



New Cartersville campus opens

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A ribbon cutting ceremony held on Aug. 26 marked the official opening of the Georgia Highlands College Cartersville campus.

Former Governor Joe Frank Harris, who now serves as a member of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, referred to the event as a “historic day.”

“This is not only a great day for the Georgia Highlands College family and other supporters who have worked diligently and whole-heartedly to bring this project to fruition,” said GHC President Dr. Randy Pierce. “This is a day of great celebration for the entire Bartow county community.” Bartow County Commissioner Clarence Brown said, “Kennesaw College could have been in Bartow County.... We got a second chance.”

At the ceremony, Thomas Meredith, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, stated, “Buildings serve as beacons of hope for everyone who goes by them.” Meredith praised

Harris as the source of inspiration for the new Bartow county campus. According to Meredith, “Behind the dream is the dreamer and behind the dreamer is the doer.”

Other speakers at the ceremony included Cartersville Mayor Mike Fields, State Sen. Preston Smith, State Rep. Jeff Lewis and Co-Chairs Danny Gibbs and Jerry Norman of the Georgia Highlands College Foundation.

The \$20 million, 100,000 square-foot building was designed by architects Cooper and Carry. The facility sits on 50 acres and is currently the academic home of 1,200 students.

The Bartow campus was built with an eye for future enrollment growth and is currently equipped to serve 1,500 students. The campus boasts room for additional buildings and future expansion is being considered if indicated by enrollment growth.

“You’re sitting on an old cotton field. It’s the same ground for

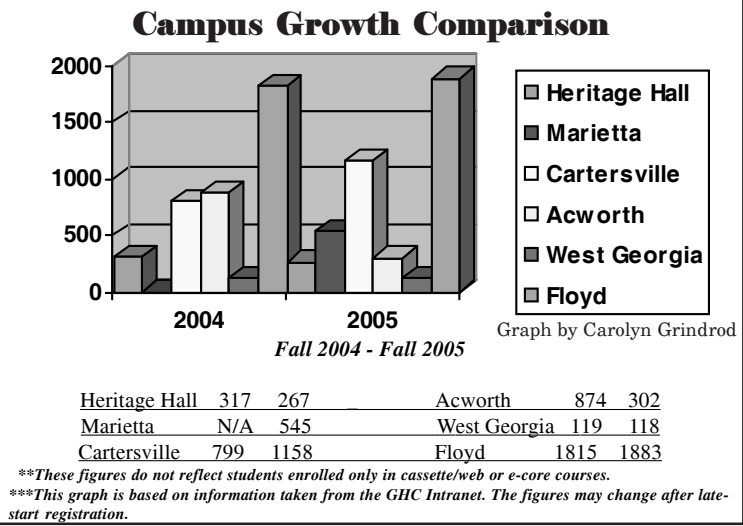


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Participants in the ribbon cutting ceremony are (from left) **Row 1:** Joe Frank Harris, former governor and current Board of Regents member; State Sen. Preston Smith; Clarence Brown, Bartow County commissioner; State Rep. Bill Cummings; Rep. Jeff Lewis **Row 2:** Joel Wooten, Board of Regents; Rep. Bill Heath; Rep. Barry Loudermilk; Chancellor Thomas Meredith, Board of Regents; Mike Fields, mayor of Cartersville **Row 3:** GHC President Randy Pierce; Jerry Norman, co-chair of the Georgia Highlands College Foundation; Sam Smith, former mayor of Cartersville; and Danny Gibbs, co-chair of the GHC Foundation.

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GHC’s enrollment reaches its all-time high



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This fall the newly dubbed Georgia Highlands College has experienced a significant increase in the number of students enrolling.

With newly installed campuses in Marietta and Cartersville, enrollment has increased by over 9 percent since fall of 2004. The new campus in Marietta alone added 545 new students for the fall semester of 2005.

Along with more students

comes the task of accommodating them with amenities such as parking and providing them with instructors and professors for their classes.

“Parking is definitely more difficult, but I think higher enrollment is a good thing because it will make Georgia Highlands a more reputable institution,” says Evan Fleetwood, political science major from Cartersville.

The question of finding instructors has been answered by new faculty being hired.

“We have hired eight full-time professors and three temporary faculty members to ac-

commodate the new students,” said Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs.

Along with new professors Georgia Highlands College has also increased its staff presence in the Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Offices.

The college has also hired a number of new student assistants to help with growing enrollment.

Carson expects Georgia Highlands College to have healthy annual growth.

“We are only limited by the number of classrooms we have available,” said Carson.

Students participate in Constitution Day debate



Steve Blankenship talks to a gathering of approximately 40 students in the Lakeview Building, as a part of the Georgia Highlands College observation of Constitution Week. A similar presentation took place at the Cartersville campus.

Photo by Sam Chapman

Georgia Highlands, Berry and Shorter Colleges join forces to sponsor annual conference promoting student leadership

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On Sept. 16 Georgia Highlands, Berry and Shorter Colleges put together the Northwest Georgia Student Leadership Conference.

