Highlands has the opportunity to follow in his successful footsteps.

"The best thing that students can do is to dig in and learn the information they are taught. It isn't enough to just punch the ticket and slide by. If they take time to enjoy and learn the subjects they are enrolled in, they will do well in life," he said.



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Strain examines a child using knowledge he gained at GHC.

Legislative director takes on teaching

at Cartersville, Marietta campuses

By Sana Hamid
Staff Writer

A new addition to the Georgia Highlands faculty is part-time political science instructor Maxine Chriszt, who teaches at the Cartersville and Marietta campuses.

Her interest in politics and government was inspired by a teacher in high school who led her on the path of interning at the Georgia State Capitol.

Considering political writing at first, Chriszt changed her major from English to political science while studying at North Georgia College as an undergraduate.

Her last two years at North Georgia were spent as an intern. She attended legislative sessions and committee meetings on Zell Miller's staff, when he was elected as governor for Georgia in 1990.

Wanting to continue to work in the same area, she went for a master's degree in public administration from Miami University in Ohio.



Photo by Robyn Johnson

Maxine Chriszt stands at her whiteboard eager to teach GHC students.

She began working at the Georgia state Senate research office, carrying out research projects related to different topics.

Eventually, she landed the position of legislative director of public health.

After having four children, Chriszt decided to decrease the

extensive work hours at the Capitol to spend more time with her children by doing some church work.

She hopes students realize that essentially the government does impact our lives.

"The more people get involved, the more responsive the government is, I think," Chriszt said.

Being new to teaching, stage fright is one of her worries, but what she likes most about it is that "when things click, you can see people can take the topic of the day and say, 'Oh, that's what that means!'" She says, "Now I know why people teach. It's a great feeling to think you've gotten the message across."

When she is not teaching college students, she enjoys reading, cooking and doing projects around her home in Acworth, where she lives with her husband, who is an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, and five children, who range from a kindergartener to age 19.

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Students, teachers enjoy 'The Office'

By Nick Godfrey
Assistant Editor

Some TV shows have become titans of comedy. For a lot of viewers, one such show is "The Office."

From its very unique openings to the utterly hilarious endings, "The Office" is a fantastic show with a large mass appeal.

The show started as a British Broadcasting Corporation's television series. With the same type of comedic direction as the American version, the BBC's "The Office" was widely acclaimed for its use of generic and sometimes humorously dry comedy.

The show eventually made its way over to the states where it kept the same name and filming style.

The show is filmed like a documentary in that the characters are aware of the camera's presence and often acknowledge it.

Although the show is somewhat scripted, the action runs like the viewer is watching an everyday normal office environment.

This "normal" office en-

vironment takes place at the Scranton, Pa., branch of fictional paper company Dunder Mifflin.

A wide variety of characters are in the cast of the show.

They range from Dwight Shrute, the guy in the office who takes his job way too seriously and is as awkward as he is funny, to the boss of the Scranton branch, Michael Scott, a man who tries to make his office the best by using wacky gimmicks and hilarious misconceptions of his fellow office employees.

In the show's five seasons so far, it has capitalized on "that's what she said" jokes and serious situations alongside the funny ones.

One serious situation made funny by Michael's awkwardness was the diversity day held to show the differences of people.

Michael proudly states, "Abraham Lincoln once said that 'If you're a racist, I will attack you with the North,' and these are the principles I carry with me in the workplace."

The show has hit America with great sensation and promises its actors and the show a very long career.

Caught up in "The Office" craze are students and teachers alike.

"I think it is funny because Michael has no idea what he is doing, but it always ends up working out. Whenever I have a bad day, it always makes me laugh and makes my day better," said Meredith Seabolt, general studies major from Rome.

"To me, the awkward situations are the funniest parts of the show. I think people relate to the show because nearly everyone has done or said the wrong thing at some point," said Cindy Wheeler, assistant professor of English.

As Michael Scott would say in an office episode closing, "People I respect... heroes of mine would be, Bob Hope. Umm, Abraham Lincoln definitely. Bono... and probably God would be the fourth one. And I just think, all those people helped, the world in so many ways that it's umm really beyond words. It's incalculable."

"The Office" is on NBC every Thursday night with new episodes at 9 p.m. Watch any episode on nbc.com/the_office.

Movies spotlight philosophy

By Colin Poe
Staff Writer

Have you ever watched a movie, but never fully understood the plot or underlying metaphor?

Well, Dr. Alan Nichols' Cartersville Philosophical Movie Series is the event for you.

Nichols, assistant professor of philosophy and GHC's own Socrates, leaves no stone unturned and no words unspoken with his in-depth explanations of the films he shows.

The Philosophical Movie Series films are not everyday thrillers or lighthearted comedies that may employ the use of sexual humor to get a cheap laugh. These movies convey a deeper appreciation of film itself.

On Feb. 25, Nichols showed a Japanese film entitled, "Onibaba" (1966), directed by Kaneto Shindo.

The film details the life of a poor, pain-stricken mother and her recently widowed daughter-in-law during the great wars of Japan's medieval past.

During this film one of their long-time neighbors returns from war with many a tale to tell.

The tales appear to fall on deafened ears, for he has re-

turned without the mother's son.

