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Magician Nash Fung (left) plays mind games on Elizabeth Newberry (center) and John Bessis by making them believe they are drinking juice when the cup is actually filled with water.



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Learn how to prepare your vehicle for winter

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GHC is Georgia's most affordable four-year college

By Jillian Scanlon Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College has been dubbed the most affordable four-year college in the state of Georgia by Scholoarship Owl.

Attending Kennesaw State University is almost \$26,000 a year. President of Georgia Highlands Donald Green said, "By comparison, one year at GHC costs less than \$4,000 in tuition and fees."

Matthew Lyons, a GHC student, said, "Because GHC is inexpensive, I haven't needed to take out student loans."

Furthermore, housing usually adds an extra \$10-\$11,000. Because GHC does not have student housing, students do not have to worry about the fees associated with living on campus.

Many students live within proximity of a GHC campus. Student Amanda Williams said, "The Cartersville campus was closer to my house, so it was less money on gas."

Another student, Michaela Crowe said, "The Cartersville location was affordable and close by. I also did not have to pay for student housing."

Vice President of Student Affairs Todd Jones said, "Just being the lowest in cost is only part of the story. The other half is the value students get, and that's the wonderful instruction that they are able to receive."

Class sizes are much smaller at GHC compared to many other colleges. This creates a more personalized experience in the classroom.

Aaron Green, a GHC student, said, "It's a lot cheaper than going anywhere else, plus you're still getting the same education, and I really like the fact that not every class is 200 or 300 people."

In the University System of Georgia out of all the other colleges and universities,

List of Colleges and Costs Augusta University Berry College Florida State University Georgia Highlands College Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Kennesaw State University University of Alabama University of Georgia University of North Georgia University of Tennessee \$10,000.00 \$40,000.00 \$50,000.00 \$20,000.00 Out of state In state Graphic by William Evans "ESTMATED COST"

GHC saves the most money for students when it comes to textbook expenses. Due to professors being able to decide on the use of textbooks in their classes, Georgia Highlands has saved students \$2 million just on the cost of books.

Donald Green stresses that before transferring to other institutions, students should look at fees and make sure to have a finished degree.

According to Georgia High-

lands College alumnus Cotis Hammock, "If one does not have their degree, colleges can pick which courses to accept. This in turn can lower your GPA. With a degree they must accept every course taken."

Photo by Xavier Freeman

Billy Morris, professor of geology, points out the lights in the Floyd campus gym. Light bulbs in the gymnasium as well as the light bulbs found on other campuses are being changed to energy efficient LED bulbs. The new light bulbs are replacing the old incandescent bulbs.

College answers Gov. Deal's call for energy sustainability in Georgia

By Danielle Griesemer Staff Writer

Recently the governor of Georgia released a statement calling for more energy sustainability across the state. In response to this statement, GHC chose to further its efforts to be more energy sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Currently, Georgia Highlands College spends \$37,000 a month at the Floyd campus alone on electricity from Georgia Power. Because GHC is an institution that uses large amounts of electricity, Georgia Power offers the school electricity at 4 cents per kilowatt/ hour. A standard residential home is charged 13 cents a kilowatt/hour. This discount has made it nearly impossible for GHC to look at other energy alternatives.

Billy Morris, professor of geology, said using electricity in such large amounts is "like eating at McDonald's everyday: cheap but it'll make you sick."

Phillip Kimsey, director of the physical plant at GHC, has begun making small, affordable changes. For example, LED lightbulbs have replaced standard, incandescent lightbulbs as needed in areas of high usage, such as the Floyd campus gymnasium.

Though these changes are beneficial to the college's sus-

tainability, the largest problem lies with the HVAC system that provides Floyd with heating and cooling. Morris said the system is outdated and does not allow modifications. To replace the system would cost the college a few million dollars.

Morris stated that in the short-term, becoming more energy sustainable and environmentally friendly does not benefit the school's finances.

Ultimately, students are the engines of change at this institution. "Students are the most powerful group in this institution," Morris said. If students demanded change to the energy situation at GHC, the school would see improvements sooner.



Students ride a bus to the Marietta campus from White Water due to parking issues.

Students have to park at White Water to get to the Marietta campus

By Catie Sullivan Editor-in-Chief

GHC students at the Marietta campus have been facing difficulties with parking.

Due to Kennesaw State University's growing student population, parking at the GHC and KSU campus in Marietta has become full. KSU ran out of assigned parking in mid-July last academic year and started to take up parking at the Georgia Highlands parking lot.

GHC Marietta Campus Dean Ken Reaves said, "We noticed the parking problem coming up towards the end of last year and knew that we had too many cars and too many students and not enough parking spots."

Oftentimes parking places fill up between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

As an alternative GHC stu-

dents are allowed to park in the White Water parking lot and ride Kennesaw State University's bus, the B.O.B (Big Owl Bus), to campus.

The bus trip from White Water to the Marietta campus is only about a mile to a mile and a half.

GHC students who wish to ride the B.O.B can do so for free by presenting their GHC student I.D. to the bus driver. Students who park at White Water and shuttle to the GHC Marietta campus are accompanied by Kennesaw students as well.

Reaves said, "After spring, once more Kennesaw students graduate, parking spots will become more available."

Campus police are aware of the parking problems and have worked with students and only moderately ticketed cars, according to Reaves.

F'all Frenzy!

GHC's Student Life hosted Fall Frenzy on all GHC campuses. Magician Nash Fung performed, and there was a free lunch provided.



Photo by Xavier Freemar

Sandro Noel (left) and Rontavious Coley (right) tie Nash Fung's legs and hands together as part of an escape trick.

News

lle campus upgrades its wireless system

By Nick Whitmire **Assistant Online Editor**

The Cartersville campus will be getting a new upgrade to its wireless system.

The system was first installed back in 2005, during what Rob Laltrello, the chief technology officer of the IT department at GHC, describes as "the pre-iPhone era."

Chris Pelfrey, the director of information security & network services of the IT department at GHC, said, "Having a wireless system was not very common back then, but now being wireless is a necessity."

According to Laltrello, "These new upgrades are a renovation to what is already installed."

The purpose of the new wireless system is to enable both faculty and students to bring their own devices to do their work and to provide a connectivity that is reliable and can help students get through their classes.

It is not to be a revolution in IT. It is just a way for stu-

dents to say, "Wow, it's not the same, but it will be updatslow anymore," as Latrello puts it. But as Pelfrey explains, "You're only as fast as your slowest connection."

The wireless system is made up of a core switch, distribution and access points.

