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Computer science major Johnny Barnes dribbles towards the goal on Georgia Highlands' Floyd campus soccer field.



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F-Wing renamed in honor of George Pullen

By Cassandra Humphries
Staff Writer

A crowd gathered on the Floyd GHC campus to celebrate the dedication of the former F-Wing to be renamed in honor of W. George Pullen.

Mary Transue, vice president for advancement and executive director for GHC Foundation, Inc., introduced President Donald J. Green, who recognized special guests in attendance: Pullen's family and friends, GHC alumni, GHC Foundation members, retirees, Wendy Davis of the Rome City Commission and current faculty and staff.

Green then spoke about why Pullen's contributions are still important.

Pullen was an activist for civil rights justice, set the groundwork for GHC's recognized affordable excellence in Georgia, participated in global outreach and was a pillar in community involvement.

Pullen served as a member of the Floyd Junior College (now Georgia Highlands Col-

lege) faculty from the college's beginning in 1970.

He was a history professor and the social science division chair. Pullen also oversaw the college's television network as chair of extended learning.

After retiring in 1997, Pullen was given the honorary title of professor emeritus of history.

Pullen was a family man, a published academic author, a member of the Rome City Commission for 23 years, a founder and chairperson of the Rome-Floyd International Association and served on the Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth. He was also co-president of the Rome Area Heritage Foundation 2004-2006.

He served on the Rome-Floyd County Library Board, the Rome-Floyd Development Authority and the Board of the Rome Area Council for the Arts.

Pullen, a longtime member of the Rome Rotary Club, was also a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

George Pullen's wife, Ann Pullen, stands next to plaque honoring her late husband.

Several special guests reflected on Pullen's character and what he meant to them before the plaque dedicating the Pullen Annex was revealed.

Carla Patterson, associate professor of English, was hired in 1994 by Pullen.

Patterson spoke of his commitment to fairness demonstrated in all areas of his life.

She stated, "If we look at the causes to which he dedicated himself—ministry, education, politics, volunteerism—at the core of each is fairness." Jonathan Hershey, dean of humanities, reflected on Pullen as a mentor and a master in problem resolution.

He said that Pullen had said to him many times, "What

are you going to do about it, Jon?"

Family members Mary George Pullen-Livesay (Pullen's daughter) and Ann Pullen (Pullen's wife) both spoke with affection about Pullen.

They thanked those involved in keeping his memory "alive" at Georgia Highlands for years to come.



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

Carla Patterson speaks about Pullen's commitment to fairness at dedication event held at Floyd campus.



Photo by Cassandra Humphries

A crowd of Pullen's family and friends gathers at Floyd campus to celebrate F-Wing being renamed in his honor.

GHC provides best two-year value in the state

By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

The White House recently unveiled College Scorecard, a nationwide database that helps potential students find listings to compare figures that show college costs, graduation rates and post-college earnings.

Georgia Highlands College has been touted as being the most cost-effective two-year school in the state.

Georgia Highlands College was also mentioned second by GreatValueColleges.net among a list of 30 most affordable nursing degree programs in America.

What does that mean for the students of Georgia Highlands College?

Greg Ford, GHC's dean of natural sciences and physical education explains that "students can earn a two-year degree at Georgia Highlands College for under \$8000."

According to College Scorecard, GHC is well below the national average for annual costs to students but is on par with the national average for salary after attending a particular institute.

The database names the Georgia Institute of Technology as providing the best return on students' investments among four-year post-secondary schools throughout the peach state.

Those interested can visit collegescorecard.ed.gov to compare cost-effectiveness of schools all over the country.



Photo by Taylor Barton

The Admissions Office at Floyd Campus helps students take advantage of GHC value every semester.


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Pictured from left are Evan Snelling, Jared “Marco” Johnson, Karicka Culberson, and Abraham Ortiz. Below, B2B members and advisers attended the 25th anniversary gala for SAAB.



B2B representatives travel to L.A. for national SAAB celebration

By **Adriel Banuelos**
Editor in Chief

Two GHC students attended the 25th anniversary gala of the national organization Student African American Brotherhood, or SAAB, held in Los Angeles Oct. 17.

All chapters of the organization were invited to attend including the GHC Brother 2 Brother chapter.

Floyd campus students, Karicka Culberson and Jared “Marco” Johnson were chosen to make the trip by Jon Hershey, dean of humanities, along with other B2B advisers.

Culberson and Johnson are leaders in B2B and both have high GPAs.

Culberson is the Floyd campus B2B president, and Johnson is the Marietta B2B

historian.

The two GHC students were given the opportunity to meet with SAAB members and leaders from around the country.

They also attended the SAAB Western Regional Summit, a workshop for chapters of SAAB/B2B in California.

Hershey said, “In addition to the anniversary event, I see it as an opportunity to give Karicka and Marco a chance to travel. Neither of them have been to California before.”

Johnson and Culberson agreed that their trip to Los Angeles was one they will never forget.

“Being out in a new city really gives you a different perspective about how the world really is. I went to L.A. with the notion that people there

would be rude, but they’re not. Everything is just more fast-paced,” Culberson said.

With regards to the workshop they attended, Culberson said, “We learned how to manage our money and become better leaders.”

