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Team Jäger Bombs of the Cartersville campus take second.

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Cartersville campus to get new building

By Audrey Helms
Staff Writer

Currently, a new student life building for the Cartersville campus is in the design phase of its construction. The building could reach completion as early as fall of 2012.

The process began roughly a year ago, with students surveyed about their approval of a \$100 per semester fee to support the building. The Board of Regents also had to approve the fee. The fee made its first appearance on student bills this se-

mester. "Once the fee was approved, it was a green light all the way," John Spranza, the director of student life, explained.

At this point in the development, the design committee is "actively seeking student input," as far as what facilities the building will include, said Carolyn Hamrick, director of the Cartersville campus. Some features that could be included are recreational areas, student lounge areas, a gym with locker rooms and possibly outdoor sports areas. "It will not be a traditional

classroom building," Hamrick said, but instead will be a fully operational student center.

"Student input in the initial stages is important in order to get students what they want," Hamrick said. The student body will be surveyed to determine what they want.

Spranza said that "while we can't please everybody, the building will work best with opinions from the majority."

A design committee comprised of students, faculty and staff has been formed. The student's role

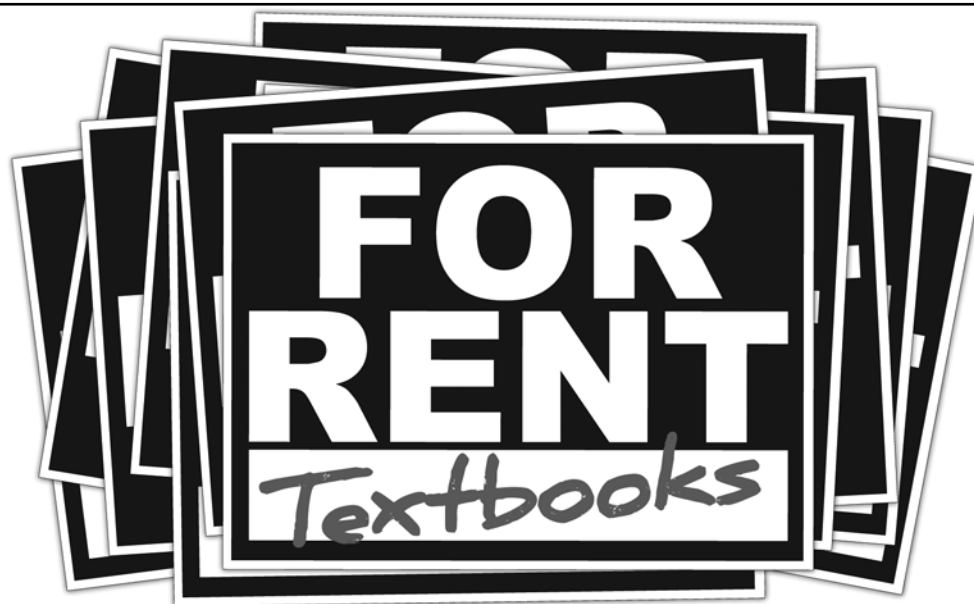
"is to voice the students' perspective, making sure the rest of the committee gets student input on design," said Spranza.

While construction dates remain subject to change, basic timelines have been formed. "We're still in the design phase, but it's coming along pretty well. The architects want to get to the point where they can start designing the blueprints before fall semester ends because we lose the ability to have the committee meetings with the students after the break," said Spranza.

Construction may begin as early as fall of 2011.

Several measures will be taken to prevent vandalism within the building. Hamrick disclosed that "staff members and student workers will be present within the building and the Office of Student Life will be close by." Spranza added that electronics such as cameras paired with T.V.s will provide safety and security in the building.

The building will be located between the main campus road and the front student parking lot.



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GHC and KSU partnership provides new 2+2 program for early childhood ed majors

By Lorraine Rebuelta
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College and Kennesaw State University (KSU) have forged a new partnership leading to a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Cathy Ledbetter, director of GHC's Paulding site, and Anita Vanbrackle, professor of elementary and special education at Kennesaw State, have finalized the 2+2 program, a new addition for both GHC and KSU students at the Paulding campus.

If students start out at GHC and are majoring in early childhood education, they can take the recommended classes at GHC for the first two years. Then, during their last semester, the students should apply for graduation from GHC and admission to the KSU Teacher Education Program.

After being accepted into the KSU Teacher Education Program, students can continue to take classes on the Paulding campus through the KSU Extension. They will end up with an associate degree from GHC and a bachelor's degree from KSU in early childhood education.

The main benefit of the KSU Extension is that students will be able to stay local to finish their degree. GHC students will be provided with the same course work as the KSU students. Vanbrackle said, "What's important is for the students to feel the warmth and welcoming at this site. You walk into these doors and it's a comfortable environment."

Vanbrackle and Ledbetter are both very excited and upbeat about this new program and cannot wait to see the results. "Providing education to the community is the most important thing. That's what we're both all about," said Vanbrackle.

Plans are now in the works to create a scholarship for students attending the Paulding campus in the 2+2 program.

Graduation changes considered by the Office of the President

By Kim Riggins
Staff Writer

Discussions are underway about possible changes in the GHC graduation ceremony, according to Randy Pierce, GHC president.

Unlike many other schools, Georgia Highlands holds only one annual graduation ceremony at the end of each spring term. Pierce said, "In an effort to try to give everyone the opportunity to walk across the stage at the time he or she actually graduates, it would make sense to have more than one ceremony."

Also, currently Georgia Highlands' graduation ceremonies are held at the Forum in Rome.

Space at the Forum, however, is quickly running out. "The Forum has been great, but when we start getting too large for that, where do we go?" Pierce asked.

