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From left, Khalyl Waters, Latief Harris, Carl Johnson, Aaron Houston and Chris Wright celebrate 83-77 win over against South Georgia Tech on Feb. 9.



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From left, Instructor of Chemistry Erin Kingston, student Jacob Pirkle, dual enrolled student Tony Hernandez and Interim Dean of Natural Sciences and Physical Education Sarah Tesar practice their approximately 20-minute presentation about GHC's chemistry department.

GHC chemistry program spotlighted at USG Board of Regents meeting on Feb. 12

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, GHC was selected to be the college recognized in the Campus Spotlight at the Board of Regents' monthly meeting.

The Campus Spotlight is an initiative that started in 2017 to allow the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to be in closer touch with students, academic programs and faculty at various colleges.

The GHC chemistry program was featured at the Regents' meeting in downtown Atlanta on Feb. 12.

The presentation, lasting about 20 minutes, was made by Don Green, GHC president; Sarah Tesar, interim dean of natural sciences and physi-

cal education; Erin Kingston, instructor of chemistry; Tony Hernandez, a dual enrolled student and a learning assistant; and Jacob Pirkle, GHC student. It described the major stride for student success being made by GHC's Chemistry program. The Chemistry program was chosen in late November for the spotlight by Tesar, Green, and the GHC Marketing team due to its recent improvements toward student success.

The improvements presented at the Board meeting included the switch to Openstax Chemistry courses, Peer-Led Team Learning and the development of the GHC Chemistry YouTube channel as well as a free Library Guide.

The Board meeting began with Green introducing the

Campus Spotlight presentation, titled "Charging Up Chemistry."

Green was followed by Kingston explaining why GHC did this. Kingston was followed by Hernandez, who explained Peer-Led Team Learning, which is one-hour study sessions where excelling students will walk other students through fun activities such as Nomenclature Bingo to make studying more active and enjoyable. Hernandez was followed by Pirkle discussing the new classroom experience.

This Campus Spotlight has been important for GHC, according to Tesar, "Faculty and students already know GHC is great, but this is a chance for us to tell others why GHC is so awesome."

The chemistry depart-

ment was given the Affordable Learning Georgia grant: a large-scale grant to go towards making textbooks and other resources more affordable for students.

In 2016, GHC also received funding from the University System STEM Initiative. This extra funding has been instrumental to making all improvements.

According to Tesar, students often run into barriers or struggle with success in STEM courses, and GHC's chemistry programs aim at increasing students' success.

Preparations for this presentation began in early December 2018 following the announcement that GHC had been chosen by the Board of Regents to be the next Campus Spotlight.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

President Donald Green and dual enrolled student Tony Hernandez both were involved in the chemistry presentation at the meeting.

Floyd, C'ville and Heritage Hall close due to social media threat

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Editor, Online

On Jan. 24 the Floyd, Cartersville and Heritage Hall campuses were closed due to a possible threat from a GHC student.

Donald Green, the president of GHC said, "On Jan. 24, we closed our locations in Rome and Cartersville after consulting with local law enforcement regarding their investigation of an undetermined threat they had received."

According to David Horace, GHC's chief of police, this all began when a student took to Instagram after breaking up with his girlfriend. He then made a post on Instagram that contained lyrics from the rap song "Middle Child" by artist J Cole that said, "I'm counting my bullets, I'm loading my clips/I'm writin' down names, I'm makin' my lists/I'm checking it twice, and I'm getting 'em hit/The real ones been dyin', the fakes ones is lit."

After the GHC student found out that his friends were talking to his girlfriend after their breakup, the GHC student made another post on Instagram, saying that his

friends were fake friends and he felt betrayed by them for talking with his girlfriend behind his back.

In conjunction with the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center also known as GISAC, the FBI and the GBI saw the post and the FBI flagged the post along with the lyrics and became suspicious that the friends the GHC student was referring to were the ones that he was calling fake friends.

Horace said, this led to suspicions that the GHC student might be a shooter or a least had that kind of motive and since he was a student from GHC, his friends might be GHC students as well.

The FBI and the GBI contacted the Rome Police Department, and they got together with Horace, who along with the rest of campus security gathered more information on the student, such as his enrollment status and which classes he was taking.

Horace then presented all his information to Green, who made the decision to close the Floyd and Cartersville campuses along with Heritage Hall to keep students, faculty



Photo by Nick Whitmire

David Horace (center), GHC's chief of police, confers with campus security personnel at the Floyd campus.

and staff safe and to possibly stop the student if he was at either of those places.

Green is the one who always make these types of decisions after Horace gathers as much information as possible from local emergencies and other counties. When it came to finding the GHC student, Horace said, "We got in touch with him through a family member. We conducted an interview with the student with local law enforcement, and we determined that what he posted was not a threat."

Horace said, since the school closing, the GHC student has not been charged and there have been no court cases regarding the possible threat. No one was harmed or injured during the situation and no future precautions have been made.

What allowed students, faculty and staff to find out about the threat was the GHC Notify system. It is a system that allows students, faculty and staff to be notified when

possible closings come to the school and helps them determine whether they should come to school or not.

"We conducted an interview with the student with local law enforcement, and we determined that what he posted was not a threat"

-David Horace
GHC Chief of Police

According to Todd Jones, the vice president of student affairs at GHC, "GHC students are automatically signed up to receive the notifications using the contact information they provided when they first applied to GHC."

Jones also said that students should routinely check their information through SCORE to ensure recent and accurate contact information is available to the alert system and that GHC also places closing messages on social media

and the college website.

Horace believed that the biggest takeaway from this situation was for students to be very careful with what they post on social media.

He said that he was "incredibly thankful for our law enforcement's quick response."

He said, "There is no filter with social media and students need to remember that, so be mindful with what you post and don't post anything if it feels wrong."

"Our-number one priority is the safety and security of our students, employees and visitors to our institution," said Green.

He said that he was "incredibly thankful for our law enforcement's quick response."

Students, faculty and staff who wish to check if they are registered for GHC Notify or need to make changes to their current information in order to receive notification from GHC Notify, should go to <https://intranet.highlands.edu/gchcnotify/index.php>.



Photo by Nick Whitmire

David Horace patrols the Floyd campus.

Areh and Johnson fill in as GHC's Paulding deans

By Hannah Vande Zande
Staff Writer

Joy Hambrick, Paulding's latest site director, has stepped down from her position. Her reason being is that she absolutely loves in the classroom.

Hambrick said, "Teaching is all I've wanted to do since I took my first college class in economics in 1986." According to Hambrick, she has had a passion for teaching for over a

decade and has put everything she has into the students.