Johnson said, “I feel people should invest their money into things that potentially make them more money, and also into educational experiences.”

B2B is part of a larger initiative at Georgia Highlands called GHAME, or Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence.

Hershey said, “GHAME exists to help minority men succeed at Highlands. One way to accomplish that is to open the students up to new experiences, and traveling does that.”

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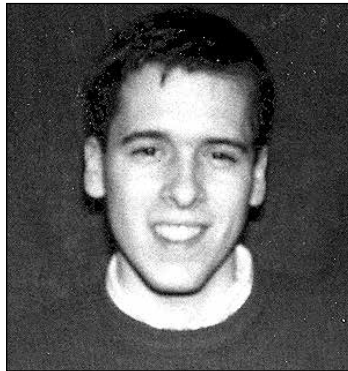
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Programs and Benefits Subject to Change

Student life director began GHC journey as a student leader

By Lydia Chandler
Staff Writer

John Spranza became student life director at Georgia Highlands in January of 2003, but his experience here began long before then.



File Photo

John Spranza was a GHC student in 1991.

The spark that set ablaze his interest in student affairs started when he was a student at GHC (it was Floyd Junior College at that time).

As an undergraduate, Spranza was involved with the Six Mile Post, student government and intramurals while also working for the Rome News Tribune.

From there he went to West Georgia and remained involved in student activities, participating in clubs and Greek life.

Spranza later worked at West Georgia in the Admissions Office, and when an opening as student affairs director appeared at GHC he decided he would apply.

"I think my experience as a former student and all my involvement as a student made me a good candidate for the

position," Spranza said.

One thing he likes to emphasize is that "college is more than just classes." He believes he got more from his involvement outside of the classroom than he did learning in the classroom.

Spranza said that though it can be difficult to get students to participate in college activities, it is rewarding to watch students grow, become more involved and communicate with one another while enjoying their time on campus.

"That was the kind of philosophy I wanted to bring to students," he said, "to give them the opportunities to be involved outside of class and to engage, to develop those skills that could be translated to real world experiences."

"Get involved and take advantage of the opportunities that are out there."

-John Spranza

Bringing comedians and newly established artists to perform at GHC helps draw students in as well as club roundups, Fall Frenzy, Spring Fling and the Week of Welcome, according to Spranza.

GHC has seen performers go on to receive national exposure, and some of the comedians go on to Comedy Central. Spranza thinks it is really nice to be a part of that.



Photo by Lydia Chandler

Spranza smiles as he's surrounded by his work, planning the next student activity for GHC. His office is located in the Pullen Annex, formerly known as F-Wing.

Spranza said his favorite moment while working here is "any time a student really enjoys the experience we put on for them."

Giving students the opportunity to see and hear things they haven't before is rewarding as well.

As student life director, he says it is nice to give students "the chance to say, 'Hey, that's pretty cool.'"

His advice to incoming freshman and students is to "get involved and take advantage of the opportunities that are out there."

According to Spranza, college is about making memories. He said the experiences in college are the "stories that persist after graduation." He said there's bound to be something to appeal to each student.

Spranza also said that if there's something students would like to see or try, they should talk to the student life director or coordinator on their campus since they are always

open to new ideas.

Todd Jones, vice president for student affairs, said, "Spranza remains a huge advocate for student rights and in providing students with leadership development opportunities through the student life department."

Jones also spoke of their working relationship.

He said, "John and I have worked together for over a decade and I have come to rely on

him in regards to student issues and the potential impact some of our institutional decisions may have on students."

Outside of his job here, Spranza is working on his Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Higher Ed. Administration at Georgia Southern.

He has this fall semester and spring semester of classes left before he begins writing his dissertation.



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Spranza speaks with students about on-campus activities and the Stampede Card during the Week of Welcome at the beginning of this semester.

Long discusses German Saar in his newly published book

By Kayla Jameson
Staff Writer

Students may have seen Bronson Long around Floyd's campus or have taken one of his classes, but not everyone knows that he has recently published a book.

Long is an associate professor of history as well as the director of global initiatives and study abroad for Georgia Highlands College.

His new book, "No Easy Occupation: French Control of the German Saar, 1944-1957," is an academically rich text about the German Saar, a small territory that France and Germany spent many years fighting over for its resources.

"Historians are always looking for something new that slipped through the cracks."

-Bronson Long

While reading through German newspapers, Long kept coming across references to the German Saar. He had not anticipated writing his dissertation and a book on the subject, but he became fascinated when he found so little information about the German Saar.

"Historians are always looking for something new that slipped through the cracks,"

said Long.

Most of the sources for the book came from French and German archives.

Throughout his life, Long has visited and lived in both France and Germany. As the director of global initiatives and study abroad, he manages international trips and study abroad programs to give Georgia Highlands' students the opportunity to travel to other countries.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Renva Watterson is very proud of Long and his accomplishments. "The overall message we want to get out is that we're very happy that Dr. Long is here and brings his knowledge and excellence to Highlands College," she said.



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Bronson Long sits at his desk while he discusses his new book, "No Easy Occupation: French Control of the German Saar, 1944-1957."



