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**Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia**

# GHC's Marietta students face hefty parking fees

By Andy McCarrick  
Staff Writer

An increase in parking fees on the Southern Polytechnic campus is scheduled for the spring semester of 2009. Students can expect to pay \$75 for a parking decal; a significant increase over the \$25 fee paid by students for parking this semester.

An e-mail sent to Georgia Highlands students through GHC Info in September stated that the fee is being increased to help pay for the construction costs for additional parking spaces needed at SPSU.

This email also stated that "Pell grant and student loans can be applied to this fee but HOPE funds are unable to be used."

For many students this fee

will be paid out of pocket and is raising many concerns.

According to the Georgia Highlands' webpage, the parking fee for GHC campuses is only \$2 for a decal. To students that have attended both campuses, an extra \$73 seems to get them less or sometimes no parking with the addition of a headache.

Most students on the SPSU campus are aware of the fee increase, but aren't completely sure what it's being used towards. A lot of students express grief towards the current parking situation, and paying additional fees adds to their frustrations. Some students have even been late to class because of limited parking spaces.

Many wonder why GHC campuses can function fine on a \$2 fee, yet Southern Poly



Photo by Hanna Yu

**Students who park at Georgia Highlands' Marietta site will soon pay much higher fines.**

can't provide adequate parking at \$75.

Dave Shaffer, a student on the Marietta site, states, "I usually go around two parking lots, and sometimes a third, just to find a spot."

According to Brent Griffin, the new director of the Marietta site, the new fees are said to be "going towards an improvement in the availability of parking spaces."

A new parking deck reaching four stories will make 850 new parking spaces available to Southern Poly commuters. Estimated completion date for the new parking deck is the spring semester of 2009.

Shaffer says that the parking fee does make sense. "Kennesaw and GSU have parking decks. You either pay for it or have nowhere to park."

## Online courses may not be suitable for every GHC student

By Lesley Mathis  
Staff Writer

Students at Georgia Highlands have recently gained access to a new way to attend classes and receive college credits. These courses are online DVD courses.

Dr. Jon Hershey, an English professor who is one of the professors currently offering online DVD courses, explained what work these students have to complete.

"They check out the course lectures from the library. They are given a syllabus of assignments, which they follow. All of the work is turned in online. Then they show up for the test," explains Hershey.

GHC students having var-

ied personal lives can use online classes to make it easier for their busy schedules and work at a convenient time for them.

Online DVD courses are also beneficial to students who commute from cities far away. Fluctuating gas prices have made the drive to school more stressful. Students who were taking online DVD courses would not have to make as many trips if they were unable to afford gas.

There are some disadvantages to the courses.

"Students have to have a lot of discipline to keep up with the work. These classes have a higher drop rate than traditional classes," states Jon Hershey.

Some students may have difficulty keeping up with the work load if no one is there to remind them what to do. For that reason, a person would have to be very focused for these courses.

Students at Georgia Highlands, who are currently enrolled in traditional classes were torn on the decision of whether or not they would switch to online DVD courses.

Lauren Rogers, a sports medicine major from Rome, said, "I would take online DVD courses. I would be able to do my work at my own time if my schedule became too busy. It would be much more convenient."

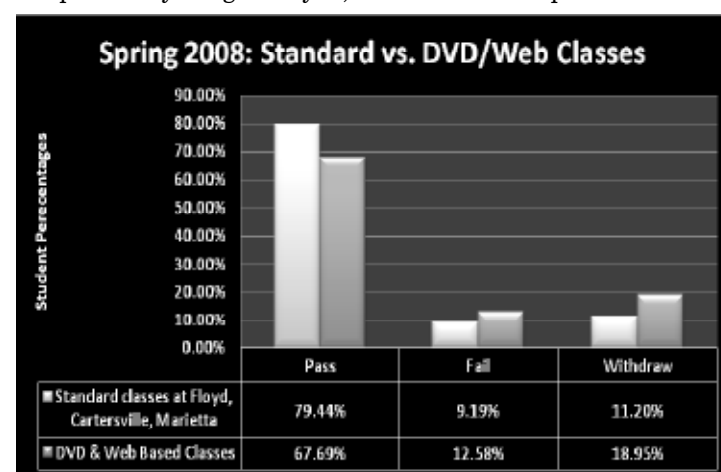
Lacie Clonts, a mass communications major from

Carrollton, was split on her thoughts about the classes.

"I would consider it because I can do it on my own time, but it would be hard because it is not personally taught to you,"

said Clonts.

Convenience can be big benefit that students can get from taking online DVD courses, but many students think that interaction is important.



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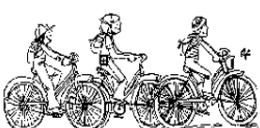


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# President-elect Obama faces many problems

By Sean Jepson  
Staff Writer

The rally signs are gone, the confetti is swept away and the Straight Talk Express pulls into its final parking spot for at least four more years.

The race is over, but for one candidate the work has just begun. Promises have been made. Can they be kept?

Recently, President-elect Obama said his top priorities are stabilizing the financial system, energy independence, healthcare reform and education.

According to Obama's website, his plan to stabilize the economy includes enacting a windfall profits tax on oil companies to support a \$1,000 energy rebate to families.

Obama plans to provide \$50 billion to "jumpstart the economy and prevent one million Americans from losing their jobs."

Additional economic plans include tax cuts to middle class families, reforming lending and bankruptcy laws and reforming trade agreements.

Obama sees energy independence as a national security issue as well as an environ-

mental issue. He believes it is important to reduce America's imports on foreign fossil fuels.

Obama believes our dependence helps fund terrorist organizations and influences our involvement in foreign conflicts. Obama also claims that fossil fuels are a catalyst to climate problems.

Obama's energy plan calls for investment in renewable energy sources, an increase in hybrid American cars produced and stricter carbon emission standards.

Obama claims his energy plan will help create five million new jobs in America while eliminating dependence on foreign fuels.

Healthcare reform was a central issue throughout Obama's campaign. Obama plans to make health insurance affordable by promoting a public health care plan to individuals who are unable to purchase health insurance plans in the private sector.

He also plans to provide small businesses with a tax credit to help buy health insurance for their employees and to require large employers to offer coverage.

Obama plans to pay for the



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President-elect Barack Obama

plan by "rolling back the Bush tax cuts for Americans earning more than \$250,000 per year."

Obama plans to improve education by increasing funding for Early Childhood Education, reforming No Child Left Behind, supporting charter school programs and rewarding teach-

ers based on performance.

Obama plans to create a \$4,000 tax credit for college students to make higher education affordable.

According to his website, "Recipients of the credit will be required to conduct 100 hours of community service."

America has elected the next president, but in order for Obama's plans to work, he will need to negotiate for the cooperation of other leaders.

The work has just begun for President Obama as he prepares for arguably the toughest job on the planet.

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# GHC hosts Smithsonian's 'Magic Web'

By **Stephanie McCombs**  
Staff writer

Students who have visited the Lakeview Building recently may have seen Georgia Highlands' latest exhibit, "A Magic Web: The Tropical Forest of Barro Colorado Island."

"The exhibit captures the beauty of the sensitive ecosystem of a tropical rain forest," Student Life Director John Spranza said.

"It also shows how insects, animals, plants and man impact and affect the environment," he said.

Art major Whitney McCombs said she liked the fact the school is getting various exhibits.

