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Photo by Taylor Barton

Freshman guard and forward Fritz Lucien (left) works the rim while the Chargers attempt to keep the ball away from the Raiders.



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New Georgia gun laws cause confusion

By Holly Chaney
Managing Ed., Design

Two conflicting Georgia gun laws are causing a bit of confusion at colleges across the state, and well-meaning students are putting themselves at risk legally and academically by not clearly understanding their rights.

The problematic House Bills, which were both passed July 1 of 2014, are House Bill 60 and House Bill 826.

In a Georgia Department of Law memo available on the law.ga.gov website, State Attorney General Samuel Olens spoke about the confusion by saying there have been “numerous inquiries” about the “two conflicting measures.”

Georgia House Bill 60, dubbed by many as the “guns everywhere” bill, allows for licensed gun owners to carry firearms in safety zones, which

are defined in the Bill as bars, churches that “opt-in” and in government buildings without security screening checkpoints.

“House Bill 60 is problematic because it is misunderstood to be a bill that allows you to carry everywhere, and that is not true,” said Georgia Highland’s Chief of Police David Horace.

Alternatively, House Bill 826 works to more clearly define where guns are allowed. Under House Bill 826, licensed gun owners who have a concealed carry permit are allowed to have their weapons in their cars while parked or driving through school grounds but are not allowed to remove the weapons from their car.

“House Bill 826 does give permission for permitted gun owners to have their weapon within their personal vehicle. However, many confuse the

parking lot allowance for a building allowance. That just isn’t so,” said Horace.

The problem occurs when students fail to be informed about the gun policy, said Horace.

“We have seen a couple of students carry guns into school thinking that they had a right to. We were able to resolve these issues quickly, but it is something that students need to know,” said Horace.

In addition to more clearly defining safety zones, House Bill 826 also gives administrators the right to determine the punishment for a student who brings weapons inside the school.

Horace said, “If there is an incident on campus, and a well-intentioned student is seen holding a gun, authorities don’t have the time to figure out if you’re a good guy. They will be looking for a guy with a

gun. No matter a student’s intentions, it is the kind of situation that would not turn out well.”

Horace stated, “It is in the best interest of all students that they understand that

weapons are not allowed on campus, licensed or not.”

Students who would like to read more about House Bill 60 and House Bill 826 can do so at law.ga.gov by searching “FAQ on New Gun Laws.”



Photo by Holly Chaney

GHC Chief of Police David Horace confers with college Security Officer Ralph Mallad.

Highlands Happenings

ASF drama trip set for spring

By Jordan Appel
Staff Writer

The 31st annual Alabama Shakespeare Festival trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, to Sunday, May 1.

According to Kristie Kemper, English professor and one of the trip coordinators, the plays this year are “Driving Miss Daisy” by Alfred Uhry, which was made into the famous movie of the same name, and a classic comedy from William Shakespeare, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

Extra credit can be earned in all English classes and in some other classes.

The trip is sponsored by the Humanities division and the Office of Student Life. More information including

prices and this year’s side trip will be available at the beginning of spring semester.

Spring semester fee deadline set for Dec. 2

By Ashley Gatewood
Staff Writer

Registration is ongoing for spring semester. Students can register for their classes themselves by logging into their SCORE account if they have no holds on their account.

The fee payment deadline is Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. The spring 2016 semester starts Jan. 9, 2016.

Students who have questions about spring registration should speak with or e-mail the academic adviser on their campus.

Rome prepares for Shakespeare Festival

By Whitney Roderick
Staff Writer

The Rome Shakespeare Festival is on its way, and everyone involved has big plans to get students excited.

A couple of weeks ago the Floyd campus hosted an open rehearsal for students to come and get a sneak peek of the show.

Also open workshops featuring acting tips and stage makeup are being set up in different schools to spread the hype according to Cynthia Davidson, an English instructor on the Cartersville campus, who had a workshop in her class.

The festival will be held on

Rome’s Town Green from May 31 through June 5, 2016. Admission is free as well as lawn seats, but it will cost from \$15 to \$25 to reserve a table.

The festival website is www.romeshakespearefestival.com.

Students submit words to OED

By Stacey Moffett
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Two new words could soon be included in the Oxford English Dictionary thanks to the efforts of Associate Professor of English Carla Patterson and her GHHU 2901 Vocabulary Building class.