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Novel reflects troubled times in America's past

By Brooke Shephard
Staff Writer

"Hot Washington pavement filled with the voices of those calling for freedom; the young and old, black and white, joining hands in the name of equality."

This beautiful image comes from the 1963 March on Washington and is brought to life in "Voices from the March on Washington" by J. Patrick Lewis and George Ella Lyon.

This novel is a compilation of poems following fictional characters who gathered for this historic event on Aug. 28, 1963 in Washington D.C.

Each poem is unique in its

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description of the events leading up to and on that day.

What notably stands out about this piece of work are the vast differences of those who participated.

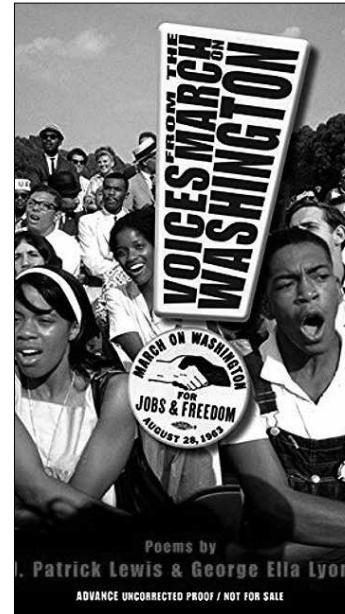
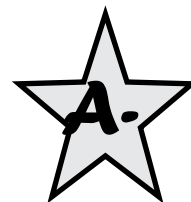
For example, many of the poems came from a black six-year old going to the march with her father. Another handful came from a 23-year-old white female attending the march to get out of her hometown.

This novel is a quick and satisfying read that will surely

leave readers wanting to know more about this life-changing event.

Lyon was present at the One Book Many Voices event on Oct. 22 at the Anna K. Davie Elementary School in Rome as part of a community read project.

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gets a grade of



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Nov. 21



Photos by Holly Chaney

Candice "Septymber Fifteenth" Whitfield shows her array of emotions in the "Lipstick Monologues."



Douglasville student shines as the voice of reason in 'Lipstick Monologues' at Atlanta's 444 Theatre

By Holly Chaney
Managing Ed., Design

Douglasville student Candice Whitfield, who may be better known to some as Septymber Fifteenth, recently concluded an Atlanta performance as the voice of reason in the "Lipstick Monologues" at the 444 Theatre.

Septymber Fifteenth gave a powerful performance. Using a soulful and commanding

voice, she gave vast contrast to the sometimes painful and risqué narratives that embody the "Lipstick Monologues."

The monologues, written and directed by Atlanta native Andre Orie, focus on allowing women to tell their real stories.

The official "Lipstick Monologues" website describes the play as "a uniquely arranged portrayal of words and soliloquies that often go unspoken

in the minds and hearts of women."

It further describes the play as "placing front and center the range of emotions that women and teen girls experience in their daily walks of life."

Performance review

Crisp air, vibrant hues draw students outdoors



Autumn leaves make Marietta campus a picturesque scene.



Green leaves give up their color for brighter hues.

Photo by Lydia Chandler

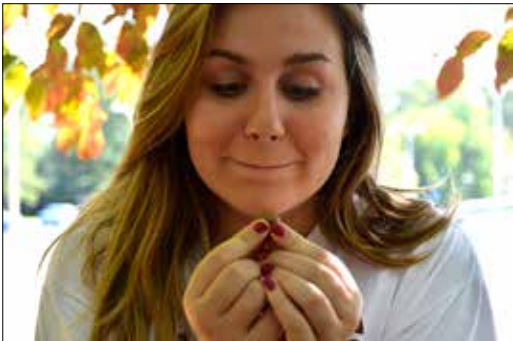


Photo by Taylor Barton
Olivia Camp takes in the little wonders of fall on the Floyd campus.



Photo by Mike Augustin
Colors change on the Marietta campus.



Photos by Holly Chaney
Anna Hensley and Jordan Hood (with hat) enjoy an afternoon outside on the Floyd campus.

What is your favorite scary movie?



Christina Askew
Occupational Therapy

“Friday the 13th”



Ibrahim M’Kadmi
Computer Science

“The Grudge”



Lynn Barth
General Studies

“The Call”



Hafiya Springer
Occupational Therapy

“IT”

Photos and Poll by Ashley Gatewood

Pumpkin spice latte recipe

By Adriel Banuelos
Editor-in-Chief

noons quite like a warm pump-
kin spice latte.

Fall is here and with it
comes the apparent need to
make pumpkin flavored ev-
erything. There are few things
that accompany cool fall after-

In honor of fall and every-
thing pumpkin, the Six Mile
Post wanted to share a favorite
fall recipe and tell you how to
make your very own pumpkin
spice latte!

