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post season
underway
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Photo by Catie Sullivan

AJ Banton drives through Andrew College's defense, charging into the paint. The men's basketball team defeated Andrew College in the Region 17 quarterfinals on March 6.



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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

Special Topics courses in Area B are changing

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

GHC's Area B offerings are undergoing change, with FCCS 1100 and FCST 1010 being eliminated.

In the past, students have fulfilled the four to five credit hours in this area with COMM 1100, FCCS (Freshman College Computer Science), FCST (Freshman College Studies) or a Special Topics (2901) course.

Special Topics course offerings are the big change in Area B curriculum. With FCCS being discontinued soon, students will now have a greater opportunity to choose a Special Topics course.

Special Topics courses will also now be weighted as two credit hours. These courses come from all different disciplines and are open to any student needing to fulfill that

Area B requirement.

They are taught by professors who focus on one very specific topic.

"Special Topic classes will help students 'get their feet wet in a discipline in a more engaging way.'"

-Crystal Edenfield

Special Topics offered in the past have included Hispanic Cinema, Psychology of Women and Vocabulary Building.

The addition of more 2901 courses will also give students the opportunity to explore different fields of study that they may not have known they were interested in.

Crystal Edenfield, program manager of new student and retention programs, said that Special Topics classes will help students "get their feet wet in that discipline in a more engaging way".

Both Edenfield and her colleague Jesse Bishop, instructional Designer II and director of faculty academy, agree that having students take a Special Topics course to fulfill Area B will benefit the "first-year experience."

Edenfield described the "first-year experience" as the students' transition from high school to college where they begin to establish their pathway and where they want



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Sherri Beideck, assistant registrar, teaches students in her FCST 1010 class at the Floyd campus. FCST 1010, FCST 1020 and FCCS 1100 are being eliminated.

their future to go.

Area B is part of a GHC student's curriculum requirement that has the outcomes of

effective communication skill, information synthesis and articulating the relevance of a topic.

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GHC's funding and budgeting is a complex process

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Ed., Online

Every year a cabinet consisting of the highest officials of GHC, including Donald Green, the president of GHC, academic deans and various campus leaders gather to discuss the budget of all five campuses.

According to Jeff Davis, the vice president of finance and administration, the financial operations of GHC work via "fund accounting," which is different from what other businesses practice.

Davis said, "A business will just have 'cash.' All revenue goes to 'cash' and all expenses come out of 'cash.' It's not that straight forward for a state agency like GHC."

GHC is divided up into funds that have specific purposes and have specific revenues, according to Davis.

The biggest fund to GHC and where most of the operations of GHC get funded is called Educational and Gen-

eral Expenses. This fund is where faculty and staff are paid along with operating expenses including supplies and travel for GHC, with state appropriations and tuition serving as E&G's primary sources.

Another part that is significant to GHC's funding is student fees, which are collected for specific purposes such as activity fees, technology fees or athletic fees. Davis said, "All the revenue from each fee are kept in separate accounts within the Student Fees fund. Expenditures from this fund must match the specific purpose of the fee. We can't spend technology fees to buy basketballs, for example."

The third way GHC gets its funding is from Auxiliary Enterprises. GHC has a number of "for profit" enterprises that operates on campus, such as parking, dining and the bookstore. All the revenue and expenses for these enterprises are kept in a separate "fund."

An alternate way that GHC is looking to dive more

into for funds is grants, but they are for small programs. These grants will help move courses to open educational resource environments and will help make textbooks either free or at a low cost. But they cannot pay for new walls with faculty salary.

With the new upgrades to the Cartersville and Paulding campuses as well as the Walraven building renovation at the Floyd campus, these decisions are based on what need to be prioritized at this moment. Green said, "Some things may happen that we thought would never happen, and some things don't happen that we thought would happen, but we make sure that we always have money to spend. It all comes down to needs."

Davis said that it is important to make the Floyd campus look modern, as the Walraven building looked just like it did in the 1970's before its recent upgrade. Cartersville needed its lighting upgraded and Paulding needed its windows

modernized. The purpose is to keep the campuses functional and modern. Davis said, "It doesn't make sense to paint the interior of a building that's leaking."

According to Green, funding can also depend on enrollment, as the enrollment of 2017 will be the basis for the budget for 2019 to 2020. In order for GHC to have funding, it is important for students to enroll and more importantly, graduate. GHC is always looking for new students and faculty, which is why GHC has made such an effort to make the college the most affordable in the state.

As Green said, students going to a college like Kennesaw State would be paying twice as much money, plus room and board as opposed to GHC. Green stated, "It is important to manage finances to keep costs affordable."

These budget meeting have been becoming increasingly more important for students and faculty. There is a faculty

committee that is having an input on GHC's budget called the Capital Improvement Committee. Students are also welcomed to start their own committee in order to have a better voice in the budget meetings.

For students that see wires sticking out of poles, faulty electricity in the classrooms, old paint on walls, muddy interiors as opposed to exteriors, or leaky bathrooms, the best way to have a better voice when it comes to the funding of their campus is to start their own committees, graduate and bring more students to GHC to increase student enrollment, as increased enrollment allows GHC to make improvements and offer bachelor's degrees, according to Green.

