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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

Floyd campus Student Center renovations postponed

By Tyler Hogue
Staff Writer

The planned renovations of the Floyd campus Student Center have been temporarily delayed, according to Eric Ricker, campus planner.

Ricker said that the reason for the delay is that contractor bids were not within the college's budget. He said the earliest the renovations might begin will be in February.

Todd Jones, vice-president of student affairs and dean of the Floyd campus, said that this will likely be a four-month process.



Photo by Ryan Jones

John Spranza, Floyd student life coordinator, looks over the Student Center renovations blueprint.

Jones stated, "The Student Center renovation is long overdue for Floyd. We want it to look more modern

and have a more inviting atmosphere." He also said that this will help show that students' tuition money is going to support the campus.

According to Ricker, the flow of traffic will be redirected as some entrances will be closed. However, more space will open up to be used as different phases of the renovation are completed. He says there will be approximately 300-400 square feet available for student use when construction starts.

Jones said they plan to add more seating and give the Student Center a store-

front property appearance. He said there will be more places for charging electronic devices, the Solarium and dining hall will be connected and the game room will be updated.

Ricker said there will be a stage added to the Solarium for performances and a coffee shop-esque area between the Solarium and dining hall. He also stated that the Student Life offices will be renovated for better accommodation. He said the bookstore will have more room, and a conference room will be added onto the Student Center.

Committee's search for permanent GHC president may take four to six months

By Jacqueline Davis
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands is currently searching for a new president as a permanent replacement for Randy Pierce who retired in De-

cember 2011.

Although all the aspects of the search are not yet in place, the search committee is being finalized. The search committee handles the qualifications and job announcement, all approved

by Hank M. Huckaby, the chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

According to Steve Wrigley, executive vice chancellor of the University System, "The campus committee of representatives

includes faculty and staff, alumni and students. These representatives are charged with identifying about three to five candidates; they accept nominations, conduct interviews and send them to the Board of Regents."

This entire process takes roughly four to six months to complete. Renna Watterson, who has been interim president since May 2012, has received permission from the chancellor to apply for the permanent position.



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Science courses offered vary by campus

By Brooke Govin
Staff Writer

Every GHC student has to take at least one science sequence to graduate. What most students don't realize until they are enrolled is that specific sciences are offered at some of the five campuses.

The Floyd campus offers the most science options with biology, geology, chemistry, physics and astronomy. At the Cartersville campus only biology, geology and physics are offered every semester.

For the upcoming spring semester, Marietta and Douglasville will offer some biology, geology and chemistry courses; Paulding will only offer some biology and geology courses.

However, when sequences are not available the next semester or guaranteed to be offered at that campus again, students' graduation times suffer. This problem mainly affects students with science majors.

Sophomore Melisa Gonzalez is a food science major



Photo by Ryan Jones

Steve Wilson, adjunct professor, shows cultures to his students during a medical microbiology lab on the Floyd campus.

at the Cartersville campus and is currently taking her first science, Biology 2107K.

"Highlands is the ideal place to get your cores done, but I could only take one science course here because many weren't offered con-

secutively, and I couldn't travel to other campuses to take the second course," said Gonzalez.

She is transferring to UGA in the spring and will continue her science courses there.

"I would have loved to get a majority of my sciences done here, but the times of the courses did not fit my schedule," Gonzalez said.

Georgia Highlands has been planning a science building for Cartersville

since last year's budget allowed extra money for the architect to plan the blueprints.

The building will be directly opposite the academic building and roughly the same size. The academic building was planned to hold 1,500 students and the current Cartersville enrollment rate is around 2,300.

It will hold enough classrooms for all the major science courses, such as biology, chemistry, microbiology and physics.

Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Laura Musselwhite is thrilled about this planned expansion of the science facilities. "This building will allow more students to complete their programs, and it will add to the campus life at Cartersville," said Musselwhite.

According to Musselwhite, it is unknown when the construction of the new building will begin. GHC was not approved for necessary construction funds for this year but hopes to be approved next year.

Soccer to be offered in spring

By Antonio Garcia
Managing Ed., Online

Soccer has been approved as a new PHED course.

The course will be offered this spring semester at the Cartersville campus.

Melissa Wood, head softball coach, will be the in-

structor for the class.

Students should contact Wood, mwood@highlands.edu, if interested.

According to Catherine King, professor and coordinator of PHED, there are plans to offer this course at the Floyd campus next fall semester if there is enough student interest.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

GHC competes vs other colleges in Toys for Tots

Georgia Highlands College, Shorter University and Georgia Northwestern Technical College are engaged in a competition to see which institution can collect more new, unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

The toy must be in its original packaging and should not be gift wrapped. Donation boxes will be located in offices around the Floyd and Heritage Hall campuses. While financial contributions can be made at www.rome-ga.toysfortots.org, gifts of actual toys are preferred. The competition ends Nov. 22.

Student Veterans collecting for overseas soldiers

The Student Veterans of America are collecting items to be sent in care packages to deployed soldiers. They started collecting items Nov. 12 and will continue to collect through Dec. 17. They will be collecting on all five campuses. They need toiletry items, such as deodorant and shampoo, and food items like pop tarts and granola bars. For a full list of items needed please contact va@highlands.edu.

Men's and Women's Basketball teams to visit youth home

The men's and women's basketball teams will

be visiting the Murphy-Harpst Youth home to do a Christmas basketball clinic for the children in December. Be on the lookout for more information.

PTK collecting for Annual Angel Tree

Phi Theta Kappa will be collecting for the Angel Tree in cooperation with Salvation Army. Students can pass by an Angel Tree present on all campuses and pick up an angel with a toy requested by a child.

AAWCC continues collection for young women

The GHC American Association of Women in the Community Colleges is having an ongoing collection for

Living Water for Girls, a home for young women who have suffered from human trafficking. For more information contact Meredith Ginn at mginn@highlands.edu.

Human Services doing multiple drives

The Human Services Club is collecting coats for those in need in the Rome area. The Coat Drive will be running through Dec. 12. Collection boxes are located on the Floyd campus in the Student Center.

