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in the Floyd Student Center**  
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**Students (from left) Blake Leatherwood, Kimball Deal, Hannah Yarbrough and Christina Daniel enjoy the new student center on the Floyd campus.**



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# Underground electrical cables replaced on the Floyd campus following last fall's power outage

By Derweatra Hammock  
Managing Ed., Design

GHC physical plant operations and Georgia Power completed their project of replacing all underground electrical cables on the Floyd campus over winter break.

The installation took place Dec. 26-30 with the power at Floyd campus being off during this time.

According to Phillip Kimsey, director of physical plant, the project cost around \$350,000, with the Board of Regents funding \$240,000.

Kimsey stated that in the power outage at the beginning of the 2014 fall semester one of the cables shorted out and melted due to a lightning strike.

The damaged cable was fixed, but another problem in a different part of the underground setup kicked the power off again.

Kimsey said, "The issue lay with the outdated and aged infrastructure."

"We knew that we had to replace the cables because the problem would just keep happening over and over again."

-Phillip Kimsey  
Physical plant director

He stated that the underground cables have a life of 25 years and the cables had been in place since the campus was built, making them over 40 years old.

He continued, "We knew that we had to replace the cables because the problem would just keep happening over and over again."

Kimsey said that there is a set of three main cables that go between six transformers and five manholes around campus.

To keep a power outage like what happened at the

beginning of fall semester from happening again that, along with a new set of cables, they installed a second loop of three cables that will be used as backup.

"If something happens to one set of cables, we should be able to switch over to the second loop and have the power back on within 30 minutes," stated Kimsey.

Todd Jones, vice president for student affairs and dean of the Floyd campus, said he is very relieved that the cables have been updated.

Jones said, "GHC was very fortunate to get 40 years of service out of those cables and hopefully the Floyd campus will not experience any missed classes this term due to power outages."

Along with the cables, physical plant's project also included replacing three transformers, a pole mounted recloser, a recloser bypass switch and installing a new switchgear.



Photo by Anna Douglass

(From left) Student Lauren Glass, friend Zach Daum, and student Jennifer Burks study in the Student Center.

## Floyd Student Center construction wraps up

By Brianna Drake  
Staff Writer

The Floyd campus Student Center is now open for student use and student life events.

John Spranza, director of student life on Floyd campus, said, "I'm very pleased with the outcome of the project. I think it looks great."

Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, stated that the Solarium and Game Room were not part of the Student Center project and will be renovated by Georgia Highlands' Plant Operations.

The renovation of the Floyd Student Center experienced several setbacks over the past few months. The estimated finish date was Nov. 30, but that deadline was not met.

"Renovation projects almost always take 20 percent longer than anticipated due to unforeseen conditions," said Phillip Kimsey, director of plant operations.

There are many obstacles and processes the workers have to deal with when it comes to construc-

tion. "In the construction of this building, we had several unexpected delays," Jones stated.

There were some problems like the power outage at the beginning of the fall semester and there was the small fire that occurred in the roof.

The fire was not anything to cause alarm. It was controlled, put out quickly and did not cause much damage.

Yet there were also several "behind the scenes" issues that needed to be dealt with.

According to Jones, there was a moisture problem around the building, there was a delay in the metal framework, the workers encountered bad soil that was unfit for the foundation and the original foundation was not correctly shown in the blueprints.

These were only some of the issues causing the one-month delay.

Spranza also said there are still a few details in the Student Center that are in the process of being completed.



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# New chief of security expected by Feb. 2

By Tyler Hogue  
Asst. Online Editor

A recent decision by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has changed the requirements needed for the chief of security position at all USG institutions, including Georgia Highlands College.

Policy 9.12.7, which deals with campus security and police, now states that each Chief of Security must be certified in accordance with the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training, or POST, Council rules and

regulations.

According to Jeff Davis, GHC vice president for finance and administration, the change was made to insure that there was consistency among the institutions and that there was adequately trained personnel on all campuses.

Davis said, "We're hiring a new chief who meets the new requirements."

He continued, "The chief may, at some point, make some changes to our structure, but that's not anticipated in the short term."

Donald Green, president

of GHC, said he expects there will be a new chief of security by Feb. 2.

Green said it would have been possible for John Upton, former director of campus safety, to obtain the required certification, but Upton felt it was time to retire.

Green stated, "Our officers are professional and understand their responsibilities. Jeff Davis, our VP of finance and administration, who houses security within his division, is leading security until the arrival of our new chief."



Photo by Callie Stokes

**John Upton, former director of campus safety, retired over winter break.**

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## Sign-ups for the annual ASF trip begin Feb. 2 on all GHC campuses

By Anna Douglass  
Managing Ed., Online

The 30th annual spring trip to Montgomery, Ala. for the Alabama Shakespeare festival will be held on April 25 and 26.

