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Students experience financial aid delays

By Lesley Mathis
Staff Writer

Jumping through hoops in order to receive financial aid upset many students at GHC at the beginning of the semester.

Ron Shade, vice president of student services, said there are about 3,000 students at Georgia Highlands who receive financial aid and that most of them understand the whole process and have few difficulties receiving their aid money in a timely fashion.

However, there are some students who either do not file for financial aid in time or do not know the correct way of checking their status, which can cause delays, Shade said.

July 1 is the preferred filing date deadline. However, Georgia Highlands continues to admit students after this date and tries to work with students after that deadline has passed.

Donna Childres, director of financial aid, said, "We went until the first week of August, and we were still able to get those students aid on their account."

However, GHC is not the only institution playing a role in how quickly a student can get his or her financial aid.

The federal government chooses about 30 percent of students who need to verify information on their financial aid.

The college does not play a part in choosing students for verification.

The government says that these students are chosen randomly, but Shade and Childres said they can see patterns in those who are chosen. However, they would not disclose what those patterns are.

When students are chosen for this verification, their financial aid money cannot be awarded until the government has processed



Artwork by Patricia Ogle

the verification.

Informing students about verification is the job of the government and the college.

"After the students do FAFSA, they need to go check the student aid report. The federal government will tell them if they need to verify it. Students can also check their SCORE account for that information. We also send out postcards tell-

ing the students if they need to verify," said Childres.

"We don't like asking for this verification. We know it is a burden to students," added Shade.

Kylie Lee, a nursing major from Bremen, experienced trouble with the verification. "I filled out my financial aid in February, and I didn't find out I needed to verify until two weeks before the financial aid deadline. I

didn't know what to do," Lee said.

Shade and Childres know that financial aid is not perfect, but they also believe that many of the delays could be solved if students got their financial aid information in on time.

"We are doing our best to educate students to file in a timely fashion. It is also important that they check up on their status," said Shade.

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Douglasville students move to new facility

By Casey Bass
Staff Writer

Six months ago the old Cub Foods store on Stewart Avenue in Douglasville seemed a hopeless void. The space had no walls, there were holes in the floor and on rainy days water fell in buckets from what was left of a ceiling.

Today, a college campus exists under the roof that once buckled under the strain of the elements. Classrooms, labs, offices, student lounges and large banks of computers now fill the area previously occupied by an unintentional waterfall.

Georgia Highlands acquired the property in a 10-year lease with the Douglasville Development Authority and immediately went to work, investing over \$1 million to transform the space into a facility of higher learning.

Randy Pierce, president of GHC, commented, "It is amazing to see it go from an empty shell to classrooms, a truly remarkable transformation."

According to Pierce, the 45,000 square foot facility can house 700-800 students. With no other colleges or universities in Douglasville, Pierce believes the population base should easily support the current facility. In the event the campus outgrows its current location, the city of Douglasville has committed 50 acres of land off Bright Star Road for the construction of a GHC campus.

Feedback from students and faculty at the new site has been overwhelmingly positive. Gordon Boggs, instructor of learning support math, explained, "I feel like a more effective teacher in this building. After working out of my car for two years, it is nice to have

an office to meet with students."

The move from portable trailers behind Chapel Hills High School to a state-of-the-art facility has been particularly well received by students. "I felt like I was still in high school, plus we had to use portable toilets," said Jenna Owens, a pharmacy major, speaking of going to class in the trailers. "At the new campus everyone is in a better mood, and the teachers have all the tools they need to be effective," Owens said.

Matt Wagner, a physical therapy major, remarked, "It felt weird being on a high school campus. The new site has bigger classrooms and more activities. I feel like I am getting the full college experience." Wagner continued, "The worst part of the old location was the traffic. When the high school let out traffic was smothering."