Ingredients

2 tablespoons canned
pumpkin
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie
spice, plus more to garnish
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons vanilla
extract
2 cups whole milk
1 to 2 shots espresso, about
1/4 cup
1/4 cup heavy cream, whipped

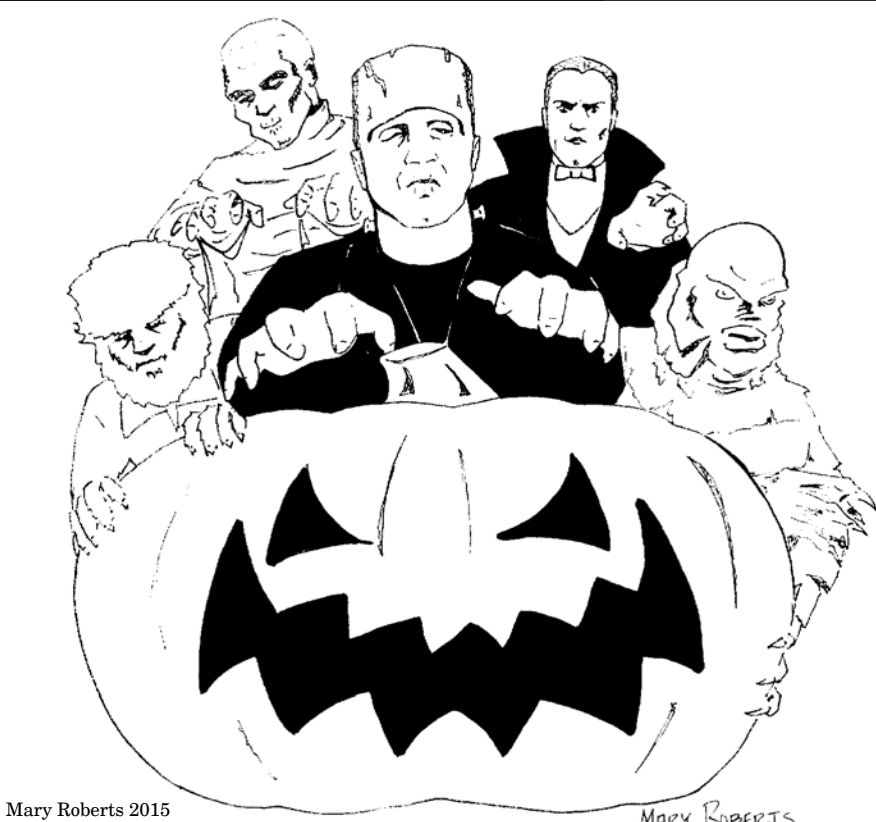
Directions

1. In a small saucepan
over medium heat, cook the
pumpkin with the pumpkin
pie spice and a generous help-
ing of black pepper for 2 min-
utes or until it’s hot and smells
cooked. Stir constantly.
2. Add the sugar and stir
until the mixture looks like a
bubbly thick syrup.
3. In the same pan whisk
in the milk and vanilla ex-
tract. Warm gently over medi-

- um heat, watching carefully to
make sure it doesn’t boil over.
4. Carefully process the
milk mixture with a hand
blender or in a traditional
blender (hold the lid down
tightly) until frothy and blend-
ed.
5. Make the espresso or
coffee and divide between two
mugs and add the frothed
milk. Top with whipped cream
and a sprinkle of cinnamon.



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Many Millennials feel disheartened by politics of their parents' generation

Generation Timeline

GI Generation

Born 1901-1924
(Age 90+)

Silent Generation

Born 1925-1942
(Age 72-89)

Baby Boomers

Born 1943-1964
(Age 50-71)

Generation X

Born 1965-1979
(Age 35-49)

Millennials

Born 1980-2000
(Age 14-34)

Generation Z

Born 2001-2013
(Age 1-13)

Source: Pew Research

By Holly Chaney
Managing Ed., Design

With Georgia primaries set for March 1 and the presidential election only a year away, many Millennials are finding it hard to take interest or sides in the limited game of bipartisan politics.

A recent study by Pew Research found that at least half of Millennials describe themselves as political independents.

The study described Millennials as "relatively unattached to organized politics and religion."

When asked about Pew's findings, Douglasville student Jack Deakon said, "It's gotten to the point where even the religious members of my age group are getting tired of religion playing a part in our political system."

Deakon continued, "It

doesn't mean they're anti-religious or any less religious, but they don't feel that their religion should apply to everyone anymore. The idea that religion should control politics is solely the domain of the last generation at this point."

According to Pew this political disparity between Millennials and older generations causes many young people to feel like their vote doesn't count.

This feeling is not new or unique to Millennials and is a well-documented phenomenon called "lack of agency."

"Lack of agency" is defined by Study.com, an educational resource website, as when a citizen doubts his or her ability to make a difference or when one who feels underrepresented in the political system.

Pew found Millennials to be more liberal than other generations and that they felt

alienated by a system that doesn't seem to care about the issues that are important to them.

With young Americans being inundated with a system that does not seem to speak their language, turning on the TV can be a jading experience, says Floyd student Javier Alvarado.

"Political debates are like watching reality TV. It gives you that I've lost hope in humanity... how can these be our only choices, feeling," Alvarado said.

Millennials, like Floyd student Doug Warner, have had enough. He said, "Campaigning is all about empty promises. They just tell people what they want to hear, and they never fulfill those promises once in office."

Warner continued, "Politicians throwing one another under the bus instead of hav-

ing meaningful stances on important issues is a big problem."