He noted that having more than one ceremony per year would reduce the number of students actually walking at each event. That might make it possible to bring graduation back to the Floyd campus. "We could do the ceremony in the gym," Pierce said.

There is also talk of having the graduation cer-

emony at different campuses. More than half of the current student body at Georgia Highlands does not reside in Rome. "The most logical thing to do is move it around," Pierce said.

The possibility of moving graduation out of the Forum and onto other campuses could also be more cost effective for the college because of the money that would be saved from not having to rent the Forum.

Pierce pointed out that nursing graduates make up close to half of the graduating body. "One thought is to create smaller ceremonies and maybe have the nursing pinning ceremony and graduation separate," he said. First-year nursing student Lara Babb said, "The pinning ceremony is the most important part for nursing students, so combining the two would be fine."

Currently graduation is handled through the Office of the President, and while Pierce emphasized that the discussions concerning graduation are just "thoughts" so far, one change will move graduation planning to a committee of the college's faculty and staff. "In order to involve more people, we've made it a committee of the college," Pierce said.

Highlands Happenings

B2B visits Birmingham

By M. Davis and R. Rogers

Brother 2 Brother (B2B) went to Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 30 to visit important historical sites related to the Civil Rights Movement.

They visited the 16th Street Baptist Church, where four young girls were killed after a bombing, and Kelly Ingram Park, where student protestors were attacked with fire hoses. The organization also went to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

B2B, which is active on all campuses, is a student organization for young, male college students in the African-American and Latino communities. It provides leadership training as well as campus and community service opportunities.

Students participate in philosophical forum

By Judson Hartline

"Does God exist?" Psi Beta held an open discussion forum on this question on the Floyd Campus Oct. 28.

Forty-six people attended, including some members of the Berry College

Philosophy Society and students from Shorter College.

Joseph Johnson III, a student of both the Floyd and Cartersville campuses, along with being dual-enrolled at Shorter College, was the only student to provide a presentation. However, several people took up the microphone in order to debate the subject of God, using a number of philosophical arguments.

Psi Beta will be holding another forum on Nov. 18 with the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Straight Alliance entitled "It Gets Better." The forum will be on the Floyd Campus in the Lakeview Auditorium at 6 p.m.

GHC alumna exhibits art

By Casey Bass

Georgia Highlands College alumna Atteka Abdou's works are currently on display in the Lakeview Art Gallery on the Floyd Campus. Her art has been featured at the Georgia Aquarium, the 3rd Ward Art Gallery in Brooklyn, Laconia Art Gallery in Boston and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Washington, D.C. Students and others can view the exhibition until Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Financial aid problems linked to processing delays

**By Leanna Gable
Staff Writer**

One of the most prominent questions in the minds of students at GHC this semester concerns the financial aid verification process and why it takes so long.

According to Angelica Mosley, financial aid counselor, she is responsible for all of the financial aid verifications processed by GHC each semester.

That totals up to approximately 1,400 students, but due to the need to occasionally repeat verification for a student who made an error, she has some repeats.

She stated that she processed over 2,000 verifications for fall semester.

This process is all completed by one person, said Mosley, because this method makes it "easier to keep centralized."

Students are required to prove that the information entered on their tax returns and the FAFSA form is accurate.

The process acts as a filter to ensure that government funds are not being misallocated.

After the student has been selected for verification, he or she is required to submit a signed copy of either his or her tax forms or a signed transcript available from the IRS, as well as proof of income such as alimony or child support.

Sometimes a professional decision has to be made on behalf of the college and the student, and with only one person making those decisions, it cuts down on confusion, Mosley said.

According to Mosley, financial aid verification is a process that the federal government mandates as a requirement for financial aid money from the government.

Approximately 30 percent of students are required to submit verification by the federal government.

GHC goes a step further by selecting additional students for verification accord-

ing to information on the FAFSA. When a student submits a FAFSA to GHC, a flag appears on that FAFSA and GHC is required to verify the financial aid information.

This means that even after filing a tax return and not getting audited, a student has one more federal tax hoop to jump through if he or she wants financial aid for school.

The process is supposed to be completely random, but Mosley states that "there are triggers to selection." Some of these triggers include an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of zero and students who report paying as much in taxes as was made in the tax year.

The verification process should take approximately four to six weeks to complete.

However, some students were not informed that they had been selected until the last week of July. Mosley says that the transition to direct lending as well as some

other "changes made this year were just discovered" and there was not more time to inform the students.

Ron Shade, vice president for student services, confirms the information given by Mosley.

He said, "We keep the majority of the decisions under one person to reduce the chance of errors. We realize that as our student population grows we will need to incorporate the service of additional staff-but will only do so with great care."

Mosley said that the process should become quicker in the next year or two because FAFSA is working on a system that will allow students to download information directly from a tax return into the FAFSA form.

Shade said, "We believe that the changes we have made, and continue to make this year, will help us run much more efficiently in the next financial aid year."

Haley Hooks, director of financial aid at Darton College, says that for students

at that college, the Financial Aid Office can show students what is called a "time line" of the verification process in order to show how much time certain aspects of the verification took.

According to Hooks, students at Darton College also see their financial aid funds deposited in their college accounts on registration day, the day before drop/add begins.

Hooks also states that "no financial aid office is perfect" and that due to the state of the economy, their college has enrolled "1,000 more students in the past two years."

She adds that despite the fact that there are fewer people in the financial aid offices of every college right now, the issues at Georgia Highlands "sound like something internal."

Mosley encourages students who need assistance with either the FAFSA or financial aid issues to contact the Office of Financial Aid to receive assistance.

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SEC approves \$50 athletics fee 9 to 3

By Dana Hogan
Staff Writer

The Student Engagement Council (SEC) voted 9-3 in favor of a new \$50 per semester intercollegiate athletics fee at its Oct. 29 meeting.