The annual conference is attended by seven other colleges in the Northwest Georgia region which help to make up the Northwest Georgia Crescent Student Leader Consortium.

The conference was kicked off by guest speaker Michael A. Derosa. Derosa is the president and chief leadership architect of

Smile and Think Leadership Education Company and the winner of the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) 1998 Campus Speaker of the Year and APCA 2000 Campus Diversity Program of the Year.

John Spranza, director of student life, believes the leadership conference is a way for colleges to share information about their clubs, what works in the clubs and what does not.

According to Sparanza It is a very good way for students to get information about campus organizations they might have heard about.

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almost the same purpose, only now young people can harvest their minds and turn it into something new,” said Smith.

The new facility includes 20 classrooms complete with audio-visual technology including wireless Internet access, science labs, conference rooms, faculty and staff offices, administrative offices, a bookstore, several computer labs, a testing center, a student services hub and two terraces. The library features an open beam ceiling and stone fireplace and has the capacity to hold 20,000 books.

The Cartersville campus, located on Georgia Highway 20, across from Wal-Mart, has the support of the local government. “This building is representative of our community. It will draw more industries and help our community enhance itself,” said Fields.

In conclusion, Pierce believes the expansion of the college’s reach in Bartow County is “Just the beginning of a major contribution of a growing state.”

The new addition opened its doors for students and faculty on August 20.



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The Cartersville campus began as an architect’s drawing.



Photo by Rick Climer

The old Cartersville campus served many students over the years.



Photo contributed by Dana Davis

The new Cartersville campus now has the capacity to hold 1500 students.

PTK seeks new membership



Photo by Sam Chapman

PTK adviser Nancy Hague (left) and Vice President Gil Bailey talk to prospective member Jeremiah Veillon (right).

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Georgia Highlands College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society for two-year colleges, held its first organizational meeting on August 31 at the Floyd campus to make changes hoping to boost involvement.

Some of the changes include more involvement with PTK

members at other campuses and looking into having a fall gathering at the Cartersville campus. A trip to the Fox Theatre in Atlanta to see "The Phantom of the Opera" is also in the works, and trips to out-of-state seminars as well as conventions are being considered.

The organization plans to recognize outstanding members with prizes, which could include cash. PTK also hopes to start a literary magazine.

Gil Bailey, vice president of Phi Theta Kappa, said that aside from prizes and convention trips, the organization has more to offer. "PTK membership looks good on a resume; also there are things for the graduation outfit, not to mention the scholarship opportunities," he said.

Requirements to be a member of PTK are a minimum GPA of 3.5 on 12 credit hours of associate degree course work.

A 3.25 must be maintained to stay a member, but that may change. "We have a motion in to change that to 3.0 to try to attract more HOPE students," Bailey said.

Part-time students are eligible if they have accumulated the required 12 hours and have the minimum GPA. Transfer, international, non-degree seeking and certificate seeking students as well as high school students are eligible as long as they meet the requirements.

Current students who are eligible will receive an invitation to attend the Phi Theta Kappa orientation.

Dental hygiene student receives scholarship



Contributed photo

Brook Carson (left) is presented with a scholarship check from the Northwest Georgia Dental District by Dr. Martial Mann (right), past president of the Northwest Georgia Dental District. The award is given annually to a current dental hygiene student who plans to practice dental hygiene in the northwest region of the state.

New ID's protect GHC students

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Students will no longer need to worry about identity theft when they use their college ID numbers.

Ashton Reed, a history major from Trion, stated, "I think they do need to change the student ID numbers."

According to Jeanette Eckles, director of enterprise application services, Georgia Highlands College will no longer use Social Security numbers as student ID numbers.

A new computer generated number will replace the old student ID number.

"This change will affect students' ability to log in to SCORE," Eckles stated.

Currently, students log in to SCORE by inputting a PIN number, which is their SSN with the numbers 99 added to it. Once the changeover has taken place, the new ID number will be used as

the PIN number. The conversion will be established by Nov. 7.

Sandy Davis, registrar, noted that once the change occurs, a link providing students with their new ID numbers will be available on the login page of SCORE.

According to Jack Bivins, auxiliary clerk, "Students can find their new ID numbers printed on their Georgia Highlands College ID cards."

Floyd College ID cards will not be functional after Oct. 1. Therefore, students holding the old ID cards will need to obtain the new GHC ID cards. Money placed on an FC card will be carried over to the new card.

Bivins stated that "functionality of the new cards will remain the same" including printing and other functions.

After the conversion, the new ID or a driver's license must be shown when presenting a check at the bookstore instead of providing a SSN.

A decision has not been made

on what to do about the network ID, which is used to log in to email and the college computers.

Eckles stated, "We didn't want to implement anything right now, but we are working to change it."