Addressing the issue of political apathy, Steve Stuglin, an assistant professor of communication on the Douglasville campus, who recently earned a PhD in Rhetoric and Politics, said, "In the presidential election of 2000, a few hundred voters in Florida could have swung the state and, through the electoral system, the entire country."

Stuglin said, "The 2016 election season will be a very important election to follow and a crucial one to vote in. We have a crowded field, with some of the arguably most diverse candidates in decades vying for the nomination from the major parties."

Urging students to reclaim their political agency, Stuglin said, "This election matters. Your vote matters."



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Running club makes debut

By Marquis Holmes
Staff Writer

The Georgia Highlands running club participated in the 2015 Wingfoot XC classic, held in Cartersville Sept. 26.

This annual event, organized and hosted by the Atlanta Track Club, brings together competitive middle and high school teams as well as other running groups and individuals to compete in a five-kilometer cross-country race.

Competing for the Georgia Highlands College running club were club adviser Chris Hart, club president Lauren Morrow and members Alex Jackson, Morgan Brake, Marquis Holmes and Brett Arnold.

In the club's first competi-

tive race of the year, Hart, Arnold and Brake placed in the top 25 percent of the overall runners.

"It's an honor to be representing my school by running," Brake said after the event.

He said, "Each race motivates me more and more. I believe that if you want to become the best runner you can be, start now. Don't spend the rest of your life wondering if you can do it, because you can do anything with work."

The Georgia Highlands College running club is currently scheduled to run in the Savannah College of Art and Design's cross-country invitational on Oct. 2 and the Berry College cross-country invitational on Oct. 17.



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From Left: Alex Jackson, Lauren Morrow, Marquis Holmes, Chris Hart, Morgan Brake and Brett Arnold gather for a photo after their first competitive race of the year.

Choosing a career path can be a winding road

By Amanda Maxwell
Staff writer

Some students enter college already knowing exactly what it is they want to major in. However, others find it extremely difficult to decide on an area of study.

According to a 2013 article by Gayles B. Ronan published at nbcnews.com, Fritz Grupe, a retired professor from the University of Nevada and founder of mymajors.com, found that 80 percent of students entering universities have not decided on a major.

He also discovered that 50 percent of students, who pick a major, end up changing their minds at least two to three times. With the average tuition for public universities being around \$13,833, according

to Ronan, students who end up changing their major may end up paying more. A change in major may require taking additional courses and transferring to a different college.

Grupe decided that because students need help in finding their area of study, he was going to create a survey that asked students detailed questions in order to help them decide on what kind of topics interested them.

Among tips that Ronan gathered from academic advisers was the idea students may want to participate in job shadowing before choosing a major. Students may a person with a profession they are interested in to observe the job in detail. Students should be aware that choosing an area of study does not mean they have

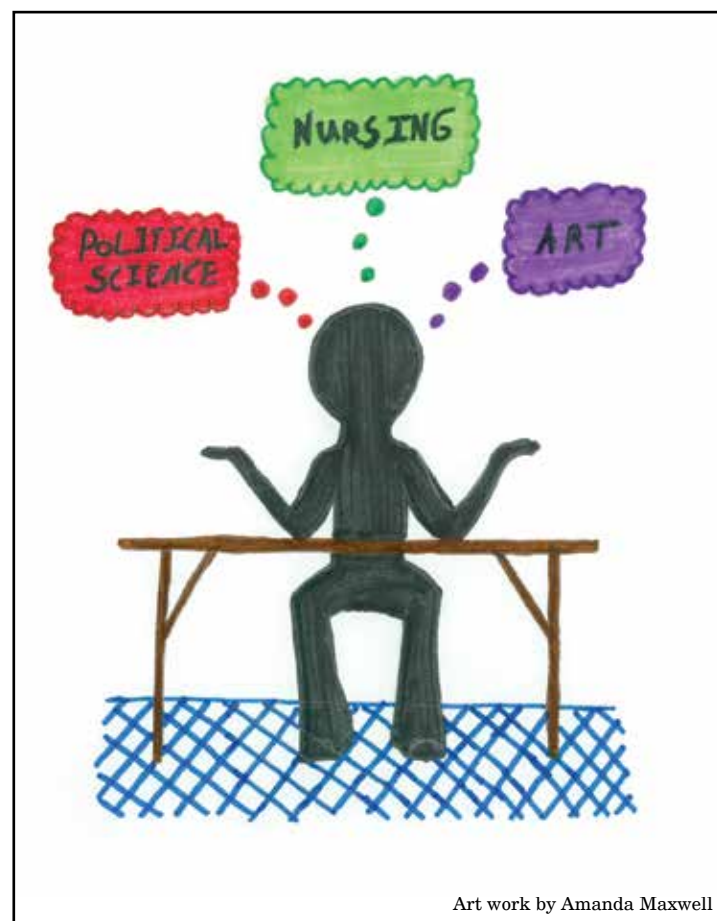
picked the career.

Just knowing what it is the student is really interested in is enough to help him or her pick a major. Choosing a specific career comes after that.

Ronan also suggests that students use campus advisory services and listen to professors' advice.

Kaitlyn Bridges, a Floyd campus sophomore who started out wanting to be a nurse, discovered what she wanted to major in law when multiple professors suggested that she become an attorney.

