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**Spring Fling
takes place on
all campuses
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Photo by Catie Sullivan

Thomas Boylan participates in Spring Fling activities on the Floyd campus. Boylan is shooting a foam arrow at his opposing team in a game of archer-tag.



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**Coach Gaffney
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Registration open for variety of summer classes

By Kara Ledbetter
Staff Writer

Registration for summer classes is now open. The different types of summer classes include Maymester, full summer and June and July sessions.

“Registering for summer classes is a great way for students to get back on pace towards degree completion.”

**-Yoursheko Owens,
Paulding adviser**

Although Maymester classes still have the same amount

of material to cover, May session classes will begin May 14 and end with final exams on June 1.

June and July sessions have a bit more time but are still extremely condensed.

June session runs from June 4-28. July session runs from July 9-August 2.

Just like fall and spring semester classes, summer full-session classes are most similar to a normal semester.

Although there will still be less time to cover material, the full June/July session is the best for students who want something similar to what they have already taken.

The full June/July semester runs from June 4-August 2.

Summer classes are an opportunity to make a student's life less stressful, catch up and maybe even get ahead.

Also, “registering for summer classes is a great way for students to get back on pace towards degree completion,”

said Yoursheko Owens, Paulding's academic adviser.

Eden Reynolds, a student from the Paulding campus, is using summer classes for her advantage.

“I am taking online and on campus classes this summer to make sure I can graduate on time.”

**-Eden Reynolds,
Paulding student**

Not only is she taking summer classes on campus but online as well.

Although Reynolds has always had a full time class

schedule, she said, “I am taking online and on campus classes this summer to make sure I can graduate on time,” she said.

Although she took five classes her first semester and five currently, she is still not on track to graduate in two years.

Taking summer classes at Georgia Highlands will help guarantee Reynolds the ability to complete her associate's degree in two years.

How to register

To sign up for summer classes, a student can talk with one of their campus advisers to receive assistance. They can also log on to SCORE to complete registration themselves.

Summer classes

**Maymester
May 14-June 1**

**June Session
June 4-28**

**July Session
July 9-August 2**

**Full Summer
June 4-August 2**

**Sign up today.
Registration ends
May 15.**

Renovations are continuing at the Floyd campus



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Faculty mailboxes that are normally located in the Social Sciences office have been moved to the Pullen Annex hallway during the renovations to the office.



Photo by Catie Sullivan

Workers renovate the Social Sciences office in the Pullen Annex hallway at the Floyd campus. This is one of the many modernization projects planned for the campus.

Georgia Highlands gets new financial aid director



Photo by Joseph McDaniel

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

Georgia Highlands has a new financial aid director, Donna Childres.

She started in the current spring semester. This is actually a return for her, as she was at GHC for three years before transferring to Berry for seven.

When asked why she returned to GHC, Childres said, "I like the mission of GHC. I like that we are an all access school, giving students in this area an option."

In term of her thoughts on what students need to remember for financial aid, Childres urged that all eligible individuals should try and apply.

"We understand that it's

complex and it isn't easy. If students and families are honest about their need, we try to give what help we can," she said.

Childres also iterated that she understood loan debt and how that effects people.

"I want students to understand that loans still should be used for education, even though lifestyles may have to change to deal with it," she said.

Childres received a Bachelor degree of Business Administration (BBA) from Georgia Southwestern.

She oversees all financial aid processes at all of the Georgia Highlands campuses. Her office is on the Floyd campus, in the Financial/Admissions aid office.

Financial Aid month raises awareness for students

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Ed., Online

GHC continues its yearly tradition of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month this April.

Student Financial Aid Awareness Month gives students the opportunity to connect with financial aid advisers in a direct way.

FAFSA events were hosted at each campus. Any student who needed help completing their FAFSA or other financial aid processes was more than welcome. These events were in addition to the regular monthly First Friday FAFSA days.

The event at Paulding was held on April 10, while the Marietta event was held on April 11. The Floyd event took place on April 12 and the Cartersville event took place on April 16.

According to Ana Clayton, financial aid counselor at GHC, "If a student wants to complete their FAFSA for summer, they

will need their 2015 tax information as well as their parents 2015 tax information if they are a dependent student. For fall, they will need the 2016 tax information."

Clayton also said, "This year, we've set up displays in our areas with financial aid information about the process, different types of aid and some changes that we've had within the past few months."

The big changes that we have this year are the implementation of a new verification process and the return of year round Pell." Clayton continued.

Clayton said, "We are using a program called Campus Logic to complete the verification process."

This really simplifies the verification process for the student but as with any change, we have to get the word out. With year round Pell, students who qualify are now able to use Pell in the summer whereas in the past, they were not able to do so," Clayton continued.

Students even got to enjoy the food, fun and prizes at the events. According to the Financial Aid Office at the Floyd campus, "If students were enrolled 12 or more credits for fall and 12 or more credits for spring and received their full

Pell awards, they must be enrolled at least six credits for summer to receive the additional Pell Grant funds."

If a student did not receive their full Pell award still has the opportunity to use any "leftover" Pell. An example

of Summer Pell for students with 12 credits and \$0 in an expected family contribution amount is \$5,920 Pell offered for fall/spring, and also \$2,960 for 12 credits received in the fall and spring and a summer allowance.



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2018-2019 school year gets a new theme

**By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer**

As the school year begins to wind down, there has been talk of a common theme for next school year as well. John Spranza, director of student life, has confirmed that next year's common theme will be wellness.

This broad theme will cover all aspects of wellness, from physical to financial, even community wellness.

The theme was decided on by discussions among student life, faculty, and student input.

The themes of other University System of Georgia schools and the requests of the Board of Regents were also considered.

Throughout next school year, the Office of Student Life will have activities events centered around Wellness.

Spranza said that these activities are meant to "encourage students to be well-rounded and to complete goals."

Currently there is no set schedule on the activities and events planned. So far there has been discussions of expanding outdoor activities.

There will also be a continuation of the #Adulting workshops with an emphasis on wellness aspects such as finances and health. Also, being continued are the yoga classes on the Cartersville campus.

There are also efforts being made to expand the yoga classes to the other campuses.

The 2018-2019 school year will only be the second year the GHC has had a common theme. Ideas for activities and events are still being bounced around. For

suggestions, contact the Office of Student Life.

Spranza said that "ears and doors are always open" for student feedback.

Over the course of this school year, the Office of Student Life has focused its events and activities primarily around Chinese culture.

This had been the case to spark enthusiasm for the upcoming summer trip to China.