Personally, Hambrick said, "I am proud of what I have accomplished as an administrator, but I believe my skills in the classroom best serve my students and myself."

While Hambrick has moved on, Julia Areh and Leslie Johnson are filling Paulding's site director spot for the time being.

Johnson is the site director from Cartersville, and Areh is

the site director from Douglasville.

Students should see no difference in services during the transition.

Johnson said, "The search for the new Paulding site director is processing nicely."

Johnson said, "Ms. Areh and I will each spend time at the Paulding site and be available to answer questions, help solve concerns and handle those ongoing administrative tasks as the Site Director."



File Photo

Leslie Johnson



File Photo

Julia Areh

Curriculum expansion continues to grow quickly at GHC

By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer

There are plans for a number of certificate programs and associate programs, and a new bachelor's program that has been submitted for approval.

A new online program now allows students to earn a bachelor's in criminal justice completely online.

Greg Sumner, professor of criminal justice, said, "I think this is an opportunity for an individual who is either finishing their associates or who is transferring from another school perhaps and wants to



File Photo

Dana Nichols

finish a bachelor's degree in criminal justice."

Along with criminal justice, GHC is in the process of adding the opportunity to receive a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences.

This program still needs approval from the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the agency that accredits GHC.

According to Dana Nichols, vice president for academic

affairs, "GHC is also in the early stages of creating several certificates that will also be embedded in an associates degree."

For more information about these certificates, Nichols said, "Be on the lookout for cutting-edge new curricular developments in the areas of Health Informatics, Data Mining, Health and Fitness Specialist, Cybersecurity, BIM Management, Social Media and Digital Literacy and more."

Highlands Happenings

Club hosts DEA official on opioids

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

Emmett R. Highland will be discussing the opioid epidemic in America at the next meeting of the Criminal Justice and Political Science Club. This presentation is open to all GHC students, faculty and staff.

He is the division outreach coordinator and drug enforcement administrator at the Atlanta office of the DEA.

The presentation will take place on Feb. 26 in the Lakeview Building on the

Floyd campus in room I-138 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

For those wanting more details, they can contact Assistant Professor Randy Green at ragreen@highlands.edu, Greg Sumner at gsumner@highlands.edu or Associate Professor Scott Akemon at sakemon@highlands.edu.

Food pantries open at GHC

By Olivia Fortner
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All GHC campuses have a food pantry on site.

Students, staff or faculty who may be experiencing

food insecurity are welcome to visit. Many items are available, such as canned goods, cereal, toiletries and other necessities.

Also, members of the GHC community in need of professional clothing can visit either of the Career Clothes Closets located on the Cartersville or Paulding sites.

These Student Support Services offer complete confidentiality, and each individual remains anonymous.

The regular business hours are from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

The Food Pantry has received 2,290 visits thus far.

Blood Drive comes to Floyd

By Lynsey Sutton
Staff Writer

A Blood Drive will be held on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Floyd campus.

The Blood Assurance bus will be parked in front of the Walraven Building.

Students will be able to register online ahead of time at https://donor.bloodassurance.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/112613.

The blood drive was originally to be on Jan. 24, but due to scheduling issues caused by miscommunica-

tion between John Spranza, director of student life, and the blood drive coordinator, it had to be pushed back.

According to Spranza, all donors will receive a free t-shirt, snacks, and be entered into a monthly grand prize drawing, for a \$250 gift certificate to Zales.

In order to give blood, students must not have gotten a tattoo within the last six months.

Before giving blood, students should have a good breakfast, drink plenty of water, be at least 18 years old, have an adequate iron level and weigh at least 115 pounds.

The donation should take about 30-40 minutes. There will also be a series of health questions asked.

Professor of Geology Billy Morris's fossil collection includes 50-million-year-old fish

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

Billy Morris, professor of geology on the Floyd campus, provides his students with the ability to look at fossils he has collected as well as watch the process of fossil preparation.

Morris is from Rome, Georgia and has been on GHC's Floyd campus since 1994.

According to Morris, his love for fossils and geology started from an early age as he began to find fossils and rocks that interested him while on adventures with his family throughout the state.

Morris has fossils of all sorts in his geology lab. His favorite fossil is a two foot long *Phareodus Encaustus*, which is a 50-million-year-old prehistoric fish that is similar to a piranha. Morris found this fossil while on the annual GHC Wyoming trip in southwest Wyoming at a quarry known for having an abundance of fossils.

Morris has been working on this specific fossil for five years, working to extract the fossil that is encased in the hard rock. This fossil is also so well preserved in the fine grain mud turned to rock that

there is still skin on the fish, which makes this fossil very delicate.

Morris said, "The coolest thing about cracking rocks open and seeing a fish like that is that you are the only living thing that has seen this fish in 50 million years."

Fossil preparation involves removing the matrix, which is the rock the fossil is incased in to reveal the contents. Tools such as picks, chisels, air abrasive tools and air impact tools are used in the preparation of fossils by Morris.

The fossils Morris works on are used in the classroom as well as put on display and brought to local elementary and middle schools for presentations. Some of the fossils are also donated by Morris to the elementary and middle school science classrooms.

The process of collecting fossils includes splitting large slabs of rock with chisels and hammers to reveal the fossils incased in the layers of rock.

Xinia Smith Camacho, GHC student as well as a financial services accountant at GHC, attended the Wyoming trip and said, "You learn better by looking at things and Billy Morris is so passionate



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Billy Morris uses a tool to scrape away rock and expose the fossil underneath. The fossil Morris is preparing above was so well preserved that the fossil still has skin on it.

he makes learning from him seem like a one on one conversation."

Students who wish to attend the summer Geology field class in Wyoming with Morris

and find fossils of their own can fill out an application on the Wyoming trip website <http://highlands.edu/wyoming>.

If GHC community members have questions about the

Wyoming trip or wish to see Morris's fossil collection they can do so by emailing him at bmorris@highlands.edu or by visiting his office in room W-325.

