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Road construction affects Cartersville campus

By Haley Hunter
Staff Writer

Students and staff arriving to the Georgia Highlands Cartersville campus are currently greeted by a parade of traffic cones, dump trucks and construction workers in bright orange vests.

The air is filled with dust, and cars line up bumper-to-bumper at each stoplight in front of the school.

It's not uncommon for students to hear sirens blaring by as they sit in their 8 a.m. class as police cars rush to the scene of a confusion-caused fender bender after lines in the road have been changed once again.

According to the Georgia Department of Transportation, the construction began in September 2013 and is not only widening state Route 20 from two to four lanes, but it

is also relocating the highway for better access and shorter travel time to Highway 411.

The Georgia DOT says the project is 67.26 percent finished, and although the construction was set for completion in May 2016, they have tacked on several extra months, leaving the current completion date for March 2017.

Leslie Johnson, Cartersville campus dean, has a front-row seat to the construction zone from her office window.

Not only does she hope it will be much more aesthetically pleasing once the project is completed next spring, but she also hopes the shorter route created will bring in a higher traffic of students to the school.

She also mentioned the frustrations students and staff face when driving to the cam-



Photo by Kaileb Webb

Construction crews work on roads near the Cartersville campus.

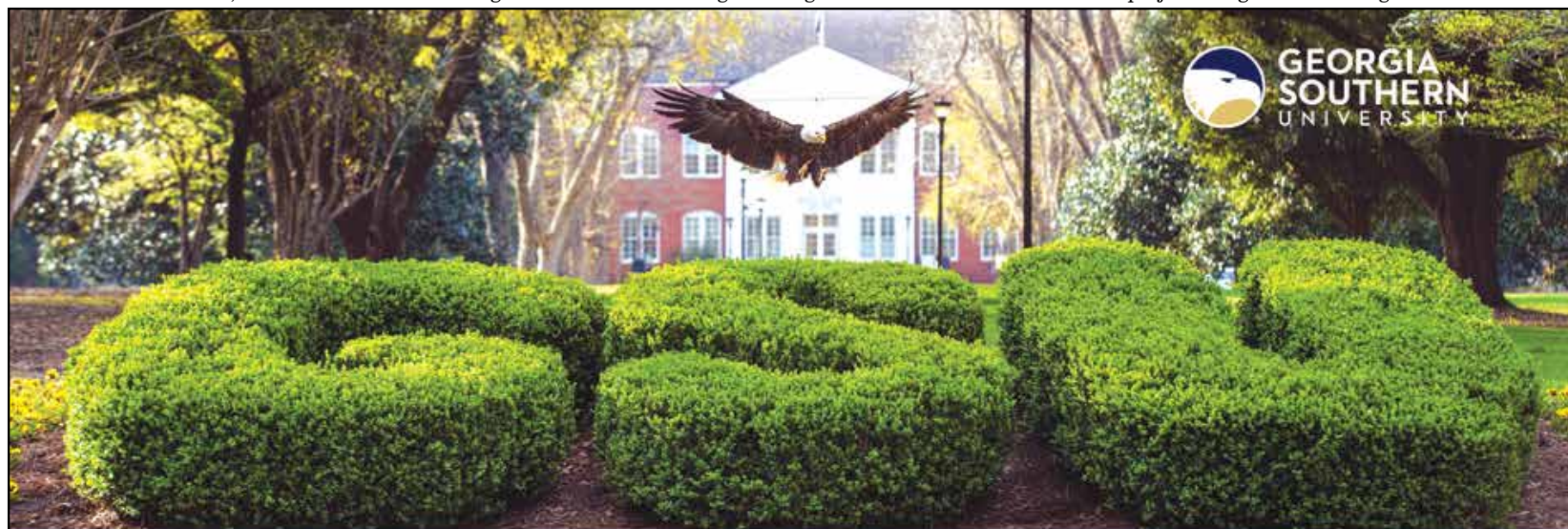
pus, stating, "It's definitely a daily challenge, not knowing which lane you're going to be using that day."