According to Patterson, the words they submitted to the OED are Homo Naledi meaning, “the classification name assigned to the bones found

by the Rising Star expedition in South Africa,” and Dinaledi Chamber, meaning “the name given the cave chamber in South Africa where the Homo Naledi bones were found.”

The words originated on the Rising Star expedition to South Africa, which included Hannah Morris, a former GHC student and daughter of Billy Morris, associate professor of geology.

Patterson said, “Billy Morris asked the expedition leader, Lee Burger, if our class could ‘do the leg work’ to submit the words for inclusion. Burger told him to tell our class to ‘go for it.’”

They have submitted the two words, and with the help of Elijah Scott, dean of libraries, college testing and curriculum innovation, they are checking to see how long they will have to wait to know if their words are accepted.

GHC study abroad offers Costa Rica, Italy options

By Kayla Jameson
Staff Writer

GHC is offering three study abroad opportunities this upcoming year.

The first trip is to Costa Rica and will take place March 27 to April 3. Students will go to the University of Georgia's Costa Rica campus.

The 15 available slots are currently full, but Bronson Long, director of global Initiatives and study abroad, encourages students who are interested to apply in case a spot opens.

The trip will include horseback riding, zip lining, dancing lessons, a trip to a coffee plantation and a day with a Costa Rican family.

The fee for the trip is \$1,836 and is all inclusive. Applications need to be completed by Christmas break. On

June 19, health science majors will be going on a 10-day trip to Costa Rica.

Their activities will be similar to those of the first trip to Costa Rica, but they will also visit local clinics and meet with local doctors, nurses and midwives.

The fee is \$1,425, but that does not include airfare. Spots are still open and applications will be accepted until the end of February.

The third trip will be to Montepulciano, Italy, and will take place from June 23 to July 24.

The trip will be through Kennesaw State University. GHC Professor of English and Dean of Humanities Jon Hershey will be going on the trip and teaching classes there.

Students on the Italy trip must take two classes, which will equal six credit hours.

There will be two days per week of classes with morning and afternoon sessions. Classes will be held in the medieval fortress La Fortezza.

There will be excursions to Rome and Florence, where students will go to places such as the Coliseum and the Uffizi Gallery.

All courses offered will count as GHC class credits. The trip fee of \$4,750 covers all transportation, lodging, activities and some meals.

It does not cover all meals or tuition. Tuition can be covered by financial aid, and students can also apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The application and a \$300 deposit is due no later than March 1.

"I think overall the study abroad program is really a life-changing experience, and students typically report it's one



Contributed

During a previous trip, GHC adventurers head to the site in the Costa Rican jungle where they will zipline.

of the best things they did as a college student," said Long.

"It's educational, it'll broaden your horizons, but frankly it's fun too," he said.

For more information about any of the study abroad trips, students can contact Bronson Long at blong@highlands.edu.

Highlands women come together in Douglasville

By Sierra Baggett
Staff Writer

Woman 2 Woman will be hosting a toiletry drive at the Douglasville campus from now until Nov. 30.

According to Ruby Baldwin, the Douglasville Woman 2 Woman President, this drive began in October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and donations will be accepted until the end of November.

All donations are to be dropped off in the donation boxes, which are located in the student center as well as in the HUB.

Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, body spray, combs, hairbrushes, toilet paper and other essential toiletries.



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Ruby Baldwin (left) and Emorie Bonner collecting donations.

All donations will go to survivors of domestic violence seeking shelter at the Share House Woman's Shelter for Domestic Violence in Douglas County.

The GHC Student Life page states that, Woman 2 Woman's purpose is to connect and support the women of GHC, to help them pursue and

achieve their goals and share their gifts and ideas.

Woman 2 Woman members believe strongly in developing communication skills, volunteering in the community, as well as promoting the well-being of women.

Woman 2 Woman is active at both the Douglasville campus and the Marietta campus.

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Professor Betty Nolen to retire after 32 years

By Amanda Maxwell
Staff Writer

Professor Betty Nolen of the Georgia Highlands College Floyd campus will be retiring at the end of December.

Nolen has been an instructor of accounting and several other business related areas of study since 1983.

She was also the director of the Small Business Development Center at the college until 1992. She has taught on a variety of campuses, including Cartersville, Floyd and Marietta.

Nolen graduated from Berry College and the University of West Georgia and did graduate work at three other universities.

Nolen plans to use her spare time to take care of sick

relatives after her retirement. She also intends to travel the world and visit her son, who is currently in Japan.