"It's very unique," McCombs added. "And I'm looking forward to seeing the next one when it's on display."

Spranza also said the exhibit explores this ecosystem

through the brilliant photography of ecologist Christian Ziegler, with images captured during 15 months of fieldwork, with the Smithsonian Tropical

**"It's very unique, and I'm looking forward to seeing the next one when it's on display"**

-Whitney McCombs  
Student

Research Institute on Panama's Barro Colorado Island.

McCombs said, "It's something new to the school. And



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

**Caroline Atkins observes the Smithsonian Exhibit.**

that's something students like-new things."

The exhibit is part of the SITES (Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibit Service).

The exhibit circulates across the country to facilities that apply for hosting status.

It will be on display until Nov. 21.

Viewing times are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. until noon on Fridays.

For groups, there are other days and times are available by appointment only.

A companion DVD, "A Day on Barro Colorado Island," is also on view with the exhibit.

This is the fifth display from the Smithsonian that GHC has hosted.

The next exhibit, "Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon: Vietnamese America Since 1975," is scheduled for Jan. 12 through March 4.

## Most college students never check their annual credit score



### Guest Column

By **Andy McCarrick**  
Staff Writer

If you're like some college students, your response to "Have you checked your credit score lately?" would be "Never looked into it, never needed it."

During these tough economic times, it's important to know your financial status to be better prepared.

Although relying on credit isn't a good idea, it's important to have something to fall back on in case of financial emergencies.

Situations such as car trouble, illness or loss of a job can happen to anyone and may cause great financial strain.

**K**nowing where you stand with your credit can help you get through tough times, or at least have a plan of action for when they crop up.

Knowing your credit score is a great tool that can help you fix bad credit and let you know if what you're doing is actually working.

Bad credit can cause a lot of unnecessary stress for any student. It can prevent you from getting money when you need it and keep you from signing a lease at an apartment.

Some financial institutions won't hire a person with a bad credit score, exclaiming, "After all, if you can't handle your own money, why would a major company let you handle theirs?"

College is a common time when many people establish credit.

Be careful not to fall into bad spending habits and to use credit cards responsibly.

Marietta campus student Rikko Segura warns against misusing credit saying that "the biggest mistake is to get a card when you have a job, and then get stuck with the payments when you're out of work."

If you've never checked your credit score or just don't know where to go, surf over to [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com).

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# Drinking and driving can lead to a holiday disaster

By Will Floyd  
Staff Writer

Obviously, many people who are old enough chronologically to drink are not mature enough mentally to handle their eggnog. Drinking and driving is an epidemic in the United States that kills thousands of people each year and damages the lives of many others.

This problem can be avoided completely, however, by doing a few simple things. Getting this information out there and helping to educate Georgia Highlands' students is one of the main purposes of TRASH, Teaching Reasonable Alcohol Substance and Highway Safety.

TRASH is an on-campus peer educator group that is dedicated to the education of GHC students on a number of issues.

"Basically the purpose is to raise awareness among students with issues such as al-

cohol awareness, tobacco and some general awareness such as healthy eating, mental health issues and things like that," said Christin Perry-Michalik, staff adviser to TRASH.

Perry-Michalik, a counselor and program coordinator of Student Support Services is in her first year as adviser to TRASH, which was formerly handled by Georgia Highlands College Student Life Director John Spranza. TRASH, which is in its fifth year of existence at GHC, is currently looking for new members, according to Perry-Michalik.

"We have three students in TRASH currently. There were a lot of students who graduated last year that were involved, but we could use any students that would be interested," said Perry-Michalik.

Although TRASH may be dedicated to educating students at Georgia Highlands who may think it is okay to drink and drive, other students already

know of the dangers and risks involved in drinking and driving.

"I would never drink and drive," said sophomore Justin Goss of Rome.

"With drinking and driving, it is almost a dual threat, because not only are you risking your health, the health of those with you and the well-being of other drivers, but you are also putting yourself at serious risk of being arrested and getting in serious trouble because police and law enforcement in general take DUI very seriously," he said

With everyone out having a good time this holiday season, it will be important to watch out for others, be careful and responsible enough to handle what age limits permit.

Tyler Ashley, history major from Rome summarizes the drinking and driving situation by saying, "Have a good time, but do not let it be the last time you have a good time."

## Economic downfall may affect holiday vacation plans for GHC students

By Sean Jepson  
Staff Writer

The holiday season draws near as another semester comes to a close. Students and faculty alike are excited about the break, and many are looking forward to spending time with family and friends.

However, a weakening economy has encouraged some holiday travelers this year to tighten their budgets and save money for expenses, while others may contemplate cancelling holiday plans.

Despite an erratic stock market, recent weeks have brought a sliver of good news. Gas prices have made a steep drop in the last several weeks, plummeting from \$4 a gallon down to \$2.

The drop in gas comes from a suspected drop in demand

due to a weak economy this winter. But will this drop in gas price mean better holiday travel deals?

According to Kayak.com, a travel booking site, holiday airfare is up more than 25 percent compared to last year.

Many holiday travelers are waiting to see if airline prices will come down before purchasing tickets. Waiting for "last-minute deals" may prove risky. As plane reservations fill up, remaining seats may be more expensive.

College students are facing tough choices to figure out how to pay for holiday expenses.

Jordan Penson, a freshman majoring in education, says he is planning on travelling to San Antonio, Texas, this year.

"I have had to take on a second job in October to make sure I save enough money to

be able to travel," said Penson. "College students are the most tight on money because they are spending it on college and other related areas."

Penson said he shopped for package deals online at various travel sites such as Expedia.com to help save money. Recent declining gas prices have also proved to be fortunate.

"Even if gas prices go back up in December, the current drops have allowed me to save even more money," Penson added.

Holiday expenses are important to consider, but students need to remember to be safe and have fun while traveling. Penson gave advice to students who wish to travel this year. "Work very hard, but do not take on too much. Be safe as you travel to wherever you are going this year."



Photo by Jordan Penson

The arches over Rome are displayed for all to see.

## 'Porto Futuro: The Gateway to Rome' is a re-creation of ancient Roman Aqueducts

By Andy McCarrick  
Staff Writer

The stone structure under construction on an island of grass between highways 411, 101 and 27 is titled "Porto Futuro: The Gateway to Rome."

Rebecca Koontz with the Rome Area Council for the Arts says that it is a re-creation of the ancient Roman Aqueducts.

The structure was designed by Wright Ledbetter and Derek Bell. It is being built with funds from the city of Rome, a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and from private donations.

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- - Lou Holtz

# Chancellor of the University System chats with GHC students

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. visited Georgia Highlands on Oct. 30 for a quick one-day overture with faculty and students.

Davis introduced himself to the students and gave a brief description of what it is that he does. He stated that he deals with a lump sum of \$2.3 billion to use for all colleges in Georgia.

He said part of his job is to balance the budgets for the colleges to keep Georgia a strong contender in the educational front.

It is also part of his job to travel from school to school to listen and learn about colleges and their problems.

One of the first questions posed was, 'Is it possible to make GHC into a four year institution?'

Davis answered, 'It is possible. In most cases two-year colleges are allowed to expand to four-year schools when there are workforce needs.'

Sean Jepson, an English major from Rome, asked, "Will the state budget cuts and economic downfall affect students in any way, such as tuition, financial aid, etcetera?"

"There are strategic issues and tactical issues. One of the benefits is I have seen many downturns that quickly turn to upturns," said Davis.