During the 2017 and 2018 school year Student Life has provided the GHC community with the opportunity to experience Chinese culture.

Chinese dancers visited all campuses, the famous Chef Egg held a class on how to cook Chinese cuisine, zen gardens were given out to students and dragon boats were raced on the lake at the Floyd campus.



File Photo

A dancer from the Atlanta Chinese Dance company visited all GHC campuses in the fall of 2017 in honor of student life's 2017-2018 Chinese culture common theme. Other Chinese themed events took place on various other campuses and were open to all students and or faculty. Next year the theme will be wellness and activities will relate to this new 2018-2019 theme.

Highlands Happenings

Student achievements awarded at Honors Night Students welcomed to the end of semester dance at C'ville

**By LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer**

According to Lyric Sprinkle, Student Life Coordinator, Georgia Highlands' annual Honors Night is scheduled for April 19 at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville.

Honorees are nominated by faculty and staff across all campuses and all fields of study. Students may be nominated for many different awards.

The "Big Three" Awards are presented for Leadership, Spirit and Steve Burns Service award.

There are also awards presented to students from different organizations such as the Six Mile Post and Old Red Kimono.

**By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports**

The Student Government Association is sponsoring Recharge Your Glow, an end of the semester dance that is coming up on April 20 from 7-11 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom at the Cartersville site.

According to Brittany Trawick, Student Life student assistant and one of the event coordinators, tickets for GHC students are \$2 and tickets for non-GHC students are \$5.

Tickets can be purchased in the Student Life office at any GHC location through April 19 for these prices.

After April 19, tickets will be \$5 for GHC students and \$7 for non-GHC students.

Dress for the event is either formal or casual. Students that want to wear a costume are encouraged to do so.

Trawick said there will be a DJ, photo booth and food. A Mr. Charger and Ms. Charger will also be crowned at the dance.

Trawick encourages students to attend the dance to unwind from end of semester activities such as finals.

"Even a Charger needs a recharge. Get your neon on at the GHC Recharge Your Glow spring dance party," remarked Trawick.

Old Red Kimono magazine releases newest issue

**By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports**

According to Nancy Applegate, professor of English and Old Red Kimono adviser, the Old Red Kimono, GHC's literary magazine, has planned the unveiling of its latest edition. Receptions have been planned for all GHC campuses.

The magazine received artwork, photos and writ-

ing pieces from students faculty, staff as well as the general public.

The Floyd event will be on April 25 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium. Receptions at Cartersville, Marietta, Paulding and Douglasville will be on April 30.

Attendees will hear featured writers, photographers and artists discuss their published works.

There will be refreshments as well.

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend to pick up their free copy of the magazine.

Assistant editor on the Old Red Kimono staff, Margaret Gardner said, "It will be a time of great celebration as staff and students get together to welcome the newest issue of the Old Red Kimono."



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Lauren McKaig, GHC business major, visits Israel where she gained an understanding of international culture.

Highlands student visits Israel

By Danielle Griesemer
Staff Writer

Recently, Lauren McKaig, a third-year business major at GHC, returned from a trip to Israel. She went on this trip with her church, Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Cartersville.

McKaig's reason for going on this trip was for religious understanding. As a Christian, she said it was "neat to walk where Jesus walked." During the eight days of the trip, she was able to see places of Christian importance such as Jesus' tomb and the place where he was tried by Pontius Pilate.

While away, Gardenia Burks, professor of business, gave McKaig a short, simple assignment: to actively observe the culture of Israel.

One element of culture she observed was the high military presence in Israel.

McKaig's group frequently passed groups of military personnel touring the same sights she was. The Israeli military places emphasis on history.

Another aspect of culture was summed up in a single phrase: "The world gathers in Israel," McKaig said.

She was able to identify groups from Latin America, Europe and Asia.

The final element of Israeli culture McKaig observed was the intensity of impact Judaism has on the culture of the entire country.

The Sabbath, or "Day of Rest," is strictly observed through the entire country from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Saturday.

During this time trains do not run. There was even an elevator without buttons that stopped on every floor, According to McKaig.

Overall, McKaig encourages other students to travel if that is what they desire. She said, "It's just important to realize that it's not wrong, it's different," when talking about other cultures.

Space X innovates exploration

By Jillian Scanlon
Staff Writer

Space has always been a subject of fascination. In 2011, NASA retired their space shuttles; however, Space X, a private company founded by Elon Musk in 2002, works under contract with NASA.

Mark Pergrem, associate professor of physics at GHC says, "I think probably by the time everything is said and done, they will roughly have had a couple dozen, give or take, resupply missions."

According to Pergrem, SpaceX has an ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets. Pergrem specifically mentioned Mars.

That being said, their carriers are apparently built to potentially carry people. According to Pergrem, they were built with that intent.

Space X's website states



that "SpaceX" is the only private company ever to return a spacecraft from low-earth orbit.


Musk firmly believes in reusable spacecrafts.

According to Space X website, Musk said, "If one can figure out how to effectively reuse rockets just like airplanes, the cost of access to space will be reduced by as much as a factor. A fully reusable vehicle has never been done before.

That really is the fundamental breakthrough needed to revolutionize access to space."

So many areas benefit from space exploration, technology would not be where it is and the medical field would not be where it is.

Pergrem believes, "If we are going to decide things through the ballot, it is incumbent upon us to know enough science to vote intelligently and serve on a jury fairly."




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Carvajalino lectures on building a business

By Jillian Scanlon
Staff Writer

Stephanie Carvajalino, 21-year-old entrepreneur, spoke to students on the Cartersville campus on March 19.



Carvajalino

Her sisters, Karen and Daniela Carvajalino, did not make the lecture. Carvajalino explained that they are attending "the biggest and most important education and technology conference

in the world" in Dubai.

The sisters started their first business at six, seven and eight selling chocolates.

Their business exploded, and they quickly gained the attention of Latin America and other nations.

With their platform, Carvajalino stated that she and her sisters "want to change the world." She gave students three steps in her lecture.

"Step one is confidence. Step two is no excuses," said Carvajalino. Along with those lessons, she shared a personal story of the sisters first conference.

She explained "no excuses" with the analogy of making time to go to the gym.

The third step given was "What makes you different?" Carvajalino wanted students to think about how they "were going to add value to someone's life."

Carvajalino mentioned the fourth industrial revolution and explained to students, "Over the next five years, it is going to change everything."

