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GHC student contestants (from left) Dylan Tapia, Paris Ballinger and Adam Hatcher answer questions about Black History Month and try to win \$100 from the THINKFAST Gameshow.



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Highlands celebrates Black History Month

By Stacey Moffett
Editor-in-Chief

Georgia Highlands' Black History Month events started with a large crowd of students coming out for the THINKFAST Trivia Gameshow hosted in the Solarium on the Floyd campus. It took place on Feb. 3.

The THINKFAST Trivia Gameshow will also be on the Cartersville campus on Feb. 18, in the student center.

The trivia game consisted of two rounds of trivia questions, with the theme being Black History Month. Each participant received their own remote, and they had to answer each question as quickly as possible to score the most points.

There were different types of questions, ranging from video questions, fast round questions and song questions. There were even bonus rounds where participants showed off their dancing, singing and de-

bating skills.

At the end of each round, the contestants stood behind their podiums in classic game show fashion. They buzzed in and had to correctly answer the question to receive 100 points. The first contestant to get to 500 points won 100 dollars.

The winner of the first round was student Dylan Tapia. The winner of the second round was student Adam Hatcher.

Another event at the Georgia Highlands Floyd campus for Black History Month took place on Wednesday, Feb. 3 in the evening. Kevin Coval and Jamila Owens, poets from the book, "Breakbeat Poets," performed some of their raps to an audience of students, faculty and staff.

Coval and Owens also hosted a poetry workshop earlier in the day, at both the Cartersville and Floyd campuses.

Katrina Nicholson, a business major who came from the



Photo by Stacey Moffett

The game show host counts out \$100 during the THINKFAST Trivia Gameshow for the first round winner Dylan Tapia.

Cartersville campus to see the Breakbeat Poets' performance, said, "There's a lot of stuff you can connect with in their poems. You can feel what they're saying."

The two poets reside in

Chicago, Illinois, and they're traveling the country to promote their book of stanzas and rhymes. Their poem topics ranged from period cramps, to Michael Jordan to pigeons. "Breakbeat Poets" features

78 poets in all, and their poems are in chronological order based on the birthdates of the poets.

To order the book or learn more about the poets, please visit www.breakbeatpoets.com

Cartersville campus data center fire causes thousands of dollars in damages

By Kristin Lane
Staff Writer

Over winter break, a fire erupted in the data room at the Cartersville campus.

Due to the multiple smoke detectors in the room, the fire was contained to a small area.

According to Phillip Kimsey, director of plant operations, "One of the smoke detectors went off, and the fire alarm dialed the fire department, campus safety, IT and the physical plant staff."

By the time campus safe-

ty arrived on the scene the fire was already out.

The fire was started by a short in the HVAC pump. There were other damages that were caused by the smoke, but nothing was lost in the fire.

Kimsey explained that all of the servers located in the data room have internal fans which did get some smoke and soot inside of them.

This damage will require the IT department to disassemble and clean all of the servers that were contami-

nated with soot.

The cost of repairs is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$28,000.

Kimsey said that they will also need to replace the HVAC unit, which will cost approximately \$29,000.

This will not affect the financial state of Georgia Highlands because the IT department has insurance for these types of damages.

All the money spent on damages will be reimbursed by the state of Georgia through the department of administrations.

Presidential primary early voting is open

By Sierra Baggett
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Georgians who would like to participate in early voting in the presidential primary can now do so at one of the state's early voting locations.

The state began accepting early ballots at polling precincts Feb. 8 and will continue to do so through Feb. 26.

For those who do not utilize early voting, the polls will open for the Georgia primary on March 1 at 7 a.m. and will

remain open until 7 p.m.

The Georgia primary, which previously was held at a later date in March, was moved up to be a part of a new "Super Tuesday" for Southeastern states.

According to secprimary.com, the move is a collective effort to give the region a larger voice in the presidential election process.

Georgia is an open primary state, allowing voters to cast their ballot for whomever they choose regardless of their registered party affiliation.

Registered voters must bring a valid photo ID.

Deadline nears for the 45th issue of ORK

By Kayla Jameson
Managing Editor, News

Georgia Highlands College's literary magazine, The Old Red Kimono, will be coming out again this year. It consists of art, photography, fiction and poetry from GHC students, faculty and others from all over the world. Almost as old as GHC itself, The ORK has been in publication since 1972.