The core switch is what brings the internet to the system. The wireless system will receive a new core switch, which will provide a faster and much better internet speed across the board, moving the speed from 100 Megabits to 1 Gigabits.

The distribution is like a water flow, as it allows the internet to travel to access points.

The access points are what allow devices to connect to the internet. There will be 30 new access points installed across the Cartersville campus and they will be in the classrooms, library, high traffic areas and outside the HUB of the Cartersville campus.

While the hardware is all new, the software side of the new wireless system is mostly ed to allow the IT department to better protect users' privacy.

Complaints about the internet access at the Cartersville campus started around 2015. With the age of the equipment and the campus growing, it was time for the wireless system at Cartersville to be upgraded according to Pelfrey and Laltrello.

They also said that it can be an expensive endeavor as well, costing thousands of dollars and even being a 10-year investment.

Pelfrey said, "Feedback from faculty, staff and students is always taken seriously."

The wireless system was demonstrated not too long ago at the gym on the Floyd campus, and the response from students was very positive as they were able to stream games in the gym.

The new wireless system will be controlled by Pelfrey and a team consisting of six people in a group called Information Security and Network Services of which Pelfrey is the director.

"It is a team effort, and we will continue to be the invisible support to help students do their work with a no hassle experience," said Pelfrey.

Laltrello also said, "Pelfrey is awesome as he does a tremendous amount of work into the system and knows a lot of what happens behind the scenes."

Expansions have already been planned to go out to the other campuses of GHC.

The one in Floyd is already done, while the systems at Heritage Hall, Paulding and Douglasville are scheduled to be completed around the fall of 2018.

The new wireless system at Cartersville is expected to be completely installed as a whole by the end of 2018.



Photo by Mackenzie Duvall

Cartersville students like Sophia Hernandez will be gaining faster wireless connections.

Highlands Happenings

Turkey Day Run, Walk Nov. 6

By Joshua Mabry Managing Ed., Sports

According David to Mathis, assistant athletic director, the 30th annual Turkey Day Walk and Run will be on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at Paris Lake on the Floyd campus.

Participants will estimate the amount of time that it takes to walk or run around the trail that surrounds the lake.

The person that comes closest to his or her estimated time will win. There will be a male winner and female winner. The winners will re-

ceive a \$25 gift card to Honey Baked Ham. People that wish to participate should meet at the pavilion next to the lake at 1:45 p.m. to register.

Mathis said, "All participants will need to leave all cell phones, watches and any timing devices at the registration area. We will hold those for you."

Skiing and **Snowboarding** trip offered

By Epiphany Huff **Staff Writer**

GHC will be taking a trip to Boone, North Carolina, for skiing and snowboarding Jan

The Learning Adventure trip includes five sessions of Skiing/Snowboarding (one night/four days), instruction with French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mt, use of equipment, slope tickets and lodging for four nights.

The Multi-Mountain trip includes five sessions of skiing, one night/two days at Appalachian Ski Mt., 2 days Sugar Mt., instruction with French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mt., use of equipment, slope tickets and lodging for four nights.

With these trips, students have the option to receive academic credit for PHED 1420.

Deadline for signups is Dec. 5. For more information please contact kweather@ highlands.edu.

Self-study review turns out well

By LaTonya Kilgore **Staff Writer**

GHC was recently visited on-site, October 16-19, by the SACS-COS to be reviewed and reaccredited.

A group of individuals from colleges across the South, excluding Georgia, visited each GHC campus, meeting with students and staff.

The purpose of the visit was to see if the information that was sent to them in a previously submitted 70 element report was visible around campus.

The visit went very well. They reported two minor things GHC could be doing better.

Improvements requested involved communication between continuing education, community outreach and academic programs as well as better documenting the evaluation of faculty.

Donald Green, GHC president said, "They loved the consistency of message from site to site."Green said that they also loved how GHC cared about its students and that they are learning.

Green attributed the success of the SACS review to faculty, staff and students and all the hard work everyone did with developing the QEP.

Evan Snelling assumes role as GHAME coordinator

By Kara Ledbetter **Staff Writer**

The Georgia Highlands initiative GHAME named a new coordinator this past summer, Evan Snelling.

GHAME stands for Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence. GHAME is an initiative that strives to increase the enrollment, progression and graduation rates of minority

"Our goal for GHAME is to continue preparing minority men for academic success in the classroom while preparing them to become leaders in their communities," Snelling said. He believes GHAME is a "critical component for academic success for minority men at Georgia Highlands College."

Snelling said, "I would accredit my transition into becoming the GHAME coordinator to my tenure as a student at Georgia Highlands College."

As a student, he became president of GHAME's student organization, Brother 2 Brother. He researched college wide as well as nationwide on the

"Our goal for GHAME is to continue preparing minority men for academic success

-Evan Snelling

enrollment, progression and graduation disparity among minority men and their counterparts.

Once hired as WIA assistant coordinator at Georgia Highlands, he became a Brother 2 Brother adviser. He mentored numerous minority male students on multiple campuses. In May 2017 he was then interviewed to be GHAME's coordinator.

Currently, Jon Hershey, humanities division dean, has been the director of GHAME since its founding in 2008. Hershey has provided more than 30 years of service to Georgia Highlands College.

Snelling's goal is to "ultimately become the director of GHAME for Georgia Highlands College."



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Evan Snelling is the new GHAME coordinator.

Tanner heads QEP efforts

By David Pulliam **Staff Writer**

Last month, Georgia Highlands College hired Elizabeth Tanner to be the new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Coordinator.

Tanner has worked in higher education since 2010, most recently serving as program manager of the healthcare certificate program for the College of Continuing and Professional Education at Kennesaw State University.

In 2004 Tanner earned her bachelor's degree in Communications, focusing on public relations and political science, at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. She earned a master's degree in Leadership at Shorter University in 2010.

Tanner says she enjoys "working closer to home," after having recently moved to Cedartown from the Atlanta area.

As GHC's QEP Coordinator, Tanner is in charge of leading the "Quest for Success," which she says will "focus on a more comprehensive approach



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Elizabeth Tanner

to advising."

Tanner said her impression of GHC so far is that "everybody is so nice here, and so helpful." She added, "I feel like it's almost like a family envi-

Confident in Georgia Highlands College's renewed commitment to advising and the new QEP's potential to have a positive impact on students, Tanner said, "It's going to be a big change, but it's an exciting time to be at GHC."

Class registration is now open for everyone! The first fee payment deadline is Dec. 4.



Career Exploration

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Learn more online at:

http://www.highlands.edu/site/student-support-services

Connect with us now on our Linkedin, Instagram and Twitter pages!







