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GHC's baseball team ready for competitive season
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GHC alum and Atlanta Braves baseball minor league pitcher Dalton Geekie (second from left) sits with members of GHC's baseball team at the men's basketball game Jan. 18.



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GHC exploring more bachelor degree options

By Amanda Maxwell
Staff Writer

Since becoming a state college in 2011, Georgia Highlands has implemented two four-year programs and is looking into adding more.

The nursing department of Georgia Highlands now offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program which was introduced in 2014. The other four-year program currently being offered at GHC is a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH), which was first offered in the summer of 2015.

Georgia Highlands is currently discussing adding two business administration degree programs. According to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Renva Watterson, "One will be in Health Care

Management and the other in Supply Chain and Logistics Management." However, neither of them has been approved yet.

According to Dr. Alan Nichols, the dean of social sciences, the success of GHC as a state college depends on the success of its four-year degree programs. He says that the two-year degree programs currently awaiting approval should attract international students, which is "an area we are developing under the guidance of Dr. Don Green, GHC president, and Dr. Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad."

He also said, "Given the large amount of healthcare in Floyd County and the amount of heavy industry in Bartow and surrounding counties, Highlands should be able to

attract more domestic students as well."

Elijah Scott, the dean of libraries, college testing, and curriculum innovation, stated that Georgia Highlands College's goal is to find careers that are high in demand and offer the training and education required to get these jobs. He said "this ensures that we put resources behind new degrees that will offer the greatest potential employment benefits, in terms of both salary and employability for the communities we serve."

Sophomore student Andrea Mendez, a pre-nursing major, is considering the four year nursing program.

Mendez says, "This program will help me reach my goals and to become a better person. It's great that it is being offered here because it's



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

Emilee Brussee fights plaque by cleaning Erika Grant's teeth. A four-year BSDH degree is now available at GHC.

closer to home and I get to be around my family more often."

Makala Holtzclaw, a GHC freshman, who is planning to continue her education

through GHC's dental hygiene program, said, "It will definitely help me find a job in the future! The hard work is worth it."

GHC founding president leaves lasting legacy in Georgia Highlands community

By Stacey Moffett
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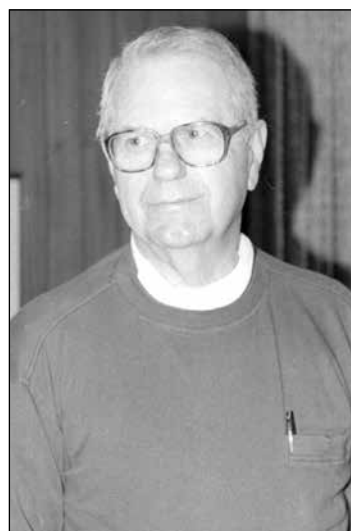
David McCorkle, founding president of Georgia Highlands College (formerly known as Floyd College), passed away on Dec. 19, 2015.

McCorkle's post-high school educational history began at Georgia Southwestern.

He graduated in 1941 with a provisional elementary teaching certificate and a junior college degree.

While working at Wesley Grammar School, he was drafted into the Army and was honorably discharged later on as a staff sergeant.

He then attended the University of Georgia, receiving his bachelor's, and while there he met his future wife, George



File photo

David B. McCorkle, President Emeritus of GHC

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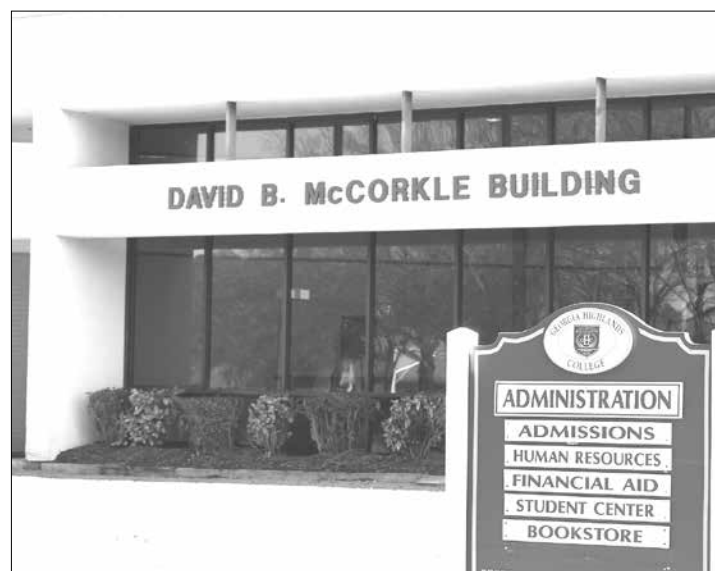
Corkles welcomed their first daughter, the family packed up and moved to Oregon, where McCorkle would pursue a doctorate in education.