Davis also said, "Nothing makes the college campus stronger than successful students." But in the meantime, as the oldest campus at GHC, Davis said that, "Floyd will continue to be our major focus for repair and renovation."



Contributed

Left to right, Cindy Wheeler, Nick Whitmire, Catie Sullivan, Joseph McDaniel and Josh Mabry represented the Six Mile Post newspaper staff at the Southern Regional Press Institute annual held on Savannah State University's campus on Feb. 22 and 23. The Six Mile Post staff received five awards at the awards luncheon on Feb. 23.

'Six Mile Post' receives awards

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

Representatives of Georgia Highlands College's newspaper the "Six Mile Post" attended the 67th annual Southern Regional Press Institute, held at Savannah State University on Feb. 22 and 23.

The theme for the conference was sports journalism in the era of politics and protest.

Representatives from the SMP attending included design editor Joseph McDaniel, online editor Nick Whitmire, editor-in-chief Catie Sullivan, and sports editor Joshua Mabry.

Assistant advisor Cindy Wheeler and assistant professor of communication Allen Dutch also attended.

In the opening session of the conference, a speech was given by Gary Howard about his experiences rising through various positions working at newspapers.

The sessions were led by a number of media professionals, who were well equipped to deliver valuable skills.

Session instructors included professors from Savannah State, television news producers, freelance photographers and journalists as well as professors from other colleges.

Topics of the sessions ranged from sports journalism, to editorial cartooning, to the production of independent films.

Students who specialize in any niche of news or broadcasting were provided with

specific sessions to attend.

Wheeler said, "There was a nice mix of workshops, as usual, and the students always benefit from them."

After two days of sessions, the conference ended with an awards luncheon presided over by the men and women of the SRPI who organized and held the event.

Individual awards the Six Mile Post received in the small college division were a second place photograph by Xavier Freeman, a second place sports story by Josh Mabry and a second place editorial by Gage Walker.

The "Six Mile Post" also received awards in the general category. These awards included first place for website and then second place overall.

No more foundational classes in fall of 2018

By Jillian Scanlon
Staff Writer

Foundations classes are set to be eliminated fall 2018.

"A student that comes to Highlands and tests into learning support would start with a support class that they would take the same time as their credit level English or Math," said Dean of Humanities Jon Hershey.

These decisions of change began when the newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Tristan Denley, brought his idea of success to the University System of Georgia.

Melanie Largin, the dean of math, said, "He is coming with the knowledge and success that they have had in the Tennessee System."

According to Largin, "When we looked at it, having to go two semesters before getting into a credit level class was bogging students down. We don't want to put a deterrent in front of students. We want to take them straight



Photo by Nick Whitmire

Room W-304 in the Walraven building at the Floyd campus is one of the classrooms used for foundational classes.

into the credit level course, but we are going to have to provide a heavy-duty support mechanism underneath them."

Likewise, associate professor of math Kelly Shane

stated, "We will work on getting students tutorial help and make our co-requisite classes more rigorous."

Shane said, "We are going to have to add more material to our co-requisite classes."

Upcoming students struggling should try not to worry

because Shane said, "We are going to try to make our co-requisite classes even more suited for less prepared students."

"[Tristan Denley] is coming with the knowledge and success that they have had in the Tennessee System."

-Melanie Largin

Hershey and Largin both think this will not affect enrollment.

However, Largin said, "Depending on what your Accuplacer score is in math and what your high school GPA is, those kinds of things will place you into a particular class, so that could change where students get placed."

Highlands Happenings

Summer and fall class registration is about to begin in 2018

By Jacob Williams
Staff Writer

Students looking forward to Summer and Fall Registration won't have to wait much longer.

Registration opens fall semester on April 2, but only to students who participated in Early Bird Advising. Regular registration opens on April

9. The summer registration period opens on March 12 for everyone.

Laura Walton, advising coordinator at the Cartersville campus, says that her biggest tip for students is "Go see an advisor!" Students are not assigned any specific advisor and can request to see any GHC staff member that is qualified as an EBA advisor.

8th annual speech competition coming soon to GHC

By Michael McClain
Staff Writer

It is almost time for GHC's 8th annual speech competition.

During the last three years, about 50 to 75 students have entered the competition. Students compete against up to eight other students in three rounds.

All speeches must be per-

suasive and on any topic of the student's choice.

This year, awards include \$500 in prize money, along with lots of GHC themed runner-up prizes. The speech competition director, Steve Stuglin, said the best advice for anyone hoping to enter is to just register and show up.

"With public speaking, the hardest thing to do is to sign up to do it in the first place. After that, students already

have the skill sets to write and deliver a good speech. The only way to practice those skills is to get up and use them - as much as possible," said Stuglin.

The registration period for the competition is March 13-April 6.

Students should search for 'Speech Competition' on the GHC website for rules, media from past competitions and the registration form.

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Largin steps in as math dean

By Moises Ledesma
Staff Writer

her new position and trying to learn the ropes of the job.

Melanie Largin is the new dean of the mathematics division at GHC. She became the interim dean in July to replace Tim Floyd, who stepped down as the division's dean.

