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Nursing program expands to Acworth

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In the last 10 years, the demand for trained nurses has far outweighed the supply. The Acworth campus of Georgia Highlands is ready to fill that demand with a recently opened nursing program.

The program started Aug. 25 with an initial enrollment of 25 students and plans are for the program to expand to both freshman and sophomore students by next year.

During the creation of the nursing program everything ran smooth and quickly, according to Dr. Vera Brock, assistant director of nursing at Acworth.

“In the fall of 2005 GHC began talking about the possibilities of this effort to help serve potential nursing students along the I-75 corridor,” said Brock.

“In early 2006 we had approval from the Board of Regents; March 16, we had approval from the Georgia Board of Nursing and by early summer 2006 we had approval by the

National League of Nursing Accreditation Committee,” Brock said.

Funding for the program comes from a partnership with Wellstar Health System. They also financially assist students in need.

As for the classes themselves, Brock mentions that nursing students have a lot of obstacles to overcome and a lot of work to do before they can graduate. However, that doesn’t seem to lessen her optimism about the program.

“The faculty believe that the nursing students are well prepared and making the adjustments well,” stated Brock. She went on to thank Dr. Randy Pierce, president of GHC, and Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, for their support and for allowing the program to be offered.

For nursing students in that area, the new program means no longer having to drive to distant schools for training.

With the need for nurses larger than ever, the program shows no signs of anything but growth.



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From left: Amanda Vick, Katie Bell and Cathie Maynard enjoy the autumn afternoon as they strive toward their goal in the FIT program. Please see FIT article on page 11.

GHC hosts master’s degree program

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This semester, GHC began hosting a new master’s education program in Early Childhood Education. The program is taught by the University of West Georgia on the Floyd campus of GHC.

The program is designed to give students and teachers the opportunity to gain a master’s degree in education without having to travel to Carrollton.

According to Dr. Donna Harkins, associate professor of curriculum at West Georgia, the program is available to qualified students and teachers who have a bachelor’s degree in education as well as a clear and renewable T-4 certificate.

Harkins said, “We are very pleased to offer our classes both for our graduates and teachers in the area at GHC.”

This semester, two classes are



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Students in the West Georgia four-year program at GHC will have the option of finishing a master’s degree on the Floyd campus, as will others in the community.

being offered: Classroom Management for Early Grades and P-5 School Curriculum. Next semester three other classes will become available including: Reading, Interpreting and Applying Research; Investigating Methods and Materials in Mathematics; and Reading Theory

Development and Practices.

Students and teachers who wish to apply for the program must do so through West Georgia by contacting the West Georgia office of Early Childhood Education at 678-839-6559, or by emailing Harkins at dharkins@Westga.edu.



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Sign directs nursing students to GHC office at Acworth.

Student records secure at GHC

Berry College loss of records draws attention to issue

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The recent financial aid records mishap at Berry College is no cause for concern for students at Georgia Highlands College.

Berry College received substantial press last month after nearly 3,000 student financial aid records and applications were lost by a contracted consultant. These documents contain personal and confidential information such as social security numbers, home addresses and tax information.

At Georgia Highlands College, sensitive paperwork is initially scanned and stored via a high-tech system called Xtender Solutions, a combination of software and hardware that acts as a virtual storage and retrieval databank, according to Todd Jones, director of admissions.

After scanning, hard copies are filed in a safe records room on the Floyd campus and destroyed after one year of receipt. Electronic copies are permanently stored.

Access to this database is

strictly monitored by key individuals in GHC's administration. These overseers—Jones; Kelly Gribble, director of financial aid; Sandie Davis, registrar; and Jeanette Eckles, IT department—may impose a variety of parameters on employees, such as placing records in a view-only mode or granting access only to certain files or portions of files. "It is a very versatile program," said Jones.

Jones estimates that there are 20-25 persons with some degree of access to the program. A new college regulation requires all such staff members to undergo a criminal background check as part of the hiring process.

Jones encourages students not to worry. "Typically information like this isn't released by a school," he said. Jones further explained that all employees with access to Xtender have been briefed on the precepts of professional confidentiality.

Stacie Buffington, an early childhood education major from Armuchee, remarked, "I've never had a reason to doubt that my records were secure, but it is a scary thought to think that that quick and they'd be gone."

Smithsonian art on display



Tim Ramsay, (left) and Robby Kleine discover interesting facts from the traveling exhibit in the Lakeview art gallery.

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'Full House' star to discuss meth addiction

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Jodie Sweetin, former star of "Full House," will be speaking on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium. According to John Spranza, director of student life, Sweetin is a part of the LIP, or Live in Person, speaker series and will be informing students and the community about her addiction to methamphetamine. Spranza also stated that Sweetin will hold a "meet and greet" session after the presentation.

Many people remember

Sweetin from her role as Stephanie from the long-running ABC sitcom. As Sweetin entered high school, she began to experiment with alcohol and drugs. While struggling to control her addictions, Sweetin experienced a personal loss that included the termination of her two-year marriage.

