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Barnes & Noble take over GHC bookstores

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The Georgia Highlands College bookstores are undergoing the process of being privatized.

Barnes & Noble will start providing bookstore services no later than Dec. 1, according to Dr. Wilbur Shuler, vice president of finance.

When Shuler came to GHC in 2004, he was put in charge of the project. "They were working on privatizing the bookstores before I came here," he said.

In all there were four offers: Follet, Nebraska Book Company, College Book Stores of America and Barnes & Noble.

Privatizing the GHC bookstores is no easy process, however, both Barnes & Noble and the state had to accept the contract for the deal to be finalized.

A bookstore committee will be created to oversee the bookstores. The committee will include personnel from the fiscal, academic, technology and student departments and will advise Shuler. The bookstore committee will make sure things run as planned.

There will be several changes as a result of the bookstores being privatized, though not all of them will be visible to the students.

Some changes students will see are the prices. In some cases prices will be comparable to the current prices and in some lower. Shuler said, "The whole process of buying books with financial aid will be a lot more automated and more convenient for us."

Barnes & Noble will be taking over but not accompanied by Starbucks.



Photo by Sam Chapman

Members of BAS dine on pizza at their weekly meeting on Oct. 6 before discussing future fundraising plans for the club.

Alumni resurrect BAS

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The Georgia Highlands College Black Awareness Society (BAS) is back.

After a few years as part of the Cultural Awareness Society (CAS), the organization has returned to its original mission.

The club, first started in 1973, is one of the oldest clubs of the college.

"In the past, it has been a group that has been interested in education and awareness," stated Dr. Jon Hershey, the club's fac-

ulty adviser.

"There was a decision made to change the name to CAS to make it more about different groups," said Hershey, "but students lost interest in it soon after the name was changed."

BAS is a group of students interested in learning about and sharing African-American culture, traditions and history.

BAS is a service organization that has a tradition as one of the most active groups on campus.

Along with Hershey, the club is headed up by two former alumni, Greg Shropshire and Elaina Beeman.

"To my understanding, African Americans make up less than 10 percent of the population here at Georgia Highlands, and it is easy for these students to become alienated," Shropshire said.

He added, "This minority has one of the highest drop-out rates in the nation, and I hope the students here at GHC see this as a vehicle and engage themselves in school to maintain their goal of finishing school or transferring."

This year's officers are Marketia McMichael, president; Alyssa Jackson, vice president; Ahna Dillard, secretary; and Alisha Dixon, treasurer.

"The main benefit of this club was that it created a sense of family," stated Tony Whatley, a former club member and alumnus. "As a club, we bonded, not just bonded but made life-long friendships; this was the only club at the time that was even like that."

Students of all ethnic backgrounds are welcome to join the Black Awareness Society. Meetings are on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in room F-150.

Those interested in more information may contact Hershey at jhershey@highlands.edu for more information.

Town hall meeting gives students insight to college questions



Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Georgia Highlands College, takes questions from students during a town hall meeting in the solarium Sept. 22. Questions ranged from whether the college would become a four-year institution to how the new name for the college was chosen.

Photo by Randie Mayo

Baptist Student Union adviser honored for artwork

Frank Murphy, adviser for the Baptist Student Union for Georgia Highlands College, has been named 2005 artist of the

year by the Rome Area Council for the Arts.

His painting of Ruth and Boaz hangs in the Student Life

Office on the Floyd campus. The painting depicts the biblical story of Boaz, who awakens to find Ruth sleeping at his feet.

Georgia Highlands College offers Marietta classes

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A new option has opened for students living in Cobb, Cherokee and Douglas counties, according to Carolyn Hamrick, coordinator of the Marietta campus of Georgia Highlands College.

Georgia Highlands has reached out to students located in the metropolitan area by opening a campus in Marietta.

“The reason why we established a campus in Marietta is because many of our students come from Cobb County,” said Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs. “North Cobb High School is the sixth largest school for Georgia Highlands College.”

The new campus is currently “sharing space” with Southern Polytechnic State University, a four-year technical school. “Students have access to a full range of facilities,” Hamrick said. “They have access to the school library, health and wellness center, intramural activities and the fraternity.” However, if students wish to participate in recreations at Southern Poly, students will need to pay a \$52 fee, according to John Spranza, director of student life.

“What students may be interested in is the access to the dorms and apartments that are available at Southern Polytechnic,” Hamrick noted.

“Taking classes at Southern

Poly is much more convenient for me. I actually like the bigger campus and the diverse environment. I never feel like I am on another school’s campus. It’s all the same to me,” said Shea Kubik, a business management and accounting major from Woodstock, GA.

The campus offers general education courses such as English, Math and History among others. The available courses are somewhat limited in the sciences. So far, only physical science has been available.

The established campus consists of seven classrooms; five regular rooms and two computer rooms. There are six faculty members who are based in Marietta while other faculty members commute between Cartersville and Marietta. GHC also provides students with admissions, financial aid and tutorial services once a week.

“We are a guest of Southern Polytechnic,” said Carson. “The University System of Georgia provided Southern Polytechnic with money to remodel their classrooms.”

The Marietta campus officially opened on June 6 for the summer session of GHC. Seventy-five students were enrolled for the summer while 550 are currently enrolled for the fall semester.