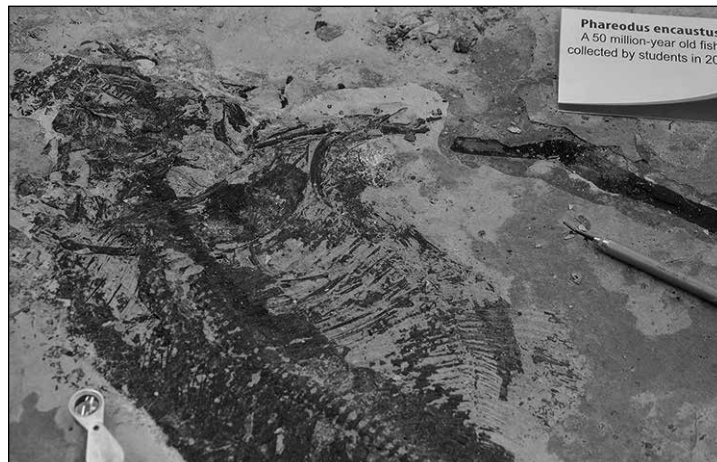


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This fossil is called a *Phareodus Encaustus*.



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Club devotes itself to helping others in the community

**By Nya Roden
Staff Writer**

Headed by Sarah Claxton, director of human services at Georgia Highlands, the Human Services club's sole purpose is to just lend a helping hand.

Claxton was once a student herself. She attended Georgia Highlands when it was named Floyd Junior College. Claxton was a human services major and got to experience the club firsthand.

Claxton's experience was not without tragedy as she lost a son in 1983 and experienced the death of her daughter Felicia at age 18 to a heart disease. "The college and club are so near and dear to me. They got me through some tough times," she said.

The club caters to the community in a number of ways, feeding the homeless, donating clothes for victims of domestic violence, organizing coat drives, cleaning up cemeteries, and making angel trees.

Despite being based around

the social science department, students do not have to be of a particular major to join the organization.

"The college and club are so near and dear to me. They got me through some tough times."

**-Sarah Claxton
Director of Human Service Club**

Claxton said that the one trait a student has to have to join is "wanting to make a difference."

The club currently has future projects that are in the works.

It is gearing up for its an-



Contributed Photo

The Human Service Club discusses a new project at a meeting on the Floyd campus.

nual heart fundraiser, in honor of Claxton's daughter Felicia in which students and faculty can buy a heart and the proceeds go to heart research efforts.

The club is also planning to do a clothing drive for children.

Claxton and the club have adopted "making a difference one starfish/person at a time" as their motto.

She wants to give all GHC students the chance to do so by inviting them to join the Human Service Club.



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Susan Claxton (Top Left) with the Human Services Club.

New club for LGBTQ+ students on Marietta Campus

**By James Alewine
Staff Writer**

A new LGBTQ-centered club has begun meeting on the Marietta campus, led by Charlie Steinberg and club adviser Amy Gandolfi, communication instructor.

Gandolfi described the club as "trying to give people of the LGBTQ community a place to be themselves." She expressed her surprise at the lack of an existing club for LGBTQ stu-

dents when Steinberg brought the idea of an inclusive club to her last semester. Steinberg and Gandolfi sought to create a club designed for the community and comfortability of GHC's LGBTQ students.

The club is still very new, having only met five times, and has relied heavily on word-of-mouth to recruit new members. Gandolfi expressed hope that the club may grow and attend college social events as a safe space and provide



Photo by James Alewine

Charlie Steinberg

representation of and for the school's LGBTQ community.

Gandolfi explained that the Marietta campus was the best place to start the new club due to the campus's diverse student population, but she hopes that the club may soon spread to other campuses.

The Equality Alliance Club serves as a new haven for LGBTQ students. It is a place for them to feel welcome and confident in who they are with their peers. Steinberg said that

there is a "policy of confidentiality" for any closeted students and that their security is of the utmost importance.

The Equality Alliance Club meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in room J-307 on the Marietta Campus.

Any questions about The Equality Alliance Club can be answered by Steinberg, via email at csteinbe@student.highlands.edu, or by contacting Gandolfi at agandolf@highlands.edu.

Previous Douglasville Brother 2 Brother president now works as a news reporter at Ohio news station

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

Cleveland, Ohio, news reporter Victor Williams is a GHC alum and was once the Brother 2 Brother President on the Douglasville campus. Williams was born and raised in Atlanta, where he attended Benjamin E. Mays High School in Southwest Atlanta. However he said, "I like to think I grew up in Douglasville."

He began his education at GHC right after high school. Williams joined Brother 2 Brother and began as a regular member of the organization, but in his second semester at GHC he became vice president of his chapter on the Douglasville campus. At the beginning of Williams' second year at GHC and second year in the chapter, he became president.

Jon Hershey, dean of humanities and director of Brother 2 Brother said, "Victor

always knew he wanted to be a broadcast journalist. He seems like a natural now, but he put a lot of hard work in to learning his craft."

Williams said, "Brother 2 Brother gave me a band of brothers that held me accountable and kept me in line during my time at GHC. The organization itself skyrocketed me to higher levels. I had the chance to travel to so many places and meet so many people. I wouldn't be where I am today without B2B."

After attending GHC, Williams attended Georgia State. Williams has an associate degree in communications, and his bachelor's in journalism.

According to Williams, being a reporter has always been his dream. Williams said, "I started pursuing the career in middle school when I was an anchor for our school newscast. From there, I took every chance I could get to be on

camera or to speak publicly. In high school I was a reporter for the district's newscast."

While at GHC, Williams did several video tours of the campus, and at Georgia State he was a reporter and then an anchor for the campuses newscast. While in Atlanta, Williams became an intern at WSB-TV Atlanta.

His first job in the field he wished to work in was at WBBJ 7 Eyewitness News in Jackson, Tennessee. He then went on to work as a reporter and fill-in anchor for WLOX News in Biloxi, Mississippi. After being at WLOX News, he began his current job as a news reporter in Cleveland, Ohio at WOIO.

Williams said, "My favorite part about my job is probably the adrenaline rush. Every day it's a different story, and you never know what you may be covering at the beginning of the day."



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Victor Williams works on set at WOIO's news station.

Hershey said, "Brother 2 Brother helped Victor by putting him in a leadership position, building his confidence, giving him work experience at Georgia Highlands Television and eventually taking him to Georgia State for a tour."

According to Williams, he still holds the principles the organization Brother 2 Brother

taught him to be true and still embodies them in his life. These principles include accountability, proactive leadership, self-discipline and intellectual development.

Williams wishes to share this advice with GHC students: "Trust yourself and have confidence. With that you can do anything."



Photo by Nick Whitmire

Chef Egg prepares chicken for tacos at the Floyd campus.

Chef Egg teaches GHC students how to cook and prepare a few healthy meals while on a budget

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., design

As a continuing part of the Adulting Series sponsored by student life, Chef Egg, real name Erik Berlin, came to Georgia Highlands College Jan. 30 to demonstrate cooking on a budget.