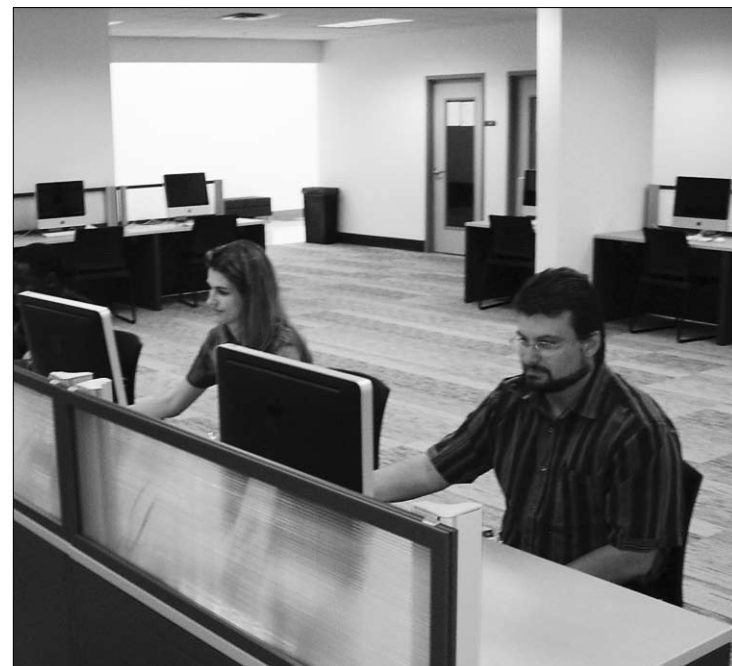


Photo by Casey Bass

Lyric Burnett and Tony Gambill use the computers in the "hub" at the new Douglasville site.

Highlands Happenings

Claxton receives award

By Judson Hartline
Staff Writer

Susan Claxton recently received the Miriam Clubock Award from the National Organization of Human Services. Claxton is an associate professor and coordinator of the human services program at Georgia Highlands College. She is also an alumna. The award is given once a year to people who have shown outstanding leadership in achieving the organization's goals. Claxton has been heavily active in the organization on both the regional and national levels since joining in 1990, eventually becoming president of the regional chapter. Claxton said she is "appreciative of the honor."

Reiners honored

By Neen Snowball
Staff Writer

The Georgia Society for Human Resource Management, or SHRM for short, has named John Reiners as the 2010 Human Resource Leader of the Year. In 2001, Reiners served as the

president for the Greater Rome Chapter of the SHRM and also served on the SHRM board of directors.

In 1999, Reiners not only received his doctorate in Human Resource Management, but he also came to Georgia Highlands College as the director for human resources. After two and a half years in this position, he decided to go back to the classroom as a professor of business. At the end of next semester, Reiners plans to retire from Georgia Highlands.

Phi Theta Kappa raises \$1,500 for cancer research

By Chelsey Keasler
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa's Team GHC raised \$1,500 in the Relay for Life held at Dellinger Park in Bartow County Sept. 10.

Team GHC's theme this year was "Wicked the Musical." In addition to selling items at the relay, team GHC had several earlier fundraising events, such as Battle of the Bands and Giant Purple Toilets. They raised money with Giant Purple Toilets by placing the painted toilet in front of a GHC in-

structor's room, collecting \$5 to have it moved, \$10 to have it moved to a different instructor's room and \$15 to be safe from the devious toilet.

Team GHC consisted of 15 registered member and 21 volunteering students, mostly nursing majors.

All funds raised at the relay will go towards the fight against cancer.

GHC hires new assistant director of student life

By Amanda Ray
Staff Writer

"I am from the 'Home of Walmart,'" says Megan Youngblood, the new assistant director of student life, about her hometown in Bentonville, Ark. She was 24 when she left home and the University of Central Arkansas (UCA), the college where she achieved an undergraduate degree in English and a Master's in Higher Education Administration. She moved away from it all and came to Georgia. Her first visit to Georgia was last summer when she worked for Dalton State.

Now she is at GHC on the Cartersville campus, and she says, "I really like it here" and that she is looking

forward to all the plans that the college has for the Cartersville campus, such as the new student center and athletics.

GHC hires new student life coordinator

By Hanna Yu
Staff Writer

Student life is an important aspect of the college experience, and for Lyric Burnett, the new student life coordinator for Paulding, Douglasville and Marietta, it even helped provide fuel for her new career.

Burnett is a graduate from Georgia College and State University with a major in mass communications.

She has been highly involved in extra-curricular activities including soccer, student leadership and student newspaper. She plans to utilize her background in school involvement and become the "face of student life and a person for students to come to" at Georgia Highlands.

Burnett's goals revolve around the students by promoting "unity through student life," good networking, better resumes and new friendships.

Follett to take over bookstore operations

By Jesse Beard
Assistant Print Editor

By Oct. 1 the bookstore will no longer be run by Barnes & Noble. A new company, Follett Higher Education, will be taking over operations at the bookstores at the Floyd and Cartersville locations. Follett is also operating the bookstores at Berry, Shorter and UGA.

Students can expect a few changes, most notably a book rental program and also the implementation of E-Books.