Nolen stated that she will miss interacting with her students the most. She said she will miss seeing the enthusiasm her students display for learning new things.

Specifically, she stated that she will “miss my students and colleagues here at GHC.”

Another aspect of Highlands that Nolen has most enjoyed is the opportunity for professional growth and the variety of opportunities to expand on her professional skills.

One of Nolan’s past students, Deweatra Hammock, who is a marketing major at Kennesaw State University, fondly remembers Nolen.

Hammock said, “While

attending GHC, I was lucky enough to not only have Ms. Nolen for one class but for three. Students who did not get the opportunity to know her or take one of her classes missed out. She was not only an excellent professor with a great sense of humor, but also a great person to go to for advice. I wish her the best of luck in the future.”

Alan Nichols, dean of the college’s division of social science, business and education, said, “Betty Nolen has been an integral part of the division for many years. We are going to miss her quiet wisdom in conversation and kindness in the classroom. We all wish her the best as she moves to the next chapter in her life.”

Commenting on what she wants her students to know



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

Betty Nolen

before she leaves Georgia Highlands, Nolen said, “Accounting is a wonderful profession for business majors to consider as a career. It offers diverse career paths, professional challenges and many advancement opportunities.”

She also said, “I would like

my students to understand the value and importance of financial literacy. Then they will have the skills and knowledge that will allow them to make informed and effective decisions regarding their financial health throughout their working career.”

Photos by Daniel Smith



Steve Canty does some computer work in the Cartersville VA Office.



Amy Wise oversees veterans affairs for GHC.



Ryan Halman fills out forms in the VA Office in Cartersville.

Georgia Highlands offers veteran services

Three of the past four years, GHC has been named a top military friendly school by Military Advanced Education Journal.

Amy Wise, veteran’s affairs coordinator at Highlands, helps to inform student veterans about the benefits, scholarship possibilities and financial aid

packages available for military personnel, veterans and their dependents. Wise serves all GHC campuses but is based in Cartersville.

Veterans can also find help at the veteran’s offices located on the Cartersville or Floyd campuses. The offices, run by student veterans, give other vets

a place to go and find help with veteran issues in a comfortable environment.

The Cartersville office is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 7 p.m., and the Floyd office is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.



Photo by Shelby Hogland

The Georgia Highlands College dance line members from left include Jessica Jackson, Kristen Adams, Katie Guyton, Jodi Ayres, Ruth Lister and Mallory Gravitte.

GHC dance line forms

By Brooke Shepherd
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has officially introduced its first dance line for students who have an interest in dance but no longer have a way to express that love after high school graduation.

Madison Harris, founder

of the dance line and student at Georgia Highlands College, began advertising for team members over a month ago. Auditions were held at the Cartersville campus on Nov. 5 at 3 p.m.

According to Harris, "Auditions went great!" She said there was a very promising turnout and a great amount of

talent.

Six girls made the team. The members include Jessica Jackson, Kirsten Adams, Katie Guyton, Jori Ayers, Mallory Gravitte and Madison Harris.

As of now, there are no scheduled performances for the dance line, but the events where the line will most likely perform are halftime at basketball games, softball games, soccer games and other GHC events.

Performances are expected to begin spring semester 2016. Harris said that she believes this team will help the members physically and socially.

She hopes that this dance line will bring the members closer and create strong bonds between them.

As well as helping in these areas, Harris began the line as a way to keep her interest in dance alive while transitioning into college life.



Photo by Shelby Hogland

Dance line founder and GHC student Madison Harris (right) speaks with the members during try-outs.

Student finds app to be a handy-dandy study helper

By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

App review

With all of their social media apps and games, smart phones can be distracting for college students.

However, some smart phone apps can actually help remind students to remain focused.

"My Study Life" is an app that can replace the tradi-

tional spiral-bound planner. After a student inputs his or her class schedule, the app can be programmed to display reminder notifications for upcoming classes or specific tasks and assignments.

Rotating schedules are easily entered to automatically remind a student which classes to prepare for on a particular day.

Students may add homework, projects and exams to their schedules that will alert them prior to class times or assignment due dates.

Another positive aspect of the "My Study Life" app is

that, unlike most free apps, it does not bombard users with unwanted advertisements. This app is a lifesaver for anyone having problems with time management.

This helpful cross-platform organizer is available to download for free on mobile devices from the iTunes app store, Google Play and the Windows Phone Marketplace.

Students can also download "My Study Life" as an add-on to the Google Chrome browser or an application on the Windows 8 operating system or by simply logging on to mystudylife.com.