The discontinued use of Social Security numbers as a means of ID has been mandated by the Board of Regents, Davis explained.

The reason for the change is to make students "a little more secure," according to Eckles.

"If we use a Georgia Highlands ID, it is not as prevalent as a student's Social Security number," she stated. "It is a number unique to each student, yet simple enough to where you can determine what your PIN is."

Students seem to concur with the idea of protecting their identities.

Scott Blair, a biology major from Rome, said, "I think it's a good idea. They are fixing a problem that shouldn't have been a problem in the beginning."

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Cartersville lacks cozy chairs

We all know how important it is for students to have a place to sit and unwind between classes with friends. However, the students that attend the Cartersville campus have no such luxury. True, there is a ping pong table, but there is nowhere for them to relax on campus between classes.

Kathy Monroe, a sophomore majoring in Christian counseling, said, “It’s really bothered me, actually, because sometimes I have a good deal of time between classes and I wouldn’t necessarily leave here if I had some place else to go. I typically find a quiet restaurant to study for an hour and a half.”

Dr. Ron Shade, vice presi-

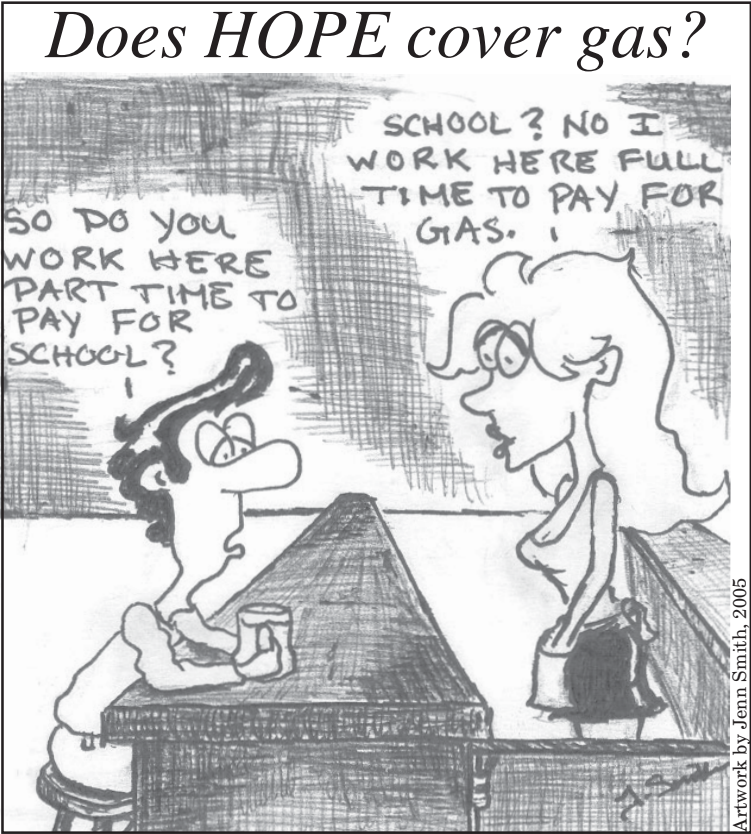
dent of student development, stated, “After the construction project was well under way, the overall budget for move-in furnishings and equipment was found to be short, and there had to be cuts made. The absolute necessity was the chairs for the classrooms and the office chairs.”

Dr. Wilbur Shuler, vice president of finance and administration, shed more light on the matter: “The project got started in the late 1990s. At that time we put in all the things that we needed to be done in the budget. Then when the project finally got approved, years later, the cost of everything had already gone up. As a result they had to cut some of the construction

and some of the equipment in order to be able to construct the facility that we now have.”

The comforts that a campus offers have a lot to do with its appeal to the student. Places to sit and relax with friends are important to the college experience. When there isn’t adequate seating or comforts for the student, the campus loses its appeal, and students will be less likely to want to attend that campus.

It is true that the classrooms were a necessity and were furnished for the students. Even though we may feel the need to point fingers at the school for not supplying the comforts we all are used to, at least we don’t have to sit on the floor during class.



Gas prices sky high! However, gas stations not to blame

Over the past four years, gas prices have continually risen and fallen until the current state. This is due to many things. Natural disasters, war, and OPEC are prime examples.

Because of these examples, Georgia recently lost its title of having the lowest gas prices in the Southeast United States for a short time.

The part of me that works at the Kmart gas station wants to give a sound off and salute to the men and women of the gas pumps. Not because of the high prices that have overcome this land of ours, but because they put up with customers that accuse their station of price gouging. It’s not the stations themselves that are raising the costs. It’s the companies that are supplying the oil to make the gas that are to blame.

“I guess times have changed but I don’t think we will ever see prices that low again.”

A common thing I hear is, “I remember when gas was this price!” I guess times have



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changed but I don’t think we will ever see prices that low again.

I hear constant chanting of “When are you going to put the blue light on?” Naturally the quarter you save on gas for that tank will be used on lunch or something like that. It isn’t much but it helps, right? Of course it does.