The 45th issue of ORK will be published in late April. There will be a reception to celebrate the release of the new issue, and students who are published in the magazine will get the opportunity to read their works at the reception.

"Students get to see their work in print, and once it's in print, it's there forever," said Nancy Applegate, professor of English and one of the ORK faculty advisers. Applegate also said, "Students also get to see their work alongside that



Photo by Lydia Chandler

ORK staff and advisers read submissions in their office. They are (from left) Caleb Howard, literary editor; Wesley Sanders, art editor; and faculty advisers Nancy Applegate, John Kwist and Jesse Bishop.

of faculty and staff and sometimes more established poets."

The official submission due date for this issue is Feb. 18.

Artwork submissions can be brought to The Old Red Kimono office, located in the student life office, on the Floyd

campus.

Poetry, fiction, and pictures of artwork can be submitted by email to Applegate

at napplega@highlands.edu.

For more information, go to <https://www.highlands.edu/site/ork>.

GHC study abroad trips set for spring, summer

By JD Martinez
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has several study abroad trips available to students this summer.

The first trip to Costa Rica is for health science students only and will take place from June 19-29.

Students attending will be observing different healthcare settings and will hold an outreach health fair during their trip.

The second study abroad destination that GHC is offering this summer is to Montepulciano, Italy.

The trip, which will take place from June 24 to July 23, is in conjunction with Ken-

nesaw State University and is open to students with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

During the month-long trip, students will take two courses and enjoy field trips to Rome, Florence, Sienna and Pisa.

Students who are interested in participating in the summer opportunities should contact Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad coordinator, as soon as possible at blong@highlands.edu to find out requirements.

The deadline to sign up for the Costa Rica trip is April 1, and March 1 is the deadline for the Italy trip.

For more information go to www.highlands.edu/site/study-abroad.

Success coach program provides support for students

By Jordan Appel
Staff Writer

The success coach initiative is a program that will provide support, encouragement and resources to students that are first year, full-time students attending Georgia Highlands College.

The coaches are made up of staff from all Georgia Highlands' campuses.

The ratio of success coaches to incoming students is 200 to 1000, according to the program coordinator, Crystal Edenfield.

The program, which started in the fall of 2015, has a main goal of cheering on incoming students and promoting success by offering resources and a proactive support system.

The one thing that Edenfield believes is a weakness of the program is that there is no awareness from the students.

Edenfield and the other coaches send out emails encouraging the students to talk to one of the coaches if they are struggling in the academic field.

She said that some stu-

dents choose to ignore the email or have no idea that the program exists.

To counter the lack of awareness, the success coach program used "ask me" tables during the first two weeks of the semester, where they asked the students what they needed help with and what they needed to find.

Another way they went directly to the students was through Club Round up with a table at the event, where any student could sign up for the help they needed.

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Highlands Happenings

Six Mile Post receives recognition in state conventions

By Christina Goodwin
Asst. Online Editor

Six Mile Post staff members attended the Georgia College Press Association's Press Institute Feb. 12-13.

The Press Institute, which is an annual convention and awards ceremony put on by the GCPA, takes place in downtown Athens.

This year, the Six Mile Post competed in the small college division for general awards and in the freshman and sophomore category for individual awards.

The Six Mile Post won 14 awards in the contest.

The awards are for the calendar year and they rep-

resent the efforts of this past fall's staff as well as last spring's staff.

Categories included Best Entertainment Story, Best Entertainment Feature, Best Column and Best Photograph in Editorials/Features.

This competition was held on Feb. 13 in the Foundry Building at The Classic Center in Athens.

In addition to the GCPA, the Six Mile Post will also be represented at the Southern Regional Press Institute conference which will be held Feb. 18-19 in Savannah.

SRPI is now in its 65th year. It is a two-day mass media conference for college students in the Southeast.

Professionals from some of the nation's best newspapers, magazines and public relations and broadcasting groups will train students in all areas of mass communication.

EBA begins soon

By Haley Hunter
Staff Writer

Early Bird Advising for fall 2016 is starting soon. From Mar. 14-25, students can meet with a faculty adviser to talk about what classes they will need to take to stay on track.

Students who participate in EBA will be able to register for fall 2016 classes on Apr. 4, while regular registration begins April 11.

Once registration officially begins, scheduling time with an adviser could be difficult, so for students with registration holds on their record, Early Bird Advising is especially beneficial.

To find more information on EBA and how to make an appointment, click the "Early Bird Advising" tab in the Ad-

vising section on the GHC website.