The Human Services Club will also be collecting blankets to take to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. The blanket drive will be running through Dec. 12. Collection boxes

are located on the Floyd campus in the Student Center.

The Human Services Club and American Association for Women in Community Colleges are collecting new wrapped toys to take to teenagers at the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. The Star Fish Tree drive will be running through Dec. 12 and the trip will be right after Christmas. Collection boxes are located on the Floyd campus in the Student Center.

The Human Services Club will also be having a book sale to raise funds for the Felicia Claxton Memorial Scholarship. The book sale started Nov. 18 and will continue through Nov. 21. It is located on the Floyd campus in the Student Center.

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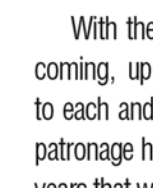


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College's new 3-D printer allows students to bring their ideas to life

By Derweatra Hammock
Managing Ed., Design

Thanks to Doug Ingenthron, the president and general manager of Brugg Wire Rope, LLC, the Floyd campus library now has a 3-D printer. Ingenthron donated \$1,500 to help Georgia Highlands purchase the MakerBot Replicator 2X experimental 3-D printer.

Elijah Scott, the director of libraries, believes the printer will be an excellent marketing tool for recruiting students to GHC. Scott said, "To the best of my knowledge, GHC will be the only library in the University System of Georgia that has a 3-D printer that will be available for all students, faculty, staff and to the community to use for free."

Instead of ink, the 3-D printer uses ABS plastic filament. The material comes in several different colors and resembles weed-eater line. As the filament is fed through, the printer heats it up and melts it down, similar to a hot glue gun. The two filament nozzles work together to make three dimensional figures one layer at a time.

The 3-D printer resembles a microwave oven. Once the printer reaches the required temperature, the platform inside the printer rises to the top and the filament is laid down. Once the print job is completed, the platform is lowered and the



Photo by Derweatra Hammock

Jeannie Blakely, assistant librarian for technical services, demonstrates how to operate GHC's new 3-D printer.

object can be removed from the printer.

There are different ways to create models with the 3-D printer. Students can place an object on the MakerBot Digitizer, and the item will be scanned from every angle. Once scanned completely, the object can be edited, cropped and scaled.

Students can even download designs and blueprints from MakerBot's website, Thingiverse. Scott stated, "Anything students create using CAD, computer-aided design, can be printed with the 3-D printer."

Another attribute of the printer is that the models can have movable parts. For instance, a 3-D butterfly can actually have movable

wings.

Jeannie Blakely, assistant librarian for technical services, believes the printer offers great potential. With anyone being able to use the printer, instructors can come up with assignments for students involving the 3-D printer. Blakely said, "For example, nursing students can potentially print out an organ, examine it and figure out what the defects might be."

The 3-D printer is expected to be up and running in the next few weeks. GHC is planning to have a premiere event for the library's new addition, so be on the lookout for the announcement and make sure to stop by and check it out.

KSU and SPSU consolidation approved by Regents

By Pedro Zavala
Editor-in-Chief

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents has voted Nov. 12 to approve the consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University.

Georgia Highlands Mari-

etta campus is located on the SPSU campus.

Renva Watterson, interim president of GHC, stated in an email to faculty and staff that she expects "there will be no change in our day-to-day operations in Marietta."

Laura Musselwhite, interim vice president of

academic affairs, said that "students on the Marietta campus should not be affected." She also stated, "GHC has a wonderful relationship with both KSU and SPSU."

Ken Reaves, dean of the GHC Marietta campus, said, "We're looking forward to continuing our relationship with SPSU and KSU."

Speech tourney date set

By Matthew A. Massey
Staff Writer

A date has been set for the college's annual speech competition. It will be held on April 11.

This public speaking contest is open for any currently enrolled GHC students who have taken or will be taking COMM 1100 or COMM 1210 this coming spring semester.

Steve Stuglin, lecturer of communication, says public speaking is "a highly desirable life skill, essential for a career."

In last year's competition, an audience of 45 students watched 26 competitors speak in front of a panel

of judges.

The top three walked away with monetary prizes in the form of Visa gift cards.

"Sure the prizes are great," Stuglin commented, "but the real takeaway here is the experience gained through competing under pressure. Everyone might not have won something, but everyone gained a lot."

Anyone interested in the spring speech competition should contact Stuglin at ss-tuglin@highlands.edu

Videos of previous year's speeches may be found on the college's website. More information will be sent via e-mail closer to the date of the event.

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Reaves moves from Douglasville to Marietta

By Niya Bethea
Staff Writer

Ken Reaves has just recently moved from being the dean of the Douglasville campus to being the dean of the Marietta campus.

Reaves has been working for Georgia Highlands College for the past 12 years.

He previously worked in the human resources department because that is what most of his professional work background was in.

He first worked for Temple-Inland, Inc. for six years and transferred to Rome in



Photo by Blake McFarlane

Ken Reaves

1999.

Reaves started his career with GHC at the Floyd campus in 2001.

As the college began to expand into Douglasville and Paulding County four years ago, he thought that it would be beneficial to change career paths from HR to being dean.

“It’s pretty simple. When the opportunity became available, I wanted to seek the opportunity and do something different. I had a former boss tell me that ‘challenges keep you young’ so, that’s a good way to look at life,” said Reaves.

Marietta is the third largest GHC campus, and when Ken Nooks vacated

the dean’s position there, Reaves thought it would logically and professionally make sense to move from his position at Douglasville and to accept the dean’s position at Marietta.

“I was naturally a little anxious. You always wonder if the people you work with will accept you, relate to your management style or if you have what it takes to meet the challenges of a larger campus. Overall, it has been good,” said Reaves on his recent transition.



Reaves said that his favorite part of the job is when

he gets to interact with the students, to see them succeed and help them achieve their goals.

He considers his favorite days at work to be graduation and employee recognition.

Renva Watterson, interim president of Georgia Highlands College, gave nothing but good reviews about Reaves.

Watterson said, “Wherever Reaves is, he is one of servant leadership. His heart is in personalized, committed and integrity-based people management.”

