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GHC guard Rico Bonds, from Savannah, goes for a layup during the quarterfinal game.



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Cartersville campus road work coming to an end

By Morgan White
Staff Writer

What once was a sea of traffic cones and construction workers in front of the Georgia Highlands Cartersville campus is now a four-lane roadway.

According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, the project is 78.12 percent finished, and the project completion date remains March 2017, as previously reported.

The construction aims to bring easier access and shorter travel times for commuters travelling between Highway 411 and Route 20 by widening state Route 20 from two to four lanes and then relocating Route 20 to better access 411. Leslie Johnson, Cartersville

campus dean, said, "The construction has certainly given us some challenges, and it has been confusing at times, but noticing the progress has been very nice."

While more work is to be done on the roads, the completion of the four-lane roadway eases travel to the Cartersville campus from Highway 411.

Student Hannah Ransom said, "It was super frustrating dealing with traffic and changing routes on the way to class. I'm glad that stress is basically over. I was worried the construction wouldn't be over until I graduated."

Another student, Shelby Barron, agreed. "The traffic was inconvenient at best, but incredibly stressful at its worst," she said.



Road work continues near the Cartersville campus.

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Professor Christina Wolfe takes an African adventure

By Steven Godfrey
Staff Writer

The International Perspectives on Higher Education Program recently sent faculty members, from several universities, including GHC's Christina Wolfe, on a trip to South Africa to study the effect that apartheid had on the education and university systems there and the adjustments they've made since the end of apartheid.

The trip was organized by The University of South Carolina and lasted from March 4 to March 12.

Half of the participants' time was spent in Johannesburg and the other half in Cape Town.

Wolfe, who is instructor of sociology at GHC, was one of three people not from the University of South Carolina chosen for the trip.

The other two were Chris-



Photo by Shannon Francis

Christina Wolfe

topher Ward from Clayton State University and Angela

Miles from North Carolina State University.

Alan Nichols, dean of the division of social sciences, business and education and Wolfe's supervisor, said, "She was selected from a very competitive field of faculty to go on this trip, which I believe speaks highly of her."

Prior to the trip, Wolfe said that she expected the most exciting part would be "Everything."

She had never been to Africa, so she was interested in visiting a new continent.

Wolfe teaches about apartheid in her Introduction to Sociology class, and now she has gotten to actually see the results of the end of this system.

She said, "I have this academic knowledge of it from reading about it from textbooks, but to go and talk to people who experienced it and to see what effect that had on the society is really exciting."

New academic building set to come to C'ville campus

By Joshua Lehto
Staff Writer

A new academic building is coming to the GHC Cartersville campus.

Construction will begin April 2017 and is scheduled to be completed by May 2018. Classes will be held in the new building starting fall semester 2018.

The Cartersville Academic Center will house fourteen classrooms, six computer labs, two chemistry labs, two biology labs and a large studio that will be used primarily for art classes.

"I'm really excited about the addition of our new S.T.E.A.M. building," said Cartersville Campus Dean Leslie Johnson. "It will be totally dedicated to teaching and learning."

According to Vice President of Finance and Administration Jeff Davis, the building will be around 55,370 gross square ft.

"This is a very important building for growth in Cartersville. It will double our aca-

demic capacity and add critical lab spaces," said Davis.

Currently, chemistry and art classes are not offered on site at the Cartersville Campus.

"This is a very important building for growth in Cartersville."

-Jeff Davis, Vice President of Finance and Administration

"I personally think it is great that GHC is building a science building. With S.T.E.M. careers becoming more valuable, the new building will give us that extra advantage in the workplace," said Matt McCadden, nursing major at GHC Cartersville.

The formal ground breaking for the building at Cartersville will be held on April 26, at 11 a.m.

Accuplacer has replaced Compass as entrance placement examination

By LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer

As of Nov. 2016, the Compass placement test was discontinued and replaced by the Accuplacer test. Placement tests, such as Compass and Accuplacer, are used to determine if a student requires remedial courses prior to taking college level courses.

The test is required for students based on a calculation of high school grades and SAT/ACT scores.

ACT discontinued the Compass test as of Dec. 31, 2016 "based on an analysis of

customer feedback, empirical evidence and postsecondary trends" said Ed Colby, director of public relations for ACT in an article on edweek.org. The transition of the tests went smoothly according to Laura Gargis, testing coordinator at Georgia Highlands.

The Accuplacer test is a computer based test composed of three sections.

The Elementary Algebra and Reading sections give an unlimited time to complete the multiple choice questions. The essay section has a one hour time limit.

The test is available at

all five Georgia Highlands' campuses and is available throughout the week.

The tests are similar in format; however, comparison of the tests is challenging according to Gargis, explaining that "the scoring doesn't match up."

Another difference in the tests is the price.

The Accuplacer test is a more expensive test for the college.

The fee has not currently changed for students.

However, there is a proposed fee increase of \$10, making the total cost of the test \$30.00.

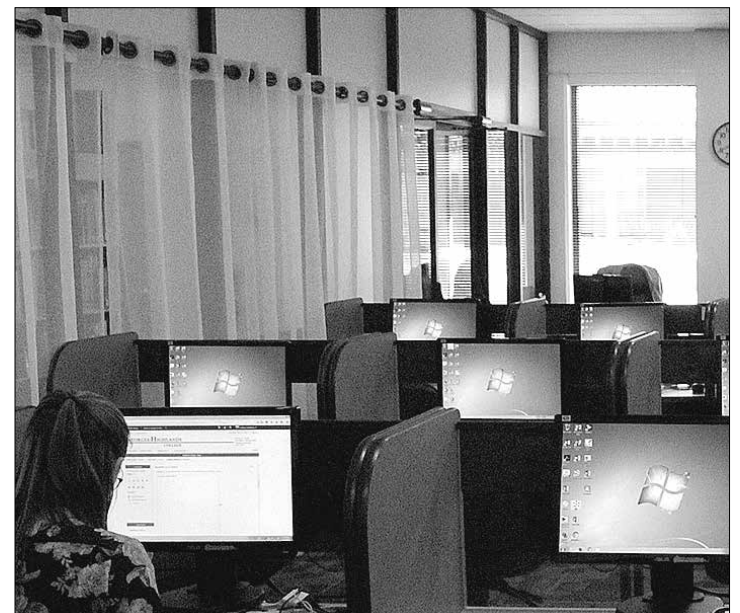


Photo by Shannon Francis

The Floyd campus testing center located in the library is where students go to take the Accuplacer test for admittance into Georgia Highlands.

