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Rome, Georgia**

Cartersville construction impacts parking

By Erin Baugh
Staff Writer

As fall semester begins, Cartersville students frantically search for a place to park since the construction of the new student center is eliminating many parking spaces.

According to Randy Pierce, Georgia Highlands president, "Construction of a building the size of the new

student center is no small matter. Much research and preplanning went into this project in an effort to minimize the inconvenience. Unfortunately, this project did impact parking. However, all of us involved, faculty, staff and students, will benefit from the finished product."

The new student center will be the home of many activities. The plan is to have

a facility that holds a full recreation center, including two basketball courts, a cardio work-out room, a weight room, a group fitness room and lockers for everyone.

There will be an office, meeting space, a workroom for student organizations and a large meeting room that can be used for large events so that Cartersville can host orientations and speakers. A new bookstore

and food center will be located in the new building.

Megan Youngblood, coordinator of student life, said, "This building will give us the space on the Cartersville campus to host bigger events and provide more space for students to hang out before, after and in between classes."

Bethany Livsey, a returning student at the Cartersville campus, said, "I

would like to know why my college money is going to a building that I will not be able to partake in."

Katie Spangler, first-semester student at GHC, said, "Why did they start building this when school started?"

Students like Kaitlyn Lovingood agree that "it is irritating." She said, "They really should have thought about parking."

GHC volunteers in Relay for Life in Cartersville

By Rachel Buckley
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has raised \$1,600 for the cancer awareness organization Relay for Life.

The Bartow County Relay for Life was held at Dellinger Park in Cartersville Friday, Sept. 9, and continued into the next morning.

GHC contributed 29 volunteers representing PTK, Student Life, AAWCC, Green Highlands, Spanish Club, nursing students, faculty and staff.

These volunteers served with Nancy Hague in their thoughts. Hague is a professor of psychology at Georgia Highlands College and has been battling cancer.

The volunteers wore buttons with Hague's photograph on their shirts and made a poster board in her honor. Jameson Street, a former student of Hague and a volunteer, was particularly supportive in the honoring of Hague.

Hague was only one of many being thought of that day. The race track around the field at Dellinger Park was lined with luminarias, small, white candlelit bags. These honor bags stood for

those who have survived cancer or for those that are still battling.

The memorial bags represented those that have lost their lives and left loved ones behind to carry on the fight.

Each bag came with a donation of \$5, which greatly contributed to the grand total raised.

Bartow County successfully produced 1,511 volunteers and 106 different teams.

As of Sept. 12, the total amount raised for Relay for Life was \$247,708.29.

For more information on Relay for Life visit www.relayforlife.org.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson
Luminarias for Nancy Hague line the track at Dellinger Park.



Photo by Tatiana Smithson
Matt Kendall, GHC student, volunteers at the Student Life tent at Relay for Life.

Library renovations nearing completion

By Krystin Allaire
Staff Writer

Renovations to the Floyd campus library are nearly complete. The remaining major update is the addition of an art gallery.

Designed to run along the back wall of the building, the art gallery is intended to exhibit the works of students, staff and the community. The first planned exhibition will be of photography by Jeff Brown, director of digital media services at GHC.

"We are thrilled beyond words about the renovation. It's been over 30 years since we've had any interior renovation," Assistant Librarian Larry Stephens said.

According to Elijah Scott, director of libraries, numerous updates have been made

throughout the building.

New paint, lighting, furniture and carpet were added. Because of the new carpet, food and drink are not allowed in most of the building. However, food is permitted at a few new tables and chairs just inside the front doors.

Four study rooms are now available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two study rooms are located to the right of the entrance. The other two rooms are located to the right of the Tutorial Center.

All computers have been moved to the back, southern side of the building. There is an additional computer lab as well. Located in a separate room beside the other computers, this lab will be used for library research classes. When it is not in use

for this purpose, it is free for student use. This computer lab is open the latest of any lab on the Floyd campus.

Open study areas have been divided into two sections.

One set of new tables and chairs is located in the back, left hand side of the building where the computers used to be. This area is the "quiet" area, intended for individual students. The other area, located in front of the Tutorial Center, is for group study.

"The new furniture just doesn't seem as comfy as the old blue chairs," said human services major Christine Sisson. Despite this, Sisson believes the style of the new furniture is pretty, the reorganized space wisely used, and overall, the renovation is a job well done.



Photo by Denise Campos

Students enjoy the new renovations in the library at Floyd campus. New lighting, new carpet and new furniture are among the major improvements.

WellStar donates almost \$1 million to enhance GHC nursing program

By S. Fitzgerald
Assistant Print Editor

Over the years WellStar has donated to Georgia Highlands College, but this year has seen the biggest donation yet.

WellStar has donated \$983,972 dollars to the nursing program here at GHC. This is the largest contribution the college has ever received.

The large donation is assisting GHC to have the nursing program on not only the Floyd and Marietta campuses, but the Douglasville campus as well.