This fee, set to be implemented in fall 2011, will allow Georgia Highlands College to hire an athletic director and coaches and also cover any equipment and uniforms needed for students.

Beginning in fall 2011, according to Ron Shade, vice president for student services, GHC plans to add men's and women's intercollegiate teams. The initial sport is yet to be decided. In the future, other sports will be added, each with a men's and women's team, Shade said.

There is also a plan to acquire a van that will shuttle students to games from all six campuses. Students will not have to pay an admission fee to get in to the

games, but visitors will be charged a small fee.

SEC representative Mike Geibel reported that a lot of students strongly opposed this fee. However, SEC Chair Courtney Coen wants GHC students to know that the SEC does not take these decisions lightly. She said, "I promise that if we thought the fee was not beneficial to students and to the future of GHC that we would not approve it." She hopes that having an athletics program will attract more students

and offer current students more activities to participate in.

Although the SEC has approved this fee, it is not yet official. The final decision will be made during the December Board of Regents meeting.

The SEC serves as the student government body of GHC. It is comprised of GHC students who serve as either club or organization representatives or members-at-large representatives.

Members-at-large repre-

sentatives do not have any affiliations with clubs. Their job is to represent the general student population.

The SEC reviews and votes on major issues that concern GHC students, such as whether or not new fees should be implemented. It is also responsible for distributing student activity funds.

The SEC holds meetings every other Friday from 11 a.m. to noon, and these meetings are open to any and all GHC students.

Students travel with Study Abroad program

By Leanna Gable
Staff Writer

The Study Abroad Program gives GHC students the opportunity to see other parts of the world as well as earn college credits and life experience.

In May 2010, the Study Abroad Program visited Costa Rica, known as "the happiest country on earth." The country is about the same size as Virginia and boasts attractions such as beaches, hiking and rich culture.

In Maymester of 2010, the Study Abroad Program also visited the European cities of London, Paris, Lucerne, Florence and Rome.

Darrell Sorrells, who attended the European trip last year says that the trip was a "great experience" overall. Sorrells said that the trips really "brings history alive through getting to see things that you have heard about and seen pictures of."

He said his two favorite cities were Rome and London. Sorrells stated that when visiting Rome, he really felt an "awareness of how really old it is" and the "kinship" he felt in London allows him to "relate" to the origins of America.

According to the new Director of Global Initiatives

and Study Abroad, Bronson Long, there will be three study abroad opportunities in 2011. For the first time, a spring break trip to Costa Rica will be offered, as well as Maymester trips to Spain and Europe.

The European trip will visit the northern European cities of London, Brussels, The Hague and Amsterdam.

Some college courses also offer credit for these trips. The Costa Rica trip offers Human Communications and Studies in Humanities/Intercultural Communication credits, the Spain trip offers Elementary Spanish I and Human Communications credits, and the Europe trip offers Global Issues and Interdis-

ciplinary Studies credits. Students are not required to take these credit classes in order to go on the trips.

The trips average 9-10 days and cost between \$2,100 and \$3,278 depending on which trip each student chooses. These prices include round-trip airfare, accommodations, two meals per day and guided tours.

Long stated that he would like to "encourage students to get involved."

Sign-ups have already started for these trips. Long is currently "trying to drum up support" for the trips by offering information sessions on all campuses. More information can be found at <http://www.usg.edu/oie/catalog/> where a complete trip listing can also be found.



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A group of GHC students & staff stand in front of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy during the May 2010 trip.

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American is not the universal language

There are many benefits of learning a foreign language in a multilingual world

¡Hola! ¿Cómo estas?

Many students and teachers alike may not have understood the first couple sentences ("Hello! How are you?"). That's because they were written in Spanish.

Imagine for a moment that the first sentences were not written in an editorial to make a point but rather spoken all around you. As the immigrant populations increase, so does the use of their languages. It is wise to learn a foreign language in order to avoid a language barrier. While Spanish is one of the most rapidly expanding languages in

the United States, others include Mandarin, German and Portuguese.

In a November 2010 report, the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) said, "In the increasingly interconnected world of the 21st century, Americans must be able to communicate effectively in English and other world languages." This is very true. Countries around the world are teaching English to students of all ages because they understand the importance of being able to communicate.

According to the same report from CAL, the op-

portunities to learn foreign languages that are presented to American students have declined.

It is not enough to have the world speak our language. We must share the responsibility in creating multilingual world citizens and teach our young people other languages as well.

Being able to communicate with people of other countries and cultures is not the only benefit of learning a foreign language. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACFTL) says that learning a second language

has positive effects on intellectual growth, improves understanding of one's own language and helps students become more understanding and accepting of other cultures. Foreign language skills also look great on resumes.

Learning a foreign language may not seem to be the easiest of tasks or even fit into a class schedule, but it is definitely worth a try.

Students do not have to sit in a classroom to learn a language. They can participate in study abroad. Study abroad programs are a great way

to learn a new language because they immerse the student in the culture and language.

Other ways to learn a new language include programs like Rosetta Stone, the "Spanish for Dummies" book (available in other languages beside Spanish) and other self-teaching materials found at local bookstores.

GHC also offers a Spanish course open to the community through its continuing education program.

¡Adios, mis amigos! Oh...that means "Goodbye, my friends!" See, you're learning already.

Take time to stop and see the galaxy

As we are fast approaching both the holiday season and the end-of-semester exams, it is easy to become drained.

Everyone deals with stress in his or her own way, but there may be an unorthodox solution. We often get into such a hurry this time of year that we forget to stop and take a breath, to consider the wonder of the things around us.