Before he started preparing meals, he casually answered questions from students and asked them about their favorite foods. Egg then began to explain many reasons why it is important for a student to cook beyond just sustaining oneself.

Food prices in restaurants are multiplied three times, and a significant amount of money can be saved by preparing food at home, according to Chef Egg. Health is also a big benefit from learning how to cook, as individuals can see the separate ingredients going into their meals, and this keeps them from adopting poor habits.

After Egg explained this, he began to demonstrate some sample recipes that were tasty, quick and easy. The first was an avocado dressing for salads, being healthy and quick

to make. After making that by himself, he began to ask for audience volunteers. The first recipe Egg made with them was mango salsa, and finally chicken tacos.

While he prepared the food, he explained the minutia of cooking. This included telling if fruits and vegetables are fresh and safely cutting ingredients with a knife.

Egg stated, "I want students to claim their culinary freedom and independence. I want them to cook on a budget, and I want them to cook with a variety of flavors."

Coley helps lead Brother 2 Brother

By Nya Roden
Staff Writer

There is no Brother 2 Brother club, according to Rontavious Coley. “To me it’s more of a brotherhood,” he said.

Coley, a graduate of Rome High School, class of 2014, is vice president of the Floyd campus chapter of Brother 2 Brother, an organization uniting men of color who aim to succeed in education and leadership.

Coley attended two other colleges before enrolling at Highlands, citing distraction and his lack of preparation as the reason for transferring, but he was no means a stranger to the program.

Because of growing up around it and by way of his mentor Jon Hershey, a professor at the college and the founder of GHAME, Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Men Excellence initiative, he did not need to be talked into joining. There were no first club meeting nerves, as Coley admits, “It felt natural, I felt like a leader,” he said.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Rontavious Coley speaks at a Brother 2 Brother meeting.

Of his vice president position Coley did not originally plan to run for office, stating, “I don’t need a role to lead. It kind of came into play. You can ask anybody.” He cites Hershey as his inspiration.

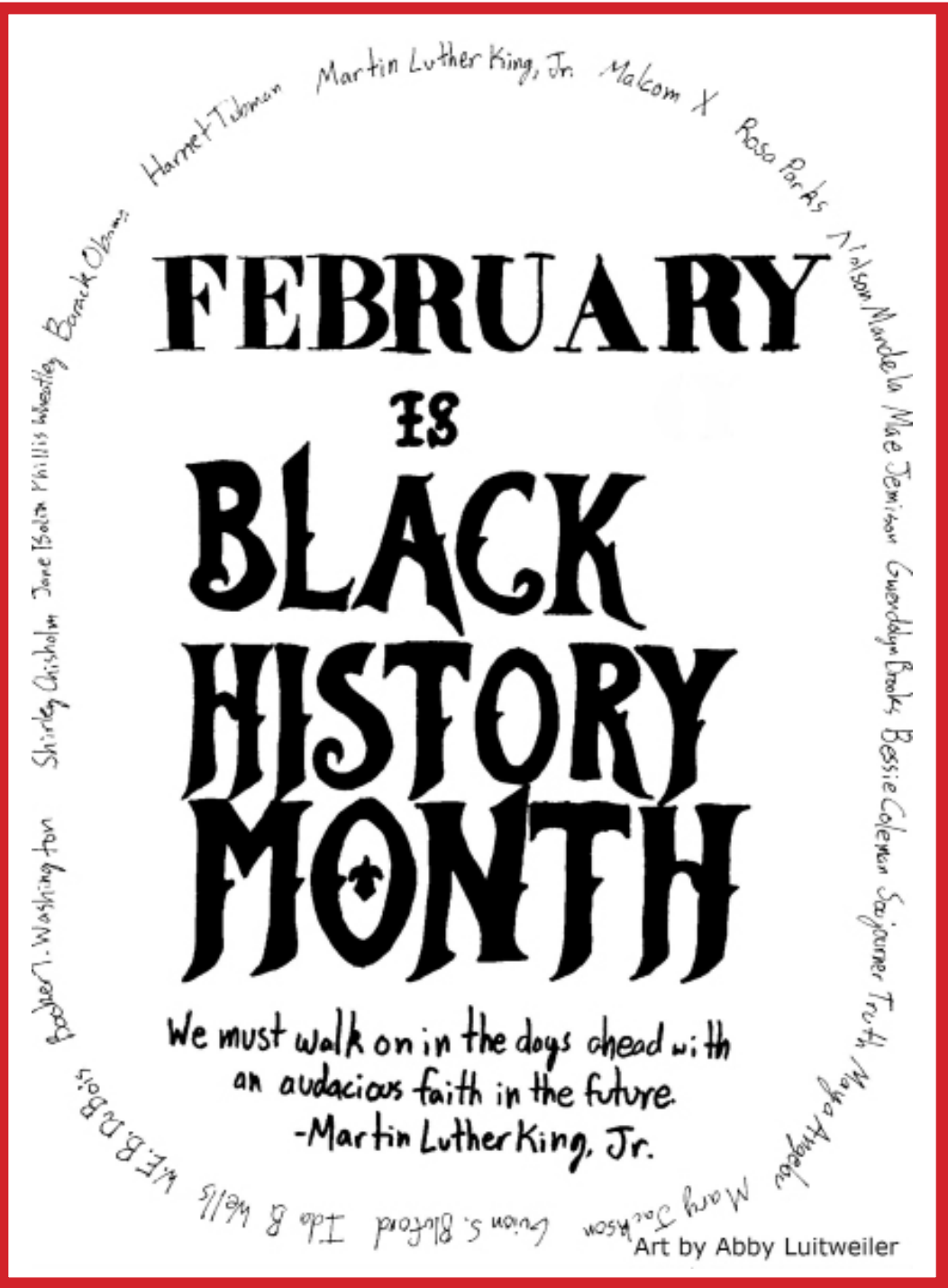
He hopes to get others involved and make his own impact in the community, fostering financial literacy. Coley, a business major, is a big believer in the three C’s of leadership: consistency, character

and courageousness. He is set to graduate from Highlands this semester. He claims this is his biggest accomplishment to date. He looks forward to seeing the results of his hard work come into fruition.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Members meet at the Floyd Campus. B2B is active at all GHC locations.



“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

—Booker T. Washington



Jodi Merriday speaks on language in music

By Lynsey Sutton
Staff Writer

The use of the N-word and B-word has increased since hip hop music became popular, and students hear these words so often that it has become a norm to say them.

Jodi Merriday came to the Floyd campus Feb 7. and did a presentation of An Exploration of Racism and Sexism by referencing hip hop music.