"500,000 jobs are going to be lost, but also a lot of



Photos by Jillian Scanlon

From left: Gardenia Burks, assistant professor of business, Bronson Long, associate professor of history, Stephanie Carvajalino, guest speaker, and Alexandra MacMurdo, instructor of communications gather after event.

jobs will be created," stated Carvajalino.

She and her sisters have created a course to successfully help new entrepreneurs, offering courses that teach technological abilities,

soft skills, such as public speaking and entrepreneurship. Although the courses are not yet in English, Carvajalino assures that "in the future" the courses will be offered in English.

Carvajalino inspired students on the Cartersville campus through her lecture.

Students Asher Adcock and Jason Parker stated the lecture was "very awesome" and "very inspiring."

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Spring Fling springs at Floyd campus!



Photos by Catie Sullivan

On April 11 the Floyd campus Student Life sponsored Spring Fling. Students could participate in archery-tag, top sugar cookies with icing and fruit, register to vote, sign up for Green Highlands and eat a free lunch of wraps and chicken tenders provided by the Floyd campus cafeteria.

"It was a fun event after a long full semester and the sugar cookies were tasty." -Sarah Beth Wheeler, Floyd Freshman



Highlands alumnus and employee retires

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

A longtime member of the GHC community, Bill Cox is now retiring.

Cox has been the grounds supervisor on the Floyd campus since Oct. 21, 1992.

However, prior to being a GHC employee, Cox was once a student in the 70's back when GHC was known as Floyd Junior College.

Cox grew up in Rome, Georgia and attended Darlington.

After graduating from Darlington, Cox attended Floyd Junior College, then Jacksonville State Univer-

sity and he later returned to GHC to take night classes.

As a student at Floyd Junior College, Cox was a senator on the college's student government.

Cox said, "My best memory here is meeting my wife Mary Cox." Mary Cox also works at GHC as the administrative assistant at the physical plant and was also a GHC student when she met Bill Cox.

Cox said he is retiring because, "I am old and financially it is not going to benefit me to stay any longer."

Cox believes his position should be filled with someone who has drive and

can bring fresh ideas and an exuberance of youth to the college as a groundskeeper. After retiring, Cox plans on continuing to work part-time somewhere.

Cox said, "I am an avid gardener and will continue to work outside because I think you always need that something to motivate you to get up every morning."

The best piece of advice Cox has for students is to never be afraid to fail.

Cox said, "If you don't try then you're never going to get anywhere, always ask questions because there aren't any dumb questions and don't worry about failure."



File Photo

Bill Cox has been the Floyd campus groundskeeper for 26 years.

**For more retiree features, see sixmilepost.com.
Bruce Jones, Andy Dawson and Cathy Ledbetter are retiring.**



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Renva Watterson has been at Georgia Highlands for 12 years. Watterson is retiring after the spring semester as the vice president for academic affairs.

Watterson believes it to be 'an appropriate time' to retire

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

Renva Watterson is the vice president for academic affairs and will be retiring after the spring semester. Watterson has been at GHC for 12 years. She first came to GHC when she applied for the position of division chairperson for Humanities at the suggestion of Bill Muggleston.

Watterson grew up in Calhoun, Georgia, and graduated from Shorter College. She then went on to earn her master's and doctorate from the University of Arkansas.

Watterson said, "Like all educational institutions where I have worked, this college is filled with dedicated, hard-working and innovative thought leaders who

have made it their business to consistently invest in the future. GHC's mission is solid and growth-oriented, and the future is bright because of this."

"It seems an appropriate time to turn over this job to the next aspirational and inspirational leader, both characteristics I hope I have evidenced."

-Renva Watterson

A few of Watterson's favorite aspects and memories of her time at Highlands include the friends she found in her coworkers, student achievements as well as teacher and student success

she has witnessed both inside and outside of the classroom.

Lillian Robertson is Watterson's administrative assistant and Robertson said, "It has been a pleasure to work with her; she is a very conscientious boss."

Watterson is retiring because she said, "It seems an appropriate time to turn over this job to the next aspirational and inspirational leader, both characteristics I hope I have evidenced."

Once retired, Watterson and her husband will be dividing their time between Rome, Georgia and Nashville, Tennessee where their children and grandchildren are.

Advice Watterson would like to leave students with is, "If you can be anything (and you can!), be kind."

Graduation 2018

Traditional nurses' pinning ceremony in May

**By LaTonya Kilgore
Staff Writer**

According to Sherri Beideck, assistant registrar, the 2018 Graduation Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 12 at the Forum River Center in the historic district portion of Rome, Georgia. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Students graduating are required to check in by 9 a.m. sharp.

It is imperative that graduates are on time for instruc-

tions and line up. Students arriving late may not be able to participate in free parking for the event at the 3rd Avenue parking deck.

Additional parking can be found at the 4th Avenue parking deck, the Historic Courthouse and the 6th Avenue parking deck.

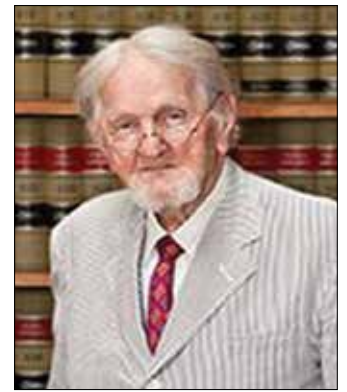
The keynote speaker for this year's graduation will be Bobby Lee Cook, a defense attorney from Summerville,

Georgia. According to Rebecca Maddox, nursing director, the nurse's pinning will be held on May 11 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Cartersville.

The pinning ceremony is "steeped in tradition and symbolism" according to Maddox, dating back to the 1870's. The tradition began with Florence Nightingale as she honored nursing student with a medal designed after the Red Cross of Saint George. Since then,

nursing schools have personalized pins and awarded them to their graduates.

Georgia Highlands holds this special ceremony where pins and stoles are presented to each student. The ceremony also includes a processional of students with Nightingale lamps, recital of the Nursing Pledge and a time for students to thank their supporters and reminisce about their experiences in the program.