Speech tournament scheduled for April

By Ruby Baldwin
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College will be hosting a speech tournament on the Cartersville campus on April 15.

Each student will be able to pick their own topic and create a persuasive speech on that topic.

Some of the winning topics from last year were "Embracing Vegetarianism," "Paying for College" and "Homelessness."

Director of the tournament, Steve Stuglin, an assistant professor of communication on the Douglasville

campus, said that many teachers may offer extra credit for participation in this tournament.

Last year's prizes were worth over \$500 in cash and gift cards.

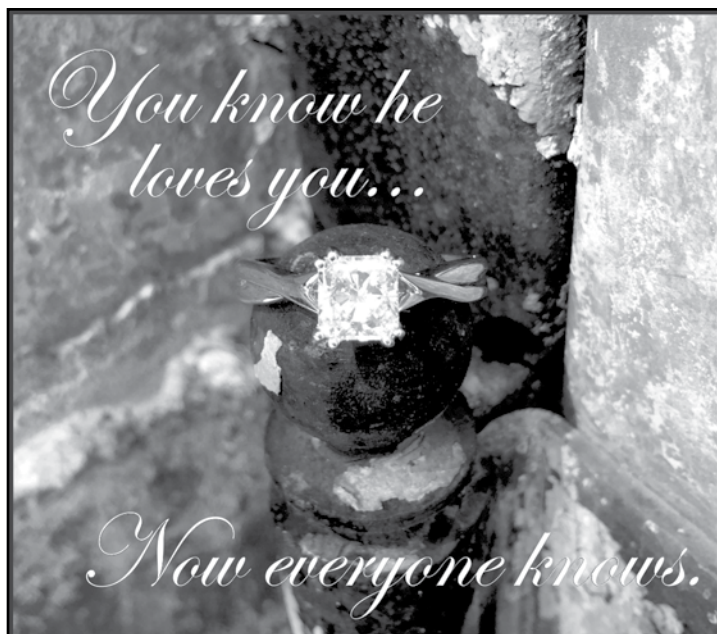
Any student who is enrolled at Georgia Highlands and has completed or is currently taking human communications 1100 and public speaking 1210 can participate in the competition.

Registration will begin March 28 and will last until Friday, April 8.

Stuglin encourages all students to participate in the speech tournament.

Stuglin said, "Public speaking is an incredibly valuable skill.

Universities love to bring in people who are great public speakers and employers love to hire great public speakers."



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Highlands joins the USG's STEM Initiative

By Amanda Maxwell
Staff Writer

GHC has joined the ranks of 14 other University System of Georgia institutions participating in a state funded initiative to better prepare K-12 students for STEM degree programs.

According to the University System of Georgia website, in 2007 the state identified a pressing need for student preparedness, and subsequently graduation, in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics or "STEM" to ensure a successful future workforce for the state.

To address the issue, the state partnered with the University System of Georgia's Office of Educational Access & Success, or "OEAS," to launch the Initiative.

According to Greg Ford,

the dean of natural sciences and physical education and the director of the STEM Educational Resource Center, GHC wants to set up a STEM Educational Resource Center in the science and physical education divisions. The objective is to offer educational resources for Georgia Highlands STEM students and K-12 students as well.

Ford said, "Our mission, in line with the mission of the college, is to provide access to excellent educational opportunities for a diverse population. Our recruitment efforts will focus on students with geographical, racial, gender and learning disabled disparities in pursuing STEM careers. We will increase outreach activities and summer enrichment opportunities in NW Georgia counties."

The goal is to increase in-



Photo by Kaileb Webb

Greg Ford shows an inquisitive student a protein model.

terest in STEM careers and the number of students that enter the college's STEM Program Ready through math

placement.

"Our retention and completion will include instituting activities and resources to ad-

dress STEM advising to keep students on track in their program. Our hope is that this transformative work will have a positive impact on student success," Ford said.


Ford said, "The goal is to collect baseline data on the college's performance in areas related to recruitment, retention and completion."

Once sufficient data is collected, it will be used to design specific goals, strategies and activities related to improving STEM education. "Once the comprehensive plan is approved, we will begin the Implementation Phase that will begin July 1, 2016, and end Jun 30, 2019," Ford said.


GHC will be working Bartow County School System, Northwest Georgia Learning Resource System (GLRS), local STEM businesses and GHC-SGA.