According to her biography from Keppler Speakers, Sweetin entered into drug and alcohol rehabilitation in March 2005. She has been working to put her life back on track since her entrance into the program. Now she commits her time to helping others avoid alcohol and drug abuse,



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Jodie Sweetin

as well as assisting addicts with finding the help they need.

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Changes for education program scheduled for Fall 2007

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Changes in the Teacher Education programs offered by the University System of Georgia will go into effect next fall.

There are six new courses for Early Childhood Education majors, and three to four new courses for Middle Grades Education and Secondary Education.

According to Dr. Robert Page, social sciences division chair, the math and science requirement

changes are meant to add substantially to the skills of the Early Childhood Education majors. There will be a new math replacing the current MATH 2205. It has the number 2008, but it still has no title.

Page also stated that there will be new requirements in science. Instead of being allowed to choose six hours from any science field, Teacher Education majors will be required to take more specific classes such as Human Anatomy and Physiology.

There are three new educa-

tion-area classes that will replace Introduction into Education, Introduction to Exceptional Children, and Human Growth and Development. They are Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education, Exploring Learning and Teaching, and Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity in Educational Contexts.

Page said that he intends to "send out a general e-mail" informing students of the changes. He says that most education majors who currently are in the pro-

gram have "a lot to do between now and [next] fall." There is also a statement reflecting the changes in the new catalog, which has been delayed in the print process.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice-president for academic affairs, recommends that Secondary Education majors finish the education portion of the program before next fall.

Carson says that the new program is designed to help current students "meld into the program without great disadvantage." She

also says that she will suggest a "multi-pronged approach" to informing education students of the changes.

Attention education students!

The following teacher education major area F classes will no longer be offered after summer 2007:

MATH 2205

EDUC 2103

EDUC 2104

Dental hygiene scholarship awarded



Photo courtesy of the dental hygiene department

Renee Bailiff, dental hygiene student, receives the Northwestern Dental District Scholarship from Dr. Jason B. Oyler.

Students' e-mail inboxes create clutter

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The information technology department (IT) has received several complaints about the GHC student e-mail. Students have complained that their e-mail boxes are too small.

According to Rob Ramsey, senior network systems specialist, the problem that students have is that they try to use their e-mail boxes "for file storage," causing their boxes to "clog." He advises students to make an effort to keep their boxes clear so that they can freely receive new e-

mail.

Rob Laltrello, associate director of information technology, said that GHC e-mail is an "important communication medium" and that students should check their e-mail more frequently.

If a student allows the e-mail box to overflow, he or she can miss important announcements and messages since the college administration considers e-mail to be its official form of communication.

Student e-mail boxes are currently 60MB in size. This includes a 30MB inbox and a 30MB stored files allowance.

IT is reluctant to delete mes-

sages after a certain amount of time because some students may "lose legitimate messages" if they have not checked their e-mail in a timely manner, Ramsey said.

Student e-mail addresses and passwords are found at the bottom of the printed class schedule. Students can access their e-mail from the GHC homepage link or at mail.highlands.edu.

Any student that has questions can contact the IT department at (706) 295-6775. Also, there is a link on the GHC homepage that will direct students to a frequently asked questions website, highlands.edu/techfaq.

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GHC student is a political refugee of the Haitian coup d’etat

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Jean Mario Paul is a current Georgia Highlands student and a former journalist in Haiti. Paul fled from Haiti to America after being arrested and imprisoned for reporting after the Coup d’etat that shattered the image of Haitian democracy on Sept. 30, 1990. Paul has written two books in French, *Le Prix de la Parole* and *Haiti: Un Guache Contre La Revolution* with Aldor Toko. He has also been awarded the Louis M. Lyons Award for Conscious Integrity in Journalism by the Neiman Foundation at Harvard and the first Freedom of the Press Award by the New York Association of Black Journalism. The coup d’etat was a militant uprising against the democratically elected president of



Photo by Josh Kelley

Jean Mario Paul is a current student at Georgia Highlands.

Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The militant group felt that Aristide was too close to the lower-class of people, the majority of Haitians. During the coup, 5,000 Haitians were killed, 10,000-15,000 were imprisoned and more than 20,000 fled to the United States for political asylum. During the coup d’etat, Paul reported from Petit-Goave, Haiti, a short distance from Haiti’s capital of Port-au-Prince. He was a correspondent for Radio Antilles, a station that was forcibly closed by the militant group because of the information being aired during the coup. Paul was arrested for his role in reporting the story and placed in a Port-au-Prince prison for six months, where he sustained regular beatings and mistreatment. Paul was eventually released, and after the militant group re-

mained in power for two years, the United Nations reinstated Aristide as the president. When he was released, Paul fled from country to country before coming to the United States for political asylum. He then continued to report because “to give up journalism would mean that I learned the lesson they tried to teach me,” says Paul. Paul says that it was “hard to adapt” to the change of language and culture here, but he cannot return home because he still feels that it would be unsafe. Most of his family fled shortly after the coup, and he has not seen his mother for 14 years. He seeks the Haitian community that he knows exists in this country. Currently, Paul is working on a book in English as well as a film, also in English. He continues to strive to improve his language skills and hopes to publish very soon.