Before she accepted the deanship and even before she got involved in the educational field, she was an industrial engineer. As an engineer, her life was immersed in mathematics.

Even now, she is passionate about mathematics. "Sometimes I look at a sheet of paper with problems and it's beautiful like a form of art with numbers and calculations," said Largin.

Eventually, she began training people in the manufacturing industry. She liked working with people and being part of their learning experience, so she decided to teach full time.

In 2004 she started working for GHC where she taught math until she became the interim dean. Prior to that, she had a leadership role in the division primarily as an adviser. Currently, she is adapting to

"Sometimes I look at a sheet of paper with problems... and it's beautiful like a form of art with numbers and calculations."

-Melanie Largin

As the new dean, Largin said she will be responsible for "balancing the needs of faculty and students, making sure that students are successful, the faculty is supported and advocated for and translating the vision of the administration."

Her favorite part of the job is making changes that will positively impact the students and faculty. Largin is excited and thankful for the opportunity she has received, and she is looking forward to collaborating and exchanging ideas with faculty and students. She is open to new ideas and suggestions that can move the college and the students forward.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Melanie Largin is the new dean of the math division.



Colby Bostic is a Computer Systems Information major on the Douglasville campus. His future career goal is to become a video game developer. He is currently employed at Marco's Pizza in Douglasville.

Student on the street Q&A: Colby Bostic



Q. Favorite time of year and why?

A. "The summer time because I have a lot of free time. My birthday is in the summer too."



Q. Favorite childhood toy?

A. "Monster trucks. I used to re-enact Monster Jam with them."



Q. What celebrity would be your best friend?

A. "YBN Nahmir because we're both young and we look alike."



Q. If you could live anywhere, where and why?

A. "Los Angeles because I love the beaches, weather, and the people."

Building a 'bridge' through adversity

By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer

"I was born and raised in a small, awful town in South Georgia by the name of Douglas," said B.J. Wade, a 21-year-old GHC student from the Paulding campus.

Stuck in small town, "Gymnastics became my escape," he explained.

Wade started his first class at the age of two. He then started competing at five and training Elite at eleven.

Since Wade's gym was almost an hour and a half away from his home, he began to live most of the time with his coach's family. Unlike his southern, English speaking family, his coach's family was Russian.

As if being away from home wasn't hard enough, living in a household that speaks a completely different language was a whole differ-

ent story. Wade said, "You begin to pick up a second language when you are raised in a household that doesn't speak anything else."

Unfortunately, the relationship with his coach was extremely abusive. He lived through nearly six years of sexual abuse.

Wade was inspired and empowered by Aly Raisman, an Olympic gold medalist, who was sexually molested by her team doctor. She stood up to her abuser, who has now been sentenced up to 125 years.

Along with this, when he was 14, injury "ended up being the reason the sport and I divorced," he said. Wade broke both of his legs when he missed a release on a high bar.

Despite his abuse and injury, Wade now coaches and loves it. He even trains his youngest brother.

Wade wants the young gymnasts he coaches to have



Photo by Kara Ledbetter

B.J. Wade

the exact opposite experience as he did. Every time one of his students learns and perfects a new skill, it's not only a victory for him, but out of "spite for that Russian asshole," he said.

Thankful for such a nurturer and caregiver, Wade mentions Joy Hambrick, Paulding's site director. As his former professor, "She has been a rock through my life," he said. Wade wants to continue to impact and be there for his young gymnasts positively, just in the way Hambrick has done for him.

C'ville campus English professor balances teaching with poetry

By Jillian Scanlon
Staff Writer

Cartersville campus associate professor of English Jessica Lindberg, is also a poet.

Originally from Decatur, Georgia, Lindberg "wanted to get out of the south."

So she attended school at



File Photo

Jessica Lindberg

Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where, she graduated with a bachelor's in Spanish.

Lindberg began to write poetry at a young age and stated, "I didn't ever think of it as something that you could do as a profession. It just didn't occur to me, it was more of a hobby."

After moving to Rome, where she read her poetry socially, she met GHC's Jon Hershey, Dean of Humanities. Lindberg said, "Up until that point I had mostly been a stay at home mom." She was "really shy and really nervous" about pursuing an MFA, which was Hershey's suggestion.

Commenting on her creative life, Lindberg said, "It has ups and downs, you have to have thick skin to be a poet

and send your stuff out into the world."

She explained that she "has a constant rotation of poems"

"It has ups and downs, You have to have thick skin to be a poet and send your stuff out into the world."

-Jessica Lindberg

and that "three times a week" she receives rejection notices. According to her, receiving a "beautiful email" from someone that wants to publish your work, "makes it totally worth it."

Lindberg currently has a few works published and as part of her doctorate program, she is putting together a book.

She said, "My priority for my creative life is teaching and encouraging creative writing in others."

Tying in her love for Hispanic culture, her bachelor's degree in Spanish and teaching of literature.

Lindberg can not wait to teach Latino Literature again in the fall. She said that it is a "phenomenal class." She hopes to see a big turnout in registration.

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A Day in the Life at Cartersville!



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Students study in the Student Center Building at the Cartersville campus.



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There is a pool table in the Game Room at the Cartersville campus for students to enjoy.