I remember my father going to Belgium on a business trip and

coming home to say that the gas there was more than \$5.35 a liter. I could never fathom paying that much for half a big bottle of

Coke.

So are we still happy we pay for gas by the gallon? I still hear complaints everyday at the Kmart Express.

All things aside, the only way I see to get away from these high gas prices is to get on to the major car companies. Demand that they hurry and refine the technologies of bio-diesel. Demand that they refine hydrogen powered cars. Demand that they find ways of lowering the costs of hybrid cars. Also, get your buddies to ride with you and give you gas money. It’s not much, but it’s a start.

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Letter to the editor...

A friend remembered

Cricket was the first person that I met on the first day of school last fall. As I approached the classroom for Human Communications with Judy Sims, I first glanced the room looking for a “safe” place to sit. The impact of our first encounter would not become apparent until this summer. Cricket, a single mother, and non-traditional student was returning to school to major in criminal justice and business administration. Her most important goal was to provide a better life for her four-year-old son, Dakota.



Cricket Williams holds her son Dakota.

Not only were we in speech class together. We also shared two semesters of Math 097/099 with Harriet Kiser. Whether it was math or speech we were always encouraging each other. We both stressed about our grades on a daily basis. Cricket finished her Compass test before I did, but she turned and gave me a big smile and thumbs up!! I felt instant encouragement.

I knew that Cricket was a cancer survivor, and I gave her a Lance Armstrong “Livestrong” bracelet in the spring. We didn’t know at the time that her cancer had returned. She found out in June that her cancer was terminal. Cricket was a fighter but unfortunately lost her battle with cancer on Sept. 3, 2005.

A loving family is in the process of adopting Dakota Williams. Cricket’s main concern was that her child be taken care of. She was deeply moved by the generous financial support from the college and church community.

Helen Keller once said, “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.” These words of wisdom inspire and motivate many people to further their educational goals. Cricket Williams would want each student to be grateful for the educational opportunity that lies before them and strive for excellence. “Against all odds” she was able to return to school and made a difference in all the lives she touched.

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Something to think about



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On the line with her “Can-you-hear-me-now” husband

Another year, another paper

As the new editor of the “Six Mile Post,” I am looking forward to serving the students on all of the campuses as the first editor-in-chief of the student newspaper at Georgia Highlands College.

The college has undergone many improvements and expansion over the last few months and we, the “Six Mile Post” staff, are here to serve you with all your local news about the school and community. You will find information here that you will never see anywhere else.

The “Six Mile Post” is a designated public forum that was started two years after the college opened in 1972. It was named after the old railroad station and trading post that was once located near where the college was founded in Floyd County.

If you have any questions, comments or story ideas, please feel free to email me at 6MPost@highlands.edu or send mail to “Six Mile Post”, Georgia Highlands College, 3175 Cedartown Hwy., Rome, GA 30161.



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SIX MILE POLL How are gas prices affecting you?



Jordan Askew

Rome, Ga.

Music / Business Major

“Got to drive a dinky old truck everywhere and that’s the truth.”



Heather Jones

Rome, Ga.

Pre-Nursing Major

“They have not affected me much except I travel to Tennessee a lot.”



Nena Mears

Cedartown, Ga.

Education Major

“I drive far so it has put a damper on my checkbook.”



Emmylou Prater

Sandrock, Ala.

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“Gas prices are a killer because I live in Alabama.”



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“It limits my social life.”

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Looks Grimm for the Brothers



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Movie Review

“The Brothers Grimm,” the latest film by acclaimed director Terry Gilliam, is a disappointment. This movie has plenty of good

points, but ends up being very second-rate in its effect on the audience. The special effects in the film are great. The environments are gloomy and seem like they are out of a fairy tale. The costume design is also excellent. The characters’ dark attire matches the mood of the story. The humor in the film is also very well done for the most part. The comedic style is slapstick. The parts of the story which hurt the film, though, are the parts in which the viewer is supposed to feel a connection with any character. The characters at most are likeable but are flat and static. To sum up this film, it is mediocre. While there are some redeeming factors, there just are not enough. This film is a big disappointment compared to Gilliam’s “12 Monkeys” or “Brazil.”