My Study Life

- Keep track of classes, homework, & exams
- Reminders
- Store Homework in the Cloud
- Teachers – Share Homework Time Table

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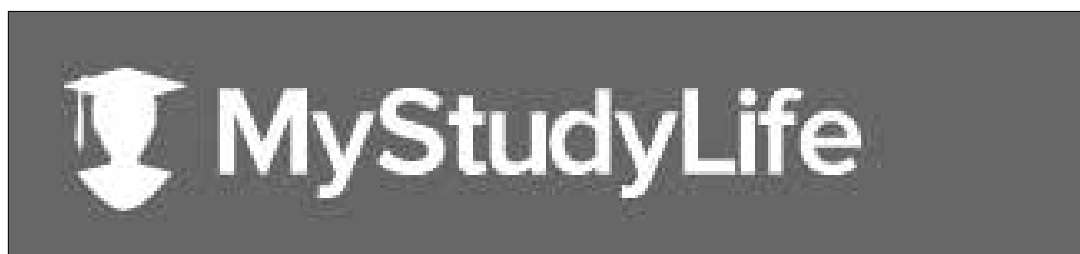
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Classes

0 classes tomorrow
0 classes have tasks due

Exams

0 exams in the next 7 days
0 incomplete revision tasks due



Swift 'shakes it off' for thousands

**By Whitney Roderick
Staff Writer**

A total of 56,000 fans came together Oct. 24 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta to see the spectacular show that Taylor Swift had created. The sold out show did not disappoint on any level.

Upon entering the dome, fans found bracelets taped to every single seat in the venue. The bracelets were white silicon material with little LED lights inside of them that would flash and sync up to the show when Taylor took the stage. The best part was that everyone got to keep the bracelets as a souvenir.

Opening acts Shawn Mendes and Vance Joy did a great job getting the crowd hyped for Taylor. Both sets were acoustic-based, but the

songs they chose were catchy and dance friendly despite the chilled-out sound.

When it was finally time for Taylor to take the stage, the lights went out, and the screams were deafening. The first song of the night, "Welcome to New York," led into more songs from her album "1989" mixed with old favorites like "Love Story," "I Knew You Were Trouble" and "Fifteen."

Keeping with tradition, Taylor invited a special guest out to perform halfway through the show. She informed the audience that because they had kept their energy up and everyone was singing, Tove Lo was going to come out and sing her hit single "Talking Body."

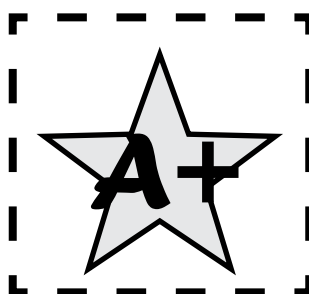
The show was visually stunning with bright laser lights, LED-powered costumes, sparkling costumes

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with matching high heels and pre-recorded shots of Taylor that played in the background.

The catwalk itself lifted into the air and spun Taylor and her dancers around during the final song, "Shake it Off." This song also featured a fireworks finale.

Taylor knows how to put on a wonderful show. This concert gets an A+.



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Taylor Swift and Tove Lo (right) perform for thousands of screaming fans at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.



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Holiday Happenings

By Marquis Holmes
Staff Writer

Holiday season is approaching at Georgia Highlands College, and there are many events in the college's service area to help everyone get into the traditional spirit.

Floyd County residents can "Run off the Turkey" in the an-

nual Thanksgiving 5K, held in Ridge Ferry Park on Nov. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Also, "White Christmas: The Musical" will be taking place live at The Historic Desoto Theatre on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

Cartersville will hold the official lighting of its Christmas tree on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in

downtown Cartersville.

The annual Cartersville Christmas parade with many other festivities will take place shortly after the tree lighting.

Marietta residents can experience Marietta Square's first open-air skating rink as its "Winter Wonderland" becomes available to all residents on Nov. 20 and lasts up

to Jan. 3, 2016. Santa Claus will also be found at the Marietta Square from Dec. 5 to Christmas Eve.

Paulding students can come sing along with many others at the Sock Hops Holiday Concert at the Dallas Theatre on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Dallas Theatre will also be presenting "The Nutcracker"

On Dec. 11-13, courtesy of Studio 4 The Arts Performing Company.