Speaking in the Solarium, Merriday asked if the use of these words could be empowering, and the students said that they can be used in a positive way and that it depends on the tone of the way they are said.

The B-word can be used to hype someone up, or it can be used to bring someone down. The N-word can be used as a racist slur, or it can be used to refer to a friend.

Merriday also discussed what the endgame is of using these swear words in everyday use. She said college students need to know that they are the future and how they raise their future children is

important.

Merriday then went around the room and asked each student what was one thing each would teach his or her children. The most common answer was to treat everyone with respect and to be open-minded.

Merriday’s favorite quote is by Martin Luther King Jr: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Merriday discussed how there are several different communities that are discriminated against.

Each of these communities is fighting for different things, but in the end, they are all fighting for freedom.

For example, the black community is fighting for Black Lives Matter, women are fighting for their rights to be respected and the LGBT community is fighting for protection.

Merriday received her Ph.D. in African American studies from Temple University. She has had over 25 years of experience in higher education.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Jodi Merriday leads a discussion on racial terminology.

Spoken word poet Odd?Rodd performs at GHC

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Odd?Rod performs in the student center at Floyd.

Award winning spoken-word poet, Odd?Rod, real name Roderick Borisade, visited all GHC campuses to share life stories and spoken word poems with students. Odd?Rod introduced each poem he would be reading to the audience by explaining a story in his life which the poem was inspired by.

Poems concerning love, education, drug addiction and family members were shared with the audience.

Odd?Rod said, “College students are faced with a lot of trauma, and they don’t mention it, being able to go out and share what I’ve been through with them gives me relief.”

Students should be aware of GHC resources

As current college students, we often find it difficult to be aware of every deadline and keep up with every detail.

When it comes to completing a college degree and graduating on time, there are a lot of things to check off the list and many helpful opportunities from the college that some students may be unaware of.

For instance, the GHC Foundation has a list of scholarships specifically for current GHC students. According to the Highlands website, the Foundation awards over \$100,000 in scholarships every year. The site has a scholarship search engine that will use an individual's information



to match him or her with different scholarships based on varying criteria. While graduation might seem far enough away, each student who plans to graduate must complete the Graduation Application Form at least two semesters prior to

anticipated degree requirement completion. Also, petition for graduation and records should be completed the semester prior to the semester of completion of the requirements.

Curriculum substitution, program catalog, resi-

dency, GPA, Georgia Constitution, Georgia History and Computer Literacy requirements, name changes and financial obligations are some things to keep in mind that should all be taken care of before the deadline.

With classes and heavy course loads, it can seem hard to remember all of the "extra stuff," but these requirements are just as important as the coursework needed to complete a given degree. There are always advisers available to help students get on track and stay on a pathway to success. We need to make use of them.

**-Six Mile Post
Editorial Board**

In which circumstances can art be separated from the artist?

Art is a reflection of our society. It takes on many forms such as film, television, novels, poetry, painting, sculpture, comic books, poetry and even video games. It is art that will outlive everyone. It is what people preserve.

Art is not just a reflection of the world, it is also the reflection of those who create it. But in these divisive times, a question has come up about how one should view art, especially art that was either made or allowed to be made by someone who has committed sexual assault. How should we judge these people and the art they created, especially when that particular art has been so influential on our culture? Can we separate art from the artist?

With the rise of the MeToo Movement, many people have been called out for their past history of sexual harassment and assault. Known people accused of sexual assault in just the film industry alone include



Editor's Box

**Nick Whitmire
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Harvey Weinstein, Bill Cosby, Kevin Spacey, John Lasseter, Dustin Hoffman, Woody Allen, Roman Polanski and recently Bryan Singer, just to name a few.

As a lifelong film fan and as someone who loves films from all generations, I have been struggling with this question since the exposure of Weinstein. With so many people in the industry being accused of sexual assault, it has been difficult revisiting films from these individual people.

When it comes to an artist dealing with personal issues such as drugs, alcohol or divorce, it is easier to separate the art from the artist because those are usually personal issues that do not necessarily

bring harm to others. Sexual assault is a whole other thing, and it must be addressed.

Woody Allen has continuously denied the accusations made against by his adopted daughter, all while marrying his other adopted daughter in the process. Roman Polanski ended up fleeing the country after he drugged, sodomized and raped a thirteen-year-old girl.

Some of these men have committed heinous sexual assault crimes and need to be punished for them. Just because they have made great films does not mean they are free of the consequences of their actions.

On the other hand, we are living in a world where there

is no longer any forgiveness or second chances. In the judicial system, if a person is accused of something, that person is innocent, until proven guilty. But that logic has been fading away in a cultural sense. In most cases, one can easily separate art from the artist. But with sexual assault it is different.

As a society, people cannot just throw away the films that these men have been a part of and pretend that they never happened, but at the same time, we cannot let their behavior go unpunished no matter how great the films are. But people must also be willing to listen and to allow other to grow and seek a second chance.

When it comes to art, artists create their work for an audience. While the artist still has creative control of the art itself, but when it is made, it belongs to the audience. At the end of the day, it all comes down to personal choice.

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Students should take advantage of school and community activities to improve themselves

Participating in activities in and out of school can create a sense of belonging. Georgia Highlands is a great college in the fact that it provides many opportunities for students to interact with one another.

On the Paulding campus, there are yoga classes on Mondays, pop up taco stations where students can make their own tacos, performances by comedians and much more. Par-



Soap Box
Hannah Vande Zande
Staff Writer

ticipating with other students can create friendships and boost self-confidence. However, I know there are people that do not like school activities.

Outside of Georgia Highlands is an endless amount of activities and volunteering that can help not only students, but the community. Right next to the Paulding

campus is the Helping Hands of Paulding County. They are always looking for volunteers because they cannot survive without them. Their mission is to help the less fortunate, whether it be by providing food or clothing. If volunteering is outside one's comfort zone, there is always a way to donate. Helping Hands relies on food donations for their food pantry and much

more. To learn more about Helping Hands, go to hhpcga.org. There are so many great reasons to participate in one's community. It not only helps those in need, but it can have a positive impact in one's own life. This is because helping others and participating in events can help open doors to new friendships and new opportunities.