“The Marietta campus has been going very well,” Carson said. “It has been moving very smoothly.”

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Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English, will present one of the Regents’ Test preparation workshops.

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Awareness needed for smooth transfer

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In a two-year college transfer is inevitable for those seeking four-year degrees. This transition can be either difficult or seamless depending on a few variables.

Georgia Highlands is a member of the University System of Georgia (USG). It is an association of 35 Georgia-based higher learning institutions which enact and follow certain standards. Some prominent nearby members are Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia and Dalton State College.

USG has a policy which governs transfers among its schools that says if a student completes the entire curriculum required in a certain area of the Academic Core (A-F) then the area as a whole may be transferred without question.

If a student completes all the areas, then the associate degree requirements are satisfied and the degree as a whole may be transferred and the student considered a junior.

There are exceptions to this policy. First and foremost, the chosen transfer school must be a member of USG.

Second, the area/degree must be completely satisfied; classes in partially completed areas may or

may not be accepted, depending on the individual school's admission requirements. (A very beneficial source from which to extract this information is the Transfer Equivalency page most colleges maintain on their websites).

Lastly, if the student changes his or her major some additional courses may need to be taken to fulfill requirements.

For example, science majors cannot expect their science classes to transfer as math credits if they switch to a math major.

Eileen Walker, advising specialist, points out that while four-year colleges do not offer a General Studies Major, it is still a good major for GHC students who haven't yet firmly decided on a career. However, General Studies students need to consult carefully with their academic advisers to avoid or minimize any transfer problems.

Two pitfall studies are General Studies and Business Administration. There is no Bachelor's Degree for either course of study and inadvertently students must change their major; this brings them out of the zone of protection from USG's provision.

Walker said that when students run into transfer problems they have at their disposal employees hired for the purpose of



Photo by Randie Mayo

Student Jennifer Carter (right) meets with Advising Specialist Eileen Walker in the Advising Office about courses needed to finish her degree.

easing transfer among USG schools. They are called "ombudspersons" and their contact information can be found at USG's website.

Another problem has been unoffered classes delaying a student's graduation.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs, is aware of the past occurrence of the problem and is focusing her efforts on eliminating it. She as-

serts that across the board degree programs are able to be completed in a timely manner with a measure of planning.

Carson suggests students be aware of the sequence in which classes are offered and also be flexible in registration since some in-demand classes fill up quickly and students may be required to take classes offered at alternate times.

Most students are perfectly

content with the USG transfer program. Andrew Dodd, an art major from Calhoun, said "My math might not transfer [alone], but I know it will transfer if I complete my associate degree."

Brad "Beau" Boddie, a science major from Cedartown, affirms the same sentiment. He said, "I'm most assuredly grateful. If I can't be a Physician's Assistant I can always do Public Health; Georgia State has a great program."

Never too late for a hardship withdrawal

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Hardship withdrawals are special case withdrawals given for non-academic reasons after the mid-term cut off. If a student is withdrawing due to physical injury, family illness or an employer-initiated job change then

the student may submit a written statement of the circumstances which is reviewed by the Office of Academic Affairs.

If the Office of Academic Affairs deems the circumstance a hardship the student will be allowed to file a hardship withdrawal form. It's up to the teacher whether or not to assign the student a W instead of a WF.

Students should normally file for hardship withdrawals no later than a semester after hardship status is sought. Students who wait longer must submit a statement that explains why they could not apply in a timely manner.

For more information go to <http://highlands.edu/academics/academicaffairs/hardship.htm>

Correction

Dr. Marshall Mann's name was misspelled in the September 27 issue of the "Six Mile Post."

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Students must apply early to graduate

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Georgia Highlands College students must apply early in order to avoid graduation delays.

Sherry Beideck, assistant records manager, notes that the individual hour requirements differ for each degree, usually ranging from 65-67 hours. When these requirements are met, an application form may be filed, which is accompanied by a \$20 fee.

The one-page application is easily accessible and may be obtained at any of the Georgia Highlands College student services offices. It is strongly recommended students file the application at the beginning of the semester prior to the semester of

intended graduation; this will prevent potential postponement and ensure timely consideration of the application.

Students who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony must be cleared to graduate (having met the first two requirements). The ceremony takes place only once during May of spring semester. Signs are posted to inform students of date and location early in the year.

According to Beideck, the only fee associated with “walking” in the ceremony is the rental of cap and gown, which are available for the price of \$30 at the campus bookstore or an independent rental agency of the student’s choice.

Students may also opt to receive their diploma via mail and bypass the graduation ceremony.

Volunteer Fair



Photo by Randie Mayo
Doug Anderson (left) and William Torres attend the Volunteer Fair on Sept. 28. The event gave students the opportunity to volunteer with area agencies.



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Financial aid responsible for aneurysms

Is the desire to have a proficient and timely Financial Aid Office absurd, or is it a basic right that every student should demand?

Financial aid is something that almost every student must deal with each semester here at Georgia Highlands College. Around 80 percent of GHC students are now receiving some type of financial aid. This is a drastic increase of as much as 50-60 percent compared to recent years, according to Kelly Gribble, director of the Financial Aid Office. So, yes, students should demand a high level of competency from our Financial Aid Office professionals.

