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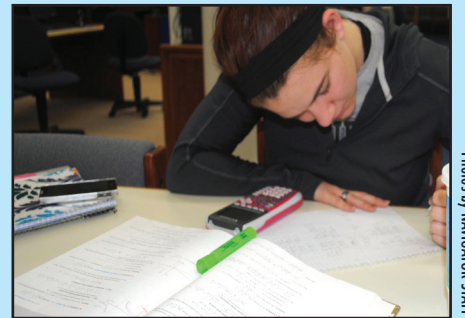
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HOW BENEFICIAL IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION?



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Piedmont's liberal arts programs offer various opportunities for its students.

By JANIE HARRIS
Sports Editor, Interim EIC

When English professor, Lisa Hodgens, was a young girl growing up in Alabama, she encountered the dean of the school of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

This dean often encouraged his medical students to pick up an English minor. While working her way through graduate school, she finally asked him why.

"You know I thought that he would say something about writing or communica-

tion, but no he said, 'If you read literature, you are imagining what it is like to be another person, and that is what I want my doctors to do,'" said Hodgens.

The American Association of Colleges and Universities defines a liberal arts education as an approach to learning that empowers individuals and prepares them to deal with complexity, diversity and change.

It goes on to explain that this type of education provides students with broad knowledge of the world with an emphasis on social re-

sponsibility, communication skills, problem solving skills as well as an ability to apply this knowledge and these skills in the real world.

"The way I see it is that it is a preparation for life, and it's not a vocational approach to college," said Hodgens.

She explained that it is about living a rich and full life which could include getting a job, but that is not the main focus. It is more about educating those who want to be educated.

This education should translate into the student becoming a successful citizen.

But some argue that education is changing.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently reported that after Feb. 28, 1967, the main reason to attend college was to get a job. But what happened on Feb. 28 that changed so many students' minds about the purpose of their education?

Newly elected governor Ronald Reagan stated that the state budget was in crisis and some luxuries would have to be cut.

At the time, California boasted about having a superior higher education sys-

tem, and Reagan promised he would do nothing to harm it. He, however, said that there were some systems that should go. He said that tax payers shouldn't be "subsidizing intellectual curiosity."

"On that day in 1967, Reagan crystallized what has since become a conventional wisdom about college," reported the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The Chronicle of High-

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CAMPUS CRIME: VANDALISM TAKEN TOO FAR

By ETHAN AMASON
Contributing Writer

Piedmont College had a wake-up call when a sophomore mass communications major, Jordyn Propst, woke up to find his car vandalized.

The windshield of his Mitsubishi Lancer was bashed in, as well as his side mirror, which was completely ripped off. The culprit also keyed the side of his car.

The side mirror was not immediately found. When he noticed that the mirror was missing, he said he looked under his car. The mirror was under his car with a threatening note written on the glass.

What most people don't know is that colleges are required to show all crime history that has happened on campus, some of which are

not good for publicity at all, like what happened here at Piedmont to Propst.

According to Assistant Police Chief Chanon Pritchard, there is still an open investigation. She said there was an arrest made, but the district attorney's office currently has the case.

The files charged were to Jacob Bozelle of Cumming, Ga. for criminal damage to property of the second degree. Bozelle was not a student here at Piedmont, but a friend of a student.

Pritchard said: "There is a fair amount of students who attend Piedmont. We do everything we can to serve and protect the students. The students also have a responsibil-

ity to protect themselves."

This is one incident, but many other criminal acts occur on college campuses every day. Crime on campus is a big deal all across America.

Even at small Division III colleges, it is still an issue.

LaGrange College's websites lists some criminal acts that have occurred there in the past few years.

Over the past eight years, they have had 58 counts of burglary, seven counts of motor vehicle theft, 10 counts of drug abuse and many other reports.

Oglethorpe College's web-

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PRESCRIBED FURRY FRIENDS FIND HOME ON CAMPUS

By PEARL OPPENHEIMER
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The first Piedmont student has been permitted to have an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) on campus. The housing department implemented the new policy this semester, which allows students to keep ESAs in dorms.

Sophomore art therapy major Leanne Hillard just moved her dog, Dixie, on campus. But Dixie is a special kind of dog. Dixie is a ESA.

She is a one-year-old mixed breed that Hillard adopted from Sylvester's Best Friends Humane Society.

According to the Emotional Support Animal Center, ESAs have their own specific category. ESAs can be any household pet that is prescribed to an individual by a



Hillard's ESA dog Dixie.

Photo courtesy of LEANNE HILLARD

mental health professional.

ESAs are different than traditional service animals, which are trained to assist their owners with special disabilities. Due to their use, these animals are classified as necessary medical equipment, and they are permitted in places that most normal pets are not.

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RES LIFE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

By MANYI ENO
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On Feb. 3, Director of Residential Education Mark Jestel sent an email to the student body about housing, Resident

Assistant applications (RA) and RA Appreciation Week.

