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Nancy Applegate, professor of English, hugs student Amanda Brendel as she presents an ORK award to her.

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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

Athletic fee increase off the table for now

By Andrew West
Editor-in-chief

The amount of money Georgia Highlands College charges its students for an athletic fee will not be increasing from the current \$50 any time soon.

The increase proposal was rescinded by Renva Watterson, interim president after discussion with Todd Jones, interim associate vice president for academic and student affairs and Floyd campus dean, Laura Musselwhite, interim vice president of academic and student affairs and Rob Whitaker, vice president of finance and administration.

Watterson cited con-

cerns about enrollment for the summer term, lack of student support for the increase and timing as reasons for the rescindment.

Watterson said, "When a transient student looks at coming in to take a course for the summer, they're going to pay more in fees than in tuition, which ought to be troublesome to administrators, and I can guarantee you that it is."

Summer enrollment numbers were down in 2012. The GHC administration hopes to bolster those numbers this year.

The college conducted numerous town hall meetings, an SGA meeting and a school-wide student vote

via SCORE in order to get feedback on the possibility of an increase early this semester.

"Not enough people voted. More people voted for it than against it, but we didn't have a widespread enough response to the vote," said Watterson.

Watterson also noted that it didn't seem right to come to the students asking for a fee increase after having an athletic program for just one year.

Money from the proposed fee increase was set to go to the baseball and softball programs on the Cartersville campus to construct a complex at which the teams could play.

Phillip Gaffney, athlet-

ic director and men's head basketball coach, has confirmed that in the wake of the rescindment, construction of such a complex is unlikely in the foreseeable future.

Gaffney said, "We were really hoping to take that money and build a baseball and softball complex. Now we have to find an alternative funding source for that."

Another way the athletic department was hoping to use the funds from a fee increase was an expansion of the program onto other campuses by adding new sports like cross-country and volleyball.

Additionally, a remodeling of the Floyd campus

locker rooms would have been planned in the wake of an increase to the fee.

Gaffney noted that bolstering enrollment numbers or receiving funds from private donors might be other ways to increase revenue for the athletic department.

Naming rights for buildings or complexes could be a potential lure for those donors.

"Could we still do the locker rooms? We're just going to have to explore what our other options are," said Gaffney. "The whole thing about athletics is opportunity."

There is no timetable for any potential increase to the athletic fee.

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Work study jobs cut by budget loss

By Sarah Lane
Asst. Print Editor

On March 29, all of the federal work study positions at Georgia Highlands were cut.

According to Megan Simpson, director of financial aid, the reason for the cuts was that the money given to the school by the federal government ran out.

The amount of money given to the college for the federal work study program is based on how much the college spent on the work study program two years ago. For example, the budget for this year's program was based off the amount that was spent in the 2010-2011 school year.

Because the college did not use 90 percent of the \$100,000 work study budget in the 2010-2011 school year, Highlands was penalized and the budget for this year was cut by over \$20,000, making the budget for 2012-2013 \$78,000.

"When we were penal-

ized from previous years, we all knew it was going to be tough. With \$100,000, we were able to work through the summer, whereas with \$78,000, we didn't even make it through spring," said Simpson.

Federal work study student Kursten Hedgis said, "Megan Simpson told me herself that they knew in January that the budget was going to run out, they just didn't know how soon. I just feel like, if they knew the budget was going to run out, then they should have let us know so we could have been looking for other jobs."

Todd Jones, Floyd campus dean, explained that there is nothing that can be done for the students who have already lost their jobs but that the focus should be on planning for the future program so that this will not happen again. Jones said, "We are working toward better planning to make sure we put limits earlier in the process when we see this happening."

Many students recognized at GHC Honors Assembly

By J.P. Erickson
Asst. Print Editor

The 41st annual Honors Assembly held at the Cartersville campus Student Center on April 4 shined the spotlight on the academic elite, as well as the most active and talented students GHC helped produce.

The ceremony was emceed by Megan Youngblood, student life coordinator of the Cartersville campus. While their family and friends looked on, students received awards based on a variety of subjects such as business, nursing and mathematics, to name a few.

Laura Musselwhite, interim vice president of academic and student affairs, said, "I think honors night is one of the best things we do. I even think that it's more important to recognize our

students as two-year college students than it would be at a four-year school because our students work tremendously hard and they may not get academic recognition all the time."

Cheryse Carter, one of the 17 students to receive the Honors Certificate said, "It's just validation that makes me feel like I'm doing all the right things. I'm taking all the right steps and that my hard work is paying off and being recognized and not just pushed under a rug somewhere."

The award requires Honors coursework, community service and outside-of-class research projects.

Becky Crooks, Six Mile Post Sports Editor, and Sherina Johnson received the Warren Akin IV Excellence in English award. Crooks was also one of the



Photo by Ryan Jones

Becky Crooks (left) receives the Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies award from Assistant Professor of English Jesse Bishop (right).

winners of the Dr. Melvin Perry AAUP Outstanding Future Educator Award.

Awards for special recognition, leadership and

achievement were given out towards the end of the night.

After a long evening of celebrating GHC's best and

brightest, there were but three awards left. The nominees for these were listed in the program, but the winners were yet to be announced.

The GHC Steve Burns Service Award went to Amelia Bagwell. The GHC Spirit Award went to Victor Williams. Of the eight nominees for the GHC Leadership Award, Andrew West was picked as the winner. West, who is editor-in-chief of the Six Mile Post, also received the Excellence in Journalism award.

"I think the event went really well. This is the first time we've done it in this space. The turnout was magnificent. I can't believe how many people were here, so I was really pleased," Musselwhite concluded.

See sixmilepost.com for a complete list of honorees.

Floyd campus student center to get a face-lift

By Chasity Thomas
Staff Writer

Say farewell to the current Floyd campus student center and hello to a new, more modernized area. Renovations to the student center will begin after the completion of spring semester and are expected to be finished by the beginning or middle of August.

When returning to classes this fall, students can expect to find a "more modern, relaxing and sophisticated environment," said Todd Jones, Floyd campus dean. The new student center will have a more open seating area with multiple TV networks, a coffee shop open to students and a student conference room for a quiet study atmosphere.

In addition, the performance stage will be moved to the Solarium so that students will have the option of attending the guest performances.

Videogame consoles such as Xbox 360 and PlayStation

3 will be added to the game room as well as new ceiling tiles and better lighting. There will also be new floor and wall designs in the student center.

The idea to make changes to the student center originated from student recommendations.

Jones said, "Students have spoken with John Spranza, Floyd campus student life coordinator, and me about considering remodeling the student center. The faculty and staff members all agreed to the renovations."

Spranza played a major role in designing the layout. "Having worked within the limitations of the current space for 10 years, and having had the experience of contributing to the development of the Cartersville student center building, I was able to interject a lot of ideas," Spranza explained.