After receiving his doctorate, McCorkle served in positions such as director of student activities and director of student personnel in Mississippi and later was appointed the first president of Floyd Junior College in Rome.

McCorkle served as president from 1970 until his retirement in 1991.

After retirement, McCorkle was named President Emeritus of the college, and in 2003 the name of the administration building on the Floyd campus was changed to reflect his name.

Donald Green, current



File Photo

The Floyd campus administration building was renamed for David McCorkle in 2003.

president of Georgia Highlands, said of McCorkle, "Dr. David McCorkle was visionary, thoughtful and tireless as president of GHC. Words cannot fully express my grati-

tude for the leadership Dr. McCorkle provided. He created a culture of access, service, affordability and excellence that we continue at Georgia Highlands College today."

Big changes revealed for GHC's nursing program

By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

In keeping with national trends, Georgia Highlands College's nursing associate degree program is changing its requirements.

According to Health Science Dean Janet Alexander, nursing students who are accepted into the Fall 2016 program will have to have a CNA license before starting the program; alternatively students applying for the program's fall 2017 class will be required to have a CNA license prior to applying for the program.

Alexander says, "This will give the students more experience going into the program, to make sure this is really what they want to do. Half the students already have a CNA license, so it will give the rest

an opportunity to be on even-footing. Also they can work with this license while in the program, and it's a door opener to a better nursing job once graduating."

Plans for this change have been in the works for quite some time.

However, according to GHC's Director of Nursing, Rebecca F. Maddox, the change is only now being made official. Students can expect additional changes in the future, "but the only change at present is a requirement to be a certified nursing assistant prior to starting the nursing program," Maddox said.

Licensed Practical Nurses applying for the LPN-RN bridge program will be exempt from this CNA requirement as they are already practicing licensed nurses. Paramedics applying for the paramedic-

RN bridge program will not be exempt from the CNA requirement.

Being considered for admission into GHC's competitive nursing program, which will only accept 80 students, requires that applicants have a minimum combined score of 830 points on the math and critical reading sections of the SAT.

Students must also take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V), but there is no minimum score required to be eligible for admission into the nursing program.

Points are awarded based on math and science subscale scores; the higher a student scores, the more points the student receives.

Grades in the pre-nursing courses also help to determine a student's eligibility for entry into GHC's nursing program.



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

Nursing students Steven Canty (left) and Marshall Gaory learn important practical nursing skills at GHC's Heritage Hall in Rome.

The nursing curriculum is being redesigned to allow students to complete the program, including core classes, in four to five semesters of full-time enrollment.

Students will still be able to

complete the core curriculum first, and then take the nursing courses by themselves.

A link to the nursing application worksheet can be found on the highlands.edu nursing admissions page.

Preview Day

January 31, 1pm



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westga.edu/previewday

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Highlands students enjoy a week of welcome



Photo by Taylor Barton
Becca Blair (left) and Emily Haunes show off their candle creations.



Photo by Lydia Chandler
Jessica Ward shows off her custom sign.



Photo by Taylor Barton
(From left) Taylor Farley, Pamela Diokpara and Alesheia Johnson visit a Week of Welcome event.

Each semester GHC's Office of Student Life sponsors a series of fun events to welcome students back during their first week of classes.



Photo by Taylor Barton
Lyle Morris makes a custom sign for his sweetheart.



Photo by Taylor Barton
Miles Threadgill holds his personalized sign.



Photo by Sarah Cousar
Madison Harris makes buttons.



Photo by Sarah Cousar
Ally Luby shows off her mug creation.

Sign-ups to open for Alabama Shakespeare Festival

By Holly Chaney
Managing Ed., Design

Sign-ups will begin on Feb. 1 for the annual spring trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, Ala., sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the humanities division.

The plays to be seen on this trip are William Shakespeare's comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the comedy/drama "Driving Miss Daisy" by Atlanta native Alfred Uhry.