RA applications will be

available from Feb. 13 to the 27 in the Lane Student Center.

In an interview with Jestel, he said that he has enjoyed working with this year's residential staff and is looking

forward to working more people next year.

"The RA's this year have been academically successful. They all have 4.0's," said Jestel. "A lot of people don't realize the amount of work

they do."

Junior business major Josh Schmidt said that the application process will be a little dif-

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site also listed over 17 accounts of burglary and two counts of vehicle theft.

Propst said that he was really impressed with campus police's investigation.

"I feel that the school should pay closer attention to the surroundings when patrolling at night," he said.

Pritchard said: "If they [students] see suspicious actions on campus, or someone who they know that doesn't go to the school, around all of the time, report it.

Reporting things like that can help prevent incidents like this from happening again."

ESA

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The community hall of the dorm Getman-Babcock (GB) was recently renovated in order to accommodate pet owners.

A new door was put in place, separating the hall from the rest of GB. This ensures that other students with allergies will not be affected by those dorms housing pet owners.

Hillard said, she was originally informed she could not have an ESA on campus.

However, after some discussion, the school council, along with the aid of Emily Pettit planned out a policy to permit ESAs and service animals in residence halls. This policy was put in place at the beginning of this semester.

According to the Piedmont College Handbook, the original policy said, "The general rule is no animals with hair, fur or feathers."

The new policy makes an exception to ESAs. Once the policy was approved, President James Mellichamp began to look over Hillard's case and ultimately grant her

approval. Hillard was immediately able to move her furry friend into their new home.

Many are excited about the change. Resident Assistant Jamie Doublet said that, in her opinion, this change will "provide students with a more well-rounded and stable living situation."

She also appreciates that Piedmont is "working with students on their needs on a case by case basis."

Anyone who needs to can get an Emotional Support Animal with the proper paperwork. All inquiries must be proposed to the disability department with Anne Hughes.

Hillard says she greatly benefits from having her furry friend as her new roommate.

"It's nice to come back to someone always happy to see you," she said.

SGA UPDATE

New proposals and clubs approved

By MANYI ENO
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Well into the Spring semester, the Student Government Association (SGA) had its first meeting of the semester on Jan. 28.

To start the meeting off, President Sam Thomas announced that he would like the senators to start planning elections early this semester in order for them to have an idea of who wants to run for next year's senate.

The senators decided that by the next meeting they hope to have a schedule of when to start campaigning for elections.

The association was met with four proposals during this meeting:

- The Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the Social Science Club proposed to SGA to give them \$250 to start an Open Mic Night. The members explained that the event would be campuswide and provide food for all those who attended.

- Junior psychology major Jesse Copeland, who is a part of the Social Science Club, said that the clubs plan to organize a food fundraiser that would be a pay-what-you-can.

The vote to grant them the money passed unanimously.

The Social Science Club is a new club and therefore did not have any bylaws set in place for the senators to read but was guaranteed by Copeland that he would have set bylaws to them in time.

- Senior art majors are proposing to revamp a room in the new art building. Vice president Josh McGowan presented this proposal since the spokesperson was unable to attend the meeting. McGowan proposed to the senators to grant between \$250-\$300 for the art space.

The seniors would use the space to work on art projects that would separate them from underclassmen.

McGowan proposed that the room would need to be equipped with furniture, rugs, lighting and more.

Thomas proposed to the senators to let three members form an executive committee who would then make the decision on how much money to grant. It was agreed to vote three senators to form an executive committee and decide on the proposal later.

- Senior SGA representative Kaitlin Norman proposed that SGA grant her permission to ask administration to install hardcover plastic holders to display fly-

ers in some of the campus' restrooms to form a bridge between residents on campus and commuters who do not have much knowledge about the events happening on campus.

Norman said that she is not asking for money at this time because she would like to get permission from administration first before installing anything in the restrooms.

The vote to ask permission from administration passed unanimously.

- The fourth and final proposal was presented by senior criminal justice major Benjamin Stanfield. Stanfield proposed to start a scuba diving club.

Stanfield explained that he is a diving master, already has seven members who are certified divers and more students wanting to become members and get certified.

Stanfield said that he will donate \$50 of his own money to put towards the club's budget once it gets approved and started.

The club will have no membership fee to join. The senators accepted the bylaws to start the Scuba Diving Club.

Happening in the World: News outside of Piedmont

Jury Duty: Report on how jurors are selected

By MARK TATUM
Contributing Writer

Jury duty is a type of situation that average citizens find themselves not wanting to be in. Regardless if it is a busy time of the year for someone or they simply want to avoid stress, the role of a juror may require a lot of time and responsibility.

According to the Boston Globe, Former New England Patriot's tight end Aaron Hernandez is on trial for a murder that occurred in June 2013.

The current members of the jury were allowed to watch this year's Super Bowl between the Patriots and Seahawks under the condition that Hernandez is not mentioned at any point during the event.