WellStar and GHC have been partnered together since 2006 when WellStar assisted GHC with expanding the nursing opportunities to the Marietta campus. According to Dana Davis, director of college relations, with the new Marietta nursing opportunities GHC has

been able to graduate an additional 140 students from the nursing program.

WellStar is hoping to become a magnet hospital, and in order to do so it is providing help to its nursing staff so they can return to school to become registered nurses. WellStar and GHC have joined together to make this possible. This not only gives WellStar's nursing staff more opportunities, but gives GHC's newly licensed practical nursing students more opportunities as well.

Rebecca Maddox, director of the GHC nursing program, explained how the new funds are to be distributed over a two-year time span.

The first check is being used to build microbiology, chemistry and anatomy labs at the Douglasville campus and for video conference equipment.

The video-conference

equipment will improve the communications between campuses and also help students from different campuses interact with each other.

Randy Pierce, Georgia Highlands College president, described the partnership with WellStar as collectively satisfying.

Pierce said, "We have always been proud of the quality of our nursing program. With WellStar's help, we can now expand and maintain the excellence we have been known for in Rome."

"Additionally, we can begin to implement our plans for an R.N. to B.S.N. degree, the first baccalaureate degree we will offer with our designation as a state college. We have enjoyed a strong relationship with WellStar since 2006, and we look forward to building even stronger bonds as we move forward," said Pierce.

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Board of Regents chair visits GHC

Tarbuton discusses finances and future technology

By Scott Hale
Assistant Print Editor

Benjamin J. Tarbuton III, chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, visited the Floyd campus of Georgia Highlands College Sept. 14.

Tarbuton, who recently assumed the chair position, said the visit was part of an effort to get better acquainted with the University System schools. He met with Randy Pierce, GHC president, and other college officials as well as the editors of the Six Mile Post.

Tarbuton addressed the topic of the economic downturn and how it affects students, as well as new technology that will be implemented soon within the University System.

Tarbuton said that for fiscal year 2013 the board has recommended "a budget of \$103 million plus another \$300 million through capital projects." He explained that the financial burden of the students needs to be addressed now to avoid future problems. He is also concerned that continued bud-



Photo by Scott Hale

Benjamin J. Tarbuton III, chair of the Board of Regents (left), meets GHC President Randy Pierce during his recent visit to the Floyd campus.

get cuts to the university system may mean that in the next few years students may experience less access

to professors, more financial cuts and possibly the consolidation of colleges around the state.

Instead of dwelling on the gloomy aspects of the economic downturn, Tarbuton focuses his attention

on new developments, such as the new web based platform that has been chosen to replace Vista, which is Desire2learn. He said that Desire2learn was picked out of 77 vendors because of its innovativeness and adaptability. The new web-based platform will allow individual campuses to tailor the learning platform to their own specific needs.

Tarbuton said that he has been out of school for seventeen years and during that time a lot of changes have occurred in technology and that's the reason the University System is trying to stay ahead of the game by making sure students have more access to email and on-line information. Referring to the Desire2learn platform, Tarbuton said, "Instead of taking information and regurgitating it, you can get the information sooner and be better prepared. I think students will be better prepared for the work force because of it."

The Board of Regents oversees the 35 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia.

GHC's new status makes RN to BSN degree possible

By Ross Rogers
Staff Writer

Having been named a limited mission four-year institution by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Georgia Highlands College is working to institute its first baccalaureate completion program in nursing by fall semester 2013.

Renva Waterson, vice president for academic and student affairs, said, "Planning is underway with the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents. We are just waiting for accreditation from the

Georgia Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing."

The RN to BSN completion was chosen as the initial baccalaureate program following a feasibility study and interviews with community leaders about what Georgia Highlands could offer to better serve the community.

Rebecca Maddox, interim director of nursing at GHC, also cited a report from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies as a motivating factor in starting with a nursing baccalaureate.

The report called for the

removal of scope-of-practice barriers and an increase in the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to 80 percent by 2020.

It also called for the doubling of the number of nurses with a doctorate by 2020.

Maddox said that "the RN to BSN completion program is a very important cog in the wheel" of meeting the increasing need for nurses in Georgia.

"We have a key role in improving health care in Georgia, especially in Northwest Georgia," said Maddox.

Students interested in

entering the RN to BSN completion program will first have to graduate with an associates degree in nursing and pass the licensing exam to be registered nurses. The RN to BSN completion program will be primarily online.

In addition to nursing, other four-year baccalaureate degrees may be in GHC's future within the next four to six years.

Randy Pierce, president of Georgia Highlands, said the move to a four-year institution has been "a vision" of his since the day he got here. "It's been in the mind of the community," Pierce

said.

Both Pierce and Waterson commented on future possibilities for baccalaureate programs at GHC including business, criminal justice and teaching with concentrations in math and science.