Douglasville students can even enjoy Christmas with their pets on "Pet Night with Santa" at Arbor Place Mall on Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1 from 5-8 p.m. Pets can come with their owners and take a photo with Santa Claus!

How to give big without breaking the bank

By Holly Chaney
Managing Ed., Design

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season quickly approaching, it can be easy to get caught up in the allure of must-have marketing and door-buster sales.

The temptation to shop and the pressure to give during the holiday season can be a stressful combination that can take a toll on holiday joy and long-term financial well-being.

There is much frustration in the demands of holiday gift-giving. Discussing pressure to buy just for the sake of gift-giving, Maggie Murphy, assistant librarian on the Floyd campus said, "It doesn't make me

feel good, and it doesn't make the receiver feel good either. It is an empty gesture."

Murphy isn't alone in her feelings.

"Many of the gifts that we purchase for one another are mass produced and devoid of meaning. We buy to meet a demand, to put presents under the tree, but at the end of the day it's just stuff. It's really a pretty empty process," said Douglasville student Candice Whitfield.

There is an answer, however, for those wanting more meaning and less debt out of their holiday season. That answer is you.

You, your time, your care, your concern and your words are all precious com-

modities. In a world where we are all busier than ever, finding a way to give yourself can be the best gift you could provide this holiday season.

So, if you are tired of feeling the empty pull of a holiday shopping list, throw away your coupons and shred your fliers and give some of these meaningful and cost-free alternatives a try.

1. Write a letter. Life can be so busy that we fail to tell the people we care about the most what they mean to us. Writing a letter of love, appreciation and admiration can be soul-serving to both the sender and the receiver.

2. Spend quality time. There may be people in

your life that mean a lot to you but that you haven't had time to see lately.

A night reserved just for them, full of your undivided attention, could never be matched by a \$20 trinket.

3. Make it with love. Items mass-produced have nothing on your handmade gestures. Many people have talents that can translate into custom, thoughtful gifts.

These items are one of a kind, priceless, but still tangible. The possibilities for handmade items are plentiful.

Painting, drawing, sewing, knitting and crochet are just a few options for how you could arrive at gifting a handmade trea-

sure.

4. Take a load off. For a lot of us, life can be full tilt. A jam-packed schedule of work and responsibilities can have some looking for more hours in the day to accomplish all that they need to do.

Finding a way to take one or two things off the plate of a busy friend or loved one can be a tremendous relief and a wonderful gift, especially during the heightened demand of the holiday season.

The opportunities to do something big for nothing at all are as varied and unique as the person the gift is for. So, sit down, and think about how to give meaning this holiday season.



Preventative alcohol, assault courses do very little to address real problem

In a push to bring light to the pervasive issue of sexual assault on college campuses, The University System of Georgia has mandated two online courses, alcohol abuse prevention and sexual assault prevention.

While the courses individually address two different issues, together they are directed towards preventing one thing, sexual assault.

In September 2015 a sexual assault study was conducted by the Association of American Universities, or AAU. The AAU found that over 27 percent

of female college seniors reported having been the victim of unwanted sexual contact during their time in college, and, more often than not, alcohol was cited as a factor in the unwanted contact.

While the University System of Georgia's effort to address this issue is admirable, and clearly delineates its stand on the issue, it may be too late for such programs to bring any real change for college students who have already practiced or experienced these harmful systems of behavior.

The problem with late-in-the-game preventa-

tive measures is that by the time most students sit down to take these online courses, they have already experienced sexual assault or perpetrated it.

While awareness is something we could all use more of, if we want to make a difference in halting these destructive behaviors we have to start this dialogue much sooner, before the onset of puberty or, more specifically, in middle school.

We aren't addressing the issue properly if we are not pointing our efforts of prevention at students who have yet to find themselves in these situations.

We have to push for real sexual education for our youth. We have to be honest and real so that younger generations know what to expect instead of going blindly into the world.

We have to define what is right before things ever go wrong.

GHC students who want to make a difference in the fate of younger generations can write their state representatives and demand a more proactive and defined sexual education requirement that addresses

sex, sexuality and consent starting at the middle school level.



Art by Mary Roberts 2015

College life can get stressful but it is worth completing

From taking 17 credits, going through a breakup, having my laptop stolen and also having a death in the family, this semester has me asking weekly,

"Can I take a mental health day?" Unfortunately, I never do because of a fear of feeling like a failure if I can't complete my responsibilities.

I try to juggle so many things at once, but one of my responsibilities always seems to slip out of the juggling loop, eventually causing a rapid domino effect.