Sign-ups will begin on Feb. 2 and end on March 2 (unless tickets run out). Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis since there are only 55 spots.

The trip is open to any GHC student, employee or guest. A \$50 deposit is due at sign-up.

The total cost per person is \$135 for a double, \$120 for a triple and \$110 for a quad. This will cover the hotel, tickets, tour bus transportation and two meals in addition to the hotel breakfast.

The plays shown will be an eight person performance of William Shakespeare's

comedy "As You Like It" as well as Shakespeare's tragedy "King Lear."

"The performances at ASF are excellent, and the interaction between students and employees from the various GHC campuses is a lot of fun," said Kristie Kemper, professor of English and ASF trip coordinator.

The group will also take a guided tour of the Alabama state capitol building, which was the final destination of the 1965 Selma voting rights march.

There will also be time during the trip to explore the landscaped grounds around the theater building.

Anyone interested in attending the trip should sign up with the student life office on any GHC campus before March 2.

"It's one of our longest

standing traditions and it's always a great experience," said John Spranza, Floyd director of student life.

"If you've never seen live theater before, it's a wonderful opportunity to experience it in a world class setting," he continued.

According to Kemper, all English classes will offer extra credit for students going on the trip and extra credit may be available for other classes as well.

Limited funds will be available to help a few students who can't afford the full trip fee.

ASF financial assistance forms will be available on the college's ASF web page and in all GHC student life offices.

The forms need to be returned to a student life office by Feb. 16 to be considered for financial help.

## C-ville students to contend with Highway 20 construction issues until approx. May of next year

By Jessyca Arndt  
Digital Technician

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) began a \$17,000,000 project in September 2013 to expand Highway 20 to a four-lane highway from Interstate 75 to Wal-Mart.

The road will then split off to provide a new route to state Route 61 at People's Valley Road.

For the Cartersville GHC campus, this means that the traffic from both sides of Highway 20 may get backed up from time to time.

This span of about 2.2 miles is estimated to be complete by May of 2016.

Heather Black, a student on the Cartersville campus, does not approve of the project. She said, "It looks bad and it's a nuisance."

Laurel Wickman, president of Green Highlands on the Cartersville campus, stated, "Personally, I have never experienced terrible traffic on 20. Although, I know it can be an almost insufferable delay with only two lanes."

Students who wish to follow or track the ongoing construction's progress can find information at [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov) under project name: "SR 20 FM I-75 TO SR 61/US 411 PART RELOCATION."

**A GHC Transfer Fair will be held on the C-Ville campus Feb. 5 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the student center, room 102 A&B.**

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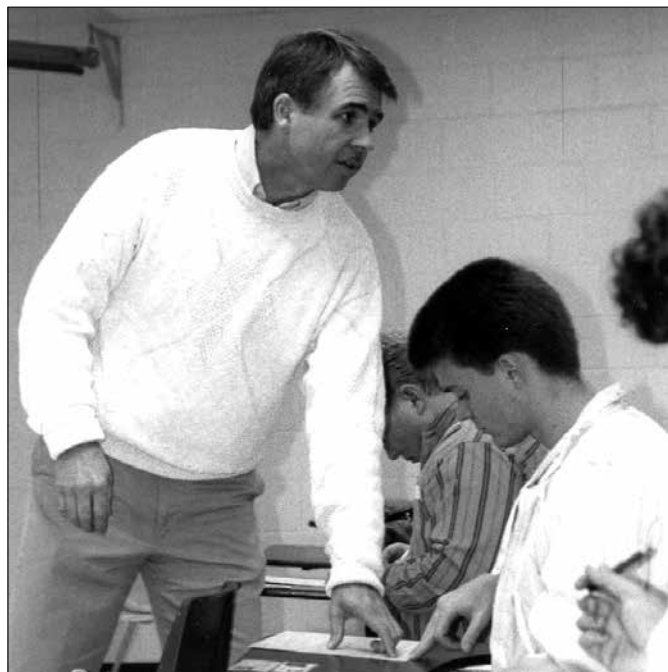


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# Ken Weatherman retires from Highlands



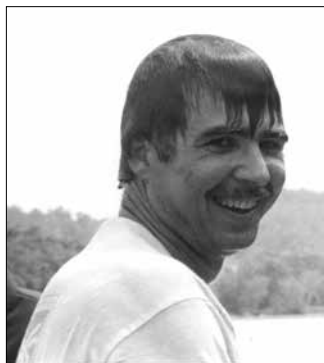
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**Ken Weatherman shows students how to register to vote on Georgia Highlands College's Voter Registration day, Jan. 29, 1992.**



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**Weatherman, circa 2013.**



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**Weatherman, circa 1987.**

**By Kiston Dowler  
Editor-in-Chief**

For 40 years Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, frequented the halls of Georgia Highlands College, making him the longest employed faculty member prior to retiring in January.

