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Students wonder about food on campus

**By Spencer Musick
Staff Writer**

Something is missing from the student center at the Floyd campus that has never been present at Cartersville.

No food services currently are being offered at either campus. Students, faculty and staff at these campuses are looking to off-campus establishments for their meals during the academic day.

Milano's provided the food service at the Floyd campus last year. According to Robert Whitaker, vice-president for finance and administration, Milano's decided not to continue its on-campus business for the 2008-09 academic year.

"They informed us late in the summer of their decision to discontinue their food service," said Whitaker.

Whitaker said that the college is currently accepting bids

from outside contractors in an effort to bring food service to the Floyd campus.

"Nothing is final, but we are currently in preliminary talks with several regional food service providers. One of the major factors that we are considering is the variety of foods being offered. Students grew tired of the menu last year, and we want to address that issue," Whitaker said.

Plans are also in the works to address the food service issue at Cartersville in the short term. Whitaker pointed out the possibility of a food cart system to provide deli-style offerings to students at the Cartersville campus.

Whitaker also said that plans are to have a student center that holds a tentative snack shop built at the Cartersville campus within three years.

Christopher Abrams, sophomore general studies major

from Rome, said that the lack of a food service on campus is a major inconvenience.

"Food is a necessity for us to be successful in our college careers. The food offered in the vending machines and at the bookstore is not substantial enough to replace a hot meal," said Abrams.

Patrick Ridge, first-year general studies major from Rome, said he was surprised that there were no on-campus food options.

"Many college students have to eat their meals on the go, in between classes. It is impossible to venture off campus to get food in 15 minutes, and it is unfair for us to be placed in that situation," said Ridge.

"I also find it ironic that the college bans smoking, citing concern for the health of the students, while not providing us with any food options on campus," Ridge added.



Photo by Jordan Penson

The cafeteria stands empty on the Floyd campus.

Teacher remembers daughter with club fundraiser

**By Chiara VanTubbergen
Staff Writer**

The Human Services Club motorcycle ride fundraiser, on Sept. 6, netted almost \$2,000 for the Felicia Claxton Memorial Scholarship Fund.

After being approached by a student last fall who was having to drop classes due to financial aid problems, Susan Claxton, associate professor and human services coordinator, felt the need to help.

With the support of the Human Services Club, a scholarship was formed in memory of Claxton's daughter Felicia, who passed away in 1999.

Nine motorcyclists rode out of GHC and then took a 90 mile round trip through Cave Spring, Summerville and Big Texas Valley. Participants left

at 11 a.m. and returned at 1 p.m.

Twelve volunteers offered a spaghetti lunch to the motorcyclists upon their return.

"Establishing this scholarship gives us a chance to give back to a woman who is special to each of us," says Shannon Williams, president of the Human Services Club.

The scholarship is available to human services majors who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend school.

The scholarship does not have a payback policy, but rather a pay forward policy in which the students awarded with the scholarship strive to help others through simple acts of service.

"We didn't have the turnout we hoped, but this was our first year. This ride taught us

all a lesson in planning and advertisement, and we see where improvements can be made for the next ride on Sept. 12, 2009," explained Kelly Kuykendall, organizer of the fundraiser.

"Although we are a far cry from having the \$10,000 that we need to establish the scholarship and the \$40,000 that we need to guarantee perpetuity, we are going to work hard until we are successful in making this dream a reality for a woman who deserves all of the good things in the world," said Williams.

"Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel towards the students that wanted to honor Felicia's memory this way. The scholarship is very important to us, and this ride brings us one step closer to our goal," said Claxton.



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Susan Claxton leads the motorcade.

Banned book reading Oct. 1

By Kelli Slemp
Staff Writer

Banned Books Week is a celebration of our freedom to read books that have been banned around the country. A banned book reading is being held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Cartersville library fire-place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sarah Hepler, a GHC librarian said, "We hold the reading to highlight censorship and First Amendment issues and because we are a public college and do not censor library materials. Therefore, it serves as a celebration of intellectual freedom."

Bassel Rabah, the Book Club president, says Banned Books Week is a great event that really opens up students and gets them excited about reading.

The American Library Association has been celebrating BBW since 1982. Readings began on the Floyd campus in the 1990s. Cartersville had a great turnout at its first reading last year.