Chapter president Jeter hopes to help expand the growth of PTK

By Andi Kuykendoll
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa is an internationally recognized academic honor society of two-year colleges.

The Georgia Highlands College chapter of PTK is Alpha Psi Omicron, established in 1994.

Alpha Psi Omicron organizes and plans service projects and activities designed to benefit members, students and the community at large.

Alpha Psi Omicron's Chapter President and Georgia College chapter of PTK is Alpha Psi Omicron, established in 1994. Jeter, a psychology major at GHC, has been a PTK member and chapter officer for almost two years.

Jeter was recently honored as a Phi Theta Kappa Coca-Cola Leader of Promise. She describes the status of Alpha Psi Omicron as follows, "GHC's

PTK chapter is currently the Regional Presidential Chapter and was named one of the top 100 chapters internationally."

"Alpha Psi Omicron's current focus is to increase membership awareness, acceptance and active involvement across all five GHC campuses. We have made it our mission to increase engagement both on campus and in our community," Jeter said.

More information on current and future activities as well as general membership questions can be directed toward Jeter at mjeter1@student.highlands.edu, or Lead Faculty Adviser for PTK's Alpha Psi Omicron chapter, Karen Huggin at khuggin@highlands.edu.

Founded on Nov. 19, 1918, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has grown to include over three million members spanning approximately 1,250

chapters across the globe. The society is dedicated to recognizing and encouraging scholarship and academic achievement in students who have a propensity for achieving academic excellence.

PTK stimulates a drive for success in members by providing them ample opportunities to develop skills in leadership, service, scholarship and fellowship.

Phi Theta Kappa is currently seeking new members. Any student who has completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited two-year university is eligible. They must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to be invited to apply for membership.

More information about benefits, events and scholarships for members can be found at PTK's official webpage: www.ptk.org

Gun Bill 280 makes it through Georgia House of Representatives

By Moira Hale
Staff Writer

A campus-carry bill has made it through the Georgia House of Representatives and awaits action by the Senate.

Last year, a bill was introduced to the Georgia legislature to allow the carrying of firearms on college campuses. It passed through the House and Senate last year. However, it was vetoed by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal.

The governor said that he wanted to add exemptions to the bill that would make it unlawful to carry weapons in certain areas on campuses. The exemptions that were in the original bill stated that firearms were not allowed in student housing and athletic facilities.

The exemptions that the Governor wanted to be added would disallow firearms in campus daycare facilities and offices. This year's version, HB280 (House Bill 280), included the exclusion for campus daycare facilities, but left out the exclusion the Governor wanted for offices.

No hints have been given as to whether the Governor will veto the new bill. Backers of the bill remain confident that the bill will become law.

Many students feel strongly about this topic. Sean Subulade, a 21-year-old GHC student in his third year, said that the bill should not be passed. "Human beings go through certain emotions at this age. What's stopping someone from snapping if they have a bad day?" he said.

The University System of Georgia (USG) opposes any changes to the current laws in place for safety on college campuses.

GHC President Donald Green agrees with the USG and the current laws in place for campus safety.

He said that he is "in support of current Georgia law which bars guns inside college campus buildings or to be carried on campus grounds, at athletic events or other venues."

In regards to any impact the bill could have on GHC, Green said, "Whether it passes or not, GHC must persevere in the improvement of our campus safety."

He also said that GHC "will expand safety training, continue our investment in video surveillance equipment, continue the upgrade of access control systems and interior door locks and is seeking more effective college alert systems."



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SMP recognized at press institute

By Kayla Jameson
Editor-in-chief

Representatives of the Six Mile Post went to the 66th Annual Southern Regional Press, which was held Feb. 23 and 24 at Savannah State University.

The theme was Ethics and Accuracy in a Digital World.

Joshua Mabry, Joe Webster, Kayla Jameson, Assistant Adviser Cindy Wheeler and Adviser Kristie Kemper attended the conference to represent the SMP.

The conference began with speaker Michael Ottey, journalist. He has a travel blog <https://miketendstotravel.com/> and often livestreams his journeys.

He spoke on traveling the world and how he got to where he is in his career.

Ottey said that students should “get out there beyond

the university and see the world.” He continued, “Get out of your comfort zone; persevere.”

Many of the sessions were led by professional journalists and broadcasters.

The luncheon started with Ernie Suggs, a reporter for the Atlanta Journal Constitution, speaking to the attendees.

At the awards luncheon on the 24th, awards were given out by categories of college, small university and large university.

The Six Mile Post received second place in general newspaper competition.

The SMP also received first in the online newspaper category with Editor-in-chief Jameson and former Chief Photographer Taylor Barton winning second for feature writing and second for photography, respectively.



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From left, Adviser Cindy Wheeler, SMP editors Kayla Jameson, Joshua Mabry, Joe Webster and Adviser Kristie Kemper pose with their awards.

QEP focuses on student advising SVA family day is scheduled to be hosted by GHC on Floyd

By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

According to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges, every institution must develop and submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) when “seeking reaffirmation of Accreditation.”

The QEP delineates and designates a specific course of action in order to address a well-defined issue that is aimed at the enhancement of student learning.

These plans issued by each college or institution, are implemented on five-year cycles. As part of the Commission’s process for renewal of Accreditation, the QEP undergoes intensive review.

Before the QEP can be implemented, the Commission sends a committee to the

college or institution to determine the school’s strengths and weaknesses.

The on-site committee’s written report helps the school improve programs, narrowing the focus of the QEP and is the first step in the Commission’s decision to confirm or deny accreditation.

The committee’s findings, and the institution’s response to said findings are reviewed by the Committee on Compliance and Reports, a standing committee of the Commission on Colleges.

The Committee on Compliance and Reports will then recommend action to the Executive Council of the Commission. The Executive Council makes recommendations to the Commission on Colleges in order to finalize the decision regarding the school’s Accreditation.

Georgia Highlands College’s latest proposed QEP, which the faculty hopes to begin implementing in 2018, focuses on a comprehensive student advising process.