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Dr. Renva Watterson works in her new office.

New humanities division chair excited about job

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There is no one better to head a division than someone with that division as her passion. Dr. Renva Watterson, Georgia Highlands College’s new humanities division chair, has this quality. “Humanities cover all the areas I was interested in,” she said. “All of these areas-English, communications, art, music, foreign language and drama-I consider critical for the educated person.” Watterson’s main focus is on

communication. One of her most treasured memories is her experience designing and advising a college radio station at Henderson State University. More recently, Watterson has been professor of communication, chair of the communications department and dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Shorter College in Rome. Watterson has an upcoming judging assignment for a contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York this December. She will be judging high school, college and



Photo by Eric Celler

Dr. Renva Watterson

university newspapers from across the United States. “I liked the transition from full-time classroom to full-time administration,” she said, “but I don’t think I’m done teaching yet.” Watterson, who took over the newly created humanities division on July 1, “considers it an honor to join the faculty and administration at Georgia Highlands.” Watterson is based on the Cartersville campus in office 323E, but spends time each week on the Floyd campus in F-146.

To vote or not to vote?

Every year students complain about taking classes that serve no purpose in their lives. Political science classes typically receive a majority of these complaints.

Most people do not possess an interest in politics, and this lack of interest causes students to loathe American Government classes even more. However, it is a required class for graduation.

There may be a solution that can dissolve the increasing animosity towards POLS classes.

Students have been lectured for years about the decline in voter turnout in young people. We understand that the embarrassingly low number is our fault.

Yet, older generations and teachers must consider the fact that the younger population is ignorant in the knowledge of what characteristics to

look for in a politician. Young people are less likely to be able to determine which politician deserves a respectable position in our government.

Some students are uncertain about which political party they should support.

Studies show that most young people agree with arguments presented by candidates from both political parties. This confusion aggravates young voters and prevents them from going to the polls.

With no knowledge of politics, freshmen believe that political science classes will help them decide if they are more liberal or conservative.

Although parts of the classes do provide insight on current political views, most simply describe the functions and history of the American government system.

Students easily become

frustrated with the political science classes when they walk away at the end of the semester still clueless about matters of voting and political figures. These required classes should offer lessons on things to be aware of in politicians.

Yes, such a lesson would appear to be forcing the teacher's opinions on the students, but students could be allowed to voice their own beliefs at any point and initiate a class debate.

Students need to be taught what to do when they agree with both politicians and what key points to look for throughout a candidate's campaign.

Gaining knowledge on how our national government functions is important for every citizen, but understanding the characteristics candidates should possess is imperative as well.

Make life a mission—not an intermission

How do you maintain equilibrium of self-acceptance versus self-improvement? This is one of the many questions I ask myself every day.

Being a college student can put a great deal of stress and pressure on someone to become a prestigious person after graduation. I catch myself worrying about life in the future when I wish I could just take life one day at a time and only worry about class, going to work and keeping a moderate social life.

As I have grown into more of an adult, I realize that I am beginning to take on a different nature than when I was 12. I remember making mud pies with my neighbor and thinking I would never grow old and have to worry about bills or who I was going to marry and have kids with one day because I simply accepted myself for who I was back then.

Now, all I do is go to school, work and pay bills, and when I go to lay my head down at night, I can't even sleep because I am still thinking about what else needs to be done.

I hardly take time out for



Editor's Box

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myself anymore because I feel that the slight chance I get to relax is going to take time away from something more important. Yet, in all actuality, taking time out for personal growth is the most important issue.

I know that I cannot go back in time and change what has happened in my past, but if I could for just one second, I feel as if I might accept myself a little more.

On the other hand, I feel that my mistakes have helped me grow mentally and emotionally and helped me realize that I need to improve certain things and aim for the greatest things life has to offer.

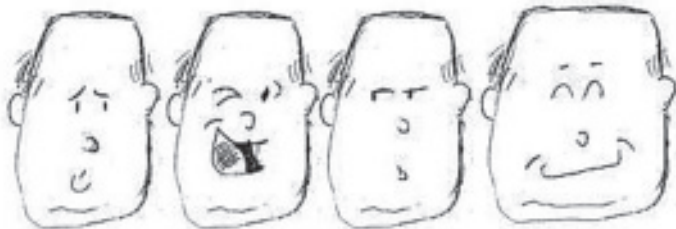
Everyone should learn to accept themselves for who they are no matter what. But I also believe that as long as each individual views his or her mistakes

as a step towards personal growth, he or she will achieve much more than others in life.

Purely, my point is to never compromise for simply what is there—reach for what is right at the edge of your fingertips...the beauty of becoming a better and more confident individual.