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Carvajalino sisters will visit Georgia Highlands for Womens History Month

**By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer**

Stephanie, Daniela, and Karen Carvajalino will be visiting to speak during Women's History Month.

The event will happen on Monday, March 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Cartersville Student Center.

Alexandra MacMurdo Reiter, assistant professor of communication and assistant director of global initiative and study abroad met Stephanie Carvajalino when she took the Students Without Borders group to KSU's Global Village to meet with their international students in the Fall of 2017.

She was so impressed after hearing the story of Stephanie and her sisters, saying, "I knew we had to

share their message with the GHC community."

In an excerpt from her LinkedIn page, Carvajalino wrote, "I am a passionate dreamer, enthusiastic entrepreneur, author and social leader. I started doing business along with my sisters with \$15 when I was 6 years old and founded Chococar, a chocolate company. One year later, I gave my first lecture and started my career as motivational speaker."



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Editorials

Starting small brings big accomplishments



Art by Joseph McDaniel

Every student should consider starting their college journey at a smaller, mostly two-year college like Georgia Highlands.

Starting at a smaller college is financially smart. For the current academic

year, tuition and fees at the University of Georgia for in-state students taking 12 credit hours are \$11,818, while the total estimated cost for this year at the University of Georgia is \$26,404.

Tuition and fees for in-state students taking 12 credit hours at GHC this academic year are \$2,224.08.

Students at colleges like GHC get to know their professors on a personal level because class sizes

are smaller. Professors typically know each of their students by name and are always willing to assist students when needed.

Students at two-year colleges have more opportunities to be involved on campus during their first two years. At bigger colleges, students typically choose to wait until their junior or senior years to be involved on campus.

Student Life hosts a variety of fun events, such as poets or live musical performances for students to enjoy. The easiest way to be involved on campus is to simply show up for these events.

Current GHC students should encourage every high school student they know to consider starting their college journey at a smaller, mostly two-year college, like GHC.

**-Six Mile Post
Editorial Board**

'Black Panther': A new and innovative kind of Superhero Film



Editor's Box

Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

"Black Panther" was released last month to universal acclaim both from audiences and critics. Many have been saying that it's just another generic Marvel superhero film, that it never actually overcomes the genres clichés, and that in total it is overhyped. But there are actually many qualities to "Black Panther" that enable the film to rise above other entries in the fran-

chise. "Black Panther" shies away from the typical Marvel humor and serves as a serious piece that fits with the director, Ryan Coogler's, vision.

It would have been quite easy for "Black Panther" to be another action superhero movie, as the film felt the obligation to do something more, to actually confront issues that face the people it is empowering.

One of the best elements of

the film was its development of Wakanda. It is an engaging and interesting society to experience on the big screen. One of the film's main themes is addressing Wakanda's history of inaction, of staying in the shadows while people they could've helped were sold into slavery. Dark themes are not something that "Black Panther" was interested in shying away from, and considering how easy it would have been to never address them and keep the film a breezy affair, that is something to be commended.

Killmonger, the main antagonist of "Black Panther," is the best Marvel villain since Doctor Octopus in "Spider-Man 2." This isn't because of any superficial elements

to make him seem cool. Killmonger works because his motivations are completely understandable. His goals are centered on revenge, based on his own experiences, with aspirations to make the world a better place in his eyes. That is the mark of a great villain, one that is relatable, and one that also plays into the film's underlying messages to distinctly drive the point home.

"Black Panther" isn't a perfect masterpiece, but its minor technical flaws are overridden by its masterful accomplishments in story and themes. It's more than just another superhero film; "Black Panther" legitimately has something important to say and knows how to say it.

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The highs and lows of the teaching profession



Soap Box

LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer

I began my college journey later in life with a plan to become a high school teacher. The closer I get to finishing my associates, the more anxious I get about going into education.

I am not the only one. According to USNews.com the enrollment in teacher preparation programs has decreased 35% in the last five years. Be-

ing in education is a concern for physical safety.

There have been 18 school shootings nationwide so far this year.

Teachers are also facing longer hours, more paperwork, angry parents and they are being forced to teach primarily on material from standardized tests.

I was speaking recently to a friend who teaches third grade; she told me that what she is actually doing as a teacher was not taught in her college classroom or what she expected.

She voiced concerns over the workload, the pay and the welfare of the students.

As a teacher at a Title I school, she had a student who lived in his car and many who come to school hungry every day.

What our teachers do goes well beyond teaching U.S. History and Math. They reach into the lives of children and not only teach them the stat-

ed curriculum, but they also teach character and life skills. They deal with bullying, mental health and the emotional health of our children – all with an income far below what they deserve.

There is much commentary today about school violence. Some point the finger at gun control, others at the mental health issues plaguing our country.

I am not sure how to stop school shootings, but I know one thing for sure – we need teachers.

We need teachers who come to school even though they may be afraid.

We need teachers who teach even when parents get irritated when they are told their children are misbehaving.

We need teachers that go into teaching knowing what the expected income will be and that the workload is too much.

I agree with Helen Caldicott who said, "Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth."

We need teachers and we need a strong society that supports the teaching profession.