Another useful source is the Gacollege411 website that offers an online survey like Grupe's, which will help in finding specific careers, areas of study and universities that will help a student get on the right track.



Art work by Amanda Maxwell

Night student concerns brought to light

The Six Mile Post recently received a handful of letters to the editor from students attending night classes at the GHC Floyd campus.

Students were overall appreciative that the college provides options, like night classes, for non-traditional students.

The letters did, however, bring up some concerns night students had.

One issue in particu-

lar caught our attention.

This time of year evenings are getting darker earlier, and students are worried about the lights in the parking lot not being on after their classes.

Walking alone in a dark parking lot at night can cause people to feel unsafe and uncomfortable.

This information was passed on to campus safety and plant operations.

David Horace, GHC chief of police, responded promptly and addressed the issue accordingly.

Horace said, "We will check and make sure all the campuses are adjusted to the fall schedule as we move towards the time going back an hour and the days becoming shorter and it becomes darker earlier in the evenings."

John Rogers, GHC's

electrician, programmed the lights to come on 30 minutes earlier at night.

We were happy to see Highlands react to the issue quickly. This type of reaction from the college shows that student concerns are a high priority.

No student should have to feel unsafe at his or her campus. Thanks to the letters the Six Mile Post received, an issue that made some students

uncomfortable was able to be resolved.

We want to bring your concerns and opinions to light.

As the voice of the students, the Six Mile Post wants our readers to keep sending letters to our email, 6mpost@student.highlands.edu.

**-Six Mile Post
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Art by Mary Roberts

Night students are concerned about lack of available resources while they are at school.

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GHC helps student break mold

By Adriel Banuelos
Editor-in-Chief

In 1991 I was born in Anaheim, California, to illegal immigrants.

My father worked in construction while my mother had a factory job.

Neither of them finished high school, so job choices were limited. They didn't care; a job was a job, and neither of them were scared of hard work.

Yet, no matter how hard they worked, we always seemed to stay poor.

I was, a poor, second-generation immigrant whose parents didn't finish high school.

At a young age the odds of graduating from high school and pursuing a higher education were already against me.

Still, my parents were persistent with their dream of having their kids graduate



Editor's Box
Editor in chief

from college

I wanted to make my parents proud by going to college, but as a teenager I did very little to improve my odds of going.

If anything, I made it harder for myself.

In high school I wasn't a bad student. I was even taking "gifted" classes and doing pretty well in them. But at the time, all I cared about was partying and girls.

With a little help from my friends, I began to develop some bad habits and began

skipping school on a regular basis.

The consequences of my actions soon caught up to me. I got kicked out of school the last month of my senior year. However, I enrolled in an alternative school and still managed to graduate on time.

I soon realized that I didn't want to be the person I was becoming. My parents didn't deserve it, and neither did I.

So I enrolled at Georgia Highlands after I graduated. It seemed as though I was finally starting to beat the odds.

Then, true to form, fate decided it had other plans for me. Due to financial problems, my family moved to Memphis, and I had to withdraw from Highlands halfway through the semester.

I spent the next couple of years working different jobs. I did everything from roofing to going door-to-door selling pre-packaged meat.

In a twisted turn of events I ended up getting arrested for driving with a license that, unbeknownst to me, was expired.

After that, I was in and out jail for stupid things like missing court dates or getting caught driving myself to court without a license.

My future was bleak, and with no direction or goals in my life, I seemed destined to become another statistic.

I was playing right into the role of the poor, minority kid

who can't get his life together. Then something changed inside of me.

I don't remember the exact moment it happened but I became determined to finish college even if it was only a two-year school.

I wasn't going to use my ethnicity or socioeconomic status as an excuse for my failures.

Now, I've learned that I'm not the type to follow a predestined role.

I will write my own story and not fall into the mold that was set before me at birth.

Here I am, the son of two illegal immigrants, one semester away from becoming the first member of my family to obtain a college degree.

Thanks to Georgia Highlands, I am breaking the mold and not becoming another statistic.

Letters to Editor

Small college, big impact

Dear Editor,

I loved the article small colleges have big benefits. This article gives the benefits of attending a small college.

During the time I chose which college I would attend, a few factors helped me to Georgia Highlands.

The tuition along with the help from professors helped lead me to be 100 percent sure about attending Georgia Highlands.

Although it may only be two semesters, I am happy that I chose to attend this school. In high school I never struggled with work or studying.

I knew in college I would need to learn how to study

and knowing that my professors will take time out of their day to give us an opportunity to talk to them or refer us to a tutorial center is one of the greater benefits of this college.

The core classes for college students are the same anywhere you take them, and this makes it better to pay a smaller tuition for the same classes as to a more expensive tuition.

Sincerely,
Talyn Murphy
Nursing
Floyd Campus

GHC night security

Dear Editor,

As night students, a suggestion we thought of was security.

We realized that the time will be changing over shortly and that means it will become darker outside sooner.

My group, being all females, was concerned about our safety.

We suggested adding more restrictions on parking for night going students.

If we all park in the same place, then we will all be able to walk together at the end of the night. This would be safer for all of our students.

We also thought that adding more security guards would be another alternative to this problem.