One of the framers of GHC’s newest QEP, English Instructor Jessica Lindberg, points to the findings of a recent series of polls and surveys, which were sent to alumni, faculty and students.

“Based on student and faculty feedback,” Lindberg said, “students want better advising.”

Under the new QEP, students will develop an Educational Success Plan (ESP), which will be tailored to each student’s academic interests and professional aspirations.

Faculty and professional student advisers will undergo advisement-specific training to help ensure students’ success.

By Shawn Bunyard
Staff Writer

The Student Veterans of America Club is a part of a national chapter dedicated to supporting veterans in higher education.

According to club coordinator Amy Wise, its mission is to help re-establish the type of camaraderie soldiers had while serving, to connect the SVAs with the people and resources needed, so that they can transition back into civilian life with ease.

SVA officer Heyling Jackson said, “SVA has allowed me to connect with other veterans that are going through or have gone through similar things I have. We manage to encourage and push each other.”

While most often noticed

during military recognition holidays or sports events, the club also has an upcoming family day on April 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Floyd campus pavilion next to Paris Lake.

Todd Jones, Vice President for Student Affairs said, “Veterans Family Fun Day has always been an rewarding event because it is an opportunity to show support for our veterans and their families.”

The family day is a community wide event and specifically students, veterans and their families are invited to join in the festivities. Food, games and live music await.

More information about the Veterans Family Fun Day is available from Wise. She may be contacted by email at awise@highlands.edu

Boyce now heads health sciences division

By Kacey Neese
Managing Ed., Online

As of Jan. 1, 2017 Michelle Boyce, former assistant professor of dental hygiene, was named the new dean of health sciences.

Boyce is from Austell, Georgia, where she graduated from South Cobb High School. She earned her Associate of Applied Technology in Dental Hygiene in 1999 from West Georgia Technical College and her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in 2010 from Clayton State University.

Boyce earned her PhD in Health Science in 2013 from Nova Southeastern University. She is currently enrolled at Nova studying to earn her PhD in Philosophy. Her research interests include "Interprofessional Education and Collaboration."

According to Renva Watterson, vice president for academic affairs, Boyce replaced Janet Alexander as interim in the summer of 2016 and offi-

cially named dean in January of 2017.

Watterson said, "With her high level of skill and interest, she made a prime candidate for this position."

Watterson further stated, "Dr. Boyce made strides to fill the position after Janet left. She wanted to learn more about the faculty and programs to be a better team leader."

The dean of health sciences oversees nursing and dental hygiene. Nursing and dental hygiene both offer an associate's and bachelor's in their career pathways.

Boyce said she loves being the new dean because she has worked in dental hygiene before and loves working with both sections.

Boyce is an active member of the Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association, which represents over 6,000 hygienists throughout the state.

Boyce is also serving as the Vice-Chair for the Georgia Oral Health Coalition.



Photo by Shannon Francis

Michelle Boyce sits at her desk at Heritage Hall.

Prior to becoming a professor at Georgia Highlands in 2011, Boyce practiced Dental Hygiene clinically at both gen-

eral and periodontal practices. Boyce is dedicated to promoting dental health in the community by organizing and vol-

unteering at screening events. She has also traveled abroad for dental mission trips.

Federal WIOA grant funding offered to students

By Kayla Jameson
Editor-in-chief

The Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act is a federally funded grant to help low income adults receive training and an education.

GHC's WIOA pays for tuition, books and fees for students in the programs of psychology, accounting, mathematics, business administration, criminal justice, physical therapy assistant, CNA, teacher education and the last two years for nursing and dental hygiene.

Megan Conner, WIOA career coordinator, said it's important for students not to have to "worry about tuition and things of that nature because they have so many other

things to worry about."

She said, "We have traditional students and we have nontraditional. Everybody has their own sets of things to worry about outside of 'How am I going to pay for this?' or 'How am I going to get this book?'"

It goes into effect after the student's other scholarships are used. If the student does not have any scholarships, then WIOA will pay for all the fees and tuition, and it will pay for textbooks either way.

WIOA will also give the student a \$25 stipend to use at the bookstore to buy school supplies, such as notebooks and pencils.

Some items such as tests and supplies that the students need to buy for their classes may be applicable for reim-

bursement.

WIOA recipients qualify for support in the form of gas money that's determined by how far the student has to travel to go to school.

It will also pay \$15 a day per kid under the age of 12 for up to two children for childcare while the parent goes to class.

The program requires the recipient to be 18 years or older, have at least a 2.5 GPA and be considered low-income by state guidelines or on public assistance such as food stamps.

Students who receive WIOA will be given a semester to improve their grades if their GPA slips below a 2.5.

If a student does not show improvement, then he or she will be dropped from the pro-

gram.

To apply, students should contact Conner at mconner@highlands.edu or Conner's assistant Evan Snelling at esnelin@highlands.edu.

They both have offices on the Floyd campus, but Snelling also travels to the Marietta, Cartersville and Paulding campuses.

Once the student meets with one of them, Snelling or Conner will go over the application with the student and explain what other additional documentation is needed.

After they turn the information in to the corporate office in Rome, it will generally take a week or week and a half for the coordinators to know if the application was approved or not.

Once they know that the student is qualified, they will put the student in the system if the drop/add dates have not passed. If it has, the student will be put into the system the following semester.

"The fact that they will literally pay for someone's school, that's a free education, if the person qualifies for the program. That is just tremendous, it really is," said Angela Wheelus, director of Student Support Services.

Other vendors that utilize WIOA are Katlaw Truck Driving School, International Union of Operating Engineers, NWGA RESA, RS Thomas, SE Lineman School, The Training Center of NWGA and CPR With Mickey.

Alumnus prospers after graduation from GHC

**By Kacey Neese
Managing Ed., Online**

Joey Johnson is a Georgia Highlands College alumnus. Johnson received his associate's in English, philosophy, psychology and arts from GHC in 2011. He also has two bachelor's, one in art and the other in science.

While at GHC, Johnson was president of Psi Beta and vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. He also participated in SGA and was a member of Brother 2 Brother.

Johnson said while participating in these extracurricular activities, "I gained a lot of leadership experience."

