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Brother 2 Brother celebrates diverse interests

By Nya Roden
Staff Writer

Amadou Touray is approximately 4,500 miles away from his home, but not far from the soccer field. Nor is Touray far from the Solarium, where Brother 2 Brother meets every Monday afternoon.

Touray says the club has been great so far. “Many different people from different campuses.”

Touray is the captain of GHC’s men’s intramural soccer team. He was born in The Gambia, where he spent his childhood.

Touray moved from The Gambia to Georgia as a teenager. He admits that the transition was difficult and that he struggled with his accent. He also had to look his teachers in the eye, something he was not used to doing.

Touray learned about Brother 2 Brother through a

friend. The organization is a part of Georgia Highlands African American and Minority Male Excellence. Touray urges other men to apply.

Brother 2 Brother’s Floyd campus members meet in the Solarium every Monday. The meeting begins with the organization’s oath and pledge, lead by Josh Hightower. From there, President Quentin Leeks takes the reins, opening a discussion of the members’ majors for an upcoming project. The men in the room began to open up not just about their majors, but about themselves.

Hightower cited his sociable nature as his reason for choosing Business as his major.

President Leeks spoke about why he chose Communications as his major. “Growing up, if you didn’t have anyone to talk to, it makes things harder.”



Photo by Nya Roden

From left: Seven Brown, Carious Carter, La’Jay Davie, Timothy Stubbs, Cameron Johnson (front) Josh Hightower, Grant Wright, Quentin Leek, Kenechi Mgbodile, Ashford Harris, Xavier Freeman and Travis Foster gather for a meeting on Floyd campus.

Kenechi Mgbodile has an interest in adolescent psychology and wants to help others. He also feels motivated by a low number of black health

care professionals.

“I love to argue,” said Ashford Harris, whose major is in Criminal Justice.

“Where I’m from we need

defense attorneys.” Harris says. “Not many minorities are knowledgeable of their rights.”

With the new school year, there is much in store for B2B.

Marietta plans G building renovations for 2020

By Noah Prince
Staff Writer

Students attending classes on the Marietta campus are familiar with Kennesaw State University’s ongoing construction efforts. The latest development is the renovation of the G building, also known as the engineering lab.

In fall 2020, some classes will be moved to mobile classrooms to allow for the construction.

“It’s not really going to be that disruptive,” said Campus Dean, Ken Reaves.

The purpose of the renovations is to update the engineering lab’s overall look and utilities.

“Now that KSU has taken over this campus, I think they’re just going through and

just retrofitting some of the building,” said Reaves.

He said the building has not been renovated during his time at GHC, though patch work has been done here and there.

After renovations are completed, all Georgia Highlands classes will be located in the same section of the building. These classes have previously been scattered in different places since KSU also has classes in the building.

Opinions on the renovations are mostly positive. Instructor Richard Bombard said, “I support renovations. Many of the rooms, particularly in building G, need them.”

Elizabeth Lawley, a student on Marietta campus, said, “I think it’s worth it, even if we have to spend half a year in a

mobile unit.”

Not everyone is happy with classes being held in mobile units. A few students have voiced concern about heat. Others simply don’t want to spend the semester in a mobile classroom.

When asked about possibly teaching in a mobile, Bombard said, “I’ve never taught in one before. I suppose it’d be okay temporarily.”

Renovations on the G building will begin in May 2020. They should not disrupt summer classes, but some fall courses will be relocated.

“My hope is, it’ll only last for that one semester,” said Reeves. “By the time spring semester 2021 comes around, we’ll be back in our regular classrooms over in the G building.”



Photo by Noah Prince

New South Construction builds a new annex and walkway that will connect to the G building.

Bartow County introduces drones for STEM

By Olivia Fortner
Editor-in-Chief

Teachers are bringing drones into the classroom.

GHC partnered with Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers for a staff development workshop on the Cartersville Campus on September 25. Staff and kindergarten through fifth grade teachers from Bartow County came together to learn from GYSTC Regional Director Bob Young about how to promote STEM with the use of drones.

Linda Vernon said, "The main focus is how to use drones within our lesson plans." While many think of using drones to promote STEM subjects, she hopes to use them with history and related subjects as well.

They hope using drones will keep kids engaged.

"I'm hoping to be able to incorporate what I've learned today into my own standards," said Kim Plaskett, fifth grade teacher at Clear Creek Elementary School.