The Erath County Court in Texas is currently narrowing its jury pool in the trial regarding the murder of Chris Kyle, a former Navy SEAL, and his friend Chad Littlefield.

Kyle, known for being the deadliest marksman in the Iraq War, wrote a best-selling autobiography that was made into the hit film, "American Sniper."

According to USA Today, about 151 potential jurors remain in the discussion for the case against the accused killer of Kyle and Littlefield.

But how is one selected for participating in the civil and criminal court?

In 2011, Gov. Nathan Deal signed the Jury Reform Bill in an effort to change the perception and reality of the jury service in the state of Georgia.

Information is provided by



It is the civic duty of American citizens to serve jury duty.

services such as the Department of Driver Services, Department of Health and voter registration in order to find potential candidates.

When a person is selected for jury duty, they usually do not know if they will be a part of the group until the night before the trial begins. As they report in for duty, they are screened through questioning by the court to find if they present the necessary qualities for the job.

Leah Mooney, a junior mu-

sic major at Piedmont, was selected for jury duty in earlier this year.

"The process was necessary," said Mooney.

"They're trying to get a jury that is pretty unbiased, so they asked several questions to a group of about 20 people. They then went around to each one and asked questions individually."

Mooney said that out of the 20 people selected, only five were selected for the final jury.

"The whole process would've let me get back to my daily life fairly quickly. However, I was selected for the jury," said Mooney.



While it is a duty and responsibility of American citizens to serve as a juror, exceptions can be made for certain groups of people. For example, citizens over the age of 70 and citizens with a mental or physical disability are allowed exemption from the jury.

Full-time college students and primary caregivers for young children may be allowed to reschedule.

"If you're absolutely dreading it, there is a pretty good chance you won't even get picked," said Mooney.

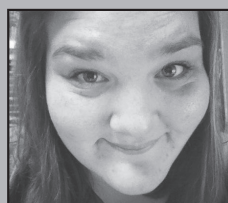
"But that's what I kept telling myself, and I happened to get picked. It was actually a surprisingly interesting experience. I was expecting to be bored throughout the whole thing, but that wasn't the case. Plus, you get paid for being there even if you aren't selected, so that's a bonus."



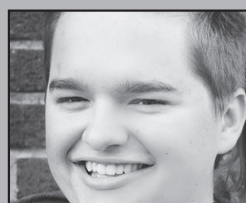
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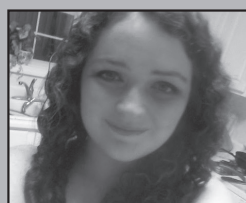
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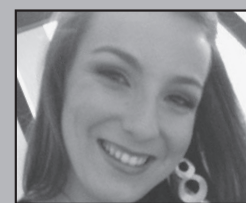


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Personality Types: An Attempt to Standardize the Unexplainable

By AMANDA DUKES
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Personalities vary from person to person.

Our identity is determined by our personalities. Our likes and dislikes, our quirks and idiosyncrasies are all aspects of our personality.

Naturally, because humans are notoriously bad at handling diversity, we try to take all these individual personalities and categorized them. Sort them, process them, and stamp them with nice, clear, cut labels written in Times New Roman, twelve point font. And, through the magic of capitalism, you can now pay people to analyze which of these labels you fall under.

Am I an INFJ on Myers – Briggs, or an INTJ? Am I Type A or Type B? As if somehow assigning standardized labels to personalities makes them more valid.

This incessant need to force something as unique as personalities into pre-packaged boxes often leads to misunderstandings – especially when the discrepancies between the boxes becomes harder to distinguish.

One such example is introversion. Everyone has heard of introverts versus extroverts—shy versus outgoing. However, those are four very different things.

Introversion describes on aspect of someone’s personality—the source of their energy. Introverts derive their energy from being alone. Many people find solitude overwhelming and uncomfortable, but for introverted people, it offers a change to recharge and decompress.

Extroverts, however, derive

their energy from other people. They thrive off social interaction. While introverts find social interaction tiring and need solitude to recharge, extroverts are the opposite. Socialization provides the energy drained from being alone.

Introversion and extroversion are often used interchangeably with shy and outgoing, which actually addresses a completely separate aspect of personality—how they approach social interaction. Shyness manifests in a

reluctance to immediately join social interactions, and it usually involves a certain level of discomfort from being the center of attention. Outgoing individuals, on the other hand, enjoy actively participating in conversation and often enjoy or seek out attention.

These four ways to explain personalities are separate qualities. Shyness and introversion are not the same thing, and they don’t always appear together.

The same is true of extroversion. It is not the same as being outgoing, and one does not necessitate the other. An introvert can be outgoing and an extrovert can be shy. However, seeing as people don’t always fit into nice, clean categories, people can exhibit all of these traits depending on their environment, experience and stage of life.