Johnson served as an admissions recruiter for Georgia Highlands from July 2011 to July 2013. "Working in the admissions office gave me the

ability to see different points of view," said Johnson.

While working for GHC, Johnson was a head recruiter and the adviser/counselor for Brother 2 Brother.

Nancy Applegate, professor of English, said "Joey is the kind of student you don't see many times in a teaching career; he's smart, hardworking, focused, and involved in college life and the community."

Johnson said, "I wanted to become a doctor since I was 8 years old."

Johnson is a student at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee.

After graduating from LMU-DCOM this May, Johnson will take a year off before beginning his residency to become the president of The

American Medical Student Association (AMSA).

Johnson graduated from Cedartown High School in 2001. "When I graduated, I didn't think becoming a doctor was an option for me," he said. Johnson went on to work at Meggit Polymers and Composites for five years. "I worked in a factory after high school; it didn't take long to discover that job wasn't the life I wanted," he said.

Johnson serves as student editor for *The New Physician*, which is a bi-monthly magazine that reports on the social, political and ethical issues associated with health care and medical education.

He said, "GHC gave me my first chance to become comfortable working with different organizations on the national scale."



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Joey Johnson

Student puts life-long theatrical career to use at GHC

**By Autumn Pritchard
Staff Writer**

Bryce Pitts is a sophomore majoring in Foreign Language at GHC and is set to graduate in May. She is president of Georgia Highlands' acting troupe, the GHC Players.

According to Pitts, the GHC Players gives students a "way to express their creativity through the creative arts, whether that is through acting, singing or dancing."

Pitts has a strong theatrical background. She has been acting since she was four years old. Her first experience with acting happened in Rome, Ga., through Creative Playhouse, a children's theatrical club.

She attended high school at Darlington, where she continued pursuing her art.

Her involvement with performing arts did not end after high school. She ended up working for Disney for five years as a performer, being a

part of various parades and shows during her five-year stint.

Pitts said that she has been in over fifteen shows throughout her career, and that she has also been involved in professional community theater.

She has most recently been involved with the world premiere of the musical "MANopause" at the Canton Theater, which premiered there this past May.

The play was written in Georgia, and according to Pitts, she originated the role of Tiffany.

She is currently interning for The Callback Company, an audition prep company that helps people get ready for auditions and professional jobs. Pitts explained that the company helps performers get "their whole package together."

Julie Carver, adviser of the GHC Players and owner of The Callback Company, said,

"I think the school is just very lucky to have a student like Bryce, who has the passion, but also the know how to get it done."

Along with her involvement with the Players, Pitts is also vice president of membership for Phi Theta Kappa.



Photo by Shannon Francis
Bryce Pitts



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Pitts played the role of Tiffany in the world premiere of the original musical "MANopause" in Canton, Ga., in May 2016.

Commentary...

Women's History

By Breyuna Shorter
Staff Writer

March is Women's History Month, and the focus is mainly women's rights, equality and independence. The recent marches in support of women's rights were a great indicator of how women can come together and make a difference in society.

Even Douglasville campus' Women 2 Women club has gathered together to inform the campus about women and their historical strides. Personally, this month is uplifting and reassuring that although a lot has been done, there is still a lot to accomplish. We still have wage gaps, and the wage gaps are having women miss out on 1.5 million dollars in wages a year, and that is only in Georgia. It is appalling that no one has stopped wage gaps, and the crazy thing is women are protesting about wage gaps often, but the issue has gone unsolved.

Women are not weak, fragile and reliant upon men. Women in 2017 are strong, independent and self-made. No longer do women wait on men to feel secure and settled, but women are pursuing careers and kicking butt in the work place. This month helps us reflect on where we are right now, but it shouldn't deflect where we are aiming to head. Women shouldn't settle for the constant labels and discrimination that society places on them.

Personally, we as a community should be further ahead of the curve. In Israel and the UK, for example, women make up almost the entire government. Women can be in power and make right decisions just like men.

Women's History Month should be a learning lesson for us all, and that we should constantly be rooting for women's rights and opportunities. Men and women should stand together, and erase the gender lines.

Women who have made a difference



Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in Skopje, the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. She was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and destitute. In 1979, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her selfless work.



Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in 1797. In 1826 Truth was granted freedom from her owner John Dumont. With her new found freedom she became an activist pursuing women's rights and the abolishment of slavery.



Elizabeth Cochran was born on May 5, 1864. At the age of 21 Cochran took up the pen name Nellie Bly and started writing for The Pittsburgh Dispatch. Cochran became famous for her investigative and undercover reporting.



Malala Yousafzai was born July 12, 1997, in Mingora, Pakistan. She advocated for women's rights to an education. She was shot by a Taliban gunman in 2012. Yousafzai survived the shooting, later receiving a Nobel Peace Prize.



Audrey Hepburn was born on May 4, 1929, in Brussels, Belgium. Hepburn was a successful actress. She became a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF in the 1980s. She won an Academy Award for her humanitarian work in 1993.



Mae C. Jemison was born October 17, 1956. On Sept. 12, 1992, with six other astronauts aboard the Endeavour mission, she became the first African-American woman in space.



Art by Karen Kinsey



Art By Josh Jones

“Vacation/ All I ever wanted/ Vacation/ Had to get away.”

-The Go-Go's



Ramarri Smith
Physical Therapy

“I will be going to Florida with friends, and I hope to get some relaxation on the many beaches. I also hope to do a lot of sightseeing in the areas.”



Bladimir Martinez
Computer Science

“I will be going to parties this spring break and working, mainly. Hoping to enjoy my break while it lasts.”

Poll: What are you doing over spring break?



Fabiola Michel
Communication

“I’m going on a mission trip to Africa, and hoping to provide blankets, clothing and food to orphans with my team of Haitian missionaries.”



Payton Thompson
Communications

“I will be going to Myrtle Beach with friends and turning up with family and friends. I will also be working the rest of my break when I come back.”



Ayesha Mehr
Criminal Justice

“I am going to Virginia to visit my family and historical sites in D.C.”

College students struggle to maintain insurance

A pressing issue nationwide for a lot of American citizens is the repeal of Obamacare in the near future. With a new president in office, he has the power to allow it to stay or have it removed.