Students can get involved by signing up to read or at-



Photo by Shellena Agustin

Sarah Hepler stands beside Banned Book display.

tending for extra credit. There are around 100 banned books available for checkout, and t-shirts will be sold at the Cartersville Library for \$15.

Shel Silverstein's "A Light in the Attic" was banned because a reader said one of the illustrations encouraged children to break dishes to avoid having to dry them. That reason may not seem offensive to everyone, but what if a book was banned

for racist slurs or for offensive language? This would be the circumstance for many books just like "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

Other books that have been banned around the country include: The Bible, The Goosebumps series, "Hamlet," The Harry Potter series, "Gone with the Wind," "The Odyssey" and "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

Security often unseen but always present on campus

By Will Floyd
Staff Writer

Jimmy Pope, interim head of security at Georgia Highlands College, feels GHC is safe and secure.

Pope, who has 10 years experience with GHC security, believes there have been no serious incidents for some time.

"The only incident we've had in the last few months was we had a vehicle strike one of the light poles in the parking lot. Apparently no one was injured, because they didn't report it," Pope said.

Pope says that if any students are worried about the quality of security on the Floyd, Heritage Hall or Cartersville campuses, they need not be.

Although there are no security cameras on the Floyd campus, there is at least one security guard present 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even when the campus is closed.

The Marietta campus has a similar 24 hour a day, seven day a week campus police force.

These guards are employed by Southern Polytechnic State University.

The Heritage Hall campus has security cameras and guards, and the Cartersville campus has the same level of security as Heritage Hall.

Georgia Highlands Security currently employs nine full-time guards and approximately 17 part-time guards. Although the state of Georgia is going through budget cuts, there have been no cuts in the number of security staff.

"There are no fewer guards than in the past. They only cut back hours on some of the part-time guards during the summer when we don't have as high a rate of enrollment," said Pope.

GHC student Matt Gentry says he isn't worried about the safety on campus. "No, I've never felt threatened because there is a decent amount of night students and there is a fair amount of people in the parking lot together at any given time."

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Georgia Highlands continues growth spurt

By Stephanie McCombs
Staff Writer

The number of students attending Georgia Highlands College continues to rise.

Glenda Law, administrative secretary from the Cartersville site, says numbers there are up by well over 1,000. During the 2007 fall semester, Law said the total was at 1,800 while numbers are at 2,400 this semester.

According to Sandie Davis, GHC registrar, there is an 8.31 percent increase in the student enrollment at the Floyd campus.

Dr. Jon Hershey, professor of English, also commented on the increase of students at the Floyd site. "I am glad that enrollment continues to grow," he said. "However, I am concerned about the student-teacher ratio, especially in the developmental classes, which should remain low."

While some teachers are experiencing the increase in class enrollment, other faculty members such as Dr. Laura Musselwhite say they are not.

"I haven't seen an increase in my course load, since my classes are normally full," Musselwhite said. "However, I did notice increased activity during the drop-add period. I seemed to have more students making various shifts in their classes that first week, whether due to being dropped for financial aid reasons or just because they needed to change some classes."

Elizabeth Dewberry, a business major from Bremen, said she chose to attend GHC because the people were more hospitable than those at the University of West Georgia. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here," she said.

Devlen Duncan of Calhoun, a history major, said he came to GHC because he needed some-

where to start after the Army. "I'm adjusting well to being around so many non-military types," he said.



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Crowded hallways at Cartersville GHC show growth.

Coosa Valley Fair

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State budget cuts affect Georgia Highlands

By Sean Jepson
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College is feeling the effects of a weak economy. This year, GHC will see a 5 percent reduction in state funds, meaning a loss of over \$800,000 to the school.

"We have two (primary) sources of funds," said Dr. Randy Pierce, GHC president, "state funding and tuition." Approximately 70 percent of the school funding comes from the state. According to Pierce, the state budget cuts this year

went deeper than expected.

This loss is forcing GHC to find ways to trim its budget while limiting the impact. Professors are being asked to limit the number of copies they make for students. The nursing program is increasing its reliance on private funds. Three full-time faculty positions have been cut. The faculty is now also limited on professional travel.