Once upon a time, there was a student who needed to sell back a textbook. Unfortunately, the bookstore would not allow him to resell his book because it had too many in stock.	The student had no idea what to do. He paid so much for his textbook and now he had no way to receive any of his money back.
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Luckily, the next day the student saw an advertisement from the Six Mile Post. It was sponsoring a textbook exchange to help GHC students.	Now he will be able to sell or swap his textbook while purchasing other books. Thanks to the Six Mile Post, he actually has a chance to resell his book and receive some money back in return.

Student entrepreneur to open boutique

By January Curry
Staff Writer

The traditional path of high school, college, then career can sometimes bring pit stops and road blocks. For Chiquita McCullough this path is more like a destined journey on a well-lit freeway.

Starting off at a flea market in Douglasville selling unique clothing and accessories, McCullough decided this wasn’t enough for her.

The drive and structure her parents instilled in her came out full force. She would use these skills and her own savings to open a boutique.

Fearless yet humble, McCullough is taking the road to success theory literally, but on her own terms.

A native from Douglasville, she was born the very last of three children. McCullough lived a very sheltered life with a photographer father and an accountant mother.

Being the youngest, there were definite set expectations for her. Her mother and father instilled a balance of both structure and work ethic, but inside was a creative spirit that was yearning to escape one

day.

While she yearned for more, McCullough followed the plan her parents required of her.

Graduating from Chapel Hill High School in 2010, she went on to major in radiology at the GHC Marietta campus. She loved the medical field, but a fear of blood kept her from any other area.

McCullough’s sheltered upbringing kept her introverted and to herself. She decided that in order to enjoy her college experience she had to get to know people.

She not only joined the organization Woman to Woman but took an officer position and began to make lasting friendships.

Despite her mother and father’s suggestion to slow down, McCullough never stopped moving. She not only chose her own path but created new opportunities for herself.

Moving out on her own was one thing that she desired to do. This was just one step closer to her goal.

Living in her own apartment and on her own terms was a liberating experience for her. “I’ve been waiting for this moment forever,”

says McCullough.

Multi-tasking is something McCullough is all too familiar with. While juggling a full-time school load, working at Kennestone Hospital and managing her own home with two Chihuahuas, she somehow made the time to make her love of fashion a lucrative business.



Photo by January Curry

Chiquita McCullough

Coming from a very structured home, living up to everyone’s expectations, losing old friends and gaining new ones along the way were fuel to make her stay focused.

“Everybody’s not going to be for you; you have to learn to be for yourself,” says McCullough.

The grand opening of her boutique is in December, but this is nowhere near the end of the road for her.

Woman to Woman comes to Douglasville

By Gayle Golden
Staff Writer

The Woman to Woman Club, originally founded on the Marietta campus, now has a branch on the Douglasville campus. Woman to Woman's mission is to serve each other and members of the community.

Nivenitie McDaniel, president of Woman to Woman, said, "I became involved in Woman to Woman because I realized there wasn't an empowerment group for women like Brother to Brother is for men." Brother to Brother is an organization that focuses on helping minority men in college.

McDaniel said, "Ms. Julia came up with the idea to bring Woman to Woman to this campus. So, we started the process and it took us about a year, and we got it approved for the Douglasville campus in the fall of 2011."

Julia Areh is the admission recruiter on the Douglasville campus and also serves as adviser for



Photo by Gayle Golden

Julia Areh (back row left) is adviser for Woman to Woman at Marietta. Among the club members are (back row from left) Dasia Smith, Nivenitie McDonald, Natalia Mullin, Jenay Simmons, Ceanette Jackson and (front row from left) Kelsie Maciejewski, Laisely Chevelor and Devon Strickland.

the club. She said the club is basically a "mentoring group and a safe haven where women can come together to do community service projects. The club

fosters an environment for the women to combine their talents by building a community together while doing community service."

McDaniel said, "Woman

to Woman shows other female students that women can come together as one. Academic wise, we help each other out when we need help. We bring originality,

being ourselves as leaders here at the Douglasville campus at Highlands."

Areh's favorite service activity and the one she is most proud of was "the Books for the Caribbean," an international project. The club worked together with a local community member and Brother to Brother to set up a book drive on the Douglasville campus. The club collected 150-200 books for the students at a primary school in Jamaica.

This month, the club is sponsoring a food drive of nonperishable goods that will be donated to The Pantry, a local ministry of Crossroads Church.

Also, Woman to Woman is co-sponsoring Venus vs. Mars with Brother to Brother. This will be an opportunity for a panel of guys and girls to ask the opposite sex questions to gain their perspective on different topics. This event will be held Nov. 20.

Flyers on campus provide more information. Students may also contact Areh at jareh@highlands.edu.

Unrealistic expectations, too many commitments and financial stress may bring on holiday blues

By Holly Chaney
Staff Writer

The holidays, touted as the season of joy, are ideally a time of warm homes, good food and those we love, yet for some, the holidays can be a difficult time.

Having unrealistic expectations and piling commitments can give way to holiday blues.

As defined by "Sege's Medical Dictionary," holiday blues are "Feelings of sadness, loneliness, depression and anxiety in and around the holidays, caused by loss of family and loved ones through divorce or distance

from the childhood home or place where the holidays were most enjoyed in years past."

Adding to these holiday woes, many are plagued with financial stress.

In a study published by "Medical News Today," 25 percent of people surveyed had increased feelings of depression. Out of the people surveyed, 19 percent felt less able to manage their mental health because of worries about paying off the cost of Christmas.

Also, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people may feel depressed around

the winter holidays due to seasonal affective disorders, sometimes referred to as seasonal depression.

According to the Mayo Clinic, symptoms of seasonal affective disorder "start in the fall and may continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody."

While there may be a lot of things weighing down the joy of the holiday season, there are strategies that can help.

Kristi A. Dyer, a respected physician and a life challenges expert, reminds us to get our R-E-S-T.

For "R" Dyer suggests

setting reasonable expectations and goals.

