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Change in Regents' test policy affects many freshmen

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Many English 1101 students will be taking the Regents' Test later this month due to changes in policy by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Under the old policy students were usually not tested during their first semester. The Regents' Test was used as a graduation test for students nearing 45 credit hours.

According to Dr. Diane Langston, chair of academic support, the new policy is intended to identify early students who may need help with reading and writing skills in order to graduate on time.

Langston says that there is no penalty for failing the Regents' Test when taken this semester while in English 1101, but in the future there will be.

Many students were required to take the Compass test before being able to start classes. The Compass test and the Regents test sound very similar, but are very different.

The Compass test is used to identify what help a student may need before being allowed to enroll in college-level courses. The

Regents' Test is used to see if the soon-to-be graduate is literate.

Ali Badruddi, a general studies major from Rome said "Although the change is a bit sudden, it is good to take the pressure off right now instead of later."

According to LaNelle Daniel, English coordinator, the Regents' Test consists of two parts, reading and writing.

Students are given 60 minutes per section. To pass the reading section a score of 61 or higher is needed.

"My main suggestion for the students is for them not to get nervous, stay calm, think about the essays before writing and do an outline."

-Phyllis Chunn

The writing section has three scores—one, two and three, with one being failing, two being average and three being above average. All that is needed for the test is a No. 2 pencil, a black ink pen and a dictionary.

"My main suggestion for the students is for them not to get



Photo By Colleen Fries

Phyllis Chunn(center) assists DJ Voils (left) and Nguyen Pham in the testing center on the Floyd campus.

nervous, stay calm, think about the essays before writing and do an outline," says Phyllis Chunn, the Rome assessment center coordinator, "and for the reading section just stay calm and pay close attention."

There are reading and writing workshops for students taking the Regents' Test, the dates for these workshops are: Regents'

reading workshop Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. in Walraven-202, and Regents' writing workshop Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. in Lakeview-129. These workshops are open and free to all students taking the Regents' Test.

The test results should be back towards the end of the semester.

Daniel also said, "I encour-

age the students who are due to take the Regents' test to take it seriously. The test results will go on the students' transcripts, so it is important that they are successful. Everyone should practice good test taking skills. I highly recommend the workshops that will be available each term on both the Rome and Cartersville campuses."

Nursing program receives 1.2 million dollars in grants

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The Georgia Highlands College nursing program has recently received over one million dollars in grants intended to improve the program for students.

According to Dana Davis, GHC relations officer, the nursing program in Rome has always been successful, but one problem that they seemed to have was that most of their students were from the Cobb, Bartow and Cherokee County areas. To solve

this problem, last year WellStar Health System Inc donated \$300,000 to help start a satellite nursing program in Acworth through North Metro Technical College.

WellStar also recently donated an extra \$308,798 to the Acworth nursing program.

This grant will help create a new program that will transfer licensed practical nurses and paramedics into their sophomore year of the registered nurse program.

Judy Taylor, GHC advancement officer, explained that this

program will give these people who already have some experience in the medical field a chance to catch up with students who are already a year into the program. Taylor says that the program will prepare these LPNs and paramedics through an on-line bridge course during the spring and summer semesters.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Georgia Highlands College, explained that WellStar and other health systems are in a great need of registered nurses. Pierce said that WellStar has "really stepped up to the plate" to

help increase the number of RNs.

Another nursing grant was also given by the University System of Georgia. This grant will present the nursing program with \$189,036 yearly for the next three years to increase the number of nursing graduates by 40 students. Davis states that normally, nursing students start their two-year program once a year starting in the fall. Now the college will admit students twice a year, which will create two groups that will graduate together.

The first group will begin in

the fall, continue in the spring and be off during the summer. The second group, which will consist of another 40 students, will begin in January and continue the program throughout the summer. The next year, both of the groups will finish their second year together and graduate in May.

"Dr. Barbara Rees, director of nursing, and Dr. Virginia Carson, academic vice president, have done a great job making this program competitive. They have also done a great job contacting the sources that help," said Pierce.

Smithsonian brings exhibit to GHC

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The Smithsonian Institute's exhibit Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey is now on display in the Lakeview building on the Floyd campus of Georgia Highlands College.

Wondrous Cold: An Antarctic Journey is a collection of 50 photographic panoramas of Antarctica's breathtaking beauty. "The beauty of the photography is wonderful," said Brian Barr, associate professor of art. "I especially enjoy the more panoramic views, which give the viewers a sense of the immensity of the scene," he said. The exhibit gives viewers a chance to see a world that many do not realize exist. It shows how animals as well as human life can exist in the harshest conditions.