However, the Financial Aid Office here at GHC is oftentimes an information black hole and the problems facing it pandemic.

The distinction must be made, though, that the Financial Aid Office staff is not fully

responsible for these problems. Lack of funding within the budget handicaps the office from hiring the help it desperately needs.

According to Gribble, there are only five full-time staff members in the Financial Aid Office, and one of these will shortly be leaving.

On the bright side, albeit not too bright, Gribble said that there is currently a concerted effort to bring in a full-time customer service representative that will work strictly for the Financial Aid Office. This, along with the advent of the Banner/Score website, will hopefully ease some of the suffering.

It is understood that most of the personnel in the Financial Aid Office are doing their very best. They are limited in time and resources, both of which lessen their capacity to help students.

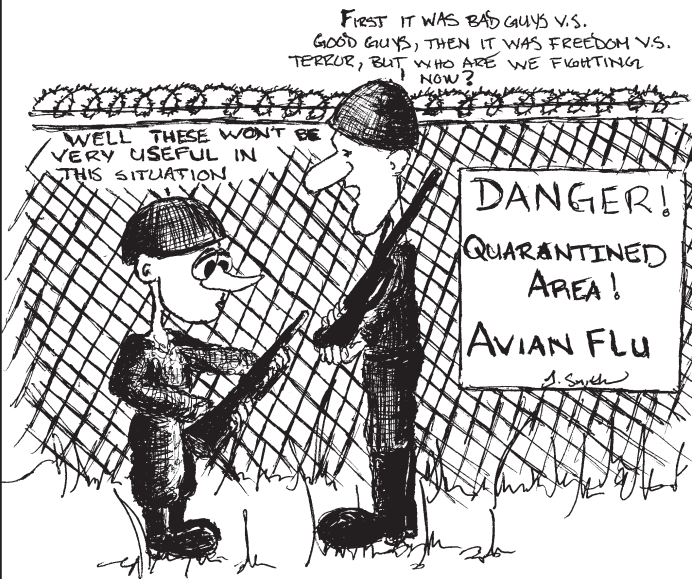
+However, at the end of

the day, this does not matter to students who cannot attain the information they need, does not matter to students who after weeks of asking the same questions are still no closer to an answer, does not matter to students who have to drop out of their classes because they cannot get the appropriate funds to attend school.

Bottom line: there are no excuses. The Financial Aid Office must become a proficient well-run machine capable of handling the full weight of the GHC students. This must become a priority for the Financial Aid Office, as well as the administration of this college, if GHC is to see continued growth.

Students pay their hard-earned money to attend classes, and as such, demand the same kind of quality work from GHC as GHC demands from us.

Wondering what to do next



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Retro clothing: fashion gets back in the swing

Lately, I've noticed this "Retro" clothing trend that has been spreading like wildfire and is infecting our youth today. Is it just me, or have you walked down the street and been stopped in your tracks by someone who looks like they were stuck in a time warp?

You see the kid that looks like he came from a pop band in the 80s in his KISS tee, bomber jacket or track zip-up, and holey jeans, or the "flower child" who's in Birkenstocks, a flowery shirt and bellbottoms.

How about the girl who looks like she went to a dance in her 50s style swing skirt, or the guy in his 20s style Fedora and gangster-looking suit? It's like fashion history has exploded and scattered all over the country.

I too have been overtaken by this retro craze, and I'm starting to enjoy it.

When I bought my first pair of Converse while I was just in high school, I turned to my father for cash. When he questioned my motives, I told him it was for a pair of silver Converse "All-Stars." He just laughed and said, "I had a red pair of those when I

was your age that I used to wear to basketball practice every day."

I have even gone as far as collecting pill-box hats, similar to those worn by Jackie O., from the 60s and I have a huge collection of hippie clothing mixed along with my 80s rock concert t-shirts.

But what really started this

sure, what was once tacky is back in style again.

I have seen a lot of guys wearing the tags on their ball caps and shoes again. Did you know that this trend was first started in the late 80s when hip-hop first hit the scene? Looks like it too has made a major come back.



Editor's Box

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craze? The trend of mimicking old styles is definitely not a new conception. For example, in the early 90s when I was a child, I remember wanting a pair of pink jellies flats because they were" all the rage." This flashback fad was actually originated in the 70's when the shoe was first created.

This generation, however, has mastered copycatting other fashion decades down to an art. History repeats itself, so why can't fashion? Is it nostalgia? Or is it lack of ingenuity? One thing is for

I think the idea behind this "Retro" rage is simple. People want to stand out in a crowd, and most all vintage clothing is original and different.

The main aspect of this new trend relies on the many different styles and eras to choose from that appeal to the younger crowd. Plus, it's just plain fun.

So the next time you look in your closet and see those styles that you used to love, fear not! Just drag them out and you're sure to be in style again.

Opinions

Advice to newcomers

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Starting college is a very big deal. For some of you new students, it's the chance to improve yourself and get a better career after you graduate. Higher education for others is something that has been planned for many years. Still, no matter who you are or where you come from, cutting through the red tape that first semester can seem like more trouble than it's worth.

Financial aid in itself can seem like more a problem than a blessing at times. The best thing to do with financial aid is to be informed. Make sure that you know how to access the resources given to you.