In addition to seeing two plays and exploring the landscaped grounds around the theater building, the group

will also take a side trip to tour the Civil Rights Memorial Center.

Kristie Kemper, professor of English and ASF trip coordinator said, "It's good professional theater, and I am excited about this year's plays. This is my favorite thing that the school does all year."

The trip is open to any GHC student, employee or guest. It will take place on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1.

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. Trip sign-up is handled by Student Life on each

campus and will continue until March 1, unless tickets run out before that time. Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis and there are only 55 available spots. There will be a waiting list if necessary.

The total cost per person is \$135 for a double, \$115 for a triple and \$105 for a quad. This will cover the hotel, tickets, tour bus transportation and two meals in addition to the hotel breakfast. A \$50 deposit is due at sign-up with the balance due March 23, according to John Spranza, director of Student Life.

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

fee. ASF financial assistance forms will soon be available on the college's ASF web page at <http://www.highlands.edu/>

site/asf and in all GHC Student Life Offices. The forms need to be returned to a student life office by Feb. 15.



File Photo

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival complex is set in a 300 acre landscaped park.

GHC to celebrate Black History with poetry, games and prizes

By Christina Goodwin
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To celebrate Black History Month, Georgia Highlands is having poetry workshops, spoken word performances with discussions and a trivia game to win cash prizes in February.

Kicking it off, the BreakBeat Poets are coming on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The BreakBeat poets features 78 poets, born between 1961-1999, from all parts of the United States.

Kevin Coval, the co-editor of The BreakBeat Poets, and Jamila Woods, a contributing artist, will be at the Cartersville campus from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the Floyd campus from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a poetry workshop.

Also a spoken word performance and discussion will happen later in the evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Floyd campus.

Later in February, Lady Caress will come to all five GHC locations for a spoken word performance.

The dates and locations

are as follows: Cartersville campus on Feb. 15, Floyd on Feb. 16, Marietta on Feb. 23, Paulding on Feb. 24 and Douglasville on Feb. 25.

Her show times will be at noon at all locations except Marietta, where the performance starts at 12:30 p.m.

On Feb. 1 at Floyd and Feb. 18 at Cartersville, student life will be hosting the ThinkFast trivia game show with the questions being primarily based on black history.

Students can participate alone or in groups.

Participants will answer using special remotes and, after several rounds, the winner will receive 200 dollars in cash.

It will be held in the Solarium on the Floyd Campus at 12 p.m., and in the student center room 102 on the Cartersville campus.

Other events hosted by Brother 2 Brother will be announced later in the month.



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Lady Caress will visit five GHC locations to deliver her spoken word performance.

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American political rat race of betrayal portrayed in original Netflix series 'House of Cards' starring Kevin Spacey

By Marquis Holmes
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Netflix Show Review

There is a never ending "rat race" taking place in every profession in America. It places professionals in a competition for a position only suited for very few.

In the Netflix original "House of Cards" we are invited into the driver's seat of the biggest "rat race" of all - the race for U.S. presidency.

Congressman Frank Underwood, portrayed by Academy Award winner Kevin Spacey, is a relentlessly ag-

gressive and witty politician who stops at absolutely nothing to become President of the United States of America - murder, scandal, perjury and blackmail included.

This series is strongly based on political structure, so it is not exactly appealing to all, but the constant thickening plot and inhumane acts will have any viewer on the edge of his or her seat.

The well-written dialogue of Underwood as he regularly addresses the audience directly forces the viewer to love him, no matter what wrong he is committing.

The key supporting roles such as Claire Underwood, the equally ambitious and

manipulative wife, portrayed by Golden Globe winner Robin Wright and Doug Stamper, Underwood's emotionally disturbed Chief of Staff, portrayed by Emmy nominated Michael Kelly, are just as breathtaking as that of the protagonist.

Season four is set to release on Netflix on March 4. "House of Cards" gets a grade of B.

This show
gets a grade of



DiCaprio deserves Oscar

By Whitney Roderick
Staff Writer

"The Revenant" stars Leonardo DiCaprio as Hugh Glass, a legendary frontiersman that undergoes serious injury from a bear attack while exploring the wilderness.

The movie follows Glass on his mission for survival and revenge against his team that left him for dead. The film is based on a true story.