Pierce cited a need for middle grades math and science teachers with specializations in their field as one need GHC could meet in the future.

However, there is at present nothing definite on other programs. Waterson said, "We're solely focused on what we've been given permission to do."

Highlands Happenings

Spanish Club to host movie night at Cartersville

**By Jackson Walsh
Staff Writer**

The Spanish Club will host Spanish Club Movie Night on the Cartersville campus in Room 160 at 8 p.m. on Sept. 29. The film "The Secret in Their Eyes" originated from Argentina and won an Academy Award this past year for Best Foreign Language Film and also two Goya Awards for Best New Actress and Best Spanish Language Foreign Film. It centers on Benjamin Esposito, a criminal court employee who decides to write a novel on his past as a civil servant. His court was assigned an investigation of the murder and rape of a beautiful young woman. The search for the murderer leads to a dark, grim, and enticing story according to Kathryn Garcia, club adviser. Garcia said that the club will provide concessions such as popcorn, soda, and many types of candy.

GHC makes two athletics hires

**By Mark Ewings
Staff Writer**

Phillip Gaffney has been hired as GHC's first athletic director. Most recently employed as athletics director at Guilford Technical Community College in North Carolina, Gaffney averaged more than 20 wins a season as a basket-

ball coach with a top five national ranking at all three of his previous colleges. He has coached six junior college all-Americans and eight Regions Players of the Year.

Gaffney said, "I am thrilled to be a part of the Georgia Highlands family, and I look forward to building a first-class athletics program that the college and community can be proud of."

Clifton Puckett is now the coordinator of intramurals at the Cartersville campus. Puckett was intramurals intern there last year. He has plans for badminton, Madden poker, croquet and a ping pong tournament.

Kimball to discuss her book in Floyd County community read

**By Becky Crooks
Staff Writer**

The One Book/Many Voices book read is meant to foster literacy and join the Floyd County community together to read and discuss a common book. This year's book is Kristin Kimball's "The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love." The book focuses on a big city girl's transition to an agrarian lifestyle.

Kimball will discuss her book and experiences on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. in Darlington's Huffman Center in Rome. Time will be allotted for questions and answers afterward.

Georgia Highlands students can receive one free ticket at the Student Life Office on the Floyd Campus with their GHC ID and can purchase a second ticket for \$3. There is a limit of

two per student. They are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are for general admission.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Rome-Floyd County Library, Kroger and the Rome Visitors Center for \$5.

Marietta and Paulding to host Passport to Success event

**By Jennifer Frykman
Staff Writer**

Passport to Success will be held for the first time on the Marietta and Paulding campuses Oct. 3-6.

Laura Beth Daws, assistant professor of communication at Marietta, and Jayme Feagin, assistant professor of history at the Paulding campus, will coordinate workshops that include mock job interviews, dressing for success, resume and cover letter writing tips and suggestions for living a healthy lifestyle.

Students will have the opportunity to bolster interview skills and participate in activities like picking out the perfect interviewing outfit for under \$50.

"Passport is going to help students build their future careers," said Daws. "It will benefit students both professionally and personally," Feagin said.

Admission is free, and if students attend at least half the events and earn six passport stamps, they will be entered in a \$100 gift card drawing from the GHC bookstore.

Students' schedules mysteriously dropped by system; college working on problem

**By Brandon Allen
Staff Writer**

Shortly after classes started, students across multiple campuses were affected by unexpected schedule deletions. The problems occurred around the time of the final add/drop on Aug. 19.

Ken Reaves, campus dean at the Douglasville site, stated that a relatively low number of students were affected but said that if it affected one student, then it was still unacceptable.

No particular group of students were affected by the problem, nor was the

problem more or less prevalent than in the past semesters. There were a myriad of complicated factors within the system causing the deletion of schedules, according to Reaves.

The college is aware of the problem and often holds meetings between the various departments to attempt to improve and streamline the system in order to ensure that students are impacted as little as possible. Reaves said that these meetings have had the result of drastically improving the system over the past few years. Improvements have been made

to the process, so when the problem is detected by the college, the students receive a phone call or email alerting them.

Katrina Vernor, enrollment management specialist at the Douglasville campus, said, "A large amount of the students who had their schedules wiped were able to regain their original schedule by filling out a Request to Change Schedule After Add/Drop Form."

Reaves said, "The College is committed to continuous improvement, and our ultimate goal is no one will be inadvertently dropped."

Summer Poetry Nights Grand Finale

Georgia Highlands Professor Jake Sullins will read his work of short fiction titled "12 Rounds," recently published in The Georgia Review.

**Thursday, Sept. 29
7 p.m. Schroeder's on
Broad St. in Rome**

Enrollment climbs at Douglasville

By C. Orzechowski
Staff Writer

"The number of students at the Douglasville campus has increased by over 100 this fall semester," said Lyric Burnett, student life coordinator. There are now approximately 360 students enrolled this semester.