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**Bobby Lee Cook is the
2018 graduation speaker.**

2018 Graduates

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Amanda Leigh Barnett
Ansly Tailor Barrett
Lynn Michaela Barth
Victor Isaac Baruchman
Daniel Christopher Batchelor
Taylor Patricia Bates
Danielle Renee Battle
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Christina Renaye Beach
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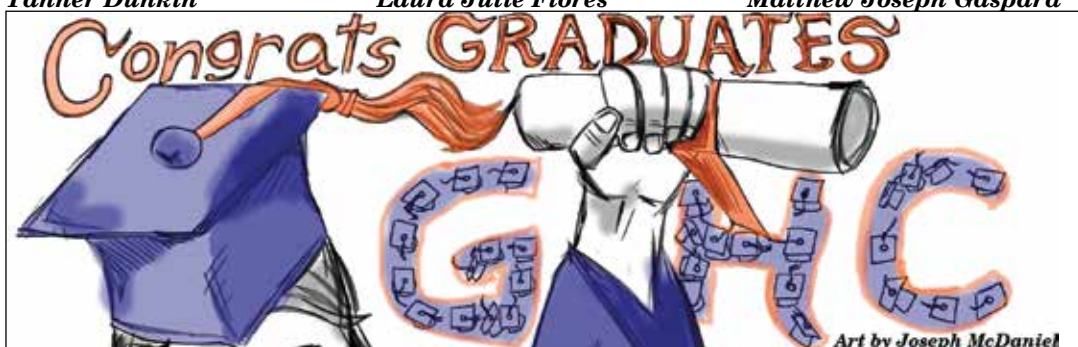
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 Hope Renee Farmer
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Dual enrollment graduate jump starts future at GHC

By William Evans
Staff Writer

In March 2018, I had the honor to represent Phi Theta Kappa at Georgia Highlands College Paulding Preview Day. Speaking to prospective students at the event allowed me to reflect on my GHC journey that started at the same event only two years ago.

I remember the day like it was just yesterday. I was a nervous high school sophomore with a million questions running through my head.

Entering the first floor of the Paulding campus Bagby Building, I signed in and headed to the second floor where Donald Green, GHC's President, was greeting prospective students. He took the time to speak with me about the opportunities available at GHC, and I was instantly sold.

I enrolled at GHC as a dual enrollment student for the upcoming fall semester. I am proud to say that I will graduate from GHC with my A.S. on May 12, 2018 - two weeks before my graduation at Paulding County High School.

Trying to make the most of my time at GHC, I joined other student organizations like Brother2Brother, the Six Mile Post, Student Government Association and Emerging Lead-

ers. Joining these organizations not only looked great for my college applications but allowed me to work with faculty and students from various GHC campuses. My professors were not only great teachers - they offered valuable advice.

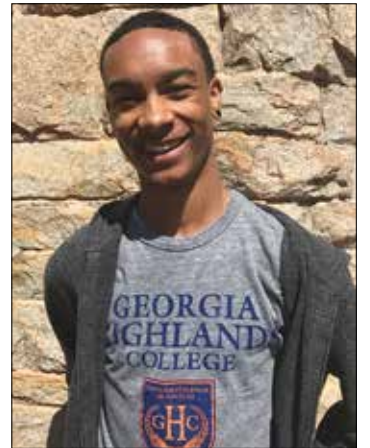


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William Evans

I frequently asked my professors questions regarding undergraduate and graduate school. Thanks to them, I now have the aspiration to obtain my doctorate and become a humanities professor at a university.

I would not be able to succeed in future events if it was not for the great faculty members and my peers at GHC. I truly cannot picture a better school to have started my college career, other than GHC.

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What are your plans after GHC?



"Plan on transferring to UGA to get a business degree after core classes are completed."

-Donovan Kuykendall

"Plan on transferring schools and getting a degree in social work."

-Obi Ugonna



"Plan on transferring to Valdosta State or Kennesaw State to get a master's degree in physical science."

-Lee Ellis

"Plan on transferring to Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri to get a degree in ministry."

-Cameron White



Poll conducted on the Douglasville campus.

By: Michael McClain

Staff Writer and Photographer

By Catie Sullivan
Editor-in-Chief

Upon beginning my time at Georgia Highlands I knew I wanted to be a part of the school newspaper because I was on my high school newspaper staff and my major is journalism.

I was interested in being on the "Six Mile Post" staff in general and when I went in for an interview was not aware of there being paid positions. I did not specify what position I wanted in the interview but afterwards I was happy to be hired as editor-in-Chief.

Being on the staff has overall been fun. I love working with my fellow editors to release a monthly paper for the GHC community. I have learned how to use different programs such as Adobe InDesign and Adobe Photoshop to create the newspaper pages.

Also, my editing skills have improved and made it easier for me to write papers in other classes and worry less about grammar mistakes.

I recommend being on the "Six Mile Post" staff any position either as an editor, staff writer or staff photographer because it is fulfilling to see personal work published and share news and addition information to the community.

By Thomas Boylan
Asst. Online Editor

I have learned so much while working with the Six Mile Post. One of the things that I really enjoyed and learned was how to put articles, stories, artwork, news and pictures together and post them in the paper online.

Another part that I really enjoy is the comradery with my fellow co-workers and the ability to learn new work skills that can be applied when I go further in my future career.

If anyone is interested in a career in journalism or wants to learn new working skills, I highly encourage them to join Six Mile Post.

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

Serving as the Six Mile Post managing sports editor for the past two years has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life.

I have loved working with the basketball coaches and

players and getting to know them. I have also loved attending the home games and cheering on our Chargers to victory. My intended major is Sports Communications. Working for the SMP has showed me what my future job might look like.

I am grateful for my fellow editors and advisers that

I have worked with on the paper. They have become some of my best friends at GHC.

If anyone is considering joining the Six Mile Post, they should definitely do it. They will gain knowledge on how a newspaper operates, learn so much about GHC, make many new friends and have a blast.

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed. Design

When I applied for a position on the "Six Mile Post," I wasn't expecting a job that I would put so many dedicated hours into, collaborate with amazing coworkers and learn numerous valuable talents from, but here I am, writing this piece.

I mainly put in an application hoping to casually do a few stories, without seriously applying for a managing position, but when offered the position of managing editor of Design, I jumped at the chance.

I've been able to become proficient at many new skills, and develop the ones I already had to be even better, especially in digital software such as Photoshop and Adobe Indesign.

I've been able to make my passion for film criticism into part of a real job. I was able to attend really fun newspaper conferences.

Just overall, it's been fantastic to get a chance to work with my fellow editors on the Six Mile Post this year, and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

By Abigail Allmond
Asst. Sports Editor

My time working for the "Six Mile Post" has been amazing. I have learned so much about writing and journalism and it has allowed me to open out of my shell and talk to new people.

Everyone on the staff is amazing and friendly and have been such a pleasure to work with.

If people love writing and love meeting and talking to new people I would highly recommend that they become a part of the Six Mile Post.

I was a little hesitant about joining because it was my first year of college and I wanted to focus on school, but it hasn't gotten in the way of my academics. It truly is a great experience.