Vehicles have been redirected by bright, round barrels, and completion of a new lane caused the flow of traffic to change overnight.

One student, Justin Hite, said, "It's stressful and frustrating. Especially when you go to make the same turn you always do, and all of a sudden it's blocked off and you have no idea where to go."

Although the completion of the construction project brings

promise of easier access and shorter travel times for people travelling between Highway 411 and SR 20, students and staff at the Cartersville campus can expect at least one more semester of traffic and lane changes.



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Stuglin teaches students about elections

By Michael Lewis
Staff Writer

Students in Steve Stuglin's Humanities/GHHU, "Election of 2016," class at Douglasville are immersed in the campaign season.

Stuglin, assistant professor of communication, said, "This is the first election for a lot of freshmen and other students at the college and these students need to know what is going on to get involved."

Students will participate in activities such as setting up voting registration desks at the college, researching policy planks online, fact-checking political statements, comparing and contrasting candidates, developing informational visual aids about candidates

and issues, and organizing debate watch parties with peers.

Getting students to be interactive in politics outside of the class is one of the main reasons Stuglin wanted to put this class together. He said he is "proud of political conversations going on outside of class."

Stuglin, who has been instructing at the Georgia Highlands College Douglasville campus since 2012, stated that politics is something he is passionate about and that he wants students to be informed and interested in what is going on in political elections.

The class is also be interactive on Twitter, engaging with each other over political topics in a public domain through the hashtag "#ChargersVote."



Contributed

Steve Stuglin (upper left) discusses 2016 elections with students in his class.

Have you registered to vote? Georgia's deadline is Oct. 11

By Zach McFall
Managing Ed., Design

For most GHC students, the 2016 election cycle will be their first chance ever to vote. Those wishing to vote must register no later than Oct. 11.

Registering is easy and can be done by paper or online. To determine registration status, to update an address or to register online, students may go to registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR. A valid driver's license or identification card issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services is necessary to register online.

For those who prefer to complete a paper form, there are many acceptable forms of identification. Although most forms require a photo, examples of other forms of ID include a certified copy of a birth certificate or certified copy of a naturalization document. Forms of identification must be mailed with a voter registration

form.

According to the Georgia Secretary of State's website, it can take two to four weeks for registrations to be processed and acknowledgement sent to the voter.

According to the GHC Office of Student Life, voter registration drives have occurred at Floyd, Paulding, Cartersville and Douglasville during September. A second registration drive will occur on the same campuses during October: Floyd Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Paulding Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Cartersville Oct. 4 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Douglasville Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. However, Georgia voters may vote early Monday, Oct. 17 – Friday, Nov. 4, or Saturday, Oct. 29, at their county's designated early voting site(s).

Each county's elections office should be able to provide information on early voting lo-

cations and hours. Voters can find the location of their voting precinct for Election Day by going to mvp.sos.ga.gov and filling in the MVP Login box.

Voters will need to bring a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, in order to cast a ballot. According to the Georgia Secretary of State's website, a student ID issued by a state college, university or technical school is also acceptable.

Anyone without a government issued photo ID can be issued one free of charge at any county's registrar's office or Department of Driver Services office.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund has information for both new and experienced voters at vote411.org/Georgia.

Anyone interested in learning more about what will appear on his or her ballot, may go to ballotpedia.org and enter an address.



Photo by Luis Martinez

John Spranza, director of student life, (left) provides information to Tia Davis during a voter registration drive at Floyd campus on Sept. 20.

Paulding, Douglasville welcome new dean

Watjen hopes to dispel common misconceptions

By Matthew Franklin
Staff Writer

Connie Watjen, the new dean for Douglasville and Paulding since May 26, plans to improve the campuses by providing better customer service and helping students realize how beneficial college is.

Watjen hopes to dispel common misconceptions regarding college that can discourage prospective students. She wants to raise awareness that college can be a warm personal experience and that students don't have to leave home to receive a quality education.