He hopes to continue teaching part-time rather than full-time, and also believes that he will continue to go on the ski trip for years to come.

Weatherman does not see his retirement as a time to "sit back on the couch" though.

"I look at it as changing directions a bit," Weather-

man said.

From six years of full-time teaching to student life coordinator then back to full-time teaching, Weatherman has definitely left his mark on the college's history.

Weatherman was responsible for coordinating multiple trips including the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, New Year's Eve in New Orleans and the Sugar Bowl, Washington and Williamsburg, Va. and, the one he is most proud of, the annual skiing/snowboarding trip to N.C.

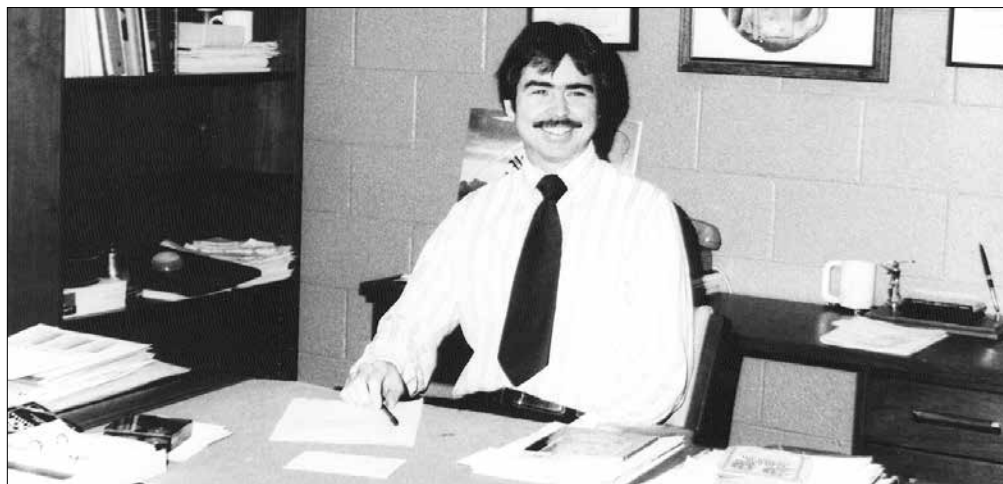
Of his most memorable moments, Weatherman said, "My relationships with the students...relationships

with my colleagues."

David Mathis, assistant athletics director, stated, "I'm happy for him, but sad for us as a college because I know how much of a dedicated educator he is and how many students he has influenced."

Renva Watterson, vice president for academic affairs stated, "Dr. Weatherman is a dedicated, thoughtful, courageous man." She continued, "His tenure at Georgia Highlands College is simply incomparable, and his positive impact will be felt for years to come."

Weatherman stated, "This is the centerpiece of my adult life, Georgia Highlands College."



File photo

**Weatherman sits at his desk, planning activities as the director of student life in March 1982.**

## Students chill on skiing/snowboarding trip

**By Kiston Dowler  
Editor-in-Chief**

Nineteen students took part in the 35th annual skiing/snowboarding trip that took place from Jan. 5-9 in Boone, N.C.

Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, stated that the trip went well, but that it was really cold. He also said that it was -20 degrees Fahrenheit one morning.

The extremely cold weather during the trip did not interfere with either ski-

ing or snowboarding.

The French-Swiss Ski College provided unlimited lessons as well as the equipment.

This location has been directly involved with the skiing/snowboarding trip since its start 35 years ago.

Students that went on the trip received credit for their PHED elective under the physical education requirement. Specifically, the trip provides credit for PHED 1420 or PHED 1421 for beginning skiing/snowboarding or intermediate

skiing/snowboarding respectively.

Kennedi Ragland, an education major on the Floyd campus, said, "It was a good alternative to an actual physical education class."

Christian Thomas, a communication major on the Floyd campus, said, "It was a good college experience where I got to make new friends."

Weatherman stated that the trip will continue after his retirement, and he believes that he will still attend for years to come.



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**GHC student Kennedi Ragland enjoys learning a new skill during the annual ski trip.**

## Paulding student inspires with his positivity and determination

By Emily Varnum  
Staff Writer

A motorcycle accident changed the life of GHC student David Carter.

Carter became paralyzed from the mid-torso down when he lost control and fell off his bike in August 2010. He is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair, which entailed major lifestyle changes.

Everything is a new challenge. From getting dressed to driving to a store, Carter has had to re-learn each everyday task. But nothing is impossible to do; it just has to be done differently.

Nothing about Carter's accident has changed his mental or emotional drive to be successful. He has a lot in mind to accomplish and doesn't intend to let being a wheelchair user slow him down.