Sincerely,
Haley Epstein,
Marybeth Smith,
Keeli Pilcher
Nursing
Floyd Campus

GHC students have more textbook options than they may realize

By Sierra Baggett
Staff Writer

Every new semester students have to find ways to pay for tuition, and they also have to worry about the rising prices on textbooks.

Psychology major Jessica Fuller says she "had to take out a loan just to afford textbooks."

Chris Matthews has "stopped stressing about the price of textbooks" because he says he has just been dealing with it for so long.

No matter the area of study, we can all agree that textbooks are a big part of our success while in college.

Students should be informed about all the possible

options they have to receive textbooks.

The campus bookstore is one way to purchase books, but is by no means the only option.

Six Mile Post offers a textbook exchange program where students can list books as well as find the books they may need.

I use a website called Slugbooks.com, and it compares five to nine different prices for the book, with options to buy or to rent.

Through this process I found that the two websites that seem to be the cheapest overall are Amazon and Chegg.

I suggest shopping around. Students have the right to find the cheapest priced book.

Floyd campus fall intramural schedule offers co-ed football, soccer and more



Photo by Taylor Barton

Chloe Schuttinga (left) and Wendy Delgado make the most of their corn hole experience.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Students Derkiyus Worthem(left) and Javier Aluacado team up during the corn hole competition Sept. 23.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Josh Paul takes a corner kick during a soccer game on Floyd campus Oct. 15.



Photo by Taylor Barton

Highlands student Blake Leatherwood actively participates in the Floyd campus co-ed ultimate frisbee tournament.

What's going on around Floyd?

**By Karicka Culberson
Managing Ed. Sports**

The Floyd campus fall intramural sports will consist of co-ed flag football, 3-on-3 basketball, soccer, a Madden challenge and the Turkey Day run/walk.

These sports will continue throughout the semester.

Flag football began on Oct. 5 and will be played every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Soccer games are Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. on the soccer

field.

The 3-on-3 basketball games will start Nov. 9 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Players can sign up through Nov. 4.

The Madden challenge will be held on the Cartersville campus but is available for students on all campuses.

Transportation can be provided for all students who want to participate.

Turkey Day will be Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

The times and dates are

spread throughout the semester so students and staff can enjoy the events of their choice.

Student and intramurals athlete Derkiyus Worthem said, "Intramurals has been a sole purpose for me to reach out to other students attending Highlands. The teamwork and camaraderie translate off the field."

Matt Williams, assistant men's basketball coach and director of intramural sports, can provide further information.

His email is mawillia@

Highlands alumnus drafted by Braves

By Logan Wilkins
Asst. Sports Editor

Georgia Highlands alumnus and baseball player Dalton Geekie was drafted by the Atlanta Braves.

Entering into Highlands as a member of the first baseball signing class, Geekie began his college career in a defense position.

In his second year of college, Geekie switched to pitcher, clocked with a right arm throwing speed of up to 95 mph.

Geekie is the first person in Georgia Highlands history to be drafted. "I honestly didn't

get nervous about the draft. If it was meant to be, it would," said Geekie.

In the 22nd round of the MLB draft, on the third day, Geekie heard his name get called.

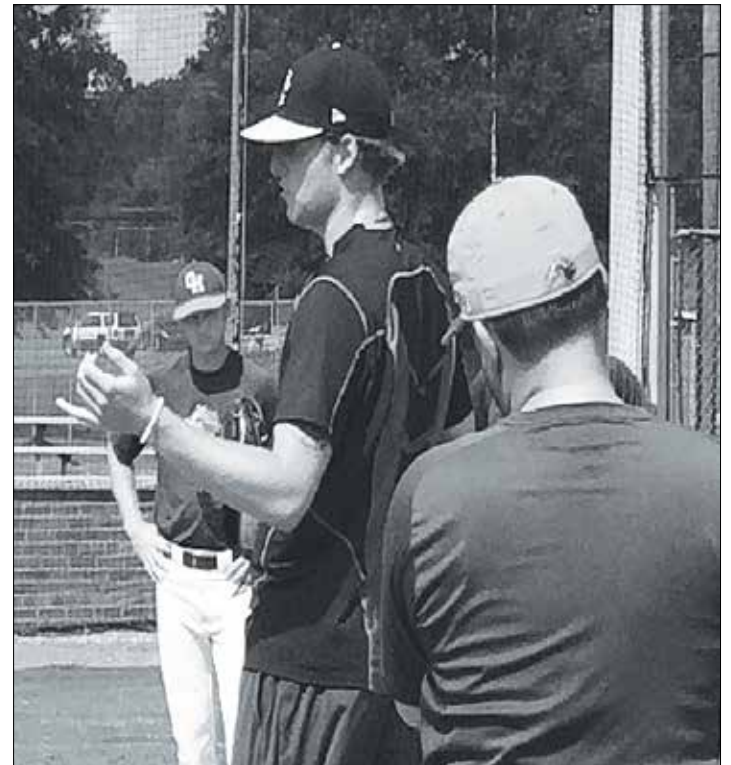
"I was filled with emotions because part of my dream had come true. I enjoyed it for a night but then it was time to get to work," he said.