I find myself focusing on how in over my head I've gotten and contemplating whether or not I should just take a break from school.

I wonder about whether I truly want to be in school anymore.

Sometimes I wonder if I



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"Being here makes me happy..."

-Christina Goodwin

could live a life of freight-hopping and riding the train rails across America.

Maybe I'll even get a scruffy companion along the way. I could live the life of a nomad like Chris McCandless did (of course, up until he

died of frostbite and starvation).

Even though I think about these things, I know deep down school is where I want to be right now.

I know that I wouldn't feel complete without finishing my degree and that regardless of all the mess; I do really enjoy going to my lectures and being in clubs.

Somehow being here makes me happy and fulfilled.

I know that next semester, and every semester after, I am never EVER taking 17 credits again.

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Non-traditional student finds his way back into the classroom, all thanks to Highlands

I am a 64-year-old nontraditional student. I am also a retired supervisor, a veteran, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a Republican and, at long last, a college freshman.

I have wanted to attend college since my teenage years, but finances prevented it. After serving six years in the Navy, I had the opportunity to go to college on the G.I. Bill, but circumstances made it impossible.

I had every intention to attend in my late 20s just as soon as my personal commitments were fulfilled.

However, life, a marriage, children, house and car pay-

ments, and a job got in the way of my dreams.

Fast forward 30 years. As my son and son-in-law were preparing to attend GHC this fall, I lamented that it would be nice if I could go, but finances stood in my way.

I soon discovered that since I was at least 62 years old, I qualified for basically no-cost attendance.

I took a deep breath and jumped.

I bought books, a backpack, pens, paper, notebooks and a calculator. I was ready for the college experience.

With the kind and professional advice of GHC's coun-



Path to Highlands

Larry Oswalt
GHC Student

selors and staff, sign-up was virtually painless. My compliments and thanks go out to these amazing people who guided a confused, and admittedly somewhat scared, man through the maze of today's college requirements.

On my first few days of college, I was extremely apprehensive regarding whether I would be accepted and wel-

comed into this new world because of my age. That concern was soon dissipated by the professionalism and concern of the instructors, and by the unqualified acceptance by the students that I have the pleasure to work and study with. If the students at GHC are any indication of the future of our society, we are in good and competent hands.

Assuming my health, and that of my family, stays good, I intend to get an associate degree in history.

The degree will never be used because I am retired and enjoying every minute, but I will know that I have accomplished this goal.

I will place my diploma in my study, look at it every day and be thankful for everything and everyone that caused or allowed this dream to come true for me.

The love of learning is what keeps me coming in each day, and I hope that this desire will remain in me for many years to come.

State Resolution 6 seeks to legalize the use of marijuana for Georgians 21 and older

According to the FDA, Marijuana remains listed as a Schedule I hallucinogenic substance. This classification was only intended to be provisional, or temporary, pending further research into the negative effects of cannabis.

To be classified as Schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, a substance must meet all three of the following criteria: it must have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States and lack of accepted safety under medical supervision.

In March 1972, President Nixon commissioned a report that would justify cannabis' 1937 prohibition. Contrarily, the National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse determined that cannabis should not be a controlled substance and recommended decriminalization on the state and federal levels.

President Nixon chided the



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David Pulliam
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commission's chairman, former Pennsylvania Governor Raymond P. Shafer, and called for an "all-out war on drugs."

Nearly half of the country now has legislation in place that allows for the possession and use of cannabis or its derivatives for medicinal purposes.

This past April, Gov. Nathan Deal of Georgia signed House Bill 1, which specifically allows for the use of cannabis oil to treat cancer, Crohn's disease, mitochondrial disease, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, seizure disorders, sickle cell disease and ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

As this bill does not allow

the sale or production of cannabis oil in Georgia, in order to obtain this oil, patients with these debilitating disorders must travel to states where cannabis is legal.

As a result, many residents have moved out of state to pursue treatment.

Georgia State Senator Curt Thompson has introduced State Resolution 6 that would legalize marijuana for adults over age 21.

I urge all rational Georgians to contact the state senators and request that State Resolution 6 be on the ballots in 2016.

Then when the time comes, we should all go vote in favor of this.



Lady Chargers set to host first Thanksgiving Classic

By Victor Gonzales
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team will host a Thanksgiving Classic on Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 27 and 28.

The Lady Chargers will host three teams.

The teams are Central Georgia Tech College, Roane State Community College from Tennessee and Walter State College also from Tennessee.