"Counties are pushing for all schools to be STEM certified by the end of the school year," said Olivia Towe, a Bartow County kindergarten teacher. The teachers learned about the changing drone laws and local legislation being passed at the workshop.

"A certified teacher must oversee anyone using a drone who is uncertified," said Professor of Biology Sharryse Henderson. Once a school has registered one drone, they can checkout a max of four drones.



Photo by Olivia Fortner

GYSTC Regional Director Bob Young leads a workshop on Cartersville campus to promote the use of drones to promote STEM subjects.

Cartersville STEAM building turns one year old

By Megan Holton
Staff Writer

Cartersville's STEAM Building will celebrate its one year anniversary on October 16, 2019.

The \$22.5 million building has been home to mathematics, social sciences, computer science, business, education, humanities, health and natural sciences and physical education.

English major Nicole Baxter said, "The new building has great spots to study between classes and is so close to the parking lot."

20 students were polled. 13 said the building held several of their classes, and that's the only reason they went there. Seven said not only were their classes now housed in the building, but they also had a deep appreciation for the comfortable study chairs.



Photo by Sarah Belcher

The new STEAM building provides equipment for student use as well as comfortable study spots.

Student life hosts field trip to penitentiary

By Emma Veale
Photography Editor

81 students from all five Georgia Highlands campuses hit the road for a field trip to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary on September 17. This free student-life field trip to the former maximum security penitentiary was hosted by the Social Justice Department and allowed students from any declared major to join.

Criminals such as James Earl Ray, the man who killed Martin Luther King Jr., were housed at Brushy Mountain. During this excursion, students walked the same halls as some of America's most infamous criminals and learned first-hand about life in the

penitentiary from one of the former inmates, Wayne Davidson. He was charged with second degree burglary and spent 25 years in the penitentiary. Davidson told his visitors, "Every three steps you take at Brushy has a story."

Davidson shared descriptive stories about what he'd encountered through his years at Brushy.

Between the gripping stories and the shocking scenes, Manoucheca Jean said the field trip was an "inspiration because you really saw how the inmates lived." The penitentiary was open from 1896 to 2009 and closed due to "lack of control over inmate violence," said the Washington Post.



Photo by Emma Veale

A group of students, faculty, and visitors who participated in a day-long field trip to Brushy Mt. State Penitentiary on September 17, 2019.

Highlands Happenings

By Penelope Stephens
Asst. Photography
Editor

Atlanta History Museum

On Friday, October 11, there will be a field trip to the Atlanta History Center. Admission is covered by Student life, so the only cost of the trip is lunch. This is an opportunity to learn more about the city of Atlanta, its past and present culture. The trip is also a preview for November's American Indian Heritage Month. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Student Life, John Speranza.

Michaela Paige Performance

If you missed her on the Cartersville, Marietta, and Douglasville campuses you still have the opportunity to see Michaela Paige on the Floyd Campus on Oct. 9th in the Solarium. Paige is a former contestant on The Voice and a JOIN musician. She will also be filming part of a music video during her performance. Watch the show and participate for the opportunity to be in the video.

Peer Body Project

On the Cartersville campus GHC students have the opportunity to participate in the Peer Body Project. Students will be trained to be Peer Mentors and participate in the project. The purpose is to implement healthy and positive speech between students, as well as promoting the empowerment of female students.

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Study abroad for ultimate experiential learning

By Nathaniel Flaharty
Copy Editor

Have you considered making study abroad a part of your college experience?

Derrick Whitaker did – which is how he found himself on a flight to Panama on July 28, 2019. Whitaker remembers that his group was delayed two hours due to a medical emergency – it was a relief to finally be on the plane.

“It was educational and interesting, hearing the way other cultures outside of our own live day-to-day,” said Whitaker. He recounted his walk in the rainforest enjoying the various sounds and his meeting with the indigenous people to learn about their way life. “The natives had trees like concrete that they carved artistically.” Of their creations, Whitaker bought a slingshot.

Whitaker’s advice to prospective student travelers is: “Do it! It may be a chokehold on your wallet or some debt, but don’t let the fear of money keep you from doing it because you won’t forget it.” Whitaker plans to return to Panama one day for leisure and to back-

pack across Europe.

Bronson Long, GHC’s Director of Study Abroad, echoes Whitaker’s sentiment, “There’s nothing like being there; it’s much more experiential.”