Letter to the Editor

The Pantheon of the Soul

Dear Editor,

One of the clichés that passes for wisdom in our culture is to "Be yourself!" However, I find this euphemism spoken from the lips of our generation to be shallow. It is just so because so often we skip an essential, prerequisite step in our moral development. That is the problem with being born in a modern age. We read the answers, but we don't understand how they were arrived at. We have memorized the answer to the math formula but when asked, we cannot demonstrate the steps in the equation to arrive at that answer. Consequently, we do not actually know the answer because we do not really know the question. We are dwarfs standing on the shoulders of giants. Before we can begin talk of being ourselves, first we must do the inner work. What work do I speak of?

Written on the ancient wall of the Oracle at Delphi is the inscription, "To know

thyself is the first rule of life." Therefore, the first and greatest question is, "Who am I? What am I?"

There are various and sundry energies in the id of the individual and, therefore, in the collective unconsciousness of humanity. The ancients gave expression to these inner powers by projecting them into their mythologies. Each god personified an aspect of man. Ares is malice. Dionysius is madness. Athena is wisdom. Zeus is power.

Homer said that we are the "playthings of the gods." Our fates as mortals are largely out of our conscious power to control. Modern science may have demythologized mother nature but indeed these gods still exist as universal, psychological facts about human nature. Wherever there are people coming together in the cover of night, listening to rhythmic music and drinking wine, Dionysius will show up.

The truth is we are still the "playthings of the gods." Our unconsciousness, our id,

is full of gods that constantly vie for control of our behavior. If we were truly the rational beings as we like to think ourselves to be then why do we procrastinate? Why do fail to do our homework? Why do we constantly do stupid things? Why do we lash out against the ones we love?

You have heard it said, "Be yourself!"

But I say, "Which one? I look in the mirror and I see 19 different people staring back at me."

Within each of us there is a pantheon of gods that are factional, divided and warring for control. That is the nature of polytheism--unmitigated chaos. That is why, in the history of religion, polytheistic mythologies often eventually evolved towards monotheism (in religion) and monarchy (in politics). The only alternative to unmitigated chaos is to choose one god amidst the pantheon to become king of the gods.

In ancient Mesopotamia,

Babylon, 1000 years before the Jewish scriptures were written, early civilization was working itself out through its mythology. Abzu, the father god of fresh-water, mates with the goddess Tiamat, who represents the primordial chaos before creation. Together they birth countless gods. However, the gods are jealous of Abzu and collude to kill him. They succeed. Soon after a civil war breaks out among the gods. Tiamat, the god of the original chaos, swears that she will destroy all of her children. Chaos, then, is literally coming to eat her children in the form of a water-dragon. The gods call for a cease-fire. They convene and decide that they should elect one from among them to become their king. The gods end up choosing Marduk, the storm god, as their King and he leads them against Tiamat and slays her.

Why did the gods choose Marduk as their King?

The attributes of the king god were that he could speak

fire and his head had many eyes. This symbolized the power of a King to speak to people and the necessity of paying attention and learning. Each Babylonian King wore the robe of Marduk and each year he would be disrobed, chastised and confess to the priests how he had not been a good Markuk that year.

Take a lesson from the Babylonians. Choose the part of yourself that sees with a thousand eyes in every direction and so, cannot be deceived. For self-deception makes it impossible to courageously confront the chaos within, and without. Pick the one that speaks words of fire which is the truth, honestly from the core, for that is power. Crown the one King who confronts the unknown and speaks truth. Let the Marduk in you bring order out of your inner chaos.

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Review: Garland provides more smart sci-fi in 'Annihilation'

By Joseph McDaniel
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Every now then there comes a film where, when the viewer walks out, they have no idea what to think. They have just witnessed a thematically bold science fiction piece that leaves the imagery and ideas it presents spinning in the mind of the viewers long after they leave the cinema. Alex Garland's "Annihilation" is one of these films. Garland is also known for directing "Ex Machina" which was similarly critically acclaimed for doing the same in its strange presentation. However, "Annihilation" is everything "Ex Machina" was to the extreme.

The film stars Natalie Portman as a biologist who ventures into a strange area known as the shimmer along with four other female scientists. Honestly, that is the most that anyone should know walking into this film. Going in knowing as little as possible

is the optimal experience for this film.

The script, as expected from Garland, is very smart. Intellectual science fiction is clearly Garland's area of expertise, and his prowess shines as usual. The movie weaves a very involving story that keeps the viewer desperate for answers, and the way it resolves them isn't always conventional.

The film also looks amazing. What the characters encounter while in the shimmer is something that keeps cinemagoers eyes transfixed on the screen, and the special effects that bring these ideas to life are great. The film can get extremely disturbing at times and is definitely not for the faint of heart. "Annihilation" is not afraid to present horrific imagery to develop the story as the viewer realizes what the characters are going through.

"Annihilation" is not a film for everyone. But for those into science fiction that leaves a lasting impression, then it is highly recommended.



Review: God of War franchise holds up strong after six games

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Ed., Online

The God of War franchise still holds strong after thirteen years and six games.

The God of War franchise consists of games across different PlayStation consoles, all released in a span of 13 years.