The Lady Chargers will face Roane State College on Friday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m.

They will then face off against Walter State College on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m.

This will be the first Thanksgiving Classic the Lady Chargers will host at the Floyd

campus.

In previous years, GHC's women's basketball team has traveled to Georgia Perimeter College to play in their Thanksgiving Classic.

GPC has now merged with Georgia State College, thus ending the classic.

"We decided to make this Thanksgiving Classic and invite a couple of teams to fill that void," said the Lady Charger's Head Coach Brandan Harrell.

The Lady Chargers traveled to Tennessee on Halloween weekend to face both Roane State and Walter State College at the Walter State Tip-off Classic.

The Lady Chargers were triumphant over Roane State,

defeating them by a margin of 16 points, but fell short to Walter State by one point. Walter State was 11th nationally among NJCAA teams in the pre-season ranking.

"This is a great opportunity to see how our team plays against tough teams," said Harrell.

"We typically like to face great teams on our non-conference schedule to give us a good idea on where we can improve before we play our conference games."

The women's basketball team is looking forward to avenging its previous loss to Walter State and looking to have another successful run against Roane State during the Thanksgiving Classic.



Photo by Christina Goodwin

Danyelle Blankinship (left) guards Sydney Garnigan during a Monday evening practice.

Building a successful athletic program deals with more than just a team's ability to play



Rico's Reflection

Karicka "Rico" Culberson
Managing Ed., Sports

The first few games in a team's season are the most important when working towards a successful year.

Until then no one knows anything about the new and evolved teams except for the teams themselves.

Everyone has a certain number of talents, but during the first couple of games that talent gets put to the test.

This can make or break a team. If a team can win consistently, then the teams will go into every game with higher expectations than a team with consistent losses.

The start of the season is

when a team's motivation and drive to finish out the season is tested.

How a team foresees the upcoming season will be the true determination of just how far a team will go.

That's why coaches are always telling their players to keep their head up and keep pushing forward.

There is a plus and minus to this inevitable assumption.

A team can let their past record get in the way of their actual preparation.

This is why it is important to stay humble and continue working towards something

regardless of a team's winning or losing streak.

We all know about the Auburn vs. Alabama last play upset.

The Crimson Tide was deemed the better team based on winning streaks, but Auburn pulled out the win by returning a field goal for 100 yards in the last seconds of the game.

If everyone is in a race to be the number one team, the team who keeps its eyes forward will always beat the team who is constantly looking backwards. I was always told that it's easier to run forward than backwards.

I believe if the Chargers focus on creating a new legacy and use last year's success as a stepping-stone, then they will break down many more barriers than they did last year.

Looking forward will be the difference maker this season.

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Quillens Jr. dreams big for this year's baseball team

By Logan Wilkins
Asst. Sports Editor

Bryan Quillens Jr., second year baseball player and pitcher at Georgia Highlands College, committed to playing baseball at Eastern Kentucky University on Oct. 27.

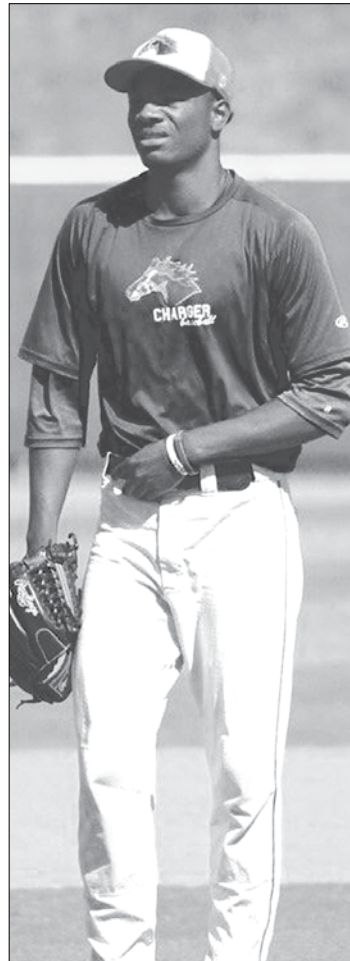
Quillens, who recently visited the ECU campus, stated, "I really liked the coaches and what they were doing with the program. My mom liked the coaches too."

Quillens was born in New Orleans, La., and moved to the state of Georgia at nine years of age.

He graduated from Pebblebrook High School in Cobb County in 2014 where he participated in baseball, basketball, and football.