If it is revoked, many Americans will lose insurance coverage and will not be able to seek proper medical treatment. Numerous people will go bankrupt trying to afford out-of-pocket-costs, leaving them with poor quality care. The question left is how will all of this affect students at GHC?

Typically, the average college student has trouble affording personal expenses after tuition and books are paid for. In GHC students' case, they are able to get insurance through the college that is provided by United HealthCare.

The only problem is that students who use the insurance must meet a deductible before the insurance kicks in. Also depending on the doctor's office visited, a standard co-pay that varies in price is due at the time of

the appointment.

This all goes back to a money problem: What if students at GHC cannot afford these extra costs? Let's say they scrounge and come up with the needed money because the insurance does not completely cover the bill. Then students are still left with this debt and cannot go to the doctor when needed because they can't build up any more charges. Government financial assistance for healthcare is offered to low income students, but not to all students.

On the bright side, since GHC has such a diverse student population, including those with families, the insurance plan allows children and spouses to be added on for an extra fee.

The student insurance is an option for some, but it does not solve the problem for all students at GHC if Obamacare is repealed. We cannot let an issue as big as this one be set aside; all students deserve decent medical coverage.

The only way to help with this matter is by find-

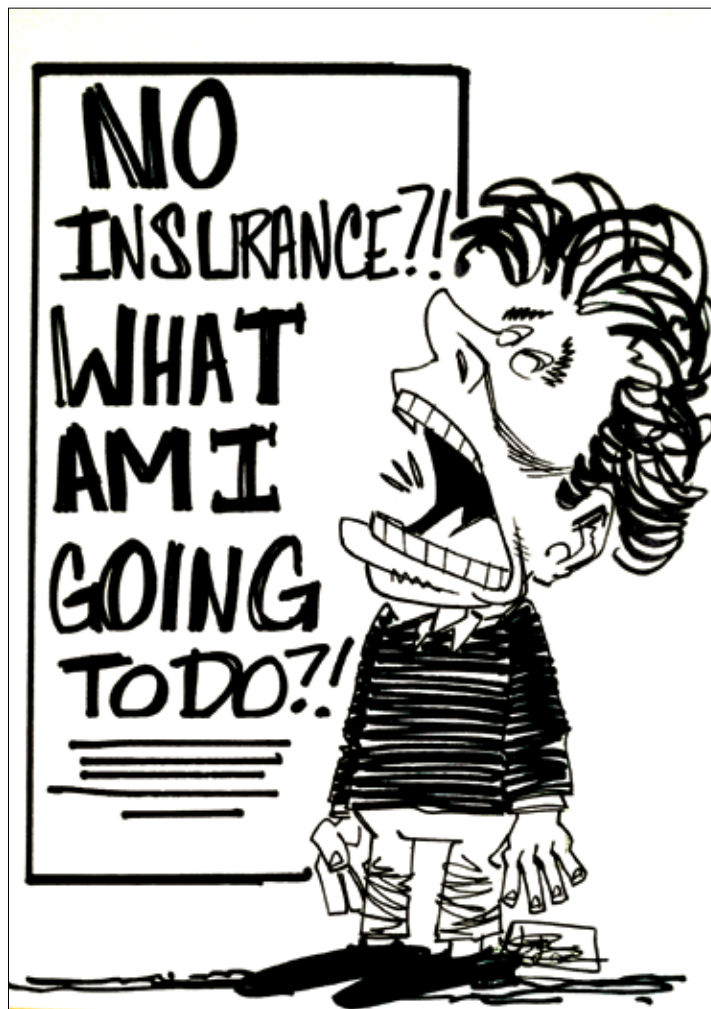


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ing an alternative to compensate for Obamacare that is fair and easily agreeable for all American citizens.

-Six Mile Post Editorial Board

To survive spring break be cautious and aware

Spring break is a time for fun and a way to make long-lasting memories, but it is also important to be mindful and very cautious of your surroundings.

Every year, the same routine happens: college students go down to a designated vacation spot to de-stress before the start of finals. Somewhere along the way accidents tend to happen and it can result in fatalities or life-threatening

injuries.

In order to help avoid accidents and have a safer trip, be alert because anything can happen. If it is trying something daring or alcohol is involved, remain around a group of people. If something does go wrong, people can be there to help.

It only takes a second for a vacation to be ruined because someone on the trip decides to do something neurotic and

doesn't let anyone know about it.

The fewer accidents that there are, the better. By being attentive and making self-decisions not influenced by peer pressure, the catastrophic rate of incidents during spring break can be decreased.

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Connecting reality to fantasy

I can confidently say that everyone has some kind of entertainment that they turn to so that they can indulge themselves in an immersive story.

Whether we're watching a T.V. show or movie, reading a book or playing a video game, there's usually a story that we want to be enthralled by.

It's very easy to claim that this indulgence is caused by a need to escape reality. It's a way for us to step out of the real world and get away from our daily lives. However, there's one problem with that statement: Why is it that we want our entertainment to be as realistic as possible?

Entertainment is constantly being criticized for being unrealistic. We often scoff at the ridiculous action hero that survives a helicopter crash, a fall



Editor's Box

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from a cliff and several bullet wounds. We say it takes us out of the story, that it makes it unbelievable. But if we use stories to escape from the real world, why do we care about accuracy and realism?

The way I see it is that it's not that we want everything to be as real as possible.

There's a reason we call it fiction and acknowledge its falseness. Stories are a way to see the world from a different perspective. We use stories to

ask "what if?" and then explore those possibilities.

Stories are a lens for us to look at the world through. We want them to represent reality closely because if they don't, then they're not really saying anything of use.

Stories are our way of explaining how or why the world is the way that it is. That's why we need, crave and share interesting tales and have done so since we could call ourselves people.

Medication zombifies children

Children are the lights of our lives. They make everything so much more worthwhile. But what happens when a child has a lifelong disability?

Many kids these days are being diagnosed with autism and down syndrome. Some are diagnosed with anger issues and bipolar disorder. So, what happens when these kids go to school and start disrupting classes?

Everyone automatically turns to medicating children with disorders. But what if these medications that we use on these children are more harmful to them than they are to themselves in the first place? I don't believe we should



Soap Box

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resort to medicating children with these issues, so that they are more pliable and easier to deal with.