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From left Thomas Boylan, Joseph McDaniel, Catie Sullivan, Nick Whitmire, and Joshua Mabry. Not Pictured- Abigail Allmond

By Nick Whitmire
Managing Ed., Online

Working at the "Six Mile Post" has been one of the highlights of my time at Georgia Highlands College.

Even though I have never pictured myself as a journalist, being a part of the Six Mile Post was something that always interested me. I remember talking with Kristie Kemper, SMP adviser and professor of English, about joining

the Post, but I never thought I would have time to devote to it. But after changing majors and embracing my full passion of writing, I decided to join the Six Mile Post in the fall of 2017 and it was one of the best decisions I made at GHC, by starting out as the Assistant Online Editor to rising up to the Managing Editor for Online.

The Six Mile Post has given me the opportunity to work with some amazing editors, work with software that

I had never used before, to be connected to GHC in ways I never thought imaginable and more importantly to develop my skills as an aspiring writer.

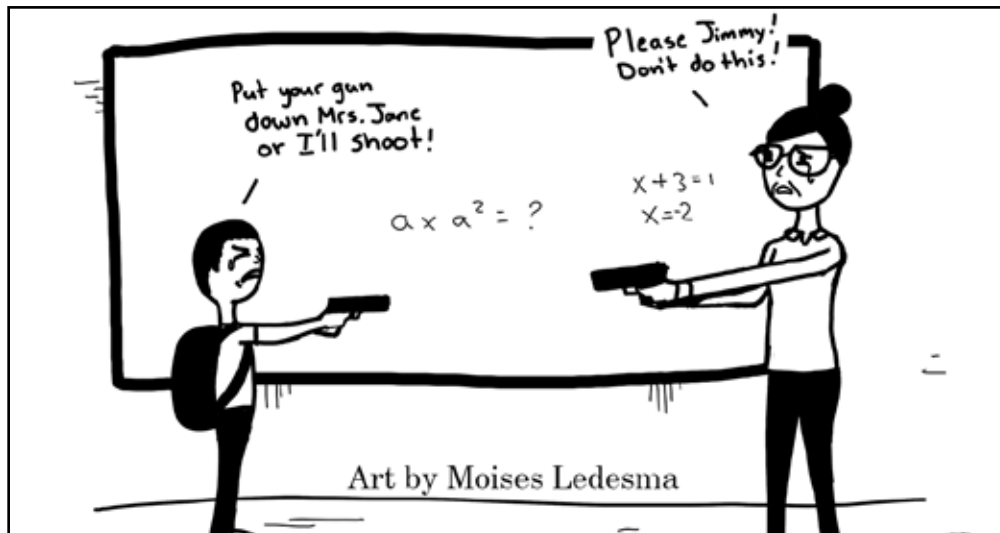
Working at the Six Mile Post has played a significant role in life. By being a journalist in the era of fake news, it has taught me the importance of journalism during divisive times and the power of the written word. I would highly recommend joining the Six Mile Post to all students.

Gun control debate consumes U.S.

Every day there is a new conflict. In these times, it seems like days without some kind of mass shooting are becoming fewer by the day with very little time in between. All of those people who passed away died at the hand of men with guns.

There are those who believe that if there were more people with guns at the scenes of the shootings, it would have prevented the deaths of all those people because they would have had the tools necessary to prevent those deaths, and by taking guns away, people are taking away the right to bear arms given by the Second Amendment.

But there are also others who believe that if the shooters did not have access to guns in the first place, particularly guns used in military combat, these shootings would never have happened and that would be much safer if these types of guns could not be sold like any other gun.



President Donald Trump has stated that in order to stop these shootings, particularly at schools, that we must arm the teachers with guns so that the schools can be better prepared when a shooter reaches campus.

It seems that everything that can go wrong with giving teachers guns will go wrong. It can make them the first target for actual shooters.

Gun control does not mean that the Government should raid everyone's house and take everyone's guns away.

It means that we should keep certain kind of weapons out of the hands of the public and ensure rules on guns are logical, safe and effective and do not interfere with the Second Amendment.

But it is so easy to buy any kind of gun now. People can buy guns like appliances. Buying guns should be like adopting a child, with people doing their homework on guns, contacting experts, doing extreme background checks and signing mountains of contracts and tedious time.

Plus, there seems to

be a romanticism when it comes to guns. But guns, are not a toy, or an accessory, or a symbol of freedom or masculinity. They are made to kill, nothing more.

If people want to see gun control in action, they must call their state representatives. If they have suggestions, they should voice them. People have to call everyday and let them know that fighting fire with fire is not always the solution.

-Six Mile Post Editorial Board

World War I: a war not to be forgotten

Everyone knows about World War II and can easily picture in the events and people that were involved.

World War I is not so easily glamorized due to the war not being as easy to explain or visualize. 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of World War I, which started in 1914 and ended in 1918. World War I has been often glossed over in American history because it did not involve Americans as much as World War II did. It was indeed not a war that America wanted to be a part of, but in Woodrow

Wilson's words "the world must be made safe for democracy." The United States had declared neutrality and shipped supplies to the Allied forces in Europe.

The war also had not as many glamorous elements such as trench warfare, in which the soldiers endured terrible conditions. World War I first started as a war between the European powers such as Germany, Great Britain and France, but then became a global conflict when Germany declared unrestricted submarine warfare on allied ship-

ping, which led to the United States being involved in the war itself.

The United States was late entering the war and helped win it for the Allies when they halted the German advance into France.

Without the intervention of the United States, the Allies would not have been

able to win the war against Germany which was close to actually happening.

We celebrate World War I because the victory for the Allies established peace for the world. Today we celebrate the armistice on Veterans Day. However, in other countries, it is called Remembrance Day.



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Art is the 'lost treasure' of education



Soap Box

Michael McClain
Staff Writer

As a kid I always loved to draw. It's something I would always do when I was supposed to be doing other school work. One of my biggest re-

grets is not nurturing that talent into something special.

The other day I saw a Life water commercial ad/PSA video that talked about the lack of

art in schools today.

They first asked a group of adults and a group of kids what they think they should learn to be successful. They asked them about art and no one said that art wasn't important. They did say that the school they went to didn't view art as a priority especially in the middle and high school.

They stated 80% of schools face budget cuts with art often the first class to go.

One part of this video that struck home to me the most was one of the ladies that got emotional when she discussed that she felt she was "innately an artist" but because that part of her wasn't nurtured art feels like a "lost treasure" of hers.