According to Rob Whitaker, the vice president of finance at GHC, the bookstore is expected to be closed for a few days. He also said that in the case of a "dire need" for some supplies, students could knock on the door to try and purchase them from the new company.

There may also be a few cosmetic changes, though most things, including price, should stay the same. The new change should positively affect teachers, who should have an easier time ordering books for the next semester.



Photo by James Lane

The Barnes and Noble bookstore packs up to make space for the new management.

Whitaker said that it is "very possible" that jobs will be lost because of this

change, but all bookstore employees will be interviewed by Follett. Jan Pear-

son, store manager for both the Cartersville and the Floyd campuses, comment-

ed that she has "enjoyed the last 18 years being a part of the campus community."

Steve Early, 39, is a nursing major, and he commented "the only problem I see, is getting Scantrons for tests. I don't think books will be a problem since students have had more than a month to get their books. You can always go to K-Mart for supplies." He also said that he thinks that book rentals would be a "good deal. You can save a lot of money that way."

Every five years, the school reviews all of its "auxiliaries," and this year the bookstore was up for review. Several companies, including Follett as well as Barnes & Noble, produced their bids (which included not only a price but also included the services they would offer), and a committee of faculty members decided that Follett had the best services for the school. Whitaker said the decision was made based on "qualitative type things, not quantitative type things."

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Former Highlands student listed for liver transplant

By Christie H. Boyd
Staff Writer

Heather Gray is a medical anomaly. She has been presented at tumor conferences all across the country. Gray has a liver cancer that is exceedingly rare in young women.

Previously a student at Georgia Highlands College's former Waco Campus, Heather has had stomach trouble since she was 15 or 16. Her mother would take her to the emergency room, and the doctors would give her a "cocktail" of stomach pain relieving medications and send her home. She had gallbladder-like symptoms.

Finally, her physician sent her for a gallbladder ultrasound, and she was told she had a tumor in her liver that was the size of a grapefruit. The tumor was not believed to be cancerous and was watched for seven or eight years.

In September 2008 the now cantaloupe-size tumor

was removed. The physicians had misdiagnosed her, and she had a very slow growing liver cancer. They removed the entire left lobe of her liver.

Chemotherapy or radiation would not be effective in the type of cancer Gray has. She has returned every three months since the malignancy was found for MRIs, CAT scans and blood work.

This spring when Gray returned to Emory for testing, physicians discovered that her scar tissue had changed in size and appearance and her cancer was actively growing again.

Gray was listed at Emory as one of the top liver transplant patients. Even though she has Type A+ blood, which is much more rare than O blood types, physicians think she will get a liver by the end of this year.

Gray, 30, has a 6-year-old little boy, Jesse, who she and her husband, Ken-

ny, adopted when he was a 12-month-old foster child.

She works at the Dentist Depot in Bremen, where she is the business manager.

Gray said, "I do not look ill, and I go to work every day." She is tired most of the time, but she is not in liver failure yet and is not yellow from jaundice.

Gray says that her community between Tallapoosa and Cedartown has been wonderful to her and her family. She believes in God and the power of prayer.

She lives her life just like anybody else and expects a good outcome for herself and her family.

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Gray enjoys spending time with her husband, Kenny, and son, Jesse.

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Songwriter on tour performs for students

By Dana Hogan
Staff Writer

Singer/songwriter Hana Pestle performed live on the patio of the Cartersville campus on Sept. 15.

Dressed in a gray and black sweater tank top, black skinny jeans and black and white converse tennis shoes, the young musician sang and played her acoustic guitar for about an hour to a crowd of approximately 30 students.

Pestle said she calls her music "acoustic alternative." With inspiration ranging from personal life experiences to authors such as Edgar Allan Poe, Pestle's lyrics talk about feeling out of place, the desire to be noticed and

even falling in love.

Pestle's acoustic alternative sound appeals to people who prefer slower, less rock-like music. Student Linda Vu said, "I would buy her CD because I like soothing and calm music."

The Georgia Highlands students who attended this event seemed to enjoy Pestle's performance. Students came and went as class schedules dictated, and many even listened from inside the school.

For the past 10 years, Pestle has been playing her acoustic guitar complete with a green, studded snake-skin shoulder strap.

She began writing songs about five years ago. Song writing is a continuous pro-



Photo by Samantha Reardon

(From left) Lyric Burnett, Ashley Burnes, Brandon Reed, James Gikanga and Mark Parker enjoy the sounds of Hana Pestle at Paulding on Sept. 14.

cess according to Pestle. She is always coming up with new songs to add to her set list.