While his major isn't offered at Georgia Highlands, Carter plans to transfer from GHC to Georgia Southern after acquiring his core credits. He wants to be a recreational therapist for patients with spinal cord in-



Contributed by JD Diamond Photography

David Carter participates in the 2014 Disabled Water Ski Nationals.

juries to show them how to enjoy outdoor and athletic activities.

Carter has undergone rehabilitation at Shepherd's center, a rehabilitation hospital that specializes in spinal cord and brain injuries. One of Carter's therapists there encouraged him to try water skiing.

He was one of 13 to rep-

resent the USA in Milan, Italy, at the World's Disabled Waterskiing Competition, where his team won the gold medal. Last year, at the Nationals Competition in Talking Rock, Ga., Carter was selected to be a member of the team to compete at the 2015 Worlds Championship in California in September.

Two years ago, one of his

therapists at the Shepherd's Center called him and asked if he wanted to be among the first generation to take part in the research and development of an exoskeleton that can be independently put on or taken off.

This was created by Parker Hannafin and is called "The Indego." It controls the lower limbs, which

allows the person wearing it to walk at different paces, go up and down stairs, stand and sit.

Carter is no longer a part of these trials, but he is one of a choice few who will give a live demo to rehab centers and at expo events.

John Kwist, assistant professor of English, said, "The amazing thing about David is the happiness he brings to those around him in spite of his accident."

Regardless of all Carter has gone through he has kept a positive outlook on life.

"There will always be a possibility of my body fixing itself, but I'm very content with the position that I'm in," said Carter.

He continued, "If I am able to walk again, that'll be great. If I'm not, I'm still going to push as hard as I can to continue living my life as normal as I do with the friends and family that I have."

Carter thanks God daily for having a plan for him. He stated, "It's one of those situations where the limitations that you have are the ones that you allow."

## Georgia Highlands alumna covers curling championship in Switzerland

By Karlee Helms  
Managing Ed., Sports

Sarah Lane, former assistant editor for the Six Mile Post and GHC student, embarked on a journey to Switzerland over Thanksgiving break for the adventure of a lifetime.

Lane applied for the journalist position on the Sports Media Trainee Program hosted by the World Curling Federation.

"I received a call around nine in the morning letting me know that I won," Lane stated. "I screamed in the poor guy's ear, but I was just so excited!"

Over the course of the trip, Lane got to meet some of the athletes she has

watched and followed since the Winter Olympics and describes meeting them as "unbelievable."

Spending at least 13 hours a day at the arena, Lane's day was filled with following the games and helping create reports at the end of each game, along with writing and interviewing.

The most difficult part for her was interviewing the losers. "As the competition got more serious, I had to start interviewing the losers, which is definitely the hardest thing I ever had to do."

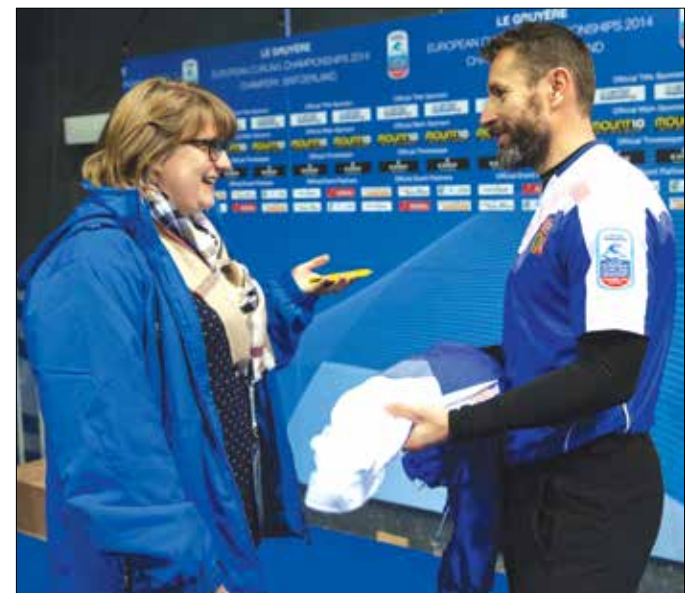
She said, "Being part of the Six Mile Post got me into journalism in the first place," Lane stated.

"I was intending to get a position on the literary magazine. Unfortunately that didn't happen, so I turned to the Six Mile Post, and I was able to blossom there with the guidance of Dr. Kemper and Ms. Wheeler."

She continued, "I wound up having a fantastic couple of years at GHC which allowed me to go on to become President of the Press Association and work for the Red & Black for a year and now write for a global audience."

With this "intense" yet "amazing" experience, Lane has had many doors opened for her.

Lane now hopes to pursue a career in sports PR and to continue to write for a global audience.



Contributed by the World Curling Federation

Sarah Lane interviews the Skip from the Czech Republic Curling Team, Jiri Snitil.