Davis stated that the strategy is to make use of the large number of potential students, almost 100,000, entering the GHC sector.

"By adding resources to this sector, we can drive traffic to this school and others like it. However, short term issues are we are trying to do more with less. Plans may slow down, but they will not change," said Davis.

Davis went on to say that the first place cuts will come from is not directed towards students or employees.

"Our priority is to maintain our academic excellence... we will make enhancements (cutting back on travel expenses and unnecessary programs) not

diminish."

Davis answered every question he was given and was well informed as to the plans and directions that would be taken by the University System of Georgia.

He ended by commenting on a few of the changes that two year facilities can come to expect in order to further help traffic generate at the institutions.

"We want to build more facilities to ease the strain, try to get students through faster and enhance student engagement with proper resource allocation."

On Nov. 4, Shelley Nickel, associate vice chancellor for planning and implementation also made a quick trip to GHC.

Students and Nickel caucused while Nickel inquired about students' needs and goals for future academics.

Nickel was appointed by the governor for a seven-year term. Her job as strategic planner for the Board of Regents includes setting policies such as tuition and SAT scores.



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Nick Godfrey with Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr.

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## Gore says to students: 'Anything in this life that is worth it you have to work hard for.'

By Kelli Slemple  
Staff Writer

Libby Gore, who as a child loved school and wanted to be a geologist when she grew up, is now an instructor of mathematics at Georgia Highlands College.

This will be her sixth year teaching mathematics and her second year having taught at Georgia Highlands.

Gore has quite a resume. She started on her associate degree at Georgia College and State University and ended by completing her masters at the University of Georgia.

She has also had a plethora of experience in various professions outside of teaching. These range anywhere from working in a library to bartending to

even working in a dentist's office.

Gore's favorite thing to do when she was a child was to go horseback riding and make up dances to songs on the radio with her sister.

Gore really enjoys working with the people at GHC; and she also likes the fact that her division works well as a team.

She hopes to teach her students "to realize that anything in this life that is worth it you have to work hard for."

One of her favorite quotes comes from Martin Luther King, Jr.

It says, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."



Photo by Shellen Agustin  
Libby Gore

What you didn't know:  
Libby Gore attended Hindu University in Florida and received a Master's in Yoga Education.

## Environmentally concerned students active in Cartersville club

By Spencer Musick  
Staff Writer

Green Highlands is a new club at Georgia Highlands with the intention to promote lifestyles that work for the betterment of the environment.

It is a new student organization on the Cartersville campus that meets monthly and was approved by Student Life in the summer.

Green Highlands has a great involvement in activities.

In October the club had its first recycling drive of the year.

Green Highlands was able to gather 700 pounds of recyclable goods to keep out of landfills.

It is planning another drive on the Cartersville campus towards the beginning of December.

Green Highlands also had a plant sale. Plants ranged from Carolina Spruce to Golden Mound Spirea and had a price

range from \$6 to \$12.

Danielle Litten, a sophomore at the Cartersville campus, stated that the goal of Green Highlands is to "raise awareness of global issues and promote green living among students, faculty and the community."

"We also aim to prove that you don't have to sacrifice everything to live green and to live consciously of the environment and our future," added Litten.

According to Litten, the club has worked with PTK to set up recycle bins around the Cartersville campus.

"Many of the bins are overflowing," said Litten, adding that this was a good problem to have.

Litten said that the idea for Green Highlands came about when she approached Libby Gore, developmental mathematics instructor at the Cartersville campus, with her frustra-

tations about the lack of an environmental club at GHC.

Gore said that the energy in the club is "student driven." Litten agrees, stating that "the college community is picking up on the club, and we are having an increasing number of active participants and volunteers including faculty and students at every event."

Litten hopes that the ideals of Green Highlands will make an impact on the larger college community.

"Our generation is about to be out in the real world, and if they are educated about green living now, they can carry that on into their soon-to-be new lives, inform others and hopefully make a difference."

Those who would like more information on Green Highlands may contact Litten at [dlitten@student.highlands.edu](mailto:dlitten@student.highlands.edu), Angel Wray at [awray@student.highlands.edu](mailto:awray@student.highlands.edu) or Gore at [lgore@highlands.edu](mailto:lgore@highlands.edu).



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Students of Green Highlands at Cartersville.

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# For many GHC students, easy button is lazy button

Easy button is a lazy button.

We walk through doors every day. It has become a way of life and a natural occurrence at GHC as well as all over the world.

However, there is that button, the easy button, which helps avoid struggles with doors. It is a tempting circle disc just asking to be punched in the face. Let's face it; the easy button is a lazy button.

The button was made because of lazy people to begin with. For the longest time, people with disabilities would struggle to get through doors while others would rush in and out without checking to see if there was a person behind them.

Fortunately, some inventor had the idea to create an easier way for those with disabilities to enter a

building, but the invention has lost its purpose to those it was created to bypass, the lazy.

Very often, we see people dragging their feet as they look to a door ahead of them. They give out the lazy sigh, and in their head they think, "Oh God, another stupid door!" Then, a gleam of light hits their eye. The shine comes from the easy button and the passerby cannot help but hit it. Thus these actions create the lazy button.

It is very easy to hit the easy button, and we, being human, are quick to take the easy way into any given situation.

However, think with me about the image we cast to all those who see us press that button when we have nothing in our hands and are capable of walking just

fine.

Not only are we viewed as lazy, but our actions can be seen as wasteful and careless. We hit the button and all that air, cold or hot, escapes from the building. This action wastes electricity and energy.

Let's not forget what a person with a disability would see. He or she looks upon a person who is completely able to open a door with ease and walk through it who yet takes the button, the crutch given to those who need it, and abuses it.

This is not an image we should wish to cast. We should tip our hats to the lazy button and tell it so long. The only time we should use it is if our hands are full, and we have no other option. Keep in mind that just because it is easy, does not mean it is good.



## If hospital walls had the potential to talk

Everyone at some point in his or her life has heard the timeless saying "if walls could talk." Now I would like to provoke the reader's mind by asking, what if the walls of a hospital could talk?

Yes, what if the plain beige walls of a hospital could tell their stunning stories of all the sights that the walls have observed throughout the years. This certainly would be a spectacle, and can one's mind even begin to fathom the scenes that these simple walls have seen?

In essence, hospital walls see vast interpretations of life. The interpretations are speckled, and are the extremes of life, but it is life nevertheless.



### Editor's Box

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

Walls are present to look upon a mother holding her new born baby in awe, and walls are there to see grief-stricken parents realizing that their infant's existence in life may be short-lived. Walls are there to see the scraped knees and broken bones from bicycle crashes, but also stand to see the terminally ill patients who stare at doors anticipating the much needed comfort of visi-

tors.

Unadorned hospital walls observe more life in one day than our eyes can capture during an entire lifetime. Tears are shed and smiles are stretched, but life goes on, and walls stand tall.

Walls of a hospital keep roofs up and rooms separated, but they are more than structural support; they are bystanders of life.

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## Voice of Reason

By James Swift  
Staff Writer

Each and every class session, I am reminded of the archaic nature of my ways. Awash in an eerie blue glow, my peers are transfixed to the electronic intravenous units before them.