Features

Students Without Borders visits KSU Global Village

By Kara Ledbetter Staff Writer

Students from Georgia Highlands' Students Without Borders club recently went on a field trip to Kennesaw State University's Global Village.

After visiting with the International Student Association, members of Students Without Borders were able to see exactly how many different nationalities of people call Kennesaw State University home. Kennesaw State has students from more than 120 different countries.

"When we first stepped into the room that houses the International Student Association, I was in awe," said Diana Fain, a Georgia Highlands student. The room is decorated with the flags of all of the countries where students who are a part of the association are from.

Each member of the International Student Association spoke a bit about his or her country of origin. "I especially liked the guy from Jamaica,"



Photo by Kara Ledbetter

Members of Students Without Borders meet international students at Kennesaw State.

Fain said. "He had such a unique accent and spoke about how different schools are in Jamaica."

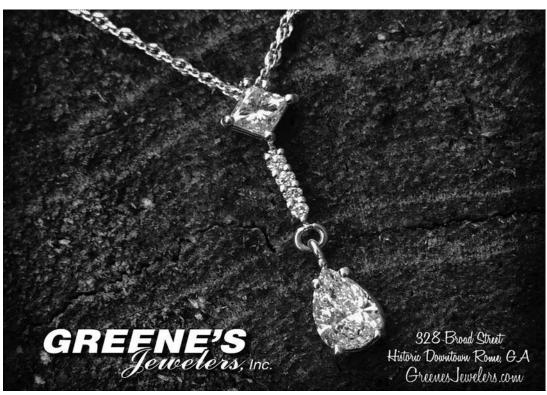
"The best part of the trip was meeting the students," said TeKirah Williams, another member of Students Without Borders. The club members were able to ask the international students as many questions as they wanted. They were even able to compare and contrast each other's lives.

Ending the Oct. 13 trip, their last stop was at KSU's dining hall, The Commons. Going along with the "international" theme, there was a variety of different foods to pick from. "I literally walked around the place twice trying to decide what I wanted to eat," Williams said.

Faculty adviser for the Students Without Borders club and Assistant Professor of Communication Alexandra MacMurdo Reiter said about her visit to The Commons, "There are so many delicious food choices from designing your own stir-fry bowl to getting a custom pressed panini sandwich, having fresh alternatives such as the salad bar or delicious sushi or going to the good old stand-by choices of pizza, hot dogs or hamburgers, that it can be a bit overwhelming!"

Students Without Borders enjoyed being able to learn and experience different cultures visiting the Global Village. "In the future, I encourage anyone to visit," said Williams.

For anyone interested in stopping by and checking out Kennesaw State University's campus, dining hall and The Commons, the areas are all open to the public.



Fall Financial Aid Nights

Complete applications, submit documents, apply for HOPE, accept loans and have financial aid information processed!

Cartersville Site

Tuesday, Nov. 14 5-7 p.m.

Floyd Campus

Thursday, Nov. 16 5-7 p.m.

Cartersville Site

Tuesday, Dec. 12 5-7 p.m.

Floyd Campus

Thursday, Dec. 14 5-7 p.m.

Photo by Catie Sullivan

Etiquette teacher Erika Preval brought in silverware, napkins, plates, cups and various other dining tools to the Floyd campus to show students proper dinning etiquette. Students also learned the proper etiquette for eating as well as sitting at a dining table.

Students learn etiquette

By Catie Sullivan **Editor-in-Chief**

Student Life provided GHC students with an etiquette basics class at all campuses.

This class was taught by Erika Preval, who is the proprietor of Charm Etiquette based out of Atlanta. Students who attended the event were able to learn basic etiquette tips and tricks that could be helpful in either a business or casual setting.

Preval began by showing GHC students where to place their name tags at events such as business dinners or conferences, where to sit at an event, how to sit and how to introduce oneself.

Floyd campus student Kenechi MgBodile said, "I feel as if etiquette gives off a sense of maturity and that it gives you a good image."

After basic business etiquette and introductions were explained, Preval went on to teach students proper dining etiquette. Students learned how to hold a napkin, silverware, a plate and a cup from a buffet all in the left hand, leaving the right hand free and able to shake the hands of others.

The placement of dining material was also explained. Students learned that the bread plate will be located on the top left of the meal plate and the drink will be at the top right. Preval said, "An easy way to remember where your bread and drink are on the table is by thinking of the acronym B.M.W. or bread, meal, water."

The etiquette basics class also covered skills like how to enter a room and specific instructions on how to eat and drink.

Preval said, "I believe that teaching etiquette to college students is necessary because it teaches them life skills that they will carry throughout their lifetime and pass on to others."

Art professor Russell Cook exhibited paintings and sculptures

By Danielle Griesemer **Staff Writer**

Recently, the Lakeview Building art gallery on the Floyd campus has been the temporary showcase for several pieces of art from Assistant Professor of Art Russell Cook. The Russell Cook exhibit is only the beginning of a series of faculty art exhibits.

Professor Brian Bar of the humanities division wanted this showcase after showing several exhibits of student work. This is to display all of the talent present at Georgia Highlands College.

Cook's art exhibit held a variety of pieces such as "monoprints," small canvases and multimedia sculptures. A monoprint is a piece that is first painted on a flat, nonrolled over it.

Most of the sculptures shown in the Lakeview exhibit were composed of different types of wood. One sculpture, a rocket launcher, had pieces of an old rocking horse. This same sculpture can fire a rocket about fifteen feet.

Another sculpture present in the exhibit could move its arms, though Cook stated that he removed the part that allowed it to move. Cook chose the pieces for this exhibit based on similar styles, colors and subjects.

About half of the pieces were brought straight from the Creative Art Guild in Dalton, a previous showing location.

Stylistically, they are what Cook calls "figuratively ab-

porous surface. Then a press is stract," meaning that each piece has a human figure in some way but has little other distinguishable elements. For example, one piece in this exhibit was a human head on a PEZ candy dispenser, but instead of candy, it dispensed allergy pills.

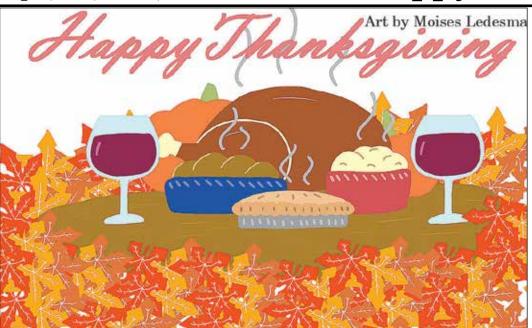
The Russell Cook Art Exhibit ran from Oct. 23 through Nov. 11 and was open to the public.