At the time of the first God of War's release, the PlayStation 2, along with its competitors the Xbox and Nintendo Gamecube, saw a slew of different hack and slash-based action games, all that seemed the same.

But what made the God of War games stand out was that it pushed the boundaries of the genre by having a riveting story around a powerful character named Kratos; the gamer follows the journey of Kratos in the world of Greek Mythology.

The world created throughout the six God of War games, along with the tragic story of Kratos makes the player feel as if the storyline is actually ripped from Greek mythology, while at the same time taking creative and innovative liberties.



With three of the games serving as the main saga, "God of War I-III," along with two spin-offs, "Chains of Olympus" and "Ghost of Sparta" and one prequel, "God of War: Ascension," that compliment Kratos' journey make for an exciting story throughout the games.

Unlike most hack and slash games at the time, God of War had the players use specific combos and strategies involving Kratos' everchanging blades and magic to think outside the box in order to defeat enemies.

The game also took time to challenge gamers with plat-

forming segments and puzzles to sharpen one's mind and to get to the next battle. But the standout of all the God of War games are the epic boss battles that go from over the top to absolutely brutal in all the best ways. The boss battles are also complimented by innovative quick time events that make the climatic showdowns as cinematic as a film.

Graphics are another key factor that add to the innovation of the God of War franchise. While most of the games in the series may not hold up to some gamers who were not around during God of War's in-

ception, at the time, they were breathtaking as the look and movement of the world look undeniably realistic. Each game pushes its console's hardware to the absolute limit as the graphics become better and better.

Another revolutionary factor to the God of War games is the sound design. The sound of the games, from the voice acting, the sound effects and one of the best scores in gaming history, make the series a technical masterpiece.

The God of War franchise provides a rich world, incredible gameplay and techni-

cal achievements. Whether a gamer plays all six games chronologically or by order of release, there is always something to take away from the God of War franchise.

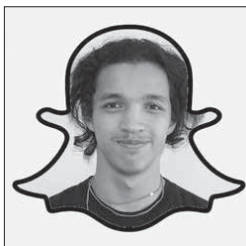
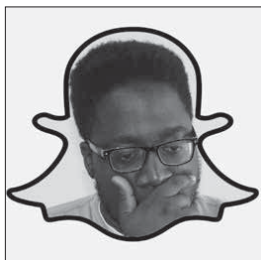
This year, a new God of War game is coming and plans to bring so much more to the God of War franchise such as new camera work, revamped graphics, new gameplay, more character development and a whole new world, the world of Norse mythology. The new God of War is one of the most highly anticipated PS4 games of the year. While some games in the series are better than others, the God of War series is definitely a series worth checking out for any gamer that has yet to experience the epic saga.



Poll: What do you think of the new Snapchat update and why?

Kenechi Mgbodile

"It has lots of room for improvement, It isn't horrible, but there is a lot that can be changed."

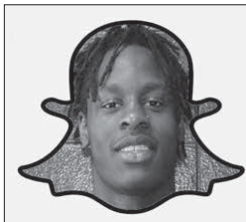


Jesse Rimando

"I say it's a big improvement. Before my stories were cluttered. It filters out through all my streaks and recents."

Brooke Walker

"Its awful because when you go to talk to your friends, you have to scroll to find them"



Qaiyoom Olanegbe

"TERRIBLE!"

Review: Panda Garden delivers

**By J. Celon-Alcantara
Staff Writer**

The Panda Garden II Chinese take-out restaurant serves as the perfect spot for Paulding campus students.

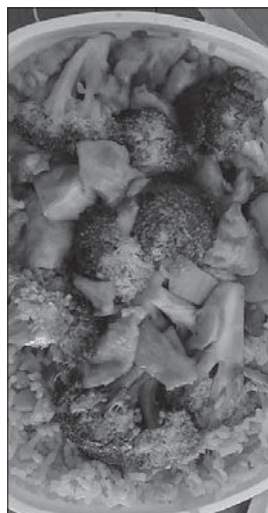
It is less than a five minute drive and inexpensive.

They have a variety of options to choose from. They have different chicken, pork, beef and shrimp dishes, as well as dumplings, eggrolls, fried rice, lo mein and the typical American style Chinese food.

One popular menu item seems to be the sesame chicken.

It is a good portion sized meal. The chicken is nicely coated with the sesame sauce and topped with sesame seeds. Fried rice is included to balance out the sweetness of the chicken.

The food comes in a plastic container concealed with plastic wrap to ensure that the top does not come off and spill if people were to order take out.



The prices are fair compared to the large portion size of the meal.

The food ranges from \$5-11 for every meal.

The service is also quick. People can either order by phone or walk in.

It usually takes less than 15 minutes for the food to be

ready if people are looking for good but quick food.

Plus, people have the option to sit and eat or take-out.

The staff treatment of customers is okay but not the best. They can be a bit rude especially when ordering by phone.

Compared to other Chinese take-out restaurants in the area, this has the best taste and quality.

By far, this is a very popular hotspot for the GHC college students in the Paulding area as it is nearby, has quick service and is fairly inexpensive.



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Sports

Featured game: Lady Chargers fall short in GCAA home game

By Abigail Allmond
Asst. Sports Editor

Georgia Highlands' softball team fell short at their game against Georgia Military College with a score of 7-6 in the first game of the doubleheader on March 3.