The movie has received positive reviews from critics earning 80 percent out of 100

on the critic website, "Rotten Tomatoes."

"The Revenant" has won three golden globes for Best Motion Picture-Drama, Best Performance by an Actor and Best Original Score.

"The Revenant" is an action and gore-packed movie that will have people on the edge of their seats.

This movie
gets a grade
of



DiCaprio stars as Hugh Glass in "The Revenant," where he journeys across treacherous lands in order to get back to his camp and seek revenge on the man who killed his son.



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Retired GHC professor's new book tells parents' story of love and war

By Kayla Jameson
Managing Ed., News

Leigh Callan was a Georgia Highlands College professor for the school's health sciences division for 27 years before retiring in 2002. Now Callan has authored her first book, "Here's my Heart: A Legacy of Love and War."

The book provides the firsthand experiences of Callan's father, Lieutenant Doyle K. Whittenburg, during World War II through the pictures and love letters that he sent home to her mother, Juby.

After Callan's retirement, she found herself with nothing to do, so she asked her mother if she could have the letters. Since her father had always wanted something done with

them, she began transcribing them for her family.

She had heard the stories from the war all of her life, but she never knew the personal side of it. She said, "I got the facts, but in the letters he is so willing to tell every thought he had. He would tell you his deep feelings about these events."

The letters changed her perspective of the war and her father, and she knew then that the letters were unique. Callan said, "I thought we should not just keep this for ourselves. It needs to be out there for other people to enjoy and learn from, so I hope that happens."

To walk in their dad's footsteps, Callan and her brother, Ken, traveled to England, Belgium and Germany to visit the places her father had docu-

mented in his letters to Juby. They visited an English manor that her father had stayed in during the beginning of the war. They also visited a family her father had stayed with and a crystal factory that their father had mentioned in a letter.

They returned and showed Juby the pictures they had taken and a goblet they had bought from the crystal factory. According to Callan, Juby said, "I felt like I was there." Callan happily responded, "Mission accomplished."

On Dec. 7, Callan did an informal presentation and book signing at the Floyd GHC campus library. To purchase a copy of "Here's my Heart: A Legacy of Love and War," please visit leighcallanauthor.com.



Photos by Taylor Barton

Leigh Callan speaks about new book with mother, Juby Whittenburg by her side.

Important January events in Georgia history



Georgia becomes first in the nation to approve a charter for a University, in Athens, which later became the University of Georgia 16 years later.

Jan. 27, 1785



The First African Baptist Church in Savannah is one of the oldest African American Baptist churches in North America.

Jan. 20, 1788



The University of Georgia was desegregated with the admission of African American students Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter

Jan. 9, 1961

Jan. 2, 1788

Georgia is the 4th state to enter the union after ratifying the constitution.

Jan. 3, 1973

Andrew Young was elected as Georgia's first black congressman since Reconstruction.

Jan. 18, 1986

Martin Luther King Day is first observed, thanks to the efforts of King's widow, Coretta Scott King.

Everybody is too quick to judge others

It is impossible to turn on the television these days without hearing news on the upcoming election and its candidates. It's a constant berating of each other's characters, of he-said, she-said, and of why each candidate deserves the title of the leader of the free world. Unfortunately, their actions reflect ours.

People unknowingly embrace the idea of "bad idea, bad man." One sentence is turned into an extended idea of a person. What comes out of the mouth of a person becomes the first and only impression to someone else, and that person is judged from then on according to that one statement. It seems no one has the time to take into consideration the fact that words can be taken out of context

and twisted around.

How many times has a student walked down the hall and heard part of a conversation, not liked it, then immediately judged that other person for those couple of words they just spoke? The whole conversation was not heard, the student doesn't know the person's past, or who the person is in the present time. The few words spoken out of context form an impression of that person from then on.

This seems to be the trend in our culture these days. People are quick to judge, not just on the words people speak but how they dress, act and live their lives.

People seem to want to have a definitive conclusion about others. They have

to decide what they think of someone, instead of just being open-minded toward that person.

We need to embrace the idea of sitting down and having more conversations with people. Instead of talking about other people, let's start talking about different ideas.

Let's have in-depth discussions about the world today, about the region we live in or even about the school we go to.

Even if we don't agree with a person and his or her opinions, we should be open to the idea that a good conversation can be held while having differing opinions.