The truth about traditional and non traditional students

Students are often asked if they are traditional or non-traditional students, and yet many do not know what these terms mean, nor do they know the category they fall in to. Many of us do not understand what could possibly separate us from our peers or vice versa. So, I set out to find out what these terms truly mean and what the implications of these categorizations are. The National Center for

Education Statistics (NCES) has listed seven characteristics that are common to non-traditional students. To be considered a nontraditional undergraduate, a person: does not immediately continue his or her education after graduating from high school, attends college only part time (less than 12 credit hours per semester), works full time (35 hours or more per week), is financially independent, has children or dependents other

than a spouse, is a single parent and/or have a GED, not a high school diploma. What does this mean? Well, to put it simply, nothing. Non-traditional students have the same goals as traditional students, despite taking different routes in achieving those goals or having different obstacles. Life can get in the way of our plans sometimes, and we can often find ourselves side-tracked from our original goals

for years at a time. There is nothing wrong with that, and it can often build character. At the end of the day, both traditional students and non-traditional students have the same goal, to graduate. Though they have taken

different paths, different times or different ways of achieving those goals, the things we have in common greatly outweigh our differences. We are peers, we are classmates, we are friends and we are Chargers.




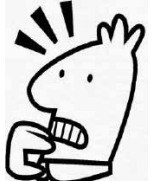


Commentary
James Alewine
Staff Writer



Josh Bommer attended Model High School and graduated in 2017. He is 6-foot-5 and loves to listen to heavy metal. During his life time, Josh has lived between 10 different houses. While moving around houses, he also attended four different high schools. His main goal after obtain his History degree, is to become a teacher.

Student on the street Q&A: Josh Bommer

 <p>Q. What is your major?</p> <p>A. History</p>	 <p>Q. What is your favorite song?</p> <p>A. Throes of Perdition by Trivium</p>	 <p>Q. What is your favorite ice cream?</p> <p>A. Cookies and Cream</p>	 <p>Q. What is your biggest fear?</p> <p>A. Letting my family down</p>
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Pros and cons of the 91st Academy Awards

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Ed., Online

The past year was a great year for film, and with great films come celebrations of those films through award shows. The biggest show of the bunch is the Academy Awards, better known as the Oscars. After 91 years of Oscars there have been great highs and all-time lows and with this year nominees seem to be a mixture of both, particularly

in the Best Picture category. The eight films that have been nominated are not bad, except for "Bohemian Rhapsody," but the only ones that are truly worthy of the award are "Black Panther" and "Roma." Both films are this year's purest examples of great characters and stories.

"Blackkkklansman" is another honorable mention for the Oscar and is a return to form for legendary director Spike Lee.



ROMA, Best Picture Nominee



BLACK PANTHER, Best Picture Nominee



BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY, Undeserving Best Picture Nominee



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR? Best Documentary Snub.

The rest of the nominees, however, just seem like the safe standard picks for the Academy.

The biggest travesty with this year's nominees is "Bohemian Rhapsody." This film is as safe as it comes. For those who know the story of Queen, particularly front man Freddie Mercury, it was incredibly disappointing to watch.

The legacy of Queen and Mercury is a complicated one with Mercury's personal life mixed in with his stellar performances, and this legacy is completely glossed over in the film. The only thing that was truly Oscar worthy in "Bohemian Rhapsody" was Rami Malek's performance as Freddie Mercury, as he becomes Freddie Mercury reincarnated. But unfortunately, it was not enough to save this safe and forgettable film that has no place as a nominee for Best Picture.

While other great films this year have been nominated for awards, the truly great films that have been nominated are not necessarily getting the awards that they deserve.

While "Black Panther" has a nomination for Best Picture and a lot of technical nominations, the things that truly made the film special such as its directing, acting and writing did not get recognized by the Academy. While the nominees for those awards are solid for the most part, the fact the "Black Panther" was not recognized is outrageous.

Other films that were either snubbed or were not properly recognized in these particular categories include "First Reformed," "Hereditary," "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," "Mandy," "Sorry to Bother You," "Eighth Grade," "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" and "Mission Impossible: Fallout."

In the directing category, there was no one more deserving of a nomination, let alone

the award itself, than Ryan Coogler. The fact that his personal and intimate style of directing, along with "Black Panther" being his third masterpiece at thirty-two years old was not nominated is a mistake on the Academy's part.

Alfonso Cuarón also brought a directing style to "Roma" that felt very personal, brought the audience into the world and is very deserving of the Oscar for Best Director. At the same time, there were a lot of impressive directorial debuts as well.

In the Screenplay category, "Black Panther" should have been nominated with its great use of complex themes and its character work for the Adapted Screenplay award. "Roma's" Best Original Screenplay for Alfonso Cuarón was well deserved for making the audience feel like they knew the characters in the film.

But the most anger inducing, most disgraceful snub by the Academy was the snub of "Won't You Be my Neighbor?" for Best Documentary Feature.

In these divisive times the fact that a documentary about one of the purest men on the planet who always lifted people's spirits and always meant it when he said, "I love you just the way you are" not being nominated is just disgraceful. It is one of the worst decisions in the history of the Academy Awards.

Along with its nominees and snubs, the Oscars still has some technical stuff to work out. When it comes to its Best Picture nominees, the Academy needs to expand its numbers of nominees so that the best of all films can be included, instead of trying to come up with a Best Popular Film category that just looks down on certain films.

Or it can limit the number to five so that the absolute best films of the year get a spotlight and terrible stragglers like



"Bohemian Rhapsody" do not get a nomination.

While it is important to nominate films that follow the rules, it is often good to break the rules as well. The fact that not all the categories will be presented at the show is very disappointing for people who love all aspects of film.

In addition, that there is no host for this year's awards show is extremely bothersome. It has always been fun seeing the best of hosts such as the legendary Bob Hope and Billy Crystal bring their humor all while celebrating the best of film.

It has been a great year for film, and even when the Academy does not recognize all the best films, they will still be considered the best of the year and will be remembered for years to come.



Photo by Kayley Agan

Parker Orr catches a ball against Walters State Community College.

Chargers defeat Walters State

By Bradley Singh
Staff Writer

On a cold and mainly over-cast Sunday afternoon the GHC baseball team took on Walters State Community College Feb. 10 in their third contest of the weekend.

The first two games (played

Saturday) were split with the deciding game being played on Sunday. The Chargers fell to a solid Senators team with a final score of 10-3. With the loss, GHC falls to a respectable 8-3 on the season.

Unlike the first two games of the series, each team scored runs early.

Brant Brown started the game off on the mound for the Chargers.

Walters State took an early lead in the first inning, but the Chargers fired back with a score of their own. Malik Spartling scored in the second inning on a double by Travis Sands.



Photo by Kayley Agan

Fog lingers over the field as catcher, Parker Orr, gets ready to play.