Watjen enjoys her position and loves getting to meet new people at Georgia Highlands and in the local communities. She has been encouraged by positive community relations

and praises Paulding County for embracing the local campus.

Watjen said she has

learned how much hard work goes into getting students into school. She also said her appreciation for how hard the

staff works continues to grow.

She expressed great optimism about Georgia Highlands' growth and retention

rates, but she still wants to improve the current numbers and not lose any students.

Watjen had previously achieved success in the corporate world working at AT&T and Coca-Cola. While she was doing well at these companies, she didn't enjoy what she was doing.

Watjen went back to school to pursue her true calling, leaving her safe corporate job to pursue her master's degree from Kennesaw State University.

Watjen started teaching English at Georgia Highlands in 2008 and loved it from the start.

She became a learning support instructor for English and worked to help improve the English learning support program.

Watjen has encountered a few new challenges in her recent transition from teacher to campus dean. Serving as dean to two campuses, Watjen's commute has been the hardest part to get used to.



Photo by Matthew Franklin

Connie Watjen (center) talks with Isaiah Wong (left) and Andrew Buttons.

Major renovations continue

By Kacey Neese
Managing Ed., online

Georgia Highlands College is scheduled for more renovations and is actively addressing problem areas based on priority.

According to Phillip Kimsey, director of plant operations, GHC received approximately \$600,000 to renovate areas such as one of the physics labs on the Floyd campus, the dental hygiene area at Heritage Hall and business offices on the Cartersville campus, as well as Bagby Building on the Paulding campus. Some renovations on the Floyd campus, such as that of the F-wing and the cafeteria, were completed over the summer.

Kimsey is responsible for creating the plans which address the major repair and renovations needed on Georgia Highlands campuses.

Kimsey stated, "We are slowly, very slowly, renovating the entire campus. We are prioritizing the areas by taking the worst areas first."

Kimsey also stated, "We receive funding for renovations annually from the Board of Regents. This amount is for the entire college, not just one particular campus. We also can use institutional, year-end residual funding if it is available."

Floyd student Autumn Moore likes what has been done to the Floyd campus so far.

Autumn said, "I like the new looks. It looks brighter and cleaner."

Jeff Davis, vice president of finance and administration, said that while the process for the major repair and renovation might "sound tedious," it "helps assure that the funding will be distributed as needed to more campuses in a way that benefits the college as a whole."

Davis further described the updates to the physics lab. "The physics lab received a complete remodel. This included new casework, paint, and LED lights," he said.

Jason Christian, director of laboratory management and operations, said that the physics lab is near completion.



Photo by Lydia Chandler

Construction in Walraven Building at Floyd is ongoing.

Highlands Happenings

Leadership conference set

By Miriam Ward
Staff Writer

All Georgia Highlands students interested in preparing for a leadership role on campus or in their careers are invited to attend a one-day free conference sponsored by Student Life. The keynote speaker will be Romeo Marquez Jr., who has given a TedTalk, "The Power Of Taking Action On Your Passion."

Abraham Ortiz, student life coordinator at Marietta, said that "one of the goals of the conference is to cultivate students' leadership skills and potential."

The conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cartersville campus on Saturday, Oct. 8. Lunch and free T-shirts will be provided.

John Spranza, director of student life, said that registration is free, but students must register to reserve a spot.

A link to online registration has been sent to students' GHC email.

Early Bird Advising starts

By Carly Trader
Staff Writer

Early Bird Advising officially runs from Oct. 3-21, but scheduling appointments can begin now.

According to Laura Walton, director of advising at the Cartersville campus, students utilizing EBA will receive priority registration and the opportunity to build connections with faculty advisers that can last throughout their career.

Advisers from students' desired divisions can help map out a plan for what classes they will need to graduate.

Student participation with EBA has increased exponentially over the past few semesters, so students are encouraged to make appointments early.

Options for contact include emailing an advisor directly or utilizing the new e-scheduler website.