GHC was given the opportunity to be a part of the traveling exhibit through a program known as SITES. John Spranza, director of student life, came across the information for the SITES program, called the Smithsonian and was able to get the first exhibit here last fall.

"I think the Smithsonian program is good for both students and the community in that it



Photo by Colleen Fries
John Spranza looks at the Smithsonian exhibit.

brings a piece of the Smithsonian to town," said John Spranza.

Susan Claxton, assistant professor of sociology and human service coordinator, agreed. "This is an absolutely phenomenal program. I hope they continue with the exhibits."

Spranza encourages all students to take advantage of the exhibit while it is here. "It brings exposure to something much larger and gives people who cannot travel to the Smithsonian in Washington a chance to experience a piece of it here," he said.

Spranza has already received some positive feedback from the

students about the exhibit. "I have heard from the students that the exhibit is very interesting and has beautiful photography. I think the exhibit gives vision and insight on parts of the world we have never gotten the chance to see," said Spranza.

The exhibit opened on Sept. 23 and will be on the campus until Dec. 2. A family film night is scheduled for Oct. 19. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Free pizza, popcorn and snow cones will be available before the film "March of the Penguins." The event is free for students and the community to attend.

Study abroad offers alternative learning

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Do you ever find yourself wishing that learning was a little more active and hands-on, instead of a repetition of notes, tests and lectures? Do you ever find yourself wanting to get out of your hometown and see the world for a change? The study abroad program offers an alternative to traditional classroom learning.

"I've met students who have barely even traveled outside of Georgia, or have never flown on a plane," said Erica Simpson, instructor of communications and study abroad coordinator. Simpson, a travel enthusiast, said that major international companies are expanding their businesses locally, and that these employers are looking for "global" people who can appreciate and accept foreign culture.

Jessica Lawrence, treasurer of the GHC Students Without Borders club, said that a study abroad trip "really helps you appreciate cultural diversity. There's nothing like it."

The study abroad program has undergone some very positive major changes, according to Simpson. In previous years, students have had to apply to go on a study abroad trip through the University System of Georgia, and compete with other students for the opportunity to travel. Students were on their own when it came to funding their trip.

However, this year, the study abroad program has been revamped. There is no competition,

and Students Without Borders is helping students fund trips through fundraisers and finding scholarship and grant opportunities.

The college is offering is a 15 day tour of Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland for \$2,500. Econ 2105 or Comm 1100 credit is offered in connection with this May trip.

Also offered is a June tour of historic Ireland for Arts 1113 or Phil 1000. The cost for this trip is \$2,125. A physical education credit is available for students' participating in another June trip to the Bahamas. The Bahamas opportunity will include scuba diving and studying in the sunshine instead of fluorescent lighting.

"I think everyone should have the privilege to travel to a foreign country at sometime in their life, so why not do it during your college career while receiving credit?" said Cassie Taylor, Students Without Borders secretary. "If you are interested in taking a study abroad course in the spring I strongly encourage you to sign up," said Paul Province, president of Students Without Borders. "The trips can be somewhat expensive, but our fundraisers are definitely going to take a chunk out of the cost," said Province.

"Studying abroad helps you learn about other types of people. It changes your way of thinking and opens your mind," Simpson said. Students Without Borders will meet on Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. on the Floyd campus. For more information contact Province at pprovince@student.highlands.edu.

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In Country Study Dates:

Phi Theta Kappa honor society inducts 48 new members



Photo by Amanda Stegall
Rob Watts speaks at the PTK induction.

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Alpha Psi Omicron, GHC’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 48 new members on Oct. 5. Students that are inducted into PTK are in the top five percent of their college and the top 10 percent of the nation.

During the opening remarks of Dr. Ron Shade, Vice President of Student Services said that “Phi Theta Kappa international honor society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service program-

ming.”

Invocation was led by David Hannah, past chapter president and Dr. Randy Pierce, president of GHC introduced the guest speaker, Rob Watts, chief operating officer of the University Systems of Georgia Board of Regents.

Watts congratulated the new members of PTK for their hard work as well as being inducted into such a prestigious honor society. Watts continued by saying that GHC was “a great place to get a great education” and that “you can come and feel like you are a part of something.”

During the induction ceremony the new member’s name and major were read by Teresa Hutchins, instructor of political

science and advisor of PTK. Each new member lit a tea light candle and received a single white rose.

“Being inducted into PTK shows that all of my hard work has paid off. It is very nice to get recognition from such a prestigious organization. I think being inducted into PTK will give me opportunities to give back to the school and community and gain new friendships,” said Jessica Johnson, nursing student from Cedartown, GA.