We need to get to know someone on a higher level, rather than just judging that person by a quick snapshot of his or her life.



Artwork by Amanda Maxwell

Ring in the New Year: A more helpful approach

With the New Year come New Year's resolutions: lose weight, eat healthier, go to the gym more and the list goes on. Americans are geared towards change during this motivating time of year. We are encouraged to improve our overall selves. This is portrayed throughout the media every year, and we fall for it hook, line and sinker.

But something is missing. What are we failing to shine the light on each new year? For me, it was public service. Last year, I made myself a promise to participate in at least four community service projects. Ideally, this allows a service project for every season.

In every community there



Editor's Box

Olivia Camp
Ad Manager

is work to be done. Whether it is helping out at a local shelter, cleaning up the environment or volunteering at a food kitchen, work can be done bettering the local community.

My acts of service ranged from volunteering at the homeless shelter in the summer to donating blankets during the winter. Nothing major has to be done, but improving one's community is always a helpful

resolution for the new year.

Imagine the difference we could make if we all made ourselves this promise. All it takes is a small quantity of free time. Charitable acts do not have to cost money. Resolving to help others sure does beat giving up sweets this new year!

Let's make the difference this year. Let's set an example for others. Let 2016 be the year of bettering our communities.

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GHC celebrates First Amendment Week

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of **religion**, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of **speech**, or of the **press**; or the right of the people peaceably to **assemble**, and to **petition** the government for a redress of grievances. - First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

By **Holly Chaney**
Managing Ed., Design

In the last week of January Georgia Highlands College will observe First Amendment Awareness week. First Amendment Awareness week, which was started in 2004 by GHC's news publication, the Six Mile Post, was established as a campaign to foster awareness of the amendment.

There are five pillars of The First Amendment: freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. The amendment was signed into

law within the first 10 amendments to the Constitution in The Bill of Rights and went into effect Dec., 15, 1791.

Written to protect citizens from the power of the federal government, the First Amendment has not only been a safeguard to voices of change, rights activism, and religious movements, but also to the individual.

While these protections have long stood at the forefront of The Bill of Rights, they are not always a given in situations of adversity but, rather, must be evoked within

the power of U.S. law.

As the world changes, new issues arise that challenge the language outlined in The First Amendment.

Innovations such as film, television and the internet have all had to call upon the First Amendment and the U.S. court system to reinterpret what is and what is not protected under its provisions.

There will always be a push to stifle platforms of expression, but no matter how hard the push, we must not give up the inalienable right of even a single voice.

First Amendment Week co-sponsors

1. Human Services Club
2. The Equality Alliance
3. Student Veterans of America
4. Green Highlands
5. Brother 2 Brother
6. Old Red Kimono
7. Spanish Activities Club
8. College Democrats
9. Students without Borders
10. Phi Theta Kappa
11. English Majors Association
12. American Association of University Professors
13. American Association of Women in Community Colleges
14. Baptist Student Union
15. Gaming Club
16. Political Science and Criminal Justice Club
17. Student Government Association

“Censors never go after books unless kids already like them. I don't even think they know to go after books until they know that children are interested in reading this book; therefore there must be something in it that's wrong.” - **Judy Blume** (Author)

“People cited violation of the First Amendment when a New Jersey schoolteacher asserted that evolution and the Big Bang are not scientific and that Noah's ark carried dinosaurs. This case is not about the need to separate church and state; it's about the need to separate ignorant, scientifically illiterate people from the ranks of teachers.”

- **Neil deGrasse Tyson** (American astrophysicist and author)

“Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.”

- **William O. Douglas** (Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and author)

“To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.”

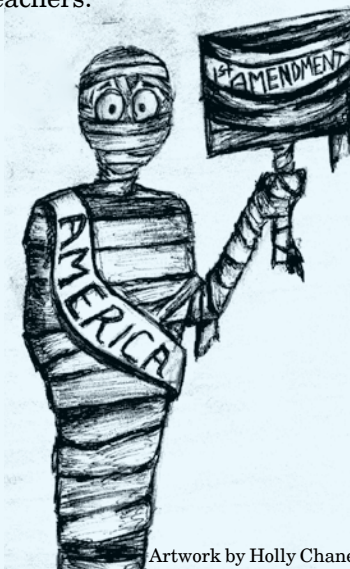
- **G.K. Chesterton** (Author, poet, philosopher)

“If the first words out of your mouth are to cry ‘political correctness!’, chances are very, very high that you are in fact part of the problem.”