The benefits of study abroad will largely depend on the student. A history major and an art major will have very different interests in any given location. In the 2020 trip to Montepulciano, Italy, where one would explore the thousands of years of history, the other would look into the same expanse of art.

Next summer, Long will be heading a trip to Great Britain. GHC has also partnered with Kennesaw State University for a trip to Montepulciano, Italy. USG Goes Global recently added Germany, Portugal and Vietnam to its roster.

Knowing a foreign language is never a requirement for study abroad. However, in Great Britain, a student can experience a place of historical and cultural significance without a language barrier. According to Long, every GHC program will include a project



Photo contributed by Bronson Long

Whitaker poses with the rest of the GHC group after landing

to complete. In Great Britain, the project will be to write journal entries on each event.

All study abroad programs allow students to take courses related to the culture. In Montepulciano, Italy, the student will choose a morning and afternoon class from a range of subjects in any combination.

Students may take courses such as World Literature, The Arts in Society, Principles of Public Speaking and Travel Writing.

The price of the trip to Great Britain will be \$3,800 and the dates for the trip are May 20 through May 30, 2020, says Long. The Consortium

programs will cost \$5,400 with the trip to Italy taking place June 25 through July 30, 2020. The higher price accommodates for month-long stays. These trips are no small investment but do not need to be paid out of pocket as student loans and grants can be applied.

Un Día de los Muertos feliz

By Olivia Fortner
Editor-in-Chief

Students decorated sugar skulls in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and The Day of the Dead. El Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday where families reunite with the souls of their lost loved ones.

According to history.com, those who celebrate believe the spirits of the dead return for a day of eating, dancing and celebrating with those they love. It is a festive time filled with joy and excitement.

Common symbols often associated with this holiday are skeletons also called calacas and skulls known as calaveras, as seen in the picture.



Photo by Olivia Fortner

Marissa Cisneros-Arellano decorates a sugar skull between classes at the Floyd campus.

A Day on Paris Lake

By Penelope Stephens
Asst. Photography
Editor

Student Life Director, John Spranza, hosted Canoe Day September 27 on Paris Lake at the Floyd campus. Unfortunately, this opportunity was overlooked by most of the student body. However, for those who took part, it was a fun opportunity to experience nature without being overwhelmed by many students.

Cynthia Paz, a chemistry major, said, "It's like we are canoeing by ourselves." Such appreciation is why these events are put together. The goal is to encourage students to go outside and enjoy more of what the college has to offer.

"We try to encourage the students to explore the lake as much as possible," said Spranza. The trails and lake are always open. Students are encouraged to walk the paths and canoe, kayak, or paddleboard on Paris Lake.



Photo by Penelope Stephens

Canoe Day and other Student Life activities give students the opportunity to enjoy nature

Rome Shakespeare Festival comes to GHC

By Lynsey Sutton
Staff Writer

The Rome Shakespeare Festival came to GHC on September 18 in an event organized by professor Cindy Davidson. Her daughter has been acting with the Shakespeare Festival for four years.

Davidson says that the

festival shows the relevance of Shakespeare and helps the audience appreciate his work. GHC provided rehearsal space for Rome Shakespeare Festival at Heritage Hall.

Gail Deschamps, the Founding Artistic Director of Rome Shakespeare Festival, brought several of her actors and actresses to perform

scenes from Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Floyd campus student center.

After the performances there was a time for the audience to ask questions and discuss the play. Audience members commented on how the issues that Shakespeare portrays in his plays are timeless ones such as depression,

suicide, and family struggles.

The Rome Shakespeare Festival is also involved with a prison program. Four artistic facilitators go to the Floyd County Jail for three-hour weekly workshops. This program helps the inmates connect to the flawed characters in Shakespeare's writings, to understand themselves and

grow as people.

Rome Shakespeare Festival has workshops for aspiring actors and actresses, or anyone who wants to be involved. They also hold auditions. The forms are on their website: <https://www.romeshakespearefestival.com/>.



Photo by Leigh Robinson

The Rome Shakespeare Festival also performed A Midsummer Night's Dream downtown this summer.



Photo by Leigh Robinson

The Rome Shakespeare Festival performed Hamlet on the Town Green.