If you find yourself one day worrying about all the things that are going on in your life, take time out and find inner peace because that will be the key to self-acceptance and personal growth. This will also help you reconnect with your past and help you learn from your mistakes and realize what is important to you. Never forget that even though it is a good idea to accept yourself for who you are, faults and all, it is not a bad idea to set goals and aim high for what the future holds.

Political Metaphors: The Seven Dwarves



Dummy Sleazy Sneaky Fatty
Wussy Greedy Crock

Candidates line up to face voters this year

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Something to think about...



Amanda Stegall is a first time GHC student who hopes one day to create and write for her own Christian magazine. She is the assistant editor of the “Six Mile Post” this year. Amanda also hopes to transfer into Kennesaw State University next year to continue her education. She enjoys reading and cooking in her free time.

Banned Book Week, Sept. 23-30, is one of the most popular annual events known to the literary world. Every year a new book is challenged and claimed to be too provocative or harmful to society. However, it is unusual that a

movie based on the book is challenged as well.

Recently, my personal favorite, the Harry Potter series, has been at the top of the most challenged list. I do not understand why the Harry Potter series receives so much controversy.

I’ve heard claims that the books promote witchcraft and parents do not want their children involved in “that sort of thing.” Parental complaints annoy me on this level. If you don’t want your child to read something, don’t allow him or her to have the book! Has society reached the point where schools need to send home permission slips to allow children to read?

Every year in history and English classes, teachers send home permission forms that allow students to watch rated R films. Parents have never complained about this. Movies are not nearly as informative as books. These movies promote more violence through graphic images of wars that must be imagined through an author’s descriptions in its written counterpart.

Rarely, if ever, are the movies based on a banned book considered a threat to a child. Many times, the movies are more harmful to a child’s imagination simply because the movie is more graphic than what the child is able to imagine by merely reading the words. For example, in “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston, a younger person may not comprehend the descriptions of interactions between Janie and Teacake. Yet, the movie presents these scenes in a graphic manner that is clearly understandable.

The Harry Potter series does not promote witchcraft on any

level. I’ve read these books several times and have no desire to take a midnight flight on the nearest broomstick. This particular series is merely a story about a boy who is a wizard and struggles to save mankind from evil. Technically, there are no differences between Harry and the Princes of fairy tales who battle the evil dragons to save the fair maidens. Why, then, is this classic on the banned list and “Sleeping Beauty” is not?

Laura Mallory, a Gwinnett County mother, has been demanding that Harry Potter books be banned from public school library shelves since 2005. According to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Mallory claims that “the good characters lie, cheat and steal and are not punished.” If this mother had read the books she is trying to have banned, she would realize that the good characters she labels as “evil” were committing the acts she refers to in an effort to save wizards and “muggles” (non-magical people) throughout the world. Their acts are no different than those that private investigators take part in during an intense search.

Along with the Harry Potter series, several of the classic novels I have been raised to appreciate are found on the banned list as well. John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men* and *The Grapes of Wrath* are included, along with *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. These novels are being taught in schools across the country and loved by students throughout the world. In each of these books elements of American history are evident. Perhaps true events that our ancestors experienced are too harsh for innocent children to understand.

Without storybook characters, what dreams are today’s children permitted to have? Many of my friends say that I’m crazy for being enthusiastic about this issue. However, I love Harry more than any other character I have met in a series, and I highly anticipate the arrival of the last adventure at Hogwarts. On release night, I will be found at Barnes & Noble with a tight grip on the first copy within my reach. My imagination will be enhanced by what I will find with every turn of a page.

Don’t forget to vote...

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Six Mile Poll

What are you doing for Halloween?



Marquistia McCluskey
Rome, Ga.
Obstetrics

“My Church is having a Hallejuiah party and I am setting up a booth.”



Harry DeBray
Kennesaw, Ga.
English

“Dress up like David Bowie.”



Molly Wills
Adairsville, Ga.
Criminal Justice

“Have as much fun as possible, get in trouble and get scared.”



Ryan Richards
Acworth, Ga.
Business Economics

“Go to a Halloween party.”



Alicia Black
Rome, Ga.
General Studies

“Having lots of fun and getting scared.”

Letters to the editor...

Myspace, Facebook article informative

Dear Editor,

I was reading the school paper when I came across the article about the MySpace and Facebook skill shop. I was unable to attend the skill shop but was very glad to see the write-up on it. I know MySpace and Facebook are great ways to keep in touch with friends from high school, college and even those friends you make while on vacation and such. It is a place to socialize and have fun in a sense, but I was completely shocked when I read that some employers are using this as a way to make decisions on future employment. Also I would like to comment about the statement that was made about Facebook being “safer”; I have to say that each site is as safe as you make it. If you are friends with anyone and everyone, it could certainly be dangerous, but if you treat it the same as a social event and talk only to your friends, no harm will be done.

Again, I am very glad that this article was included in the paper; I definitely learned something about the topic that I didn’t know.