This is of great disrespect to her, and she wishes for nothing other than for him to leave.

Soon after, however, the two women begin to lust for the man, and then in the heat of passion and jealousy, the mother murders the neighbor.

When asked why put on such an event, Nichols said, "You can do philosophy with really anything" and can "show there is really more to film than just an assemblage of photos."

Although only two other students attended the series, they didn't leave the philosophical discussion wordless.

Alysia Thomas attended the event so that she could fully appreciate a film and its many motifs.

Greg Carter said that he wished to further his understanding of philosophy.

All in all, this was a great experience, and the film series continues through April in room 322 on the Cartersville campus.

Here is the schedule for the rest of the semester: March 11, "Audition"; March 25, "Let the Right One In"; April 8, "Paths of Glory"; and April 22, "Winter Light." The starting time for all films is 6:30 p.m.

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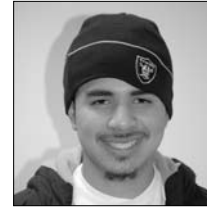
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Floyd vs. Benavidez: Does A-Rod belong in Cooperstown?



The Extra Point

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I feel like Alex Rodriguez belongs in the Hall of Fame beyond a shadow of a doubt, regardless of use of performance enhancers.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear before I go any further: It is NOT okay to use performance enhancing drugs. It is even less okay to lie straight faced about it on national television.

Alex Rodriguez has done both.

Having said that, A-Rod is also one of my favorite baseball players and has been since he was in Seattle with the

Mariners.

After his admission of performance enhancer use, and subsequent apology to ESPN's Peter Gammons, many people in the baseball world have said that they feel like he does not belong in the Hall of Fame or among the discussion for the best all-around player of all time.

He admittedly made a huge mistake, but he was man enough to admit it, which is more than many people have done.

Although an admission (or lack thereof) of steroid use has doomed a

few very talented players such as Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro, I feel like Rodriguez has one thing that none of those players had. That is time. All of the aforementioned players were in the twilight of their careers.

Rodriguez has not tested positive for anything since his one positive test in 2003, and obviously he did not test positive before that time. He is nothing more or less than one of the most dominant players to ever play the game.

Cooperstown, home of the MLB Hall of Fame, should be only for those who have raw talent, not artificial strength.

Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire all have one thing in common. They tainted the game of baseball by using performance enhancing drugs and betraying the public's trust.

So what makes Alex Rodriguez any different? He is different because he still has a long time before being considered for the Hall of Fame or probably because Rodri-

guez seems sincere about changing his ways and playing fair. Most likely it is because baseball doesn't care about who uses banned substances anymore.

I am sure that the public will forgive him, although I have met many Yankee fans who want him out. If it was up to me, I would consider giving him a ticket to Cooperstown only if he finishes his career "clean."

Rodriguez deserves a second chance, but he should be watched carefully. Yes, he was "young

and stupid," but that is no excuse.

I also do not believe in making a separate wing in the Hall of Fame for users of banned substances.

If that happens, there will also have to be separate sections for steroid-users in other areas, like in wax museums. Imagine all the wax wasted on just their heads.

So A-Rod, don't slip up. If they are not Tic Tacs, don't take them. You still might have a chance to separate yourself from the rest of the "bad" players.

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Close games highlight intramural 3-on-3 basketball play

By Tyler Ashley
Assistant Editor

In the intramural games played on March 4, the Untouchables beat the Steelers 60-56, the Hawks beat the Magic 60-53 and the Backwood Ballers won due to forfeit by the Celtics.

The first game matchup between the Untouchables and Steelers was filled with layups and lane building. Second year student Matt Gore had a team high of 40 points. But Gore, who is currently contemplating playing college basketball at Tennessee Temple, said, "It doesn't matter, because we lost."

After the scoreboard buzzed away the last seconds of the mid-game break, the Hawks and the Magic took the court. Throughout the game, the

Hawks continuously had the upper hand against the Magic. At the half they led 34-26, and at the end of the game they brought up a victory with a 60-53 win.

Zach Mathis scored the most points for the winning Hawks, with 35. "It isn't just me," he said. "It's the entire team. They set up picks and help me get open. We play as a team and that is really how we win."

For the final game, the Celtics had to forfeit against the Backwood Ballers because the Celtics did not have enough players present.

Regular intramural 3-on-3 basketball action will continue on Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m. in the Floyd campus gymnasium on March 11 and 25. No games will be played during Spring Break. The 3-on-3 tournament play begins April 1 at 1:45 p.m.



Photos by Tyler Ashley

(ABOVE) Zach Mathis (left) of the Hawks dribbles around Dale Baker of the Magic.

(LEFT) Matt Gore (center) of the Steelers jumps to place the ball in the net against Rodney Taylor (left) and DeMaurius Morgan.

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Contact David Mathis at dmathis@highlands.edu for more info


Update of Six Mile Post ping-pong tournament bracket

- * Deadline of second round, March 23; final round, April 6
- * Reminder that all games are to be played honorably, no cheating
- * All games are played with a best two out of three system
- * Match results MUST be reported to 6mpost@student.highlands.edu
- * If opponent cannot be reached, notify SMP quickly, or both opponents will be eliminated



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