The goal of the renovations, according to Spranza, is to "give the students a variety of casual seating areas

that could function as places to congregate with friends, study, eat, relax and participate in student life clubs and events."

Groups that utilize the Student Life Office area, Adult and Service Learning, Six Mile Post and the Old Red Kimono had input into the redesign of that section, and the Student Government Association has been kept informed about the renovation plans.

Students who will be taking summer classes should expect small setbacks. Due to the construction work of the renovations, certain areas will be inaccessible to students.

The Office of Student Life will be relocated during the construction. Also, the construction process will possibly be heard throughout the F-Building.

In the long run, however, the new student center will create a "more inviting atmosphere, a brighter look and a more comfortable feel," said Jones.

Signing up for summer classes? Pay your fees by May 15 to keep your schedule intact.

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'Conversations' promotes equality for all

By Rebecca Pharr
Staff Writer

A Courageous Conversations event was held in the Solarium on the Floyd campus on April 2 at 12:30 p.m. It involved seven students from the Equality Alliance club: Amanda Brendel, Ryan Jones, Kelli Arthur, Hannah Kent, Jordan Collins, Marcus Lee and Justin Deal.

The purpose of the event was to inform guests about the way LGBT students feel and deal with sexual orientation in and outside of the classroom.

Joan Ledbetter, adviser for the Equality Alliance club, started off the event by reading a student's es-

say about the experiences she had encountered as a lesbian.

Deal, president of Equality Alliance, talked for a brief moment about the club before questions were asked of the seven panelists.

Ledbetter started the conversation by asking the panelists to cover the subject of bullying.

Deal said there is a problem with people bullying on social media websites.

His encounter with bullying in high school involved the silent type, such as people pointing and talking behind his back.

Since attending Geor-

gia Highlands, he has had positive experiences.

Jones noted that he and his LGBT friends stood up for themselves in high school. They were able to block people out and stick together.

Lee talked about the abuse and disrespect he had experienced as a gay male in the military.

When asked about the positive aspects of being a LGBT, there were a variety of answers from the panel that included a sense of community, close friends that are always there and how other relationships improve because of the honesty of coming out.

Dana Davis, director of college relations, asked



Photo by Jacob Perry

Marcus Lee talks about being gay in the military.

the panel about their feelings on the same-sex marriage case with which the Supreme Court is currently dealing.

Jones made a point about the legal benefits that are being denied to same-sex couples. He believes marriage should be open to everybody.

When Ledbetter asked what equality meant to the panel, Deal responded that to him it meant waking up and living comfortably without worrying about being gay or straight.

After the event was over, Jones said, "I think it went really well."

Becky Crooks, sports editor for the Six Mile Post said, "I think it's great Georgia Highlands supports the Equality Alliance, and so many people showed their support for the LGBT community."

Immigration round table covers current issues

By Andrew West
Editor-in-chief

A total of more than 70 students, staff and community members attended a round table discussion on immigration at Georgia Highlands College's Floyd campus. The event was held April 2 in the auditorium of the Lakeview Building.

Co-sponsored by the Six Mile Post and the Floyd campus Political Science Club, the event was intended to facilitate discussion on the issues of immigration and immigration legislation.

Refreshments for the event were provided by the Floyd campus Political Science club.

The discussion featured a panel of four community figures, all of whom had some special insight on the subject of immigration. The panel members were Jim



Photo by Jacob Perry

From left: Jim Linos, Mark Greger, Wendy Davis and Scott Akemon comprise the panel for the immigration round table.

Linos, chair of the world languages committee at Darlington Schools; Mark Greger, assistant professor of Spanish at GHC; Wendy Davis, member of the Democratic National Committee; and Scott Akemon, assistant professor of history and political science at GHC.

"I believe the discussion that took place was a good

step forward not only on this issue, but also towards a better understanding of who we have been and ought to be as Americans," Linos said.

Akemon's Domestic Issues class studied the issue of immigration in February and, out of the opinionated discussions in the classroom, grew the idea for this event.

Greger said, "Under-

standing immigration is essential to understanding the Latino experience. The immigration round table was a unique experience to discuss an issue that does not get much exposure in northwest Georgia."

"I thought that we had a very lively and well-rounded discussion of some of the issues surrounding this

important topic. I am hoping that we can have more discussions like this in the future."

Recently, a bipartisan group of U.S. senators has been working toward a solution for the problem of immigration in America. There is currently no timetable for future legislation on the issue.

American public opinion on immigration

66%

believe illegal aliens are a net drain on public resources

53%

believe illegal aliens harm American workforce

53%

believe that the U.S. border is not secure

*Facts provided by fairus.org

Highlands Happenings

Summer classes now available

By Mary K. Howard
Staff Writer

Summer is almost here and that means it's time to pick up extra credit hours. Summer registration started on March 25, but the first fee payment deadline is not until May 15.

Students may use their excess financial aid to purchase books and supplies in the bookstore at the Cartersville or Rome campuses from May 1 to May 30. Students should keep in mind that this is the deadline for all students and for all sessions.

There are four sessions for summer classes, May, June, July and a full session which goes through June and July. May session starts May 13, June sessions and the full sessions both start June 4 and the one-month July session starts July 2.

There are various orientation dates for each campus. Orientation is mandatory only for new students.

The orientations will be held at Floyd on April 25 at 5 p.m., at Marietta on April 30 at 9 a.m., at Cartersville and Marietta on May 9 also at 9 a.m. Another orientation at Cartersville will be held on May 23 at 11 a.m.

Paulding will have orientation on May 29 at 9 a.m., while Floyd will have another on May 30 at 2 p.m. The last orientation will be

held at Douglasville on May 31 at 9 a.m.

Spring fling coming to GHC

By Jackson Walsh
Staff Writer

Spring fling is rapidly approaching for students at all of the GHC campuses.

The Floyd campus will host Spring Fling on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include a free lunch and a performance by southern rock group Jacob and the Bear. The event will be hosted outside if weather permits.

The Marietta campus will hold its Spring Fling celebration on April 24.

Douglasville's Spring Fling will be on April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student center. Jacob and the Bear will be performing.

Paulding's will be on April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Courtyard Square with the same festivities.

The Cartersville campus will have Spring Fling activities including a performance by Jacob and the Bear on April 19 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Student Center lawn.

Hispanic Cinema offered as class in fall schedule

By Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

For the 2013 fall semester, GHC will be offering a Hispanic Cinema class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on the Cartersville campus.

It will be a ten-week, two-hour class, and it will fulfill an Area B elective credit.

The class will consist of watching movies from many Spanish speaking countries, such as Spain, Argentina, Mexico and Cuba.

The movies will be in Spanish but will have English subtitles, and all the discussion and work will be in English. There is no need to be fluent in Spanish to take the class.

Movies shown in the class will range from silent movies to contemporary movies, including a silent movie by Salvador Dali. The class will also cover basic cinema and how to write about movies.