For "E" she says to exercise daily. It is also good to eat and drink in moderation, and to enjoy free activities.

To simplify and relieve stress is listed under "S" as another of Dyer's recommendations. She suggests setting a budget for social activities and gifts. Dyer also notes that simple gifts can still bring happiness.

The "T" stands for time to relax and remember. Dyer encourages everyone to spend time with caring, supportive people, and to keep in mind that traditions can be changed.



Photo by Ryan Jones

Makayla Graves is the winner of the Six Mile Post readers' contest for October.

Barbie and Ken didn't expect this

When my daughter was four, I encouraged her to "ask Santa" for a Barbie airplane, mainly because I've always been intrigued by miniatures and the tiny ice cubes which Airline Attendants Ken and Barbie had at their disposal were too much for me to resist. On Christmas Eve, after my daughter had gone to sleep, I eagerly tore into the airplane's packaging so I could assemble the aircraft and its accouterments (for her to enjoy the next morning, of course, not just for me to play with, uninterrupted, for three-ish hours).

On Christmas Day, 9 a.m. came and went, and I couldn't contain my excitement any longer, so I did what most any eager parent would do: I turned on my tripod-based video camera, walked down our silent hallway, woke my sleeping preschooler and guided her toward our bedazzled Christmas tree. I knew she was uncharacteristically listless, but I was ready for that magical moment the big reveal and no hint at illness (low-grade fever, lethargic pace, grey complexion) was interfering with my agenda.

As my child shuffled towards our tree, I opened the plane's bi-fold fuselage to reveal the myriad of miniature amenities awaiting us. As I'd anticipated, my daughter responded with intensity, just not the intensity I expected. Instead of imaginary coffee, soda or tea filling the plastic passengers' tiny tumblers, projectile vomit christened the newest plane in the Barbie fleet.

If only I'd thought to purchase the optional airsick bag...

Carla Patterson
Associate Professor of English
Floyd campus



How about a slice of well done pie?

One of my funniest Thanksgiving memories is a few years back when I was hosting Thanksgiving at my house. I decided to cook all my pies the night before. I made a few, which turned out great. Then it was time to make my famous pecan pie. I prepared it as normal and then went on about my evening. I forgot that it was in the oven, and after a while I smelled something burning. I ran to the oven and, of course, it was my pie. It had bubbled over and was burnt to a crisp. My stove was covered in pecan pie goo and my house smelt awful even on Thanksgiving Day.

Kim Waynick
Human Service Major
Rome Campus

Right on Time

One of my most memorable Thanksgiving memories is from about eight years ago. My mother is notorious for being late to everything, even on her wedding day. This one special Thanksgiving she was tired of the continuous humor from our family members about her poor time management. She woke my siblings and me up two hours before we were supposed to arrive at my grandmother's home for the festivities to ensure our punctuality. Ironically, she was driving so excessively fast on this long drive from our home to grandmother's house that we were pulled over and she received a super speeder ticket. In the end she is still being the target of all the playful jokes she tried to evade for once.

Kacie Wilson
Early Childhood Education
Cartersville Campus



The Six Mile Post would like to thank students, as well as faculty and staff for sharing their holiday memories. We were not able to print all of them, but we do have more available to view online at www.sixmilepost.com.

Too many holidays to keep up with!



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Pedro Zavala

Beagle blesses Butterball

It was supposed to be a banquet.

My in-laws and blood relatives were driving hundreds of miles to spend Thanksgiving with my family in our new home. I had cleaned every grubby handprint from my six children off every surface. The table was set with Galway crystal, Beleek china and my grandmother's damask table cloth. The table was laden with turkey, ham and scrumptious sides. As we gathered in a circle to bless the meal, a huge

Crash came from the dining room. With horror, I watched my beagle racing down the hall with my beautiful Butterball turkey. Daddy followed after, blessing the dog in an entirely different way.

When the pandemonium was quieted, we did finally and thankfully eat the remnants of the meal. The memory that made me cry, always brings a smile now.

Amelia Bagwell
Psychology and Education
Cartersville Campus



No Christmas is purrfect

My most memorable Christmas was about 10 years ago. My cat decided to climb the Christmas tree. She was still a kitten and had never seen a tree in the house. We were all sleeping and heard a huge crash in the living room. My parents woke up first, thinking it was an intruder. I woke up shortly after. My parents were so mad, but they were laughing at the cat. The tree had fallen on the couch. It was hilarious, but some ornaments broke.

Hannah Lewis
Business Major
Cartersville Campus

Dirty Ol' Santa

Every Christmas, my entire family comes over to our house for an annual Christmas party. We always play the game Dirty Santa. Everyone that comes to the party brings a gift worth up to \$20 to exchange with someone else. Everybody's name is put into a hat, and when your name is called, you can go pick out one of the gifts. The catch is that you can steal other people's presents when it is your turn, not knowing what any of the presents are. The gifts people have received over the years have been crazy. Dirty Santa is definitely one of the things I look forward to the most during the holidays.

Lindsey Miles
General Studies
Cartersville Campus



Grandad Santa saves the day

Every Christmas my family drives around town looking at Christmas lights. One particular Christmas was different. We were driving through a neighborhood when my granddad spotted a house that had smoke billowing from its chimney. The home owners appeared not to be home so my granddad decided to act. He grabbed the nearest water hose and climbed his way up to the roof. He was about to put this "fire" out when we suddenly heard "Santa?" come from a child that just walked with his mother up the driveway.

Hillary Rowell
General Studies
Cartersville Campus



'Santa Clause' remains a Christmas tradition

By Thomas Dobson
Staff Writer

HOLIDAY
movie review

"The Santa Clause" has a few things going for it that will keep it on many families' holiday movie marathon lists. First is its lead actor, Tim Allen, and his unmistakable brand of comedy.

The movie starts on the night of Christmas Eve when divorced businessman Scott Calvin (Allen) finds a certain jolly old elf on his roof and accidentally ends the man's annual sleigh ride early.

Spurred on by the excitement of his son Charlie (Eric Lloyd), Scott dons the red suit, climbs into the sleigh and in doing so takes on the role and responsibilities of Santa Claus.