One of the biggest benefits of living in this part of the country during the winter months is the crystal clear nights we enjoy, which, of course, give us



Editor's Box

Ross Rogers
Assistant Editor

a magnificent view of the cosmos. To be able to stop and consider that each of us, on an atomic level, is connected to those shimmering lights that fill the night sky is a wondrous gift indeed.

We, as humans, are part of something inconceivably large and full of beauty, the infinite universe around

us.

We need not stop for a long time to indulge in the view.

Just a few brief moments of solitude in our own backyard is enough to help us remember that while our problems may at times seem insurmountable, they really are small on a cosmic scale.

Six Mile Post October Online Poll results:

Poll Question: "Student Engagement Council is being asked to vote on a \$50 per semester fee to support intercollegiate athletics coming to Georgia Highlands. Do you support this fee?"

70% NO

25% YES

5% Don't Care

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It's not nerdy to recycle

Guess what? I like to recycle.

I think it's a good thing for the environment. I realize that this is a pretty gutsy thing to admit, but I am swallowing my pride and doing it anyway.

Recycling really shouldn't be that big of a deal. The fact that someone wants to throw certain trash items in a different container really is not a reason to ridicule that person. In fact, it might make more sense to learn from those actions.

That could be asking a little too much. I'm in no way saying that I am a role model because I care about the Earth, but I am saying that it is really obnoxious to have my friends threatening to throw away an aluminum can in a regular trash can just because they think my concern is funny.

In case you haven't noticed, Georgia Highlands has recycle bins. There are quite a few of them, and they are conveniently placed next to trash cans around campus.

Despite this fact, there still seem to be a lot of bottles and cans still tossed into the trash cans. Apparently sign observation isn't too high on most students' priority lists.

It should be, though. I understand that not everyone wants to take the time to sort papers, plastics and metals at home. However, when all that is required is to simply throw something into a different bucket, there really is no good reason not to, especially when



The Soap Box

Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

recycling has so many proven benefits.

Besides the obvious benefits to society, recycling also has financial benefits. Both cities and companies have found that they saved millions of dollars by switching to recycling techniques. Recycling also creates jobs, which is something that

many of us are hoping for in today's economy.

So, basically, just understand that recycling is a good thing, and it's not that hard to do. And those of us promoting it aren't trying to be elitist tree-huggers; we just want the Earth to be a clean and happy place for future generations.

Everyone deserves respect

The past few weeks have been very hard for me. Several young people have taken their lives because of bullying. Their only crime was being of a different sexual orientation than what is accepted by society as normal. It is 2010 and people still cannot accept others that are different than they are. This makes my heart heavy, and I hope that it does yours too.

The Miriam-Webster Dictionary defines tolerance "as a sympathy or



Living Life

Christie Hufstetler Boyd
Staff Writer

indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own." I am so thankful that I grew up in a family that exposed me to the wider world and that we had friends from all walks of life and countries far from the small enclave we lived in on Sand Mountain in Rainsville, Ala.

I was raised to look at the person, not his or her ethnicity, color, creed, or anything else that made

the person different than us. Everyone was accepted at our dinner table, and a world view was presented that made us all feel part of one family, the human family.

I have many friends and some family members who would fit the description of having a different sexual orientation. Do I love them any less? A resounding, "No!" is my cry.

Have my friends or family members been dis-

criminated against; yes, I'm sure they have. It's not a subject that is talked about often. Perhaps the time has come for discussions.

If you are a student at GHC, I would urge you to become a member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance. This is a recognized organization at GHC. There you will find support and knowledge about the differences in orientation.

If you cannot attend the meetings, you may follow the organization online at their website, <http://www.highlands.edu/subwebs/glbts/minutes.html>. This organization is for everyone. You may also

follow the organization on Facebook. GLBTSA is also found on Twitter. Things will get better as you get older. The friends you make will accept you one day for who you are.

As far as I know, no one has been discriminated against at GHC. But if you have had problems at school, visit a meeting of the GLBTSA and get support from people who accept you for who you are.

I urge everyone to spend their time in college learning about other cultures and expanding their horizons and practicing tolerance. In the meantime you will find me...Living Life with people from all walks of life and loving them for who they are.

Letters to the Editor

Walk on

Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed reading the article on "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and seeing the picture on the front of the newspaper. It was hilarious to see men walking in their high heels. I was also informed by the article that the benefit was for abuse. I am so glad I read this article because for so long I thought the walk was for breast cancer awareness. I was really impressed to find out so many Georgia Highlands students

participated in the walk. The article and picture make me wish I could have made it to the event. Thanks for covering the walk for those who could not make it.

Heather Hufstetler
Education
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Parking woes

Dear Editor:

The number one complaint heard around the Paulding campus

is the parking lot and the immediate area around it.

The parking at the campus and the campus building are separated by a road. Students crossing this road have no crosswalk to reach the building, allowing any police officer who wishes the opportunity to give a student a ticket for jaywalking. Also, cars do not have to stop for students crossing the road. There have also been many days when there have been no parking spots available. Perhaps something can be mentioned to the city DOT about painting crosswalks and al-

lowing students that are in the crosswalk the right of way.

The situation involving the lack of parking spaces is a little more tricky to solve. There is very little space for expansion unless the laundry shop next to the parking lot is purchased, demolished and turned into more parking. These are just suggestions, and I hope that something will be done or considered to help the parking situation.

Brandon Allen
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Photo by Andrew Calvert

Rebecka Cann paints her pet rock at the Floyd Campus.

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Fall Frenzy 2010



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

The Lloyd Dobler Effect performs for GHC students and staff at the Cartersville campus.

LEFT: Travis Self climbs the rock wall on the Douglasville site.
Photo by Casey Bass

ROCKS!