The FAFSA application has a website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and a toll free number (1-800-433-3243) to assist students who have questions about the status of their application and other questions that may be more general. The Financial Aid Office can also give you other types of information, for example if you don't have everything you need to complete your application.

Loans can also be very confusing. The best thing to do about loans is call the company that you chose to get a loan from, especially if you applied online for a loan through the college's website. Make sure to write down the lender code and the phone number. That way you can call the company directly.

When it comes to classes, talk

to your adviser. If you don't know who your adviser is, then you can contact Eileen Walker in the Advising Office in the Walraven Building on the Floyd campus. Walker can help point you in the right direction or you can attend the Advising Daze, when advisers from each field of study will be able to assist you.

This is the best time to get more information on your field of study and it is available on all the campuses.

Registering for classes can seem very hard, but once you have talked to your adviser, it will get much simpler. You can register online for your classes through SCORE, as long as you don't have any holds on your record.

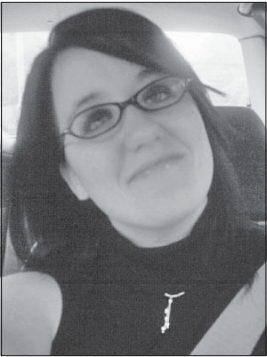
Holds can range from academic to financial reasons. Your SCORE will tell you what the holds are as well.

When it comes time for early registration, you can register online as well. There will be signs telling when you can register for spring, and printed schedules of available classes will be in the Advising Office and the Admissions Office. You can also look up courses online through SCORE.

No matter how stressed you may feel, there are people in the Counseling and Career Office in the Administration Building on the Floyd campus that you can talk to.

Enjoy your first semester in college. Like most experiences you only get to do it one time. Make the most of it, but don't put too much pressure on yourself.

Something to think about



Jacki Padgett is a staff writer. This is her second year on the SMP staff. She is a journalism major at the Floyd campus of GHC. She hopes to transfer to Georgia Southern to major in entertainment magazine journalism and minor in Public Relations (PR). In her free time, she enjoys writing, making new friends and doing PR work for the local band Cranksinatra.

Everyone goes through hard times in their life, and when all hell is breaking loose, no matter how bad things seem, and no matter how much you think you can't go on, you have to go on.

You have to push that extra bit to make your life good and look at the things going on around you and learn from everything.

Hannah's summer started out like any other. She had a new group of friends, and she was working a summer work program making excellent money.

She was expecting the summer after her first year at college to be filled with lots of fun times and lots of memories...and it was. However, about mid-July her summer went to hell, and she isn't sure life will ever be the same.

On July 12, Hannah's older sister, Julie, tried to commit suicide. It all came as quite a shock to her family; it seemed to have come out of nowhere.

Hannah and her family found out things about Julie. Julie had been taking drugs and had slacked very much on being a mother to her children. All of these events had the family in an emotional hell.

It hit Hannah very hard, harder than her parents believed it would. She was very angry at Julie and all that she was doing. Hannah had so many emotions going through her mind. This was her sister, who she was once very close to, and now it felt as if there was a gap so wide.

Hannah didn't know if it would ever be healed.

Julie seemed to not care about anything, especially when it came to feeling bad for what she had done. This killed Hannah. She didn't understand anything Julie had done. She got angry with God and sank into a depressed state. Hannah had a lot on her mind and honestly didn't know how to deal with it. She didn't even know what to say to her sister.

After the incident, Julie was taken to a mental health facility to get help. After being there for four days and telling the doctors what they wanted to hear, Julie was released back to her family of two wonderful girls (ages one and three) and her wonderful husband.

But it was too late. Julie had hit rock bottom. She had been working a no-good job, hanging out with no-good people, and getting into things she shouldn't have been getting into. She was also cheating on her husband with a married man. Though she denied any wrongdoings, all hell soon broke loose.

Julie packed her stuff and walked out of her house right in front of her beautiful daughters. Julie is now living with a friend. She and her husband have filed for divorce.

To Hannah, it isn't over. All this is something she can't just forgive, forget and move on from. It has left deep wounds. Hannah knows that things won't ever be the same between her and Julie, and that saddens her more than her family knows.

SIX MILE POLL

Would you vote for a woman president? Why or why not?



Candice Peugh
Rome, Ga.
Pre-Nursing Major

"Yes, because I feel that a woman can run this country better than the men have."



David Houston
Rome, Ga.
Psychology Major

"Depends, her political views would be very important."



Adam Lombard
Rome, Ga.
Criminal Justice Major

"Yes, I would vote for a woman president if she was the better candidate."



Lori Sparks
Rome, Ga.
Education Major

"No. Women have too many issues and if it's not broken don't fix it!"



Miranda Johnson
Rome, Ga.
Human Services Major

"Yes, I would vote for a female president, but only if she was qualified."

Poll by Sam Chapman



Global warming or God?