April Wilson, co-president of PTK and nursing student from Rome, GA said, “PTK has given me opportunities to meet new people through fellowship as well as give back to the school and community. PTK has been an amazing experience.”

GHC Community Speaker Series brings Anya Kamenetz to speak Nov. 1

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The Georgia Highlands College Community Speaker Series continues with Anya Kamenetz on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium.

The title of her presentation is “Generation Debt,” John Spranza, director of student life,

said. Kamenetz has written for The New York Times, the Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, New York Magazine, Salon and Slate. She has also appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, NPR, ABC Radio and Voice of America.

Kamenetz, a 2002 graduate of Yale University, is currently living in Manhattan. Kamenetz is

one of the youngest columnists in the Village Voice’s history, with the publication of her feature series, “Generation Debt: The New Economics of Being Young,” in 2005.

According to Spranza, Kamenetz drew national attention to herself with the publication of her first book, “Generation Debt: Why Now is a Terrible Time to be Young.”

Kamenetz will be speaking about financial literacy and responsibility, cost controls on higher education, investments in vocational programs, health care policies that cover young adults and credit laws that protect consumers from excessive high-interest debt.

Kamenetz discusses these issues in a way that motivates young people to both participate

in politics and educate themselves on financial issues, said Spranza.

Kamenetz will also be discussing the soaring student loan and credit card debt issues people face in their 20s and 30s, stagnant earnings in an increasingly uncertain job market, international competition and the economic threat created by the baby boomers’ retirement.

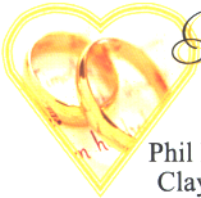
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The grounds of the Booth Western Museum display statues such as Basket Dancers.



Photo by Jessica Brumbelow
Attitude Adjustment is the name of the statue of the Bronc rider.

Museum Symposium features wide range of activities

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The fifth annual Cowboy Festival and Symposium is making its way back to Cartersville(Oct. 25-28) at the Booth Western Art Museum.

Located in downtown Cartersville, the festival and symposium will feature special artists, poetry, a concert by Riders in the Sky, activities for children, re-enactments of western gunfights and Native American dancing.

According to Seth Hopkins,

the director of the Booth Museum, “the festival and symposium is designed to be both entertaining and educational for people of all ages.”

“Through events like this, the Booth Museum hopes to attract visitors from throughout the region and help those visitors place the museum’s collection within the context of our Western American heritage” said Hopkins.

Kathy Lyles, marketing director for the museum, said that the museum was given as a gift to the community by James and

Carolyn Millar and was named after their friend, Sam Booth, an Atlanta businessman.

The museum contains artifacts from American history, paintings by artists from the past and present and sculptures throughout each gallery.

The museum is divided into several different galleries related to the American West and a Presidential Gallery featuring portraits, trivia and a letter written by each American president.

There is also a gallery that rotates throughout the year. The museum’s goal is to bring in dif-

ferent exhibits from around the world.

Operating hours are Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children 12 and under.

The museum also has a reference library along with a cafe and gift shop that is open during museum hours.

More information about the upcoming festival and symposium, and a detailed schedule of events, may be found at www.boothmuseum.org

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Dr. Maya Angelou addresses the crowd at the Forum.

Angelou enlightens packed Rome Forum

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As Dr. Maya Angelou walked onto the stage at the Rome Forum, the entire audience rose to its feet for a long period of applause.

Matching her audience in enthusiasm, Angelou delivered a relaxed oration that captured the hearts of those present.

Angelou began her Sept. 27 speech to the sell-out crowd with a touch of humor.

Remarking that she would not be able to stand for the entire discussion, she asked if a chair and microphone stand could be brought to the stage. After her wish was fulfilled, she reminded her audience to “ask for what you want.”

Light-hearted as her demeanor was, Angelou’s message of equality was serious and profound. She asked her audience to “stop using racial pejoratives” and see each individual as a member of the human family.

Angelou extended her philosophy to all of the barriers which segregate society, asserting that race, class, sexual orien-

tation and religion are labels that should be taken out of our vocabularies.

Donna Mantooth, assistant professor of psychology, said that she enjoyed Angelou’s discussion immensely. “During her speech, I was enraptured; I couldn’t take my eyes off of her. Her persona was enthralling.”

“Each one of us has the possibility, probability and privilege to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”

-Dr. Maya Angelou

Angelou’s message was one of connectedness to all humanity. Each topic she discussed was approached with the love for language that she is famous for.