"I am greatly concerned," said LaNelle Daniel, chair of the humanities division. "I feel it has a tremendous impact on

job performance by not sending faculty to conferences." In addition, professors who teach courses on other campuses may no longer be reimbursed for travel expenses, said Daniel.

However, no positions in her division have been lost, "and I am thankful for that," Daniel said. She also stated that instructors are adapting to the copy limitations by using email and Georgia Vista more often to post class materials.

In Aug., Gov. Perdue ordered most state agencies to provide budget reduction plans

of 6-10 percent to slow a growing state deficit from a struggling economy. "The low revenue was not expected to be this severe," said State Rep. Katie Dempsey, who serves on the House of Higher Education Committee.

"Steps taken by the Board of Regents are designed to protect instruction," said Dempsey. "As long as students have a quality and talented instructor, students should not have a direct impact."

"Everybody here works hard to make sure students

don't feel the impact of cuts," echoed Pierce. "The same number of courses are being offered with the same amount of instruction."

However, a tuition increase may be looked at, said Pierce. "We may look at charging a temporary fee if budget cuts get any deeper."

For now, students seem to notice little effect from the cuts. "The difference I'm noticing this year is a limit on handouts and study materials from the teachers," said sophomore Amanda Stegall.

Booze Mountain Road under construction

By Tyler Ashley
Assistant Editor

With the closing of Booze Mountain Road, which runs directly beside the Floyd campus, a commuting college becomes a construction zone.

Since Sept. 8, Booze Mountain Road has been closed for various improvements. Derek Stansell, foreman for the road construction project, said, "After we're finished with all of the work, there's going to be a lot of

improvements."

These improvements include: raising the elevation, softening the shoulder and adding turn lanes. With these changes, Booze Mountain Road will be more accessible to Highway 27. Rome's new bypass will run above Highway 27, near Booze Mountain Road.

There are a few setbacks that the construction work has created. For golfers, the college's fairway is now a parking lot for bulldozers, and for

commuters that come from the south side of campus, frustrating detours may affect travels.

Paul Mull, second-year student from Rome and detour user, commented, "In my opinion, it's really not that bad, because the new roadwork will hopefully help traffic."

Stansell says that on Oct. 19 hardhats and bulldozers will disappear and the only reminder of this hectic construction will be an improved Booze Mountain Road.



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Construction equipment is becoming a frequent sight.

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Lakeview Building gives students the cold shoulder

Most students on the Floyd campus have experienced the icebox known as the Lakeview Building. With an average classroom temperature of 65 degrees, it is understandable why some students may need a sweater or jacket along with their textbooks.

The cold temperature raises concern when students are taking tests. Because of the cold setting, students may have difficulty concentrating on the exam at hand. This is an even greater concern when the Regents Test is being given at the Lakeview Building. The long test time with the cold setting is not a combination that students need while trying to perform at their best.

The cold classrooms in Lakeview are not reserved

for only the spring and summer months. During the autumn and winter months, the same energy that could be used to warm the classrooms is wasted on maintaining a cold atmosphere.

Some students have complained about the uncomfortably cold temperature at the Lakeview Building. However little, if anything, has been done to improve the comfort of students and faculty. Because of the lack of improvement, the same students feel that their voices and opinions about the cold classrooms are not being heard.

Something needs to be done to make the necessary changes to adjust the temperature. Students deserve a learning environment that is not compromised by cold temperature settings.

Financial predators roam GHC Campus

By James Swift
Staff Writer

Unscrupulous businesses target college students.

Odds are, you've seen the flyers posted about the Cartersville campus, those tape smeared bulletins in gaudy neon hues with the explosive fonts emblazoned with screaming headers promising grandiose employment opportunities specifically for college students.

Sometimes, they're pasted to the foyer columns. Other times, they're haphazardly scattered amongst the school vestibules. And of course, they're nothing more than detestable scams perpetrated by nefarious, less-than-scrupulous local business practitioners. I often find myself amazed at the frequency of these postings.

How is it that these modern day snake oil salesmen consistently sneak their respective garbage into our hallways? Shouldn't someone perform a background check before these fraudulent papers are circulated?