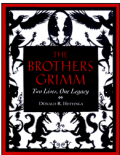


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Sparks draws tears with ‘The Wedding’

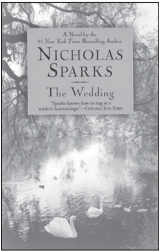
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Book Review

“The Wedding,” by Nicholas Sparks, is the long awaited follow-up to his “New York Times” bestseller “The Notebook.” “The Wedding” is a powerful, touching story of love lost, rediscovered and renewed. Nicholas Sparks once again brings readers his distinctive insight into the only emotion that ultimately really matters, LOVE. Love is something everyone wants and longs for, but what happens when the person you love falls out of love with you? In “The Wedding” an ordinary man goes to great lengths to rekindle the love of his wife. After 30 years, Wilson Lewis, son-in-law of Allie and Noah Calhoun of “The Note-

book.” is forced to admit that the romance has disappeared from his marriage. Lewis must face the agonizing reality that his wife, Jane, has fallen out of love with him, and it is completely his fault. Unlike the shining model of Allie and Noah’s marriage, Lewis is a man unable to easily convey his emotions. A successful estate attorney, he has provided well for his family. Wilson is the guy who did not spend enough time at home and too much time at the office, much like how some parents of this generation are. With his daughter’s upcoming wedding, he is forced to face the fact that he and Jane have grown apart, and he wonders if

she even loves him anymore. But overall, Lewis is sure of one thing; his love for his wife has only deepened and intensified over the years. With the memories of his in-laws’ magnificent 50-year love affair as his guide, Lewis struggles to find his way back into the heart of the woman he adores. Lewis vows to find a way to make Jane fall in love with him...all over again. He goes to great lengths and his wife starts to notice it. Will this relationship last the test of lost love? Will Lewis make Jane fall in love all over again? The ending will surprise the readers, making them cry and smile at the same time. It is a true love story in all aspects. Everyone wants a love that is true, and Nicholas Sparks brings one to the pages for readers to enjoy.



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Film festival brings world to Rome

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Filmmakers, directors, screenwriters and movie-goers from around the world filled the streets of Rome on Sept. 8-11, as the city hosted the second annual Rome International Film Festival (RIFF).

This year's festival drew larger crowds than last year's. "Last year, we had about 5,000 people come from all around to see the film festival, but this year we had a little over 6,000 people; it was great to see the community come together as a whole," stated Barry Norman, founder and executive director of RIFF.

In addition to the large turn-

out, RIFF also had a larger burst in volunteer work from the colleges in the area, including Georgia Highlands College; the number of volunteers more than doubled last year's with 200 or more volunteers. GHC's Frank Minor, associate professor of English, and Dr. Laura Musselwhite, associate professor of history, were among these volunteers as they both served on the adjudication advisory board for RIFF.

"The one thing that pleased me the most," exclaimed Allen Bell, executive director for the Rome Council of the Arts and festival liaison, "was seeing people from the community make this festival their own. I would get compliments and comments on

how to improve the festival, which just shows how the community interacts and embraces it."

Events began with a special showing of the opening night film, "Bright Leaves," a documentary by Ross McElwee about the North Carolina tobacco industry. The film was then followed by a large gala in the Forrest Place ballroom at the Forum, where everyone celebrated the beginning of RIFF.

This year, along with the 153 movies there were

two workshops: the Calder Willingham screenwriting workshop, presented by Minor, and Acting for the Screen featuring actress Shay Bentley Griffin. "In the future, we would like to have a few more workshops so that the audience not only gets to watch films but can also participate in them," explained Norman. "For example, we would love to have an actual screenwriting contest."

For the remaining three days, RIFF showed a vast array of films varying in length and design. The movies were grouped by artistic style, for example experimental films or animated movies, and the audiences were allowed to vote on the films for their favorites. The winners received a best-in-category Silvia trophy during



Scene from animated film "Egg" by Benh Zeitlin Photo courtesy of riff.tv

the award ceremonies at the historic Desoto Theater on Sept. 11.

Other awards included the Career Achievement, which was presented to Dan Biggers, a local screen actor. Dr. Harry Musselwhite of Berry College, who is the Festival and program director for RIFF, received the Festival Appreciation award.

"It was a total surprise," said Musselwhite. "I have my own Silvia that sits at home by my computer to remind me of the great RIFF experience. I was more than honored to receive this award."

The idea for the festival came to Norman, who is also an acclaimed filmmaker, while he was at Figuiera Da Foz, a small film festival in Portugal.

"I remember how the city just came to life as a result of this festival. Small venues in walking distance and the cultural environment of a small town intrigued me. It just became a nice little community. When I came home, I decided I wanted to bring something like this to a small town like Rome," Norman said. Norman started a film festival in Dahlonega, Ga., but it was moved to Rome in 2004.

The future has many things in store for RIFF's involvement in Rome.

"We would like to get some of the independent films on local television," stated Harry Musselwhite, "and start a committee to help local independent films."

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'Hillbilly' delivers

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CD Review

If you are looking for a new country music CD to pick up, look no further than Brooks & Dunn's new album: "Hillbilly Deluxe."

The CD, which came out Aug. 31, contains 13 new songs from the group. The most popular of the songs are "Play Something Country" and the title song, "Hillbilly Deluxe."

Don't think this CD is just for

country-western fans. The inspirational song "Believe" would bring a tear to just about anyone with a pulse.

While not every song is necessarily great, they are all at the very least decent. I recommend listening to all of them at least once to find your favorites.