Angelou discussed the events in her life that were featured in her acclaimed book “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.”

Putting even the most painful parts of her book into perspective, Angelou revealed the crux of the books message: “Each one of us has the possibility, probability and privilege to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud,” remarked Angelou.

Fall Frenzy goes ‘Circus’

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Fall Frenzy will feature a circus theme this year.

According to John Spranza, director of student life, there will be inflatable games, a free barbeque lunch and a performance by comedic juggling duo Team Rootberry.

According to the duo’s website, they have “won three awards” in international juggling competitions.

“Team Rootberry’s sword-swallowing act is amazing to see up close. I’m really looking forward to it,” Spranza said.

Various student organizations will also be sponsoring activities at the event.

“Fall Frenzy is a great opportunity for students and faculty to enjoy a good time,” Spranza said.

The annual Fall Frenzy, sponsored by the Office of Student Life, is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, on the Cartersville campus and Wednesday, Oct. 24, on the Floyd campus.

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Possible new clubs coming to GHC

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Three new clubs have recently entered the long appeals process for approval and establishment.

The clubs that are going through the appeals process are the Believers United Christian Club, GHC Drama Club and Anime and Gaming Club.

John Spranza, director of student life, said, "Each club is mainly based on three of the different GHC campuses: Believers United is at Marietta, Drama at Cartersville, and Anime and Gaming is at Floyd."

According to Travice Obas, assistant professor of communications and adviser for the GHC Drama Club, the club is "a tad late getting started, but we have secured two co-vice presidents to keep things moving. The club's constitution is pending approval, but should make."

"Basically the mission of the drama club is to provide oppor-

tunities for students to be involved in aspects of theatre. They include learning theatre etiquette, guest speakers, reading plays, attending area plays and a future GHC production play. "Students at other campuses are certainly welcome to join," said Obas.

Students on the Floyd campus have expressed an interest in the Anime and Gaming Club. Jason Stewart, co-president for the club and a pre-nursing major from Rome, stated that the club "will watch and discuss the symbolism in anime as well as hold game demonstrations, tournaments and discussions," he said.

"We're planning a Halo 3 tournament after we get a solid group formed," said Dr. Nancy Applegate, professor of English, the adviser for the Anime and Gaming Club.

Meredith Ginn, instructor of communication and BUCC adviser said, "The purpose of the club is to offer a time of Bible study, fellowship and worship for believers or those who are curious about the Christian faith. Ev-

eryone is invited to attend, and refreshments are served."

BUCC plans to participate in a service project this semester.

"Operation Christmas Child is an organization that was founded by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son. We will pack up shoeboxes filled with small gifts and personal hygiene items that will be sent to underprivileged children around the world," said Ginn.

"Students who are interested in joining the new clubs can contact the advisers or check with the Office of Student Life for more information," said Spranza.

There are 22 clubs for students to get involved in. They range from awareness of specific issues to a group of individuals who share a common interest.

"National research has proven that if you take the time to get involved in at least one afterschool activity, you are more likely to succeed and proceed to graduation and that the benefits being involved carry over to the 'real world' with job skills and experience," said Spranza.

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When you drive onto campus, the first sign that you see reads, "Georgia Highlands College is a tobacco free campus." The ground is littered with cigarette butts as there is not a single ashtray on campus.

Students and faculty are going to smoke cigarettes. Did the college administration seriously expect smokers who attend GHC to just go without during the entire school day?

The students on the GHC campus who smoke are stuck

between a rock and a hard place; simply by lighting up they are violating an unenforceable rule that marginalizes them for engaging in a legal activity.