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C-ville student competes on the ‘Wheel of Fortune’

By Jessica Lee
Digital Technician

In December, Georgia Highlands College student Sam Philliber won \$3,100 and a 2015 Ford Fiesta after competing on the popular game show, “Wheel of Fortune.”

Philliber, a business management major in his second year at Georgia Highlands, decided to audition for the show after seeing an ad during the summer.

A month after applying, he was invited to a closed audition in Atlanta.

The audition narrowed the contestants down to twelve applicants. “

A quarter of those 12 make it on the show and I was one,” said Philliber, when describing the lengthy selection process that he had to go through.

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-Sam Philliber
Business management major

Two weeks after the audition, he received a letter.

“It was an envelope with the “Wheel of Fortune” logo on it, so I knew I had made it,” he said.

After calling a number included with the letter, he was given show dates and then had to arrange his trip to Los Angeles.

Philliber made arrangements with his family to fly out to Los Angeles to film the

show.

Though they were expected to pay for travel expenses, the show’s minimum winnings are \$1,000, “so it kinda comes back to you,” Philliber explained.

Cartersville Campus Dean Leslie Johnson made sure to watch the “Wheel of Fortune” episode after hearing that one of her former students was appearing on the show.

Johnson said, “It was very exciting to see how well he did.”



Contributed

Sam Philliber, Cartersville student, won \$3,100 and a new Ford Fiesta on the “Wheel of Fortune.”

Georgia Highlands students can soar higher with drones now available for library check out

By Katie Engler
Staff Writer

Drones are now available to check out at all GHC libraries.

Alex Jackson, a student at the Floyd campus, stated, “I did not know about the drones, but it would be interesting to see and even control one.”

There was originally one drone assigned to each campus, but the Rome and Cartersville drones were stuck in trees.

This made the drones unavailable for students to check out.

To accommodate the need for drones, the library has purchased four more X5C Explorers 2.4Gs.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Elijah Scott, dean of libraries, explains how to fly the drone, which is equipped with an HD camera.

With the addition of the new drones and the drones salvaged from trees, each campus library currently has two drones assigned to them.

These drones are relatively light at .25 pounds, and they come equipped with an HD camera and a micro SD card.

These drones may be difficult to control at first, but the libraries have an instruction booklet available for students who are completely new to flying drones.

The library recommends charging the drones before use.

The librarians also recommend that students time how long their drone is in flight since these drones can only fly for eight to ten minutes.

There are also a few restrictions to using the library’s drones.

Georgia Highlands’ Dean of Libraries Elijah Scott, said, “If it’s windy or raining, it is probably not a good idea to fly one.”

In addition, the FAA forbids flying above 400 feet, within five miles of the nearest airport and flying near stadiums or people.

Drones may be checked out for free, however, if a student happens to damage a drone, they have to make a payment of \$85 to the library.

Students can currently check the availability of drones online by typing “drones” into the “Books & More” option on the library’s homepage.

The 88th annual Academy Awards to air

By Morgan Edwards
Staff Writer

Live on Sunday, Feb. 28, ABC will televise the Academy Awards' 88th annual Oscars ceremony to award-worthy actors, actresses and producers with the glorious Academy Award of Merit for their talent, hard work and dedication.

Two students on the Georgia Highlands' Marietta Campus were asked who they thought would win and what their favorite movie for 2015 was.

Tekoya Newman, a pre nursing student at Highlands, would like to see Mad Max take home the Oscar for best picture.

"The movie was eerie and very different from any movie I had ever seen. The action never stopped, and I enjoyed it," said Newman.

Jillian Jackson, a psychology major at GHC, does not have a preference for "Best Picture" nominees.

"I think there are a lot of good runner-ups this year. I

don't have any specific movie I want to win, but I would like to see Leonardo DiCaprio receive an award," said Jackson.

The 2016 nominees are all strong candidates.

Hopefully many students will get the opportunity to tune in live to the event, to see their favorites of 2015 receive recognition.



Artwork by Amanda Maxwell

Oscar Best Picture Nominees

"Brooklyn"

An Irish immigrant falls in love with a New Yorker, but she is conflicted when she meets another man.

"The Big Short"

This film is based on a 2010 book by Michael Lewis about the housing and credit crisis in the 2000's.

"Bridge of Spies"

Powers is kidnapped and sent to prison on a ten year sentence, and his only hope is his lawyer James Donovan.