After my harshest field test, Brooks & Dunn's "Hillbilly Deluxe" received three nods out of five. So, if you are like Brooks & Dunn and want to "Play Something Country," then go pick up this album.

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Club sandwich at GHC

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Club Round-Up, an event that informed students of the numerous clubs and organizations available to them, was held on Thursday, Sept. 1.

John Spranza, the director of student life, is passionate about getting students involved because, "College is so much more than going to class and going home."

His mantra states that it does not matter what thing you are a part of as long as you are a part of something.

Clubs represented at the round-up included diverse organizations such as Black Awareness Society, Baptist Student Union, and Vegetarian Club.

"There had to have been two hundred people there, but maybe more," said Jannah Corn, a nursing major from Cedartown, about the 11 a.m.

event's turnout.

The entertainment, a comedian/musician bearing simply the name Christopher, began his show at 12:15 p.m. Christopher's performance kept the audience's attention with his need for volunteers.

The food and entertainer did not detract from the purpose of the Round-Up, however.

Tables were set up so that each club station had an element necessary to make a respectable sandwich.

There were many clubs that received a notable response, but the one that really stole the show was certainly the new and currently provisional Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). It is an organization that promotes the culture, lifestyles, and arts of Renaissance times.

A SCA member, Amanda Worthington, sported wench-like fifteenth century dress while she displayed artifacts and recreations of genuine Renaissance gear which wowed onlookers.

Students learn about the various clubs that Georgia Highlands College offers while making their own sandwiches during Club Round-Up.



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Comedy between classes



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Comedian Arvin Mitchell is just one of many entertainment acts provided by Georgia Highlands College for students' amusement between classes.



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Intramural sports kicks off

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The fall 2005 intramural season kicked off Sept. 14 with the 3-3 basketball games.

This semester eight teams are going at it for the championship title. On each team there are three or more players. Each game consists of two, 10 minute halves.

The first game was played by the Celtics and the Bobcats. Blake Pattillo, the Bobcats main man, was the leading scorer with 32 points. The Bobcats went on to win, 50-35.

Pattillo, a math major from Rockmart, said, "Gotta thank the team for a heck of a game and the awesome shot I got for 32 points."

Dem Boys and the Pacers faced off in the second game. Quantavious Martin of the Pacers had a great game. He started out on the right foot and kept it that way for the remainder of the game. Dem Boys were no match for Dem Pacers Boys from the LBC (Lil' Bitty Cedartown). The ending result was no surprise,

Pacers winning, 34-22. Martin led the way for the Pacers with 22 points.

Martin, a communications major from Cedartown, said, "I think my team played great and together, which gave us the victory."

As for the last two games of the afternoon, the Ballers outballed the Lakers 41-24. Dayne Styles led the way for the Ballers with 17 points. As for the Lakers, Ray Coburn was the lead scorer with 10 points.

Next were the Knicks and String Music. This was a close game; however, String Music played loud, but not loud enough for the Knicks. Final score was Knicks 37, String Music 34. Casey McRae was the leading scorer for the Knicks with 25 points and Jarrett Gray for String Music with 21.

All games are refereed, and games start every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

Schedules are posted all around campus for those who are interested in watching the games.



Photo by Chelsea Perren

Orlando Morgan, number 55, puts in two more for the Bob Cats, who go on the win over ther Celtics.

Fun in the sun and snow

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For those who enjoy skiing and snowboarding or are interested in trying, the time to hit the slopes is near--and for credit.

The annual ski/snowboarding trip to the North Carolina mountains, led by Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, will be Dec. 18-22.

The deadline for the trip,



Ken Weatherman has led the ski/snowboarding trip for almost 25 years.

however, is Dec. 3, so registration should be early.

The trip offers spring semester credit in PHED 1420 (Beginning Skiing/Snowboarding) and PHED 1421 (Intermediate Skiing/Snowboarding).

It is also available for non-credit students, faculty, staff and friends. All non-credit participants will register under Continuing education status, thus requiring a \$25 continuing education fee in addition to the regular trip fees.

Prices vary from a one-person room at \$442 for skiers and \$477 for snowboarders to a four-person room at \$268 for skiers and \$303 for snowboarders. Cost is lower for those who have their own equipment.

Almost 25 years ago two physical education teachers came up with the idea to allow students to earn credit for skiing.

Weatherman said, "The trip originated in 1980. The idea for the trip developed from Anthony Dennard, a former physical edu-

cation instructor, and me."

"We are averaging almost 40 students a year. One year we took 83 students. This was our all-time record," said Weatherman.

"I enjoy seeing my students learn to snow ski or snowboard. Modern equipment and instructional techniques have permitted



All photos contributed by Ken Weatherman.

Students ski at the top of the lift as it snows.

students to rapidly learn to ski in recent years. It's a joy to see new students skiing down from the top of the mountain under control by the end of the ski program," Weatherman said.

For more information contact Weatherman at 706-295-6353.