The 21-year-old Pestle has had some exciting opportunities come up in her career, including working with

Ben Moody. Moody used to work with Evanescence and is the one that produced Pestle's first album, "This Way," which was released last year. Pestle has been on tour since then.

As far as a new album

goes, Pestle says she is "in the process of writing it" but is "not sure exactly when it will be coming out."

Pestle also performed at Douglasville on Sept. 13, Paulding on Sept. 14 and Floyd on Sept. 16.

Georgia Highlands College gets saved by the Belding

By Danielle Donaldson
Staff Writer

Actor Dennis Haskins, who played television's favorite principal, Mr. Belding, on "Saved by the Bell" paid a visit to the Cartersville campus on Sept. 8.

Before Haskins spoke to his audience, he showed a montage of his past works from the last four decades of his career.

The students that were at the presentation enjoyed every clip that was shown and laughed throughout the short scenes.

Haskins asked student Lee Cox, a member of Highlands Interactive Productions (HIP), to accompany him on stage during his presentation. Cox asked Haskins questions Haskins had previously written that he thought the audience members should know.

The answer to one of the questions was that Haskins was born and raised in Chat-



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Dennis Haskins gets animated during his speech on the Cartersville campus.

tanooga, Tenn., where he often made stop-and-go films with his father as a child.

The stop-and-go films led to Haskins wanting to pursue a career in acting,

and his first role was a part in "Pinocchio" at a local college.

Haskins talked about his different roles.

After Haskins was in the original "Dukes of Hazzard," he then moved to California. Realizing he did not know how to act, he took some acting classes. The teacher was very hard on him and often showed him up in front of the class.

The teacher who taught his acting class, made him realize he had a lot to learn because he went in the class with a big head. He finally immersed himself in the classes and took them seriously.

"Don't give up on yourself because you know your power and what you're capable of," said Haskins.

Haskins then asked the audience if they had ever had a dream and all those present raised their hands. He then said, "If you have a dream, try what you love to

do."

"If you don't try you'll never know. You'll have a 'hole' wondering what could have been," he said.

Haskins had to go through seven auditions to land the role in "Saved by the Bell." He was then informed that Disney did not want to go through with the show, but he did not believe that because he knew it was his time.

Disney then changed its mind and went on with the show. Haskins believes the show was such a success because it focused on real life things that teenagers were going through.

He told everyone he wanted them to do at least one random act of kindness in two weeks. He also made the audience members shout their names out loud and told them to "be proud because you are important."

Haskins also spoke in the Lakeview Building on the Floyd campus Sept. 9.

Editors take three on Rome International Film Festival

By Michael Davis
Editor

Rome, a town whose name commemorates the ancient city across the ocean, plays host to the Rome International Film Festival (RIFF). The seventh annual RIFF brought together films from amateur filmmakers across the world—from China, Australia and other parts of Europe to Canada and the United States. There were also films from Floyd Coun-

ty. The films were presented at the historic Desoto Theater downtown and Georgia Highlands College's Heritage Hall. Harry Musselwhite, executive director, and Laura Musselwhite, managing director, were just two of the many people who helped bring this event together.

The following are the thoughts of the SMP editors on RIFF. We each attended different events and had different experiences.

Student Competition

By Michael Davis
Editor

I had never been to or heard of RIFF until this year. I decided to attend the student competition, a new addition this year. This competition had three categories, middle school, high school and college, giving students of all ages the opportunity to showcase their work. This year there were two middle school entries and three college entries.

Winners were selected from each category and awarded a cash prize from the National Creative Society. The films from the middle school category were above expectations for that age range. Entries from the college category dealt with themes of marriage, abuse and even a deconstructed fairy tale.

I was amazed at the skill level the middle school films were on. I did not expect that level of work from that age group. Both films were really good. My favorite film and the college entry winner was "Trapped," a film about two people who meet at a party, hit it off, only to find out the other is TRAPPED in a less than happy marriage. It was excellent. I really enjoyed this film.

While they only had five entries for the student competition, the adjudicators seemed pleased with that

for its first year. Laura Musselwhite said, "I think that it went very well for the first time and I would have liked to have seen a larger number of films and a wider pool of schools involved."

Seeing how RIFF has attracted amateur filmmakers from around the world, the number of student entries is bound to grow and grow with years to come. I know I look forward to seeing next year's student competition.