After three innings the chargers found themselves down 2-1, and pitcher Skylar McPhee replaced Brown for GHC with only one out earned.

The fourth inning is where the game got away from the home team. Walters State took



Photo by Kayley Agan

Skylar McPhee pitches in the cold and rain versus Walters State.

advantage of a few off-target pitches and began to build its lead. After the fourth inning the Chargers fell behind 5-2.

In the sixth, Walters State clubbed a one-run homer to push the lead to 8-2, putting the game further out of reach for the Chargers.

The Chargers will be back in action Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. against Emmanuel College and Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. against Sinclair. Both games will be played at Lakepoint Sports Complex.

Upcoming Cartersville Intramurals

March 11: Billiards Tournament

April 8: Madden Challenge

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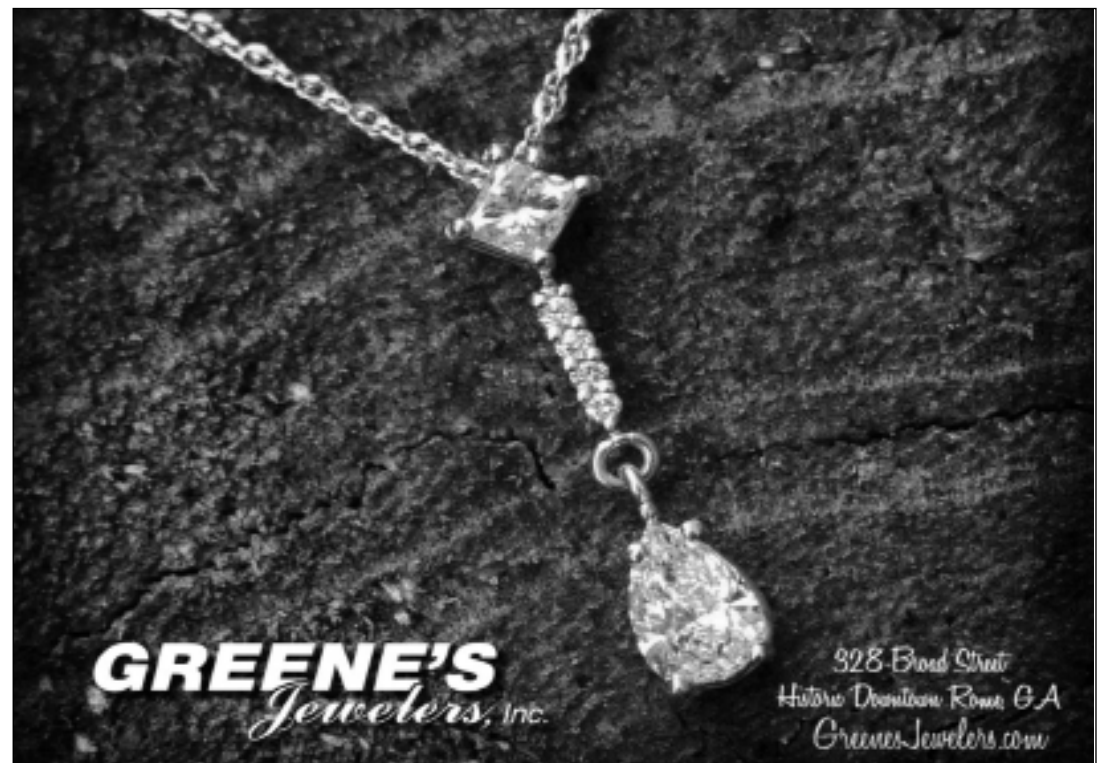
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Feb. 21



Chargers defeat the Jets in a close win at the Corral

By Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

The Chargers won in a close home game 83-77 against South Georgia Technical College on Feb. 9.

South Georgia went on an 11-0 run at the start until the 13th minute when Chris Wright and Dominic Ham helped GHC take the lead 18-15 with two layups and a 3-pointer.

A Khalyl Waters dunk sparked the GHC offense and layups from Wright and Waters extended the lead to seven by the six minute mark.

Later in the first quarter, GHC got a few layups from Waters, Ham and Carl Johnson. Derrick Cook hit a 3-pointer to make the score 43-39.

At the beginning of the second half, GHC made a few mistakes from missed shot to turnovers and blocked shots.

Fortunately, South Georgia Tech made the same mistakes, and GHC kept the lead.

South Georgia Tech took the lead at the 12th minute mark, but GHC took back the lead with two Aaron Houston 3 pointers and multiple South Georgia Tech errors.

The game was neck and



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Chargers celebrate a win against South Georgia Technical on Feb. 9.

neck until the Chargers made a run off a Wright 3-pointer. After a couple of layups and free throws, the score was 77-69.

GHC committed a few fouls and missed easy layups to let South Georgia Tech inch their way back, but the Chargers held on to take the win.

Philip Gaffney, athletic director and men's basketball head coach, was happy after the game.

"It was a nice win for us. It's good to get some revenge after they beat us on their home court in January."

Gaffney talked about his team dealing with injuries.

"I am proud of our young students. They stuck together even after losing so many to injury," he said.

The Chargers next game will be away at Gordon College away on Wednesday, Feb. 20.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Chris Wright scores an easy layup against South Georgia Tech.

Lady Chargers lose one against South Georgia Technical

By Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

The Lady Chargers lost to an accurate 3-point shooting South Georgia Technical College on Feb. 9 at the Corral.

The Lady Chargers played

the top team in the conference and went down 85-70.

GHC started out a little sluggish in the first quarter but picked it up and scored on two layups, one each by Jahnarria Brown and Sharai Lay, and a Ciara Thompson

3-pointer to make the score 9-10. By the end of the first quarter, the Lady Chargers had tied it up 15-15.

In the second quarter, the game was tied up till the seventh minute when GHC took the lead. The Lady Chargers

made a few free throws and made two layups to go up 23-19. But after messy play on defense and offense, GHC lost the lead and let South Georgia Tech go up 37-30 at halftime.

The Lady Chargers began the third quarter sloppy with

missed easy shots and turnovers. South Georgia Tech took an 11 point lead 43-32.

GHC would climb back with layups from Brown and Nijeria Jordan and a 3-pointer from Jessica Yates, closing the gap to only make the score 46-43. At the end of the third quarter, the Lady Chargers were down 47-58.

The Lady Chargers would inch back multiple times, but fall back more and more.

Brandan Harrell, women's basketball head coach, said, "We played and competed hard, but we can't allow the opposing team to shoot 10-16 from the 3-point line so we got to work harder on guarding the perimeter." He said, "We missed a few easy opportunities, which in big games you have to make the most of."