During lectures, the sound of button clicking has become the new ambience. Student and laptop have merged into one. I am seemingly the last person on Earth that uti-

lizes actual pen and paper for note taking. While one can certainly boast about the numerous advantageous merits of technology in regards to academic pursuits, I can't help but feel as if my antiquated methods are for the best. Sure, computers expedite collegiate work, but the benefits of manual input are for more rewarding.

For one thing, it is more con-

ducive to studying, as one is able to retain more information via handwritten expression. Likewise, I never have to worry about power outages erasing my efforts. Replacing ink, in the same correlation, is also far cheaper for my practices.

For some peculiar reason, my notes seem all that more relevant scrawled in freehand than in the uniform perfection of Times New Roman font.

Writing is, essentially an organic, flowing, rhythmic operation, comparable to playing a piano. Typing, antithetically, is mechanical, laborious and cognitively no different than turning on a washing machine.

Say what you wish about various technological advancements, I will take wire bound over wireless any day.



## For Liberty

By Eric Celler  
Guest Columnist

Now that the election is over and we have our new leader, it is time for the real work to begin: the work of the People.

The government has been expanding over the past few decades and our liberties have been shrinking. Those in power have abused their position and now we hang by the very rope with which we once used to tie them down.

However, regardless of how desperate the plight of America may seem, it is important to remember two things: Education is our best weapon against government and Tyranny is the old way, Liberty is the new.

So, as our leaders take us to the very precipice of collapse, it is we the people who will bring this nation back, not we the government. It is we the people

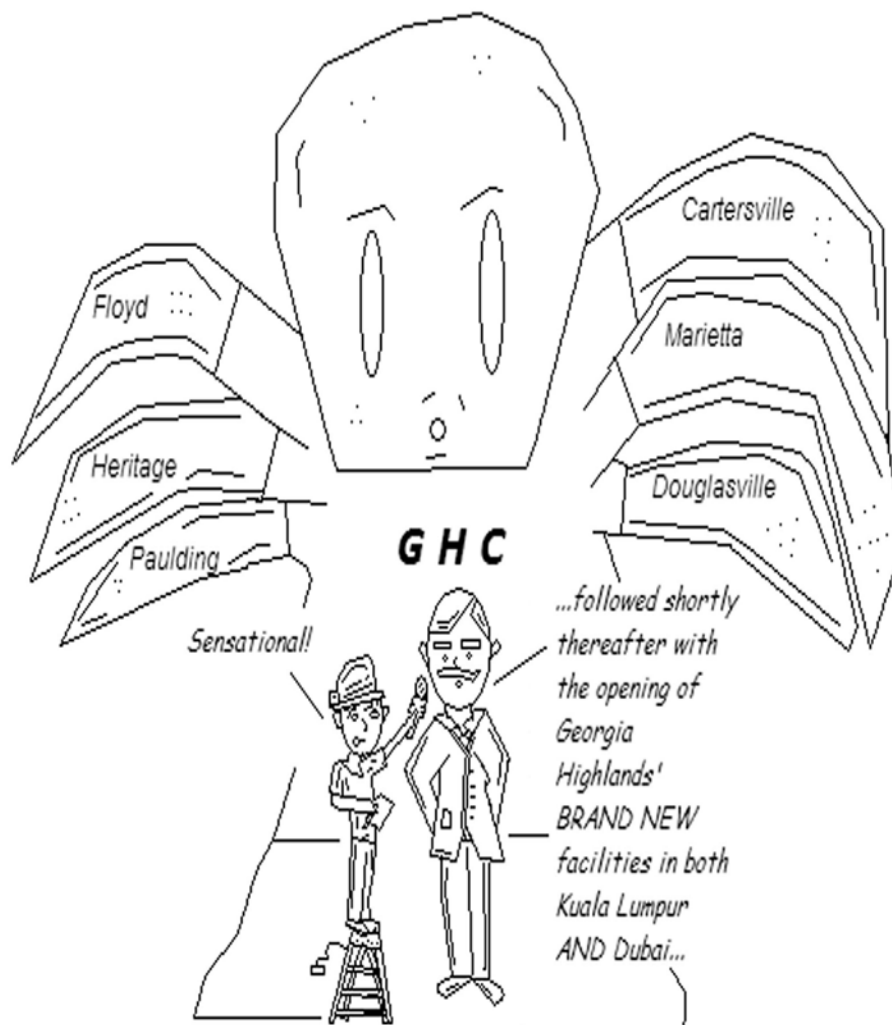
who created the greatest nation in the world, the last best hope for mankind and the last best hope for Liberty.

The government will do what it can to scare, coerce, force, or trick us into slavery: we will not have it. There will be a second revolution in this country, and it will be a peaceful revolution. There will be a new policy implemented in America: a policy of limited government, unlimited individual Liberty and prosperity.

There is a single quote that comes to mind that so eloquently captures the spirit of this very idea, and it was said by Edward Abbey: "A patriot must be ready to defend his country against his government."

This is for Liberty, let's get to work.

## GHC Administration already pondering potential future expansion...



Artwork by James Swift, 2008

## Letters to the editor

### Lack of food on campus raises concern

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the issue concerning no food on campus.

I am a freshman at Georgia Highlands, and I honestly expect for there to be a school cafeteria like in any other school I have attended in my educational career.

I actually do have time to leave and eat in between classes, but honestly when I leave I do not feel like coming back to school. You have to travel at least five miles down the road just to have options for food.

I already live so far away from the campus that I cannot afford the gas to leave school every day, go all the way back, then travel that long road back home.

I hope they resolve this issue soon.

-Taylor Gardner  
Nursing  
Chattooga County

### Scholarship appreciated

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed the article in the Six Mile Post about the college's efforts to raise money for the Felicia Claxton Scholarship Fund. I find it important that any student is able to pursue his or her academic career. The Human Services Club should be proud of its hard work in supporting Susan Claxton's incredible achievements. After reading this article, I believe the next fund raiser will be even more successful in making more students' dreams come true.

-Kayla Bell  
Biology  
Rome, GA



Sharp glances are passed around the Texas Hold 'Em table at Floyd.



Floyd campus students press their luck at the slot machines.

## GHC hosts

By Lesley Mathis  
Staff Writer

Students at GHC enjoyed a casino-themed Fall Frenzy this year at which they were able to do a variety of activities, such as Blackjack, Vegas weddings and a magic show.

If anyone was in the mood for gambling on Oct. 27, then the place to be was the Lakeview Auditorium on the Floyd campus. GHC offered a chance to play Texas Hold 'Em, Blackjack and Roulette.

Upon entering the room, students were given \$200 in play chips,

which they could use at the different gambling stations. Not all students were able to hold onto their play money for much time, but they were able to go get \$200 more in order to continue their fun.

Once the time was up, the chips were redeemed for raffle tickets, which gave students opportunities to win various prizes, such as DVDs.

Nikki Teems, a nursing major from Trion, said, "Blackjack was my favorite part of the event. I was not very good at it, though. In

fact, I lost all of my money twice. Eventually, though, my luck began to change. I was able to win about \$300 in chips. I also tried my hand at Roulette, but I was not lucky enough to win at that game."

Gambling was not the only option.

Many of the clubs set out booths that included activities.

One of the most popular booths set up was the Vegas Weddings.

At this Vegas wedding, two people were paired up and married for a day by an Elvis impersonator.



Contributed

Cartersville students get involved in Brian Brushwood's magic show.