When asked what he thought made him stand out when compared to others, Geekie said, "What separates me is my work ethic and my size with arm strength. You can't teach those things. You are born with them."

This past summer, Geekie was invited back to the Cartersville campus to speak with the current team during practice and to give them advice.

GHC Head Baseball Coach Michael Marra, said of Geekie, "He is a tremendous ambassador for our college and especially our baseball program. He is always laughing, very competitive and always fun to be around."

Geekie also has a full scholarship to Columbus State where, if a major league career does not work out, he would like to one day earn a degree in special education and coach high school baseball.



Contributed

Atlanta Braves draftee and former Highlands student Dalton Geekie (center) pays a visit to current GHC players.



Photo by Shelby Hogland

Nick Fink participates in GHC baseball practice on Oct. 8.

Chargers' baseball begins journey to Grand Junction

By Victor Gonzales
Staff Writer

GHC's baseball team is currently in the midst of pre-season and looking to improve from a 24-28 season last year.

The team made it to the postseason in spring 2015 and pulled off an upset against Georgia Perimeter College.

They were later defeated in the second round.

The chargers are looking to bounce back from last year's record.

The Chargers' main goal for the season is to win the College World Series held in Grand Junction, Colo.

Head Coach Mike Marra, said, "This is the most competitive and talented roster we've had in the three years at GHC.

We have a great chance to compete for a title this year."

The roster consists of eight returning players.

Several players transferred from a different school.

This season, the baseball team will play a total of 40 home games. They will be at Lakepoint Sporting Community in Emerson.

According to Marra, all games are big games but some of the biggest are against schools such as Walter State and West Georgia Tech.

The season opener will be Feb. 5 against Surry Community College at Lakepoint.

Marra said, "We have a very good brand of college baseball this season for not just the faculty and students to experience but the com-

munity to also attend at some point with 40 games at home."

Bryan Quillens is a pitcher for the Chargers.

He said, "Our goals this season are to win the conference championship, then regionals and then win at Grand Junction."

Quillens is one of eight returning players for the Chargers and, like many of his teammates, has goals of playing division one baseball and being drafted to the pros.

With the regular season closely approaching, the Chargers' coaching staff and players all have the same goal this season, and that is to bring home a College World Series championship.

The journey to Grand Junction has begun.



Rico's Reflection

Karicka "Rico" Culberson
Managing Ed., Sports

Character proves essential for team development

Coach Brandan Harrell's new roster strategy is based on the character of his athletes.

This raises the question of just how much of an impact character will play in making the Lady Chargers a better team.

The coaches believe that character will make all the difference this season.

Teams start seeing a difference when players are constantly building each other up and helping each other get better.

It's almost like Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide.

Because the Alabama football players are trained to be humble and maintain a positive image for the team, Alabama has been blessed with multiple championships.

Let us remember that Alabama hasn't always been good.

I believe that this is the change that needs to be made in order to bring the Lady Chargers to a sought-out championship.

When Highlands gets recognized as having athletes of high character, Highlands will attract more humble and devoted players.

Being a former athlete, I know how much the tradition of a school affects players.

This will not only help this year's team progress but teams in the future as well.

How long it takes tradition to develop will determine how the Lady Chargers do in the next few seasons.

Nothing happens overnight.

I believe the Lady Chargers will have a better year than expected. I'm looking forward to the new season.

GHC Chargers basketball is almost HERE!

The Lady Chargers will be hosting the GHC Classic on the Floyd campus on Friday Nov. 13 and 14.

The first game will start at 4 p.m. and another game will follow after at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday's games will begin at noon and the final game will be played at 2 p.m.

The men's first home game will be on Nov. 3 against Roane State at 7 p.m.

Improved fitness lab at Floyd

By Stacey Moffett
Managing Ed., Online

The fitness lab on Georgia Highlands College's Floyd campus has received a face-lift.

David Mathis, PHED programs manager and assistant director of athletics, said that at the end of every school year, the left over money is pulled together and goes to whatever updating is needed. This year the money went to renovate the fitness lab.

The paint on the walls has been updated to reflect the school colors, orange and blue. Also, the new rubber floor is speckled in orange and blue.

Mathis says that the rubber floor now protects the weights more and that when

people drop the weights they won't make as loud of a noise.

Some old equipment has also been replaced with newer versions, and there is an area in the back of the room for yoga mats, kettle bell exercises and medicine ball workouts.

"We have a wide range of equipment for anyone who wants to work out," Mathis said.

Students and employees may use the fitness lab for free by showing a GHC ID.

There are also community memberships in place at the Floyd and Cartersville fitness labs.

Jeff Davis, vice president of finance and administration, said that the community membership costs \$120 per semester and can be pro-rated if

someone joins in the middle of a semester.

These community cardholders do not have to be with a student or a member of the faculty or staff in order to work out.

Davis said, "Members will receive a card with their name and picture on it," similar to the ID cards students already have.

A card can be obtained at either the Floyd or Cartersville business office.

Mathis said, "We encourage all students to come and work out in the fitness lab and see what all we have to offer."

The fitness lab hours at Floyd and Cartersville are Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Hamza Khan works out in the new and improved fitness lab.