# Drive carefully for your safety and others'

By Holly Chaney  
Staff Writer

Winter weather, a tricky adversary here in Georgia, can be a real challenge for students not well versed in traversing icy conditions.

If we learned anything from last year's "Snowpocalypse" it is that we need to be better prepared for driving in winter weather.

While some may hibernate through this year's winter storms, others will not have a choice and will have to brave precarious road conditions.

For those who must venture out, the Georgia.gov website gives these tips:

**Slow down!** Icy roadways are nothing to joke about. A vehicle losing all traction and control at full speed is very dangerous.

Do yourself and others a

favor and lower your speed to at least half of the normal speed. And for those who have the shifting option, switch to low gear as you drive.

**Black ice!** It's a real thing, and you need to look out for it. Even at slower speeds, hitting black ice is dangerous and scary. Drivers who find themselves atop black ice would be smart to follow the three rules of black ice:

1. Don't hit the brakes, but keep your steering wheel steady.

2. Take your foot off the gas.

3. Don't try to overcorrect your steering if you begin to slide.

**Look out!** Heavy ice or snowfall can bring down trees and power lines. These are hazards that are best to avoid, and drivers should

exercise extreme caution should they encounter them on the roadways.

**Traffic Lights!** It is a common problem that the trees and power lines that succumb to heavy snow and ice bring down the power of other things as they fall.

In inclement weather, drivers may find themselves at an intersection without a functioning stoplight. In this situation, drivers should treat the intersection as a four-way stop and proceed with caution.

Lastly, drivers who find themselves behind road crews who are working to clear the roads should not pass but instead stay back 100 feet and allow them to do their job.

This may be frustrating but your patience and their hard work will make the roadways safer for everyone.



Photo by Chazmyane Griffin

**Iced over windows and windshields can be a problem for students on all campuses.**

## Being active, bundling up and washing hands can keep students from getting sick this winter

By Mellisa Parr  
Staff Writer

With flu season underway everyone should take precautions to keep from getting sick.

Here are a few things to do to stay healthy.

Make sure to stay active. WebMD states that the more active you are, the more your immune system is able to fight off anything trying to make you sick.

Bundling up during winter is a must as well. Make sure to always have a coat on, even if you're stepping outside for just a moment.

Stay hydrated. Drinking plenty of water daily helps flush out your system.

Make sure to wash your hands when you come in contact with things everyone uses in a public place, such as door handles and tables. You can even be at risk of getting sick if you use



Photo by Ariana Carter

**Make sure to bundle up in a coat and mittens to keep warm during the winter season.**

public restrooms without washing your hands.

Always remember when there is a cold going around to keep a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you.

Even though you might take every precaution, you may still get sick.

If you are sick, here are

a few things you can do to keep people around you from catching something you have.

Sneezing and coughing away from people is something everyone should always do.

You want to avoid as much contact with someone as possible so you do not spread what you have.

Drink plenty of tea and rest. Many think they can still do daily activities while sick, but that is a common misconception for someone with the flu.

Gloria Zagal, a general studies major, advises to bundle up to stay warm, drink tea and also get your flu shot.

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# Cumulative finals mostly show students' ability to cram content

Here we are in the first few weeks of the new semester, and students are already dreading final exams.

Why are final exams such a big deal? Students should be measured on what they've learned from the class, not their ability to memorize large amounts of material for cumulative finals.

At the end of every semester students take tests that sometimes determine whether or not they pass or fail a class. They study for weeks by making notecards, re-reading their textbooks and cramming everything they've learned the entire semester only

to eventually forget everything as soon as the course is over.

"I hate finals because your grade is based off of one test, especially for those who don't do well on tests," said Tee Jones, a sports medicine major.

This method does not only hurt students, but students are stressing out over not knowing what material will be on their final exams.

"I don't know how to study for finals, and a lot of teachers don't give study guides," said Skye Overby, a middle grades education major.

However, some teachers argue that cumulative finals help their

students on their final exams.