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Those that have been paying attention to the weather lately know that it is crazy and that it has only gotten crazier in the past few years. Crazy weather is all around. People can't explain why it happens and why people die, lose homes and everything they have. So who or what is to blame for it? Some people would say it's God. It's the sign of the time. A sign that the end of the world is near. They may even quote the Bible about the end of time. They read through Revelations and see how many times the events mentioned there match up with recent events. Scientists would say it's the effects of global warming and

that the people on Earth are bringing all this on themselves. They believe that increasing temperatures are the result of a strengthened greenhouse effect caused primarily by man-made increases in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (wikipedia). The people on this planet have been burning fossil fuels at an astounding rate, and our atmosphere is diminishing more and more each day. All this could be causing the ocean temperatures to rise and melt icebergs. All that cold water mixes with hot and causes storms. Also, the amount of water released from the melted icebergs can push the North Atlantic Current off course and affect weather patterns as well. Whether you blame the extreme weather on God or on the effects of our actions and global warming, it might just be a part of the natural weather cycles.

Letters to the Editor...

Blame tyrannical oil industries for prices

Dear Editor,

In a recent article about high gas prices, Assistant Editor Jeff Denmon said that the only way he could see to get away from high gas prices was to pressure the major automakers into building cars less dependent on fuel. In reality, the car companies are not to blame, as they are doing the best they can. A search on the internet for Honda or Toyota's innovations will reveal how far they're going to reduce gas costs to their customers. This is a time where we can buy cars that sip fuel without having to sacrifice performance, the Accord V6 hybrid for example. The sad truth is that this is a time of record profits for the oil industry at the expense of the consumer. If pressure or scolding is placed anywhere, it should be placed on them and not on car manufacturers that produce goods we all need and love.

Matt Lowery
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Iraqis get cheap gas

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write a letter in response to your article "Gas prices sky high! However, gas stations not to blame." I know you have heard it enough already, but when I first started driving gas was 0.79 cents a gallon. That was only 10 years ago. Gas prices have more than tripled that now. You also mentioned your father going on a business trip to Belgium where he found that gas was \$5.35 a liter. I just returned from a one year deployment to Iraq with the U.S. Army. One day in casual conversation an Iraqi interpreter, who worked for my unit, asked me how much we paid for gas in America? I told him we pay about \$2.40 a gallon and he started to laugh at me until he realized I was being serious. He thought I was joking! He told me what he paid for gas and it converted to under \$3 U.S. dollars to fill up his entire tank. He told me that "Iraqi's would walk before they ever paid that much for gas." This just goes to show how

things are different in other parts of the world. I also agreed with what you said about lowering the prices of hybrid cars and car-pooling to save on gas. We have to start making a change to conserve oil for future generations.

Chris Williams
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SSN identity concern

Dear Editor,

Hi, I'm just writing to thank you, the editor, and the "Six Mile Post" staff for the great job that y'all do. One of the articles in the last edition of the "Six Mile Post" really stood out to me. The article was titled "New ID's protect GHC students," written by Randie Mayo. This article was very informative to me and I enjoyed it a lot. I never really thought much about the risk of using my SSN with my ID card until I read this article. It made me realize the risk that I have faced of identity theft. Now that I think about this risk, I am glad that someone has decided that it needs to be changed. I knew that I had to get a new ID card that said Georgia Highlands on it, but I thought it was just because the school's name had been changed. This article informed me of the real reason for getting a new ID card. Thanks again!

Kayla Sasser
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Dem Boys speak out

Dear Editor,

Hi my name is Venson Wilson, I would like to commit on one of your columns in the sports section of the "Six Mile Post." The particular column that I am refering to is the section where it said that dem boys (I am the team captain of this team) were no match for the pacers. This completely untrue we were no match for Quan(one member on the pacers team), not the whole team. So the very next time that whom ever writes about my team let it be the truth please, or at least mostly the truth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Venson Wilson
General Studies Major
Cartersville, Ga.

GHC student dives in SCUBA article

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to comment on Trask's article "Mystery of the Depths Revealed." Being a certified SCUBA diver myself, I found this article to be very interesting. I had no idea that our school even offered classes in SCUBA and organized trips to go diving. Reading Mr. Trask's good description of what went on during the trip has gotten me very interested in the classes and any future trip that the school might offer to go SCUBA diving.

Cody King
General Studies Major
Hometown

Good coverage of growing campuses

Dear Editor,

Your staff does a great job of relaying the most recent news to the students here at Georgia Highlands. I especially liked that you put the fact that the school is growing on the first page. I had noticed at the beginning of this semester that the parking lot was getting fuller earlier in the morning. It is practically packed at eight o'clock! It is nice that the school is growing. I think it helps the school get more recognition from the surrounding schools. The "Six Mile Post" covers everything in their newspaper. The most recent news, sports, movie and music reviews, everything. I am not much of a reader, but enjoy reading the newspaper each month. You are doing a great job.

Ashley Grier
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Dallas, Ga.

Great work SMP

Dear Editor,

I just read my first edition of your newspaper, and I just wanted to comment that it turned out great! The "Six Mile Post" is very informative and covered a lot of interesting things at the school and in the community. Keep up the good work!

Franchelle Cooper
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Photo by Sam Chapman

Bobby Cavin (left) and Lillie Forsyth get some studying done before fitness walking. Cavin, with his 22 credit hour work load, tries to get as much studying done as possible.

Ten years in the making

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Bobby Cavin has wanted to give back to his community for many years.

"I have wanted to be a teacher for the past 10 years, but it was very difficult finding opportunity to make it happen," Cavin said.