The result is a year-long series of events that strengthen Scott's relationship with his son like never before, but strain every other aspect of his life to the breaking point as he finds himself changing to better fit the role of Santa Claus.

Allen manages to pull the film together with clever rapid fire humor that provides enough variety to make sure everyone watching laughs at least once.

Despite the absurd premise of the movie's plot, "The Santa Clause" manages to put a new, fresh spin on an old holiday icon using surprisingly clean special effects, a heartfelt story and an impressive array of comedy.

The film makes good use of the relationship between Scott, his ex-wife Laura (Wendy Crewson) and her husband Neal (Judge Reinhold) as an excellent and



Contributed

A scene from "The Santa Clause" film

strikingly realistic balance to what would otherwise have been a very up-beat but overly silly and bland movie.

Lloyd is also fantastic as Charlie, making the character so genuine and innocent that sometimes the audience may forget he was even acting.

"The Santa Clause" presents a well-rounded package of comedy, family values and just enough Christmas fantasy to make it more than worthy of a spot on any families' list of movies to watch come Christmastime.

TOP 6 CHRISTMAS MOVIES

1. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
2. MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET
3. A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
4. WHITE CHRISTMAS
5. A CHRISTMAS STORY
6. THE FAMILY STONE

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Photo by Richard Maneen

Comedian Larry Omaha entertains GHC students at the Cartersville campus. Omaha also had shows at the Floyd and Paulding campuses.

Cartersville students find Larry Omaha's performance 'funny' and 'awesome'

By Richard Maneen
Staff Photographer

Comedian Larry Omaha drew a rather large crowd at the Cartersville campus on Nov. 7.

Students were laughing from the time Omaha first grabbed the microphone.

After the show, many students had a lot to say about Omaha's comedy act. Mathew Gibson stated, "Larry was pretty funny. I liked him and he has pretty funny jokes."

Jacob Hutson said, "I thought he was awesome. It was cool to hear about how much he travels. He is very good at what he does."

When he was young,

Omaha had many encounters with the law. He knew he was headed down the wrong path and straightened up enough to receive a scholarship to law school. He became bored and quit law school and received a job with the government. Bored with his government job, he quit and made a beeline to Los Angeles to pursue his childhood dream, stand-up comedy.

Omaha's acting career is growing. He guest starred in ABC's "No Ordinary Family." He has roles in two upcoming horror movies--"21 Days" and "The Blackout." He's also appeared on Showtime's comedy special "Goin' Native," Comedy Central's

"Stand-Up Revolution," "Comics Unleashed" and HBO's "Erotic Traveler."

Omaha's insightful view on multi-ethnic America has garnered him numerous television appearances and places him in great demand on the corporate comedy circuit.

His stories are hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "Refreshing, funny and universal."

His jabs at the hypocrisy of American society inspired the Las Vegas Sun to label him "A very hip comic who clicks with all generations."

Omaha also performed at the Paulding campus on Nov. 11 and the Floyd campus on Nov. 12.

EBA: a great idea with poor execution

It was impossible for any student to not hear the constant reminder to sign up for Early Bird Advising these past couple of months, between the occasional mention from instructors or one of the countless, incredibly colorful e-mails.

Students who took advantage of EBA were able to register for spring semester classes well ahead of the students who didn't. This could be helpful, or it could be just

one more thing for students to worry about.

There are many students who have a full plate. With classes, jobs, homework and other responsibilities, the last thing students want to worry about is having to gain access to early registration in hopes of getting the classes they need.

If a student speaks to an adviser in his or her major's area, that can either be extremely helpful or a waste of time,

especially if the student has participated in Early Bird Advising during a previous semester.

Unless a student has changed majors, EBA becomes redundant if he or she is required to participate each semester.

Likewise, the thing a transfer student will always hear is, "Go talk to the school you plan on transferring to."

It is great for a student to speak with someone in his or her area. If

the adviser truly cares, he or she can become an invaluable mentor for the student, not just academically, but also in career and life choices.

However, even though EBA is a great way to encourage students to speak with professors and begin planning their future, should EBA be a requirement for early registration?

Many other colleges and universities just provide students who are

closer to graduation with priority registration.

Between the confusing e-mails about "Early, Early Bird Advising" and actual informational workshops to learn about EBA, it turned into being more of a headache rather than being helpful.

All and all, EBA is a great way to get students motivated to speak with advisers, but hopefully next time workshops won't be needed to understand what is going on.

The next big epidemic to hit America could be voter discrimination

Students who participated in state and local elections on Nov. 5 might have been plagued with thoughts of the Supreme Court's recent ruling on the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

This past June, the Supreme Court voted to overturn Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act.

This section is the formula that the government goes by for deciding which states need to be monitored on their voting policies.

Section 5 has no significance without section 4. Section 5 says that certain jurisdictions with a history of voter discrimination have to gain permission from the federal government before changing their voting regulations.

When the Voting Rights Act was first put into effect in 1965 its main purpose was to prevent voter discrimination during the Civil Rights era.

During that time period, states in the South enacted several practices and re-



Editor's Box

Derweatra Hammock
Managing Editor, Design

quirements, such as gerrymandering and literacy tests, to make sure that African Americans could not influence or sway elections.

The Supreme Court's decision to remove Section 4 was based on the current state of the country.

Throughout the years, the United States has made progress with preventing voter discrimination.

The country currently has an African American president and other minorities hold high positions in public offices.

Although the country has made progress, voter discrimination still takes place. Why change the Voting Rights Act when it is working just fine?

Try looking at the situ-

ation from a different perspective. Think of voter discrimination as being an illness, like the flu, and make the Voting Rights Act the medicine for the sickness.

As the medication is taken, the flu starts to clear up. With each dose of medicine, the illness continues to improve.

Since the body is making progress, the medication is supposedly no longer needed. However, if medication is stopped too soon, there is a chance that the illness will gradually return.

Little by little, the discrimination the Voting Rights Act tried so hard to fight off may back. The progress the nation has made might slowly undo itself.