Thanks,
Salley Franklin

‘The Real World’ expert in hypocrisy

So there is a girl that was on “TheReal World” coming to GA Highlands to speak with the students about alcohol. No offense, but I think that she is speaking to the wrong crowd. However, I understand that GA Highlands is trying to get the students more involved, and surely someone from MTV would be appealing....I just don’t think that people in their twenties should be preached at about alcohol and the effects it has on a person.

Here is a question to think about, when you think about MTV and “The Real World,” what do you see the most? “The Real World,” in pretty much every episode, shows cast members living up life, and.....DRINKING! They are always hitting the night life and getting drunk off their you know what. I do think it’s cool that someone like her is coming to little ol’ GA Highlands, but just not to talk about her struggles with alcohol. Everyone at this school has heard the same spiel before.....

Patrick Maxedon

Stress article aids student

The article on stress has already helped me out. It is pretty cool that counselors on campus will deal with the students on how to manage their stress and how to deal with the everyday trouble of college. The counselors are also there to give us help on choosing our career. I think the article was great and ya’ll are doing an awesome job!!

Ryan Smith

Support shown for the natural beauty of all women

Dear Editor,

I support your views presented in the article “So what is attractive.” More and more women are now having plastic surgery in order to meet the standard of “perfect” as seen on television and in magazines. It is unbelievable that some people are developing eating disorders in hopes of becoming a size zero! Marilyn Monroe, a size twelve, had voluptuous curves and was considered one of most beautiful women in her time. However, I am afraid if she tried to pursue her career in today’s time, she would be ridiculed and would be considered fat. It is sad that beauty is now a stereotype that

requires breast implants, liposuction, and facelifts. However, I believe that God created everyone beautiful in their own unique way. Women should learn to love and appreciate the body that God gave them instead of correcting the tiny imperfections. Being “fake” is not at all what I would consider beautiful.

Lyndsay Franklin

Student activites an asset on any college campus

Dear Editor,

It is my first year at Georgia Highlands College, and so far I am really enjoying it. Not only do I love the small classes and one on one you get with the teachers, but also I love all the activities that the college offers. I was walking out of class the other day when I went into the student area. There were tons of posters and boards decorated and promoting all different clubs. Not only did they have free food and other stuff, they also had singing. I had not ever really heard of any colleges ever doing anything like that. I thought it was really neat. All the students gathered around and were listening and eating sub sandwiches and ice cream. I just wanted to comment and say that I think this sort of stuff is exactly what every college needs!

Thanks,
Sasha Turner

Praise for the ‘Six Mile Post’

Dear, Editor.

Your newspaper is a solid work that captures the attention of your reader. There are honest and outstanding people on your staff that I like. One of your stories about MySpace and Facebook benefiting the students

really opened eyes to how the internet can be benefiting almost anybody. It was a solidly written article by the writer. It was very informative and I took something from it.

Although I didn’t attend the workshop, it gave me a detailed description of what the skill shop was. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Jordan Appel

Keeping each other informed is admirable

Dear Editor,

I am a new student to Georgia Highlands. I have been out of school for almost 15 years and I have just decided to go to college. It impresses me that people are so involved in their school and that people take the time to keep other people of the college informed of things going on as well. I just want to say Thank You for those that are doing this. I hope that one day I can be confident enough to do the same.

Leslie McKibben

GHC isn’t a joke

Dear Editor,

I am a new transfer student to GHC. I have transferred to GHC from Shorter College. I wanted to give my apologies to the school because I have always kind of thought of GHC (formerly Floyd College) as a joke. I thought that GHC was the place you went just to say you go to school, but now being a student here I have a new respect for the growing college. I am very impressed with the campus, classes and helpful staff. I think just the Cartersville campus alone makes Shorter look like a joke. Also at Shorter the staff did not have faith in its students to succeed in direct contrast to the staff at GHC. I am very happy with my decision to

transfer here to GHC. I genuinely believe that GHC is very valuable asset to the University System of Georgia.

Sincerely,
Kristian Blankenship

Non-traditional student asks for a chance

Dear Editor,

I am a student at GHC, considered as a non-traditional, which means old. Colleges are mostly students in their early years. But older students have started to infiltrate colleges trying to create a new life. I know that we take longer to understand some things, but our ability to remember is not as easy as it used to be. When we have to ask the professor questions that you already know, please be patient with us. You never know. We might surprise you and tell you something that will help you later in your life. We are here for the same reasons you are. All we are asking is to be able to sit in the classroom and learn.

Jean Thornton (49 years)

Thanks to the ‘Six Mile Post’

Hi there,

My name is Lauren Baxter, and I am student at GHC. First off, I wanted to let you know how much I, myself, appreciate what you guys do to make “Six Mile Post” a success. I always pick up a copy and read it. I thoroughly enjoy it, and it helps me keep in touch with what all is going on at my school. This edition I really enjoyed the article on the Smithsonian exhibit. I viewed the exhibit and enjoyed it also. Thank you for all that you do to make our school newspaper wonderful and exciting to read!