More information can be found at advising.highlands.edu.

Hispanic month events planned

By Moira Hale
Staff Writer

Sept. 15 begins a month to celebrate Hispanic history, tradition and heritage

According to Abraham Ortiz, student life coordinator at Marietta, the festivities last from Sept. 15 to Oct. 27, even though the official month lasts until October 15. The college is hosting some events and speakers to help students, staff and faculty learn more about these traditions.

Poet Gabriella Garcia Medina is speaking at Marietta Oct. 3, Floyd Oct. 4, and Cartersville Oct. 5, all at noon. She is also speaking on Oct. 6 at Douglasville at 10:30 a.m. and Paulding at 1:30 p.m.

Recuerdo Sugar Skulls is will be instructed participants on how to make their own non-edible sugar skulls. Recuerdo Sugar Skulls will be at Floyd on Sept. 22, Oct. 12 at Paulding, Oct. 12 at Cartersville, Oct. 13 at Douglasville, and Oct. 27 at Marietta, all from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Active shooter preparation

By Karen Kinsey
Staff Writer

As campus shootings have increased in recent years, a new training program is now being held twice a year on all Georgia Highlands campuses.

The purpose of these seminars will be to educate civilians on what to do if faced with an active shooter event.

David Horace, GHC police chief, said, "It is critical that civilians remember the importance of having a plan for surviving an active shooter attack. A simple plan could substantially increase a person's chance of surviving such an attack."

The seminars will cover topics based on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004.

The seminars are free and sign-ups are not required to attend. Here are the training dates for upcoming sessions: Floyd campus/Heritage Hall: Friday, Oct. 14, 2016, Lakeview Auditorium

Marietta campus: Friday,

Oct. 21, 2016, KSU Police Department (Norton Hall)
Paulding campus: Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, Room 207.

Food pantry serves students

By Breyuna Shorter
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands College's Student Support Services sponsors an on-campus food pantry for GHC students.

Students can collect up to 12 items weekly.

The main pantry is located on the Floyd campus, but groceries are available at any campus.

Angela Wheelus, director of student services, would like to have a fully stocked pantry on all GHC campuses and needs students' help.

Donations of non-perishable food and toiletries are accepted at all GHC campuses in the Student Center.

Monetary donations can also be made in the business office at Floyd, Cartersville, Marietta, Paulding and Douglasville campuses.

Green Highlands cleans Coosa River Basin



GHC student (from left) Georgia Steel, Ali Pirani, Devin Rhodes, Bret Arnold and Gage Walker collect garbage in efforts to make a cleaner river on Sept. 17.

Photos by Kacey Neese

Millennials can make big changes if we vote

Every generation has an impact on society, and Millennials are no different. We are more educated, more concerned about the world around us and more optimistic about the future than recent generations.

With a population estimated to be between 85 and 90 million and strong civic mindedness, the Millennial Generation is positioned to take control of politics and resolve issues more than any generation since the GI Generation.

So what are we going to do in the November election?

Issues that affect and

interest Millennials the most are finding a job after college, paying off student debt, healthcare, climate change and equality.

However, being concerned and talking about these issues are quite different than participating in the political process in order to help to resolve them.

The right to vote and freedom of speech are at the heart of individual freedom and democracy.

Posting on Facebook, protesting and other ways of participating in the political process matter very little if these actions are not followed by voting. And yes,

every single vote counts.

Many do not vote because they think just one vote doesn't matter, and that is true.

However, that one vote is added to millions of others across the county, state and nation.

That's where the difference is made. That's where the Millennials' voice will be heard. That's where we make our impact.

We need to register to vote, help register others to vote and vote. Every vote counts!

**-Six Mile Post
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How one simple decision can change so many things

I'm extremely excited to be this year's editor-in-chief of the Six Mile Post! The decision for me to take on this position was one year in the making.

In fall 2015, I timidly joined the SMP, having never done anything like it before.