Photo by Xavier Freeman

These are some of Russell Cook's many art pieces that were displayed in the Lakeview art gallery on GHC's Floyd campus. Cook is an assistant professor of art on the Cartersville campus.



Chariffes This Holfday Season

-Nonperishable food drive: To help military families. Bring it to The Veteran Resource center in the Student Life office at Floyd, or to Student Life at any of the

-Homeless Donations: To assist the homeless, drop off clothing such as socks, gloves, t shirts, along with toiletries, to professors on the Floyd and Cartersville campuses. Sponsored by Will2Way and GHC BBA programs

-Phi Theta Kappa is collaborating with PSI Beta to collect underwear and socks for children. These donations will go to Advocates for Children of Bartow County. Donation boxes will be out for each campus until Thanksgiving break.

-Green Highlands on Cartersville will be collaborating with Feedbartow on Nov. 22nd at the Cartersville Civic Center. Donations on the Cartersville campus will be collected for Good Neighbor Shelter in Cartersville

My family's holiday tradition is to burn mal families).

Then the day after Christmas, we throw it out the door (back or front, it really doesn't \(\bigcirc \) can still spend "Our Christmas" together. matter). Then a few days later, on New Year's Eve night, we throw all our old papers, cardboard, and whatever else all over the tree.

Then we light the paper on fire and watch the needles catch on fire and produce a flame as tall as the house! The needles catch on fire quickly and burn quickly. They only take about 30 seconds to be fully ignited, and they only burn for about a minute.

They also burn much hotter than the tree trunk itself. After the needles have burned, the flames die down to a slow, warm, flame that gives you a gentle feeling of warmth.

Harrison Wrisley General Studies, Floyd campus

Being in the medical field, my family's the Christmas tree every year. Each year we & Christmas tradition is no ordinary one. Often get a Christmas tree and decorate it (like nor- \$\delta\$ it is mandatory for us to work the holidays, so my family always get together to choose a weekend that we are all off to make sure we

We use Saturday as our Christmas Eve and watch Charlie Brown's Christmas while drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows. At night, we drive around to look at Christmas lights and come home to open one small gift.

The following Sunday morning is "Our Christmas." We open our gifts and enjoy Christmas dinner as a family. After our meal, we gather around to spend our last evening together talking by the fire and eating fresh baked cookies.

Our Christmas tradition might not fall on the actual holiday, but time spent with family is always a reason to celebrate.

Emily Elizabeth Marschner Nursing Interest, Cartersville campus

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Favorite: Chicken Samosa Least favorite: Ratish



Helaina Gomez Biology Flovd

Favorite: Mac and Cheese



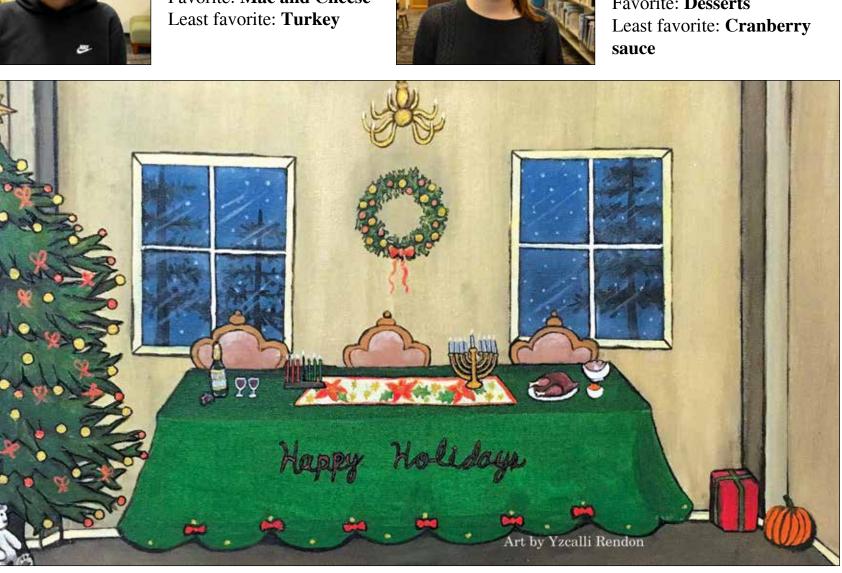
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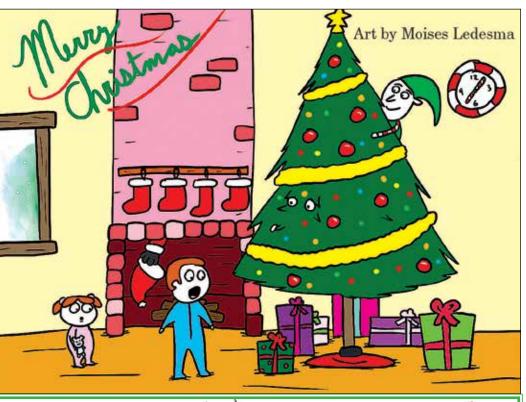
Favorite: **Dressing** Least favorite: Chitlins



Stephanie Austin Nursing Interest Flovd

Favorite: **Desserts**







(boy's name) was One day little verb ending with ing) in the snowy forest when a (holiday-type animal) suddenly (verb ending in ed)at him. When he came to, he found himself in a (adjective, not **a color**) clearing surrounded by (color) lights. Suddenly (celebrity) appeared wearing a _(verb re-(movie character) costume and a Santa hat, •lated to speaking ending in ed) at _(previous boys' •name). _(previous celebrity) was wielding a •(adjective) (tool) and screaming in a (emotion) tone. The boy quickly _(action verb) away, but it suddenly began to rain (candy) and he slipped, hurting hise (body part). (previous celebrity) was about to catch up to him, when a **_ (plant)** decorated with **_** (color) ornaments and _(type of metal) trinkets arrived, (ing verb) at (previous celebrity). The boy was just about to get away, but suddenly (**politician**) appeared from behind a (**plant**) wearing (holiday costume) and began to throw (type of Christmas present) at _____(boy's name again) while screaming " "(famous quote).

Editorials

Holidays threaten to begin even earlier

us, we're drawing near to the time of the year when it seems an incessant parade of holidays occur one after another- Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, etc. Some of these may not be celebrated by all, or even their existence be universally known, but still they mean something to the particular group they originate from.

That's why people have begun to take issue with uttering "Merry Christmas." It's supposedly exclusionary to the other groups who don't celebrate it. "Happy Holidays" has become a more universal expression of good tidings at this time of year. Naturally, these more "politically correct" sensibilities pertaining to every group have made certain people angry. There may be no problem with being inclusive, but there is also see no reason to get infuriated when someone wishes one a Merry Christmas.