Students of all ages pursue degrees at Highlands

By Penelope Stephens
Asst. Photography
Editor

A look around a GHC classroom will reveal a diverse range of students. According to the US College Student Demographics Marketing Charts, the average college student's age ranges from 18 to 24. At GHC this is not the case due to the wide range of nontradi-

tional students.

Programs such as dual enrollment allow students as young as high school freshmen to enroll. On the other hand, some enroll to further or continue their education from a range of advanced ages. This creates diversity within the student body, with different students bringing varying drives and motivations.

There are many positives

and negatives when it comes to going to college. Concerning dual enrollment, one benefit is prematurely earning college credit. This is accompanied by the freedom and responsibility of a college student.

Jackson Greer, a dual enrollment student, said, "It is honestly nice because they treat you like an adult." Jackson is in his second year at GHC and has successfully

furthered his college career at a high school age. The adult responsibilities make young students feel as if they are accomplishing something.

In contrast, there are students coming back to college later in life. Many older people are attending to broaden their opportunities or compensate for missed ones. Some of them find the prospect intimidating as they cannot quit their jobs

or families. This creates a concern with time management.

Kelly Samson, a returning college student and mother to six children, said, "It has been much more manageable than I thought it would be."

Samson is one of many older Highlands students with professional and home lives that are pursuing new degrees.

Coosa Valley Fair makes its annual return

By Penelope Stephens
Asst. Photography Editor



Photos by Penelope Stephens



Far left: The fair's iconic Ferris Wheel was opened to riders on Tuesday, October 1.

Above right: The beautifully colored carousel is a hit with children and adults alike.

Below right: The fair boasts several livestock shows, where visitors can see locally-raised animals such as these piglets.

Classes should be personal

Brick and mortar courses are better than online learning for getting the most out of curriculum

It's more beneficial to learn from face-to-face classes.

While the digital classroom is gaining popularity, in-person classes prove to be the better option. In a typical classroom setting, students learn from lectures and take-home readings. "It is so much easier to ask a question and get more in-depth help," said Cindy Justice, a business major.

In an online class, students have to cover the teacher's material independently and are limited to asking questions

through email.

The accessibility of online classes and the convenience of digital textbooks are hard to compete with. Heather, a student on the Cartersville campus, said she would rather have digital books. Because of an injury, she doesn't like to carry a heavy bookbag around.

On the other hand, Follett Assistant Bookstore Manager Regina Haines said she often hears students saying, "I'm old school." They'd rather have the pages to flip through. "Stu-

dents say they prefer the hard-copy," said Rachel Rentz, keyholder at the Floyd campus bookstore.

It could be argued that online classes are significantly cheaper than brick-and-mortar but that does not mean they are the better option.

Ultimately, it is important to weigh the differences and decide on what best suits the situation.

**Six Mile Post
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Humanities skills are still important today



Editor's Box

**Jordan Farist
Advertising Manager**

STEM majors are sweeping the nation these days.

So many employers will tell you that you need a degree in technology or science to make money after you receive a bachelor's degree. What they aren't telling you is that without humanities you won't be able to weigh different sides to an opinion when completing experiments. We weigh evidence with doubt and skepticism until it's proven right or wrong. These are skills we learn in humanities classes.

According to Curt Rice, President of the Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, over two-

thirds of humanities majors end up with jobs in the private sector, meaning money is made for the sake of profit and not for the state. In these kinds of jobs, you're more likely to leave with more money.

Rice also notes, 60% of U.S. chief executive officers have degrees with a humanities focus. CEOs need to be able to think creatively and logically in order to run a business efficiently. These skills are provided by taking humanities classes in which you learn empathy, creative thinking and the ability to analyze and solve complex problems.

According to statistics

found at 4humanities.org, you use aspects of the humanities in numerous jobs and employers plead for people to have effective oral and written communication skills, critical thinking and reasoning skills, and the ability to connect ethical decisions to the choices they make in day-to-day life.

Critics have so many negative things to say about the humanities. They claim they have no purpose in school, that resources should not be spent on the study of human condition, and graduates from humanities are not immediately employable.

If resources were spent on humanities with just half as much fervor as a science class, more students would graduate with a broader understanding of different cultures and languages. It's important that we keep the world creative and open-minded.

Poll: How do you stay organized for school?

"I stay organized by keeping a color coded Google calendar."

Montgomery Blake



"I look at the syllabus before each class."

Nathalie Doumit

"I keep an agenda of when all my assignments are due."

Lauren Underwood



"I pray."