I worried about dedicating myself to something so important and influential with no prior knowledge of how it worked.

The first interview I did as a reporter for the SMP was over the phone, and I was terrified. I paced in front of the phone until it was time for me to call my interviewee.

I sat in my chair writing frantically and quickly, read-

ing what question I would ask next, hoping that there wouldn't be too long of a pause in-between his answers and my next inquiry. Turns out, it was not that big of a deal.

Since then, I've interviewed the GHC President, a former professor turned author, GHC's chief of police and many others.

Though I was worried about what to expect, that one

simple decision a year ago has changed many things: my experiences at GHC and how I feel about communicating with others as a whole.

I no longer worry when I set up interviews and walk into the offices of prominent GHC staff.

I'm not afraid to ask them questions and go home to write their words for the whole campus to see.



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“Dancing skeletons” celebrate Day of the Dead. The Day of the Dead is a multi-day Mexican holiday when family and friends gather to remember the deceased.

United States Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Zach McFall
Managing Ed., Design

Hispanic culture has played a significant role in shaping culture and society in the United States and around the world.

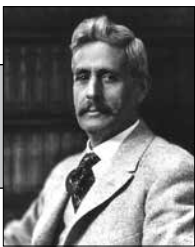
In recognition of Hispanic culture, traditions and achievements, the United States observes the 30 day period of Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

According to HispanicHeritageMonth.gov, the observance began as a week under President Lyndon John-

son in 1968 and expanded to a month under President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

There are several dates of importance to Hispanic nations that fall within this 30 day period, such as anniversaries of independence and Columbus Day.

For more information regarding the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month and Hispanic culture, traditions and achievements, visit HispanicHeritageMonth.gov.



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This traditional dress is accompanied with flags representing Hispanic nations. The decorated skull represents a tradition of decorating skulls as part of celebrating Day of the Dead.

Eight GHC students visit Italy over summer

By Kayla Jameson
Editor-in-chief

Eight GHC students, plus 28 from KSU and UGA, participated in a study abroad trip to Italy on June 23 through July 24.

Classes were held in the medieval fortress La Fortezza in Montepulciano.

Out of nine classes offered, students were required to take two. Jon Hershey, dean of humanities and professor of English at GHC, taught world literature and creative writing.

"This particular study abroad experience is unique because it lasts over a month in one town—Montepulciano. The students and faculty become a part of the life of the town, and we get to know the residents well. We learn what life is like there," said Hershey.

Students took day trips to

Pisa and Siena, as well as overnight trips to Rome and Florence. They were also welcome to visit other cities on their own during the weekends.

Eriq Colon, a graduate from the Cartersville campus who now attends UGA, and some of the other students played soccer with some of the local kids in Montepulciano. "It was the perfect way to immerse oneself into a culture that was foreign to our own," he said.

"As we played we all got to a first name basis with most of the kids. However, I didn't just get to know the locals more, but I got to know the students on the trip more as well. You would laugh with the kids as you tried your hardest to dribble pass them, to no avail," said Colon.