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Read Brushwood interview  
[sixmilepost.com](http://sixmilepost.com)

## Brian Brushwood puts GHC students on the edge of their seats as he eats fire during his magic show.

Photos by Jordan Penson

# Fall Frenzy

Brian Brushwood's magic show was the main event at the Fall Frenzy. Brushwood's show included a variety of tricks that included playing with fire and entertaining the audience with puppets.

The one part of the fall frenzy that every student attending enjoyed most of all was the food. Moe's Southwest Grill provided GHC with burritos and tortilla chips to serve students as lunch.

Aaron Wilson, a general studies major from

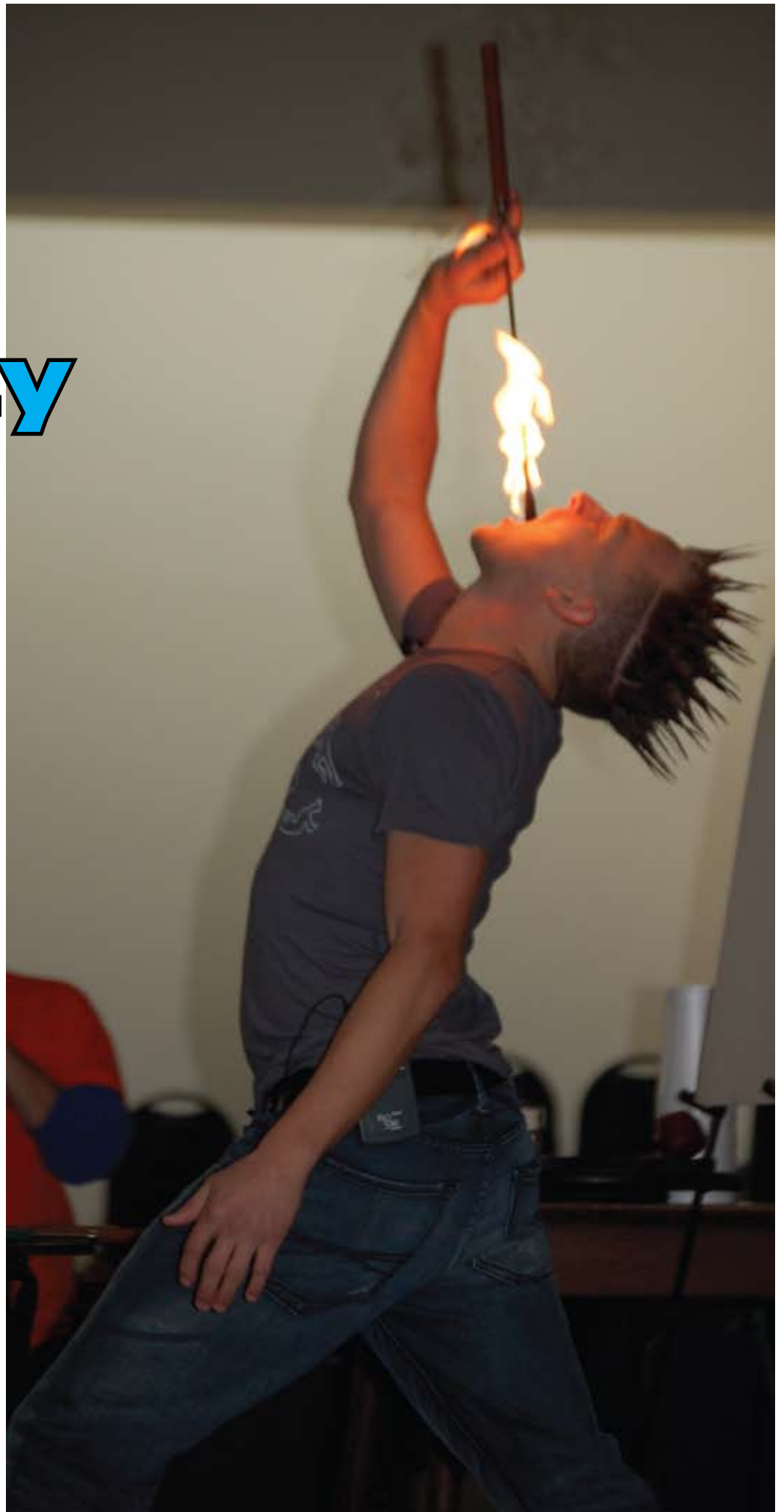
Rome, said, "I was glad to see that we had an option for lunch considering the lack of food currently being offered. The burritos were definitely my favorite part of the afternoon."

Whether students were enjoying the food, the gambling, or the entertainment, Fall Frenzy was a chance for students to gather together for a fun time at Georgia Highlands.

Fall Frenzy was repeated on the Cartersville campus on Oct. 28.



Melinda Ewers (Elvis) performed Vegas style weddings at Fall Frenzy.



# Students recall warm and funny holiday memories

### *One missed call*

My best holiday moment would probably be the year our Christmas tree was stolen straight off the top of the family van and we received a message from the Charlotte Airport about the Christmas lights on our house.

We lived in an ultra-competitive subdivision where the family with the best Christmas light display reigned supreme.

Well, unbeknownst to us, one year while we were out picking our family Christmas tree a representative of the Charlotte Airport left a message on our answering machine saying something about too many lights and airplane pilots being confused. Fortunately, the voice sounded eerily similar to our neighbor across the street, who apparently had finally gotten tired of losing the lights battle.

While we were inside checking our messages and getting a knife to cut the string holding our tree, our other neighbor and his son snuck up and stole our tree right off the top of the van. After checking the message and getting the knife, my brother and I went out to take the tree down only to hear laughter from down the road and see two silhouettes carrying a Christmas tree over their heads.

Apparently the two neighbors were in on it together and got quite a laugh out of their act as my brother and I chased the bandits down the road. The only sweet justice was that one of the culprits slipped and got grass stains on the outfit he was about to get pictures made in.

Ashleigh Bohn  
Rome  
Business



### *Home for the holidays*

I enjoy Christmas because of the bright lights and the vibrant decorations of gold, silver and green. Christmas growing up was sad at times around our home because my father was very sick and always seemed to be worse or be hospitalized around Christmas. Mom would try to keep Christmas bright and cheery for the six of us children. We would always decorate the Christmas tree together from the youngest to the oldest.

The youngest child would place the decoration on the bottom of the tree, while others would place decorations where they could reach. The oldest would help put the lights on the tree prior to decorating it. Chains made of paper and popcorn strung together on a string would bring the tree alive and the family closer together at times.

Christmas Eve consisted of hot chocolate and midnight mass for us. Once we got home, my dad would let every child open one small gift of his choosing before we were shipped off to bed. My grandfather would come in on Christmas morning with oranges, apples and a variety of items. Aunt and uncles would come over, and Christmas would be like living a dream. My memories of Christmas are wonderful because of my family.

Susan Van Weort  
Kingston  
Nursing



### *A chimney for Santa*

It was Christmas Eve in 1994. I was six years old and vigilant about doing everything properly in preparation for Santa.

My mother and I had baked sugar cookies and placed them near the brightly lit Christmas tree. My mother read to me from our book of Christmas songs and stories. I noticed that every house in every story that she read had a chimney. We did not.

Naturally, I was concerned! I asked my mother how Santa would get into our house without a chimney. She explained that she and Santa had a deal. Santa would park the reindeer on the roof and she would let him in through the front door.