It's sad when many kids are in a zombie-like state because of the medications they are on. Kids like these see on a completely different wavelength than we do. Colors are brighter, sounds are louder and smells are stronger. Children with these disabilities

are more perceptive than we believe.

They can tell when we're going through a hard time or when we're angry or sad. They react to these things the same way. They become unruly.

If we just sit and talk with them, we can help them. We don't need to medicate them to make them easier to handle. Medication is not always the answer.

Letter to the Editor

Thank you for the Theater Club

Dear Editor,

I was so pleased to see that GHC has a Theater Club. Art is a crucial part to expressing your individuality, whether it is through music, theater or drawing. I'm glad that this school has not forgotten to let students express themselves in the arts. Thank you to everyone that loves being a part of this. I can't wait to see a performance.

Lavonne Dunn
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Student scared for the future of edu. with DeVos in charge

Dear Editor,

As a GHC student who loves to learn, I fear for our future education system.

You may know that Betsy DeVos, who is a wealthy Republican donor, was confirmed as the U.S. secretary of Education. Now, this isn't whether I support Trump or not, or the fact that I am a Democrat and they are Republicans. I am scared for our education system because Betsy DeVos has absolutely no experience in public education.

She has never been a part of the public education system as a parent, staff member, or student. The only thing she has experience in is spending money. Betsy DeVos has donated nearly \$900,000 over the years to many senators just to get a seat at the table.

Protests were been made stating that she was an unqualified candidate. However, in most cases the power of money can get you anything you want.

I hope even though she doesn't know what goes on in a public education system, she will at least have some idea on how our education system can thrive.

Tia Davis
Criminal Justice
Floyd Campus

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iMovie app manipulates iPhone videos with ease

A Review...

By Michael Lewis
Staff Writer

Want an easier way to edit videos on your phone? There is an app for that. iMovie, debuting in 2013, is a video editing mobile app that has surged in popularity recently.

It includes Multi-Touch gestures and an array of different editing capabilities.

According to product description, users can use 3D Touch to "quickly start new a projects from the Home Screen or Peek at a movie from the Projects browser." iMovie is one of, if not, the most professional video editing app for iPhone. Not to mention, the mobile application comes at no cost, free for all users. It is easy to download and only takes up 668 MB of iPhone storage. So storage space shouldn't be an issue when using this app. Even though it

is a good app overall, there are a few bugs with the system at the moment.

Lagging audio is common in projects but very minimal. This current audio bug is said to be fixed in the next iOS by Apple. Another bug appearing is a problem with the Fast-motion ability on earlier Apple products including iPod and iPhone 5's even though they are compatible with the cur-

rent iOS version at the moment. There are also a couple of key features on the computer version of the application that is not available for the iPhone version yet. Besides those few bugs in glitches with the application, iMovie is still a pretty useful and popular app. The iPhone app requires at least iOS 9.3 or later and is compatible with iPhone, iPad and even iPod touch now. You can download from the Apple Application Store today.



This app
gets a grade of



Fear comes home

A Review...

By Matthew Shankute
Staff Writer

The tagline on the box of Resident Evil 7 reads "fear comes home" and what an apt bit of marketing that is. The Baker residence (the setting of this game) is as much a character as the protagonist or the crazed hillbillies who inhabit it.

The protagonist in question is a man named Ethan, who finds himself trapped in a massive estate while looking for his wife, an estate filled with all manner of death traps, possessed southerners and supernatural creatures.

The developers at capcom have made a pretty conscious effort to move the series back towards its roots, and it shows in the quality of this game.


RE7 is all about atmosphere, enemy evasion, puzzle solving and resource management. It is an almost perfect masterclass in all these things. The Baker family is filled with personality, striking a balance

between being a major threat and a joy to watch. The AI behind these characters isn't loaded with smarts, but the game makes up for it with an overdose of character.

The gameplay compliments the design of the Bakers and the house extremely well, sequestering each member of the family into their own section of the estate that has its own unique feel. Ultimately the game's level design, story and gameplay come together to make one of the most rewarding survival horror games in years. A nearly perfect experience, that's hampered only by a weak final act and the occasional AI issue.

This Game
gets a grade of






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Spring intramurals underway at Floyd campus

By Corbin Turner
Staff Writer

Spring is nearly upon Northwest Georgia and classes are in full swing across all GHC campuses. Intramurals are underway at the Floyd campus, and it's not too late to sign up for one.

There are various forms of intramurals taking place across every campus ranging

from videogame tournaments to team sporting activities.

All students are welcome to join in on the varying activities.

Even though many intramurals have started already, it's not too late to get in on the action.

Georgia Highlands' Corn Hole tournament started on March 6 in Rome and takes place every Monday at 11:45

a.m.

Dodge ball started at the Floyd on Monday, March 13.

The Six Mile Post cosponsored Ping Pong Tournament started in the student center on Feb. 27.

Registration for these intramurals "still can be done at the intramural table next to the student life offices," according to JJ Merritt, director of intramurals and assistant

men's basketball coach.

Another way to sign up for the intramurals is by going online to www.imleagues.com/ghcintramurals, creating a personal account and registering for any intramural in Spring 2017.

Another intramural that has already started at the Floyd campus is co-ed 3 on 3 basketball, which started Feb. 21 and is held every Tuesday

and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

NBA2K17, FIFA2K17 and Madden Tournaments are already underway as well in the student center and began on Monday, Feb. 21. Registration for these events has already closed.

According to Merritt, "Students can come participate throughout the semester anytime they feel like it."

More student support needed for Chargers



Mabry's Pitch

Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

As an avid fan, I have experienced firsthand the exciting games of the Chargers and Lady Chargers' basketball teams. I have noticed that at most games the gym is less than half full, which is sad considering how well the teams perform.

Most of the fans at the games are faculty, staff and families of the players. It is hard to understand why students at Georgia Highlands are not supportive of the intercollegiate athletic programs.

The basketball games are so much fun and always exciting. They could be more fun, however, if more students would come out, show a little school spirit and support their fellow classmates.

I often hear students say that there are few opportunities to get involved at GHC. Some people even say that they miss high school, simply because they miss the fun that the sporting events provided for them.