B2B represents five campuses at convention

By Michael Hewitt
Staff Writer

On April 11-14, 12 members of Brother 2 Brother, an organization that promotes

the education and success of young black and Latino men, attended a conference being held by the Student African-American Brotherhood in Indianapolis.

The attending members represented all five Georgia Highlands campuses, and member Victor Williams gave a presentation on the topic "No Limits...No Boundaries: Brothers Committed to Education."

April 21-23 Isaac Waters and Williams will be part of a presentation on successful college initiatives at the American Association of Community Colleges in San Francisco. The Georgia Highlands chapter of Brother 2 Brother is one of two chapters nationwide invited to be a part of this presentation at the conference.

College fair held on Floyd campus

By Ashley Bostick
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 3, GHC's Floyd campus held Passport 2 Success, a career and college fair for students.

This event, planned by Alison Lampkin, alumni coordinator, took place in the student center. GHC played host to colleges and local businesses such as Harbin Clinic, Berry College, Atlanta Art Institute and more.

Students were given the opportunity to acquire

information on transfers and career options as well as speak to GHC's student services staff regarding financial aid, career planning and resume planning. Caps and gowns were available for graduating students who'd already placed their order.

Movie screening cancelled by EMA

By Neen Snowball
Staff Writer

The English Majors Association (EMA) canceled due to the possibility of inclement weather a movie night which would have been held on April 12 featuring "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Members had the option of reading the book that inspired the movie, and the book was to be discussed briefly before the film began.

The English Majors Association is open to all English majors attending Georgia Highlands College. There are no dues or fees required to become a member.

Students who are interested in joining the English Majors Association should contact Cindy Wheeler, associate professor of English, at cwheeler@highlands.edu.

As of right now there are no new plans to reschedule the screening.

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All it takes is one to stand up for what is right

In Steubenville, Ohio in August, 2012, two high school football players raped an unconscious girl at a local party while other teens stood and watched.

The onlookers took pictures and video with their phones and were even audacious enough to post their files on social media sites with derogatory comments, adding fuel to an already raging fire.

There is a term in psychology known as the bystander effect, which refers to an anomaly that accounts for the de-

creasing likeliness of an individual to intervene in a social setting as the number of bystanders increases.

Could this be, in this case and in the minds of young Americans, a symptom of an age-old struggle for acceptance?

We have descended into an era marred by a degradation of the moral code that used to be something of great importance to parent's everyday guidance of their kids.

Steubenville party-goer, Michael Colin Nodianos, drove on a YouTube video for over 12

minutes after the party about how the girl was "dead" and compared her rape and hypothetical death to that of a myriad of movie references. He could barely contain himself as he laughed while he spewed his twisted vitriol.

There is something we can do about this.

We can keep cases like this in the spotlight and give them the thought necessary to process what this says about a possible sign of the times or, more abstractly, human nature.

We need to realize

as classmates, friends, mothers, brothers, fathers and sisters that all it takes is one.

All it takes is one person to speak up, strike out and extract him or herself from the crowd and the temptation to submit to the mob mentality towards which we have been found to gravitate.

All it takes one person whose internal voice won't be silenced as it vibrates through every fiber of being until that one word is finally uttered for all of the ravenous spectators to hear, "Enough!"

As students, we find ourselves in a time of self-discovery. It is up to us to decide whether our mark will be that for good and positivity or the slippery slope of conformity that colors the world in a tarp of gray.

British statesmen Edmund Burke said it best, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

We as a nation, a society and human beings have an obligation to fight for what is right and protect the tired, the weak and the vulnerable from the tyranny of evil.

Putting in extra effort leads to extra rewards

Georgia Highlands College is a great place to be. The people here (faculty, staff and students) are what make it great.

After this semester, I will have completed my associate's degree, and I'll be heading off to Kennesaw State University. Highlands will be in my rearview mirror as I move forward down the road of life.

The people I've met here, however, will be with me always.

When I graduated from high school, GHC was not my intended destination. I attended other schools in the area, and that didn't work out too well for me.

I wasn't ready for college. I'm glad that I wasn't ready, though, because after my years here at GHC, I know that this was the place for me all along.

If I've learned anything in my time here, it's that no matter what we are doing, we should always apply ourselves to the fullest. We never know how hard work, or lack thereof, will pay off for us, or hold us back, in the future.

Some people may look down on community colleges, but as someone who has been

to two private, more expensive colleges, I can firmly say that we get out of it what we put in.

Whether it's taking the time to read that extra-long textbook chapter, or getting involved in extracurricular activities, we determine our own levels of success.

More than any of my other experiences here, working with the Six Mile Post has taught me that. I cannot think of any more mentally strenuous activity than going through a full three-week production cycle and cranking out another issue of the SMP.

Getting writers to adhere to deadlines, editing every article that comes in over the course of four days and staying at the school until midnight on Wednesdays during layout weeks are some of the most taxing things I've ever done.

They are also the most re-

warding.

The things that Kristie Kemper, SMP adviser, and Cindy Wheeler, SMP assistant adviser, have taught me while I've gone through these stressful production cycles will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Those things are not limited to work ethic and journalism. One can't help but learn a thing or two about life when spending the better part of almost every week with such wise ladies.

As we go on from here, I encourage all of my fellow students to put everything they have into every opportunity that comes along.

Let me also, if I may, supply some words of wisdom from a truly Southern maxim to go along with this idea. Those words are "There ain't nothing to it but to do it." Wherever we go from here, let us not be afraid to do it and to do it to the best of our ability.



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Wanderlust leads to self-knowledge and personal goals

If my life had worked according to the plans that I made for myself when graduating from high school, my path to Highlands would have been a much shorter one than it has turned out to be. However, that's not how life works.

Fresh out of high school, I enrolled at Floyd College back in 2004. I hadn't wanted to stay in Rome, but my parents had pushed for it.

By the end of the first semester of my freshman year, I was already looking at a solid C average. My second semester was worse.

It was at this point that I

took a step back and decided I should probably just take some time off.

I thought within a year or two I'd find myself back in school, but life had a different idea than I did.

Wanderlust caught me, and I followed wherever it wanted me to go because, if nothing else, I wasn't in Rome.

I was barely 20 when I left Rome, and at the time, I thought I knew everything. I had watched "Friends" and "Sex and the City"; what else would a girl need to know about living by herself in the real world?

The first couple of years were glamorous. The people I met and the places I traveled to taught me about myself and what the world was really like.

I ended up back in Rome for a little over a year in 2007.

When I thought I found the man of my dreams, I followed him to Athens, Ga. I was there when the recession hit.

I struggled to pay my bills, put gas in my car and even to buy food. Ramen noodles even seemed to be a delicacy.

After a year, I was done



Path 2 Highlands

Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

with living on my own and realized that I didn't want to live this way for the rest of my life. I headed back to Rome.

After my relationship fell apart and I broke my ankle, I was forced to stop, sit down and think about what I was doing.