Ridge Abernathy

"I create a sticky note on my MacBook desktop."

Alyssa Andrews

A scandal on Columbus Day



Soap Box

By Jonah Peters
Staff Writer

Columbus Day is one of 10 federally recognized holidays, meaning federally run businesses are closed in recognition. But what does it mean to recognize Columbus Day both as an institution and as your normal, everyday person? Does it mean throwing on a pioneer's hat, rounding up three sea-ready ships, and sailing off to find new land?

Most of us only know the surface level details. In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Easy enough. He found America, interacted with the natives and called it a day. Case closed. What you may not know is that he never actually set foot in North

America. While Columbus thought he was finding an alternate route to Asia, he ended up in what is now largely known as the Bahamas and Central America.

You may also be unaware of the fact that Columbus enslaved the people he found, executed some of them without trial and ran this "new" land in a way that was considered criminal even in his time. In fact, in 1499 the Spanish government arrested Columbus, extradited him back to Spain and removed his title as governor.

So, why do we even celebrate Columbus Day? The holiday was first adopted as

early as 1792 by the Society of St. Tammany in New York to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Columbus' first landing. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison urged the country to adopt it as a national holiday. The rest is history.

Perhaps we glance over the atrocities committed by Columbus because these celebrations were established when the rights of indigenous peoples were still not a priority for most Americans. But now society has evolved, and we find ourselves more conscious and moral. We shouldn't stay so old-fashioned.

Some states and cities have pushed to celebrate October 12 as Indigenous People's Day instead. Among these are our neighbors to the south, Florida, and a single city in Georgia: South Fulton. They argue we are advanced enough as a society to stop celebrating historical transgressions. This

is the same reasoning used to bring down so many confederate monuments in 2017.

In the end, they're right. What does it mean to recognize and celebrate Columbus Day? It means to come together as a country to memorialize a man who had little regard for the rights of native peoples. A man who both committed and confessed to crimes when tried by the very people who supported him.

To celebrate Indigenous People's day instead is to recognize those who lived here before the colonists decided it would be their home, to celebrate those original Americans and their native cultures. As GHC students, I think we can all agree everyone should be recognized for their value, and no voice should go unheard. If that's what it means to celebrate Indigenous People's Day, consider it my new favorite holiday.

Some Floyd parking updates



Soap Box

Olivia Fortner
Editor in Chief

An outside company repainted the Floyd parking lot recently. Large sections of it were taped off and students had to park further from campus. While this was happening, the main parking lot was closed for the weekend.

The asphalt was painted and all the lines were redone, leaving the parking lot looking brand new. Officer Paul Mansfield said Floyd is the only GHC parking lot getting done. As Mansfield was looking at Google photos from May 2008, he said, "It's been at

least a decade since any updates have been made to this parking lot."

Another change that can be seen in the Floyd parking lot is a blocked exit. All summer, the exit from the big parking lot was blocked by orange cones. Now there is a permanent blockade stopping vehicles from using it at all. Mansfield said no accident happened but it was intended to be a preventative measure. When students were running late, they would enter the exit. This is potentially danger-



ous, so proper precautions had to be made.

Further updates will be made for the rest of the parking lot until the whole has

been repainted. As such, students can expect further mild interruptions to their day in the coming weeks.

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Poets demand “justice for all” on social issues

By Samantha Warner
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The “Justice for All” poetry slam on September 26 raised awareness of social issues in the Rome community. “Sometimes you just need to scream your feelings at the world,” said Kathleen Minor who won first place in the competition. The four contestants of varying ages and backgrounds performed original slam poetry. The unifying theme of the evening was their passion.

“People are going to have all sorts of issues that they might bring in their content,” said the president of the local branch of the League of Women Voters, Rebecca Moye, “I would like for people to be

more aware of the poets that are in our community, but also come away thinking of poetry in a different way, that it can be a platform for their voice.” Originally going to be celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the victory of women’s suffrage, the theme was changed to “Justice for All” to invite more diversity.

The event opened with the reading of a poem by Hispanic poet Ada Limón in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The evening’s performances tackled a wide range of issues, from women’s rights to immigration to mental illness.

Anthony Troy Del Favero, who won second place, said, “It gives you an outlet to talk about things.” Del Favero was inspired to write poetry after taking creative writing

classes at GHC. When he was the president of the school’s Creative Writing Club for the 2018-2019 academic year, he helped other writers work on their craft. This effort pushed him to embrace his love of poetry.