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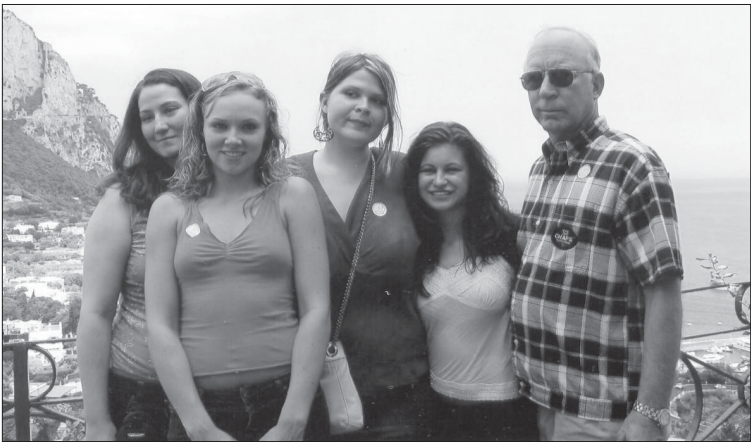
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(From left) Holly Stanley, Adeana Hall, Emily Loveless, Savannah Youngblood and Dr. Jim Cook pose in front of the ocean on the lush island of Capri Italy.

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Over the summer, Georgia Highlands College students participated in the Study Abroad summer program trips to Italy, Spain and St. Petersburg, Russia.

The basic idea of the program, as explained by Jeff Brown, director of extended learning and study abroad coordinator, is to get students out of the classrooms and out of the states, away from their normal culture and environment and into new ones.

The Italy trip was led by Dr. James Cook, a retired history professor. Brown is the coordinator for the Madrid, Spain and St. Petersburg, Russia trips.

Brown personally participated in the Russia trip, along with site director Stan Webb, a professor from Bainbridge University, and assistant site director Irina McClellan, a professor from Valdosta State University, who is a native of Russia. These trips included GHC students as well as other University System of Georgia students.

Students participating in the program received eight credit hours or as Brown called it the "full load." These hours count towards their majors.

Next summer Cook will be leading a group to England and the Scottish Highlands. "I'm al-



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Catherine's Chapel, St. Petersburg Russia

ready trying to recruit people for it," he said.

"Study abroad is an opportunity that every student should look into and take advantage of," said Brown. "It really does change people's lives."

Students interested in the Study Abroad Summer programs may contact Brown at (706) 802-5300; for the "Highlander" trip students may contact Cook at (770) 748-0657.



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St. Isaac's Cathedral, St. Petersburg Russia, is a prime example of the Russian architecture.

For more information about study abroad opportunities go to
http://
www.highlands.edu/
academics/extended/
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index.htm

Coming Events

Advising DAZE

Time: the week of Oct. 17-20

Monday, Oct. 17:

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Floyd Campus Student Center

Tuesday, Oct. 18:

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Marietta Campus Room G243

Wednesday, Oct. 19:

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cartersville Campus Room 211

Thursday, Oct. 20:

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Acworth Room 212

Regents' Test workshops

Reading Portion:

Teacher: Beth Harrison

Place: Tutorial Center, Floyd campus

Time: Monday, Oct. 17: 2 p.m.

Writing Portion:

Teacher: Nancy Applegate

Place: Tutorial Center, Floyd campus

Time: Wednesday, Oct. 19: 2 p.m.



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Mystery of the depths revealed

Spending a week in the Bahamas not a bad way to earn college credits

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Who goes to class and swims with sharks?

This past May, 13 Georgia Highlands College students traveled to the Bahamas to SCUBA dive, study basic principles of physical science, and earn six credit hours while doing so.

This was the college's first study abroad trip to the Bahamas.

Assistant professor Mark Pergrem and assistant professor William Morris led the group of GHC students on the seven-day, six-night adventure to the Bahamas.

Prior to the trip, everyone met for four full days of instruction in basic SCUBA certification. During these pre-trip classes, the participants also covered a variety of topics within physical science, including the physics of fluids, oceanic and atmospheric circulation patterns and the marine ecosystem.

These students spent their seven days in the Bahamas aboard a 65-foot sailboat named *Pirate's Lady*. The *Pirate's Lady* is capable of carrying 22 passengers and six crew.