Two months later, I filled

out my FAFSA and applied to Georgia Highlands.

Because of my path, I now know who I am and what I want.

I'm not letting anyone or anything get in my way. I may be older than I'd like to be, but I wouldn't change the past nine years for anything.

Don't go through it alone



Soap Box

Pedro Zavala
Staff Writer

This generation has been called the "MTV generation," the "Technological generation," and the "Millennial generation." The precise term is "Generation Y," and it refers to those born from the 1980s to the early 2000s. This generation is characterized by growing up alongside technology and being confident, ambitious and eager for more of everything.

This helps explain the world students currently live in and why we are always in a rush. We feel the need to become something and, as a result, find ourselves busy for an exhausting majority of the time. There is that constant thought of what we have to do next and what follows after that.

This is why the world has changed so much. It has gone from a place of simplicity and straightforwardness to a place of great complexity. Before, if a student wanted something, all he or she had to do was work hard for it.

Now, students are having to follow a certain protocol and become someone else in order to get to where they want to go.

Why is it that even though students are swamped with things to do and care about, they sometimes feel that void of meaning? Why is it we feel life is going nowhere sometimes? It's because while we're following that protocol, we end up losing who we truly are and forget why we even started.

To avoid that feeling, many students become involved in church or more activities to keep their mind off the thought.

The most effective way for students to not lose who they are is for them to remind themselves why they're doing this and to not go through it alone.

When we finally become what we want to be, we should try to change this protocol to make it more efficient for later generations.

Student Snapshot Get to know Alma Malasi



- Major: Business Administration
- Campus: Cartersville
- Preferred apocalyptic method: Zombies
- TP-Over or under?: Over
- Last movie seen in theaters: "Men In Black II"
- Dream job: Legal HR Management
- How do you take your coffee: I like it Iced with sugar, whipped cream, a shot of espresso and a little caramel
- What's in your CD player?: I have a playlist full of Taylor Swift, Kendrick Lamar, the Naked and Famous, Mac Miller and Luke Bryan. Just a little bit of everything!



The 2012-2013 Six Mile Post leaders say goodbye

By Andrew West
Editor-in-chief

My time as the editor-in-chief of the SMP this year has been an incredibly educational experience, and I have been very impressed with the work of the entire staff, from the editorial team to the staff writers and photographers.

One of the things I've learned from my work with the SMP is personal accountability. As a leader, it is up to me to get my work done, and there are more than 30 other people who depend on that work being



done. Conversely, I depend on the rest of the staff to the same degree.

It is my hope that my fellow SMP staff members will carry these experiences with them throughout life and remember to hold themselves personally accountable for the work they commit to doing.

By Sarah Lane
Asst. Print Editor

It's hard to believe that my time here at Highlands is coming to an end.

How do you say goodbye to something that has been such an important part of your life, even if it has only been for a short period of time?

I will always be thankful for the opportunity to work at the Six Mile Post.

Without the opportunity to work at the newspaper, I fear that I would have never really gotten involved at Highlands and I would have



never known what a great place this school is.

Through the good times and the bad, working at the Six Mile Post has made a profound impact on my life.

I hope I have left as much of a mark on Georgia Highlands College as it has left on me.

Go Chargers!

By J.P. Erickson
Asst. Print Editor

Over the course of my three-and-a-half year associate degree plan, I've encountered many obstacles along the way. I spent copious amounts of time beating myself up for requiring remedial math courses at the onset of my second attempt at college.

As I navigated, however slowly, through my first year, I began to realize that all of this experience at Highlands would truly prepare me for the next step toward success.

Before I knew it, I was



enrolled full-time and involved with academic societies, like Psi Beta and Phi Theta Kappa, and the Six Mile Post.

This portion of my schooling has been invaluable, and as I look back, I implore my fellow Chargers to get involved and make the most of these opportunities before they pass you by.

By Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

The last couple of years have changed my life in ways that I'm not sure I can ever truly express through words.

The people I've met and the lessons that I have learned while at GHC have forever molded me into a person who is different from anything than I could have ever imagined being.

I'm thankful for the chance to study here and to work on the newspaper. Though the times have not always been easy, and I'd



be lying if I said I wouldn't change a thing, I appreciate everything that has happened to me while attending GHC.

Without some of these people and experiences here at Georgia Highlands, I might have accepted life as the way it was, not the way it could be.

By Ryan Jones
Chief Photographer

It has been a great year here at GHC. I have had the chance to meet some new people, and I have gotten closer to the people that I already knew.

I took over the chief photographer position from Kaitlyn Hyde, who is the one who inspired me to do this job.

She taught me several things when she was in office, and I tried to use ev-



everything she taught me to do the best I could in this position.

I have learned a great deal of professional and personal skills from this job, and I have had a lot of fun along the way.

By Gene Harmon
Asst. Online Editor

Fall of 2012 marked my first semester on the staff of the Six Mile Post. I have learned quite a bit in the meantime, especially in the process of writing articles.

My previous writing experience was all based on subjects on which I chose to write.

I enjoy writing regardless, but being assigned a specific topic by someone has been a glimpse into the real world of journalism.



Everyone on the staff has been very patient as we all learned the ropes and survived the bumps in the road. It has been an enjoyable experience.

I look forward to coming back and working on the SMP in the fall.



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Bidding farewell to faculty

**By Neece Hitson
Staff Writer**

Dudley Salley, professor of economics at Georgia Highlands, is retiring at the end of the 2013 summer semester. Prior to becoming a professor, he was in the U.S. Army and served as an artillery officer. He was also a financial economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He began teaching at GHC

(Floyd College at the time) in 1997 as an associate professor.

Dudley said, "I got most of my students through economics, so that's an accomplishment." He served as President of the Georgia Association of Economics and Finance in 2011.

After retirement, he plans to return home to Germany for a while then travel between Florida and Georgia. Salley says that

he is not ready to entirely stop with his teaching. He may just teach more on a part-time level.



Dudley Salley

**By Neece Hitson
Staff Writer**

Sue Munn, associate professor of English, will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

Munn began teaching at GHC when it was known as Floyd College and has been teaching here for 20 years. She has also taught at other colleges and universities in Atlanta, including Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State

University.

Munn said, "I hope that my teaching had a positive and lasting influence on



Sue Munn

the lives of my students. I believe that I have given my students an excellent background in writing, and I hope that I have inspired some to actually enjoy studying literature and to read more."

Munn plans to enjoy some of her favorite hobbies such as gardening, walking, swimming, traveling, reading and cooking. Her husband retired last year, and they plan to enjoy their retirement together.

**By Andrew West
Editor-in-chief**

Joan Christian was a full-time math teacher at Georgia Highlands College for seven years. Since retiring in December 2012, she has held a part-time position with the Tutorial Center. She plans to teach one class this fall.

In the time since her retirement, Christian has enjoyed creating works of art in her free time. Sketching has been a favorite hobby of

hers for over a decade.