Animation, shorts and experimental block

By Jesse Beard
Assistant Print Editor

My experience at the film festival was a mostly positive one. I got a chance to see some films with old friends. On Friday, I saw a few early afternoon foreign shorts. I rated each on a 1 out of 10 scale and the average was around 7.5, so for the most part they were pretty good. I then saw "Earthwork" which was a moving feature based on a true story. I rated it 9 out of 10.

Friday night, I went to the Experimental Film block, and I was mostly disappointed. In general, I enjoy experimental and avant-garde films, but most of these shorts comprised of cliché black and white imagery with David Lynch-inspired ambient scores. A friend of mine commented during "Telephone" that it seemed "like a Sesame Street

version of a Nine Inch Nails video," which was a surprisingly accurate statement. Two of the shorts were just abstract CGI with an original song. It felt like I was watching a screensaver while listening to mediocre music. One of the shorts, "Hortum," which was from the Netherlands, was interesting. The others were not really very watchable. "Hortum" receives 6 out of 10, and the others average about 2 out of 10.

On Saturday, I had a very enjoyable time at the Animation for Kids block. This was a short block, but all of the animations were pretty good. One in particular, "The Astronomer's Son," was nothing short of incredible. It used traditional stop-motion animation and silently told an incredible and touching story of self-sacrifice and paternal love. In summation, the overall feel of the festival was pretty good, and I had an enjoyable time. I would recommend the festival to anyone who enjoys independent film and spending time in the downtown Rome area.

Shorts & Georgia films

By Cody Thomas
Assistant Print Editor

When I first heard about the Rome International Film Festival, I did not expect much. I never thought that a city situated so close to my tiny town (I hail from Trion)

could contain anything too cultured. I assumed that the acting would be stiff, the dialogue painful and the films overall subpar.

I was shocked, however, when the first film I saw, "Mamánék," was a very interesting and appealing piece. The story behind this Russian work is one of a fourteen-year-old boy's strained relationship with his mother as he attempts to forge one with the local bartender. To tell more would only give the plot away, but I was pleased with the film.

I did not, however, let the one good film rid me of my cynical predictions. A block of short films was next, and they ranged anywhere from the entertaining Western, "Friend of the Devil," to the chuckle-inducing Swedish film, "The Man With All the Marbles."

By now I had mostly changed my mind about RIFF. The block that solidified my faith, though, was the Georgia Director's Block. These five filmmakers created a series of shorts—some comedies, some a bit more serious—that would bring out the pride in any native Georgian.

Overall, RIFF was an experience worth every minute spent in a seat. My only regret is that I have never attended the event before this year.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

Audience members patiently await the opening block of films for the 2010 Rome International Film Festival in Heritage Hall.

Students improve grades with campus involvement

Getting involved in school activities is no longer just for the over-achieving high school student.

It is important for college students to be involved with activities on campus. Not only does this look good on transcripts and resumes, but it also allows for peer relations and friendships to form that will connect students to the college.

Campus involvement also helps increase academic success. The National Survey of Student Engagement indicates on its website that of over 260,000 freshmen and seniors at 523 four-year colleges and universities in 2006, students who participated in collaborative learning and educational activities outside the classroom were more satisfied with their education and more likely to remain in college.

Students who get plugged into their schools receive better grades and are more likely to stay in school, not to mention graduate.

Besides the benefits in the academic areas, those students who are involved are more likely to be happy with their college experience. "There is a lot more to college than just classes. The activities you do outside of class, student life events and organizations are just as important as what you do in your academic classes," said John Spranza, director of student life.

Being involved on campus is a big deal. That does not mean students should go and join every club offered. They should look around and find something that fits them.

Here at Georgia Highlands, there is a wide variety of clubs and orga-

nizations to get involved with—from interest groups based on student majors, such as Highlands Association of Nursing Students (HANS) and the Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE), to organizations based on political views like Young Republicans and College Democrats. There are even honor societies like Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges.

Whatever the interest, there is probably a club for it. If not, students can create one with some friends. "By taking advantage of the opportunities available, you get more out of your time spent at college," Spranza said.

So just get involved, be active and do not let college fly by and miss out on the wonderful opportunities that it has to offer.



Editor's Box

Michael Davis
Editor

I did not sign up for this

It is the first day of class. I sit down and begin reading the syllabus. Under text for the class, I read the phrase ONLINE ACCESS CODE REQUIRED.

I do not believe I signed up for an online class, but there it is: an online access code. So now I not only have to buy a book; I have to spend an extra 40 bucks on this code.

As a student in the teacher education program, I have often heard about the growing problem teachers are having with students' technology in the classroom. Students are walking around with cell phones as powerful as computers.