These qualities also have no impact on how individuals feel about the people around them. This is especially true of introverts.

Even though introverts love the people around them, socializing is still mentally

and emotionally draining. The same is true of shyness. It may be that someone is uncomfortable being the center of attention and wary of new environments, but that doesn’t mean they don’t want to be there. Many people interpret this desire—either to be alone or not immediately involved—as indicative of a lack of caring. However, this is not an accurate portrayal of introversion or shyness.

There’s a definite difference between wanting to leave and not wanting to be the center of attention.

Humans are messy and complex, and personalities are beautifully diverse. To make sense of this diversity, we have created a system of classification to understand and reconcile our differences. This isn’t a bad thing. In fact, it helps us to better understand those around us. The system we’ve created certainly isn’t perfect. It is impossible to codify the human experience. However, recognizing and understanding the aspects of personality as best we can is essential to understanding and respecting those around us.

FEMINISM, WHAT IS IT ACTUALLY?

By AMANDA DUKES
Staff Writer

‘Feminism’ is a word saturated in connotation. Progressive, man - hating, whiny, bold, ignorant, damaging, necessary. It provokes anger, progress, disdain and hope it never fails to incite a reaction.

The belief in the social, political and economic equality of the genders—that males and females are equal in society, politics and the economy. Many argue that we’ve already achieved this equality. We have not.

We are not equal socially. In American culture, girls are bound by strict codes of conduct. Sit up straight. That’s not lady-like. Don’t yell, that’s not lady-like. Stop roughhousing; that’s not lady-like. Girls are discouraged from acting out or being disruptive

in the slightest. But how many times have we heard the phrase, “Oh, boys will be boys,” uttered with resigned amusement? Women, also, are often dismissed on account of their perceived inability to regulate their emotions. As if, somehow, they are incapable of higher reasoning in the face of strong emotion or, heaven forbid, menstruation.

Males also suffer from the effects of women being viewed as somehow ‘lesser.’ Playground insults like “you’re a sissy,” or “you’re such a girl,” criminalize boys that exhibit stereotypically female traits, effectively degrading both genders.

Boys have phrases like

“men don’t cry,” and “be a man” drilled into them from childhood. Because, for some reason, it isn’t masculine to show emotion. This way of thinking severely damages males’ emotional development and degrades females by

“In American culture, girls are bound by strict codes of conduct.”

depicting stereotypically feminine traits as embarrassing or shameful. We are not yet portrayed equally in society.

We are not equal politically. According to the Congressional

Research Service’s report on the Senate’s official website, “a record 103 women” serve in the 113th Congress.

That sounds fantastic - but that’s only 19 percent. If our government is

by way of the Equal Pay Act of 1963, which made wage discrepancies based on gender illegal. That doesn’t mean it isn’t happening.

Obama states that women make 77 cents to a man’s dollar. He is widely criticized by Republicans who claim that number is too high. It doesn’t account for education levels, occupational types or experience levels.

However, they never argue the wage gap doesn’t exist. No one claims that the wage gap doesn’t exist. The controversy simply centers on how much of one exists.

The raw statistics reported by the Census Bureau, the

Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the American Association of University Women can all be manipulated to support a variety of claims, depending entirely on how the data is configured. All, however, demonstrate that there is an undeniable wage gap.

We all know one exists. Instead of haggling over exactly which precise percentage is accurate, shouldn’t we be focusing on eliminating the need for one entirely? It should be a one to one ratio. We are not yet represented equally in the economy.

Feminism is the belief in the social, political, and economic equality of the genders. It is not about women hating men.

It is not about women wanting to oppress men. It is not about women wanting to be independent from men. It is about women knowing they are equal to men. Gender is not indicative of competence. It is not indicative of intelligence, talent, morality, self-control or any other human trait.

So when a woman states that she is a feminist, she is not being whiny. She doesn’t hate men. She doesn’t need to ‘just calm down,’ or “accept it sweetheart, that’s just the way it is.” She needs to be respected.

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The TOFU: Your Official Source for Not-so-Real Campus News

New delivery service

By SARAH SMAGUR
Opinions Editor

Many students around campus have been complaining about the lack of dining options that can cater to the lazy and ungrateful. Well campus, fret no more.

Starting on Feb. 12, the Grill at the Johnny Mize Athletic Center will be beginning a delivery system, so students do not have to leave their dorm rooms to get a meal after the dining hall closes.

The new system will work much like other delivery restaurants. You can call the Grill, and place your order. Orders can also be placed through your PilgrimNet account.

The full menu will be available for delivery, and students are asked to allow up to an hour for your food to arrive at your dorm. However, if it takes more than two hours

from the time you placed your order, you will be privy to an exclusive Chartwells survey that could possibly earn you more Grill money.

The fee for delivery will be an extra \$3.75 added to the total of your order. The extra fee will be collected at the end of each month and put toward the purchasing of lobster for students who complete a Compass project.