Recruiter Julia Areh is focusing on high schools around the county. "She helps promote our campus and spread the word about GHC since our campus is so new," said Burnett.

The Douglasville campus safety officer, Addison Barry, says with the increase in students, there have been surprisingly very few issues. "Parking is an issue on all campuses, but the students

here have been very cooperative," said Barry.

Second-year nursing student Kim Guyton said, "The class size has gone up by about ten students per class."

She would also like to see more student clubs and organization opportunities at the Douglasville campus since student enrollment is growing.

Third semester student Joaquin David Menjivar-Couch has noticed more student involvement in the clubs he is part of.

"I have noticed more students attending meetings and activities, especially in Brother to Brother. More students are participating, which means clubs are growing," said Couch.



Photo by Chelsea Orzechowski

Laura Lang, a nursing student, studies with other students in the Douglasville Student Center.

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Changes ahead for students' tech services

By Liv Hood
Staff Writer

Students unhappy with the current Georgia Highlands email and file storage system have something to look forward to.

The college plans to roll out Office 365, a Microsoft product. This will include a new email system, based on Microsoft Outlook.

Students will also be able to use apps hosted in "the cloud" and therefore accessible from anywhere. This would mean students can ditch the flash drive for most of their Microsoft Office Suite documents.

There will also be mobile support, improving

the experience for those who use smartphones.

"It's a good improvement," said Richard Davis of the information technology department, who indicated that a definite date for implementation has not yet been set.

Improvements are also planned for the software that handles Wi-Fi some time next semester, making it easier for students to log on.

This is an example of some of the growth, and sometimes growing pains, that Georgia Highlands student technology is going through. The growing pains were most visible during the recent Charger

Card outage on Sept. 7, causing multi-campus confusion.

"It is really inconvenient. They should have warned us more beforehand," said Elisheva Ray, a communications major on the Marietta campus.

Printing was restored to most campuses by late afternoon and vending machine function soon after.

Two emails were sent to students alerting them to the planned service interruption, but many students claim to have never received one or both emails.

"I never got either one," said Pippin Davila, a psychology major.

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Gaming Club takes on Dragon*Con

By Scott Hale
Assistant Print Editor

This year, GHC's Gaming Club travelled to Atlanta to visit one of the largest sci-fi gaming conventions in the world, Dragon*Con.

The convention was established in 1986 and has become a staple in the sci-fi, gaming and role-playing community for the past 25 years.

This year's line-up for panels consisted of actors like Robert Englund (Fred- dy Krueger), Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy) and Carrie Fisher (Princess Leia).

Jesse Beard, president of the Gaming Club at GHC, said, "I was glad that we were actually able to get to Dragon*Con. It took a lot of hard work, but it paid off in the end. I was happy with the amount of people who were able to attend and I hope that more students will be able to go next year."

Michelle Abbott, instructor of English and adviser for the Gaming Club said, "This was the first year that we were able to attend Dragon*Con. Club members were able to at-

tend tracks of their own particular interest, like the gaming or alternative history track. We also had a few Magic the Gathering players who went to the Gaming Room."

The Gaming Club plans to attend Dragon*Con in the future. Abbott said, "As a matter of fact, we plan on doing fund raisers over the next year to help raise money for the next year's trip."

The Gaming Club over the past year has grown in size to about 40 or 45 active members according to Abbott.

Dragon*Con also features the annual Robert A Heinlein Blooddrive.

The drive was started by the iconic science fiction writer Robert A. Heinlein, author of "Stranger in a Strange Land." Heinlein was a strong advocate for blood drives, and his legacy lives on today.

Last year LifeSouth registered approximately 2,560 people who donated blood. The LifeSouth organization hopes the numbers of donations continue to increase. This year the number increased to 3,000



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Some GHC Gaming Club members gather at the Atlanta Sheraton Hotel. Back row from left: Daniel Fisher, Judson Hartline, Patrick Ridge, Jesse Beard. Middle row from left: Josh Baird, Brandon Poche, Travis Boyce, Matt Mason, William Gourdine. Front Row: Rachel Poche.

according to Brenda Takett, Dragon*Con staff member.

With over 3,500 hours of sci-fi panels, gaming and

special interest seminars, Dragon*Con shows no sign of slowing down, and with the GHC Gaming Club

growing in numbers on every campus, the club hopes to make Dragon*Con an annual trip.

Agrarian writer gets down and dirty in her new book

A book review

By Jessyca Arndt
Staff Writer

Kristin Kimball's book "The Dirty Life: A Memoir of Farming, Food, and Love" tells of her life as a writer in New York City, where she has decided to pitch an idea for a story on "the young farmers" who are "growing the kind of local organic food that more and more people want to eat."

The story begins at Mark's door, the man she plans to interview. She finds herself in a world that seems to inspire so much more in her than just a story. A few months later Kimball is en-



gaged to Mark.