Sincerely,
Lauren A. Baxter

Hogan wrestles with dad’s shadow

Brooke shows talent, but guest stars steal spotlight

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Music Review

When Brooke Hogan enters the backstage area before a concert, she is greeted with more respect than any other teen pop star of our time.

Some of that respect, of course, springs from the fact that her father, Hulk Hogan, won’t be far behind. I would have liked some of that respect myself as I stood in the checkout lane at Wal-Mart clutching her CD. Unfortunately, an adult male purchasing a teen pop CD is afforded very little.

In an age where celebrities of one medium are quickly spreading out to as many platforms as possible, it’s not surprising that the daughter of the legendary

wrestler was fighting for her place in the limelight.

With her debut pop album, “Undiscovered,” Brooke has more than entered the ring; she has dominated it. Her first single, “About Us,” choke-slammed its way to number one on the Billboard Top 100.

The album consists of tracks recorded with a variety of pop and R&B stars, as most albums of this type are. Sadly, one gets the feeling that the producers might have thought Brooke alone couldn’t carry the release and instead tried to pack as many guest stars as possible onto it. The few songs where Brooke is allowed to take the wheel, such as “For a Moment,” actually showcase a decent voice and talent.

For the most part, this album is intended for two audiences. The first, teen girls who idolize the Hogan daughter and plaster her poster next to their Aaron

Carter one in their rooms. The second, people who are looking for a CD to throw into the changer for parties and keep at a low level as background music.

Despite these marketing limitations, however, Brooke really does show some skill. I wouldn’t be surprised to see her next few albums push for a less poppy, kid friendly sound into something more substantial.

I give this CD three out of five notes. The performer is skilled, but the material is bland and oversaturated.



Note System

- ♪ -Left at the warm-up
- ♪♪ -Don’t really like them
- ♪♪♪ -Not too bad
- ♪♪♪♪ -Bought the t-shirt
- ♪♪♪♪♪ -Dying for the album

Ball in the House whips up a crowd



Photo by Zack Bolien

Ball in the House, the acappella music group that sang the Cool Whip jingle, entertain GHC students on Sept. 26.

Comedian Louis Ramey, host of Nickelodeon’s Nick at Nite Road Crew as seen on

Comedy Central’s “Premium Blend,” “USO Tour,” “World Comedy Tour” and his own show “Comedy Central Presents: Louis Ramey”

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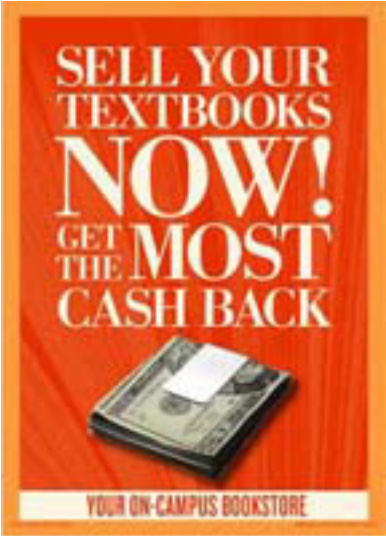
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‘From Hell’ sets the Halloween mood

Jack the Ripper story tells all

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Movie Review

In the 1800s there was a notorious murderer named Jack the Ripper. His identity was never discovered, until now. The DVD “From Hell” reveals all.

Whitechapel was the slum of London in 1888. Mary Kelly (Heather Graham) and her group of friends reside there and are harassed by men and gangs daily.

Just when the friends believe that life could not be any worse, one of Mary Kelly’s friends, Ann, is kidnapped and murdered. Then another from their group, Polly, is brutally

murdered.

Soon, the girls arrive at the conclusion that they are being hunted down, and they are.

Inspector Fred Abberline (Johnny Depp) becomes the primary investigator to solve the case. He is a brilliant man, but his police work is aided by his opium induced visions.

Abberline becomes deeply involved in the case and falls in love with Mary Kelly. The romance becomes a danger to the lovers and the other women in the circle of friends.

The closer Abberline comes to discovering the truth the more dangerous the situation becomes for everyone.

“From Hell” has an all-star cast that will impress even the biggest movie buff. This movie is a great start to set the mood for Halloween.



File photo

Face painting appealed to younger crowd on the Cartersville campus last year.

It’s almost time to fall into ‘Frenzy’

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Fall is here and Georgia Highlands is celebrating by having a Fall Frenzy in late October. According to Heath Rogers, assistant director of student life, two fall festival type events will be held at the Floyd and Cartersville campuses.

Fall Frenzy will be held Oct.

30 at Floyd and Oct. 31 at Cartersville. Rogers, who oversees student activities in Cartersville, indicated that the times for both events will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., whereas last year’s events were held at night.

Last year’s events were held during evening hours to help accommodate more of the community members. According to Rogers, this year’s events were scheduled earlier in the day to

ensure better attendance from students.

Students from all Georgia Highlands campuses are welcome to participate at either or both locations.