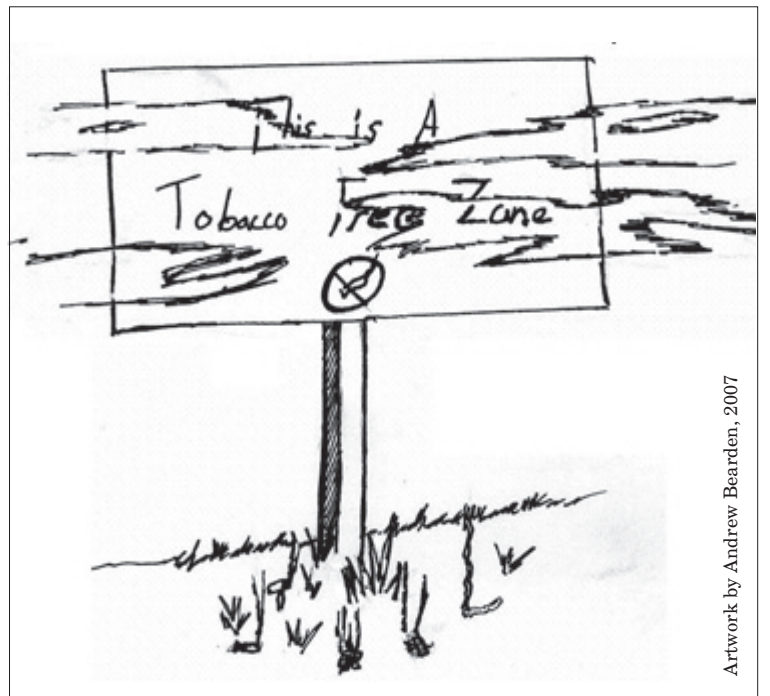
If GHC were to designate a single area on each campus as a smoking area and supply that area with ashtrays, smokers would have a place to smoke that is not near the entrances to the buildings.

The simple fact is that college students are going to smoke, so why not give them a place to do it away from the main buildings? Why not supply that place with ashtrays so that smokers are not forced to litter?

If administration enacted

the smoking ban because they are concerned with appearances, the smoking ban means that cigarette butts will be scattered all around campus. How does that help the college's appearance? Would it not look better to keep the smoking in one place on each campus and keep the ground free of cigarette butts?

Georgia Highlands is a diverse, vibrant institution that represents a cross section of each community where it exists. Smokers are always going to be a presence on campus. It is infinitely more logical to deal with this issue in a manner that acknowledges the truth rather than expects the impossible.



Artwork by Andrew Bearden, 2007

America's celebrity obsession

Many people in the American society are obsessed with celebrities. This is a very unhealthy thing. Throughout the day-to-day lives of many people you can notice them mimicking celebrities, willing to do whatever it takes to be just like them.

Being beautiful and skinny is what it takes to be famous. Television has amplified our celebrity obsession and has made it seem okay to purge yourself in the bathroom of a restaurant, or to starve yourself so you won't gain weight.

It isn't healthy to live that way, constantly worrying "Oh my god, I'm fat," then starving yourself until you lose weight or forcing yourself to vomit the food you just previously ingested. Many people do all of this just to look like a famous celebrity.

Celebrities like Nicole



Editor's Box

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Richie, Courtney Love and Britney Spears make it seem cool to get obviously drunk and drive around, or to use drugs recreationally.

All people care about is hearing the bad things in celebrities' lives, it is entertainment. This entertainment is harming people's lives.

The many adults that promote this lifestyle let their children watch this horror flick of celebrity obsession unwind, mak-

ing it seem fun and cool to go out drinking all night, using drugs and flauntingly showing off their bodies.

In no way am I telling anyone how to raise their child, but this just doesn't seem right.

No parent wants to see their child on television getting in and out of a car with their unmentionables blinding the public. Unfortunately we thrive off of this immoral, disgusting and vulgar form of entertainment.

Do not forget to vote on Nov 6!

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Iraq veteran shares the secret behind his smile



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Not everyone gets a chance to be shown life’s purpose. I do not mean the secret of life, I cannot claim to know that particular piece of information, I mean what we are intended to do while we search for this secret. It is the one thing that every single person on earth needs to know if they intend to really be happy. Are you curious yet? It’s a great feeling isn’t it? I suppose I should explain.

I joined the U.S. Navy at age 21. I wanted that feeling of ac-

complishment and teamwork and I wanted to serve my country. The military offered me a chance to do those things while assisting me with money for college.

I found so much more than I was looking for as I became a Navy Corpsman and was attached to 2/1 Marines out of Camp Pendleton, California. I was attached to Fox Co. 3rd platoon as one of the platoon’s two assigned Corpsman.

A Corpsman with the Marines takes the official role of a combat medic. Unofficially, there is so much more to that role that only experience can suffice as an accurate description. We are always friends and comrades, yet we are sometimes a big brother, sometimes uncle and sometimes even a preacher.

Our role starts as medic to a bunch of rowdy Marines, and quickly escalates to caretaker and brother to a family that we grew to love as much as blood.

We had just begun to get to know each other well when we were deployed to a place called Fallujah, Iraq. We were called to war.

We knew it was coming; we had prepared ourselves through countless hours of training and learning of the Iraqi culture. We

learned how to properly treat these people with respect, and we were trained to fight those among them who would resist us with ruthless efficiency.