Fall Frenzy had a GHC Rocks theme for 2010. There was a rock climbing wall, pet rock decorating and other rock-themed activities at all campuses and instructional sites. The Office of Student life is in charge of organizing Fall Frenzy each year, and several student organizations help by hosting activities for everyone to participate in. Fall Frenzy is paid for by the student activity fee.



Photo by Casey Bass

Jasmine Spells makes a wax hand at the Douglasville site.



Photo by Star-Asia Melendez

Students decorate pet rocks at the Marietta site.

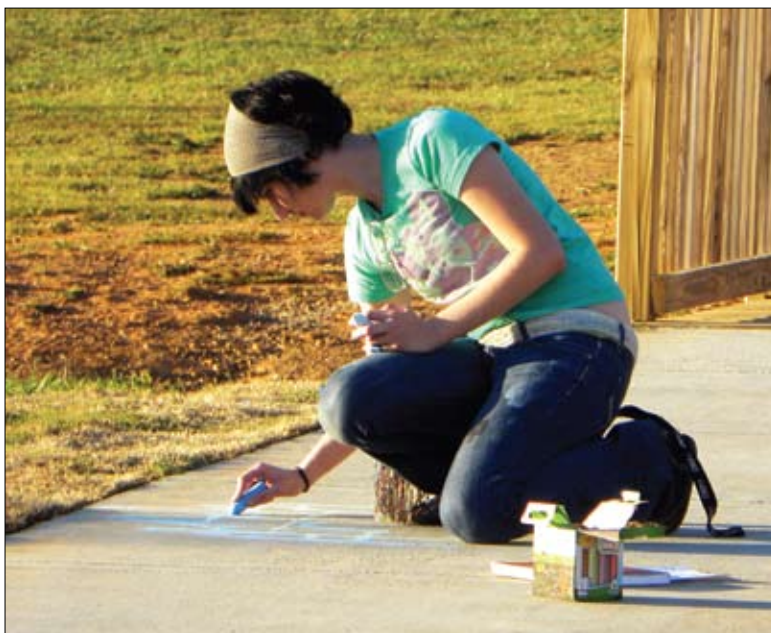


Photo by Tatiana Smithson

Krista Green decorates the sidewalk with chalk at the Cartersville campus.



Photo by Andrew Calvert

RIGHT: Kyle Morris climbs the rock wall at the Floyd Campus.

GHC student earns semester with Disney

Alison Fuller is bound for The Magic Kingdom

By Kim Riggins
Staff Writer

When Georgia Highlands graphic art and design major Alison Fuller received her confirmation e-mail from the Disney College Program in early September, there was no small amount of celebrating in that household.

"I just screamed for my mom," Fuller laughed.

The program, which was initially founded in 1981 to recruit employees for Disney theme parks, plays host each year to about 7,000 students, both domestic and international, who are pursuing a possible career with the company.

"[The students] will have a schedule to network and also attend sessions with our Disney professionals,"

said Wayne Hampton, a recruiter for the program. "Some of the courses can also qualify as college credit. The program is a semester long so it's almost like a study abroad program for the students."

For Fuller, it is like a dream come true.

"I've always been interested in Disney. My cousin used to work at Disney World and I thought it would be really cool to work there. While I was researching, I found out about the program."

Although she will be working full-time in housekeeping, Fuller confesses, "I think it would be fun to be one of the characters and greet little kids when they come in." The program runs from Jan. 19 to Aug. 4.

While students do not get specific technical training, Hampton says that students who apply for the Disney Professional Internship will have a higher chance of qualifying if they have participated in the college program.

"Some of the professional internships require participation in the college internship," Hampton said.

Fuller, who has been interested in art since she was old enough to ask her mother for some scrap paper in church, isn't the only one thrilled about the six month trip to Orlando.

"[My parents] are really excited," she says. "My dad keeps telling me that it's a great opportunity and there's family down there if I need someone."



Contributed photo.

Mark Gatesman

Mark Gatesman finds his place at Georgia Highlands College

By Lorraine Rebuelta
Staff Writer

"I was the guy who would speak to elderly women on the phone and place their clothing orders," said Mark Gatesman describing his worst job.

Now in his fourth year as a librarian at Georgia Highlands, Gatesman works at the Marietta, Paulding and Douglasville sites.

Since kindergarten, Gatesman dreamt of becoming a history teacher. However, after attending North Clairing High School and Clairing University in Western Pennsylvania, his dreams changed. With one semester remaining before graduating college, a professor sat him down to discuss what he could do with his degree.

Mark weighed the options of being a historian, working in business or law or being a librarian. Due to previous experience as a librarian, that is exactly what he chose.

Before Gatesman made his mark on the GHC staff he had experienced previous jobs that were not in his domain. He said that his worst job was working for a catalog company named Blaire. He often received calls from elderly women from places he had never heard of, such as Dallas, Ga., where he now lives.

On Oct. 2, 2006, Gatesman not only celebrated his wife's birthday, but he also celebrated his first day on the job working for GHC.

Gatesman enjoys his current job far beyond his previous ones. He could not name one negative aspect of the job he has right now.

Gatesman said, "This may sound a little corny, but I enjoy the feeling of satisfaction whenever I truly help out a student or staff member with what they are looking for."

Mark Gatesman takes pride in his job and more than anything wants to help those who need help in the library. He has graduated from college and found a job he loves, but those are not the most important accomplishments to Gatesman. "The accomplishment I am most proud of is my marriage," he said.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Fuller displays one of her own creations, a new take on the classic Disney adaptation of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland."

Mail carrier delivers 'Endless Lies'

By Michael Davis
Editor

Is David Lindsey just a small town mail carrier or the next big author?