There is a video about her hobby at www.highlands.edu/site/ghc-videos.

Christian said, "Teaching at Georgia Highlands was extremely rewarding, because the students really wanted so badly to go on with their lives, and they needed us to help with that. I always tried to help students to not be afraid of math and stand on their own feet."

Christian mentioned as a highlight of her teaching career having the experience

of seeing one of her former GHC students prompt the doctor with whom she was working to do an extra test on Christian's mother. This test saved her mother's life.



Joan Christian

**By Hilary Williams
Staff Writer**

Cindy Byrd is retiring after teaching for over 52 years. She spent ten of those years here at Georgia Highlands College as an assistant professor of math-

ematics. After retiring from GHC, Byrd plans to continue her volunteer work with the Habitat for Humanity as a Crew Leader. So far, she has helped to build over 30 homes. She also plans to continue sewing quilts with her church for local chari-

ties.

Byrd said, "I've done a lot of different jobs in my lifetime, but working at GHC has been the most enjoyable."

Note: Byrd would not consent to the publishing of her picture.

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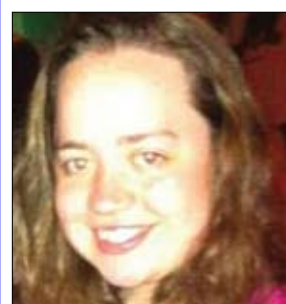
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Poll: What will you miss most about GHC?

“The sense of belonging and purpose that professors instill.”

- Alberto Romero, Floyd campus



“I will remember the staff and the social aspect that I have encountered here at Georgia Highlands College.”

- Cindy Bushway, Marietta campus

“What I will miss most is my teacher Ms. Obas and hanging out with my friends.”

- Nataly Gutierrez, Cartersville campus



“I will probably remember the willingness of the staff to help.”

- Nicole Benefield, Douglasville campus

“I will miss having discussions in the student lounge.”

- Trevor Blalock, Paulding campus



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Graduation program features speaker from Board of Regents

**By Gayle Golden
Staff Writer**

Georgia Highlands' graduation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 10 a.m.

According to Tammy Nicholson, senior administrative assistant, opening remarks will be made by Victor Williams, a student at the Douglasville campus who plans to transfer to Georgia State University for his master's degree. He aspires to be a news anchor someday.

Houston Davis, chief

academic officer and executive vice chancellor of the University System of Georgia, will act as the keynote speaker and will be delivering the commencement address.

Davis, who is originally from Clarksville, Tenn., received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. In his current job, he oversees the academic needs of more than 300,000 students and 13,000 faculty.

Closing remarks will be made by Andrew West, a Floyd campus student. In addition to being the

editor-in-chief of the Six Mile Post, West interned with Scout.com last summer, covering the Rome Braves. He has also represented GHC at journalism conventions at the state, regional and national levels, traveling to Athens, Savannah and Chicago. West intends to pursue a bachelor's degree in communication at Kennesaw State University.

A separate graduation ceremony will be held for the nursing program graduates on May 11 at 3 p.m.



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Houston Davis, chief academic officer and executive vice chancellor for the USG, will be the keynote speaker at GHC's graduation ceremony.

Re-enactments celebrate sesquicentennial of Civil War

By Gene Harmon
Asst. Online Editor

Musketry and cannons vibrate the ground. Acrid smoke wafts through forests and fields, carrying the sulfuric smell of black powder. Through the din of battle, shouted commands and the cries of the wounded can be heard.

Have the audience and participants traveled back in time to an era long passed? No, the panorama spread before them is a re-enactment of a battle from the American Civil War.

This year marks the third year of the war's sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary.

Events occur on just about every weekend somewhere, but large re-enactments throughout the year will commemorate battles and other occasions of 1863, including Gettysburg in July and Chickamauga in September.

These national events tend to draw thousands of participants from across the country. The 149th anniversary of the Battle of Resaca will also occur this year on May 18-19.

Next year, many of these will be much closer as the Atlanta and Tennessee Campaigns of 1864 hit the 150-year mark.



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Civil War re-enactors portray "federal prisoners" as they march through the field at Andersonville National Historic Site.

Eric Leonard, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Andersonville National Historic Site, stated the site's March 1864 living history will commemorate the opening of the prison and include demonstrations by guards and scenarios inside the stockade with prisoners.

Don Scarbrough, interpretive ranger at Sweetwater Creek State Park, said the park's living history in September will mark the events surrounding the town of New Manchester and its textile mill, which was destroyed by federal troops in 1864.

Battles which will be

re-enacted next year include Resaca and Atlanta. A Franklin event is in the works for Tennessee.

Civil War re-enactments portray soldiers and civilians who suffered through those traumatic years. Those who participate in the re-enactments attempt to do so accurately, with countless hours of research into clothing, tactics and drill.

The most common impressions are infantry, cavalry and artillery, though civilians play significant roles depending on the event.

The term "re-enactment" covers a wide array of events. Living histories are usually smaller and more personal,

with scheduled informational talks and demonstrations. Many of these take place in national and state parks.

The larger battle re-enactments give the public a view into the grand scale of a battlefield with troop movements and depictions of actual engagements, including casualties. Grand camps with company streets marked by lines of white canvas tents are the norm.

Immersion and campaign events occur out of the view of the public eye and give those taking part a better feel for military life in the 1860s.

For these, the soldier carries everything for the

weekend on his back, including "period" rations which are cooked on-site.

Others with an interest in or passion for history can also get involved. The re-enacting community encompasses thousands of people in units from coast to coast, and several are in Georgia.

The Georgia Sharpshooters, based in the Northwest Georgia area, accepts military and civilian members. Their website contains quite a bit of information on re-enacting, including how to get started.

For more information, students should visit <http://www.georgiasharpshooters.org>.



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The Georgia Division Re-enactors Association, with members of GHC student Gene Harmon's unit, the Georgia Sharpshooters, replicate the Battle of Tunnel Hill as Confederate soldiers.



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The Georgia Division Re-enactors Association portray Union soldiers as they re-create the Battle of Resaca.

Published professors pass down wisdom

By Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

Leverett Butts was the keynote speaker at the inaugural "Charge into Writing" writers' conference sponsored by the GHC Writers' Collaborative. The event took place on Friday, March 22, in the Lakeview Auditorium.

Twenty-one people attended the conference. There were five speakers, many of whom work at Georgia Highlands. After each speaker, there was time allotted for questions from the attendees.

Butts, an assistant professor of English at North Georgia State College and University in Gainesville

Ga. and is a nominee for Georgia Author of the Year.

He read a short story from his collection, "Emily's Stitches: The Confessions of Thomas Calloway and Other Stories."

Butts suggested people-watching for plot and character inspiration and tinkering with any good ideas.

"When you're alone with your keyboard, you're only writing for yourself," Butts said.