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-JoeDan Worley

Early in our deployment we learned what the American news cannot teach us what we wanted to know anymore. We learned that these were real people, real people who had seen and experienced more horror in their lives than any single person should.

Many labored under the hot sun their whole lives without the cruel hand of politics wreaking havoc upon them. Many of those who had felt that hand, however, had the scars on their bodies and the deformities in their children to show for it.

I lost many of my brothers

there and came home in late September with less than a month in the deployment remaining with an amputated left leg and enough damage to my right one that I would soon get intimate knowledge of the workings of a wheelchair, and spend much of my future with that knowledge.

I had missed the birth of my first child, Abigail, born three months before my return, and first held her in my arms with dried blood in the deepest creases of my fingernails on otherwise spotless hands. I came home with a responsibility of speaking to the loved ones about their lost sons, and even worse, sharing my version of how it happened.

What is my secret, you ask? Why am I so happy, you wonder? What keeps this smile on my face? Is it fake, or perhaps a front? I assure you, it is most genuine. I am smiling because I know something you do not. I am smiling because I know something that has made my life not only bearable, but also wondrous and pleasing.

War changed my outlook on life. Every day has taken on a new, powerful significance. Losing a leg was more than a fair trade for being able to watch my daughters grow up.

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What is the USA’s next step in Iraq?



Miles Gifford
Cartersville, Ga.
Nursing

“We should not withdraw until we get the job done.”



Sasha Sheron
Armuchee, Ga.
Art

“I hope our troops come home soon.”



Colin Lackey
Rome, Ga.
General Studies

“Pull out our troops and let the Iraqi people fight their own war.”



Pamela Stallings
Cleveland, Ohio
Human Services

“End the war as soon as possible. Too many lives are being lost.”



Katie-Beth McElveen
Silver Creek, Ga.
Nursing

“If a Democrat wins the presidential election, then the troops will be withdrawn.”

Ready to escape NW Georgia

Unless your future boss is named Clem, college has little to offer

We all have something in common, and that's the notion that we lost out in the geographical lottery. Whether you were born here or not, through a cruel twist of fate, we all somehow found ourselves entangled in the devil's beard that is northwest Georgia.

I guess that it isn't all that bad. If your life-long plans involve working for some company and taking orders from guys named Clem, I'm sure the area is just plain peachy for your tastes, but for those of us with grander ambitions, northwest Georgia is a soul-



Somebody's got to say it

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sucking, desolate, cultural, social and economic wasteland.

I believe it's time I faced the inevitable. I can't realize my destiny and stay nestled in the mountainous foothills of quasi-suburbia. A whole lot sooner than later, I am going to have to take that gigantic first step into actual adulthood and begin my quest towards whatever it is that I am not finding here. I'm guessing you're in the same boat, too.

I guess college really isn't so much a destination as it is a journey. Really, who cares what your GPA is besides you? That's not

going to feed a starving village or cure syphilis.

College is that vital first prod into becoming a truly independent being, and when it's all said and done, all of the daydreaming you did during economics will prove itself just as worthwhile and meaningful as that eight-hour cram session before finals that gave you a brain aneurysm.

College is important, not because it makes you realize what you want to do with your life, but because it makes you realize what you do not.



Artwork by Andrew Bearden, 2007

Letters to the Editor

Editor's box provokes thought

Dear Editor,
Thank you for your sound commentary on the state of the American news media and the public's attitude toward pertinent news. I often similarly despair of the state of our populace's concept of relevant current events.

I would, however, offer this: newspapermen are cut from a cloth similar to that from which television talking heads are fashioned. Certainly, print journalists have infinitely more tact and are vastly more impartial than their boob-tube brethren; but newspaper reporters are nonetheless occasionally guilty of manipulating the facts to their own devices, most significantly in their determination of exactly what is "fit to print."

Please know that I deeply appreciate your well-reasoned article and am in agreement with you. It is refreshing to read the editorial of one of my peers and come away intellectually stimulated; congratulations on suc-

ceeding in the newspaperman's goal of enlightening the reading public.

Heather Ashley Deiters
Business Administration
Cartersville, Ga.

Enrollment increase is advantageous

Dear Editor,
I am writing about the article in the newspaper titled "Enrollment at Cartersville campus surpasses Floyd." I would love for Georgia Highlands to become a four-year college and still offer the same benefits as it does now. We need a public college that is located in Rome that you can attain a four-year degree from. We have two colleges that you can attain a four-year degree from; however, they are private colleges and do not offer the same benefits such as the cheaper tuition as Georgia Highlands offers.

Amanda Rosson
Early Childhood Education
Lindale, Ga.