Lindsey, an alumnus of Georgia Highlands, has recently published his first book, "Endless Lies: Murder in a Small Town." The book, said Lindsey, is "borrowed from fact and folded in with fiction."

Lindsey was born in Cedartown in 1958. He was out of school for 11 years before deciding to finish his education. He left GHC in 1991 and graduated from the University of West Georgia in 1994 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

After graduation, Lindsey looked for jobs as a US Marshall, a postal inspector and other various jobs his degree related to. He applied for entry into the Associate

Supervisor Program with the postal service several times and was denied each time. Lindsey finally asked what he was doing wrong and if he could do anything to fix it. They responded by saying, "You can't write a narrative paragraph." He showed them.

"Never let yourself be limited by what someone else says you can't do."

-David Lindsey

Lindsey began playing around with the idea of writing a novel in 1998. He would write for a couple weeks and stop for weeks or months at a time. An idea would come to him, and he would be back at the keyboard for another couple of weeks and stop again. In the end it took him six years to write the book.

Only Lindsey's family had read the book when his friend, Jane Ott, convinced him to let her read it. After reading it, she pushed him to get it published.

He sent excerpts from

the book to Publish America, and they wanted to read the whole thing. After receiving the entire manuscript Publish America decided to publish his book. From the time he sent them the excerpts, it took about five months to publish, and in March 2010 the book was hot off the press.

Lindsey said the hardest part of writing this book was his own self-doubt and getting discouraged. To deal with this, he adapted the motto "Winners never quit and quitters never win" into his own mantra- "Never let yourself be limited by what someone else says you can't do."

Lindsey said he has many memories from GHC and enjoyed his time here. He said one of his best teachers here was Eileen Walker because she was straightforward with him and gave him good advice.

Another book is already in the works—"Echo of Deception." Lindsey said it involves the same characters that are in the first book and



Photo by Michael Davis

David Lindsey browses through his book in the courtyard on the GHC Floyd campus.

is written in a similar fashion. He said that this book will be more complicated and will involve several different storylines.

Lindsey has this piece of advice for students to apply to all their future endeavors: "If it's really what you want to do, don't let someone tell

you that you can't do it." He said to anyone wanting to write, "Write what you know."

To read a review of the book, please see page 12.

Youngblood is keeping it fun

By Amanda Ray
Staff Writer

"When work looks like play" is how Megan Youngblood, the new assistant director of student life, describes her position at the Cartersville campus.

She has worked in the Office of Student Life for almost eight weeks now, with Nov. 1 being her two-month anniversary at GHC.

Youngblood helped with both the Dennis Haskins show and the Hana Pestle performance. Both activities were planned before she arrived here, but she oversaw both events at the Cartersville campus.

Youngblood also did a break-out session on "per-

sonality inventory" at the Charge into Leadership Conference sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

Her two personally planned functions were Fall Frenzy and the Volunteer Fair.

Youngblood really enjoys working at GHC. She said, "I absolutely love the students here, absolutely. They are supportive of each other and of me and willing to take leaps for one another."

She went on to say, "Everything we do here is fun. Out of all my friends, I have the fun job where it's not always just work, not always the yucky stuff."

Alicia Akins, one of Youngblood's student workers, who has worked for her



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Megan Youngblood

since August, said, "Megan is a really outgoing, funny, interactive and patient person. Even though there is a lot going on, she still makes it fun and interesting!"

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'Endless Lies: Murder in a Small Town'

A book review

By Michael Davis
Editor

"Endless Lies: Murder in a Small Town" is quite possibly the best book I have read from an author I never heard of.

I decided to read this book for a review and to write a feature on the author, David Lindsey, because he was an alumnus of GHC. I am really glad I did.

"Endless Lies" is based on events that occurred in Lindsey's small town of Cedartown while he was growing up. The main character, Derek Lancy, came back home to open a small private investigation service in the town he grew up in. What he didn't know was that his new job would change his life. He was thrust into a race to find answers to "endless lies."

I knew from reading the back cover synopsis that this was going to be a good read. From the time I picked up the book, I was sucked into



Photo by Michael Davis

David Lindsey

the storyline. With its constant action and page-turning mystery, this is a book that is hard to put down.

I was so involved in the book that I actually thought that it was based on some shady events from my own family history; that turned out not to be the case. It just goes to show how well Lindsey's book reaches out, grabs the reader and doesn't let go until the end. After I finished the book, I found myself wanting more, wondering what was next in Derek Lancy's life.

I am absolutely amazed that this is Lindsey's first book and look forward to reading anything else he produces.

To rent my textbook or not to rent my textbook, that is the question

The pros and cons of renting textbooks

By Hayden Jones
Staff Writer

Even with scholarship money, buying textbooks can leave students with empty pockets by the end of the semester.

Students, in an attempt to save money, are now faced with the question of whether they should buy or rent their textbooks.

The pre-calculus book used in most college GHC algebra classes can cost up to \$166.88 if bought new on Chegg.com, a well-known website for renting and selling textbooks. But if this same book were rented, it would only cost \$51.66.

When renting a book, the disadvantages must be taken into consideration. Although the cost of the book drops considerably, students are only allotted so many days to keep the book.

The student will be charged the full price if the

book is damaged or lost. Also, the student will be responsible for shipping the book back before it is due.

Despite the disadvantages, some students may find that the reduced price makes renting the best option for them. Also, at the end of the semester, students do not have to worry about selling the book back in an attempt to make the money to cover the original cost of the book purchase.

Shelby Gibbs, a Medical Technician student on the Floyd campus, stated, "I have both rented and bought textbooks. I like renting them better because you don't have to worry about trying to resell them at the end of the semester. You just send them back to the place you rented them from."