Jessica Lindberg, English lecturer on the Cartersville Campus of GHC, spoke about poetry. She read several of her own poems with topics ranging from hating mushrooms to playing Minecraft.

She spoke very fondly

of writing and poetry and encouraged the audience to "treat writing like work" in order to get their best results.

Jake Sullins, assistant professor of English on GHC's Marietta and Cartersville campuses, shared a short story he had written. During the Q&A time, Sullins emphasized the importance of writing from experience.

Larry Stephens, an assistant librarian for public service on the Rome campus, was the only non-fiction writer at the conference.

Stephens spoke about the pros and cons of self-publishing, which would be useful if "writing for your-

self."

Raymond Atkins, an associate professor of English at Georgia Northwestern Technical College, read from his book "Camp Redemption," winner of the 2011 Ferrol Sams Award for Fiction.

Atkins spoke to the audience about the difficulty of getting published. He stressed not giving up, because "no one wants to see you in print more than you."

The event was well-received by many. Annie Spurlock, a sophomore at the Floyd campus, said, "I found it very interesting, and it had great advice for anyone looking to further their writing career."



Photo by Becky Crooks

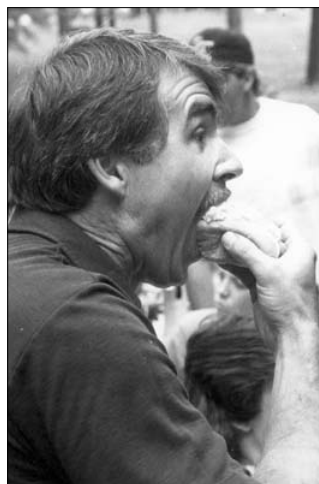
Raymond Atkins speaks at the Writers' Collaborative workshop.

Former director of student activities looks back

By Sarah Lane
Asst. Print Editor

Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, knows a thing or two about Georgia Highlands College. He has been a faculty member since 1974, making him the longest-employed staff member at Highlands.

Currently, Weatherman teaches classes like Health and Wellness and Fitness



File photo

Ken Weatherman gobbles a hot dog at "Tower Hour" on May 12, 1987.

Walking and Jogging, but many students do not know that Weatherman used to be the director of student activities (now called student life coordinator) for GHC back when it was Floyd College. Weatherman took the job in 1980 because it gave him some free time to pursue his doctorate at West Georgia University.

One of the things Weatherman did as director of student activities was plan the annual spring-fun-day called Tower Hour, which is now called Spring Fling.

"I kind of hated to see them change the name of it, because the name was unique to our campus. Everybody has a Spring Fling, but not many people have a Tower Hour," said Weatherman.

According to Weatherman, it was given the name "Tower Hour" because it was usually held outside near the unique tower, located in between the Walraven Building and the F-Wing on the Floyd campus.

Midday classes were cancelled during Tower Hour so



File photo

Weatherman gets taken down while mud wrestling also at "Tower Hour" on May 12, 1987.

all students could participate in the games and activities.

Tower Hour was not as tame as the current Spring Fling. "I've been thrown into the lake on more than one occasion during Tower Hour. We have had mud wrestling

and tug-of-war over mud. It could get a little rowdy."

Jon Hershey, dean of humanities, remembers working at Highlands during Weatherman's time as director of student activities,

"I remember how dedi-

cated he was to the students and how he created a positive environment for the students," Hershey said.

Weatherman is about to complete his 39th year at GHC and has created a legacy of great student activities.

Student's band is set to rock Masquerade

By Leydi Morales
Staff Writer

When he is not studying or at school, Colyn White, GHC student from the Cartersville campus, is performing with his band, "Townsend Drive."

The name of the band is actually the street on which White lives. "The bass player, Paul, suggested the name one time when we were looking



Photo by Tatiana Smithson

Colyn White

for one, and I told him to hold onto that idea. Three months later, when we were about to play a show at Woodland High School, I brought the idea back up and it stuck that night," said White.

White became involved with the band in 2010, when he was found at a yard sale. "At the time, the band was called 'The Usual Suspects', like every other band in America,

and the member formation was quite different. While working my family's yard sale on the Dixie Highway 90-mile Yard Sale, Paul's dad came by and said, 'Are you a musician?,' and I was hired that day."

Coming from a musical family in which his dad was actively involved with music, White says that the love for music was passed down to him, and he simply just has fun playing

music.

"Townsend Drive" has performed at many schools and a couple of house parties, but it will take a big step on April 14. The band will be performing at the Masquerade in Atlanta, which is a dream for many aspiring bands.

"The goal is to never work a real job again in our lives, but we all just want to play music and have fun," White said.

AllRoads Music Festival returns with eclectic mix

By Gayle Golden
Staff Writer

The second annual AllRoads Music Festival will be held at Heritage Park in Rome on April 20. This is an event put on by the Rome Area Council for the Arts (RACA), a non-profit organization serving the Rome and Floyd County area for 36 years.

Erica Simpson, assistant professor of communication at GHC, got involved with RACA as a volunteer and was later asked to join the RACA Board of Directors.

After serving on the board for three months, she was hired as the RACA program director and immediately began creating what eventually became the All-

Roads Music Festival.

Simpson also works full time at GHC. She said, "When it comes to the arts, I appreciate all forms and styles, but music is my passion. I like to say that I have no musical talent, so I use my event-planning expertise to help local musicians as much as I can."

This year's festival will feature 26 bands from all

over northwest Georgia, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville. The bands perform music from different genres like rock, country, punk, Christian rock, hip-hop, world and classical.

The event is family-friendly, and the ticket prices reflect that. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 on the day of the event, \$5 for children ages six through

12 and children five and under are admitted for free.

All attendees will receive a wristband that will allow them to come and go as they please throughout the day. While at the festival, students should stop by the GHC intercultural booth to learn how music plays an important role in different cultures.

Keep your eye on the ball.



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Take a summer trip with GHC and earn credit hours

By Cole McElroy
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to travel and earn credits this summer?

GHC is offering four trips, two study abroad and two educational or service trips, to help its students do just that.

These include an educational trip to Wyoming with Billy Morris, associate professor of geology, two study abroad trips to Costa Rica and England, and a service trip to New Mexico with Susan Claxton.

Students taking the trip to Wyoming with Morris are able to earn a total of eight credit hours for Geology 1121k (Physical Geology) and Geology 1122k (Historical Geology).

The travel dates for the trip are July 15 through July 27.

Students will be able to study everything from rock and mineral identification to volcanism and ecology.

Morris said, "Geology is best studied outside, so we try to spend as much time as possible there, observing, recording and digesting all that the landscape has to teach."

Interested students should contact Morris at bmorris@highlands.edu for more information.

Erica Simpson, assistant professor of communication, will be in charge of the study abroad trip to London, England, which will take place May 22 through May 28.

Students will fly overnight to London and spend six days learning about the city and making a guided excursion to Windsor.