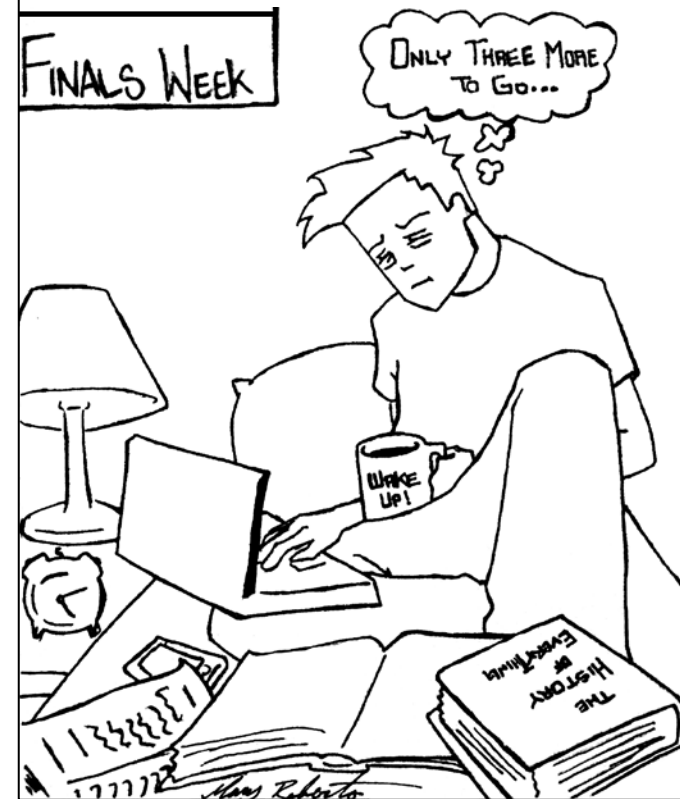
Greg Smith, instructor of philosophy, thinks that giving a cumulative final is a reliable guide for testing students' knowledge.

Many of his students end up improving their grade since they can replace their midterm grade with their final grade.

Not every student learns the same way, and not every teacher gives finals the same way, but from a student's point of view, cumulative finals tend to be more hindering than helpful.

-SMP Editorial Board

Mary Roberts 2015



## Agree to disagree and move forward

While watching the news coverage of the terrorist attack at the office of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine in France, my first thought was of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that guarantees Americans five freedoms to express their beliefs and opinions.

My mind then went to my fellow Six Mile Post staff members, and I asked myself, "Could people really resort to violence just because someone wrote, drew or said something that they didn't agree with?"

I quickly realized that this happens all the time. Frequently I see or hear of people having arguments and someone getting injured as a result. The result of the argument may not always lead to death, but it could lead to a black eye, a broken



### Editor's Box

**Derweatra Hammock**  
Managing Ed., Design

nose, a busted lip or bruises.

My older brother and I disagreed sometimes while we were growing up. We didn't get "pushy" often, but when we did, our parents quickly stepped in. They always said, "There isn't any reason for you two to be pushing and shoving. It's okay to disagree."

Our mom and dad made sure to let us know that since we were two completely different people we were going to have different likes and dislikes.

Even today my brother

and I disagree, but instead of kicking, pushing or throwing punches, we decide to "agree to disagree" and move on.

Violence is not going to solve anything. It is not going to change his mind on the topic or my mind. We are still going to feel different ways.

People are not going to have the same views and that is perfectly okay.

Since we are not carbon copies of each other, we shouldn't fault someone for having a different opinion.

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# GHC'S First Amendment Week

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Six Mile Post would like to invite students, faculty and staff to take part in Highlands' annual First Amendment Awareness Week. Participants can get involved by thinking about the five freedoms guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. First Amendment Awareness Week will take place at all GHC campuses Jan. 26 - Jan. 30.

## Follow your dreams and embrace the challenges



### Muscogee Minute

Gene Harmon  
Staff Writer

It has been a long time coming and is somewhat bittersweet.

As I approach my 49th year, I also celebrate my graduation from Georgia Highlands with my first college degree, something I never thought possible 10 years ago.

I have learned more during my time at GHC than I ever imagined, both through classes and working with the Six Mile Post.

However, what has been most important is what I learned about myself, what I am capable of doing.

History has always fas-

cinated me, but I never considered being one of those docents seen at a museum talking to people all day. As a re-enactor, I did presentations based upon information mentally stockpiled for years. I was in my comfort zone.

Denali happened. Not only have I found it personally one of the most beautiful places on earth, it challenged me as a historian and interpreter. I had no prior knowledge of the history in Denali. Beginning completely from scratch, I researched and created my presenta-

tions as a 1941 park ranger. With this came the realization I could be challenged to new levels and succeed.

My home at the Atlanta History Center is in 1930 as Edward Inman Sr., owner of the beautiful Swan House. As with Denali, I knew practically nothing about the family or the man. However, instead of set presentations, there is a constant first-person experience for our guests. Each day brings a new variety of people with different challenges faced in engaging them.

That is enough about me.

The point I am making is do whatever your heart desires and embrace the challenges along the way. They are not obstacles to your success, but the building blocks upon which your success is constructed. Guaranteed, you will find out some surprising things about yourself. Welcome them, for the paths taken will lead beyond your expectations.

- Gene Harmon graduated from GHC this past semester. Six Mile Post wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

# 'Archer' keeps audiences watching

By Ashlee Gilley  
Staff Writer

T.V. review

Combine a spy agency, dark humor and a lot of dysfunctional relationships to get an amazing show to watch during the down time this semester.

The sixth season of "Archer" aired on Jan. 8 after much anticipation from fans of the show. Archer is an animated dark comedy/action cartoon with a rating of TV-MA.