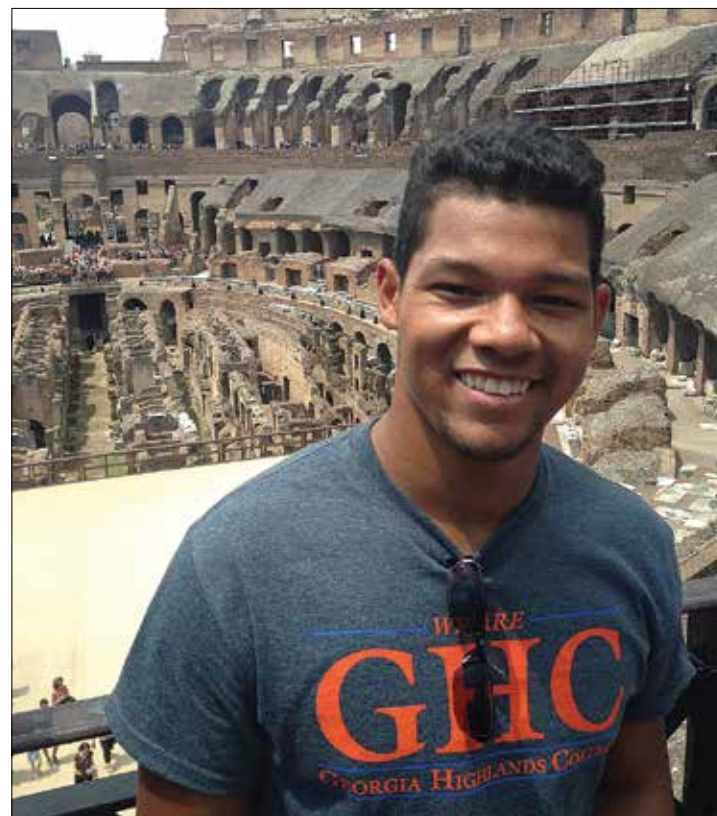
Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad at GHC, says that although students may learn

about culture in the classroom, traveling to another country is a unique experience. "If you really want to learn it firsthand, the best way is to go there," he said.

"Any kind of travel is an education," Hershey said. "But to be able to teach Dante in Italy and then visit the city that was his birthplace and inspiration, there is no teaching experience that can compare to that."

The details for next summer's study abroad trip to Italy are still being worked out. Hershey knows that the price of the trip isn't cheap, but he said that students interested "should look to see if it might be possible."

Hershey indicated that there are scholarships available for study abroad. He also said that students have time to set money aside if they start now. "It is worth the money, without a doubt," he said.



(Above) Eriq Colón tours the Colosseum in Rome.



All photos contributed by Jon Hershey

GHC students (from left) Tricia Spivey, Noah Lindberg, Eriq Colón, Brandon Taylor, Elizabeth Mobley, Holly Chaney and Payton Cox stand outside La Fortezza



(Below) Students visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Counseling offered for Highlands' students

By Morgan White
Staff Writer

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people aged 15-24, the typical age range of college students.

This September, Student Support Services and Student Life are raising awareness for National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and for the counseling services offered at all Georgia Highlands campuses.

Counseling at Georgia Highlands is free of charge to students and completely confidential. Professional counseling services are available for personal, career and academic counseling.

Tara Holdampf, a student success counselor at the Marietta and Douglasville campuses, said that some of the issues students attend counseling for are anxiety and depression.

Dorothy Morgan, a student support service and ca-

reer counselor at Cartersville, said that recognizing National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is important because suicide is a prevalent issue and the month promotes support for the issue.

Holdampf said that while suicide is not often talked about, everyone has some experience with it. "Suicide is definitely an uncomfortable subject, and that's why it's so important to discuss," Holdampf explained.

Angela Wheelus, the director of student support services, said the goal of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide. The month encourages students to look for signs and step up to support those contemplating suicide.

"Suicide is a permanent decision, and one life lost to suicide is one life too many," Wheelus said. Promoting awareness increases help-seeking behavior, according to Wheelus. She provides coun-



Art by Lily Manus

seling at the Floyd and Paulding campuses.

During the last week of September, each campus has tables informing students on the warning signs of suicide and provides pamphlets and

information on suicide prevention and awareness.

The campuses also participate in the "Mardi Gras Beads with Meaning" outreach event with the beads serving as support for the cause and remem-

brance of those lost to suicide. Student Support Services encourages students, faculty and staff to participate by stopping by one of the tables and selecting a strand of Mardi Gras beads.

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'Hell or High Water,' visually beautiful Eastwood keeps viewer on toes

By Mathew Shankute
Staff Writer

"Hell or High Water" stars Chris Pine and Ben Foster as brothers who execute a series of bank robberies across Texas to save the family farm, while a battle-hardened sheriff (Jeff Bridges) on the edge of retirement chases after them.