"Mad Max"

Max and a former captive, Furiosa, attempt to out-run the warlord in a dangerous chase.

"The Room"

After being held captive for several years, a woman and her toddler are set free.

"The Martian"

Astronaut Mark Watney survived an accident on Mars and left behind by his crew. Watney must communicate to others that he has survived.

"Spotlight"

A team of journalists are assigned to reveal sexual abuse within the Catholic Church.

"The Revenant"

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Empathy is what we need

In the summer of 1967, The Beatles released the song "All You Need is Love," which became an instant classic and a cure-all anthem against the wrongdoings of the world.

Evoking emotions pointed at changing hate, violence and war through love, the song has effectively carried its popularity and gravitas to today. However, the song's power, as well as other sound tracks that pushed peace and love during that time, has never made much headway at changing real world attitudes.

The kind of love that was being sang about in 1967 was one of a love for the everyman. Like all movements that hinge on utopian ideals, the peaceful rhetoric of the 1960's went out of fashion long ago and has been marginalized to the drug-induced ramblings of the hippy movement.

There was a lot more

feeling behind the peaceful movement of the sixties than there was a solid plan of action, but the idea of really loving one another, as it speaks to the good in each of us, has real world merit in its earnest pursuit.

The problem with the movement of the sixties is that it called individuals to love blindly. As The Beatles sang, "love, love, love... love is all you need," it seemed that the 1960's message of love skipped straight to the good part and paid little to no mind to the real issues that might stand between people and an encompassing love, or better yet, real compassion for humanity.

Unfortunately, the issues that limited the idealists of the sixties are still alive and well today. Evident in harsh rhetoric that encompasses media and entertainment that plays out in our everyday lives, we still don't know how to feel for one another.

While the utopian ideal dreamed up over the "peace-pipe" of the sixties may not be realistic, even reasonable compassion cannot be reached if we are not willing to open ourselves to the pain and plea of another human being. We cannot reach understanding when we marginalize, categorize, stereotype and relegate human beings to sound bites of cold and indifferent rhetoric.

Even today, in our ever connected world, where we can see and hear and speak to the hurt and horror of the world, we still haven't learned how to put ourselves in someone else's shoes. Somehow, imagining one's self in a difficult situation is still a terribly hard thing to do.

Maybe we should try again, retracing the sixties anthem, but this time, change the song to "love, love, love... empathy is what we need."



Artwork by Josh Jones 2016

Writing makes a positive difference

I had been skeptical of Georgia Highlands College when I first decided to enroll here, but I've found the experiences invaluable, and this is only my second semester.

The experience that has made the greatest impact on me is the Six Mile Post, the student-run newspaper here at GHC.

Ever since I was little, I have loved to write. Specifically, I like writing fiction, which brought on my aspirations to be a novelist.

Now, I am always looking for some sort of writing experience, even if it isn't creative writing. So, joining GHC's newspaper seemed like the



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natural thing to do.

Even though it is a different kind of writing, I thought it would be good for me to join the staff and learn more about journalism.

What I didn't expect was that I would be one of the paper's managing editors by my second semester.

I've always been fairly shy, but interacting with my fellow staff members and inter-

viewing people for stories has helped build my confidence. Since joining the newspaper staff I have become more comfortable with talking to people.

I know that my college experience would be a much different one without the Six Mile Post. It has helped me grow as a person and I will always carry the memories and knowledge that I have gained from it.

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Soap Box

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Use social media wisely

Social media isn't what it used to be.

It's hard to believe that with a mental index finger, I can pinpoint a time where the only real impact the world wide web had on me was the overwhelming joy I experienced when I received a new message in my Myspace inbox.

Now, social media is the accumulated voice of billions, and just like any object of great quantity (i.e. rocks, Gameboys, guitars), destruction will ensue if not properly handled.

In the past year alone, we have witnessed a mass voice come together in support of France.

We have also witnessed a

mass voice come together in the destruction of Ferguson.

We've seen political giants connect with us like never before, and we've let false journalism lead us in the wrong direction once or twice.

I encourage you all not to underestimate yourself. YOU have a voice. The comments you post and the emotion you leave, whether it be anger, sorrow or joy, is enough to make a significant difference in our world.

However, like Uncle Ben from Spiderman once said, "With great power comes great responsibility." Be open minded, be cautious and more importantly, be outspoken.

Poll: Who are you voting for?