In the third inning, batter Alia Booth hit a strong single making the score 7-4 Georgia Military.

Throughout the game, shortstop Shayla Smith was not letting a ball get past her. Smith was blocking any and every ball she could get.

In the fourth inning, the Chargers had bases loaded. Brittany Huth was able to steal home plate and was safe, making the score 7-5 Georgia Military College.

This was a bold move a lot

of those watching will remember.

Though the Chargers lost both games in the doubleheader, they kept it close in the first game with a final score of 7-6.

Kendall Reeves hit the first grand slam of the Chargers season.

Melissa Wood, head coach, stated she was very proud of that considering she is at the top of the conference for her batting average and RBIs.

GHC lost the second game of the doubleheader 12-1.

For the week of Feb. 26, Charger Alia Booth was the Player of the Week for GCAA conference and Micayla McCoy was the GCAA Pitcher of the Week in the Chargers' first week back. The Lady Chargers are now 14-11 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

The next home game is April 14 against Andrew College starting at 1 p.m.

Sports Update

As of March 7, the Lady Chargers are 14-11 for the season after falling to Georgia Military 7-6 and 12-1 on March 3.

Softball Home Games

April 14 at 1 p.m.
(doubleheader)
vs. Andrew College

April 15 at noon
(doubleheader)
vs. ABAC



Photo by Abigail Allmond

Lady Charger Micayla McCoy pitches against Georgia Military College March 3.

Featured game: Baseball team defeats Sinclair at home

By Abigail Allmond
Asst. Sports Editor

The Georgia Highlands Chargers baseball team defeated Sinclair Community College 7-3 on Feb. 25. GHC has won two out of their three games over Sinclair Community College from Dayton, Ohio.

Highlands started out strong with Skylar McPhee hitting a fast ball with bases loaded. McPhee gave GHC a score of 1-0 in the bottom of the first.

Bryson Horne hit a solid ball with bases still loaded making the score 2-0.

Mathew Norton pitched a solid fastball stopping Sinclair from scoring in the top of the second. In the bottom of the second, bases loaded, Blake Brady hit deep into the outfield and made the score 3-0.

Dash O'Neill, Chargers head coach, was overall very

pleased with his team this weekend. O'Neill stated, "Sinclair is the number ten team in the country and we were able to win the series against them."

O'Neill continued, "I feel like we could've swept but we had a couple opportunities get out of our hands last night. I am incredibly proud of my guys."

O'Neill said, "Matt Norton did exactly what we needed him to do and he gave us a great start."

Norton said, "I thought my performance was good. The team played very well behind me. It was a great day."

Sports Update

As of March 7, the Chargers are 15-6 for the season after defeating ABAC 14-1.

The team's next home



Photo by Abigail Allmond

Charger head coach Dash O'Neill talks to infielder Willis Kemp during the game against Sinclair on Feb. 25.

game will be on March 26 at 5 p.m. against ABAC.

All of the team's home games are played at the Lake Point Sporting Community in Emerson.

GHC Chargers advance to NJCAA Region 17 semifinals

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

The GHC Chargers men's basketball team defeated Andrew College 91-76 on March 6 at the Floyd campus gym to advance to the NJCAA Region 17 semifinals

"We're going in the wrong direction right now. We're winning, but we think we're a little better than what we've been playing."

-Phil Gaffney

At the half of the quarterfinals game, GHC was winning by a score of 42-32.

DeMarcus Addie led the way for the Chargers with 26 points and five rebounds while Sandro Noel and Tajuan Johnson each scored 17 points.

Addie said that he is pleased with his performance during this game. Addie said, "I couldn't do it without my teammates. They make me a better player."

Phil Gaffney, head men's basketball coach, said that even though his team got the win during the quarterfinals game, they have not been playing well.

"About three weeks ago, we kind of peaked. We were playing phenomenal and now, we have come down a couple steps. We have to figure out what we're doing wrong and try to get better," remarked Gaffney.

About being ready for the semifinals and finals, Addie said, "We're ready to take the championship home."

Gaffney said that his team is not ready yet. "We're going in the wrong direction right now. We're winning, but we



Photo by Catie Sullivan
Jeremiah Buford

think we're a little better than what we've been playing."

Gaffney continued, "South Georgia Tech is the team we're going to have to play. We've



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Shae Brown attempts to make a three-pointer at the Region 17 quarterfinals game.

already played them and beat them twice. Now, we've got to watch lots of tape on them and figure out everything they've done."

If the Chargers win the semifinals, they will advance to the finals. If GHC wins the finals, they will go to the NJCAA national 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.

GHC's Banton has played basketball nearly his whole life

By Scott Rosario
Staff Writer

AJ Banton is a guard for the Georgia Highlands Chargers basketball team.

He began to play basketball around five years old after his great grandfather introduced the sport to him.

"It was a super rusty rim, no net and I'm honestly not even sure if there was a backboard," grinned Banton.

"Honestly, I don't even think I was shooting a ball in it. It was something other than a ball," laughed Banton.

"My mom was the one who

got me to play," he said.