Exactly who is distributing

these flyers, anyway? Student double agents? Sly corporate barons? Or do the bottom-feeders simply just waltz through the double doors, stick in a few furniture tacks and wait for the prey to accumulate?

I suppose the latter is the most realistic hypothesis, which, in and of itself, speaks volumes about the emphasis on scholastic security these days.

Perchance the most venomous of conniving agents (or at least, the most prolific) in terms of these unsanctioned postings is a local financial institution.

These Better-Business-Bureau sanctioned profiteers employ a deceptive strategy of lulling in economically stifled students and "guaranteeing them employment" just as soon as a costly credit check is initialized. Guess who they want to pick up the tab for the process? Hint: It's the same person that just lost a few hundred bucks in search of a phantom job opportunity.

Shady practitioners of this sort are commonplace and the extremes they will traverse to ensure profit turning and financial recourse in astounding.

Other perpetual college-targeting firms, have gone as far as setting up phantom social-networking sites in efforts to "debunk" the claims of less-than-satiated would-be "employees."

This is the downside of enjoying a free market economy. As far as "weak targets" go, cash-strapped college students are about as easy as pickings come for the pariah-like establishments trying to separate the desperate from their wallets.

The after-effect of this "financial Darwinism" can be boiled down to one resounding statement: associations of such ill character should not be allowed to practice such fraudulent means, and the college hierarchy should invest more time and effort into protecting its student body from such malicious purveyors.

The next time you encounter a flyer with a claim that is deceptive, report the finding to the campus administration and the local sanctioning body of commerce. After all, it's our obligation as consumers to keep such repugnant elements out of our economic macrocosm.

Living on the Pale Blue Dot

Earth, one of the biggest entities we know, yet one of the smallest in the universe. On Feb. 14, 1990, the Voyager 1 reached the edge of our galaxy and turned to take one last picture of Earth. The Earth was a tiny point of light, only 0.12 pixels in size, a pale blue dot.

That speck enveloped by darkness is home. In Carl Sagan's words, "Everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every 'superstar,' every 'supreme leader,' every saint and sinner in the history of our species



Editor's Box

By Nick Godfrey
Assistant Editor

lived there-on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

Often I undergo stressful times and I begin to believe the world is ending. Is that essay due going to be finished on time? Can I truly cram all of those chapters into my head before the big test? Money is tight; am I going to make it? Then, Carl Sagan's voice echoes in my mind. Scary, yes at first, but then I realize the standing of it all. Where I stand is on a fraction of a fraction--of a dot. Whatever I go through, whatever happens to me is just another wave in the ocean.

However, this does not give

me reason to step away from my life, my priorities. Better yet, I realize as Carl Sagan humbly states, "In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves." So, in turn, we are here to make our stand, preserve, protect and cherish our lives and the dot.

This small almost void pale blue dot proves how insignificant we truly are, yet how important our every action is. We must not let the world take us down, but realize the world, the Earth, is all we have.

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Voice of Reason

By James Swift
Staff Writer

Is your degree really worthless?

A fellow student recently stated, very matter-of-factly, "An arts degree and a cup of coffee doesn't mean squat."

I went home that evening and pondered that sentiment for quite some time. What if this ne'er-do-well was correct? Granted, arts majors are not likely to enter the highest-paying occupations. That's pretty much a given.

However, what perplexed me is this: Are liberal arts majors really that inferior to business, science and medical luminaries?

Well, the pay discrepancies certainly imply that notion. English and history majors will never bring down the fat paychecks of engineers and physicians.

I guess societal influence sways against the liberal arts community as well (If a girl is being pursued by a journalist major and a specialized medicinal technician, who do you think the parents are going to vouch for?)

So it's settled: arts majors are nowhere near as important as the doctors, lawyers and business leaders of the world and their highfaluting

collegiate credentials.

Now, why don't you try telling that to the family of Daniel Pearl, who died for his worthless liberal arts degree? And what about the meaningless degrees brandished by Woodward and Bernstein? All they did was bring down the President of the United States.

There are journalists and reporters across the globe that literally risk their lives on a daily basis, getting firebombed covering news stories so that superior business administration majors have something to talk about at the water-cooler. I'm sure the whole world would function just fine without meaningless teachers, writers, designers, social servants and their equally pointless degrees.