The larger problem at hand with Christmas is how every year the season keeps expanding. Thanks to it being so well known and profitable, all the conglomerates jump on the bandwagon to squeeze every cent they can out of the holiday, turning it into a corporate shell. And they keep trying



to push it earlier and earlier.

Halloween is serving like the wall in "Game of Thrones." If it wasn't for Halloween being at least moderately profitable, Christmas would invade even earlier and possibly into September. Even so, we are beginning to see Christmas decorations put up in October, like a few white walkers getting out. Those who personally love Christmas, should love it in its own particular season, not when it invades beyond its reach and becomes completely insufferable, maybe wait until after Thanksgiving for Scrooge to happily turn into Buddy the Elf.

It's not really a religious problem. Of the many great things that the sitcom "Community" did, its Christmas episodes made the observation that Christmas has become more about how one spends the time with friends and family and trying to improve oneself than forcing a religion down other people's throats. Everyone has different viewpoints; everyone has different backgrounds. The important thing to achieve above everything else is balance.

-Six Mile Post **Editorial Board**

GHC needs to establish more lasting traditions

GHC offers an overall wonderful college experience, but one area that could be improved is traditions.

There are a few traditions at GHC, such as the annual Turkey Day Walk and Run and the annual Old Red Kimono release party, but they are few and far between.

It seems that when something that would make a good tradition is started by a GHC organization, it ends up disappearing. For example, Phi Theta Kappa held a Halloween Fall Festival last year at the Floyd campus that was super fun and a good community outreach event. That event did not happen this year.

Even if Phi Theta Kappa



Editor's Box Joshua Mabry **Managing Ed. Sports**

did not want to host that event this year, some other student organization could have hosted it because it was a fantastic event and many in the community wanted it to become an annual event.

The Halloween Fall Festival would have definitely made a good tradition for GHC.

Looking back through the Six Mile Post archives, it is evident that GHC, or what used to be known as Floyd Junior

College and then Floyd College, used to have many fun traditions that unfortunately disappeared.

One of the most exciting traditions that was held at the end of every academic year was Tower Hour, named in honor of the tower on the Floyd campus.

Today at GHC, there is Fall Frenzy and Spring Fling at the end of each semester, which are both similar to Tower

Hour. Neither of those names are quite as awesome as Tower Hour because any college can have those names for their end of semester events.

Tower Hour was a name that was specific to GHC's original campus making it an awesome tradition.

It also seems that a bigger deal was made about Tower Hour than Fall Frenzy and Spring Fling. It appears as if there were a lot more people at Tower Hour events than there are at Fall Frenzy or Spring Fling events today.

GHC is an amazing college overall, but it would be nice to have more traditions that would be memorable to students for generations to come.

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Mistakes and failures are a part of making progress



Soap Box

Moises Ledesma
Staff Writer

A few years ago, I thought I had my life figured out. I spent five years going to school for a degree that I would end up not using.

I made the wrong decisions for the wrong reasons, and I was unhappy with the way my life had developed. Eventually, I decided I would start over and do what I felt was right with my life.

Although it might seem like all those years were wasted, I believe that all the experiences I had were necessary for me to get back on the right path.

They are experiences I would never undo. They forged me into the person I am today. Without them, I would not be me.

Mistakes and failures are essential parts of progress. They help us discover who we truly are, and a lot of times they reveal our undiscovered passions.

Often, the fear of failing keeps us from embracing the path we truly want.

People should not be afraid to fail many times along their journey. I promise, everyone will make many mistakes and fail many times, but the struggle will be worth it.

It is never too late to embrace change. It does not matter if people are twenty, thirty or even fifty.

If one wants to truly be happy, they should do what they feel is right.

A lot of times people let their insecurities or others influence their decisions, but the only decision that matters is the one a person makes.

In the end, people only know what they want to do with their life and what makes them happy. If anyone wants to be a comic book artist, he or she should be a comic book artist.

A few mistakes now are worth a future that one will be proud of having.

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Guest Column

Larry Oswalt History Major

My friend Nic: A lifelong friendship

y feel is right.

A lot of times people let in insecurities or others a brief encounter, we immediately became best of friends.

I first met Nic when I was a brief encounter, we immediately became best of friends.

Nic was everything that I wasn't. Nic was cool while I was shy and awkward. He was worldly while I was naïve. He was dangerous while I was merely boring. Nic was welcomed into every social event of my young life and was seen as the ideal companion in any situation.

Throughout most of my young adult circumstances, Nic was by my side. He was there at my first love, my first heartache, my high school successes and my many high school failures. Nic was my constant companion during my young marriage, through the trauma of being drafted, during the loneliness of my military years and consoled me during my heart-breaking divorce.

Into my adult life with a new wife, a new family, new jobs and constant challenges, Nic never failed in his constancy and support. Even as his endless companionship started to gradually become a burden in my life, the satisfaction and peace Nic brought to my life was undeniable and sustained me through the many problems I encountered. He helped me through job changes, family deaths and the inevitable marital issues that arrive in

any marriage. Nic helped me celebrate the birth of my children and the many joys in my life.

Sadly, as my life moved on, and I became more and more secure in my life and myself, I needed Nic less and less. He became an embarrassment to me. My family constantly opposed Nic and even society turned its back on him. He was no longer socially accepted. Nic was now a pariah, an outcast. Society, who once lauded Nic as the pinnacle of accepted behavior, now loathed him as a problem at best, and a deadly menace at worse.

Five years ago, I turned my back on Nic and made him unwelcome in my life. He was now to be avoided and not embraced as before. Nic is no longer a friend of mine. He is no longer wanted in my social circle nor in my personal life. Good riddance!

But still, in the wee hours of the night, as my beloved family sleeps in the home that I have spent my life making comfortable, I still sometimes lie awake and think how I miss Nic.

(Author's note: For forty-seven years, I smoked between 1½ and 2 packs of cigarettes a day. Only blind luck and God's blessings have left me with no ill effects from this life-long stupidity.)

Letters to the Editor

Green Highlands Club encourages students to help their communities

Dear Editor,

The piece about the Green Highlands Club is another great spotlight on a GHC club serving the community. Cleaning up our neighborhoods is a very important task that can better our communities. Highlighting these noble efforts is a great way to encourage other students to join and help their communities. This article has actually persuaded me to consider joining the Green Highlands Club. The efforts of GHC organizations to serve the community should be on the front page of every Six Mile Post newspaper.