"Study abroad is not only a great vehicle for learning facts about other cultures, but also an amazing way to step outside your comfort zone and view the world through a different lens," Simpson said.

"Visiting another country and using coursework to apply theories and concepts



Contributed

Students from the 2005 Wyoming trip gather around the remains of a petrified tree at Yellowstone National Park.

to actual experiences there, allows for a richer understanding of both that culture and your own culture," said Simpson.

Claxton will be taking a group of students on a road trip to Gallup, New Mexico on May 13 through May 24.

Students will visit Navajo reservations along with helping the people of Gallup.

Students will help the homeless by providing meals and help the elderly by helping with their everyday activities.

In past trips, the students have helped with building things as well, such as a handicap ramp.

"In the past we have built things for the people, but what we are really building are relationships," Claxton said.

Don't forget to fill out the Presently Attending Student Satisfaction Survey that can be found on the college's web site.



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Summer classes offer options

By Jess Summers
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands is offering summer classes, and these can help make a student's life less stressful during his or her journey.

Maymester courses and full-term summer courses are being offered.

Maymester courses are offered during the month of May. These classes can vary depending on the credit hours. Some classes will meet Monday through Thursday like Alexandra MacMurdo's Intercultural Communication class, COMM 1502.

MacMurdo is an instructor of Communication and this class meets for three hours and five minutes on each of those days. There is a study abroad trip that goes along with the class, though the trip is optional. Classes will begin on May 13 and

end on May 31.

Other full courses are offered in both the months of June and July and are scheduled similarly to the Maymester courses. June classes will begin on June 4 and end on June 27. July courses will begin on July 2 and end on July 30.

For students who do not want to fit a full course into one month, full-term classes are offered during the months of both June and July.

Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. These class sessions last for roughly two-and-a-half hours. For these courses, classes will start on June 4 and end on July 30 or 31.

These course offerings can help students who have a busy work schedule or families to better organize their time and priorities.

Get creative and find ways to vacation on a budget

By Randi Parker
Staff Writer

The summer season has rolled around, and it's finally time to trade in school books for pocket money to spend on a well-deserved summer vacation.

Freshman Brittany Bragg says she will be going to Jacksonville, Fla. for her summer vacation.

Like Bragg, many students will be traveling over the summer to beaches, to visit family or even to explore their own town or state.

Most students are on a tight budget, but with some research and planning, a summer vacation can happen.

Travel.usnews.com has many money-saving tips for people who are wanting or needing to travel on a budget.

Being flexible with travel plans can allow people to save money. It is possible to find lower rates for airfare and hotels by being able to switch travel dates rather than having a set date.

Because of the increasing cost of airfare, consider-



Cartoon by Hilary Williams

Students should look for easy and inexpensive ways to travel and vacation this summer.

ing bus or train transportation can also save money.

Taking advantage of student discounts and student-oriented travel sites such as studentuniverse.com and statravel.com can save hundreds of dollars.

Museums, parks and other facilities normally have a discount on admissions for students that show their school I.D.

Asking if a facility has a student discount can shave a few dollars off the expense

of activities.

Traveling with friends is also a great way to cut down on expenses from hotels to food to transportation. Many travel booking websites give discounts to groups of ten or more.

For people who are low on money, there are plenty of ways to vacation for little cost.

By planning and researching, even people on a very tight budget can take a summer vacation.

What are your summer plans?



Kevin Dever
Paulding Campus

"I am going to be working at Home Depot."



Roy Rios
Paulding Campus

"I am going to be working in a nursing home, swimming and hanging out with friends."



Ashley Fail
Paulding Campus

"I am getting a job at Publix and attending summer classes."



Qwaunzee Jones
Paulding Campus

"I am hanging out with my best friend Roy."

Ethereal sounds echo through Floyd's halls

By Holly Hampton
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 4, the Floyd campus was graced with a performance by Timbre, a well-known harpist and song writer.

Even at the age of four, this artist knew for a fact that playing the harp was her calling and at eight, she was already taking lessons.

By the time she reached college, Timbre was writing her own songs and performing them in small venues. She helped form a group in Nashville consisting of two other band members with whom she usually plays. She performs with the group all across the globe.

The group hopes to bring their talents together in this compilation, tying the album together as they bring in their own style and hope to wow their audiences yet

again.

Due to this big project, Timbre will not be going back on tour for some time, but she hopes to start back up once the album is complete.

However, once she is back on the touring circuit she hopes to come back around, bringing the rest of her group with her.

This musician wowed many students with her skilled musicality and soothing voice as she played her harp for anyone who would stop to listen, and quite a few did.

Jordi Collins, a sophomore at the Floyd campus, raved on about Timbre, saying, "I thought her performance was beautiful, and she had a very enchanting voice."

Timbre's new album is a two-disc set featuring an entire symphony and a whole disc is dedicated to classical pieces.



Photo by Ryan Jones

Singer-songwriter and harpist Timbre performs.

'Dead Man Down' crawls to its slow death in theaters now

By J.P. Erickson
Asst. Print Editor

Danish director Niels Arden Oplev enlists the help of leading lady Noomi Rapace again for the Colin Farrell film "Dead Man Down." Rapace starred in Oplev's version of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Movie Review

Farrell stars as Victor, an integral part of an organized crime unit led by Alphonse, played by Terrence Howard, who received an Oscar nomination for his role in the film "Hustle and Flow." Victor is seemingly stuck, wandering aimlessly through life, so his friend and fellow henchman Darcy, played by Dominic Co-

per, warns him of the dangers of such an ill-fated path.

Enter Beatrice, played by Rapace, Victor's neighbor and the girl with whom he shares waves and prolonged gazes. After the two meet, they spend a night out and Beatrice wastes no time getting down to business. She tells him about her intentions. She wants him to kill the man responsible for her disfiguring injuries, or she will go to the police with incriminating evidence against Victor.

The stage is set for a well-written and meticulously navigated storyline to unravel for audiences, but, unfortunately, this film does not deliver. The twists are predictable and the scenes move sluggishly throughout.

The movie is produced by WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment), which naturally provides the company with

the license to implant one of their wrestlers into the film. The big oaf stumbles through his seldom-spoken lines and sticks out like the proverbial sore thumb.

A bright spot amongst this box-office tragedy is Rapace, who turns in a blend of vengeance-driven neuroticism and sensitivity, which only a strong actress could pull off.

Howard has his moments as well, but overall the acting is simply hard to believe, as the story of revenge takes us down the path of romanticism armed to the teeth with any number of assault rifles.

Viewers should wait for DVD to see this one to make up their own minds. Fans of crime stories infused with a bit of love and a journey towards redemption may find what they're looking for in the film "Dead Man Down."

The Dear Hunter releases new album

By Holly Hampton
Staff Writer

Out of the many bands across the nation and beyond, few stand out as dominantly as The Dear Hunter. Since it was founded by its four members back in 2005, the Rhode Island band has been entertaining its fans with a mixture of indie rock tones and interesting choices in instrumentation.