Well, I have a problem with the technology the teachers are bringing into the picture. If I wanted to take an online class, I would have signed up for one. I do not want to have a teacher teach from an online program. I can teach myself

from the same program.

More classes have online portions to them. More teachers are using the online programs to teach. These online programs range from MyMathLab and mysplashlab to full-blown software like HAWKES. I am sitting there, wondering why I am still required to be in class.

It is no surprise why students bring cell phones and other gadgets to class. It takes no effort on the part of the student to learn. If I do not learn it in class, I can get the same material re-taught to me from the online program.

Teach me from a book and on a board. Give me written homework and take it up. Make me learn the material in class. Make class interesting enough to hold my attention.

While this online technology has its place in the classroom, it cannot replace a good teacher.

Letter to the Editor

GHC needs on-campus day care

Dear Editor,

Georgia Highlands College is an amazing school to attend for young and old. There is one thing that I believe the school could do to bring in more of the older age groups, and that is offer an on-campus day care center. Being a parent myself, I think it would draw in more students who have children. Parents could check on their children whenever they like, and they wouldn't have to worry about if they were ok. I think it would

help parents be able to focus better in the classroom if they knew their children were close by. I myself drive halfway across town to drop my daughter off at day care, and I am afraid something will happen one day and I won't be able to get there in time. Just this morning she screamed and didn't want me to leave. I could not focus in class because I was so worried that she was still screaming for me. It would have been so nice to be able to have gone and checked on her between classes. There are positive things I feel like could come out of having an on-campus day care. It could produce several more job opportunities for the work study pro-

gram. Parents who attend night classes would not have to find a babysitter. Like I said before, parents could check on their children whenever they wanted to. In my opinion, I think this is something the school should consider.

Kelley Potts
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With no time to spare

Fall is the time of year when we all really get back into our routines after the laid back days of summer. This year I hit the ground running faster than ever before in my life. Nursing school at Heritage Hall is in full swing, and the amount of studying is astronomically more intense than it ever was in my core classes.

On Sept. 11 my husband and I took our daughter to Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge for a three-month internship working in the Education Center and the gardens. I also wrote a letter to President Obama about protecting our waterways in general and making the Etowah River a Blue Trail with federal funding in particular.

There was also a test on



Living Life

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the next Tuesday, and we had to draw for one of two assessments to perform on our lab partners. We had not one assessment to study for but two!

How does one do all these things at one time? With careful planning and scheduling it can be done. I made a comfortable nest in the back seat of our car for me to spread out and study. I carried Bonine and a wristband guaranteed to stave off car sickness. I carried only the materials I needed for

that particular test (which did include four textbooks, a notebook, a lap desk, and my computer!).

It is hard to be students and do all the things we need to do at school, at home and in our communities, but with a little planning we can do it! Go out and do all you can, work hard, play hard, give to your community. You will find me studying hard in sometimes less than perfect conditions. In the meantime you will find me Living Life...

I'm not just blowing smoke Highlands needs a designated smoking area

When I was 13 years old, my mother caught me smoking.

Well, that is not entirely accurate. The bus driver caught me smoking on the bus and called my mother, who came to pick me up at J.C. Booth Junior High School looking as though she were either about to explode or she was desperately in need of air. Possibly both.

Being the clever girl that I am (smoking on the school bus aside), I told my parents that my older brother had given me the cigarette, and I got away without even being grounded. This is a fact that my brother still reminds me of today.

Oh, glory to the day I moved out of the house and I was free to smoke when and where I wanted without having to hide it from anyone, right? Mmmmm.

So, here I am twen... erm... several years later



The Soap Box

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skulking around like I'm trying to hide behind my grandfather's tool shed to smoke a cigarette, always keeping one ridiculously paranoid ear out for the subtle hum of a golf cart.

All right, so I understand that people who do not smoke don't necessarily like being around it. I get that. But these rules of smoking in my car, that is to say trudging out to my car in the pouring rain so I can have a smoke, are a little skewed towards non-smokers. Unless I'm standing at the door blowing smoke in your face as you pass by, why do you even care?

A small smoking area does not seem too much to ask— a coffee can with some cat litter in it if no one wants to spring for the cost of an outdoor ashtray.

Before you say, "Well, you don't have to smoke," allow me to debunk that myth. I actually do have to smoke. You don't want to be around smokers who haven't smoked in five or six minutes—I mean, hours.