The idea was sparked due to the over-crowding of the Grill. Administration thought this would be the best way to alleviate the problem and keep students happy.

There has also recently been a complaint that not every student on campus can be offered employment as originally promised. Delivery positions will be open to students on campus.

The only requirement is that you must provide your own bicycle with a basket to

transport the items to the residence halls.

Uniforms will be provided to workers. There is currently a t-shirt design contest in the works to outfit the new workers.

If you are interested in a position or have a design you would like to submit, please see Ms. Ann in the Grill for more information.

In addition to the delivery system, the Grill will be adding a few more luxuries to their current offerings. You will now be able to reserve items, such as coveted Kit Kat bars and the newest Pibb Extra.

You will also be able to call ahead for pick-up orders, so they are ready and waiting for you when you arrive.



Be the voice for campus! Share your opinions!

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"Do you have a quarter? I promised my mom I'd call her when I found the guy/girl of my dreams."

"Are you a beaver...cause dam."

"Do you know what this shirt is made of? Boyfriend material."

"Are you religious? Because you're the answer to all my prayers."

"My buddies bet me that I wouldn't be able to start a conversation with the most beautiful girl in the bar. Wanna buy some drinks with their money?"

"Are you a parking ticket? 'Cause you've got fine written all over you."

"I was so enchanted by your beauty that I ran into that wall over there. So I'm going to need your name and number for insurance purposes."

"Can I take your picture to prove to my friends angels do exist?"

Ain't even worth it



By ROSIE WALK
Contributing Writer

Even though the potholes on campus still have not been fixed, this is not an article on how that has damaged my tires in the last year or why I think they should be filled in. I am sure those are points that will continue to go unaddressed.

Silver lining though, one pothole by Wallace that my car bottoms out on every time is close to a roller coaster ride, so that is pretty fun! Psych.

This article is, however, about the continued construction as a whole and the effect it has on our campus. Let's start with the construction of the new Student Commons that, so far, is way behind schedule.

If I lived in Wallace, I would likely have a better idea of the noise level, but I do know that on an early weekday morning, I can hear beeping, crashing and other loud noises from my bed in Mayflower.

In addition to this, the crew blocks the road in front of Wallace with large machinery, and sometimes delivery

trucks just park right in the middle of the street.

Not only is this an inconvenience for students who need to drive either way down that street, it is a safety hazard because many times students will just get frustrated and drive the wrong way through the Wallace parking lot, creating a higher risk of hitting students and cars.

Taking notes from the Student Commons construction site is the Student Village construction site. Trucks are blocking Mt. Airy Road, holding up traffic and making students late. All of this in just weeks of breaking ground!

If this is a sign of what is to come, I hope students (and the entire community) are getting mentally prepared for

that frustration for the next year or so.

Then, there is the construction by the City of Demorest that is laying new pipes under on the road that runs along the back of campus.

Instead of taking the three weeks in December when very few students were on campus to knock this project out, or just to get a large chunk of the work done, the city chose to complete the work while students are living, walking around and driving on campus.

Not only is this dangerous for those of us who walk that way to class, the work shuts down different parts of certain roads without telling the students, so we are just left to navigate through the con-

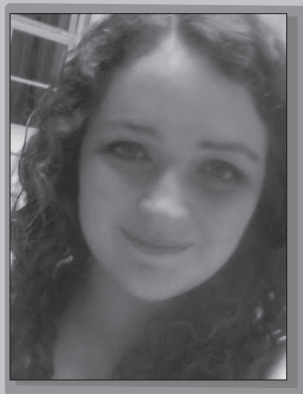
struction ourselves.

True story: I got trapped when the road behind the student center was closed going both ways, and I had to go the wrong way up the parking lot by GB.

Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results is the definition of insanity. Perhaps because I wrote yet another article about the construction and the roads on campus, I am insane.

However, administration must be equally insane if they think adding more construction to our campus is not going to continue to frustrate the student body.

Take a hike



By NATALIE GAMBRELL
A&E Editor

I often hear students complain about how there's nothing to do around campus, and in some ways, that's true.

There are very few exciting things to do at night, like in Athens, or places to shop, like in my hometown, of Buford. I, myself, was very guilty of complaining of boredom when I first started coming to school here.

I wouldn't consider myself a materialistic person, but I suddenly didn't know how to entertain myself without being surrounded by my usual places: the mall, Chipotle, Starbucks, etc.

But while there may not be some of the things in Demorest that make other places exciting, there is something that many other places cannot compare with. It is something that I think Piedmont students should try to take advantage of and appreciate during our time here: the beautiful nature around us.

In other parts of Georgia, there may be parks to walk, but at least, from my experience growing up in the suburbs, it's rare to just find uninterrupted nature.

In Buford, I would have to drive at least in hour to get to a state park.

At Piedmont, you are within close distance of two gorgeous state parks. Piedmont's campus is just 20 minutes away from Tallulah Falls and 30 minutes away from Unicoi

State Park.