Feeling secure with that knowledge, I went to bed. Later that night, my mother woke me up and told me that my favorite movie was on television. I rushed into the living room to watch "Pete's Dragon."

My excitement vanished as soon as I reached the couch. My mother had always told me that Santa would not come unless I was asleep. I asked her about it. She said that Santa agreed to come after my movie was over. I will always remember that Christmas Eve. My mother made that very special for me.

Jennifer Chatman  
Adairsville  
English





## *Two cockatoos*

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My favorite memory of the holidays was in 1994 when I was five. My two birds figured out how to open their cages and flew downstairs. They landed right in the mashed potatoes! After I was scolded for not shutting the door all the way, the family all had a good laugh. To this day when we all sit down to have Christmas dinner my family still asks me if I have any birds over.

Heather Bundy  
Canton  
Nursing Major



## *Dreaming of a white Christmas*

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Holidays have always been special for my family and me. My grandmother has always taught me to teach others the love and gratitude you get from celebrating the success and love that come from each holiday story.

Last Christmas was probably the best Christmas I have ever had. I did not receive loads of gifts, and I did not have much money. The one thing I did have that I may never see again is all my family together.

My grandmother moved five hours away in Roan Mountain, Tenn., a few years ago, and we don't get to see her much. Last Christmas, my mother, my two aunts and all the grandchildren packed up and went on a road trip to see her.

The joy she had while having us all there was worth the long and exhausting trip. One of my most memorable moments is waking up to the smell of Christmas dinner. Over the time we were up there, we shopped and enjoyed the beautiful decorations.

I kept praying for a white Christmas, but it never came. At the end of our trip I was heartbroken to leave my family. What was just a holiday for some people was one of the happiest weeks of my life.

Brittany Pacheco  
Cartersville  
Nursing



## *Arose such a clatter*

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The most memorable story during the holiday's seasons happened last year and nobody told me that families will do this as a tradition. Most people from New York would either be at home watching the ball drop on TV or be at Times Square to watch it in person or getting drunk at a holiday party and then have the nerve to think they can drive.

Normally my family's New Year tradition would be to go to church and spend the New Year's Eve at the church, but last year was the first time that we didn't go to church since we just recently move to Georgia from New York.

Now I was a bit bummed out that night since I felt a little homesick, so I decided to go to sleep, but then out of nowhere I started hearing gunshots. Now in New York the only time you hear gunshots is either when someone just shot somebody or the S.W.A.T team has raided your house. Those shots woke me up, and I fell out of bed and onto the hard floor.

So now I will be ready this year by sleeping in the middle of the bed this time and having ear plugs that night.

Marlon Machado  
Dallas  
General Studies

## Tasty treats for GHC

By LaTonya Burrell  
Editor

There is nothing more comforting than a traditional family recipe for the holidays. For me, it adds that extra touch of magic that is absolutely crucial for holiday memories. From my grandma's apple cider, which I call "Liquid Christmas," to a simple basic sugar cookie, these are a few holiday recipes that you can enjoy and make your own.



### Classic Christmas Sugar Cookies

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 1/2 cups white sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

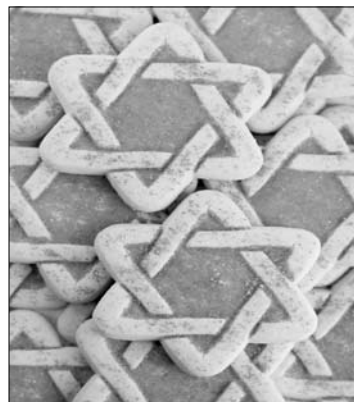
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.



### Apple Cider

1 gallon of apple juice  
1/4 c. of brown sugar  
6 sticks of cinnamon  
2 whole nutmegs  
2 lemons

Mix brown sugar with apple juice until completely dissolved. Gather cinnamon, nutmeg and lemon into cheese cloth. Place all ingredients into a large sauce pan and let simmer until it is warm. Enjoy with a whipped topping.



### Quick Peanut Butter Cookies

1 c. of peanut butter  
1 c. of sugar  
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a mixing bowl, combine all ingredients well. Spoon out batter onto prepared trays. Bake for about 10-12 minutes. Take out of oven and let cookies cool on trays.



### Macaroon Cookies

3 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/3 cup white sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup flaked coconut  
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts  
1/3 cup butter, softened  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated white sugar  
1/4 cup Dutch process cocoa powder  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons milk  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda



#### To Make Filling:

Beat cream cheese, 1/3 cup sugar and vanilla until soft and smooth. Add coconut and nuts. Wrap tightly in plastic food wrap and refrigerate filling.

#### To Make Dough:

Beat butter until softened. Add half of flour. Then add 1 cup sugar, cocoa, egg, milk, and baking soda. Beat until combined. Work in the rest of the flour. Chill dough until firm enough to roll. Place dough between 2 sheets of waxed paper. With rolling pin roll dough in a rectangle. Remove top sheet of waxed paper.

Remove filling from refrigerator and shape into a roll 14 inches long. Place filling on top of dough. Start on one end and roll dough around filling (like rolling up a rug). Moisten and pinch edges together. Cut roll in half. Wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate for two days. Cut into 1/4-inch slices using a very sharp knife. Then use the knife to cut a crisscrossed pattern on top of each cookie. Put on greased cookie sheets and bake at 375 F for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on sheet for about 1 minute and then finish cooling on racks. Makes about 48 cookies.

## Different holidays

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

During the holiday season, it is common to hear people say "Merry Christmas," but there are more holidays in the month of December. Here are brief descriptions of more holidays celebrated in the winter month.



**Dec. 21-29:** Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration typically for Jewish people. It celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem, which was the focal point of Jewish worship. Hanukkah is usually associated with the Menorah, which is a nine candle candelabrum. Candles are lit every night of the celebration, a regular candle, and then the center candle, the Shamash.



**Dec. 16-25:** Las Posadas is celebrated for nine days, usually by people of Mexican heritage. Its significance is for people to understand the troubles that Mary and Joseph endured days before the birth of Christ. There is typically a parade which includes Joseph and Mary and flows into the streets to ask various houses if they can stay there. The characters portraying Mary and Joseph are usually denied, to depict the struggle, but food and drink is served after these acts.



**Dec. 25:** Christmas falls on the 25th day of December each year and is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Usually celebrated by Christians, this day is full of present giving which helps to celebrate the joy of Christianity.



**Dec. 13:** St. Lucia's Day is a holiday that recognizes the death of St. Lucia, one of the earliest martyrs for Christianity. The holiday is recognized by people in Norway, Finland and Sweden and is honored through a parade which possesses someone's depiction of St. Lucia.



**Dec. 26 – Jan. 1:** Kwanzaa is a weeklong celebration, usually celebrated by African Americans or people of African descent. The holiday last for a week, and in this week, a kinara is lit, helping to celebrate heritage.



**Dec. 26 :** Boxing Day: Usually a holiday celebrated in Canada and the United Kingdom, it is celebrated on the day after Christmas by giving gifts to less fortunate people.



# Generation Y receives bad reputation from many employers

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Welcome to Generation Y, home of the inconsiderate, lazy and banal. This, of course, according to the employers applies to the rising generation of workers 29 and under.

Employers of Generation Y are raising question and concern over the issues evolving with the newest workforce.

Many employers find it difficult to work with employees who expect more for less.