The great outdoors is the last safe haven for smokers. We have been kicked out of restaurants, bars and pretty much everywhere else indoors.

At least give us outside.

Do you think there should be a designated smoking area on campus?

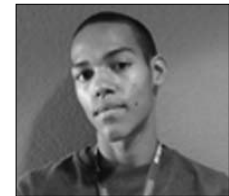


"Personally I don't smoke, but to be fair, I do believe there should be a designated area to smoke."

Joe Sturwold
Floyd
Biology

"No, because it kills your loved ones and is bad for your health."

Tyrone White
Floyd
Fire Services

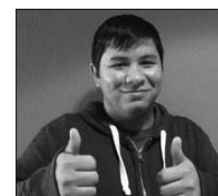


"Yes, cause its not fair to go all the way to my car with the windows up. Plus its really really hot outside."

Aaron Ashworth
Floyd
Psychology

"Smokers should have their own designated smoking area, as long as it is a fair distance away from foot traffic. It may not be healthy, but they should still be allowed one."

Matthew Roman
Floyd
Psychology



"No, cause smoking stinks!!!"

Eslam Leung
Floyd
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The Extra Point

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Blowing the whistle on dumb rules

Recent events in the world of sports—Dustin Johnson losing the US Open due to the grounding of his club in a bunker, a pitcher being denied a perfect game due to a bad call and Calvin Johnson having an obvious touchdown catch reversed—have led me to evaluate the sports I care so deeply about. My conclusion is there are some enormously stupid rules governing the sporting world as a whole.

No relief from a divot

Golf allows for a player to move the ball if it comes to rest in an area identified as “man-made obstruction.” However, if a golfer hits a perfect shot down the middle of the fairway and it comes to rest in a divot, he or she must “play it as it lies.” So a pile of brush is man-made, but the canyon carved out by Duffer Joe in the group ahead of me isn’t?

Qualifications for a win

For a pitcher to qualify for a win, he must be the pitcher of record at the time his team takes a lead, which it never surrenders. So if a kid from Model High School pitches six and two-thirds innings of perfect baseball and leaves the game with a 0-0 tie, the kid who comes out of the bullpen and throws one pitch to end the inning on a ground out to third will get credit for the win should his team score. Shouldn’t the player who retired 20 batters get more credit than the pitcher who got just one?

High school football overtime

Every Friday night high school kids line up and play football. They play offense, defense and special teams. Much of the game is decided by field position, dictated by defense and a kicking game. The current overtime rules place the ball on the 15-yard line, eliminating 70 percent of strategy from a football game. Why play the game one way for 48 minutes, only to decide the winner in some weird mutation of soccer penalty kicks?

YMCA Club Soccer

GHC Chargers

Week 1	7-1	Loss
Week 2	2-0	Loss

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C’ville starts intramurals

By Audrey Helms
Staff Writer

Fall 2010 marks the first semester of intramural sports at the Cartersville campus. Clifton Puckett, a Berry College alumnus, has been hired as an intern and will serve as the official intramural coordinator at Cartersville.

Puckett explained that his “primary job is to create the Intramural Sports program at Cartersville from the ground up.”

The sports offered this fall include flag football, volleyball, 3-on-3 basketball and singles tennis matches. In spring 2011, volleyball, softball, ultimate Frisbee and 5-on-5 basketball will be offered.

Throughout the school year, one-day tournaments will be held. These tournaments will take place in the game room. The activities will include pool, ping-pong and poker.

Currently, the venues available for intramural sports are limited. Liberty Square Church, 2.6 miles

from the Cartersville campus, hosts flag football and volleyball.

The absence of on-campus facilities presents the biggest challenge for this program.

However, according to David Mathis, intramural coordinator (Floyd), the anticipated student center in Cartersville will provide a gymnasium/indoor track and will become a hub for intramural activity. The date of completion is dependent on funding.

Mathis maintains that the expansion is exciting because it “provides an opportunity for students that they’ve never had before at Cartersville.”

Amber McLean, flag football player and Fitness Incentive Team (FIT) participant, enjoys the many benefits of the program’s arrival in Cartersville. She said, “It’s a lot closer-driving to Rome is not my favorite. I get to play with people that go to the same campus. I also enjoy the school spirit the guys put out; it’s refreshing.”



Photo by Kaitlyn Hyde

Clifton Puckett

Mathis also commented that a challenge Puckett faces is simply “getting kids used to the program’s availability to them,” which he hopes will come with time.

Devin Nothstine, flag football player, believes that students may be unaware of events due to “not checking their e-mail . . . bad communication,” resulting in lower attendance at flag football.