Carla Patterson
Prof., English,
Floyd

"I don't know yet. I can't make up my mind. I am down to three candidates, because I believe in their ideologies, like education, economy and if they match my own ideas."



Felicia Hatcher
LPN-RN program,
Floyd

"Yes I am going to vote, but I have no idea who I am voting for. I'm not educated about the candidates yet."



Christiane Plattel
Biology major,
Floyd

"I am voting for Trump. We're in extreme times and he's an extreme person. I also love his hair."



Richard Noren
Comp., science,
Floyd

"I am voting for Bernie Sanders. I am very liberal and for gender equality, socialism and education."

Poll & Photos by Taylor Barton and Stacey Moffett

There are monsters out on the campaign trail

By Gunnar Ohberg
Guest Writer

In Mary Shelley's classic novel "Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus," a young scientist named Victor Frankenstein feverishly attempts to reanimate human life. Instead, he creates a hideous, unstoppable monster. This creature desires nothing more than acceptance and destroys everything around him after he is rejected by his creator. The story ends with almost everyone dead, save the desolate Monster.

Even if you've never read the novel, this narrative may feel familiar to you, because it's happening in our politics.

On January 19, at a small-yet-frenzied rally in the frozen town of Ames, Iowa, Sarah Palin endorsed the perennially dominating Republican frontrunner Donald Trump.

In a speech that was equal parts theater, filibuster and free-form jazz, Palin raucously pledged her support for "an optimist," and "family man" and "a commander-in-chief who loves our country passionately and will never apolo-

gize."

The former governor and current reality star filled her 20 minute speech with instant sound bites and fiery accusations, hollering everything from "kick ISIS ass" to "Hallelujah!" while a crowd of Trump supporters bellowed their approval.

Members of the press immediately noted the odd phrasing and bizarre word choice that permeated Palin's speech. For example, this excerpt from the endorsement:

"When we're talking about no more Reaganesque power that comes from strength. Power through strength. Well, then, we're talking about our very existence, so no, we're not going to chill. In fact it's time to drill, baby, drill down, and hold these folks accountable."

The initial response from popular media was not kind. The New York Times labeled the endorsement "blustery," "meandering," and "sarcastic." Stephen Colbert mocked it on his talk show. The word "squirmishing" became an instant source of parody on Twitter. The cover of the New York

Daily Mail simply read: "I'm with stupid."

Prominent members of the GOP have scrambled over the last month to distance themselves from the maelstrom surrounding Trump's campaign.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan condemned Trump's call to ban Muslims entering the United States. Members of the RNC openly and repeatedly criticized statements made by the New York billionaire. Conservative magazine The National Review ran a cover story in which over 20 editors, including popular conservative radio-host Glenn Beck, outlined their disapproval of the candidate.

So how has Donald Trump, hated by the media, the establishment, and even his own political party, become so successful?

Flashback to 2008. A Republican presidential nominee named John McCain is finding himself waging a tough battle against a Democratic rival named Barack Obama.

The cards are against McCain in a lot of ways: he is fighting for a party whose current president has a record-low approval rating,

his voting-record as a senator is constantly being questioned by conservative members of his party, and he is much older and less hip than the vibrant Senator from Illinois.

McCain feels he will need a political Hail Mary in order to appease the voters who want a staunch conservative with vigor and character. Enter Sarah Palin.

Though the McCain-Palin ticket loses, voters realize that their shouting can produce results, so in 2009, the Tea Party forms, immediately protesting President Obama over issues such as financial bailouts, tax rates, and government regulation.

As the party grew in both numbers and noise, grandstanding Republican politicians begin supporting Tea Party politics, quickly adopting positions against gays, abortions, Muslims, and other American minorities.

Eventually, this radical form of conservatism, far from the politics of Nixon and Reagan, became the GOP norm.

However, conservatives like the Tea Partiers, whose politics rely on a certain level of hatred

against established groups, have eventually grown to hate the establishment itself. This means that all establishment candidates, the experienced individuals who sometimes work across the aisles to help enact policies, are untrustworthy and uninteresting.

Where is the charismatic, roguish outsider? Where is the next Sarah Palin?

This is the question that Donald Trump has so successfully answered.

Years of giving radical, uninformed conservatives a position of power have created a climate of anger, distrust and reactionary politics amongst voters. The establishment's loathing of Trump only fuels this extraordinary fire, cementing his position as the true outlier candidate. Palin's endorsement of Trump is a natural part of this incredible circus.