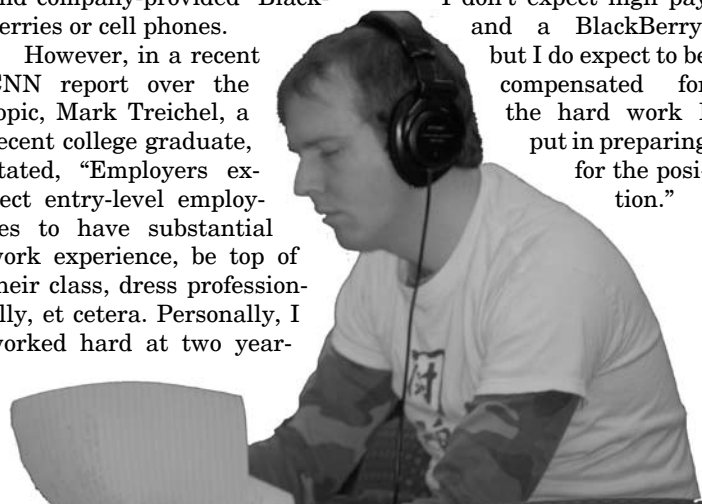
According to a new survey from CareerBuilder.com and Harris Interactive, Generation

Y workers want better pay, a more flexible work schedule and company-provided Blackberries or cell phones.

However, in a recent CNN report over the topic, Mark Treichel, a recent college graduate, stated, "Employers expect entry-level employees to have substantial work experience, be top of their class, dress professionally, et cetera. Personally, I worked hard at two year-

round internships while still going to school my last two years.

I don't expect high pay and a BlackBerry, but I do expect to be compensated for the hard work I put in preparing for the position."



Michael Crouse listens to music as he studies.

Josh Waits and Ashley Lowe, like many Generation Y students, depend on laptops.



Photos by Jordan Penson

Many students and workers from Generation Y argue that the employers ask for too much out of the rising employees, when they should realize just what they are getting.

Greg Spruiell, general studies major from Cedartown, said, "Generally I believe we are becoming a physically lazier generation because we have so much at our fingertips that we take it for granted."

Spruiell, however, argues against the accusation made by employers.

"We take technology into the workforce making it easier to do the tasks presented

against us. We are faced with more difficulties (than generations before us) such as having to keep up with technology, so we do not become obsolete."

The argument can be posed that Generation Y may be very different from the generations before it, but like every generation, our generation will face something that no other generation has faced before.

Spruiell ended his argument by saying we might not have the physical power to put up an Empire State Building, but we can build a robot and operate it to do the job. "We work smarter not harder."

## Finding a seasonal job this holiday may be difficult

By Chiara VanTubbergen  
Staff Writer

As the holiday season approaches, many people search for a part-time or seasonal job in order to fund holiday shopping.

With the economy as it is, this holiday season it may be more difficult than in past years to find a job.

According to the Georgia De-

partment of Labor, "The number of payroll jobs in Georgia in September decreased 53,200 or 1.3 percent, from September 2007. At present, 317,490 unemployed Georgians are looking for work."

With unemployment higher this holiday season, students searching for a seasonal job might have a tough time.

## Need a seasonal job?

**In Rome...** Food locales such as Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and McDonalds are searching for seasonal cooks and shift managers. Stores such as Toys R Us, Home Depot and JC penney's are hiring cashiers and sales associates.

**In Cartersville and Marietta...** Home Depot, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Dunkin Donuts and Verizon have seasonal positions available.

**i** This online issue...

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An exclusive interview with the Fall Frenzy phenomenon Brian Brushwood

— AND —

A look into whether or not Cartersville will have intramural sports in the near future

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Photo by Shellena Agustin

**The Green Tea Restaurant**

## Restaurant Review

### Green Tea offers sushi and more

By Shellena Agustin  
Staff Writer

It is very easy to judge a book by its cover, but don't misjudge The Green Tea, a restaurant located on 199 Morning Side Drive in Cartersville, across from McDonalds off of 41. Although its outer appearance isn't the most attractive, that is in no way a reflection of the atmosphere and, its food.

The Green Tea is a Chinese/

Japanese restaurant known for its sushi.

The first step into the place, one will notice all the decorations. The restaurant is filled with pictures, plants and other Asian décor to add to the mood. Tables aren't closely set by one another, so the restaurant doesn't feel too crowded. There is also a section in the restaurant where a chef can be seen making sushi, giving the customer a look into how it is

made. Based on the appearance and environment of the interior, Green Tea earns 4 out of 5 for appearance.

The restaurant in general looks quite tidy. The tables look and feel clean. The host is very nice and greets customers at the door. When it is time to order, she answers questions about the dishes and is knowledgeable about the food choices. She doesn't rush the order or seem frustrated by questions.

Once the meal is served, she checks in and makes sure the food is satisfactory and is there to refill drinks or do anything else that is needed. Based on service, Green Tea earns a 4.

The menu has a wide variety. Most of the meals come with soup and salad; some come with California rolls, pot stickers or egg rolls. The Udon Teriyaki plate comes with a salad and soup to begin with, and then the main course has teriyaki chicken with a side of white rice, noodles and chicken, three pot stickers and six California rolls. The food is very satisfying. The portions aren't too small or too big. Based on the food, Green Tea earns a 4. All in all, Green Tea is great place to eat!

## Music Review

### 'Stockings by the Fire' a great way to get into the spirit of the holidays

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

If listeners are interested in cool tracks to celebrate the holiday season, "Stockings by the Fire" is a great choice.

The seasonal album kicks off with a classic version of "Baby It's Cold Outside" courtesy of Ray Charles and Betty Carter. Then

the disc leads into a vast list of classic songs, many with a new twist.

The CD has the potential to take a listener to a winter wonderland with old standards, including Nat King Cole's timeless "The Christmas Song," while contemporary artists are featured on the album covering classics such as Jack Johnson's version of "Rudolph the Red-

Nosed Reindeer," and Rufus Wainwright's version of "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve."

One excellent aspect of this album is that intimacy is present track after track.

While the temperature on the thermometers may be dropping, lovebirds can snuggle closely while listening to Dean

Martin's

"I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm."

So this holiday season, those who are looking for a yuletide sound to accompany either

cookie baking or love making should pick up a copy of "Stockings by the Fire," which is available through a variety of outlets.

Overall, this holiday CD earns a 5 out of 5 ranking.



## Movie Review

### Giving Rocky and Jaws a run for their money, Jigsaw is back for the fifth time

By Nick Godfrey  
Assistant Editor

Yes, they made another "Saw" movie, and, no, the movie is not something that absolutely has to be seen.

I will admit that I am a "Saw" fan because, as demented as the movies are, there is always a very interesting and good moral behind each one. These morals are the type of morals that can really make a person second guess doing someone else any wrong.

So here it is, "Saw V" picks up the pieces in the last three movies and tries to make sense of it all. The movie takes place during the third and fourth movies. If I haven't confused you already, a majority of "Saw V" is flashbacks and confusing character development.

If you are an avid "Saw"

movie watcher, the latest sequel will not, hopefully, confuse you too much. It is full of familiar characters, even Jigsaw makes it in this one yet again, and the movie does make a decent effort to pull everything together.

Now for the bad news: "Saw V" did not deliver.

From the very first 10 minutes of the movie, the viewers already had the plot figured out, and for this to call itself a "Saw" movie, that cannot happen. There is not a grand spiraling end that leaves the audience sitting in their seats astonished as in the other movies, there is not a well executed plot and there are not even any good traps.