- **Angela Highland** (Author)

“Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage.”

- **Winston S. Churchill** (Prime Minister of the United Kingdom)



Artwork by Holly Chaney

Chargers baseball is expecting a great year

By Jorge Tinoco Ramos
Staff Writer

In 2015, the Georgia Highlands Chargers baseball team was left hungry after the premature ending of the postseason.

They look past that as they prepare for this season. The team has been working hard ever since to make 2016 its most competitive season yet.

Coach Mike Marra disclosed that the team's goals this season are "to compete for the conference championship and the tournament championship while advancing further into the playoffs with a chance to compete for the national title."

The team this year is veteran-loaded with seven return-

ing sophomores and several more transfer students.

According to Zach McCrum, a sophomore pitcher for the Chargers, every position on the field has a veteran leader who keeps the young freshmen motivated and concentrated on getting the team to the next level.

The team had a busy off-season which included scrimmages with several four-year schools and rigorous training programs to prepare the team for the tough competitive season that awaits them.

The team has acquired some talented players that it hopes will help the team push through the competition on its way to the title.

One of the talented young players the Chargers gained

this year is freshman and third baseman Brandon Bell.

McCrum stated that "Bell is unlike any other freshman, or rather any other player, I have ever played with. The kid is a beast."

The 2016 regular season will be filled with a plentiful amount of home games at the LakePoint Sports Center, with more than half the conference games at home.

The first time the fans will be able to see the Chargers play will be on Friday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. at LakePoint.

Marra is confident that they have a very talented and skillful team that the supporters and community can be proud of and will also enjoy watching.

He hopes that the fans and



Photo by Sarah Cousar

(from left) Zach McCrum and Brandon Bell ready themselves for the 2016 baseball season.

the community will be able to come out and support the team and the school in order to

make the most out of the home field advantage and contribute to a winning season.

College level athletes tend to do a lot more than just practice and play games



Rico's Reflection

Karicka "Rico" Culberson
Managing Ed., Sports

Being a student athlete has its benefits. On the outside looking in, it appears that college athletes have it all together. Student athletes have the misconception of "having

it easy" when it comes to anything other than playing.

Many are provided with school lunches, housing and given full ride scholarships for playing a game they enjoy.

They also benefit from a

supportive group of people to guide them through their college years. At Georgia Highlands coaches do a lot for their athletes.

They not only care about a player's performance on the court but also in the classroom.

Sports teams are given a required number of hours to spend in the tutorial center each week.

Each player is required to maintain a minimum GPA in order to play on game days.

This keeps the athletes

honest in their schoolwork and committed to doing what it takes to play.

Another benefit of being a student athlete is the opportunity to network.

Being involved at school allows faculty to know the athlete better and can be a valuable asset when needing a letter of recommendation.

Student athletes can also become well known in the community through their involvement with community service projects.

Often we see student athletes as just having fun playing ball and enjoying the ride, but athletes put in a lot of time and work.

Their sports programs are doing more for them than what is sometimes acknowledged.

Coaches and teammates have taught me many of my greatest lessons in life, and being around such a supportive group can make all the difference when taking on college.

This helps develop a life long lesson.

Six Mile Post/Intramurals Ping Pong Tournament

Floyd campus

Play begins February 15

Contact Matt Williams at mawillia@highlands.edu for more information.

Cartersville campus

Play takes place on April 4

Contact Clifton Puckett at cpuckett@highlands.edu for more information.

Trophies will be awarded to each winner.

Intramurals and events coming up for Cartersville Campus

5-on-5 Basketball, Tuesdays and Thurs. in February, 3:30 p.m.

Co-ed volleyball, Mondays and Weds. in February, 3:30 p.m.

A March Madness bracket challenge, during the NCAA men's basketball tournament

Texas Hold 'Em April 11 in the Student Center

Quidditch April 19 on the intramural field

Information compiled by: Sierra Baggett

Softball team looks forward to a title-winning season in 2016

By Jorge Tinoco Ramos
Staff Writer

In the 2015 season, the Lady Chargers softball team finished second in their conference and fifth in the regional tournament, showing that they are a force to be reckoned with.