Buying textbooks from a bookstore or website also has its disadvantages.

Some books can cost more than \$150. At the end

of the semester, selling books can be a frustrating process because they are bought back at a significantly lower price.

Even though actually purchasing books may be expensive, some choose to do so. If students own the book, they are free to highlight or write notes in the textbook. Also, the book is the student's to keep, which allows the student to have the book for future reference in other classes.

Haley Middleton, an accounting major who attends the Floyd campus, commented, "I wanted to buy my books so that I could write my own notes in them. I also would like to be able to keep some of the books if I wanted to look back through them in the future."

The Georgia Highlands College bookstore, under new management, will be offering the option to rent textbooks.

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Student parents deal with stress too

By Neen Snowball
Staff Writer

The holiday season and finals are just around the corner. Getting ready for the holidays and trying to get a few hours of study time can be overwhelming for any student, especially students who are also parents.

Being a student parent is very demanding. For example, many young or single student parents have full-time jobs to compensate for the costs of child care. Throw in a few college courses along with holiday stress, and the result can be very devastating.

"Being a young mom, working full time and going

to school is tough. Sometimes you don't think you can make it, but keep your head up! It's all about balance and having your priorities in order," said Grace Holder, a nursing student at the Floyd campus.

Prioritizing can also mean sacrificing certain things. Holder had to drop from being a full-time student to being a part-time student. She has found it better to drop a class or two in order to alleviate the feeling of being overwhelmed instead of letting the stress lead to dropping out of school altogether.

"It's all about balance, knowing where your priorities are. Your reasoning for

being in school and the order of your priorities help to alleviate unnecessary stress," said David Weaver, a Georgia Highlands' student and a father of a 16-year-old.

Developing a regular daily schedule and following that schedule can make things easier.

Katie Shetter, a full-time student and a mother of an 18-month-old, only has time for homework and studying when her baby goes to bed. To make sure she has enough time for her school work, she has set her baby's bedtime for 8 p.m. and sticks to that schedule.

"Even though it's tough now, it'll be worth it in the long run," she said.

How do you study for exams?



"I wait like the day before and find a study partner."

Shaquasia Marshall
Nursing
Marietta

"I go over old tests and make up a new quiz with all the important questions."

Wesley Williams
Business
Marietta



"I cram the course onto flash cards and listen to Bjork."

Alex Brown
General Studies
Marietta

"Study in the library with relaxing music and go to a tutor."

Damali Renous
Nursing
Marietta



"I start like two weeks ahead and try to get everything that's easy to do done and over with."

Vica Myers
Chemical Engineering
Marietta/ Paulding

Don't stress over studying

By Danielle Donaldson
Staff Writer

The most stressful time of year for students is during finals. When it comes to studying, some students procrastinate because "fear and anxiety make them hold off on studying," said Sheryl McKinney, director of student support services.

McKinney is there for students who need study tips and stress management advice, such as whether it would be best to use note cards or how to break down study time.

McKinney suggests that it is best to plan ahead of time what needs to be studied and what days are best to study. To make it easier to plan, have an organizer to know which days are for studying.

McKinney stresses that it is best to break down study time. To help manage the time that is spent studying, set an alarm to go off after 30 minutes of studying and then take a short break. McKinney recommends walking outside for fresh air or meeting up with some friends for coffee.

Sophomore Audrey Blair said, "I generally set aside a day just for studying. Starbucks is my favorite place to relax and study, while I sip on a drink. I also allow myself to take a few breathers, so I don't drive myself up the wall!"

To help lower stress, McKinney suggests that students avoid procrastination so that they will not have to worry about not having enough time to study.

Having a place that is

comfortable to study is very helpful as well.

"Well, when I have to study for finals, I usually sit outside and study. I have to be away from everything so that I can concentrate," said sophomore Rebecca Sanchez.

Choosing the right time of day to study is important too, because "some study better in the morning or in the evening," said McKinney. McKinney also recommends students ask their teachers where their grade stands in the classroom.

McKinney says that during the three weeks before finals, colorful sheets of paper with studying and stress management tips will be made available on all GHC campuses. "Students should also go to the tutorial center for help," said McKinney.

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Holidays bring gifts of box office hits

By Ryan Edelson
Staff Writer

The holidays do not just bring families and friends together. They usually provide some of the year's biggest box office hits.

'Due Date'

Released Nov. 5

"Due Date" is a story about a tightly wound soon-to-be father (Robert Downey Jr.) journeying cross coun-



try to witness his first child's birth and will surely be packed to the brim with all the innuendos and low brow humor that today's movie going masses expect for their \$9.75 a ticket.

It also features the humorous (and I use the word liberally) acting of Zach Galifianakis as a would-be actor, whose hilarity lies in his quirky demeanor and deadpan delivery of the scripts "jokes."

Surely the film, directed by "The Hangover's" Todd Phillips, will have all of its viewers raving and perpetually quoting the same simplistic lines that seem to be all the fashion in today's world of cinema.

'Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows: Part 1'

Releasing Nov. 18

Harry Potter, the J.K. Rowling penned series of



children's fantasy books that have since their creation captured not only the hearts and minds of readers, but the attention of some Hollywood big shots, is coming to an unfortunate close...at least for now.

The first of the two part final installment of the Harry Potter films will bring much needed closure to hundreds of thousands of fans across the globe. While to fans this is a welcome notion, to others it appears to be a desperate scheme to squeeze an extra few dollars out of parents.

Starring the usual cast of Daniel Radcliffe as Harry as well as his loyal sidekick Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson), the group aims to end the series on a joyous note while at the same time attempting to placate the fans with the kind of big budget scenes they would expect from the final Harry Potter film.

While the goal of those involved in its production may be up for debate, the fact remains that it will surely be everything if not more than the fans desire.