“I think it gives you a chance to step into someone else’s shoes and think about things you wouldn’t normally think about,” said Shannon Holtzclaw, a GHC sophomore who attended the event. “It was definitely a lot of food for thought.”

The slam was organized by the League of Women Voters, who take an active role in the Rome-Floyd community. The organization grew out of the women’s suffrage movement of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The original



Photo by Samantha Warner

Kathleen Minor won first place with her slam poetry about social unrest in America.

Rome chapter disbanded in the 1980s but was reformed due to renewed interest in the wake of the 2017 Women’s March. The League takes an active role in the community,

much like their sponsors, the Family Resources Center. The FRC works to prevent child abuse, assisting 130 families per year.

Disney+ offers subscribers another streaming option

By Mariah Redmond
Digital & Social Media
Editor

Disney is taking over the world in a new way, a streaming service by the name of Disney+ launching November 12.

It will include 500 movies and 7,500 TV shows, such as Lizzie McGuire, That’s So Raven, and Even Stevens. The service will run for \$6.99 per month, or \$12.99 packaged with Hulu and ESPN, all for the same price as Netflix while adding another 47,000 shows and 4,000 movies.

Unfortunately, this move will remove all the Star Wars and Marvel franchise films from Netflix. It will cost Disney \$150,000,000, while causing an anticipated major plummet in subscribers for Netflix. Disney, however will be earn-

ing a 60% stake with Hulu and Fox.

“I feel like Disney is doing too much capitalizing instead of focusing on what they know, which is TV shows,” said GHC student Bri Bradley.

Disney’s prime-time ratings have fallen by 23%, according to Fox Business. Disney+ is an effort to create a comparable streaming base to Netflix, which is up 69% in American households.



New in Paulding



Photo by Michelle Hardin

Students can enjoy a coffee at East Bound and Ground.

By Michelle Hardin
Staff Writer

The city of Dallas provides many opportunities for GHC students to enjoy the upcoming fall weather. Monthly events include various food trucks and free live music on Main Street, where admissions counselor Qwanzee Jones recently

hosted a booth to help Dallas learn more about the school.

East Bound and Ground is a new coffee shop nearby Tin Bucket Mercantile and the Bee Humble yoga studio. Both offer 10% student discounts. Whether grabbing a bite to eat or enjoying local businesses, GHC feels like a part of Dallas.

Fantasy football leagues a popular option for spectators

By Bradley Singh
Asst. Sports Editor

Now that the NFL season is underway, Fantasy Football captures the attention of some GHC students. The hobby means different things to different people; for some players it's a fun game to play with friends and for others it's an

entire lifestyle.

GHC student, Tius Baillio, a Fantasy player since 2015, said, "I like the fact that anyone can win, and you have to find ways by moving players around in your lineup to win."

In this virtual football game, each player must constantly substitute players in and out of their lineup due to bye weeks and injuries. An in-

jury or a last-minute suspension will often require players to make a quick substitution to an available player.

With a plethora of scoring methods and ways to play, every league is a little different. League sizes vary from eight to eighteen people, so both small and large groups play together.

In every fantasy league

there a few different types of players.

Some fantasy players aren't very passionate about their lineups.

Others religiously watch the waiver wire for new pickups and substitute players.

A final group known as "the smack talkers" is usually found in the leagues with friends and includes much

bragging between every game play.

Highlands student and 5-year fantasy veteran, TJ Choat, said, "My favorite thing about fantasy football is when you're in a league with all your friends and get bragging rights and can talk some junk."

Fantasy players often play in more than one league per season.

Cultural diversity represented in both GHC basketball teams

By Amaria Owens
Sports Editor

This year GHC is the home to eleven international players who maybe be very familiar with their game but are still adjusting to a new country completely. Lucy Threlfall, women's basketball player, flew over seven hours from the United Kingdom to Georgia with her mom to start her first year at Georgia Highlands.

ShaoTung Lin, another Women's Basketball player, traveled over 8,000 miles from

the state of Taiwan to start her freshman year and said, "The hardest transition is the language barrier, but the technology helps."

Lin explained that Google assists her when talking to friends and teammates and makes things easier for her. However, Men's Basketball Coach JJ Merritt said, "Sometimes it is a challenge, if we're not in a close proximity to one another and I'm yelling across the floor it does get kind of tough."