Not only is nature a cure for boredom, it can also be a cure for stress and a way to exercise, two other problems that college students face daily.

One of my favorite quotes about nature as a way to escape and relieve stress is by Anne Frank.

She says, "The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God... As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles."

So for anyone at Piedmont complaining about stress, boredom or the Freshman 15, my advice would be to take a hike.



Brasstown Bald looks out onto the beautiful Northeast Georgia countryside.

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The people who work at the grill are always so nice ♡

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If I can verify my social, student id, and address, I'm pretty sure the business office can trust that I am me. What more do you want? A hair sample?

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Don't get it twisted



By CARLY HAKA
WPCZ Station Manager

Don't get it twisted, Division III doesn't mean athletic scholarships are given.

Student athletes play because they have a passion for a sport. Division III, doesn't mean your college life should revolve around your sport, and your academics should be on the back burner.

Student athletes who play a Division III sport are here for primarily one reason, and it's to receive an education. Division III does not mean Division I, and the coaches get to

own you.

The reality is, Division III athletes are giving up their time to not only represent a college but give coaches a job. So is Piedmont College treating their student athletes' right, or are their voices being silenced, because of the fear of not having a starting position during the next game?

I think the fears should be eliminated or the athletic program here will not progress for the better.

In my opinion, Division III is an incredible opportunity for the athletes and the coaches. The coaches are gaining athletes who devote time and effort to a sport they play out of sheer love.

For coaches, student athletes and Piedmont College,

this is a reminder that if something isn't right in the athletic department, do not brush it off or let it slide. Speak up, and speak up to the right person.

If someone was to take a look at the athletic programs currently, Piedmont's coaching staff is losing athletes left and right.

The cycle will continue and programs will gradually lose more and more key players to the team if no one the question as to why these athletes who came in loving a sport are leaving programs, hating it all together. Division III is for athletes who love their sport so much that they play for no incentive at all but for fun.

So for the athletic program here at Piedmont College, make it fun. Don't get it twisted.

"Division III does not mean Division I and the coaches get to own you."

FAD or flop



By CAMMIE BAGLEY
Staff Writer

It's been said that fashion is a revolving industry. The clothes, shoes and accessories that our parents wore back in their day eventually emerge into stores again during our lifetime and reappear as "cool" once more.

Some things don't take that long though. Certain items like Keds or denim tops were popular when we were younger, went out of style for a short time and then came back once we were older.

One of those things that have recently attempted to make a comeback in our young adult culture is the choker necklace.

It's the black, plastic thing that looks like it was just netted together and it clings to your neck.

You can get them in all black or with colored beads on them.

They were a pretty hot item when we were in upper elementary and middle school, so around eleven- or twelve-

years-old was when we were into them.

A lot of girls wore them, and you could buy them pretty much anywhere. The attempt of some people to bring them back recently has been minimal, but the question is, will more people want it to take off and have it become a hit again?

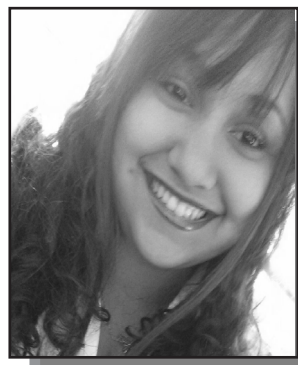
Back in my awkward middle school days, I personally never owned a choker. Not because I wasn't allowed to, I just never had a strong interest in getting one.

Some of my friends owned them though, and I do remember borrowing one once. But honestly, it was tight, and it kind of bothered me. For some reason, however, people back then really thought they were a good look. At nineteen- and twenty-years-old, I'm just not sure if a choker will still look as cool as it did back in 2005.

I see the attempt with some girls around campus, and while I encourage people to express their personal style, I don't think the choker is going to take off in 2015. Not enough people like them or care to buy them anymore, and if something is going to make a comeback and be considered "in style," it's got to be something that a lot of people are into.

The choker, sadly enough for our middle school selves, is just a flop in our adult years.

I dream of civilization



By IRIS JHON
Staff Writer

hours to come to this school found out that they had to travel back hours to be surrounded by any type of village, mall or the city.

The students that found the college were so excited to go attend it, but when they got there, they found out that the school that they fell in love with was not the same.

The teachers were out of their mind. The tasty food died down, and it started to get bad. Even the same people that were nice during the first week had turned into ogres.

The poor girl that had travel miles to attend this prestige college was very disappointed.

She had looked at pictures and had even come to visit, but it was not until she had moved in and started paying for the college that she found out that the school was different.

The girl was use to having friends and getting along with everyone. In this school, she could not. So far, she had made two friends, Racheal and Mandy, and they did and went everywhere together because they were afraid of be-

ing by themselves.