Music review

The group has recently released a new album this month, much to the delight of its fans. The new release, "Migrant," is completely different from any of their previous albums. Each song is

unique, varying from hard and rhythmic, to smooth and enlightening.

Out of the 12 songs on this unique selection, each track stands out in its own way.

"Whisper" has the feel of a symphony, mixed with indie rock as it talks of letting go of one's mistakes. "This Vicious Place" talks of past regrets and lost love, accompanied by the relaxing strains of piano and guitar.

Each and every song on this album has something different to offer, a compilation of heart-moving lyrics and interesting melodies. "Migrant" is a perfect soundtrack for road trips, chores and even the worst of days.

The album "Migrant" is definitely one to add to the collection.

Softball player recruited from flag football field

By Brooke Govin
Staff Writer

During this past fall semester, softball coach Melissa Wood noticed a potential player for her new team. Lindsey Roach was outside playing flag football on the Cartersville campus when Wood noticed how fast Roach could run.

Wood then approached Roach asking about previous sport activities. She found out Roach had been a softball, soccer and basketball player in high school. Wood recruited Roach to be part of her team of what is now 21 girls, because of her fast sprinting abilities. Roach is one of two girls already attending Georgia Highlands who have been recruited to the team, while the other 19 are still in high school.

Roach graduated from Woodland High School and has been playing softball since she was four. "I'm

an outdoors girl and I like the fact that I'm going to be meeting new people. It's like having a new family," said Roach. The team begins training in August.

Roach doesn't know her position on the team yet, but she has played every position in the past. Also she will be the oldest on the team, giving her an opportunity to take a leadership role.

With practice officially beginning on August 10, Roach plans on starting her conditioning this summer. She will be taking summer classes two days a week, and on her days off, she will train her body back into softball shape.

"I'll be using the gym on campus a lot because of the convenience and will work on my hitting and slapping."

For those who don't know softball terminology, slapping is when the batter hits the ball downward so they can make a fast run to the

base. This is a great trick for fast runners like Roach.

With the first fall scrimmage game against NCAA Division 1 Tennessee Tech on September 21, the team has hard work ahead of it.

Wood says, "I coach softball like a teacher teaches in the classroom. I have vocabulary, homework and a syllabus for every practice. I'm organized and my team will be aggressive and competitive." She added that, while the girls are here playing, they get the opportunity to get degrees. "Softball players can't really get careers like baseball players. So the girls can get their degree here while playing the game they love."

While this season of softball at Georgia Highlands will be Roach's first and last, she still gets to play her sport. "I'm looking forward to the new experience. I've always wanted to play a sport in college," said Roach.



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Lindsey Roach was recruited by softball coach Wood upon witnessing her speed in a flag football game.

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Baseball, softball at GHC merit excitement

By Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

When the weather starts to get warm, my first thought turns to the ending of a semester. My second thought is about baseball season.

Because I grew up with three older brothers, quite a bit of my time was spent focused on sports in general, baseball specifically.

We lived in south Florida and were only a short distance from where the St. Lucie Mets, a High-A minor league affiliate of the New York Mets, played.

At that time, many girls



In the Zone

Becky Crooks
Sports Editor

at three years old had pictures of ballerinas and horses on their wall. My walls were adorned with posters of baseball, specifically St. Lucie's catcher.

We moved to Georgia in 1990, and my love for baseball transferred to the Atlanta Braves. It was just in time, too, because the following year was the begin-

ning of their 14-year run of consecutive division titles.

Still to this day, the smell of leather, the taste of a ballpark hotdog and the sound a bat makes when it connects with a ball bring warm, happy feelings to me.

So, when I heard that Georgia Highlands had decided to start baseball and

softball teams, I had mixed emotions.

Obviously, I was completely excited to see GHC get these teams, but I was also disappointed because I graduate before they ever get to play.

There's nothing like going and sitting on the stands to watch your team play. The people in the stands become family, though they may not even speak directly to anyone else there.

Everyone breathes, moves and cheers as one. When it comes down to the final out, and the bases are loaded and your star hitter is up to bat with a full count,

the silence is deafening. Because even though no one realizes it, everyone is holding their breath.

So, next school year, as you decide what to do for an evening of fun, put on your orange and blue, grab a Coke and some Cracker Jacks and come out to sit on those stands. Be a part of something bigger.

As Ernie Harwell, a former Detroit Tigers' sportscaster, said, "Baseball? It's just a game—as simple as a ball and a bat. Yet, as complex as the American spirit it symbolizes. It's a sport, business—and sometimes even religion."

Cartersville intramural program fits students' varied schedules

By Ebenezer Mulugeta
Staff Writer

As the season turns to spring and the weather becomes a little more forgiving, intramurals have started back up again on the Cartersville campus. The fall intramurals indicated that Cartersville would have a promising spring session.

Melissa Wood is the director of intramurals on the Cartersville campus and also the head softball coach of the new Lady Chargers. She has a lot of plans for intramurals.

"I want the intramurals here to be as big as the intercollegiate sports because the students are paying for it, and they deserve the best they can get," Wood said.

Rates of student participation have been sufficient to never have to cancel an event.

The wellness program has also had a booming start in Cartersville. This is a program in which students are given points for school and community programs and then, after hitting a certain number of points, have their names put in drawings every month to

win prizes, like a \$25 Nike gift card. The wellness program strives to get people more active and involved with those around them.

"There have been about 150 people that have enrolled in the wellness program, and it's so easy to keep track of that most people stay with it," Wood stated.

One of the reasons that the intramurals at Cartersville is working well is the simple fact that Wood doesn't set a definite date for each event. "I don't like setting dates for events because, since we go to a non-traditional school, most people don't have the flexibility to work around our schedule. We usually try to put out sign-ups for events, and then I usually see what dates the majority of those interested can go to. Then we go from there."

Open volleyball games are held every Wednesday afternoon and require no prior sign-up. Sign-ups for Ultimate Frisbee, Kickball and 5-on-5 Basketball are available now at charger-intramurals.com. For more information on the wellness program, check www.ghcwellness.weebly.com.

SMP PINGPONG TOURNAMENT WINNERS!!

The Six Mile Post sponsors two pingpong tournaments each school year. One of the tournaments takes place on the Floyd campus, and the other happens on the Cartersville campus. This year's winners are Kevin Hall (Floyd) and Devin Resendiz (Cartersville).

The SMP would like to thank Gary Broadhurst and Melissa Wood for their efforts in coordinating and facilitating the competitions as part of GHC's intramurals programs.

Thanks to all of those who participated as well. Sign-up for one of the tournaments next year for your chance to win a trophy and be crowned champion!



Photo by Andrew West

Kevin Hall is the Floyd campus pingpong champion.



Photo by Ebenezer Mulugeta

Devin Resendiz is the Cartersville campus pingpong champion.