Her life quickly transitions from the clean life of a city writer to the "dirty life" of a farmer's wife. As Kim-

ball gives up every familiar structure in her life, she finds herself torn between her love for farming and the city life she is accustomed to. She presumes that being a farmer couldn't be "all that bad."

This amazingly rich book is full of humor and enlightenment as Kimball walks the reader through the crazy first year of her new life with the man that she so strongly admires.

She writes of the anxieties and reluctance of giving her life away to a man she hardly knows and the insanity of the stinky, dirty life of farming. But she discovers

a love for that life upon first sight. The book takes readers on a ride through the country to see the horses, smell the land, and watch a grown woman try to herd her five stubborn pigs.

No one knows exactly where life will lead him or her, and "The Dirty Life" is an example of the sudden changes that can unexpectedly occur especially to the un-expectant.

Kimball will have you laughing, crying and everything in between as she shares her journey of how she falls in love with her soul-mate, and the life that comes with him.

Kristin Kimball will be discussing her new book at the One Book/Many Voices book read in Rome.

See Page 5 for more details.

A tweet could help us change the world

This year has so far proven to be a year of great revolution and change. Since the last days of 2010, there have been large revolutionary movements in the Arab world.

In January, millions of Egyptians demonstrated their opposition to various problems they were having with their government. Many wanted to end the reign of their president, Hosni Mubarak. They felt they were being oppressed with police brutality as well as a so-called "state of emergency" which has lasted nearly 30 years and restricted freedoms of citizens.

Reports of self-immolation as protest spread all over the Middle East

and became horrifyingly common in the first few weeks of January.

A few weeks later, events leading to a civil war began in Libya, where many protesters were killed while demonstrating for better living conditions. The strife in Libya escalated, and eventually help from the U.S. and other countries was called in to support the revolutionaries in their resistance to the rule of Col. Ghadaffi.

The interesting thing about these recent revolutions is that a large portion of the activists are the same age as college students here in the U.S. They use Social Networking such as Twitter and Facebook to organize protests, while here we

tweet about what we ate for breakfast or share a Lady Gaga video on Facebook.

If the typical Georgia Highlands student were asked for an opinion on the Republican primary debate, the result would probably be a blank stare. Ask that same student about what happened on last week's "America's Got Talent," and he or she will likely know the answer.

It is important for the adults in this country to care about the issues that affect us daily. There are so many people who just tune the rest of the world out and only focus on the trending topics that have no real substance.

As U.S. citizens we have the right to peace-

fully protest, but instead we choose to ignore. Since we have the right, do we not also have a responsibility?

As college students, we are going to be the leaders of our communities and our country in the near future. We should get involved with issues that we care about; we should be more active in voicing our opinions on current issues.

Those reading this article are already taking the first step in curing apathy, reading a newspaper instead of watching "NCIS." Having a healthy social and political system is much like having a healthy body; it requires exercise.

We must exercise our rights to free press by

staying informed on the topics that really matter and exercising our freedom of speech by making our voices heard through writing, in general discussion with peers or even in a post on Facebook.

In 10 years the Middle East will be radically different due to the efforts of the activists and protesters there. Tyrannical leaders will be a thing of the past, children will not be starving due to restrictions on business owners because they are Muslim or Jewish, young adults will be picking up computers and textbooks instead of weapons and picket signs.

So what kind of changes could we make on our side of the world?

It's a new year for your newspaper; you can help me make it better

Welcome, Six Mile Post readers, to another year at Georgia Highlands College as well as a new volume of the Six Mile Post. This publication has been providing a public forum for the students of this college since 1971, and this year we hope to continue this service and enhance the experience for our readers.

The Six Mile Post has a mostly new staff this year with a handful of returning staff members. As editor, I feel confident in the abilities of our new writers, photographers and editors to create a quality newspaper.

We have staff members on each GHC campus as we strive to include stories relevant to each campus in



Editor's Box

Jesse Beard
Editor

every issue.

This year I hope to cover the news stories that are important to our readers and help to keep them informed on important topics that they will not be able to read about anywhere else. I also want to put a special emphasis on our online presence this year. The paper has a brand new website, which is a work in progress, created and maintained by our staff. We also

have a new Facebook page that our readers can "like" to have some of our online stories appear in their news feed and give them a direct way to interact with us.

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Becoming a nurse takes determination

So you want to be a nurse? Good for you. I am a senior in the nursing program at GHC Heritage Hall. I applaud you for your incentive to be a nurse! I'd like to offer you a bit of advice.

Take your prerequisite classes seriously. You may think that lots of the material you are working on now will never be seen again. Wrong! You will see nearly everything you take in your science classes over and over and over again. It will take many forms through your two years of classes in nursing school (or year and a half

if you are bridging as an LPN, paramedic, or EMT). I cannot stress how important anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and nutrition are when you get here.