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Social media outlets are source of negativity



Soap Box

Ashlee Gilley
Staff Writer

With over seven billion people in the world, you think people would expect and even appreciate it when people have various opinions and interests. Yet on a daily basis you can see the endless criticism directed at anyone who has an opinion that differs from someone else's.

It is no wonder people are becoming more and more hesitant to share their interests with others.

People can't say or do anything without someone having to say something about it.

If someone is happy and isn't hurting anyone, then others should leave them alone.

It is hard to understand why people feel the need to ridicule others for what they enjoy.

The things we like or that make us happy are the best things about us. Our interests make us more diverse and interesting people, and essentially they are what make us, us.

We should not allow other people to make us feel like crap just because we have different interests. There's the word everyone seems to have a problem with, "different."

You can see it happening all the time, especially with the expanding use of social media. I'm not putting social media down at all; in fact, I

am a massive fan of it.

However, social media sites make it easier for us to get opinions out there whether they are positive or negative.

If you look in the comments sections of a YouTube video or the "@" replies to a tweet, you will find countless examples.

As soon as someone says something, there are people ready to put them down or tell them that what they said is wrong or stupid.

The power of being able to reply to people all over the world can go both ways, but more often than not it leans towards the critical side.

No one wants to have what makes them happy belittled. The next time that you want to make a negative comment about what someone is doing, or their interests, think about how it would make you feel if someone said the same thing to you.

What do you like most about this time of year?



Elucia Frederique Paulding
Biology

"When it comes to this season, I love eggnog!"



Justin Shooks Paulding
Middle Education

"Football and basketball, and the difference in the weather."



Ned Garnier Paulding
General Studies

"The serene surroundings of the environment makes a calm status of myself."



Naschely Santana Paulding
Nursing

"I love the atmosphere, the weather, the mood, the way everyone is."

Photos and Poll by David Martinez

Guest Column

It's our responsibility to stop bullying now

By Justin Mangin
Paulding, Cartersville
General Studies

Over time, we as Americans have been trying to overcome many things big and small. But what we have to focus on are where these issues stem from. Why is it that these problems escalate into larger things, and why couldn't we stop them sooner?

An example of one of these issues is bullying in schools. Of course we grow up being told that bullying is wrong and we need

to treat others the way we wish to be treated, but that doesn't stop people, young or old, from discriminating and verbally abusing others.

When I was on the wrestling team in high school, I saw plenty occurrences of bullying.

I was the only freshman to be on varsity, and I had to work really hard to prove myself to the coaches and the team. I was constantly given a hard time from the guys I wrestled with, but because of the person I am, it only made me want to become better. I ignored the

comments from my teammates and continued to push myself until I finally showed everyone what I was capable of.

Most students aren't capable of looking past ignorant comments at that age. What happens to the kids and young adults who get pushed around and don't know how to take those comments and use them to their advantage? Those kids end up with low self-esteem.

Low self-esteem can affect someone for a long period of time and sometimes even the rest of his or her

life.

Bullying comes in many different forms, but the most common form is verbal. If someone is constantly put down, it affects the way that person feels about him or herself.

For example, a child is verbally bullied at school by another classmate because he has a lisp when he talks. Every day he goes to school he's going to be nervous before he speaks because of the fact that his classmate is always making him conscious of it.

Preventing bullying is

the next step to bettering our young nation and establishing confidence in them at a young age. What if everyone really did stick to the saying "treat others the way you want to be treated?"

We have the ability to change the way people act towards one another, yet we choose not to. If everyone was set on being better people and enforcing actual anti-bullying rules in schools, then maybe kids today would have a little more self-esteem and wouldn't have to worry about what others think of them.

Letters to the editor

Student has questions about 411

Dear Editor,
The article "GHC 411 helps students" grabbed my attention. This semester is my first semester at Georgia Highlands, as well as my first year of college in general. With that being said, I have many questions and no idea who to ask. I am very glad to now know there is a system on campus that can not only answer my questions, but can also direct me to the department I need to ask. The only thing that could improve this article is adding where I might be able to find one of these tickets students state their concerns on.

Kacy Hawkins
Undecided
Floyd Campus

Editor's Response

On the Georgia Highlands home page click on "Offices and Departments." Then open the "Advising" link, in which the advising home page will load. Finally, click on the small box labeled "Need Help? GHC 411." From here you can submit your question.

Voice yourself through voting

Dear Editor,
As the result of recent media reports and research of my own into the major political policies and issues we currently face, I feel I should bring to the forefront of the attention of other Georgia Highlands students the intense need for action.

All American adult citizens have the right to vote. I have come to find many of those citizens let that right, which was furiously fought for by our ancestors, simply go by the wayside.

From what I have learned, I realized as young college students who plan on becoming educated and successful we are the perfect demographic to realize it is imperative we reflect our opinions through casting a vote. The absence of our voice through failing to vote allows others to have total control over our futures.

Current policies in question such as immigration, education and health care directly impact our lives and those of our own children because we are the future of America.

I urge each of you to research, register to vote and most importantly become an active voter. Most decisions we hold important we make after careful deliberation and exploration of options. We should use this same process in the action of voting.

Kacie Wilson
Early Childhood Education
Cartersville Campus

Student misses out on benefits

Dear Editor,
I really appreciate the article "What we need from the Charger Café" in the latest issue of Six Mile Post. This has been a real area of concern for me, and your article covered all of the main problems on many students' minds.

I am a non-traditional student and I work full-time. I attend classes in the evening and normally come to campus directly from work. I do not have time to stop and grab anything to eat, and although I appreciate the vending machines, I was excited when I heard about the Charger Café opening.

However, my excitement was short-lived after learning the hours of operation for the café. I really enjoy attending GHC Cartersville campus, but I can't help but feel a little slighted because I cannot utilize many of the facilities due to their hours of operation. The student center and gym are both closed by the time I get out of class; the campus is only open half a day on Friday and not at all on weekends. I pay full-time fees for these provisions but feel as though I only get part-time access to them.