Because it is the very first year of the program, Puckett said, “At the end of the semester, if we end up with an overall attendance of 100 people, I’ll be happy.”

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Jarheads and Plan B win opening games

By Ryan Welchel
Staff Writer

In the first co-ed flag football game of the semester on Sept. 9, the Swamp Donkeys took on the Ravens.

The Ravens had one interception, which was tipped twice, before the Ravens' own QB caught the ball and ran back for a touchdown. The Swamp Donkeys had two touchdown passes before the half. At halftime the Ravens led 19-16.

In the third quarter the Swamp Donkeys would strike first with a touchdown but were answered right back with a massive drive that ended with a touchdown and a two-point pass to Anna Stanger. Under co-ed football rules the pass actually counted as four points since it was caught by a female player. That would be the last time the Ravens scored.

The Swamp Donkeys forced a turnover and four

straight interceptions in the second half, winning with a final score of 46-29 over the Ravens. The referee called the game after a 17-point lead was established causing an automatic win to the leading team.

The Ravens team consisted of Chris Campbell, Brad Allen, Dale Baker, Jeff Williams, Greg Hall, Anna Brusse and Stanger. Matthew Bishop, Ryan Russell, Kyle Wheelless, Zac Spears, Dylan Graham, Trevor Chafin and Terry Evans made up the Swamp Donkeys team.

In the second game Plan B took on the Jarheads. At the half, Plan B was clinging to a 20-16 lead.

The Jarheads had the ball as the second half began and scored on their opening drive, making the score 24-20, but Plan B would answer with a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Plan B then threw two touchdowns, getting both two-point conversions and

making the score 36-24.

With under seven minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Jarheads ran in a touchdown and threw for one, missing both two-point conversions and sending the game into overtime.

On the third overtime possession Plan B threw an interception, setting up a touchdown pass and the win for the Jarheads. The final score was 42-36.

The Jarheads team members were Anthony Donaldson, Annette Naranjo, Preston Causby, DeMarius Morgan, Drew Carter, Chase Patterson, Frank Golden, Brandon Dulaney, Brad Allen, Abby Doss, Rochelle Vallejos and Judge Watkins.

The Plan B team consisted of Dylan Maynard, Josh Lambert, Luis Hernandez, Kiny Hernandez, Chris Lowe, Meredith Lewis, Elizabeth Moser, Chris Clayton, Tara Brown, Zac Owen and Ethan Milliman.



Photo by Ryan Welchel

Luis Hernandez (left) attempts to run the ball down field while avoiding the block set up by Anthony Donaldson.



Photo by Chiara VanTubbergen

DeMarius Morgan (20) takes a layup while Bronson Dulane (21) and Terry Owens (31) attempt to block.

Faculty/Staff takes the cake while Oreo dunks Plan B

By Cody Thomas
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Intramural Basketball kicked off at the Floyd campus on Sept. 8 to a heated battle.

The first half of the game between Faculty/Staff and The Fighting Chickens had several moments where it seemed one team would pull away. However, every point scored was met and surpassed by the opposing team until the end of the half, which left Faculty/Staff in the lead 16-14.

The second half continued this pattern of question, answer, rebuttal as the two teams did everything in their power to come out over each other.

In the end, with merely seconds left in the game, Faculty/Staff was leading by a point as Luis Hernandez of The Fighting Chickens ran in for a layup only to be fouled by Seth Ingram. The ball was reset at half-court, but The Fighting Chickens stood almost no chance to score with such little time

left on the board.

In the end, the Faculty/Staff came out on top with a score of 35-34.

Speaking of the last minute foul, Ingram said, "We wanted to win, and you've got to do whatever it takes to get the 'W.'"

The second game was between Oreo and Plan B. The game started off close, but Oreo quickly gained and retained a large lead. The first half ended with Oreo ahead 37-18.

While the first half was full of layups and three-pointers, the second included a resounding slam dunk by DeMarius Morgan.

The dunk by Morgan, point leader of the day, seemed to show the finality of the waning game. Plan B never lost heart and played a strong game until the end, but Oreo was too much too fast. The game ended with a final score of 64-40.

Looking ahead to future games, Morgan said, "Tell the Faculty/Staff that we're ready for them."

Score Box

Basketball 9/15

Oreo 47, Faculty/Staff 33

Fighting Chickens 53,
Plan B 51

Football 9/16

Plan B 42, Swamp Donkeys 14

Jarheads win by default over Ravens.

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