Think the other classes like algebra, history, communications and political science can be coasted through? Think again. You will use your math skills in clinical calculations. You will use history when you study the history of every part of the nursing curriculum from the timelines of medical breakthroughs to the history of nurses through the

ages. You will have to write papers and do research on your own. Evidence based projects don't go away. We elect officers for the Highlands Association of Nursing Students, making what you learned in political science important too.

Make friends and start a study group now! Your friends that you make now will see you through nursing school. There are times when you just can't "get" what the instructor teaches, and friends that hear the same thing can explain it in a way you can understand.



Nursing Notes

Christie Boyd
Staff Writer

Discouraged? Don't be. Nursing school is the hardest thing any of my classmates and I have ever done. I have personally failed a test or two, but study and perseverance will pay off in the end. There's nothing like the sense of accomplish-

ment you feel when you finally learn the material you didn't understand before!

I hope you feel encouraged to compete for the spots in the nursing program. As, one of the armed services mottoes used to say, "It's the hardest job you'll ever love!"

If you work the plan, the plan will work you

I am finally back in school after five years of "hiatus." I was the first one in my entire family to graduate from high school, and so far I am one of only two to do so.

After graduating from high school, I didn't know anything else to do but to go to college if I wanted to be successful in any capacity in my life. So six months later I enrolled in Floyd College (now Georgia Highlands College) and started taking courses.

I would take three here, two there. I didn't go full time because I needed to work because I had bills to pay. I had no direction. I thought that all anyone had to do was enroll in college and everything else took care of itself. There was no need for goals or discipline or a plan. I just needed to enroll and after that there was a degree and a job making a lot of money.

Needless to say, after about a year and a half, I dropped out of college and pursued a career.

I had always said that a college degree didn't matter but that all you needed was ambition and to know someone, which to be honest, is partly true. However, I have learned after two very good,



The Soap Box

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very high paying careers that while having a college degree doesn't guarantee you anything, it does teach you some very valuable lessons and disciplines for life and opens a lot of doors that would otherwise be closed to you.

My fear for many of us here at Georgia Highlands and for those of us that would transfer out to bigger colleges and universities is that we will wander aimlessly through the halls of school, expecting to magically end up on the other side with a college degree and a high paying job, ushering us into the American dream relatively unharmed by discipline and authority.

One of the issues with our generation and the ones to come is that we check off the boxes of the American dream in our life without a real plan on how to get there or knowing what we ultimately want to accomplish.

Instead, I would encour-

age us to be engaged in every step of our lives as we live it--not to just lethargically trudge through college, but to be actively participating and pushing ourselves to our limits with a real plan to make things better.

Having been a part of management for one of the most recognizable and respected companies in the world, one thing that was always asked of us whether our territories were doing well or not so well was, "What's your plan?"

And so I would ask you the same thing. What's your plan? What's your plan for what's next? What are your ultimate goals for your life and how do you plan to accomplish those goals?

Don't willingly just go through the motions expecting everything to just work itself out. Be proactive. Develop a plan. Set goals. Organize. Be ambitious.

Create your own American dream.

What do you think your most challenging class will be this semester and why?



"CHEM 1211: a lot of math and formulas you have to remember."
Josh Geer
Biology/Pre-med
Cartersville

"CHEM 1211: study a lot and memorize and if you don't learn the concept you'll be confused."
Wajiha Farooq
Biology
Floyd



"FCST 1010 will be hard. It is a lot of work and projects. I work part time, so it is going to be a struggle."
Djay Ray
Undecided
Marietta

"Math is going to be hard. I was never good at it. My history class will also be challenging."
Breeana Johnson
Undecided
Marietta



Local film festival screens highs and lows

Rome hosted the eighth Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) this year. The two day festival took place Sept. 9 and 10 at GHC's Heritage Hall and downtown Rome's historic Desoto Theater.

The films were created by independent amateur filmmakers from all over the world and ranged from documentaries to zombie movies.

The Six Mile Post sent its three editors to the festival to bring back their opinions on the films as well as the festival itself.



By S. Fitzgerald
Assistant Print Editor

There was a variety of films shown at RIFF- from documentaries about video game influence, romantic love stories to zombies. It was more than what one could ask for. There was a film for everyone's interest.

“/afk” is a documentary film about the influence of a world renowned online role playing game called World of Warcraft. It began with the launch of World of Warcraft in November 2006 when a group of young 20-year-olds bought the game and began playing.

Throughout the documentary several men tell their stories of how World of Warcraft has affected their lives.

The film is shot over the time span of four years, documenting how each of the gentlemen have progressed or even regressed with their video game playing.

It is a heart-warming film that reveals how sometimes video games can affect lives negatively and it is a reminder that it is just a game, not life.

Another film shown at RIFF was “Whatever Makes You Happy.” It is a boy meets girl tale of how two completely opposite people fell in love.

Ana is a graduate student currently in a relationship and living with her longtime boyfriend Kevin.