Freshman enjoys college experience

Dear Editor,
I am a freshman at Georgia Highlands College. I am impressed with how the College is organized and how efficient it is. I can get to my classes without having to deal with a lot of traffic. The professors are extremely nice and concerned with high quality learning. I do think that WebCT Vista can use some improvement. Some students do not get the information they need for class because of webct problems, but all in all, I am enjoying my college career.

Cotis Hammock
Business
Cedartown, Ga.

Student wants a four year GHC

Dear Editor,
The September 25, 2007 issue caught my eyes by showing how

much the student body has grown. I was amazed to see the significant increase from 2006 to 2007. I have truly enjoyed being a student at Georgia Highlands and really wish it would be a 4 year school. I'm extremely glad to see the school growing and can not wait to see how big it becomes 5 years from now.

Milissa Joiner
Business Administration
Marietta, Ga.

Technology a poor substitute for communication

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to your article "Technology replaces personal contact", which was published in the September issue of the Six Mile Post. I find the internet and the short cuts it offers to be very convenient in our everyday life.

We live our lives at a very fast pace, and we will do whatever it

takes to make our lives simpler. Sending an e-mail does not take the place of a personal card or a phone call. Some things can not and should not be said in as little amount of time as possible.

Technology takes away the personal touch. At some point, everyone appreciates the extra effort that it takes to send something personal. If we only have technology, than we really are no more than robots or computers with little feelings and little personality. Technology has its place, but it cannot take the place of communication.

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GHC student is front man for local Summerville band “HeartCakeParty”

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Band Review

Driving through Summerville, Ga., I feel as if I should be listening to country music. The bluegrass banjos and the South-

ern twang of the almost authentic cowboy singing really match Summerville’s down home atmosphere. But as I walk up to Georgia Highlands College’s own Casey Smith’s garage, the sound I hear belongs anywhere but Summerville.

HeartCakeParty is a five-

man, up and coming, melodic metal group. Even though they have only been together for a little over a month, they already have big plans for touring and recording in their future.

Metal fans will not be disappointed with HeartCakeParty. They will make listeners want to

run for their lives in unison to the beat of Mark DiGregorio’s drumming and Smith’s melodic screaming. Brett Jones and Jonathan Potts play lead guitar while Zack Pledger plays bass.

This eccentric recipe of personalities causes a great vibe with their small “Hot-Topicish”

fan-base.
HeartCakeParty’s first official gig is Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Gore Community Center in Summerville.
Speaking of the band’s future, Smith said, “If you don’t set your goal and reach it, it’s OK. Just go as far as you can.”

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The White Stripes create eclectic sound in ‘Icky Thump’



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CD Review

The latest studio production from The White Stripes, that wacky, not-quite-punk, not-quite-

blues, not-quite-psychedelic duo from Detroit, is a step in yet another direction.
Titled “Icky Thump,” the album is an apparent attempt to branch out into even more genres of mixed rock. Its Celtic, country and blues influences make for a stylistically diverse album. “Icky Thump” combines all of this while remaining solidly in the realm of The White Stripes.
This album is closer to their last, “Get behind me Satan,” in that it is not just Jack White’s attempt to be a garage bluesman. Instead, it is an attempt to make marketable rock that is as distinguishable as possible from the rest of the mainstream. This be-

ing the case, a few listenings are required before one really gets used to it. Be not afraid, though, because Jack White has a habit of rocking really hard. The title song, “Icky Thump,” is a slightly preachy but straightforward rock song that will remind you why The White Stripes are one of the biggest bands of the last five years.
Overall, “Icky Thump” is an enjoyable glimpse into the minds of its creators, an interesting mix of sounds and styles and a pretty fun car ride of an album. If you are OK with the idea of something different than what is going on in music today, this is an excellent choice.

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It's the end of an era as the Braves cut Jones

Well, it's finally happened. After 11 long and mostly productive years of playing baseball together, the pairing of Andruw Jones and the Atlanta Braves is no more.

After a 2007 season that will be remembered mostly for both his struggles and the team missing the playoffs, Andruw Jones is not going to be resigned after his contract is up after the World Series.

During Jones's tenure with the Braves there were highs and lows, and Jones was always a part of them. It's hard to imagine, but it truly has been over a decade since Jones joined the team.

He came into the league as a 19-year-old right fielder. Fast forward 11 years later and he's now an aging centerfielder with

a low batting average and a voracious agent. Scott Boras, his agent, is according to some, partially to blame for Jones's departure with the Braves.

It was Boras who asked for a raise for Jones, in spite of Jones batting his worst since his rookie season.