It spoke to me so much because that's exactly how I feel and I usually brush the thought off but watching this made me realize how a period

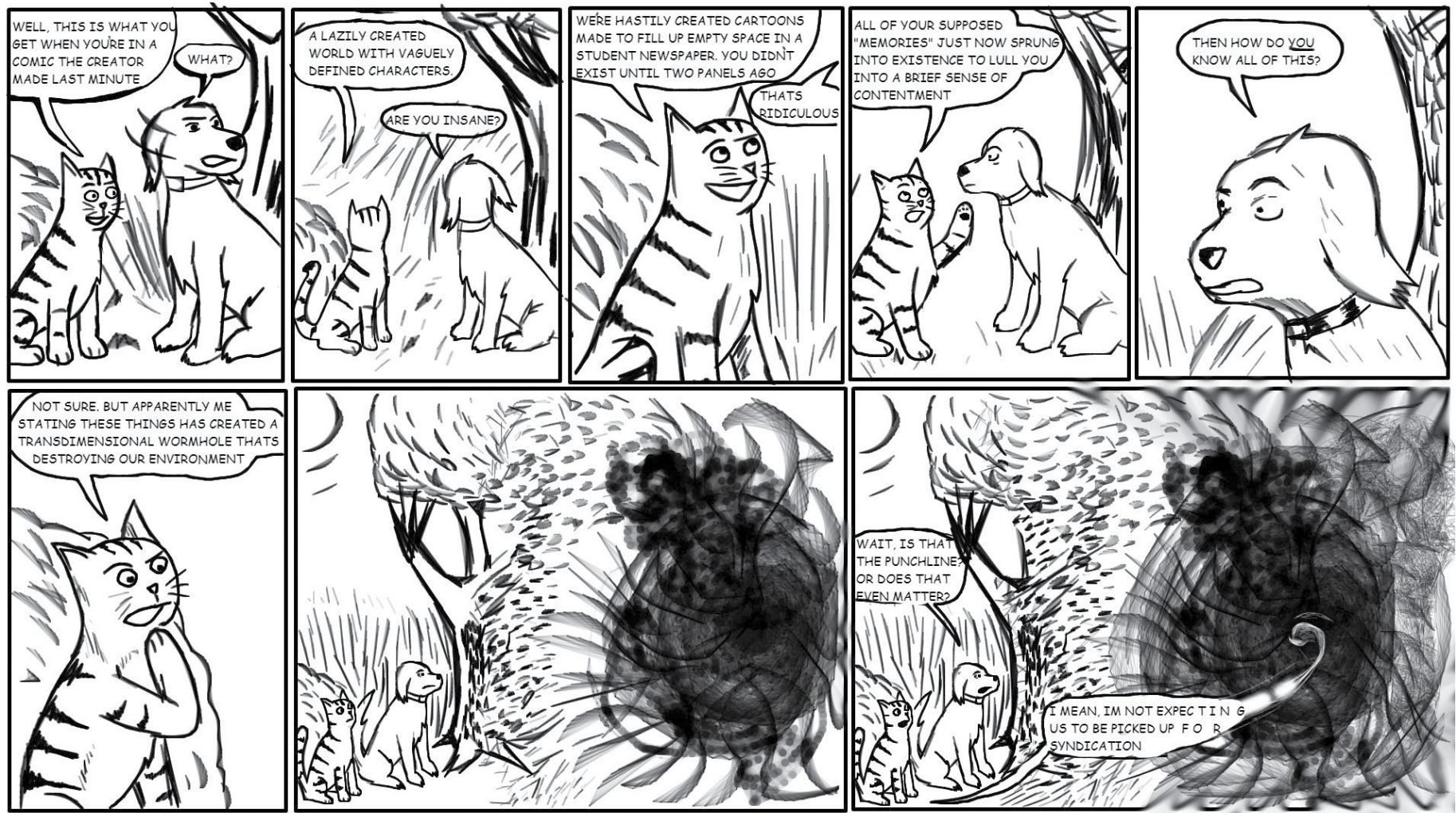
where I began to feel disconnected with my education in a way was when I completely stopped nurturing the artistic side of me.

I didn't feel reconnected until I began to nurture it again in other ways than art.

It really made me realize that importance of all forms of art in not only our connection to our education but in our journey to find our purpose in life.

Last Minute PANIC

by Joseph Castleman McDaniel



Review: Spielberg is back to direct fun spectacle in 'Ready Player One'

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

The book "Ready Player One" is enjoyable for the most part on a base level but didn't work entirely. This is because the premise involved references, many times just devolving into lists of things that existed in the 1980s.

In the format of film however, this idea is able to flow better because the references can be represented visually as opposed to bland bullet points. So when the book was being made into a movie, people were naturally interested if it would be able to become a better product.

Then, when the acclaimed director Steven Spielberg was announced to helm the adaptation, it looked like there was actually hope that "Ready Player One" could be a good movie.

The basic premise revolves around a dystopian future set in 2045 where everything in the real world has gone to trash.

People escape their reality by spending all of their time

in the OASIS, a completely immersive virtual reality system. When James Halliday, the founder of the OASIS dies, it is announced he is leaving his wealth to whoever is able to solve puzzles he left within his creation. People find that to win the game they have to study all of the 80's pop culture that Halliday loved.

It's basically an underdog versus the evil corporations story as our protagonists are forced to counter a businessman obsessed with gaining control of the OASIS and turning it into something highly profitable. It's actually a very topical story seeing that the net neutrality debate is something still up in the air.

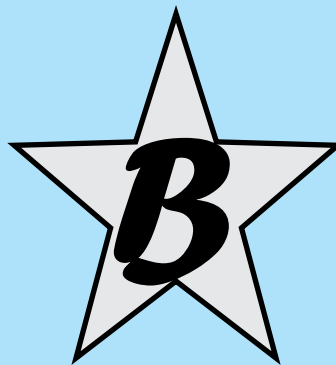
For the most part Spielberg has managed to avoid the issues that the book labored under and is able to deliver fun blockbuster spectacle that is enjoyable throughout.

The onslaught of references is heavily changed, partly for rights reasons, and also to actually accommodate the story.

The action is great, the musical score by Alan Sylves-

tri feels classically appropriate and the aesthetic of the video game world mixes well with the reality they escape, coupling well with the overall message of the movie.

Sadly, the characters are for the most part uninteresting. The romance doesn't feel like it adds as much as it could have, and the plot is overall quite predictable, never fully venturing beyond typical blockbuster tropes. All the same, it's Steven Spielberg. A lower grade piece of his filmography is still better than many other director's best works. It's a recommendation overall, but don't expect more than simple enjoyable fun.