Alex is a carefree musician who lives in the upstairs apartment of one of

Ana's close friends. Ana and Alex's world were both shaken when they unexpectedly met through mutual friends. They began a heated affair that neither one of them could possibly have fathomed. The affair was jeopardizing the worlds they once knew in many ways, but was what they had together enough? It is a film that will leave viewers at the edge of their seats.

One can always find a hidden treasure at RIFF that maybe one day will be presented on the big screen.

By Scott Hale
Assistant Print Editor

The Student Film Competition is held every year at the RIFF. Students from surrounding high schools and colleges compete for bragging rights and the coveted title of “winner” in their corresponding categories.

This year's competition was “tough to judge,” according to Mike Mejia, vice president of RIFF board of directors.

Director Austin Wiggin, a Pepperell High School graduate, emerged as the winner of the high school category for his short film “DeadLine.” Wiggins said, “This is my first time entering and attending!” Wiggins explained that he has a couple of films planned for the future and hopes to attend film school at the Art Institute of Atlanta.

For the college category in the Student Competition, director and producer

Steven Walker, a senior visual communications major from Berry College, took first prize for his short film “Bacconton.” Walker said, “It was a little fun project that we decided to make, and we won.”

Lastly, the “Zombie Block” presented a local dose of the undead.

One film that stood out among the other zombie films was “Followed.” Not following (no pun intended) the typical zombie film formula, “Followed” is a deep look into the sociological context of a growing population and how humans would hypothetically interact with the walking dead. “Followed” was directed and produced by James Kicklighter of Jamesworks, a Savannah based film production company. Kicklighter said, “We currently have two films in post-production and we plan to roll out our first feature film next year.”

By Jesse Beard
Editor

The Friday 1 p.m. block of short films at the DeSoto was a random assortment of both good and terrible.

The first film, “Blood Roulette,” was simply bad, with next to no story or characterization and far too many cheap CGI effects which tried and failed for a “gross out.”

Luckily the next two shorts, “The Dinner Meeting” and “Earthly Paradise,” were enjoyable and were exactly the kind of films one

would expect to see at the festival.

The rest of the block was watchable but not exactly great. “Colt Jackson: Enforcer” started off really well but fell apart in the middle of its 30-minute duration due to a mostly cliché storyline and a forced noir feeling.

Down the street at Heritage Hall at 3 p.m. another block contained a cute short about a mother and son called “The Death of Toys.”

The second day of the film festival proved to be a much better experience.

The DeSoto side of the festival started with a block of films focused on activism. “The Gadfly,” which was a modern monologue from Socrates’ “Apology” by Plato was immensely satisfying and well done.

The following film was titled “We Shall Not be Moved: The Nashville Sit-Ins,” and it was a short documentary focusing on civil rights activists in Nashville in the ‘60s.

The feature-length documentary “Occupation Has No Future: Militarism + Resistance in Israel/Palastine” was also very well done. It was incredibly informative about the subject matter, and someone who had no idea about the ongoing strife in “the holy land” would easily be able to understand the situation and form an opinion on the conflict.

Immediately following this block at the DeSoto was

the “Georgia Block 2,” which was the second of four blocks featuring movies made by Georgia filmmakers.

“Take One Tablet” was only four minutes long but succeeded in portraying the frustration and futility felt by people with obsessive compulsive disorder. “Fisher” was a very well done animation with a grungy style and some cute characters, reminiscent of “The Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack” from Cartoon Network.

“Wild is the Wind” was something of an enigma. It was engrossing in that it was so very different from everything else, but the stale acting by the lead actress was bad enough to almost ruin the movie.

“The Blue Hole” was possibly the worst film ever made. The acting was atrocious, the story line was contrived, and the film really did not deserve the attention or time it received at the festival.

Overall, RIFF was better this year than last year in a few ways. Grouping films loosely based on subject matter, like the “activist” film block and the zombie theme block, is a great idea.

Also, having several blocks of films all made by Georgians spread out throughout the festival was a very nice touch. One thing that could be improved would be the process for eliminating films which don't really deserve to be in a film festival, such as “Blood Roulette” or “The Blue Hole.”

FLIP takes burgers to another level

A restaurant review

By David F. Godfrey
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a good burger, then look no further. FLIP Burger Boutique, now with two Atlanta locations, offers delicious gourmet burgers at reasonable prices that even college students can afford.

Located at 1587 Howell Mill Road, GPS is essential when navigating toward FLIP's west midtown location. Do not let the crowded, urban landscape fool you. Positioned on the corner of Howell Mill Road and Verner Street, right across the street from an old tire shop is a fun, modern and upbeat hotspot.

The owner, Richard Blais, arguably Atlanta's most notable Chef, is the "Bill Nye" of burgers. Blais's use of "molecular gastronomy"

creates fun and interesting burgers and shakes that keep customers begging for more.