However, it is best not to dwell on the negative. Andruw Jones will always mean something to the city of Atlanta. During his tenure, he had some genuinely great moments wearing a Braves uniform. No fan has trouble recalling an amazing defensive play by Jones in centerfield.

I will always recall with fond memories the 2005 season, where Jones had arguably his best year, blasting away 51 home runs and bringing in 128 RBIs. That year,

View from the Sidelines

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over all the others, was a year that I could genuinely remember how dangerous a player Jones could be, in the batter's box and in the field.

Jones is not departing on bad terms. The separation was handled with respect from both sides.

General Manager John Schuerholz, in fact, had so much respect for the things Jones accomplished with the Braves, he met with him face-to-face to deliver the news, instead of talking to the agent like he normally would.

"I'm fine with it," Jones told The Associated Press. "I'm appreciative of the chance they gave me to play for Atlanta all these years. I understand the decision they have to make. That's just the way it is. It's a business."

FIT program promotes healthy lifestyle for students

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The FIT program, directed by David Mathis, gives credit for the steps taken in staying healthy and gives members the opportunity to beat the dreaded "freshman 15."

The program is more than halfway finished for the fall semester and the turnout has been steady, averaging 45 members participating daily.

There are two stages within the program; one for beginners and one for the advanced participants. Beginners are required to walk 80 miles in 10 weeks or complete a total of 27 total body workouts. The advanced members are expected to walk 120 miles for the walk/run, or complete 37 total body workouts for the weight-lifting division.

Each participant is responsible for logging in his or her to-

tals via email with Martha Kirkpatrick, physical education secretary, by 3 p.m. each Monday. "At the end of the program we have awards, usually a t-shirt, for those who reach their goals. We would like to have a luncheon in November, if the budget permits," said Kirkpatrick.

For students, faculty and staff that missed out on the chance to participate in the FIT program during the fall, posters announcing the spring semester sign-ups should be popping up soon.

Anyone can be involved in this program including students, faculty and staff.

"It's a really great program," said Susan Claxton, coordinator of the human services program and FIT participant. "It encourages us, and holds us accountable. I think it's great that faculty, staff and students can all be involved together," she said.

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Flag football season kicks off

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The flag football intramural season began on Oct.1 at the soccer field with the Cowboys going against the Fighting Ducks.

The Fighting Ducks led by their quarterback, Josh Underwood, methodically advanced downfield in a time-eating drive that ended in a touchdown, a tipped pass that ended up in a receiver’s hands.

With the missed extra point, the Fighting Ducks led the Cowboys 6-0.

The Cowboys answered with a drive of their own, but they were unable to punch into the end zone and instead was turned

over on downs. The Cowboys finally scored a touchdown of their own when Luke Allmon returned an interception for a score.

The Fighting Ducks answered quickly, and at the half, the Fighting Ducks led the Cowboys 13-6.

In the second half, a long touchdown pass from the Cowboys made it 13-12. With time winding down, the Cowboys went for two, in order to win the game, but failed in the attempt. They lost 13-12.

“It feels good to start off this season with a victory,” said Underwood.

The second game of the day pitted the Cleveland Steamers against The Legion of Doom.

Unlike the first game, this was a high-scoring affair, though one team did much of the scoring.

After an opening touchdown pass that gave the Steamers the lead 6-0, the Legion of Doom ran off 36 unanswered points.

It was never much a contest, and even a last-minute touchdown by the Steamers was answered by the Legion of Doom.

In the end, the Legion of Doom trounced the Cleveland Steamers 42-12.

Chris Hill, one of the many star receivers for the Legion of Doom, said, “I feel great about this game.”

Russell Barwick of the Cleveland Steamers promised they “would come out next week and try hard for a win.”



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Michael Mathis(left) from the Fighting Ducks tries to steal the ball from Luke Allmond of The Cowboys.

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Flag Football Update
Legion of Doom, The Fighting Ducks
come out on top in games on Oct. 8

In the first game on Oct. 8, The Legion of Doom defeated the Cowboys 40 – 12.

The Legion of Doom was led by Katie Beth McElveen, who made an interception to stop a drive by the Cowboys and also

had a touchdown reception.

In the second game the Fighting Ducks defeated Cohan’s Raiders 12 – 6 in a defensive struggle.

The Fighting Ducks were led by Dustin Arnold and Chris Carter on defense with intercep-

tions to stop drives by the Raiders.

On offense the Ducks were led by Josh Underwood’s game winning touchdown reception.

Cohan Sharp had a touchdown for the Raiders.

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