Jason Threadgill Agriculture Floyd Campus

QEP will benefit students with courses and future plans

Dear Editor,

In the Six Mile Post, the article 'Georgia Highlands College is on a Quest for Success' grabbed my attention . . .It's a good plan because it helps students with their courses and figuring out what they want to do in the future. This article benefits students by encouraging students for advisement and giving information about QEP. I feel the plan will make a big impact and it will continuously help students in the future.

Roxana Gonzalez Nursing Floyd Campus

This Year's American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout is Nov. 16.

Review

Thor Makes a Comedic Return in 'Thor: Ragnarok'

By Nick Whitmire Assistant Online Editor

"Thor: Ragnarok" is the third film in the Thor franchise and also the 17th film in the larger franchise that is the Marvel Cinematic Universe, a franchise that is close to being 10 years old.

While the Thor films have been the some of the weaker films in the MCU, "Thor: Ragnarok" manages to stand out amongst the Thor films and the MCU as a well-executed comedy. But there are times where the film's more dramatic moments lose their momentum due to the film's comedy.

Like most of the films in the MCU, "Thor: Ragnarok" is a hilarious movie. It is easily the funniest film of them all. The film is filled with comedic moments and jokes that will leave viewers laughing throughout the film that keeps a consistent light-hearted tone.

The performances are also fantastic. Chris Hemsworth has become the embodiment of Thor. Cate Blanchett gives another stellar performance that makes her character Hela one of the more superior villains of the MCU, as she brings a presence that shows that she is a much stronger character than Thor. Tom Hiddleston continues to impress as Loki, while Mark Ruffalo continues to be the best incarnation of the Hulk. But the standout character is the character of Valkyrie played by Tessa Thompson, who brings a fresh and complex characterization to the film.

The directing of "Thor: Ragnarok" is some of the best within the MCU. Director Taika Waititi brings a special tone, look, humor and set pieces that make Thor a fresh character. He shows just how bizarre and wonderful it can be to be a Norse god with a great power within.

While the comedy is what makes "Thor: Ragnarok" a standout film, it also takes away from the dramatic moments. Characters, places and ele-

ments that were once key to the Thor films, are just thrown away followed by funny jokes that do not need to be there, all without any thought or consequence, thus taking away from one of the film's key themes, which is loss.

Overall, "Thor: Ragnarok" is an extremely entertaining popcorn flick that has elevated the MCU to new heights. It is a must see for comic book fans and is a fun time at the theater.





Review

'Batman v Superman' is still insultingly pretentious garbage

By Joseph McDaniel Managing Ed., Design

Seeing that "Justice League" is being released soon, it's as good a time as any to look back at the film that really jump started this current DC film franchise as a shared universe, not Man of Steel, as that was still a consciously standalone film. It wasn't until after "The Avengers" enjoyed its massive success that Warner Bros. and DC decided to rush into a team-up without forethought or the patience that Marvel maintained to build their films.

In March 2016, the world received "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," one of the all-time worst blockbusters ever to be produced by Hollywood. One or two things in the entire film almost approach competency, but everything else is so overwhelmingly awful and depressing, with a muddy, discombobulated, exposition heavy and pretentiously stupid storyline that anything half decent was completely negated.

The entire movie thinks that it's dishing out the most brilliant story ever written for the screen, yet none of the insultingly ponderous speeches ever go anywhere, as both the 2 hour 30-minute theatrical cut and the 3-hour ultimate edition only culminate in an explosion filled finale that doesn't provide any meaningful resolution.

It is completely disrespectful to the source mate-



rial and made by a director who didn't care about the characters. Or at least, he didn't care beyond twisting them into the most depressingly gritty version he could.

Batman isn't Batman in this film. He's a sadistically demented serial killer in a bat costume. Superman is turned into a boring, brooding jerk. And the fight teased in the film's own idiotic title is basically two idiotic hypocrites slugging each other until it resolves in a hilariously idiotic manner. Regardless of the intent behind it, it's just poor execution and writing.

In terms of technical aspects, the film looks ugly. Any interesting visuals are undermined by the film's color palette being so saturated to the point that it looks sickly. The score by Hans Zimmer and Junkie XL has few memorable themes, and the new Batman motif is nothing short of horrendous.

In conclusion "Batman v Superman" is one of the most miserable, stupidly garbage films ever to be produced. Hopefully Justice League, out Nov. 17 is able to somehow improve upon it. But in looking at its predecessor, it's highly doubtful.



Students need to prepare cars for the winter

By Jeimy Celon-Alcantara Staff Writer

As temperatures fall, it is time for people to prepare their cars for the cold weather.

A Retail Parts Pro employee at Advanced Auto Parts in Powder Springs said the most important thing to do is check the antifreeze.

It is extremely necessary as it prevents liquids from freezing in the car.

He recommends that people should also check the battery power and add fuel additives to help the fuel's efficiency.

The employee also suggested that the fuel and air filters should be checked to ensure clean air as well as clean fuel.

Another car expert also advises to change the oil from regular to a thicker or winter graded. He said people should make sure their heater is working properly.

Doug DeMuro wrote "8 Simple Winter Car Care Tips" on Autocare.com that has useful information for students.

DeMuro said make sure to keep a full tank of gas to keep stored water from freezing and to keep your car running and warm if you ever get stuck somewhere.

He suggests to make sure all the lights are working properly because of daylight savings time.

It is also important to check your tire pressure because as temperatures drop so does the pressure in your tires.

As always, make sure there is a first aid kit in the car in case of an accident or emergency.

GHC student Jalen Miller said he cuts his car on before driving to give the engine time to heat up. He also says he turns his defrost on and turns the heat all the way up.

Winter car advice

- 1. Check tire pressure frequently.
- 2. Keep gas tank full.
- 3. Always drive with lights on.



Photo by Xavier Freeman

Keri McClure checks the pressure in her tires with a manual tire pressure gauge.

Technology plays important role in the life of a typical college student

By Stephanie Corona Staff Writer

Searching the internet for information on technological effects on student academic performance led to the graphic "Leveraging technology to better engage with students," This graphic provided information that contained intensive research performed by EDUCAUSE online.

This website provided a link to the page, 2016 Students and Technology Research Study. The authors described the study as a collaboration of ECAR (a research tool that helps predict, plan and act on IT trends in higher education)

with 183 institutions that collected responses from 71,641 under-graduate students across 12 countries about their experiences with technology.

The data reflected that technology was very present in the lives of students with 90 percent of students owning a smartphone and laptop.

Students also felt that technology improved their overall performance in class.