At an average price of 15 dollars, FLIP's burgers range from seven to 21 dollars. Blais's ingredients, sounding a little like something out of a science fiction novel, include Swiss cheese foam, Coca-Cola ketchup and compressed vegetables.

It also seems necessary to mention the milk shakes, which by the way, are frozen using liquid nitrogen and are delightful.

Seemingly misplaced, creative and delicious foods combined with a contemporary atmosphere make FLIP a great destination for college students. When visiting FLIP Burger Boutique remember to have an open mind and an empty stomach.



Photo by Scott Hale

Armstrong entertains at Floyd

Musician Kyshona Armstrong performs for students at the Floyd campus on Wednesday, Sept. 14

Rudd gives a predictable performance

A movie review

By Morgan Younce
Staff Writer

In the past couple of years, successful comedies have had a few of the same off-the-wall actors in them, a sort of modern-day "brat pack."

Actor Paul Rudd came on the scene in supporting roles in Judd Apatow movies, such as "Knocked Up" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." "Our Idiot Brother" is his newest comedy in which he plays the lovable, weed-dealing, organic-farming idealist Ned.

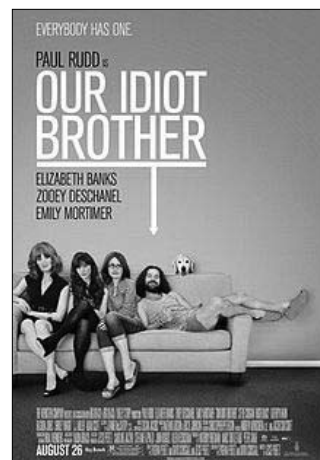
The film starts off with Ned selling a bag of marijuana to a police officer, one in uniform at that. His trusting nature gets him thrown into jail, and a few months later he's released

on parole. Upon his return to the organic farm, his girlfriend has replaced him with another lovable hippie and refuses to let Ned take his dog, aptly-named Willie Nelson, with him.

At that point the comedy goes exactly where audiences would expect it to; he moves in with his family. His sisters are a stereotypical bunch. Liz, the always busy mom, is played by Emily Mortimer. Ned's workaholic writer sister Miranda is played by Elizabeth Banks. Natalie, played by Zooey Deschanel, is a free-spirited lesbian who lives in a communal setting. Ned fills their lives with problems and points out the problems already there.

Although entertaining, the film itself does not shine

because it is completely predictable. Rudd, Banks, and a few jokes save the movie from complete comedic disaster. It manages to work on a small-scale because of the cast; if it weren't star-studded, "Our Idiot Brother" would just simply be another idiotic film.



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Eslom Leung (right), from The Swamp Donkeys, defends the ball from Fabian Maciel (right) of the Goon Squad.

Donkeys trample the Goon Squad

By Kaitlyn Hyde
Chief Photographer

their game up and scored a total of 20 points in the first half.

The Swamp Donkeys took on the Goon Squad and won 33 to 16 during the first game of the co-ed flag football intramural season on Sept 15.

The first touchdown was the result of a pass from Matt Bishop to Dylan Graham of the Swamp Donkeys, followed by a two-point conversion from Bishop to John Stone.

The Goon Squad answered when Luis Hernandez ran in for a touchdown, with a two-point conversion pass to Kyle Wheelles.

With the score tied, the Swamp Donkeys picked

The second half began with a touchdown from Graham to Bishop. However, the two-point conversion attempt was no good.

The Swamp Donkeys followed with another touchdown and continued to lead with a score of 33 to 16.

The Goon Squad threw the ball for a touchdown, but the pass was intercepted by Eslam Leung. The game ended with the Swamp Donkeys on top.

Games will continue every Thursday at 1:45pm on the athletic field on the Floyd campus.

Score Box

Basketball 9/20

True Grit 41,
Them Guys 30

The White Boys 40,
The Springers 14

The GHC Hoopers 52,
The Goon Squad 34

More scores can
be found online at
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True Grit, The Goon Squad and the GHC Hoopers win opening games

By Kaitlyn Hyde
Chief Photographer

The first intramural basketball game kicked off on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

In game one was True Grit, with 19 points in the first half and 17 points in the second. They stole the game with a winning total of 36 points against their opponent. The CS4L's scored eight points in the first half and 14 points in the second for a score of 22.

In game two of the day, The Dream Team competed against The Goon Squad. The Goon Squad walked away with the win in this

game with a total of 48 points; however, it was a close game until the end. The Dream Team, who scored 39 points total, was basket-to-basket with several blocks but could not bring the game to a win.

Game three of the day pitted Them Guys against the GHC Hoopers. The GHC Hoopers scored a total of 40 points to win the game 40-22.

While Them Guys had a good start, they did not hold on for long. In the first half, Them Guys scored 13 points, but that was no match for the GHC Hooper's first half total of 25.



Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

Cody Shephard (center) shoots for points while Seth Ingram (left) defends the basket.