Archer is an obnoxious, misogynistic, troubled man who just so happens to be an amazing spy. If it was left up to him, he would spend his time just enjoying the perks of his star agent status, but his coworkers are

there to keep him on track.

With its combination of clever humor and a strong group of supporting characters, it is no surprise the show gets an average of two million viewers according to [accessatlanta.com](http://accessatlanta.com).

Some of the supporting characters include Lana, Archer's ex who is also a top spy with a strong, witty personality, and Pam, the straightforward Human Resources lady who happens to be the office's main target for teasing.

Some of the main focuses of the show include Archer's strained relationship with his mother and boss Mallory Archer, his ex-girlfriend and coworker Lana Kane and the dysfunctional interactions between the supporting characters.

All five seasons are on Netflix, and the episodes average around half an hour

each, which make them ideal to watch during a quick study break.

The lack of seriousness is why this show is good for those days where one just needs a laugh. The show's mixture of wittiness and ridiculous humor also helps to keep the episodes from feeling repetitive and stale. With all of the different personalities there is a character for everyone to love.

The episodes can stand on their own unlike other series. If the audience misses an episode or two, they can just fall back into watching without having to worry about catching up on the missed episodes.

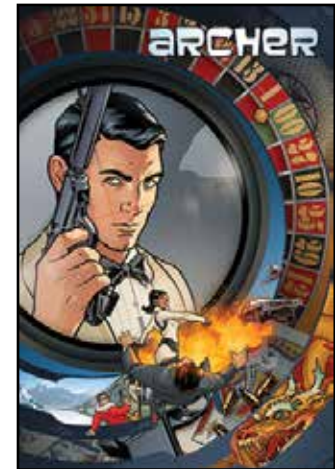
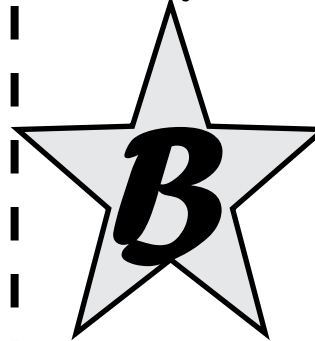
In the season premiere, star spy Sterling Archer has to face yet another sticky situation.

Season six has the promise to be just as interesting and full of humor as

the previous five.

"Archer" airs on Thursday nights at 10 p.m. on FX. Whether one needs a show to unwind or wants a new show to watch with friends, "Archer" would make a great addition to anyone's weekly line up.

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# Cartersville athletes ready to hit the field

By Shelby Hogland  
Asst. Sports Editor

Liz Prance, GHC softball player and sophomore, has big expectations for her team in this upcoming season.

Prance said, "We should be able to make conference tournament and make it to Vegas in the spring."

The team placed third in conference and region last season, missing the championship by two runs. Prance said that one of the team goals this spring is to win as many conference games as possible.

Prance stated, "The sophomores have to play every game like it's our last

because it is our last season at GHC before we all transfer on."



Photo by Shelby Hogland

**Liz Prance**

She said that the sophomores will be an important factor because they have played all the teams before

and are familiar with the opponents' key players.

Prance added, "This year we have way more depth having nine freshmen that are very athletic and have caught on quick, so we should be able to make it even further than we did last year, which is what we are hoping for."

She continued, "Our biggest rival will be ABAC because they put us out in the region tournament in two very close games,"

Prance knows her teammates "are ready to get back on the field," and she can't wait to see what they accomplish this spring.

Freddie Beamon, GHC baseball player and sopho-

more, is also optimistic about his team in the upcoming season.

Beamon expects the team to be successful. "We have a great group of guys that know how to win and will do whatever it takes to do so," he said.

Beamon's goals are to be a good leader and do whatever he can to help the team win.

The team's goal for the season is to win a championship. Beamon stated, "Everybody knows we're not just trying to get to the playoffs. Coach Marra set a high bar in the fall to win a championship."

Beamon continued, "The difference from last year is

the team as a whole. You wouldn't even recognize this team from last year's. We have so many new guys from all over the country. It's great because they all have the same mind-set and that's to win."



Photo by Shelby Hogland

**Freddie Beamon**

## Georgia Highlands' table staff works hard behind the scenes

By Joseph LeFurgey  
Staff Writer

Behind the scenes of every basketball game, the clock operator, announcer and scorekeeper as well as the referees work hard to make sure the game is enjoyable to all the fans and fair for the players.

Danny Cole is the clock operator for most of the basketball games at Georgia Highlands College. Cole started clock operating for games while in high school in 1974. He has been clock operating ever since then in regional, state and college games.

Cole stated, "We are all a team over here. We have to work closely with each other

"We could not have the quality product we have without their efforts."

-David Mathis  
Assistant Director of Athletics

and the referees."