While the premise sounds thoroughly generic, the movie manages to rise above genre conventions to become something much more, thanks to the strength of its acting, directing, and writing.

The actors all give wonderful performances, especially Pine and Foster who deliver a painfully real depiction of brotherly love and true desperation.

Jeff Bridges expertly blends comedy and tragedy in his role as Sheriff Marcus Hamilton, delivering a dozen laugh out loud lines during the movie, while also maintaining a dark undercurrent of sadness buried behind walls of

stoicism.

In addition to the strong performances all around, the movie is also incredibly enjoyable just on a visual level. It presents beautiful, expansive shots of the desolate West Texas landscape alongside equally striking footage of poverty stricken small towns and trailer park communities.



The movie maintains an air of unpredictability throughout its runtime, often quickly switching between comedic moments, emotional exchanges between men who do their best to hide any emotions at all, and frighteningly real violence.

The movie's portrayal of gun violence is also exemplary, as it eschews typical Hollywood depictions of guns for a more measured and real approach.

Simply put, "Hell or High Water" is a gem and completely well worth your time and money.

This movie
gets a grade of



By David Pulliam
Staff Writer

Tom Hanks masterfully plays the role of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III, the pilot who became renowned for his levelheadedness in the face of a potential disaster.

After a mid-air bird strike disabled both engines of the plane he was flying, Sullenberger surmised he would not have time to safely land back at LaGuardia or the airport in nearby Teterboro, N.J.

"Sully's career as an aviator would ultimately be judged on this 208 second flight"

The film gives viewers insight into how Sully's decision to land the plane on the Hudson River faced intense scrutiny in the National Travel Safety Board's ensuing investigation.

The instant notoriety garnered by the events depicted in this motion picture propelled Captain "Sully" into the public's consciousness.

Mainstream media outlets

collectively dubbed the success of his emergency water landing "the miracle on the Hudson".

Captain Sullenberger flew airplanes for over forty years, with nearly three decades of that experience flying commercial airlines, before the incident occurred. However, Sully's career as an aviator would ultimately be judged on this 208 second-long flight.

Director Clint Eastwood delves into the pilot's psyche by showing various catastrophic what-if scenarios that played out in Sully's mind.

Throughout the movie, Eastwood also manages to build an uneasiness in the viewer, even as one of the NYPD officers involved with the rescue effort says "No one dies today." The uncertainty of the NTSB's investigation creates suspense as flight simulations show the plane could have successfully landed at either airport.

This movie shows how a man, heralded as a national hero, holds up against such doubt.

This movie
gets a grade of



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Intramural season offers fun, variety

By Autumn Pritchard
Staff Writer

Students looking for something fun to get involved in this fall can check out some of GHC's Intramural sports.

Co-ed basketball began at the Floyd campus on Sept. 26. In Cartersville, the co-ed flag football tournament was held on Sept. 19.

The Madden Challenge will occur at the Cartersville campus on Oct. 3. Registration for this activity ends on Oct. 2 at 11:35 a.m. Students can still join teams through Oct. 3.

A couple of other events that are taking place in October are the tennis tournament at the Floyd campus and the ultimate Frisbee tournament that is being held at Cartersville.

The tennis tournament registration ended on Sept. 11, with the tournament itself beginning on Oct. 10. Students can still join a team up to midnight on Oct. 9.

As for the Frisbee tournament, it begins on Oct. 17, with registration ending the day before, on Oct. 16.

According to David Mathis, PHED programs manager and assistant director of athletics, "Intramurals are for fun."

He also said that anyone can participate, no matter his or her athletic level, and that it is a good way to take a break from school and get some exercise.

Students that are interested in taking part in an intramural activity can register by going to www.im-leagues.com/ghcintramurals.

For information on the rules and procedures on any of the sports available, students can contact assistant men's basketball coach J.J. Merritt by email at jmerritt@highlands.edu or call 404-399-6363.