One of the most obvious examples are the early-alert systems that reminded students when assignments are due as well as the date of future assignments.

Other students mentioned that they would enjoy having

more readily free web-based supplemental content for their classroom use.

For example, GHC students have access to quick links through the main Highlands website. The quick links bar then leads to another useful link, which is library help.

Students can use library help to access scholarly articles and videos through the Galileo link, as well as ask librarians, through a live chat, for help in research and online tutorial tools.

If students are always connected, it could benefit them to have access to academic apps for quick review in between classes.



Photo by Mackenzie Duvall

Avery Johnson still uses pen and paper in addition to personal technology like computers and smart phones.

Cheerleaders planning to be more involved in the community

By Gage Walker Managing Ed., Online

As basketball season begins, the GHC cheerleading team is ramping up its game.

This year's squad is made up of Breanna Brown, Mackenzie Cochran, Chakielle Dennis, Rashaeyla Douglas, Trinity Fielder, Kennesha Frazier, Tennesha Frazier, Alexis Lee, Ashtyn LoCurto, Nina Manuel, Morgan Richerson and T'Keyah Spencer, as well as returning cheerleaders Kaleigh Garret, Shaylan Johnson and Aaliaya Jones.

They are coached by Susan Claxton, Donna Mantooth and Erin Kingston, along with volunteer coach Caitlin Rogers.

Claxton said that the squad's goals for this year include more community engagement. She said, "We want to concentrate on team-building this year by doing activities that do not just involve fundraising and cheering. We hope to have regular team-building activities throughout the season."

Cochran said that their season is going well. "We're working on getting even more cheers down and bonding as a team. We are excited to see if we make it to the playoffs," she



Photo by Jaida Lovelace

The Chargers cheerleaders cheer on the men's basketball team during the home opener on Nov. 8.

said.

Claxton said the most rewarding part of her job as a cheer coach is getting to know the team and working with them. She said, "I love watching them grow and become a team, not just individuals thrown together with a common interest. I love watching our basketball team and how they respond to the cheerleaders."

Last year was Claxton's first year coaching the cheer-leaders.

She said, "I love seeing faculty, staff and students at the game enjoying each other as peers to root on the teams.

"I love watching them grow and become a team, not just individuals thrown together with a common interest."

> -Susan Claxton

Finally, I love being a part of something so wonderful and fun."

O'Neill wants team to be better this year

By Abigail Allmond Staff Writer

Being the best they can be is any team's goal, but Head Baseball Coach Danyel O'Neill wants the Chargers to be better than last season.

Last season the Chargers took home their very first NJ-CAA Region 17 Championship, placing 12th in the overall poll.

Out of 61 games, the Chargers in the 2017 season had 418 runs, a batting average of .300, a slugging percentage of .413 and 41 home runs.

This will be Coach O'Neill's second season as head coach, and he has nothing but high hopes for his team.

His goals for the upcoming season include winning the conference championship once again, going back to the regional championship and hopefully competing in the national championship.

O'Neill as a coach is always looking to improve.

O'Neill said, "We pursue the goals we want to pursue. You compete to be the best that you can."

O'Neill came to Georgia Highlands with hopes that he could help this team be the best that they can be by competing for championships year in and year out.

Last year's team may have started this dynasty by winning the region championship for the very first time and may continue this season with going to nationals.

Concerns are not in O'Neill's playbook.

According to O'Neill, "If our guys work hard, stay healthy and do what they are supposed to do we will be very successful."

O'Neill also said, "In terms of competitiveness, they control their own destiny. It's a matter of going out there and executing what we need to work on."

Key players returning this season from last season that were crucial in winning that region championship are Drew Wilson and Matthew Norton on the pitching mound, Tyler Sellers as a stopper out of the bullpen, Grant Bodison as shortstop and Nick Piccapietra in the outfield.

Fans can support the Chargers as they take on LaGrange College on Wed., Jan. 31, at LakePoint.

First pitch will be at 5 p.m.

New Lady Charger from California hopes to have a positive effect

By Jacob Williams Staff Writer

Lali Lopez is a freshman at Georgia Highlands and has just started her first year playing softball with the Lady Chargers softball team.

Describing her background, Lopez says she grew up in southern California and is the oldest of five siblings.

Lopez played softball throughout high school at Eleanor Roosevelt High in California, where she won Pitcher of the Year both her freshman and sophomore year.

When asked about the transition across the country, Lopez said, "The transition was a little difficult because it was a big move for me."

Lopez also mentioned that people are generally nicer here and that she has already made new friends.

When she isn't practicing or playing, Lopez said she likes to watch movies and read. She plans to graduate from Highlands with a degree in biology.

One of the most interesting aspects of softball for Lopez has been where she has been able to travel.

Just this summer, she was in New Jersey for a tournament.

Lopez has enjoyed getting to know the coaching staff here at Highlands.

On bonding with head coach Melissa Wood, Lopez said, "She's very structured and is always there for us, for anything we need."

Lopez also mentioned Wood's sense of humor. "She's funny. She has comments that make us laugh all the time," she said

Describing her role on the team, Lopez said, "If I'm positive I know that I'll have a positive effect on my team."

Students can catch Lopez and the rest of the Lady Chargers on the field this upcoming spring.



Contributed

Lali Lopez

GHC falls in home opener

By Joshua Mabry Managing Ed., Sports

The 18th nationally ranked Georgia Highlands Chargers fell 79-60 to the ninth nationally ranked Motlow State Bucks in the first home game of the season on Nov. 1.

At the half, GHC was down 40-29. TaJuan Johnson led the Chargers at the half with eight points. Jordan Ford and DeMarcus Addie both had five points at the half.

By the end of the game, Johnson led the Chargers with 20 points.

Phil Gaffney, head men's basketball coach, said, "We just had one of those days where we really got killed on the glass rebounding. We also did a really poor job shooting."

Gaffney said that he is going to get the Chargers better prepared for future games.

"I've got to do a better job at getting them to be a little more focused. That's my fault; I didn't do a good job at getting them ready today," said Gaffney.

Gaffney said that his team



Photo by Jaida Lovelace

Khalyl Waters (13) goes for the dunk as Jeremiah Buford (23) watches.

is not ready for future games yet. He said, "Our 40 home game winning streaking was broken in a big way tonight.

We really got beat bad. That happens. We just have to be better at it."

Gaffney believes that after



Photo by Jaida Lovelace

Jeremiah Buford guards a Motlow State player during the home opener on Nov. 1.

more practice, GHC will be better

"You've got to learn from your mistakes. We're going to watch the film, find out what our mistakes are and be better," said Gaffney.