'Tron: Legacy'

Releasing Dec. 17

For those that remember the original "Tron," a sci-fi story that at the time of its release in 1982 was unprecedented in terms of astounding visual effects, 28 years later most of the original production team as well as lead actor Jeff Bridges will be picking up where they left off many home video for-

mats ago.

"Tron: Legacy" is about Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund), who must enter the



same computer universe originally created by his father (Jeff Bridges) in the first film, in order to save him from entrapment by a computerized antagonist.

Modern day CGI effects as well as an immense budget will most likely mark this film for an Oscar, at least for visual effects. Mind blowing aesthetics are what's expected by movie goers, and mind blowing aesthetics are what they'll get.



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Floyd campus team takes first place trophy in GHC hosted flag football invitational

By Mike Geibel
Asst. Online Editor

Prestige, the Floyd campus team, won the Small Colleges Intramural Flag Football Invitational hosted by GHC on Saturday, Nov. 6. The Jäger Bombs from Cartersville got the runner-up trophy.

On that cold morning, games were scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run all day until a champion was crowned. The double elimination style bracket meant there could have been as many as nine games throughout the day.

The final tournament field was to consist of four teams, including representatives from Shorter as well as the GHC Floyd, Cartersville and Douglasville campuses. However, the Shorter and Douglasville teams did not show up at the scheduled time, and the championship was decided by a best-of-three match up between the Rome and Cartersville teams.

Both teams appeared to be excited to play for the championship. Prestige wore purple tie-dyed shirts

handmade the night before the tournament by members of the team, while the Jäger Bombs wore their red "Flag Football Champions" shirts from this past regular season.

As the day wore on, the sun began to warm the air, and the wind died down a bit. The players seemed to fall into more of a rhythm and play looser than earlier in the morning.

The students all seemed to enjoy their time playing and getting the chance to compete between campuses, which doesn't happen in regular season intramural play.

By halftime of the first game, a small crowd of on-lookers had begun to gather at the top of the hill near the field. They watched the action while sipping coffee or hot cocoa.

The action was intense for the entire championship match-up.

On the line for the winning team was a championship trophy, as well as T-shirts and GHC-wide bragging rights. In the end, Prestige took the series two games to none.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Chase Patterson (left) of Floyd's Prestige eludes Ryan Howell of the Cartersville Jäger Bombs.



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Prestige's Chris Lowe (center) dodges Justin Howell.

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Varsity athletics just doesn't pay

When I heard about the possibility of varsity sports at Georgia Highlands, I was filled with emotional conflict.

I love sports, and I love GHC, so the idea of combining the two brings me great joy. However, I believe it to be a terrible mistake.

Collegiate athletics are terribly expensive. The initial expenses are obvious: hiring coaches, purchasing uniforms and building facilities.

What isn't obvious is the price of doing business: recruiting, trainers, buying insurance, maintaining facilities and, most importantly, paying for travel.

Funding for collegiate athletics is fourfold—student activity fees, contributions from alumni, ticket

and merchandise sales and supplements from the sports program.

An e-mail poll of students at the end of spring semester said that 60 percent of the student body approved of a \$50 activity fee for sports.

However, many of those students will not be at GHC when these programs are instituted.

Furthermore, my assumption is that a large number of those students had football in mind when answering the survey.

The Student Engagement Council has now voted to approve the fee, with the administration controlling the final decision.

There are enough two-year institutions in the state of Georgia that participate in men's and women's

basketball, baseball and softball to allow GHC to compete solely in the Peach State, but GHC students should understand that football is not an option.

Georgia Military is the only two-year school that fields a football team in the state of Georgia.

GMC's football schedule has them traveling to Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas. The problem, again, is money.

Last semester the Six Mile Post ran a story about the possibility of multiple campus closings, prompting public rallies to save the school.

Rumors flew about which programs would be cut and where students could finish their academic programs.

The Extra Point



Casey Bass
Staff Writer

One semester removed from near financial disaster, the idea of taking on the financial burden of varsity athletics gives me chills.

Last spring's crisis ended with a last minute reprieve from the governor; come January there will be a new governor and a Republican legislature filled with people who were elected promising low taxes and small government.

This is not the time to overreach.

GHC's strength is the faculty, great teachers of towering ability.

Let's take the money earmarked for athletics and invest it in the professors, who deserve all the support they can get.

Oreos capture championship



Photo by Andy Calvert

Demaurius Morgan (center) breaks through Jason McFry (left) and Seth Ingram during the intramural basketball championship on Nov. 3. Morgan was the lead scorer for the Oreos with 18 points. The Oreos defeated the Staff/Faculty team 43-36 in double overtime.

Skiing/Snowboarding course now available for spring semester

By Judson Hartline
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands is once again offering its annual spring semester Skiing/Snowboarding course to all campuses.

This course is offered in both beginner and intermediate levels and has been occurring at the college for 31 years.

It is two-credit hours and averages 40 people a semester, but the class has included up to 80 people.

The main attraction of the course is that most of the class is taught at Appalachian Ski Mountain in North Carolina, where experienced and beginning skiers alike will enjoy the slopes.

Students who take the intermediate class will also ski for two days at Sugar

Mountain.

"It's the most cost effective method of learning to ski or snowboard," says Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education.

Prices range from \$239 to \$603 depending on variables like if student has his or her own ski equipment or arranges his or her own lodgings.

Students register for the spring semester class and then sign up for the trip.

The deadline to sign up for the trip and pay the trip fee is Dec. 6. Students can sign up at the PE building on the Floyd campus or through the Student Life Office at other campuses.

For more information contact Weatherman at kweather@highlands.edu or call him at 706-295-6353 or 706-204-2203.