Two major influences in Quillens' life are family and baseball.

When asked what he most looks forward to this baseball season, he said, "Winning the conference championship, going to the World Series and getting drafted."



Contributed

Bryan Quillens Jr.

Quillens enjoys eating Chick-Fil-A, watching the Kansas City Royals play baseball and collecting sneakers.

He is currently studying to become a physical therapist.

He plans to one day play in the MLB.

Students can join the winter fun with snowboarding and skiing trip

By Victor Gonzales
Staff Writer

The deadline to register for the college's annual ski and snowboarding trip, which is also available for course credit, is Dec. 1.

Georgia Highlands College has offered the skiing and snowboarding trip/course for 35 years.

This course will give any current GHC student a credit in PHED 1420 or 1421 during the spring semester of 2016.

The actual trip will be held Jan. 4-8 at the Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock, N.C.

There will also be three workshops during December with a mandatory meeting on Dec. 18 in room 122 at the Cartersville campus.

Ken Weatherman, who has conducted the trip and class for 35 years, said, "This class is a great credit opportunity and is very cost effective."

"This trip is a great opportunity."

**-Ken Weatherman
Trip Organizer**

Weatherman also said, "It comes with great incentives for novice or expert riders who love to snowboard or ski."

The trip is also open to students who simply want to take a trip to the Appalachian Ski Mountain without getting the course for credit.

"This trip is a great opportunity for students who want to travel with their friends who do or do not go to GHC," said Weatherman.

"We encourage all of our students to come and join us and to bring friends if they

would like."

The trip will include five sessions of skiing/snowboarding.

The sessions consist of unlimited instruction from the French-Swiss ski program, slope tickets, rental gear and lodging.

Weatherman said, "The prices on the trip vary depending on the number of groups that go and whether the students have their own equipment."

For more information on the snowboarding and skiing trip, please contact Weatherman at kweather@highlands.edu

To sign up, please contact one of the following:

Cartersville—Clifton Puckett, Marietta—Abraham Ortiz, Douglasville/Paulding—Lyric Sprinkle, Floyd—Lorrie Rainey.

Their e-mails can be found on the school website under directory.



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Sports

Chargers defeat the Raiders in their season home opener

By Karicka Culberson
Managing Ed., Sports

Number 10 NJCAA nationally ranked GHC Chargers defeated the Raiders of Roane State 82-60 to give the Chargers a win in their home opener on Nov. 3.

The beginning of the first half was tight, with both teams playing strong defense. Neither team scored double digits until after four minutes into the game, emphasizing the difficulty for either team to pull away easily.

Georgia Highlands' 6'8" forward Kyvon Davenport made an electrifying and-one play to get the Highlands' fans and players going.

The Chargers began to add up points on the free throw line, extending the lead to 24-15 with eight minutes left in the half. Charger guard Paris Ballinger put up a 3-pointer late in the half, firing up his teammates to pull away from

the Raiders.

Tylik Evans, another guard for the team, added another three late in the half after the Chargers took advantage of a steal.

With the final seconds winding down in the first half, Chargers' guard Doniel Dean put on the last points, and the half ended with the Chargers on top 46-29.

The Chargers came out of halftime with better rebounding, giving its offense abundant opportunities to make plays.

A dunk was thrown down by Chargers' forward Fritz Lucien, keeping the momentum alive.

If the dunk wasn't enough for Chargers' fans to get out of their seats, the three steals by Evans following the dunk surely were.

The Chargers led 74-52 late in the half.

Roane's Tayte Kitts tried to get his team going with an

and-one shot but missed the free throw.

The Chargers finally put the Raiders away with an 82-60 win, giving the Chargers a record of 2-1 for the season.

"It was a team effort tonight, with 10 players scoring for the Chargers. We have a long way to go, and we just have to keep getting better each week," said Chargers Head Coach Phil Gaffney.

Leading scorer Davenport said, "This win will help us out a lot as far as team development and running plays better."

Ballinger, who is a returning player for the Chargers, said, "We are starting to click as a team and get everybody rolling. We had multiple guys with double digit points. When you have that much firepower, it can be hard to stop."

The leading scorers all had double digits. Davenport had 23, Ballinger had 16 and Evans had 13 points.

See sixmilepost.com for updated game scores



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Tylik Evans puts in another point to extend the Chargers' lead in the team's home opener.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Paris Ballinger (right) defends against an in bounds pass during GHC's games against the Raiders.