Greg Schiefen, assistant men's basketball coach, said, "Motlow is a very talented team and is going to win a lot of games. We play them in a couple of weeks and hopefully we can win at their place."

Sports Update

After a rough start to the season, the GHC Chargers were 1-2 for the season after competing in the Walters State Classic.

The Chargers defeated Caldwell College 106-69 on Nov. 3 and fell 101-98 to Walters State on Nov. 4.

 $\,$ GHC's $\,$ next $\,$ home $\,$ game will be on Nov. 18 against ABI.

Braves rebuild continued to prove effective this season

The Atlanta Braves farm system rebuild continued to prove effective during the 2017 season. There were several prospects that performed well this season. They show that the future looks bright for the Braves.

Coming off the 2016 championship season, the Single-A Rome Braves had another amazing season even though they did not make it to the postseason as last year's team did. The team's overall season record was 74-65, which is an awesome record.

The strong suit of the 2017 Rome team was pitching, much like the 2016 team. The 2017 pitching staff featured Joey Wentz and Bryse Wilson.

Wentz is the #8 prospect for the Braves. Wentz won 8 games for the Rome Braves and ended the season with a 2.60 ERA. Wilson is the #19 Braves prospect and won 10 games and ended the season with a 2.50 ERA. That is some good pitching.

Even though the team records didn't show a good season for the other levels in the Braves farm system, there were individuals such as Mike Soroka, the #4 Braves prospect, that was the Braves Organizational Pitcher of the Year, and Ronald Acuna, the #1 Braves prospect and Organizational Player of the Year,

that had fantastic seasons.

Soroka played in Rome all last year and jumped to the Double-A Mississippi Braves this year, skipping the Single-A Advanced Florida Fire Frogs. He won 11 games for Mississippi and ended with a 2.75 ERA in addition to striking out 125 batters faced.

Soroka's season proves that good starting pitching is right around the corner for the Atlanta Braves. Soroka is expected to make his Atlanta debut at some point during the 2018 season.

Acuna started the 2017 season in Single-A Advanced Florida and worked his way up to the Triple-A Gwinnett



Mabry's Pitch

Joshua Mabry Managing Ed., Sports

Braves by the end of the season. That is remarkable that someone can advance that far in one season.

Acuna had 82 RBIs and 21 home runs during the 2017 season, which is also remarkable.

Even though many Atlanta Braves fans were disappointed after ending the season with a 72-90 record and like to complain about the organization right now, there will be many trips to the postseason for the Braves very soon. Hang tight, Braves fans, because the future is undoubtedly bright.

The Braves will not be back on the field until spring.

In the meantime, go support the GHC Chargers. The basketball season is currently underway and the baseball and softball seasons will be starting soon.

Sports

Tough competition ahead for Lady Chargers

By Joshua Mabry Managing Ed., Sports

According to Brandan Harrell, head women's basketball coach, the Lady Chargers basketball season is underway but this young team will have to face some tough competition

The team's first conference home game will be on Nov. 15 against Andrew College. Harrell hopes that the Lady Chargers will be ready for this. "I think we will be ready but conference games in November are tough, so we're going to have to play really well."

Shortly after the first conference home game, the Lady Chargers will be hosting the GHC Thanksgiving Classic on the weekend of Nov. 24.

Harrell thinks that this weekend will be a test for his team because they try to bring in the best colleges from Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee to get ready for their conference schedule.

Harrell said, "The GHC



Photo by Xavier Freeman

Kateryna Khomenko guards Anna Stewart during a practice game.

Thanksgiving Classic is going to be a big challenge for us. It's

right before the first polls come out, so playing well in that

could help us and not playing well could really hurt us."

GHC will be playing Walters State on Nov. 24. Harrell said that Walters State is a top 15 team. The Lady Chargers will then be playing Northwest Florida on Nov. 26. Northwest Florida is a top 20 team, ac-

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> -Brandan Harrell

cording to Harrell.

Harrell said that his team is young and there will be different players that will contribute on different nights. He said, "We've got some young talent. We've just got to develop them, bring them along and hopefully along the way, each one of them will have a big night."

Shakierva McClendon, assistant women's basketball coach, is optimistic about the upcoming games for the Lady Chargers.

McClendon said, "We have a good group with lots of talent. We are still trying to figure out each person's individual role. I think once us as coaches and players both figure out how to put that together, everything else will work itself out."

Sports Update

The Lady Chargers were 2-1 for the season after defeating Central Georgia Tech 78-70 on Nov. 8.



MEN'S UPCOMING BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE		OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday	Nov. 18	ABI	Rome, GA	3:00 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 21	Handle It Prep	Rome, GA	7:30 PM
Wednesday	Nov. 29	Motlow State	Lynchburg, TN	7:30 (CST)
Friday	Dec. 1	Chipola Tourney	Marianna, FL	TBD
Saturday	Dec. 2	Chipola Tourney	Marianna, FL	TBD
Friday	Dec. 8	Roane State	Rome, GA	7:30 PM
Monday	Dec. 11	Gadsden State	Rome, GA	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 2	ASA	Rome, GA	7:30 PM
Saturday	Jan. 6	Atlanta Metro College	Atlanta, GA	4:00 PM
Wednesday	Jan. 10	South GA Tech	Rome, GA	7:30 PM



DATE		OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday	Nov. 15	Andrew College	Rome, GA	5:30 PM
Friday	Nov. 24	GHC Thanksgiving Classic	Rome, GA	
		N.W. Florida State, v Atlanta Sports Academy	Rome, GA	4:00 PM
		Roane State v Gulf Coast State	Rome, GA	6:00 PM
		GHC v Walters State	Rome, GA	8:00 PM
Saturday	Nov. 25	GHC Thanksgiving Classic		
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		Roane State v Northwest Florida State	Rome, GA	2:00 PM
Sunday	Nov.26	GHC v Northwest Florida State	Rome, GA	12:00 PM
Wednesday	Nov. 29	Atlanta Metro State College	Rome, GA	5:30 PM
Saturday	Dec. 2	South Georgia Technical College	Americus, GA	1:00 PM
Wednesday	Dec. 6	Albany Technical College	Rome, GA	5:30 PM
Monday	Dec. 11	Gadsden State CC	Rome, GA	5:30 PM
Wednesday	Dec. 13	East Georgia State College	Rome, GA	5:30 PM
Friday	Dec. 15	Gulf Coast Classic - Bossier Parish	Panama City, FL	5:00 CST
Saturday	Dec. 16	Gulf Coast Classic - Arkansas Baptist	Panama City, FL	12:00 CST

BOLD = GCAA Conference Games