Review: Season Two of 'Unfortunate Events' fortunately improves on the last

By Joseph McDaniel
Managing Ed., Design

The first season of Netflix's "Series of Unfortunate events," a production of Daniel Handler's darkly comedic children's novels, was mostly enjoyable, but also hindered by the installments it adapted not being the best of the series.

Therefore, they over cluttered many of the stories with bonus material tying into mysteries that weren't posed until later installments.

However, season 2 of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" doesn't have that problem, seeing that they're finally getting into translating to screen when the books finally hit their stride.



Therefore, season 2 is far more entertaining, especially seeing it isn't now bogged down by reinterpreting stories already adapted in the Jim Carrey film.

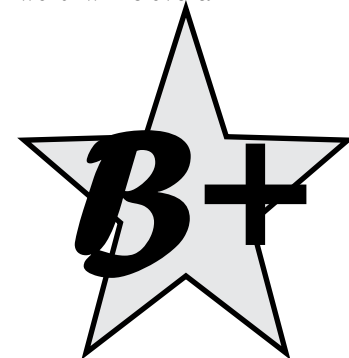
It's able to take on a fresher feel and become its own thing, with each of the two-part book adaptations feeling more distinct, almost constituting into being influenced by

different genres, such as western or horror.

The added material also works much better this season, as it feels more purposefully tied into the overarching nar-

rative. The addition of Nathan Fillion as Jacques Snicket to the cast doesn't hurt either.

In terms of issues, the pacing could be more consistently fluid. Occasional forced humor makes this element worse, but the moody atmosphere and the enjoyably dark story make it worthwhile overall.



Lady Chargers alum Booth continues her success at Gardner Webb

By Abigail Allmond
Asst. Sports Editor

Great programs are built on the foundation of people who set a great example for future players to continue strong.

Softball alum Andria Booth now attends Gardner Webb University and was the NJCAA Region XVII Player of the Year and was NJCAA All-American.

She is starting in the outfield at Gardner Webb and has four RBI, a batting average of .486 and has scored three runs so far in her season at Gardner Webb.

Booth added, "An accomplishment I have made at Gardner Webb is learning how to place my hits where I want them to go, rather than just hitting the ball."

When asked about how

starting out at Georgia Highlands has impacted her, she had nothing but positive words about the program and Head Coach Melissa Wood.



Contributed

Andria Booth

Booth stated, "Coach Wood and Georgia Highlands have had a huge impact on where I am today."

Booth continued, "Coach Wood was hard on me because she knew I was a great athlete.

She didn't just coach us, she taught us about the real life too and how we should handle things. She made me a better person and a player."

Booth was also very happy with her choice to start out at Georgia Highlands and build her career up.

"Coach Wood and Georgia Highlands have had a huge impact on where I am today."

-Andria Booth

She said, "Georgia Highlands was the best decision I made. I succeeded in my edu-



File Photo

Andria Booth fields a play last season.

cation. I built confidence in myself. I made good friends that I still talk to today."

Booth continued, "It was a better chance for me to find a good school to transfer to."

Gaffney named GCAA DI Coach of the Year

By Scott Rosario
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands' men's basketball coach, Phil Gaffney, was named the GCAA Division I Coach of the Year.

On achieving such an honor, he said, "The Coach of the Year is really not just because I did a great job coaching."

Gaffney continued, "I have a great set of assistant coaches that do a great job in recruiting and helping our players get better every day," Gaffney said.

"We also got really great players as well," continued Gaffney.

"I really would love to tell you that it was because I did a great job coaching but, in all honesty, it is really a group effort," Gaffney said.

"J.J. Merritt, Greg Schiefen and John Williams do a great job preparing our guys and bringing in the guys by recruiting. They also do a great job working with our guys as well," Gaffney said.

"In the end my name is on the award but it really is an overall group effort."

-Phil Gaffney

"Usually the Coach of the Year is the coach who wins the most games and we have been fortunate to win the most games every year," Gaffney



File Photo

Phil Gaffney, head men's basketball coach, recently received the GCAA Division I Coach of the Year award.

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the award, but it is really an overall group effort," he said.

Gaffney led this year's men's basketball team to a 20-10 record and 13-3 in conference play.

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-Phil Gaffney

He also led the Chargers to the playoffs but lost in the semifinals.

Softball

Home Games

April 21 at 3 p.m.
(doubleheader)
vs. South Georgia State

April 22 at 1 p.m.
(doubleheader)
vs. East Georgia State

April 28 at 4 p.m.
Sophomore Night
(doubleheader)
vs. West Georgia Tech

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

Home games are played at
Stars Field
2200 Joe Frank Harris Pkwy
Cartersville, Ga

GHC baseball team defeats West Georgia Tech

By Abigail Allmond
Asst. Sports Editor

Georgia Highlands' baseball team defeated West Georgia Tech by a score of 13-12 on March 16.

They went 10 innings deep with a close score the whole game. Georgia Highlands trailed behind West Georgia Tech with only a few runs difference, but the Chargers weren't going to lose this one. They were determined and ready for a fight.

Parker Orr hit a home run in the bottom of the eighth making the game tied. The score was 12-12 in the ninth inning and they weren't stopping until the tie was broken. Bryson Horne hit a walk off, winning the game for the Chargers with a score of 13-12. Horne had two RBI as well as three hits for the game.

"I feel pretty good. Coming in I knew we were down and knew the team was counting on all of us and my defense had my back through it all."

-Sam Warren

Head Coach Dash O'Neill was ecstatic for his team and was proud of how hard they played. O'Neill said, "We were down six runs two different times and came back and won the ball game in extras so it was unbelievable effort by our guys to finally stop the bleeding. A lot of credit to West Georgia Tech, it felt like they could not make an out in the



Photo by Abigail Allmond

Matthew Norton takes the hill against West Georgia Tech.

first four or five innings and finally we got them stopped."

"Sam Warren did an awesome job of shutting them down out of the bullpen..."

-Dash O'Neill

"Sam Warren did an awesome job of shutting them

down out of the bullpen and Bryson Horne did what he has been doing all year and he got the big hit," said O'Neill

Warren and Horne were also excited about their performances and the team's overall performance.

"I feel pretty good. Coming in I knew we were down and knew the team was counting on all of us and my defense had my back through it all," Warren said.

Horne also commented on his performance, "I feel good. Past couple games I didn't see the ball well and I didn't hit



Photo by Abigail Allmond

Nick Piccapietra stands in the box preparing to hit versus West Georgia Tech.

them great but today I just felt good coming out," said Horne.