So yes, arts majors are insignificant. So insignificant, in fact, that they can tell the whole world about it.



The Philosophy of Voter Registration

By Eric Celler
Guest Columnist

It is becoming more and more prevalent that during an election season people who would otherwise be less interested in politics than they are in "American Idol" begin to mobilize.

All over the country you see random acts of organization perpetrated in the name of "getting out the vote." One popular act of spontaneous organization is voter registration drives. We see them everywhere now; at local county offices, speaking events, rock concerts, county fairs, and college campuses.

These seasonal bursts of popular political science that are created in the name of active citizenry are nothing more than a way to pad numbers for the statisticians who want to reflect record turnouts for this year's election.

But is it right to indiscriminately register the general populace to vote? Is there no moral dilemma in encouraging the uneducated, apathetic, uninformed college student to vote? Should a mob cast a ballot for a presidential candidate? The answer is no.

One fundamental problem with voter registration drives is that they indiscriminately encourage the uninformed to cast a ballot. As a result, those with economic ignorance who have a poor understanding of civil liberties are going to vote for the best looking candidate who is promising more entitlements at the detriment to his

fellow citizen. These kinds of votes and these kinds of leaders who are voted for are dangerous to America.

Another significant fault in all-inclusive voter registration drives is that they promote collectivism. EVERYONE GET OUT AND VOTE. Get out and vote regardless of the lack of ethical/moral/political variety on the ballots.

These masses rush the voting booths with settled candidates in their minds (who ride the same brainwave as "rock star") to continue this pathetic charade of a watered-down America. Individual thought is banished in the circus of the collective.

The philosophy of government and the role that it plays in our lives is so distorted that the true image is seen as cruel and grotesque. By holding voter registration drives for people who have chosen to vote for "America's Got Talent" and will also follow up that vote with one for the next president is absurd.

Not only because they don't realize that the federal government should not play this big of a role in our lives, but because if they had been paying attention all along they would snub "American Idol" and focus on how the government is eroding our civil liberties as we speak.

But instead this has become a nation of bread and circuses, choosing food and fun over freedom.

Very important reminder!

Interested in voting and deciding history? Register to vote! Registration deadline for Georgia is Oct. 6 and deadline for Alabama is Oct. 24.



GHC's Marietta site welcomes Brent Griffin

By Andy McCarrick
Staff Writer

In welcoming a new school year the Marietta Campus faculty, staff and students also welcome new site director, Brent Griffin.

Although new to the Marietta campus, Griffin has worked

with Georgia Highlands College since 1996, first teaching math and then later acting as interim math coordinator.



Contributed
Brent Griffin

As GHC goes into its fourth year on the Southern Polytechnic State University campus, it is important that GHC continues to grow and suit the needs of the students who use it as their primary campus.

Griffin says he is "working towards expanding the current class options, including upper

level classes." This expansion will hopefully include increases in science and nursing classes, offering a wider range of options for students nearing graduation and helping students cut down on commuting between campuses to satisfy graduation requirements.

Progress made on the Mari-

etta campus is not an easy task, so Griffin is also willing to take time out of his day to work with individual students. Anyone on the Marietta campus looking for academic direction, or to resolve any issues with their classes, can schedule an appointment with him to discuss class options and schedules.

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Georgia becomes new home for many students

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast three years ago, people from the area scattered across the United States to escape the devastation. Georgia Highlands is home to several students who survived the storm.

Normicka Forest, a business administration major, left New Orleans when she first heard about Katrina's path towards her home. "We just evacuated and tried to get out of the impact of the storm," she said.

Stephanie Fogg, a nursing major going for her RN degree,

is from the Gulf Coast in Mississippi. Although she initially stayed behind when Katrina struck, she was forced to move to Georgia after the storm destroyed her home.

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike were eerily reminiscent of the monster storm that destroyed the Gulf Coast in 2005. These storms hit especially close to home for hurricane survivors like Forest and Fogg, who still have family living in New Orleans and Mississippi.

Fogg said, "We watch the track of storms all the time. It is important our family knows they have somewhere to go."

Since moving to Georgia,

Forest and Fogg are enjoying their new homes and school. Neither plans to move back to their previous homes, but they will not abandon the Gulf Coast forever.