One day, Racheal and the girl were summoned to the RA's room, where their roommates were waiting anxiously. Once there, they asked Racheal and the girl to move rooms. They said since Racheal and the girl spent a lot of time together, it would be better if they move in together.

The girls were nothing but suspicious. They had so many thoughts running through their heads. They wondered why now?

Why wait till now to move rooms? But they didn't care, they were just glad that they were going to be sharing a room together.

Everything was becoming to be better in the school. The only problem, still, was that the school was so far away from civilization, and the girls got so bored.

"Hopefully," they thought. "There will be a day that is not so far away. I miss shopping and going out. This school needs to be a little less secluded. Maybe then more people will hear about it and enroll."



in a land far far away, there was a village. In that village, there was a college.

The college had students from all over the world. They all came to this college to get a degree. But what they did not know was that this college was so far away from civilization.

The student that traveled



PUBLIC DOMAIN

The choker has been a long beloved fashion item, but is it time to say goodbye?

chokers: flop

Alcohol Poisoning: It can be deadly!

By JESSIE OWENSBY
Staff Writer

You know that completely epic night that involved a lot of partying, drinking and fun? What? You only remember parts of it? It turns out the epic night that could forever leave you with the best college memories is not so healthy. Surprised? You shouldn't be.

According to the National Institute of Health, an estimated 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, which includes motor vehicle crashes.

Additionally, Each year an estimated 400,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 have unprotected sex, and more than 100,000 students in the same age range were too intoxicated to remember if they had consented to having sex.

The Mayo Clinic describes binge drinking as "a pattern of heavy drinking when a male rapidly consumes five or more alcoholic drinks within two hours, or a female downs at least four drinks within two hours. An alcohol binge can occur over hours or last up to

several days."

If this sounds surprisingly familiar to your weekend or even weekday activities, you may be at risk.

Do you know that binge drinking is more dangerous than chronic alcoholism? This is because of the process that the alcohol goes through when it enters the blood stream. The liver has to metabolize the sugar from the alcohol. Chronic alcoholics absorb alcohol slowly over time. The liver has time to adjust to the shock of the alcohol. When binge drinking, the liver does not have time to metabolize the alcohol, and instead, it just shuts down and stops functioning.

Drinking at Piedmont College has been known to happen of a regular basis, even though the campus policy is not to allow alcohol on the premises.

Chief of Police Dick Martin stated in an email, "We are not required to distinguish alcohol calls from general medical calls, so I would not be able to provide information on alcohol calls specifically." However, as best we can recall, we have had 4-5 instances that officers had felt the need to take a student to the ER to be checked out

due to excessive amounts of alcohol in their system."

This can lead to death. According to College Drinking Prevention, "Alcohol poisoning is not to be taken lightly." This is a serious issue, and it can kill you.

If you are planning to drink, please be sure to do it responsibly. Responsibility does not only mean "Don't Drink and Drive." It also means to stay aware of your surroundings. You should know your limits. Know when to stop drinking, and help your friends do the same.



Alcohol poisoning causes serious medical problems.

Photo by NICOLE COUMBO

The Mayo Clinic has provided a list of symptoms and complications to watch for. These include:

1. **Choking.** Alcohol may cause vomiting. Because it depresses your gag reflex, this increases the risk of choking on vomit if you've passed out.
2. **Stopping breathing.** Accidentally inhaling vomit into your lungs can lead to a dangerous or fatal interruption of breathing (asphyxiation).
3. **Severe dehydration.** Vomiting can result in severe dehydration, leading to dangerously low blood pressure and fast heart rate.
4. **Seizures.** Your blood sugar level may drop low enough to cause seizures.
5. **Hypothermia.** Your body temperature may drop so low that it leads to cardiac arrest.
6. **Brain damage.** Heavy drinking may cause irreversible brain damage.
7. **Death.** Any of the issues above can lead to death.

SEX TRAFFICKING TARGETS NOT CHOSEN AT RANDOM

By XANDY GREEN
Contributing Writer

From the moment a girl is contacted by a pimp, she is no longer in control of her life. So why do these young women trust these men without doubt?

How do they get thrown down a path that is so destructive mentally and physically? The type of women who are targeted is not random at all.

The Urban Institute surveyed 70 imprisoned pimps about their lifestyle and the women who they controlled at one point. All 70 said that they tried to recruit white women because that is who the client was more likely to purchase.

Pimps also believe that white women are easier to manage

and more likely to blend in with their surrounding environment. Most pimps said "The younger the better when it comes to women because they are more desired by the 'johns,' and more easily manipulated, and they can charge more.

According to the Urban Institute, in the blink of an eye, the young woman no longer has a name, the young woman only has one thing important to offer a man, and she is just part of the pimp's "stable" or "herd."

These females are drugged in the morning to wake up and clean the apartment or living area from the night before. They are drugged and heavily intoxicated before being sent to the streets, hotel or parties at night. Then, after being forced to sleep with up to 50

men in a single night, these helpless women are drugged to get some sort of sleep. As this becomes a routine, these victims become addicts, which is just one more way that the pimp has control over her.