Banton grew up in Englewood, New Jersey.

He moved to Georgia when he was nine. He has two little sisters and one little brother.

Banton attended a prep school and got injured there. He decided to try for JUCO due to the injury and got in contact with many junior colleges.

He tried out for the Chargers and they liked him, and he was given a scholarship.

Banton said, "I plan to get my degree and hopefully play professionally."

He also said, "As far as af-

ter GHC, I will go wherever the best fit is for me. Wherever I can be a better person, a better student and a better player as Coach Gaffney says."

"I plan to get my degree and hopefully play professionally."

-AJ Banton

As a student of GHC, there are some things he likes and

enjoys about the college.

Banton said, "I like how the professors are willing to help."

He continued, "If you have a question, they are there willing to help every time and the tutoring center is super helpful."

Banton continued, "The people here in general are totally nice too."

Gaffney said AJ has been a great player for Georgia Highlands and has several options for his future.

Gaffney said, "I expect him to have a great future in basketball."



Photo by Catie Sullivan

AJ Banton

Lady Chargers season has come to a close

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

The Lady Chargers ended their season after falling 78-74 to Central Georgia Tech in the GCAA semifinals on March 2 at South Georgia Tech. This made the team's overall record 19-13. Only five Lady Chargers were eligible to play at this game.

"I hurt so much for them. They didn't have a chance to fully go through the conference tournament. That's pretty heartbreaking."

-Brandon Harrell

GHC only had five players because some of the team was ejected after an argument occurred between some of the Lady Chargers and some of the Central Georgia Tech players.

Brandon Harrell, head



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Cierrah Perdue goes for a layup at the game on March 2.

women's basketball coach, said he feels terrible about how his team ended the season. "It was really unfortunate," remarked Harrell.

Even though it was unfortunate, Harrell said, "Under the circumstances, I could not have asked for our players to do anything different."

Harrell said that the way players were ejected from the game was not appropriate.



Photo by Joshua Mabry

From left: Shakierya McClendon, Brianna Davis, Elizabeth Newberry, Anna Stewart, Kateryna Khomenko, Eric Blankenship and Brandon Harrell celebrate Sophomore Day on Feb. 24.

There were some of the Lady Chargers who did not deserve to be ejected, according to Harrell.

Harrell said, "I think the officials did the best with what they had to work with but there is certainly a need for officials to be able to use video in reviewing incidents like that. The video is pretty clear. It's frustrating to go back and see that."

Kateryna Khomenko, a sophomore Lady Charger, echoed Harrell's remarks. She said, "The game felt really unreal. It was crazy to play in that kind of situation."

"We were all shocked about what just happened because we've been working the whole year to play a game and we basically didn't get a chance to play," Khomenko continued.

About going forward, Harrell remarked, "Maybe we'll use this as a catalyst to kind of change the way we do things."

Khomenko said, "We're going to learn from it and hopefully it's never going to happen again."

Prior to this game, the Lady Chargers defeated Andrew College 75-46 in the GCAA quarterfinals at the Floyd campus gym on Feb. 27

to advance to the GCAA semifinals.

About the season as a whole, Harrell said that he thought his team was going in the right direction.

"We were playing well towards the end. I really thought our best basketball was ahead of us," said Harrell.

Harrell said that the Lady Chargers overcame so much throughout the year.

Harrell continued, "I hurt so much for them. They didn't have a chance to fully go through the conference tournament. That's pretty heartbreaking."

Warm weather means it's time to get active and enjoy spring sports

With warm weather right around the corner, it is time to get active and start enjoying all of the activities and sporting events that spring has to offer.

Spring brings with it many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors through activities such as skating, biking, flying a kite, paddle boarding, kayaking or hiking/walking. There is nothing like taking a hike or kayaking down the river or on a lake on a nice spring day.

There are many nearby areas to enjoy these activities. People can hike/walk or

kayak at GHC's Paris Lake on the Floyd campus. There is a nice trail around the lake and a trail that goes through the wetlands with a boardwalk.

This makes for a nice way to observe the wildlife and vegetation of that ecosystem and spring time is especially nice there.

The Silver Comet Trail is perfect for a biking excursion, walking, running or skating. This trail runs from Smyrna, Georgia, to central Alabama with trailheads in Paulding County, Rockmart and Cedartown.

Berry College, the Rome rivers and trails that run parallel to the rivers also offer nice spots to hike, paddle board, skate, bike, fly a kite or kayak on a nice spring day.

Spring also brings with it the perfect chance to get fit. It is right after everyone has been confined indoors all winter and right before the hot temperatures of summer begin. It is the perfect time to golf, play tennis or run.

There are many nice golf courses in northwest Georgia, such as Meadow Lakes in Cedartown and Stone Bridge



Mabry's Pitch

Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

in Rome, and the GHC Floyd campus has newly renovated tennis courts that are open to the public.

I have saved the best aspect of spring for last. Spring brings with it the start of spring sports, such as baseball and softball. There is nothing like sitting in the stands on a

warm spring afternoon cheering on a favorite team to victory.

The regular season for professional baseball will start soon, but the GHC baseball and softball seasons are currently underway. Get out and enjoy this nice weather while cheering on our Chargers!