Cavin is a Georgia Highlands College non-traditional student. He is 42 years old. Cavin graduated from Chattooga High School in 1981.

Cavin attended Berry College for a year and then attended Floyd Junior College for a year.

He then left school in 1984 to pursue a career in computer technology. He worked for the Tandy Corporation (now Radio Shack) where he sold computers to elementary schools.

For the past 24 years, however, he has worked as a financial manager for an automotive dealer.

When Cavin decided to go back to college and become an

early childhood education major he did not know where to start. He called around to many different colleges, including the University of West Georgia, Jacksonville State University and Georgia Highlands College.

When he called GHC, he knew he had found where he would again start his college career. All thanks to Eileen Walker, advising specialist at GHC. According to Cavin, Walker showed him that he could start over again and that GHC was the place to do it.

With his more than full load of 22 credit hours this fall, Cavin is on schedule to complete his studies at GHC.

He plans to attend the University of West Georgia to finish his degree. He then plans to teach math or science when he is finished.

Cavin lives around 60 miles away in Mentone, Alabama with his wife of 18 years, Pam, and two children ages 16 and 10. "Without family support I could not have done it," said Cavin.

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Drunk driving simulator big hit with students!



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Derrick Rader lets the drunk driving simulator test his skills.

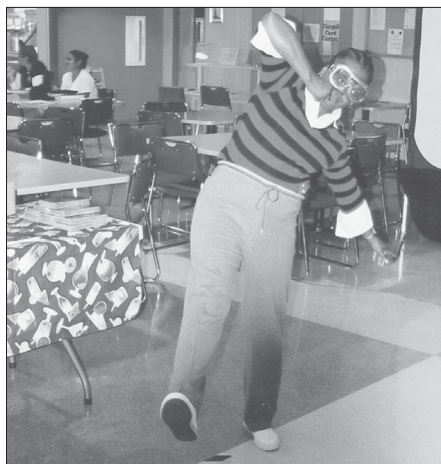


Photo by Chelsea Perren

Diane Diamond shows her lack of balance wearing the "beer goggles."

The National Save-A-Life Tour came to Georgia Highlands College on Oct 5. TRASH (Teaching Responsible Alcohol Substance and Highway safety) which is made up of a group of student peer educators, sponsored the event.

The simulator showed students the dangers of driving under the influence.

Dr. Jones travels to China

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This past summer, Dr. Bruce Jones, chair of the division of business and continuing education, took a trip to China funded by a Fulbright-Hayes Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

He was accompanied by a group of people including staff from Reinhardt College and two high school social studies teachers from Cherokee County, Ala.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs for Georgia Highlands College, helped write the grant in cooperation with Reinhardt.

The group left the states on May 31 and returned on June 30. They traveled to places such as Beijing, Shanghai, Urumqi, Daju Turpan, Kashgar, Lijiang, Kunming, Dali, Yongning, Baisha and Zhongdian.

While on the trip, the group studied the efficiency and effectiveness of The Great Western

Development Program. This program was designed and targeted to develop the rural areas of China.

One thing Jones noticed was how inexpensive it is to live in China. "First of all, the cost of living there is so incredibly low that it's embarrassing," he said. "You

ample, he found that the Chinese parents spoil their children greatly, most of the young people speak English and everyone has a cell phone, even Buddhist monks!

Jones' reason for going on the trip was simply curiosity. "I wanted to see how things were different in different parts of China," he said.

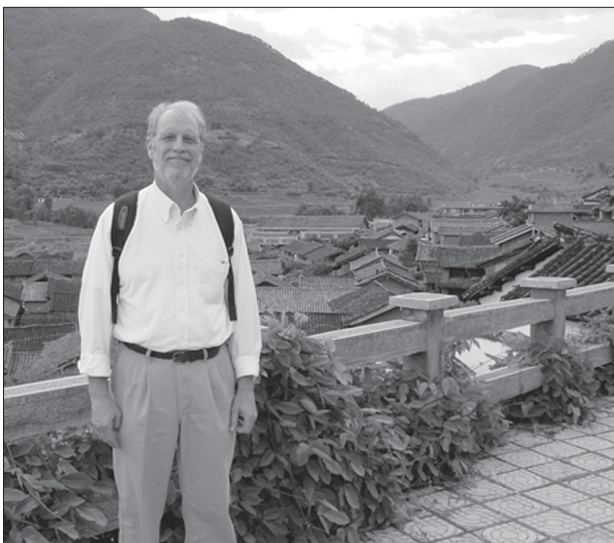
When asked if he would be returning to China this summer, he said he would like to, and if not this summer then in the near future. He was even offered a teaching job over the summer with a Chinese professor from Dalton State University who went on the trip with him.

"I would like to encourage all those interested in pursuing an international experience. I've waited years to do so myself," Jones stated.

"It never seemed to be the right time, but the experience was well worth the sacrifice. The trip was truly the trip of a lifetime."

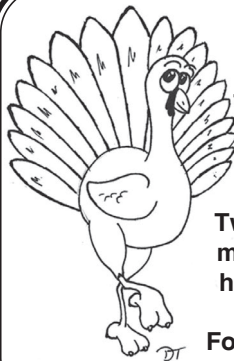
could visit China on a family vacation for about what a beach vacation would cost -- think \$40 hotel rooms and \$2 meals."