Despite the wonders Google can do to fill the language barrier, the ladies on this team

all have different challenges to deal with for their first year away from home. Alexandria Shishkina, a Russian freshman Women's Basketball player, said, "It's hard to balance school with basketball but the coaches help a lot."

Merritt added, "Since I've been at Georgia Highlands, I've coached seven or eight international guys and three of them were all from Canada."

Cultural diversity is often seen in professional athletic teams, but they all speak the language of their sport.

Lady Chargers Women's Basketball Schedule

Friday Nov. 1 @ Morristown, TN TBD

Saturday Nov. 2 @ Morristown, TN TBD

Friday Nov. 8 @ Panama City, FL 7:00PM CST

Saturday Nov. 9 @ Panama City, FL TBD

Wednesday Nov. 13 @ Griffin, GA 5:30PM

Wednesday Nov. 20 @ Americus, GA 5:30PM

Saturday Nov. 23 @ Birmingham, AL 2:30PM CST

Wednesday Nov. 27 @ Albany, GA 5:30PM

Friday Dec. 6 @ Macon, GA 5:30PM

Saturday Dec. 21 @ Phenix City, AL 2:00PM

Sunday Dec. 29 @ Americus, GA 6:00PM

Monday Dec. 30 @ Americus, GA 2:00PM

Home Games

Friday Nov. 29

Gulf State v Walters State @ 6:00PM

GHC v Northwest Florida State @ 8:00PM

Saturday Nov. 30

Northwest Florida State v Walters State @ 2:00PM

GHC v Gulf Coast State @ 4:00PM

Wednesday Dec. 4

East Georgia State College @ 5:30PM

Wednesday Dec. 11

Andrew College @ 5:30PM

Saturday Dec. 14

Chattahoochee Valley Community College @ 2:00PM



Photo by Amaria Owens

From left to right: Lucy Threlfall, ShaoTung Lin, and Alexandria Shinhkina

Athletic meet and greet focuses on success

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The Division of Athletics hosted its annual athletic meet and greet on Thursday, September 20. Director of Athletics, David Mathis, shared their goal for the season when he said, "We aim for a track record of success both in and outside of the classroom."

Mathis' sentiment was shared by others who spoke that night. Women's Basketball Coach, Brandan Harrell, said, "These teams are about more than athletes and coaches."

Balancing college life and athletics can be difficult. However, student athletes have to

maintain a good work ethic to keep a 2.0 grade point average to stay in their sport and have to prepare for big games with the pressure of living up to high expectations.

Coach J.J. of the Men's Basketball team said, "They aim to get better each day." The men's and women's basketball teams are currently preparing for the first game of the season on November 1 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mathis said, "The ego driven student athletes count their newspaper clippings. The humble student athletes count their blessings."

There should be ample opportunity for both this season.



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The 2019 meet and greet brings members of all GHC athletic teams together to start the year with words of academic encouragement from coaches and administration.

Age is just a number for women's softball

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If you think the faces of the 2019 Women's Softball team look a little young this year, you're not imagining things. This year's team includes 18 freshmen and five sophomores. These young players will be competing against teams that have some twenty-two year-old players from four year colleges.

Coach Melissa Wood said, "It's good and bad. You sink or swim in this sport. They'll have to figure it out. If they play well that's something we can build on."

Montana Ledbetter, freshman pitcher, was recruited by Coach Wood after seeing her play last summer. Coach Wood

says, "She had an excellent rise ball and struck out six-of-six, so we're excited to have her."

Regardless of their age, these players have to keep in shape and go to workouts before classes start each day and practice hours after finishing their last class of the day.

Freshman player, Isabella Marcotte, said, "We have to get up at 5:00 a.m. to be at the school by 5:45 to do weights, and then some of us have 8:00 a.m. classes. We shower and leave around 7:30."

With their season already started, this team will be one to watch this season with so many freshmen and two returning all-region members, Mallory Alford and Haley Robinson who have the experience to help guide the team.



Izzy Marcotte



Montana Ledbetter

October Softball Schedule

Oct. 11 @ Kennesaw State University 5:00PM

Oct. 13 @ Georgia Southern University 1:00PM

Oct. 19 @ Georgia Tech University (NCAADI) 1:00PM

Oct. 26 @ Berry College (NCAA DIII) 11:00AM