The Chargers also won their other two games against West Georgia Tech on March 17. They won the first game 4-1 and the second game 5-1.

Sports Update

As of April 11, the Chargers are 24-15 for the season. They have a 10-10 conference record after falling 11-2 to South Georgia State on April 8.

The next home game for the Chargers will be on April 27 at 6 p.m.

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

Baseball Home Games

April 27 at 6 p.m.
vs. East Georgia State

April 28 at 1 p.m.
(doubleheader)
vs. East Georgia State

May 5 at 2 p.m.
vs. Andrew College

Students, faculty and staff get into all home baseball games for free with their GHC ID. There may be a parking fee, however.

Chargers happy, disappointed about season's end

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

The Chargers men's basketball team ended their season with an overall record of 20-10 and a GCAA conference record of 13-3.

GHC fell 103-99 to South Georgia Tech on March 9 at the NJCAA Region 17 semifinals at the Floyd campus gym to wrap up their season.

Prior to this game, the Chargers defeated Andrew College 91-76 at the NJCAA Region 17 quarterfinals game on March 6 to advance to the semifinals.

"We came a long way. At the beginning of the season... we could see the potential but we weren't quite there yet."

-AJ Banton,
Charger Guard

About his team's season, Phil Gaffney, head men's basketball coach, said, "On the whole, we're happy. We won 20 games. We were nationally ranked. We won our regular season conference championship."

Gaffney continued, "For most people, that's a tremendous year. We're actually disappointed because we wanted to go to Hutch." Hutchinson, Kansas, is where the NJCAA Division I men's national tournament takes place.

Gaffney said that GHC got better as the season progressed and the team lost most of their games this season during their first semester of play.



Photo by Joshua Mabry

From left: Greg Schiefen, Phil Gaffney, AJ Farrar, D'Andre Bernard, DeMarcus Addie, TaJuan Johnson, J.J. Merritt and John Williams gather at Sophomore Day on Feb. 24.

According to Gaffney, even though the Chargers lost the regional game, if they had lost four or five fewer games during their first semester, they would have received an automatic bid to play at the NJCAA national tournament.

"The season just didn't end the way we wanted it to. We'll figure out what we did wrong and get it better next year," remarked Gaffney.

AJ Banton, freshman guard, said, "We came a long way. At the beginning of the season, it was way different. We could see the potential but we weren't quite there yet."

Banton believes that there is not much the Chargers could have done differently but did note that GHC did not always play as a team this season, especially in the second half of the season.

"I feel like we played our butts off. We have to learn from it and keep moving forward," said Banton.

D'Andre Bernard, sophomore forward, said, "At the start of the season, with myself being the only person returning and AJ having redshirted

last year, there were only two or three guys that actually understood our coach's phi-

losophy and what he expected from us."

Bernard said that getting



Photo by Catie Sullivan

AJ Farrar goes for a rebound against South Georgia Tech.

all of the new players on the same page was tough.

"The season just didn't end the way we wanted it to. We'll figure out what we did wrong and get it better next year."

-Phil Gaffney,
Head Coach

"Overall, I think it was a good season seeing how much progress we made. Honestly, I couldn't be more proud of the guys," said Bernard.

Gaffney said that several players from this season's team will be moving on to Division I colleges. About this, he remarked, "That's great. We're glad some guys are graduating and moving on to Division I."

About next season, Gaffney said that they have not signed any of the current players back yet. "We'll wait and see how they do grade wise and what our needs are and see what they're doing," he said.

Gaffney continued, "We have a lot of guys that can leave and a lot of guys that can come back. We want what is in their best interest."

Gaffney said that with red-shirts, there are nine eligible players that can come back to GHC next year.

Gaffney said, "Realistically, that's not how many are going to come back. Some of these guys are going to move on to other schools."

In addition to the nine eligible players that can come back, GHC has already signed three transfer students to play next year.

SMP and GHC Intramurals Ping-Pong Tournament

Every spring semester, the Six Mile Post and GHC Intramurals cosponsor a Ping-Pong tournament at the Floyd campus and Cartersville site. The winner of each tournament receives a trophy.



Photo by Joshua Mabry
Max Stamey wins the Floyd tournament.



Photo by Jillian Scanlon
Bradley Singh is the C'ville ping-pong champion.

C'ville Intramurals

3v3 Basketball - Starts April 17
Indoor Soccer - April 18
Billiards Tournament - April 24



Photo by Joshua Mabry
Max Stamey shows off his winning moves in the ping-pong tournament at the Floyd campus.

C'ville campus spring intramurals happening now

By Jacob Williams
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has some great options for students looking to join an intramural at the Cartersville campus.

There are some that haven't even started yet that students can still sign up for.

"It's... a good way to expose students to things they've never tried before."

-Clifton Puckett

The Ping-Pong team has even participated in tournaments statewide, according to the Cartersville director of intramural activities, Clifton Puckett.

Puckett kicked off March with a March Madness NCAA bracket for his intramural

groups. Points were scored based on each win so people didn't have to worry about any bracket busters.

As for the rest of the semester, there will be a 3v3 basketball tournament that starts on April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

There will also be indoor soccer that starts on April 18 at 3:30 p.m. and a billiards tournament on April 24 at 2 p.m. in the game room.

For all of these events, students can either simply show up at the start of the event or pre-register by contacting Puckett at cpuckett@highlands.edu or 678-872-8006.

Puckett said, "I encourage students to get involved with intramurals because it's one more form of engagement for them, and an engaged student typically has better chances of success."

Puckett continued, "It's also a good way to expose students to things they've never tried before."

More information on intramurals can be found in the Cartersville campus Student Center building.

People may also contact Puckett for more information.

Picking a team and cheering them on is very important

It is common to see two different types of sports fans. There are the people that cheer for their team no matter the circumstances.

Then, there are the people that only cheer for the number one seed.

They cheer for different teams every year. This is especially evident during March Madness.

I believe that people should always pick a favorite team and cheer them on to victory no matter if their team is the underdog or cannot perform well under pressure.

Picking one team and cheering them on shows dedication and loyalty.

Dedication and loyalty are both important in life.

Sticking with a team no

matter how poorly they perform is something that is truly remarkable.

If a team does not come in first place every year or if the team is working through a rebuilding process in order to win more again in the future, it can be hard to wait through that. The people that stick with that team throughout that process are true fans.



Mabry's Pitch

Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

People that stick with one team are typically encouraging people. We need more encouragement in this world.

These people can encourage the players of their team to perform well and also encourage them personally as people.