Tim Hensley is the announcer for the GHC basketball games. Hensley has been an announcer for high school ballgames and started announcing Georgia Highlands' basketball games when Assistant Director of Athletics David Mathis gave him a call and

asked him to announce for the basketball games.

Peri Jones is the scorekeeper for the basketball games at Georgia Highlands College. Jones started keeping score for basketball games when her kids first started playing the sport during the early 1990s.

Although these positions are different, they have to be able to work together.

Mathis stated, "These clock operators, scorekeeper and PA announcer have been on staff for many years here at the college."

He continued, "They are known around the state as one of the top table staff teams. We could not have the quality product we have without their efforts."



Photo by Karlee Helms

The GHC table staff watches the action against Central Georgia Tech, Jan. 14.

## Six Mile Post Ping Pong Intramural Tourney

Held on the Floyd and Cartersville campuses.

For sign-up information, see your intramurals coordinator!

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## Take advice from a pro: Go for it!



### Karlee's Corner

Karlee Helms  
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If anyone has parents like mine, college was already going to be a part of your life. No questions asked. But what happens if something major happens while earning a degree? What would you do if you got an offer to play in the NFL, NBA or even the MLB while still in college?

This happened to Danny "DJ" Ware while playing football for the University of Georgia. After completing a successful career in the NFL, Ware has made the ultimate decision to return to UGA to finish his degree in Housing.

"You have to go when it's your time to go. If you have the opportunity to go on to the next level in sports, I encourage you to go, but at the same time you can always go back and finish your degree," Ware said.

This is the DJ I grew up knowing. He was smart and funny, but most of all he was motivated to go professional with football.

If you have the chance

to go pro in whatever your heart desires, you should do it. I mean, who would turn down a record deal or a modeling contract? If you want it bad enough, go for it. No one is stopping you except for that little voice in your head we call doubt.

Yes, education is important, and that's something that no one can take away from you, but if you want to do something bad enough, then go for it!

Now, if your dream is to sit around and eat pizza while watching endless Netflix movie marathons, then I suggest you stick to the books, but if you have a chance to make money doing what you love, then you're already set for a successful professional life.

School will always be available, but that offer is only there for a limited amount of time.

Take advantage of the opportunities you are given because I can guarantee that in five years you'll look back and wish you did.



#### Floyd

##### Intramurals

- 5 on 5 basketball registration deadline is Feb. 9.
- Billiards and SMP Ping Pong Tourney registration deadline is Feb. 5.

##### Intercollegiate

- Chargers' basketball will be hitting the road to take on South Georgia Tech and Albany Tech. The next home game will be on Feb. 7.
- Lady Chargers' basketball will be taking on Darton State College at home, Jan. 28.

#### Cartersville

##### Intramurals

- Dates coming soon.
- See Coach Wood for spring intramurals information.

##### Intercollegiate

- Chargers' baseball will swing into the 2015 season on Feb. 6 in Harriman, Tenn. Their first home games will be Feb. 7, 10, 11 and 13 at LakePoint.
- Lady Chargers' softball will start their season with "Bring-A-Friend" Promo games, which will be held on Feb. 6 and 7 at Stars Field.

## Chargers, Lady Chargers split wins with Central Georgia Technical College

By Adam Hatcher  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 18, the Lady Chargers traveled to Chattahoochee Tech, and had a huge win of 81-25.

However, the Lady Chargers took on the Lady Titans of Central Georgia Tech at home on Jan. 14 and were defeated with a final score of 77-57.

The Lady Chargers' leading scorers were Va'Queshia Hall and Deana Blankinship with 11 points.

"I feel like the score indicates that we played a lot worse than we actually did," Brandon Harrell, head women's basketball coach stated.

The Lady Chargers are scheduled to take on the Lady Titans again on Sat. Feb. 14.

As of Jan. 21, the Lady Chargers are the fourth seed in the GCAA conference.



Photo by Karlee Helms

Aujana Dawkins rushes down the court, Jan. 14.

On Jan. 18, the Chargers took on Chattahoochee Tech. With a final score of 88-86, the Chargers gained yet another win for the season.

The 16-2 Chargers took on the Titans of Central Georgia Tech at the Floyd campus gym on Jan. 14.

With a 15 point lead at half-time the Titans were kept on edge by the Chargers.

"I thought we played really well in the first half," said Matt Williams, assistant men's basketball coach.

The Chargers' Donovan Harris said, "We kept going hard until the end."

The Chargers were led to their 80-72 victory by Harris and Ty Toney with 15, Terrence Thompson with 13, Denzel Council with 12 and Taquan Givens with 10 points.

The Chargers are the second seed in the GCAA conference as of Jan. 21.



Photo by Karlee Helms

Taquan Givens dodges the Titans of Central Georgia Tech, Jan. 14.