The Lady Chargers will have another chance to play the top team in the region on Feb. 20 at home at 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Ciara Thompson scores a tough put-back.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Jessica Yates passes to a teammate against South Georgia Tech.

Khalyl Waters hopes to transfer to a NCAA D-I program

By Trevor Gonzales
Staff Writer

If you have been to any of the GHC Chargers basketball games the past two seasons, there is one familiar face that has been on the team who can do it all.

Khalyl Waters has made three pointers, has highlight reel dunks and has even blocked a shot in the stands.

The Douglasville, Georgia product is a redshirt sophomore at GHC.

He leads the team in points per game (18.4PPG), rebounds (7.7 RPG) and blocks (2.3 BPG).

He had a career high 32 points in the second game of

the 2018-2019 season against Miami Dade, and he set a school record for the most blocks in a game with 12 versus conference foe South Georgia State on Jan. 12. "I think I have been real productive," Waters said.

But what made Waters want to become a basketball player? "I used to play football as a kid, but I got hurt. So my mom told me to play basketball instead," said Waters.

"My motivation for playing basketball has to be my family, especially my dad and my uncle," he said.

Waters is a human relations major and plans to transfer to a NCAA Division I university to continue his aca-



Photo by Kayley Agan

Khalyl Waters (13) drives in the paint against South Georgia Technical College.

demic and basketball career. He does not have a certain school he wants to attend. He just wants to go, "wherever

they accept me".

Off the court when he is not playing basketball he can be found eating his favorite dish

which is chicken alfredo, hanging out with his teammates, listening to NBA Youngboy or playing Fortnite.

GHC softball twins play together, win together, transfer together

By Alex Richardson
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands has its very own set of softball playing twins. Emma and Sydney McDonald have been playing softball since they were just five years old.

They graduated from Loganville High, where they also played on a team together. Following this, they came to GHC where they have spent the last two years.

They have now been playing the sport for 14 years. Emma plays second base, while Sydney can play first & third base, as well as catcher.

They have had many pleasant experiences over the years, but the thing that differentiates their experience playing for GHC versus anywhere else is the atmosphere.

The twins both agreed that they adore their teammates, and that they are all actually



Photo by Kayley Agan

Emma (left) and Sydney McDonald (right) are in their sophomore seasons as Chargers. very close.

The team has planned out-

ings that vary from a trip to the movies, to a trip to Flori-

da's Gulf Shores later this semester.

The students said that their favorite part of playing had to be all of the double plays that they have been able to pull off.

The twins have high hopes about their future. After they graduate this fall, Emma and Sydney plan to transfer to Wesleyan College.

There, they will have the unique opportunity to help rebuild the school's softball program, as it hasn't had much success in recent years. They plan to revive it during their time there.

As for the more distant future, their plans are simple.

While they cherish their time in softball, nothing is more of a priority to them than their education.

While Sydney is pursuing a communications major in preparation to work at ESPN, Emma is working towards a degree in athlete training as well as physical therapy.

Lady Chargers fall to Calhoun Community College

By Makenna Brown
Staff Writer

GHC's Lady Chargers softball team recently played against Calhoun Community College on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m., at home in the annual Border Battle.

GHC hosts the Border Battle every year at Hamilton Crossing in Bartow County. This year there was a record of nine teams participating in the event.

With five runs scored out of 11 hits and only one error on the field, the Lady Chargers played a close game. However they lost this one with a final score of 8 to 5.

Highlights of the game included the play of second baseman Sierrah Gani, the sophomore and Conference Player of the Week for GCAA with a 0.800 average. She scored a run, and had zero errors on defense.

Coach Melissa Wood said, "We couldn't generate enough runs to pull out the win, even though we made the game close by the end." The great news is that all the mistakes made are easy fixes, according to wood.

Wood explained that since "championships aren't made in February," the team has time to improve.

Gani said that she felt that they had some things to improve on as far as preparing for uncontrollable factors such



Photo by Kayley Agan

Kara Knight pitches in the rain against Calhoun Community College on Feb. 10.

as the cold weather they were up against on Sunday and that she feels that as a team they did very well during the tournament.

Gani said, "As long as we stay together as a team and stay energetic, we will play good and go far this season."

The Lady Chargers play Harford Community College and Edison Community College at home on Feb. 23.

"Championships aren't made in February."

-Melissa Wood

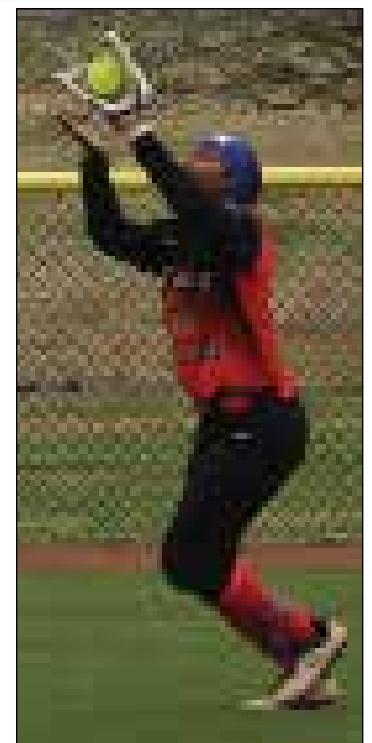


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Mya Adams catches a fly ball against Calhoun Community College.



Photo by Kayley Agan

Deyonce Lewis prepares to run in a rainy game against Calhoun Community College.

Goodell, as usual, did not do his job for the hundredth time in his tenure

By Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

There are two types of New Orleans Saints fans after the Saints and Rams game. The petty fans that are probably going to die hating this game and the fans who have accepted what has happened. I fall under the accepted side. What that means is that I did not boycott the Super Bowl and I



Rosario's Rebound

Scott Rosario
Managing Ed., Sports

had no thoughts about tweeting about how redundant the referees were. That does not go without saying that both types

of fans do have something in common, we want answers.

Before I get into what Roger Goodell; NFL commis-

sioner, said it is important to note that this response took 10 whole days after the insane no call. Goodell said, that he understands the frustration of the players, coach and fans. He also said that he spoke to the referees for that game and they said that it is a play that should be called.

I do not think I have walked away from hearing something and wondered why

I sat through it. We did not get anything close to an answer.

If there is anything to take away from that press conference it is that there are more questions to be answered. The fans and the saints just need justice

As far as fixing what happened in that game, it begins by at least making pass interference reviewable in the last two minutes of each half.