Trinette M. Brooks
General Studies
Cartersville Campus

Student stays informed

Dear Editor,
There was recently an article in the Highlands Hap-

penings informing students about a GHC skiing course. This is a unique course and a great opportunity for GHC students to experience something new. Students in need of physical education credit will also benefit from this ski trip. Students like being informed on different types of courses and education opportunities. This article is a great way to get the word out about rare opportunities like this for students and faculty.

Kara Mincey
General Studies
Floyd Campus

GHC helps remind about the 'Little Things'

Dear Editor,
In the recent issue of the Six Mile Post, there was an article titled "Don't forget the little things in life." I really enjoyed reading this article because it shows people that the small things are what matter the most. Sometimes people overlook the small things, like going out to eat with your mother or just spending time with the family. I love the fact that people at Georgia Highlands College are more appreciative of the small things than they are the big things being done. Just taking the time out to show students that it's not always about the big things in life, but that the small things in life are really what matter the most.

La'Brea Morgan
Criminal Justice
Floyd Campus

Taking advantage of ski opportunity

Dear Editor,
I was really happy to find out about the ski/snowboard trip. It's a course I need and can complete in just a few days, all while having a fun time. I was wanting to sign up, but I didn't know the dates and now I do. I'm glad Highlands is offering an opportunity like this. I think many students should take advantage of this opportunity.

Kirsten Rogers
Nursing
Floyd Campus

Student recognizes others' hard work

Dear Editor,
Last week's issue was very inspiring! However, one article really caught my eye. I believe that the article on Christian Carter was something that all college students should read. Christian Carter has five kids, is a full-time student, works a full time job and still manages to run his household. He shows that having determination and great time management you can still do anything you set your mind to! This article really made me open my eyes to the struggles that go on in peoples' lives that they manage to overcome!

Kaitlyn Arrington
Nursing
Floyd Campus

Results of Six Mile Post online poll as of Nov. 13

"Should college students be allowed to carry weapons in classrooms?"

No: 70.29% (239 votes)

Yes: 29.71% (101 votes)

Keep a lookout for new polls at sixmilepost.com

Douglasville student enjoys mixed martial arts diversity

By William Thomas
Staff Writer

A multitude of athletes on the many different GHC campuses participate in sports that are not offered at the college.

Brandon Hamilton, a freshman who takes classes at the Douglasville campus, engages in the popular sport known as "MMA," short for mixed martial arts.

This is a sport which contains a lot of karate and wrestling techniques.

MMA teaches skills like discipline, will and patience.

Also styles like Judo, Muay Thai and Taekwondo are all used in this sport.

Hamilton says what he likes most about the sport is that participants can always improve and get better.

"It's not fun getting the crap beat out of you, but you got to keep your head up," he said.

There are different but effective ways to prepare for MMA. There are team trainings, which include running, sparring, conditioning practices and round robins where one person fights different fighters one at a time

in one workout session.

All these are performed every day at the Bodyplex gym in Hiram, Ga., not far from the Douglasville campus.

MMA classes vary, and people may have two different classes in one day.

Self-morale, the ability to get back up after getting knocked down, is the biggest skill taught and learned in MMA, Hamilton explained.

Hamilton said his favorite thing about the sport is the "diversity" of it. "Every style is different and every person is different," he said.



Photo by Holly Chaney

Brandon Hamilton (left) spars with William Felch during a practice MMA session.

GHC locker rooms undergo major renovations

By Tiera Story
Staff Writer

As most Floyd students know, the men's and women's locker rooms on campus have been off limits for the last few weeks. The old lock-

er rooms are being renovated, and a team locker room is being added.

David Mathis, PHED programs manager and assistant director of athletics, said the existing lockers are getting a new paint job that

will match GHC's school colors, orange and blue.

The process was prolonged due to issues with construction and knocking a wall down in order to use part of a storage room. The locker room will be divided

into the student lockers and the team locker room.

Mathis stated, "We were actually on a very low budget for the renovations." The college has had some donations, such as carpet that was recently donated for

the floor of the team locker room.

Overall, the locker room renovations cost around \$20,000- \$24,000.

The lockers are not expected to be finished until around Nov. 25.

Merritt becomes new director for Floyd campus intramurals

By Pedro Zavala
Editor-in-Chief

At the beginning of the 2013 fall semester, Jonathan Merritt became the new Floyd campus intramurals director.

Merritt is also the assistant coach for men's and women's basketball.

He heard about the position through Phillip Gaffney, GHC's athletic director as well as the men's head basketball coach. "We both knew each other and had built a relationship from Action Sports Academy," he stated.

He has been busy this fall semester with the recently completed co-ed flag football games, organizing



Photo by Pedro Zavala

Jonathan Merritt

the tennis tournament and getting ready for 3-on-3 basketball.

Merritt also has many goals that he wants to accomplish.

He wants to get to know students and what they would like to have in intra-

murals. He wants to "get an ear for what students want, do a little bit of everything."

He said he also wants to improve quality and include everyone.

One of his main objectives is to increase participation. "We want students to participate no matter their schedule," he said.

Merritt is also planning ahead for the spring semester and plans to have basketball intramurals, help coordinate the Six Mile Post Ping-Pong tournament and hold a pool tournament.

"I'm very competitive. I want this to be recognized as one of the better programs for junior colleges," Merritt said.

Brother-2-Brother wins flag football championship at Cartersville campus

By Jessyca Arndt
Staff Writer

Brother-2-Brother defeated PrimeTime 41-32 in the Cartersville flag football championship game Nov. 12.

As the winners, Brother-2-Brother took home T-shirts and MVP trophies.

The team captain for Brother-2-Brother was Aaron Foster. Hunter Horton was the captain for PrimeTime.

Foster said, "People should play intramural sports because you are already paying for school and the athletic fee, you might as well enjoy and have fun!"

A record high of six teams signed-up for flag-

football this fall. Other fall intramural sports included dodgeball, billiards, 3-on-3 basketball and the Madden challenge.

Melissa Wood, the head GHC softball coach and intramurals coordinator for the Cartersville campus, is very excited about the intramural sports at the Cartersville campus and encourages all students to sign up to participate.