Forest said, "I am never going to move back there. Georgia has great schools, and it is just so much better in general." She plans to return to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras and visit her family.

"Everyone is really nice here," Fogg said. "That played a big part in our choice to stay. It is a lot homier. I love it." Fogg and her grandmother still plan to visit the remainder of their family living in Mississippi.

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RIFF comes to Rome

By LaTonya Burrell
Editor

The fifth annual Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) kicked off on Thursday, Sept. 4, bringing in a plethora of movies from around the world.

Dr. Laura Musselwhite, professor of history at Georgia Highlands College and Print Film Manager of RIFF, commented on the variety of films offered. "We got 600 entries this year and picked 138. A committee of 10 people watched the movies and made the choices to try to get the best one for a particular category."

Among the films chosen was "Dance of the Dead," which was filmed in Rome, GA.

Jordan Penson, a middle grades education major at Georgia Highlands, worked as an extra on the set of "Dance of the Dead." "My experience on the set was nothing short of amazing," he said. After watching the film at the film festival Jordan was said, "I was pleased with the final product, so I pre-ordered my copy and hope to get it soon."

The opening night film, "War Eagle, Arkansas," was followed by the Opening Night Gala which honored the cast and crew of the film.

Friday brought a new lineup of movies, including films shot in locations such as Spain and the United Kingdom. These



Photo by Jordan Penson

Director John Henry (left) interacts with audience.

films included animated shorts like "Hope Springs Eternal" and "Glitch" as well as experimental films and documentaries such as "Heavy Load" and "99 to 1: Ovarian Cancer and Me."

The awards ceremony was held Saturday at the City Auditorium. "Dance of the Dead," "Dangerous Calling" and "Skip-tracers" finished in a three-way tie for Audience Choice Best Narrative Feature.

The audience choice for Best Animation was, "Hope Springs Eternal." The RIFF award winners for Best feature and Best Animation were, "Vanaja" and "Ever After" respectively.

After the ceremony, the Alloy Orchestra from Boston, Mass., provided the music for a silent screen version of "Phantom of the Opera."

Volunteers for the Rome International Film Festival ranged from Rome citizens to

college students from Berry, Shorter and Georgia Highlands College. Musselwhite says that over half of the volunteers were college students. "They volunteer because it's fun and they get to see movies that are not mainstream."

Volunteer Jabari Hudson, an occupational therapy major at GHC, while skeptical of the festival, enjoyed his experience. "I was not able to see any of the movies, but watching the audience's reaction and listening to their comments after the movies made me want to make plans to come next year," he said.

While the RIFF is only in its fifth year, Musselwhite is happy to see how the festival is growing in popularity. "This year we have grown as far as audience. However, there is a core that has come every year and it is nice to see them come year after year."

RIFF movies: good and bad

By Nick Godfrey
Assistant Editor

This year's Rome International Film Festival provided a wide assortment of viewing pleasures and pains. From Sept. 4 through Sept. 7, everything from short films and animations to feature-length films played at the Forum.

"Appassionata," one of the only good global shorts, was a subtle yet entertaining look at one of World War II's legends. "Appassionata" tells the story of injured soldiers from opposing armies brought together by an unscathed piano in a war zone. A German, unable to use his right arm because of a gunshot wound, plays the piano with his left hand, as a Russian, with a dismembered left hand, plays with his right. The image of the Russian and the German side by side at the piano is as gripping as it is entertaining.

The short animation "Hope Springs Funeral" is memorable for its sheer use of sharp, fun humor. This short animation has everything a good animation must have, such as good sound, likeable characters and, of course, a smooth plot. Watching Mort, the lead character, attempt his suicide in many different scenarios and failing is a very humorous and comical relief.



Photo by Jordan Penson

Megan Holsoback and Adam Lovell enjoy the film festival.

The Jury Award films this year were neck-and-neck. But, in the end it came down to the story; and the story of the short film "Used as Directed" is fantastic. It is a comical, loveable story with a solid beginning, middle and end, making it excel beyond its competitors.

Not all of the films presented were entertaining. In fact, some were just plain awful. "Minotaur," for example, was a very poorly described movie that did well to bring in a small audience just to disappoint them. Two or three, if not all, audience members left before the film was over.