Rogers stated that food for both events will be free. In addition, Laser Tag and Segway Scooters will be present throughout the event for entertainment.

Students are also welcome to attend in costume if they choose.

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Debt proves a constant concern for students



Photo by Sarah Abercrombie
Marc Stringer uses his credit card to purchase a new bookbag from Rachel Hawkins in the Floyd bookstore.

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Student loans and credit cards allow many college students to attend institutions and purchase things they otherwise might not be able to afford with cash.

When these tools are used responsibly, each can contribute to a better quality of life both while attending college and after graduation. However, when they

are abused, the damage done to one's credit, along with the other problems that accompany seemingly insurmountable debt, can haunt a person for decades after college graduation.

College students are easy targets for lending institutions. Dr. John Reiners, associate professor of business and economics, said, "When college students get their first credit card, it is hard to resist the temptation of overspending and can always be a difficult issue later in life. Being out on

your own is an easy way to run up credit cards and then no one knows where to turn or who to contact for help."

In today's society there are two choices when paying for something: paper or plastic. Most of the time, people choose plastic. Seeing a \$100 bill disappear into the cash register is much harder than simply signing a receipt with a number at the bottom telling how much was spent.

When students use credit cards or another form of payment other than cash, they may not consider that they are spending actual money, money that they do not have.

Here are some tips and ideas from the Consumer Counseling Credit Services website at www.cccsatl.org and the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov that may be helpful in using credit cards and loans responsibly.

1) Avoid credit cards which have annual fees and account setup charges.

These cards are often given to those who have little to no credit or who have damaged their credit beyond immediate repair. A \$69 annual fee may not seem like a large amount of money to spend

to gain access to a \$1000 credit line. However, if one has, let's say, three cards of this type, it will cost well over \$200 a year to carry those cards, and that is all before the first swipe.

2) When searching for a good student loan, look for loans which are subsidized by the government.

Taking this type of loan does not mean that a student is borrowing money from the government. In actuality, the student is borrowing the money from a bank or lending institution, but the money is guaranteed by the government to the bank in the event of default. Banks' lending guidelines are more lax on government subsidized loans. Since the money is going to be paid back either way, getting a government subsidized loan is normally easier for students than other means of borrowing money for school.

3) For a first credit card, look for cards made especially for students from the larger companies such as Citigroup, Capital One and Discover.

Most of these companies have an image to maintain along with their bottom line, so they provide cards with small credit lines and no annual fees. Some even have

rewards programs that allow students to receive discounts at certain stores and even on airfare and hotels. Most also allow cardholders to pay their bills online.

4) Check your credit report at least once per year.

It is possible to obtain a free credit report by visiting www.freecreditreportsinstantly.com.

There are many options to help you climb out of the hole. Credit counseling services help to re-organize debts and lower interest rates to make paying the loan easier.

Some lending institutions and even credit card companies offer debt consolidation loans, which pay off all debts and consolidate the total into one large loan with a single monthly payment.

Debt is not necessarily an "evil," but it is dangerous. Like all dangerous things, when debt is treated with respect and responsibility, bad consequences can often be avoided. The bottom line is this: when standing in a check-out line, if the cashier asks if this will be a cash or credit transaction, say cash. That is the only way to avoid debt in today's society.

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Mavericks slip by Bomb Squad 36-32

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The intramural basketball season reached its midway point on Oct. 4. Three games were to be played, though only one resulted in activity on the court.

The first game, Chargers vs. DSGB, ended in a victory for the DSGB when they learned that the Chargers had forfeited the remainder of the season.

The second game resulted in the Bomb Squad playing the Mavericks. During the first half, the Mavericks pulled away for a 22-8 lead. However, the Bomb Squad's leader, Ammar Abdellatif, arrived near the end of the first half and ignited a comeback.

With Abdellatif's spunk and hard-nosed defense, the Bomb Squad were able to close the lead to four and made a game out of it. But the Mavericks were too much, finishing off the Bomb Squad 36-32.

"We play the best when we pace ourselves and don't rush things. We played relaxed today and that was the reason we won," said Dexter Guice, who led the Mavericks with 19 points.

Sadly, after that exciting second game, the third game was also a forfeit. The Shoe Company did not arrive at the gym in time, and the victory was awarded to the Suns.

So far, the Suns and the Mavericks share the record.



Photo by Josh Kelley
Allan Cole dribbles past Charles Hill (left) on his way to the basket.

Updated Basketball Scores from Oct. 11

All-Stars- 60	Suns- 39
Bomb Squad- 28	Mavericks- 21
Leading scorers	Leading scorers
Jonathan Little (All-Stars) 32	Quan Martin (Suns) 16
Drew Martin (Bomb Squad) 16	Kaleb Broster (Mavericks) 13
The Shoe Company forfeited to DSGB	

View from the Sidelines

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An unfamiliar sight in MLB playoffs: Bad luck for Braves

Whenever someone turns on the television and tunes into the Major League Baseball playoffs, reality once again sinks in. The Braves, for the first time in 15 years, failed to make the playoffs.