There are many other interesting things about the Chinese culture Jones noticed. For ex-



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Dr. Jones stands in front of the Dadu China Sichuan Province.



Turkey Day

The 20th annual Turkey Day Walk/Run event will be held on Nov. 20. Event starts at 12:30 down at the pavilion on Paris Lake.

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Photo by Moses Whitaker
Cameron Cecil (left) starts a bass line while Adam Klingensmith announces the title of the next song.

Jammin’ with Red Eye Jedi

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Concert Review

Any group of people can wield instruments and call themselves a band. But what makes a band stand out is talent and passion.

Red Eye Jedi is just such a band.

One of the things that distinguishes this band from many local bands is that each member is a talented musician.

The best genre to throw this band into would be a mixture of funk, jazz and a smidgeon of psychedelic. The closest comparison that can be made to any other band would be to Phish.

Red Eye Jedi showcased their true talents as the band played a late gig at the Waterfront Bar and Grill in downtown Rome Sept. 30.

Despite a 30-minute delay, their performance was well worth the wait.

One of the most interesting qualities is that the band has no singer. The sound relies completely on the deep instrumentals.

The standout track of the evening was a song entitled “The Getaway.” The song relied on a hard riff, which had a gradually building momentum until all the instruments seemed to explode with energy.

This was the most crowd-pleasing track. Almost everyone in the bar was dancing or stomping their feet to this song. Every band member hit all his marks with good precision and timing

and kept the crowd entertained.

The members of Red Eye Jedi are Adam Klingensmith (guitar), Cameron Cecil(bass), Rob Reed(keyboard) and Jedd Lovel(drums).

SMP interviews the band



Photo by Moses Whitaker

Jedd Lovel supplies backbeat for Red Eye Jedi.

The “Six Mile Post” got an interview with Jedd Lovel following the concert.

6MP: “What genre would you consider Red Eye Jedi?”

JL: “A funky instrumental jazz rock band.”

6MP: “Are there any bands that you would consider as influences?”

JL: “Phish, Dave Matthews Band, and Miles Davis”

6MP: “Do you have a personal favorite song by the band?”

JL: ““Sweet Majoram’ this week”

6MP: “Are there any local bands that you listen to?”

JL: “Capt. Soularcat”

6MP: “When and where are the next couple of shows?”

JL: “Oct. 21 at the Waterfront.”

‘Wonderland’ proves that life is stranger than fiction

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Movie Review

“Wonderland” is based on 1981 killings in Los Angeles. It portrays the life of John Holmes, who is played by Val Kilmer, and tells of the role he took in the killings.

Holmes was the biggest porn star of the 70s and had a bad run-in with coke and the wrong people.

The story starts the summer of 1981 when Holmes befriends a guy named Ron Luaunius, who

asks Holmes to make a coke drop. Instead of making the drop, John smokes the drugs.

After Luanius beats Holmes, he tells him he has two days to get the money or drugs.

So Holmes plans to get the money and drugs by robbing the biggest crime boss in LA, who is know as Eddie Nash.

Later that night Luanius rounds up his Wonderland house mates, Billy Deverell, David Lind and Tracy Mccourt. They grab a .357 and a police badge head off to rob Nash.

The rest of the 2003 movie dramatizes the details of this real-life crime.

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Fans of ABCs new hit series hail their Chiefette

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TV Review

For the first time in America's history, there is a woman president. Well, that is at least in TV land America, there is a woman in the Oval Office.

"Commander In Chief" is a political drama that gives the viewer a glimpse of what life would be like for the nation's first female President of the United States.

The series shows what life is like behind the walls of the White House and how a female president might juggle her family life while being responsible for running her country.

In the first episode, Vice President Mackenzie "Mac" Allen, played by Geena Davis, is faced with the decision of whether or not to resign as vice president. This is after President Bridges, who just had brain surgery, tells her himself that he will not resign from office for medical reasons until she resigns from the vice presidency.

President Bridges and his political party both want the Speaker of the House to replace him as president because the

Speaker shares the same views as the president.

Mac is an independent, and the president wants his ideas to be carried on, something he believes Mac will not do.

As fate would have it, the President dies of massive bleeding in the brain before either he or Mac resigns.

Following the president's death, Mac's determination to be president only becomes stronger after she has a conversation with Speaker of the House Templeton who insults her with his sexist ideas.

While giving her inaugural speech to the nation and Congress, Mac is faced with a malfunctioning TelePrompTer that goes blank. She maintains her composure and delivers a reassuring speech, and, in the end, has the support of not only of Congress and the Speaker of the House but the nation.

In the episodes to come, Mac's husband struggles with being the First 1st Gentleman, and Mac has to deal with the normal everyday mom ordeals while running her country.

"Commander In Chief" airs on ABC, Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

See it for a look at what life might be like for the first female president.

HIP gives students reasons to STAMP-EDE to events

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Have you been stamping your Stamp-ede card?

The Stamp-ede card, an incentive program for campus activities that began at the beginning of the year, is a program that rewards students for going to the various skill shops and other campus activities. These Rewards range from free food and movie tickets to gift certificates and a chance to win one of two Apple iPod Shuffles.