The monsters of Frankenstein showed up in Ames, Iowa, just as they will in the rest of the nation. Paul Ryan, Lindsey Graham and Glenn Beck are rushing to denounce them, but just as in Shelley's classic novel, it is perhaps too late.

Diokpara shares her journey from Nigeria to Georgia

Athlete Spotlight

By Pamela Diokpara
Guest Writer

I was born in Nigeria and when my family moved to America, I started playing basketball in second grade. My parents saw my potential because of my height and immediately signed me up.

I was doing well playing in Upward basketball, which is a faith-based sports organization; however, I would soon find out that the league in which I played wasn't competitive enough for me to do well in my school's basketball program.

When I was in seventh grade, I made a good impression on Ms. Banks, the head coach for the seventh grade team. She liked me because I was also in her advanced math class. She saw that I was tall and thought she could make good use of me.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Pamela Diokpara

Unfortunately, the five years I spent playing Upward basketball completely went down the drain at the tryouts. I did so bad that another girl who had never played basketball in her life ended up starting before I did.

Let's just say that I was

truly a bench rider in seventh grade and almost half of eighth grade basketball season.

I felt very discouraged. My parents always told me that nothing good in this world comes easy.

You have to pray because God's timing is the best (Ogechi kan ma). I remember my dad coming to my games and telling me that I always did my best, even though I did terrible. After all of these years of playing, I never saw any type of playing time.

It was around this time my best friend Zachary, my youngest brother, was born and we started attending Christ Anglican Church.

Later on I remember my pastor preaching about how if you don't give up on God then He won't give up on you. God always has a bigger and better plan for you and His time is surely the best time.

I feel like during eighth grade was when I officially

gave my heart to Christ and I started becoming closer to Him. I started praying to Him and finally reading my Bible without my parents telling me to.

It was then December of my eighth grade year and I was still riding the bench. There was a game against Austin Road Middle School and the girl who started in my position became sick suddenly. So I was next in line.

Austin Road was the best team in the county and was undefeated. The worst part is that I wasn't told that I was starting until 20 minutes before the game started.

I played in the game and ended up doing better than anyone else on the team that night. We won and ended their undefeated streak. It happened to be on the same night that the head varsity basketball coach for the girls' team came to "scout us out."

He pulled me to the side

and talked with me and my dad. He said, "I have a spot for you on my team next year so don't go anywhere. I have big plans for you."

From that point on, I started for the rest of the season and eventually made the varsity and JV teams my freshman year. The rest is pretty much history and now I'm here at Georgia Highlands playing basketball.

As for the future, I want to get my associate's in Biology/Pre-Med and transfer to a four-year institution.

I also plan on minoring in business. After that, I want to attend Mercer School of Medicine or Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (Florida International University).

Ultimately, I want to become a pediatric cardiologist and practice in the metro Atlanta area. I want to open a pediatric hospital in Nigeria and a clothing boutique for tall women like myself.

Sports Update: The Lady Chargers win on the road Feb. 10 over Andrew College 49-36. They go to 19-9 on the season and 12-2 in conference play.



Photo by Daniel Smith

Taylor Farley dribbles through Albany Tech's defense.



Photo by Daniel Smith

Taylor Harris drives past an Albany Tech player.

Lady Chargers win against Albany Tech

By Kaileb Webb
Staff Writer

The Lady Chargers defeated Albany Tech, 71-48, on Feb. 3 in the Corral on the Floyd campus.

In the first half, the Lady Chargers "gave up a lot of open looks and the execution wasn't great but the energy picked up," said Head Coach Brandan Harrell.

Kayla Carter, one of the leading scorers, said, "The team chemistry is there, but we need to get quicker starts and execute on offense."

Guards Carter and Auriana Broughton led the team with 11 points each.

Chargers come out 79-46 over Albany Tech Titans

By Kaileb Webb
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The Chargers struggled to keep the lead in the first half of the game, but beat Albany Tech at home on Feb. 3 with a final score of 79-46.

At the end of the first half, the Chargers led by only 7 points.

Going into the second half, the Chargers began a tight press defense, holding Albany Tech to the lowest point total scored against the Chargers this season.

The Chargers shot 43 percent for the game and made 7 out of 12 free throws with Doniel Dean leading all scorers.

The Titans had 24 turn-

overs and shot 37 percent at the free-throw line.

Head Coach Phil Gaffney said, "We missed a lot of easy lay-ups, but today's defense was great."