One easy way to get involved at the Floyd campus is to come watch the basketball

teams play. The teams play amazing ball. The Chargers' men's basketball team only lost one game during their 2016-17 regular season. There is nothing like watching Kyvon Davenport going for the dunk at one of the games.

The Lady Chargers' women's basketball team also had a great regular season. They ended with 12-2 GCAA conference play record. The teams work super hard and deserve more support from the student body.

I have visited several larger colleges recently and have been there on days that a sporting event was going on. The number of students that I saw going to those sporting events made me smile. They were going to support their college team.

I want to see this kind of support for our Georgia Highlands' intercollegiate teams.

I would like to encourage students to follow, support and be passionate about their college and athletics at the college by demonstrating school spirit.

Chargers' Baseball, Softball Home Games

Baseball:

March 17 at 6 p.m. vs. Three Rivers Community College

March 18 at noon (doubleheader) vs. Three Rivers Community College

March 21 at 5:30 p.m. vs. East Georgia State College

Softball:

March 18 at 5 p.m. (doubleheader) vs. West Georgia Technical College

March 28 at 3 p.m. vs. Georgia Military College

Students, faculty and staff get into all home games for free with their GHC ID.

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Featured game: GHC defeated in two-game sweep

By Joe Webster
Asst. Sports Editor

Coming into the Feb. 25 weekend doubleheader at 6-6, the Georgia Highlands Chargers' baseball team had the momentum with their 6-3 victory over Sinclair Community College the night before.

But this momentum was stifled quickly, falling in both games of the doubleheader, 8-7 and 7-5, with game two taking 13 innings to crown a victor.

Game one featured Drew Wilson on the mound, as he tossed 2 2/3 innings, allowing seven runs and walking four Sinclair batters.

He was relieved by Matthew Norton, who took the game to the house with 6 1/3 innings of one run baseball.

Home runs by Bronco O'Brien and Matthew Vacarro led the would-be Chargers comeback, but Sinclair's 8th inning insurance run proved to be the difference, as the Chargers notched the one run loss.

Game two saw the first



Photo by Daniel Smith

Brandon Bell swings at the plate against Sinclair.

ever collegiate start from Chargers righty Kyle Brady, who tossed three innings of three run baseball, walking three and striking out four.

Two RBI's from both Brandon Bell, who hammered his 2nd homerun of the season, and Matthew Vaccaro led the Chargers offense to a 5-5 standstill when the bottom of the 9th inning ended.

All in attendance were able to witness free baseball for the first time this season, but when the top half of the 13th inning rolled around, Britt Buckelew couldn't hold off the Sinclair offense.

Two runs came across, and the GHC offense worked to no avail to push runs across in the bottom half, falling in game two by a final score of 7-5.

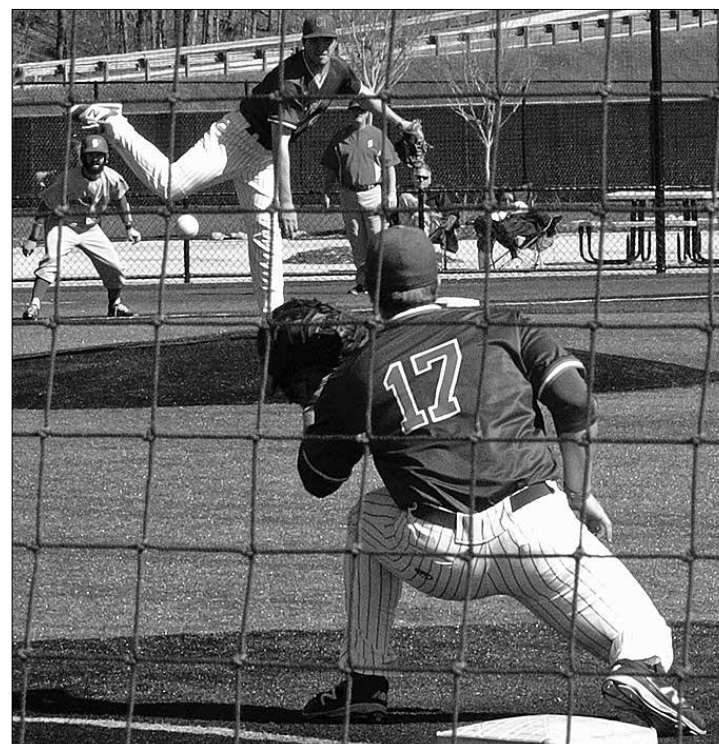


Photo by Daniel Smith

Matthew Vacarro takes a throw from the pitcher on Feb. 25.

Utility man Miguel Urbina said that this team refuses "to go down easy" and everyone in the stands can also recognize "the heart and attitude" this ball club has.

Featured game: Lady Chargers win a doubleheader

By Stephanie Corona
Staff Writer

The Lady Chargers' softball team swept a doubleheader on Feb. 23. They defeated Gordon State 2-1 in game one and then 6-0 in game two.

Andria Booth scored the first run of the first game and Brianna Fickes had 2 RBI.

In the second game, Fickes scored the first run in the first inning and would score once more. Lady Chargers would score a total of three runs in the 5th inning.

Hannah Wills and Madison Gianfala scored in the 6th inning.

Melissa Wood, head softball coach, said, "In the second game of the doubleheader the

"Though at the beginning we did not hit as well as we would have liked, we did hit the key balls, and that made a difference."

-Melissa Wood

team was beginning to string together runs. Though at the beginning we did not hit as well as we would have liked, we did hit the key balls, and that made a difference."

Wood also said, "Our defense also did well on only allowing Gordon a single run out

of the two games. Our team has been sick the last two weeks, and they have been doing better. Our quick fill in position for our usual shortstop did a fantastic job."

Fickes said, "We came back at the end, and though some of our players are down, we are a team."

"As for the next game, I cannot wait," said Fickes.

The next home game for the Lady Chargers will be a doubleheader on March 18 against West Georgia Tech. Game one starts at 5 p.m.

Game two starts at 7 p.m.

As of March 8, the Lady Chargers are 22-5 overall and 6-2 in GCAA conference play.



Photo by Stephanie Corona

Rebecca Meade pitches against Gordon State as part of the doubleheader sweep on Feb. 23.