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Football spirals into fall action

By Eric Benavidez
Staff Writer

A defensively dominated game between the Warriors and the Dawgs signaled the start of the flag football intramural season on Sept. 9.

The Dawgs had the first possession, but after a spectacular fourth down conversion, the ball was intercepted by the Warriors' Greg Hall. The Warriors' offense was led down the field by Dale Baker. After completing a fourth down conversion, Baker was able to capitalize on the drive by firing a touchdown pass to Chase Patterson.

From that point on, it was a back-and-forth game with the

Dawgs trying to catch up. The Warriors scored the last two touchdowns and ended up beating the Dawgs 25-12.

In the second game, the weary Dawgs looked for redemption against the Untouchables. The game was full of highlight plays like a touchdown catch between the legs by Juice Gordon or Chris Careathers' interception return for a touchdown. In the end, the Untouchables shut out the Dawgs 29-0.

After the game, Warriors' team captain, Brad Hobbs, told the Untouchables to "watch out" and also called them "overrated."

The teams will meet again every Tuesday at 1:45 p.m. on the soccer field.



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Jimmy Garrett of the Dawgs passes on opening day of intramural co-ed football.



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Beau Brown (left) and Matt Gore (right) work defense against Maddrick Long.

3-on-3 basketball starts with wins by All-Stars, Celtics

By Tyler Ashley
Assistant Editor

No, Georgia Highlands does not have a basketball team that will ever appear on courts with Duke or North Carolina, but it does have basketball teams that play with heart. On Sept. 10, Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball started off with a huge bang.

The first game pitted the Oreos and the Obama All-Stars, and it was off to a great

start as soon as Nick Rucker, of the Obama All-Stars, scored the first two points of the game with a fundamental lay-up.

The two teams rallied back and forth the entire game until the Obama All-Stars topped the Oreos with a 71-67 victory.

After the first game was over, the Celtics and Spurs moved to the court to start a very impressive game. The Celtics dominated with points both halves, despite the Spurs' defense.

During the game, a Coke machine with arms appeared to be planted under the basket. But it was not a Coke machine; it was Hank Peppers of the Celtics.

Peppers is massive in size and scoring and used simple lay-ups and hook shots to rack up 55 personal points. The Celtics defeated the Spurs 78-28.

Basketball games are played every Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m. in the Floyd Campus gymnasium.



The Extra Point

By Jeff Capen
Staff Writer

I may take a lot of flak for what I'm about to spew out in this column, so to every University of Georgia fan reading this newspaper, I apologize in advance for being a tad pessimistic. I can assure you that I've been a Georgia fan for many years, and this is quite possibly the best Bulldogs

team I have ever seen.

That being said, I do not believe that this particular squad is likely to bring home a BCS National Championship this year.

There are two particular reasons I hold this viewpoint. First and foremost is the Dawgs' brutal schedule. The

boys from Athens will face five teams who were ranked in the AP Top 25 Preseason Poll this year: Florida, Alabama, LSU, Auburn and Arizona State, with the latter three being road games.

If I had to guess, I'd say that the Dawgs' first loss will be on Oct. 25 at LSU. No matter how talented these Bulldogs are, walking out of Death Valley with a win (at night, no less) is a very tall order.

After that, the Dawgs will be between the hedges again, battling "Superman" Tim Tebow (please!) and a very tough Florida Gator squad.

It's just incredibly hard to see the Bulldogs facing the best teams in the country's best conference without one or two L's. Will two losses be acceptable enough to secure a spot in the title game?

That question goes hand-in-hand with my second reason, the USC Trojans. While I don't believe the Trojans have as much talent as the Dawgs, they do have one thing in their favor, their schedule. There's no doubt that the PAC-10 is an inferior conference to the SEC.

The Trojans have already blown out Ohio State and only

have one game left against a ranked team. Unfortunately for Georgia, USC could, and should go undefeated.

Can Georgia be the second team in the BCS National Championship and take down USC? They will have to get through some very tough teams first.

The Bulldogs have a bad habit of "playing down" to their opponents' level, and it very well could cost them those games against Florida and LSU. If they lose both of those games, they are likely to lose their chance at the BCS Championship as well.