Highlands Interactive Production, also known as HIP, is a group of 11 Georgia Highlands College students that plan, book, and assist in stamp-ede events. HIP is also responsible for the advertisement of the performers'

appearances at each event and the \$1 pizza Wednesdays.

The students that make up HIP are Jannah Corn, Candace Peugh, Jacki Padgett, Danielle White, Lori Momon, Haley Elakman, Risha Stallings, Tari Reynolds, Terae Thomas-Mizell, Selena Parrish, Cristal Reynolds, Lowell Beasley, Sundrell Cooper and Nikkie Estes.

"We are looking for new HIP prospects at the Cartersville campus," said John Spranza, director of student life.

"Students pay their activity fees," Spranza explains. "This is just a way to get their money back."

For a calendar on all student activities for the year go to <http://www.highlands.edu/cgi-bin/campuscalendar/calendar.cgi> or stop by the Student Life Office.

GHC students display their thinking abilities at the Think Fast game show



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Contestants battle it out to win \$200 cash at the Think Fast game show on Sept. 21 in the student center.

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Goats beat Bulldogs 53-18 in flag football action

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The Bulldogs and the Goats butted heads in their match-up on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

The Bulldogs needed every prayer they could get to try to make a dramatic comeback and win. However, the Goats were just too hot to handle and too cold to hold.

Captain Seth Ingram knew the game plan for the Goats from beginning to end. Ingram managed to find teammate Tim Small floating in the end zone for the Goats' first touchdown, giving the Goats a 6-0 lead.

The Bulldogs didn't get very far with their first possession of the game. The Goats defense was entirely too tight for them. The Bulldogs ended up having to punt.

With the Goats up 6-0 and the ball back in their hands, Bulldogs

Captain Matt Hall and gang had to come up with a killer plan. As the ball was thrown up in the air, an interception was made by Chris Drukenmiller of the Bulldogs. Drukenmiller ran the ball back for a touchdown, which tied up the game, 6-6.

With halftime slowly approaching, the Goats had possession of the ball but were unable to score. The Bulldogs now with the last possession of the first half couldn't score either. At halftime the score was 20-12.

The second half determined who the better team really was. Both teams showed a great deal of talent and great sportsmanship. The Bulldogs have a terrific kicker, and the Goats have a killer running back. However, in the end it was the Goats over the Bulldogs, 53-18.

Games are played every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. There are two 20-minute halves, with a 5-minute halftime.



The Goats (yellow flags) square off against the bulldogs (red flags) on Oct. 4.

All photos by Chelsea Perren



Scores up-date from Oct. 11

Goats: 48
Bulldogs: 13

What's gonna happen to the Renegades?

After just one year of being in Rome, the Rome Renegades nearly won the National Indoor Football Championship. Now, they are joining a new league, but what does that mean for Rome?

As of right now they will continue to reside in Rome. However, the future is a concern. "I'm not sure where we will be in the next couple of years. Our fans have been great to us this far. Hopefully we can stay in Rome, but I'm not sure if we can because of the new league," said one of the players.

One thing for sure is that according to some of the Renegades

players Rome should be proud of itself. "We sold out a lot of games, and there was never a time when you looked in to the stands and asked where our crowd was," another player said.

So if it's not the community's fault, then who do we have to blame?

Do the players want out? What about management?

Were we just another stepping stone to a soon to be great football team? Is this just another selfish team coming to little town just to get started?

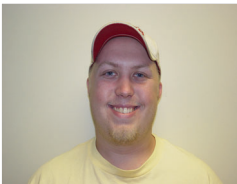
"Rome has been great to us and we have no desire to leave it

at all. They gave this team a home when we really needed one. The only reason that we would ever leave here is if it was required by our new conference," said a group of players.

Rome has turned into a sports town with professional baseball, football and, of course, women's basketball. With the stadium sold out, it appears that Rome has adapted to it like it did the Braves.

As a town, Rome's main focus needs to be on enjoying these teams while we have them and giving them the respect they deserve.

Out of the Batter's Box



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Basketball continues to score big

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In basketball action on Sept. 28, the Bobcats won over Dem Boys, 31-28 in game one. Blake Pattillo scored 14 for the Bobcats, and Vincent Wilson contributed 12 for Dem Boys.

The Celtics and Pacers played next. Brandon Brown of the Celtics drained from downtown all day long but still came up with an "L" in the end. The final score was Pacers 49, Celtics

47. Quantavious Martin put 24 on the board for the Pacers, and Brown drained 26 for the Celtics.

Game three was another close one between the Ballers and the Knicks.

The Knicks put up a tough fight, but the Ballers outscored them 44-30. Hank Peppers led the Ballers with 23 points, and Casey McRae had 21 for the Knicks.

Game four was a forfeit. When only one player showed up for String Music, they had to forfeit, which gave the Lakers a win.

3-3 Basketball standings

as of Oct. 12

Bobcats:	5 wins; 0 losses	String Music:	2 wins; 3 losses
Knicks:	4 wins; 1 loss	Lakers:	2 wins; 3 losses
Ballers:	4 wins; 1 loss	Celtics:	1 wins; 4 losses
The Pacers:	2 wins; 3 losses	Dem Boys:	0 wins; 5 losses