Chargers win NJCAA Region 17 quarterfinal game

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

On March 7, the Georgia Highlands College men's basketball team defeated East Georgia State 103-68 in the NJCAA Region 17 quarterfinal game at the Floyd campus gym to advance to the Region 17 semifinals.

During the quarterfinal game on March 7, the score was 45-30 GHC at the half.

D'Andre Bernard, Kamar McKnight and Ty'lik Evans led the Chargers during the game. At the half, Bernard had scored 10 points, McKnight had contributed seven points and Evans had six points.

By the end of the game, Bernard and Evans each had 21 points while McKnight ended the game with 13 points.

Bernard was proud of his team and their win. "We were able to set the tone tonight in the first half and keep building up on the lead," he said.

Bernard is optimistic that GHC will make it to the NJCAA national tournament. He said, "We're 100% confident in ourselves. We've always got to play good no matter who we're

playing. Whatever the circumstances are, leave it all out there on the court."

About his performance, Bernard said, "Personally, I feel like I was able to keep the energy up when I came in, waiting for my opportunity to step in and do something."

"We're 100% confident in ourselves. We've always got to play good no matter who we're playing. Whatever the circumstances are, leave it all out there on the court."

-D'Andre Bernard

Phil Gaffney, the Chargers' head coach, said that he is "pretty happy" with how the Chargers performed during this game because "you want to win by a lot."

"Everybody got to play a



Photo by Shannon Francis

Kyvon Davenport, GCAA Conference Player of the Year, gets ready to pass to Ty Cockfield, GCAA 1st Team All-Conference.

lot, nobody got hurt and that's the idea because we have to play Friday and Saturday," Gaffney said.

Gaffney said that he feels

good about his chances of making it to the national tournament because "we're the only one of the top three seeds still in the Region 17 tournament."

Due to publication deadlines for the March print issue, the Region 17 semifinals and finals games were covered at sixmilepost.com. If the Chargers qualify for the NJCAA national tournament in Hutchison, Kan., that will be covered at sixmilepost.com.



Photo by Shannon Francis

D'Andre Bernard goes for the dunk. He contributed 21 points for the Chargers. Ty'lik Evans, GCAA Defensive Player of the Year, also had 21 points in the game.

Dioum moved to the United States to play basketball

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

Massamba Dioum, born in Africa, is playing on the Chargers' men's basketball team this season. Dioum said that he has been living in the United States for a little over three years now.

Basketball is the primary reason that Dioum moved to the United States. "When I started playing basketball good, I got a lot of scholarships from Spain, France and the United States," he said.

Dioum said that his uncle that already lived in the United States told him, "If you

want to go to the league, the NBA, moving to the United States is the easy way to go to the league."

Dioum attended high school at Covenant Christian Academy in Cumming, Ga. After high school, Dioum was recruited by JJ Merritt, assistant men's basketball coach and Floyd campus intramurals director. Dioum ultimately decided to come to GHC because he "wanted to stay in Georgia" because "I've got my family here. Georgia is where I know."

Dioum is glad that he decided to come to Georgia Highlands. He said, "I like the

school; the people are so nice." He said the fact that people are so nice is his favorite aspect of GHC besides basketball.

At GHC, Dioum is majoring in General Studies but he ultimately plans to major in International Business.

With International Business, Dioum hopes to make a lot of money in order to go back to Africa one day and help people.

He said that it has always been his dream to help people. "Some people in Africa, they need to go to school. Some people need clothes. I want to try to help them," he said.

Dioum has been playing

basketball since he was 13 years old. He said, "In Africa, when you're born, you start playing soccer. When I started growing up, all my friends said, you have to start playing basketball." His mother agreed with his friends, and he started playing basketball instead of soccer.

"I love to play basketball. That's something that's in my blood right now. I cannot stand a day without playing basketball," said Dioum.

Dioum said that he is "really funny." When he is not playing basketball, he enjoys sleeping. He said, "I like to sleep; I sleep a lot."



Photo by Shannon Francis

Massamba Dioum

Lady Chargers finish runner-up in the GCAA

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

The Georgia Highlands College women's basketball team recently competed in the GCAA conference tournament, but came up just short.

At the championship game on March 4, the 2nd ranked Lady Chargers faced the 1st ranked South Georgia Tech, the highest seed, and fell 65-63. They finished runner-up in the GCAA.

According to Brandan Harrell, women's head coach, if the Lady Chargers would have won the GCAA championship game, they would have played in a district tournament. If they won the district, they would have made it to the NJCAA national tournament.

The GCAA tournament started on Feb. 28 at the Floyd campus gym.

The Lady Chargers faced the 8th ranked Andrew College in this game. GHC won by a score of 57-53.

Since the Lady Chargers won this game, they advanced to the GCAA Final Four. The Final Four game took place on March 3 at South Georgia



Photo by Jaida Lovelace

The Lady Chargers gather after their win in the GCAA quarterfinal game on Feb. 28 at the Floyd campus gym. The Lady Chargers won 57-53. At the end of the game, each sophomore Lady Charger was recognized and received a picture frame with various photos of their time at Georgia Highlands College.

Tech in Americus, Ga.

On March 3, the Lady Chargers played the 3rd ranked East Georgia State. They defeated East Georgia State 56-49. Because GHC won this game, they advanced to the championship game.

Harrell said that his team "battled and played hard" in the GCAA conference tournament.

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Harrell said, "I thought the last couple weeks of the season, we played really well. This team overcame a lot throughout the course of the year and finished the season playing our best basketball."

Pam Diokpara, sophomore for the Lady Chargers, said that she feels like she played

the best she could. She said that the team "really came a long way."

Diokpara said, "Toward the end, that whole weekend as a whole, we played the best that I have ever seen."

Kateryna Khomenko, freshman for the Lady Chargers, said, "I'm really proud of how we ended the season. I

think it will be a great start for next year."

Elizabeth Newberry, freshman for the Lady Chargers that redshirted this season, said that during the GCAA championship game, everyone played as a team.

She said, "At the beginning of the season, I did not see us making it that far."



Photo by Shannon Francis

Taylor Farley contributed 16 points in GHC's quarterfinal win over Andrew College.



Photo by Shannon Francis

Taylor Harris drives down the court in the GCAA quarterfinal game.

"I'm really proud of how we ended the season. I think it will be a great start for next year."

-Kat Khomenko