Photo by Stephanie Corona

Members of the 2016-17 baseball team run conditioning sprints in preparation for the upcoming season.

O'Neill brings 'different brand of baseball'

By Joe Webb
Asst. Sports Editor

As Georgia Highlands students transition into a new school year, the Chargers baseball program transitions into a new era, with a new man at the helm of the program.

Danyel O'Neill, better known as Dash, departed from Chattahoochee Valley Community College to take the head baseball coaching position at Georgia Highlands.

Coming from "one of the top schools in the nation at Chattahoochee Valley," O'Neill believes that "the opportunity to have a nationally competitive program of great significance" in such a talent rich area was a job he couldn't pass up.

O'Neill said his 12 years' experience is what "set the stage" for his opportunity with the Chargers athletics program. Chattahoochee Valley made it to the College



Photo by Stephanie Corona

Danyel O'Neill has taken over as new GHC head baseball coach.

World Series the past three seasons.

The team O'Neill expects on the field this season will be playing "a different brand

of baseball" than we've seen in the past. He also expects this season to put the Chargers in a position to contend for a conference champion-

ship.

The Chargers begin their season in with a three-game series against Sully Community College Feb. 5-7.

Gaffney expects best season ever for Chargers

By Joshua Mabry
Managing Ed., Sports

Phil Gaffney, GHC athletics director and head men's basketball coach, believes that this upcoming season's team could be the best yet because it is a fully developed and gifted team. It is also the oldest team that he has ever coached.

Ty'lik Evans and Kyvon Davenport are the only two returning players from last season, but that is not a concern for Gaffney.

Evans and Davenport were both nominated for GCAA Division I Freshman of the Year last season, and Evans won. Davenport finished right behind him.

There are 10 additional players, and four of them—Ty Cockfield, Rico Bonds,

Donovan Ham and D'Andre Bernard—are transfers from NCAA Division 1 universities.

Gaffney's only concern for this season is that the Chargers will be ranked highly in the NJCAA poll. He said it creates a lot of pressure to be ranked so highly.

Gaffney came to GHC in 2011 as athletics director and became the men's head basketball coach in the 2012-13 inaugural season.

The Chargers did not win a game during that first season but bounced back quickly with a 16-16 record for the second season.

The Chargers had their best season to date last year with a 33-2 record.

The Chargers won the NJCAA Region 17 title for the second year in a row, and they



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Kyvon Davenport (left) goes for the dunk as D'Andre Bernard watches.

made their second appearance at the NJCAA national tournament.

The GHC Chargers' home opener will be on Friday, Nov. 4, as part of the GHC Classic at 7:30 p.m.



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Micah Smith (left) is guarded by Delvin Lightsey during workouts.

Depth sets the 2016-17 Lady Chargers apart

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Brandan Harrell, women's head basketball coach, has been at Georgia Highlands College since the inaugural 2012-13 season and is looking forward to a great 2016-17 season.

The Lady Chargers ended last season with a 26-10 record, winning their first regional championship and making their first appearance in the NJCAA national tournament.

Harrell believes that this season's team is going to be a great one. He said these women are a "fun group" to coach and are also very talented.

"There is talent, but the ultimate success will be based on how we work as a group," said

Harrell.

He believes that the team will have to work hard to uncover the talent that they have.

Harrell said this year's team will be the deepest team yet. There are about 10 players who will be able to play for a lot of minutes.

Harrell believes that this depth is what sets this year's group apart from previous teams. There are five returning players from last season—Pam Diokpara, Sydney Garnigan, Maria Crider, Taylor Harris and Taylor Farley—as well as five new transfer players.

Harrell's biggest concern is multiple injuries, which could set the team back and make him depend on the younger players.



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The Lady Chargers practice their moves in the Floyd campus gym.

Before coming to GHC, Harrell served as the head women's basketball coach at South Georgia Technical Col-

lege, starting with that program's inaugural season in 2004.

The Lady Chargers' home

opener will be Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m. against Gadsden State in the Floyd campus gym.