The "Saw" series is losing its flame. I will say exactly what everyone else does. No matter how many "Saw" movies they make, the future movies

will never be able to accomplish what the first movie did: blow the minds of thousands!

If you have to see it, then go, but this movie can not only wait for DVD. I would say it could just wait and never be seen.



Poster of infamous Jigsaw

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# GHC's Untouchables triumph over Shorter's Track Squad

Team effort made all the difference in flag football victory, GHC player says

**By Eric Benavidez**  
Staff Writer

As people on the sidelines shivered in the unpleasantly cold weather, Georgia Highlands' Untouchables continued their perfect flag football win streak against a track star-studded Shorter College team.

The game began as the Track Squad kicked off to the Untouchables. After gaining good field position, the Untouchable's Ben Claytor warmed up his offense by connecting with Dustin Arnold.

Meanwhile, the Track Squad's defense tried to cool the Untouchables down with a blitz attack led by Mia Jones. After a series of plays, the Untouchables ended up with the first touchdown of the game by Chase Patterson.

The game didn't get any better for the Track Squad. After

getting a crucial first down to keep the drive alive, the Track Squad quarterback, Nick Dodson, was intercepted by Jimmy Garrett.

Once again, the Track Squad defense kept Claytor on his toes as he led his team downfield. After failing to convert on fourth and long, the Untouchables were able to continue their drive after a pass interference call, only to have the ball intercepted. But a recovery by Garrett led to the Untouchables' first score.

After some controversial calls against the Shorter team, a Track Squad player ran over one of the Untouchables and scored the first Shorter touchdown. Although it was an illegal hit that left the Untouchables player with a bloody lip, there was no flag on the play, and the Track Squad was able to add to the score with a two-

point conversion.

From there on, however, the Untouchables were in control of the game, efficiently scoring on each of their drives and holding the Shorter team to only 14 points.

The final score was 28-14, giving the Untouchables the last win of the intramural season.

Track Squad team captain, Ashley Cousin, said, "The cold weather affected us. This is our first loss. We usually win by thirty points, so I guess those factors played a part in our defeat."

Speaking for the Untouchables, Garrett said, "It was a team effort. We went out and got the job done."

The game between the Untouchables and the Shorter Track Squad was played at Floyd Campus' lower athletic field on Oct. 28.



Photo by Jordan Penson

**Luke Allmon (left) struggles to get away from a Shorter player.**



Photo by Jordan Penson

**Chris Caruthers (left) tries to stop a Shorter run while Dustin Arnold (right) blocks Shorter player.**

## Annual Turkey Walk at GHC Paris Lake

**Nov. 19**

**Starts at 2 p.m.**

**Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.  
at the pavilion**

**Winners will receive a \$25 gift card to  
Honey Baked Ham**



Photo by Jordan Penson

**Ben Claytor (right) tries to complete a pass for the Untouchables.**



## The Extra Point

Jeff Capen  
Staff Writer

The National Football League (and football in general for that matter) has always been known as a tough, smash-mouth, injury-plagued game.

Football players are perceived as “real” men, and this physicality is what has made football one of the most popular sports in the United States.

After all, people love seeing guys flying around and killing each other. It’s just a shame that Commissioner Roger Goodell and the National Football League don’t agree.

The NFL adopted the joke nickname “No-Fun-League” when it began setting restrictions on touchdown celebrations. Referees were quick to penalize players who took so much as five seconds to celebrate a hard-fought touchdown.

How many times Cincin-

nati’s Chad Ocho Cinco has drawn a penalty flag and fine for his creative, and often hilarious, celebrations is beyond me. I, for one, am grateful for players like Cinco.

Even if the League is going to fine and penalize Cinco for his actions, I thoroughly enjoy them and am glad that there is a player in the league bringing so much intensity and individuality to the game.

The celebration restrictions, however, are not the focal point of this particular column, but more of a stepping-stone to where the league is now, some place far downhill from where the league was even 10 to 15 years ago.

As much as I and many others love the game of football, it has been said in more than one corner that the National Football League as we know it

is changing for the worse. The reason is that the NFL is turning into a pansy league.

The league has been throwing out fines left and right to players who dare to hit the quarterback, who, if I’m not mistaken, is a football player, too.

A safety delivers a brutally tough, clean hit on a wideout down the sideline and instantly the yellow flag is thrown and the player must pay some ridiculous fine.

Correct me if I’m wrong, but isn’t the essence of the game hard hitting?

If you strap on shoulder pads and put that helmet on your head, are you not a football player? Do you not know what you signed up for? If you are victim of a good, clean hit that knocks the wind out of you, should your opponent be

penalized and fined? Is that not part of the game?

I will admit that there are instances where certain hits merit a fine. Helmet-to-helmet hits or any hits that put a player’s life in danger should be outlawed and punished vigilantly.

Hard, timely hits on a quarterback shouldn’t be acceptable, but a wide receiver should be able to get his bell rung if his quarterback’s throw makes him a sitting duck.

This is part of the game that America has come to know and love, and yet the league office is making these players afraid of hitting someone. NFL players, no matter their salary, can’t afford to keep getting fined.

Some players are not even drawing penalty flags for their hits, yet still receive a hefty fine a few days later.

This has brought some players, like Pittsburgh’s Troy Polamalu, to accuse the NFL of having no interest for its players, only in money.

That much isn’t for me to decide. However, I feel that the very essence of the game is being sucked out of it by Goodell and his cronies.

If players are afraid to hit the quarterback or be overly physical on the ball carrier, you will see form tackling almost disappear in this league. Some would say that it already has.

Soon there will be no more defense in the National Football League, and 60-50 scores will become commonplace.

I’m very sorry to say it, though I have heard comments from many who share my sentiment. The National Football League is slowly but surely going to the dogs.

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## Oreos are victorious

By Tyler Ashley  
Assistant Editor

Three teams played on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and one team emerged champions of Georgia Highlands' Intramural 3-on-3 basketball.

Since the Celtics had previously been thrown out of competition, the second place Oreos and the third place Spurs played the first game to see who would play the first place team, Obama All-Stars, in the championship game.

The first game started off with Luke Allmon scoring three points, but quickly the Oreos battled back to lead at the half 38-22.

After the half, the Oreos continued their scoring to final-

ly top the Spurs 91-54.

The highlights of the game were Beau Brown scoring 38 personal points to help his team's victory and Chase Benton scoring 30 personal points.

Then the Oreos were back on the court to face the Obama All-Stars in the championship game.

The Oreos moved energetically on the court and were able to top the Obama-All Stars by one point at the half 39-38.

A lot of action in the paint led to battling for points after the half, and the Oreos finally clinched the championship with a 78-65 victory over the Obama All-Stars.

The Oreos met two teams on the court and prevailed both times to become champions.



Photo by Tyler Ashley

The Oreos stand victorious with (from left) Corey Pitts, Matt Gore, Beau Brown and DeMaurius Morgan.



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Corey Pitts (center) of the Oreos jumps to connect the shot as (from left) Nick Rucker, Maddrick Long and Tyson Henderson of the Obama All-Stars look on.

## Intramural Awards Luncheon

When: Dec. 3

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Where: Gym lobby

Awards will be given to anyone who has participated in a championship team or has reached his or her goal in the FIT program. All intramural participants are welcomed to attend and lunch will be provided.