Pergrem and Morris agreed the outing to the Shark Research Station was the students' favorite part of the trip. During their trip to the research station stu-

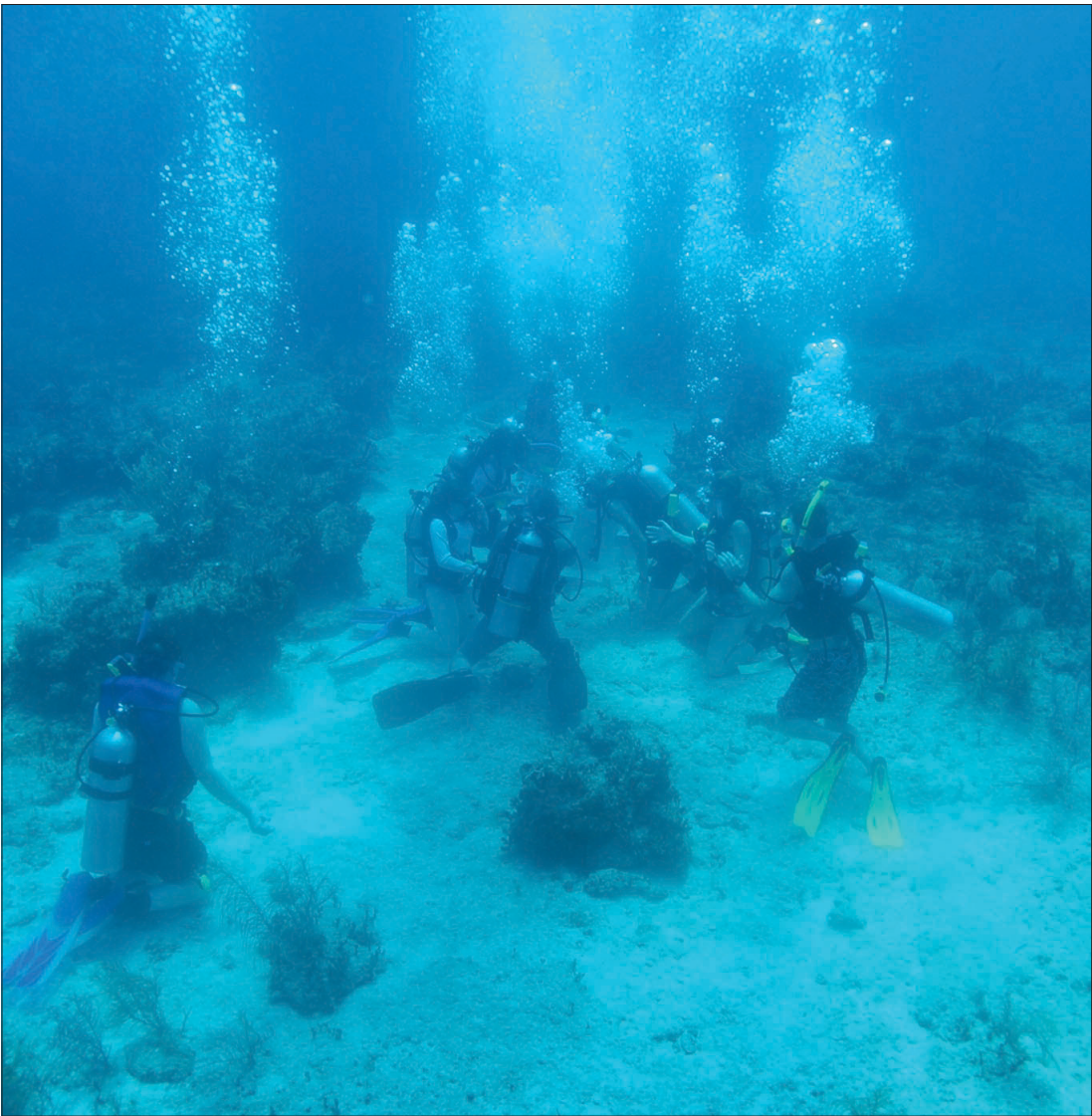
dents were treated to a shark dive. With the divers in a circle, a chum-cicle, which is frozen shark bait, was placed at the center of the group. Dozens of sharks were swimming and eating in close proximity to the divers.

Though the trip sounds wonderful, it was not a vacation. The six hours of credit for the trip were derived from two classes. Students received two hours of PE credit (PHED 1450 Basic SCUBA) and four hours of science credit (PHSC 1012 Physical Science II). Students were able to complete all necessary dives to become certified SCUBA divers. The normal basic SCUBA course offered by GHC does not include the open water dives, which are required to become a certified diver.

Do not be alarmed, though. The trip was not all work without any downtime. Pergrem said that they made port twice during the week and that on these nights students were afforded some freedom to explore the local community on their own.

The total cost for this trip was around \$2,000. This included tuition, room and board, SCUBA certification and miscellaneous fees and equipment costs.

Students who are interested in attending future study abroad trips to the Bahamas may contact either Pergrem or Morris at dpergrem@highlands.edu or bmorris@highlands.edu.



Students perform certification check-out skills on the ocean floor.



Students dive at a wreck site, the *Sapona*, a concrete boat built during WWI.



All photos contributed by Mark Pergrem



Tiffany Coaty, Billy Morris, Jacob Cheshire and Nick Rauch are under a sail at a dive site.



The *Pirate's Lady* is docked in Bimini.



Students take a tour of a shark research lab in Bimini, where sharks are implanted with transponders to track their movements and are released back into the sea.