She said, "Adding a sport to your activities gives your experience more of a 'College Feel.' It is also a great way to make new friends."

Spring 2014 intramural sports will consist of Ping-Pong, 5-on-5 basketball, possibly a new golf club and, for the first time, soccer.

Elwer overcomes injury to take the mound again



Photo by Richard Maneen

Strength training is important to pitcher Tyler Elwer as he continues his comeback from a serious injury.

**By Mary Howard
Staff Writer**

Tyler Elwer is a pitcher for the GHC baseball team; however, he did not come down an easy road.

Elwer started playing baseball at age five due to his father's love for the Cincinnati Reds. By going to many games and playing in the backyard, he grew to love the sport.

However, about two and a half years ago he was struck with an injury causing him to undergo Tommy John surgery. It is a surgery that is used to repair an injured elbow ligament, an injury hitting many baseball players.

After his surgery, he entered physical therapy for six months and then a

throwing program. After a year away, he finally came back to the mound.

When the healing process was over, he decided to play for GHC. The decision came after realizing that he needed to strengthen his arm before playing at a four-year college level.

Elwer is a business administration major at GHC. Elwer said, "I chose business administration because I loved economics in high school. I liked learning about how businesses worked and how the economy is affected by them. I also would like to manage a business in my future."

Elwer says that playing team sports has taught him to overcome failure, since baseball is one sport in which failure is prevalent.

Love of softball keeps nursing major in the game

**By Mary Howard
Staff Writer**

Brandi Ann Hughes is a pitcher for the GHC softball team, but she also has a fascinating back story.

Hughes started playing softball at the age of five and fell in love with the excitement of the game.

She had a scholarship straight out of high school for Auburn University of Montgomery. However, not liking the program, she decided to come back home.

Once back home she started taking classes at GHC, and upon learning of its new softball program, she decided to try out for the team.

Now 20, Hughes is a nursing student. However, on top of taking 17 hours this semester, she is also juggling team and one-on-one practices, study hall and work.

Hughes, who has known

since high school that she loved helping people, is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Floyd Medical center.

She said of her inspiration to be a nurse, "Seeing someone smile and knowing that I made them feel good is the best feeling. Also, I had some really awesome nursing teachers through high school that showed me all the positives about being a nurse."

Hughes said that playing team sports creates bonds with the other players that are unbreakable and that the players will lay everything on the line for each and every person on the team.

Her advice to other girls playing softball is "Never give up," she said. "I thought when I came home that I was done playing ball, but now I'm back at it and I'm loving every minute of it and wouldn't trade anything for it," Hughes said.



Photo by Richard Maneen

Brandi Ann Hughes enjoys playing softball for GHC while studying to become a nurse.

Chargers make history with home win!

**By Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports**

With a final score of 87-84, the Chargers beat Gordon College Nov. 13 for the first home win in the team's history.

Down 17 points at half-time, the Chargers staged a determined comeback in front of an enthusiastic crowd. The entire atmosphere in the gym reversed with a surge of intensity.

The Chargers fought their way back to a tie. Then the lead bounced between the teams, leaving the crowd on the edge of their seats for the last few minutes of the game.

The team and coaches displayed great post-game excitement over the win.

"We stepped up as a team," said guard Matt Catanzano.

Dominique Lindsey, guard, said, "The second half felt great. We stuck together."

Head Coach Phillip Gaff-

ney said that the Chargers showed a lot of heart on the court during the game.

"Heart, character, perseverance, that's what we want to see on or off the court," Gaffney said.

Gaffney mentioned that coming back from being down 17 points is great. The Chargers could have quit then, but they pushed through to victory.

Leading the Chargers to a win in their first home game of the season was Catanzano with 21 points, Montrel Goldston and Donovan Harris with 14 points each and Jamison Jeffers with 9.

The GHC pep band and cheerleaders added to the competitive atmosphere.

During the halftime tribute to veterans, James Wyatt, president of GHC's Student Veterans of America, and Amy Wise, GHC veteran affairs coordinator in the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement, were recognized at mid-court.



Photo by Ryan Jones

The men's basketball team celebrates their victory over Gordon College in the first home game win. This win took Chargers to 2-0 in GCAA conference.

Lady Chargers' first home game set for Nov. 23

**By Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports**

The Lady Chargers will be playing on their home court for the first time this season Saturday, Nov. 23.

They will take on the Georgia Northwestern Technical College Lady Bobcats at 2 p.m. in the Floyd campus gym. Students and college employees get in for free with a GHC ID card. Admission for other attendees is \$5.

Shakierya McClendon and Amber Curtis led the Lady Chargers as the top scorers after the first five games. McClendon and Curtis had both scored roughly over 60 points by Nov. 13.

Support the present, not the past; let your GHC colors shine through

We all had pride in our high school sports. Whether it was football, basketball, soccer or any other sport offered, we had a hint of pride in everything.

Yes, where we went to high school is always going to be a part of us, but so is college.

The college experience is far more important than any other. So why do college students not show their pride as greatly as they did in high school?

We may attend a smaller college, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't have pride in the school we attend.

There's a reason we all decided to attend GHC,

whether Georgia Highlands was a first choice or perhaps a last resort.

Think back to high school pep rallies and how many students were wearing the school colors. Remember during the games when the stands were packed with hundreds, if not thousands of people supporting their team. Why don't we do this for the school we now attend?

Just talking to the athletes here at Georgia Highlands has opened a new perspective for me.

The attendance for last year's games were poor. Wouldn't it be great to outdo ourselves and pack the stands?



Karlee's Corner

**Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports**

This year, we have to challenge that. Go to the home games or any of the games near your campus. Since Georgia Highlands has multiple campuses, students should be able to provide support for all of our sports teams wherever they travel in the state of Georgia.

The basketball season is just beginning, and there are numerous games that

students can still attend. Also, with baseball and softball just around the corner, there will be even more sports activities for all students to support.

We should come out and support the school we now attend and stop lingering in our high school years.

College should now be our main priority. It's supposed to be the best time of our lives.