Forward Kyvon Davenport commented, "We performed better from the last two games. It feels good to see them not score a lot."



Photo by Daniel Smith

Doniel Dean breaks through Albany Tech's defense.



Photo by Daniel Smith

Tylik Evans splits the defender on the way to the basket.



Photo by Daniel Smith

Paris Ballinger inbounds the ball during the Albany Tech game.

Sports Update

The Chargers won against Gordon College 77-61 on Wednesday Feb. 10 at Barnesville.

They are 12-0 in GCAA conference play and have a 24-game winning streak.

The Chargers will play Gordon State again in their last home game of the regular season, Saturday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

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Lady Chargers gain tournament experience

By Jorge Tinoco Ramos
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The Lady Chargers softball team competed in the JUCO Kickoff Classic in Clearwater, Florida over the weekend of Jan. 29.

The Lady Chargers would get the opportunity to face off against teams who play in one of the most competitive junior college regions in the nation.

Coach Melissa Wood stated that "The tournament would provide the Chargers an opportunity to play Florida teams who have been playing consistently throughout the whole year."

The Lady Chargers kicked off their tournament run against Pensacola State College on Jan. 29.

The team would win the first game with a score of 6-5 as the Chargers would defeat

the PSC Pirates.

Daytona State College would be the second team the Chargers would face on Friday.

The team lost against the Daytona Falcons in a close game, with the score of 4-5.

On Saturday the team faced off against Pasco-Herendo State.

The team showed great composure from the first inning to the last. Caitlin Parks, freshman catcher, would hit her first homerun to bring in two runs for the Chargers.

In the same game, freshman pitcher Rebecca Meade would pitch her first shut down as the team took the win with a score of 9-0.

The team suffered tough losses to ranked teams Central Florida, Florida Southwestern and St. Johns River State.

They would also lose a

close match against St. Petersburg with a final score of 2-3.

The team was able to accomplish one of their main goals in the tournament, which was to get quality innings in order for the freshmen to gain experience and confidence.

When asked what improvements the team needed to make, Caitlin Parks said "having the offense and defense come together as one," is what will make the team successful this season.

The Lady Chargers would end the tournament with a record of two wins and five losses.

In preparation for the upcoming conference match against Darton State College on Feb. 26, the Chargers will compete in the GHC Border Battle, Texas Spring Tour and the Gulf Coast Tour Tournament.



Photo by Taylor Barton

The Lady Chargers had a good time at the men's basketball game, where they were recognized at halftime, on Feb. 3 on the Floyd campus.

Chargers baseball starts strong at LakePoint

By Jorge Tinoco Ramos
Staff Writer

The Georgia Highlands baseball team played their home opener against the Surry Community College Knights on Feb. 5 at the LakePoint Sports Complex.

The Chargers started the game with high intensity, going up by 3 runs in just the first two innings.

The Knights were having difficulty containing the energetic Charger offense.

The Charger defense also displayed great communication through the first four innings.

The Chargers' pitcher, Bryan Quillens, pitched with confidence with the support of his teammates.

Brandon Bell, third baseman, was the leadoff batter for the Chargers.

The freshman did not disappoint the fans with his consistent hitting.

He gave the fans a treat when he hit a triple straight down the right centerfield line.

The Knights were finally able to score in the fourth inning.

However, the Chargers quickly shut down the Knights before they could capitalize on their momentum.

By the end of the fifth inning, the Chargers were up 4-1 over the Knights. However, it was too early to count the Knights out.

Surry managed to score in the sixth inning, closing the gap between them and the Chargers.

Going into the seventh inning, Surry tried to mount a comeback with consistent singles from their batters.

The Knights put pressure

on the Chargers' defense with loaded bases.

Coach Mike Marra made a decision to bring in Sam Sowerbrower, a left-handed pitcher.

Sowerbrower was able to stay calm in front of the next two batters from the Knights, and with the help of the defense, the Chargers managed to get the two outs to stop the rally by the Knights.

At the end of the game, Sowerbrower said, "The reason I was able to stay calm was because of the trust I had in the defense behind me."

The Chargers held the Surry Knights at bay for the rest of the game, which ended with a score of 4-2.

After the game, Marra stated that the keys to the Chargers' success were "the pitchers and the outstanding defense behind them."



Photo by Jorge Tinoco Ramos

Andrew Cooley swings the bat in an attempt to score another run for Georgia Highlands.