Decimated by injuries, an inconsistent starting rotation and a struggling bullpen, the Braves were finally overtaken by the New York Mets in the National League East.

Even with one of the NL's most productive offenses, the Braves were unable to find a way to close the gap and finished with a 79-83 record.

"Hopefully, a lot of guys go home in the off season with a pretty sour taste in their mouth and come back with a little fire in their belly to make amends," said Chipper Jones, who missed 52 games this year due to various injuries.

The Braves were closest to regaining the lead in the division on May 28, when they pulled within 3 1/2 games. But in June, the Braves won just six of

27 games and took themselves out of contention.

After the All-Star break, the Braves put together a seven-game winning streak to pull into contention for the NL Wild Card. But after coming home from a successful road trip, the Braves lost five at home and again found themselves out of the playoffs.

"We never had momentum all year," John Smoltz, the only consistent starting pitcher for the Braves said. "We never had anything but that spurt at the All-Star break. That's tough because even the worst of teams were able to go on better streaks."

Even with a late season addition of a viable closer in Bob Wickman, the Braves were unable to gain much ground in September and saw their chances shot down in the last weeks of the season.

"These guys played hard all season," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "We just didn't get it done."

FIT program encourages activity at Beginner and Advanced levels

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"I got two of my friends to sign up with me, and it motivates me to walk," says Amanda Vick, a FIT participant.

FIT stands for Fitness Incentive Team and is a tool to help Georgia Highlands College students and staff become more active.

The FIT program is a 10-week program centered on different types of activities.

The FIT program has three basic groups-walk, run and workout. Students can choose one of the three and then choose the level of placement that seems

right for them.

Based on the various levels of performance, students have the opportunity to earn t-shirts, sweatshirts and gym bags. Gift certificates are also available as prizes.

David Mathis, physical education director, said that the prizes promote participation in the program.

The walk/run portion allows students to participate at either the Beginner level, which means walking or running 80 miles in 10 weeks, or the Advanced level that allows students to walk or run 120 miles in 10 weeks.

The workout program also has two levels-Beginner, 24 workouts in 10 weeks, and Advanced,

37 workouts in 10 weeks.

The program allows students to log workouts and miles each week so that Mathis can monitor how each student is doing. This also allows for the prizes to be awarded properly.

Vick, an early childhood education major from Rome, says that the program will help her with the walking class she is taking and perhaps help her "do more exercise" after she finishes taking her Fitness Walking class.

FIT sign-ups for this semester are over, but next semester is just around the corner.

Any student who is interested in participating may contact Mathis by e-mail. His e-mail address is dmathis@highlands.edu.



Photo by Josh Kelley

From left: Sean Burnette measures distance while Cathie Maynard, Katie Bell and Amanda Vick walk their miles in the FIT program.

Flag Football kicks off a great season

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Terry Albert of the Fighting Irish races down the field.

Photo by Josh Kelley



Photo by Josh Kelley
Michael Wright gives his all for the Crew.



Ammar Abdellatif of the Fighting Irish evades tacklers.

Photo by Josh Kelley

Football Scores from Oct. 9	
<i>The Crew</i>	41
<i>The Fighting Irish</i>	33
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<i>The Crew</i>	18
<i>The Fighting Ducks</i>	12

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• That's what football is •
• all about, bringing •
• people together. •
• -Josh Underwood of the Fighting •
• Ducks •
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The 2006 season of intramural flag football kicked off on Oct. 2. The opening game between the Fighting Irish and the Crew was highlighted by defensive plays with the Irish topping the Crew 13–8.

In first half action, Crew player Michael Wright was intercepted, and the interception eventually led to an Irish touchdown.

On the next Crew drive, quarterback Ben Claytor was intercepted, stalling the Crew offense once again. The Irish weren't able to capitalize and turned the ball back over to the Crew on downs.

The Crew offense finally showed some life when Joseph Seo ran for a touchdown. The following play resulted in Claytor running in the two-point conversion, giving the Crew the lead, 8–7.

The next drive produced by the Irish was abruptly stopped when Seo intercepted a pass from Ammar Abdellatif.

After the Crew was stopped, the Fighting Irish regained the lead when Chase Tolbert made the game-winning touchdown, making it 13–8.

The next two drives ended with interceptions by both teams. Zorin Moore relieved Claytor as quarterback for the final drive by the Crew, but their bid ended when Terry Albert intercepted Moore's pass in the end zone.

In the second game, the Fighting Ducks topped the Irish 22–19.

The Irish scored on an Abdellatif touchdown run, and later Abdellatif threw a scoring pass to Albert. Albert also tossed a touchdown pass to Dustin Little.

The Ducks responded with two touchdown throws from Chris Strickland and Josh Underwood, a point PAT caught by Tyrone Bannister and a safety by Strickland.

After the game, the Fighting Ducks all-star player Josh Underwood said, "That's what football is all about, bringing people together."

Come out and support the GHC flag football teams as each competes for the championship.