Now with the season fast approaching, what does the future hold for the Lady Chargers softball team?

According to Coach Melissa Wood, "Our goal this season is to get a ring!"

This season the Lady Chargers have an opportunity to collect a total of three titles. The first opportunity will be the regular conference title.

The team has been training nonstop during their off season in preparation for a strong start to the 2016 season. The team has had a hectic off season by scrimmaging seven D1 teams and two D2 teams. This season the softball team is full of young faces with only four

returning sophomores.

The freshmen have shown great promise by putting up a fight against all of the teams they scrimmaged against in the off-season. Among the new faces that played in the scrimmages, the players who stood out were Kayla Street who pitched against Tennessee Tech, catcher Caitlin Parks who showed great consistency from game to game and Brianna Fickes, who impressed as the team's first baseman.

By playing those rigorous games, the Lady Chargers gained a great deal of experience which they hope will show in the regular conference games and help lead the team to their first conference title.

Wood stated, "First we must concentrate on winning our conference and then we will tackle what comes next."

The next opportunity for a title win will come to the Lady Chargers at the regional tournament.

The Lady Chargers had a

good showing last season taking fifth place.

This year their goal is to win. The region tournament takes place after the demanding regular conference games.

The team will face different obstacles in the tournament than they did in the regular season.

"My biggest concerns would be to not get burned out, to not get unmotivated and to prevent injuries," said Jace Armstrong, the team's closing pitcher, when discussing the team's obstacles going into the regional tournament and possibly the national championship title.

The third opportunity will be the Lady Chargers' battle for a national championship.

The Georgia Highlands College softball team takes the field for their first conference game of the season at home on Friday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m.

They will be playing against Darton State College at Stars Field.

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Kyvon Davenport (right) wins the jumpball for the Chargers against East Georgia State.

Featured game: Chargers continue to perform well in conference play

**By Victor Gonzales
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The East Georgia State Bobcats could not withstand the onslaught of the Chargers who won 97-70 at the men's home basketball game on Jan. 9.

Six Charger players scored in the double digits in the victory. Keymont Jenkins led the way with 19 points, followed by Tylik Evans and Kyvon Davenport, who scored 15 points each.

Justin Bridges and Doniel Dean each scored 14 points, and Will Gibbons added 13 points.

Phil Gaffney, head coach of the Chargers, said, "We played hard and gave effort. We played great defense, which lead to great offense."

The Chargers had a 13 point lead in the first half, and they did not slow down in the second half. GHC outscored the Bobcats by 14 points in the second half to win the game by 27 points.

Freshman forward Davenport lead the team in rebounding with nine boards.

"We shared the ball a lot and had great ball movement. I think next game we should be able to adjust better and improve," said Davenport.

Fellow freshman guard Evans hit three 3-pointers to help increase the lead.

Evans also said, "We did pretty well, but we can always improve on boxing out and crushing boards to help us keep winning."

Sports Update

At press time GHC Chargers are ranked #2 in the NJCAA with an 19-1 record nationally and are #1 in the GCAA with a 7-0 conference record.

Featured game: Lady Chargers defeat the East Georgia State Bobcats at home with a strong stand

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The Lady Chargers won at home by 13 points against the Lady Bobcats of East Georgia State Jan. 9.

A strong performance by Pam Diokpara, who led the game in points with 14, helped secure the win with a final score of 48-61.

Deana Blankenship also helped out by getting a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Chargers' head coach Brandon Harrell said, "We had a slow start with some good looks, but I really think we outdid them in all 48 minutes."

The Lady Chargers were up six points against the Lady Bobcats at the end of the first half.

The intensity picked up in the second half after Diokpara scored the first points of the half.

East Georgia managed to keep the game close, being

down by only seven points at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter would then belong to the Lady Chargers, who outscored the Bobcats 20 to 14.

De'Ashia Jones scored 6 of her 10 points in the fourth quarter to help push the Chargers over the Bobcats.

"We had a much better second half and our intensity was better. We also started to limit their best scorers, but I still think we have some things we can improve on," said Harrell.

Sports Update

At press time the Lady Chargers hold a 14-8 overall record but are 7-1 in GCAA standings making them #2 ranked in their conference.



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Deana Blankenship (right) lays the ball up in the Jan. 9 game against East Georgia State.