Pimps will go days without feeding their girls, so that the young women are appreciative of what they do for them. The young women have no control over anything in their lives. Their pimp even picks out their wardrobe. Whenever she is sent out in public, she is forbidden to make eye contact with anyone. The other girls in the "stable" are not allowed to speak to each other and are immediately separated into motel rooms once they reach a destination. According to The Urban Institute, pimps want to instill a sense of competition between the girls and en-

sure that they are not becoming friends or plotting to run away. They motivate the girls by playing off of their living needs, safety, lodging and dependency on drugs or alcohol.

According to a study of pimps and sex trafficking done by CNN money, many women are expected to bring in \$500 in one day of business. By establishing quotas for each night, the pimp is making sure a steady profit is coming in.

He will punish the young women if they step out of line or do not bring home to quota to make an example out of them in front of the other girls. In some cases, pimps will load his "herd" into commercial trucks, ship them across the state and when that door opens, a number of women would be drug out of the back. The women feel as if they were

cattle, and their existence was imaginative. Even the truck driver is usually fully aware of the business he is involved in and is paid for by his choice of women from the bunch.

Often times the pimp will abuse the personal relationship the young women first established with him by threatening to kill or abuse their family. The pimp will "check in" on the people these women care about and show photos to keep that fear of him instilled in them.

At the end of the day, these women feel as if there is no hope, and nowhere to turn to. What most people don't know is that we can be that light for some young woman out there. All it takes is first knowledge and action.

Res Life

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-ferent than it has been in previous years.

"The application isn't as extensive as it has been, which is an improvement from previous years," said Schmidt.

On Feb. 12, there will be an informational session about the application and interview process at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Lane Student Center Gym.

Jestel said that once applications are out and students send

them in, the interview process will then begin after spring break.

However, a few students have heard that the interview process can be a nerve-wrecking experience.

"I hope that it won't be too stressful," said Jestel. "It's going to be a couple of different processes. It's just going to be where applicants can showcase their skills and how they interact with others."

Jestel said that being on the

residential staff is a time consuming responsibility.

"Lots of times students only see a friendly face in the hallway on the surface, but they don't see all of the work that RAs have," said Jestel.

Jestel explained that RAs have to have weekly meetings with their supervisor and staff, plan three different types of programs per month, be on duty for four weekends of the month in the office and one week night per week on week

days.

However, in the midst of all the responsibilities, there is a reward of communication skills and learning experience for all who get involved.

"The job is definitely at times a hectic position, but it is a lot of fun to work with people on the staff and as a RA you get to know your residents on a personal level," said Schmidt.

Senior business major Emily de Lorenzo said that while being an RA, she feels like she

has helped her residents grow.

"Some advice to future RA's it is extremely hard to get residents to come to events," said de Lorenzo.

"I would suggest applicants to talk to their current RA's because the best person to tell you about the position is someone going through it," said Jestel.

Education

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-er Education also reported about 75 percent of college freshmen stated that it was essential to develop a meaningful philosophy of life, and about a third of freshmen felt that being well off financially was essential. Today the fractions are flipped.

Hodgens says that she sees many students that believe they are here just to learn for one job.

"If you are just training for one particular job then what is going to happen when that job disappears?" said Hodgens.

Today, the average worker stays at a job for about four

years before switching to another, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and it reports that those four years are only to become shorter from here.

"A liberal arts education is important because you have this broad base of skills," said Hodgens.

Hodgens explained that somehow the idea of a liberal arts education became tied with an idea of elitism rather than becoming a better citizen.

"We are privileged to have the kind of education that we do have, but we take it so much for granted. It is like we are being made to get an edu-

cation when people are dying to have the kind of educational freedoms that we have," said Hodgens.

But the idea of going to college to learn what we have to in order to get a job still lurks in students' minds. Hodgens said that this is a powerful cultural message.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that Catherine Liu said a liberal arts education was the postwar era's dream, but after the Cold War, college became viewed as a redistributive process where schools teach vocational skills so people can get jobs. It is now all about training.

"But it misses the point

because there are all kinds of things in our life that we need preparation for, and a job is one of those. I think colleges are more cognate of the fact that they need to help their students find positions and professions," said Hodgens.

Recent media topics loom in students' heads. Even the Chronicle of Higher Education said, "Today's news stories lament bartenders with chemistry degrees."

Hodgens said that even her daughter, whom received a degree from a liberal arts school, struggles with the idea that after receiving her degree she only makes so much money.

Hodgens argues that her daughter has not lived her life yet, and that she is currently using the skills she learned to make a better life for herself.

Employers want students who have more skills, and according to Hodgens, that is what a liberal arts education can give a student.

"They want engineers who can build a bridge and think about its effects on the environment and surrounding community. Nurses should know how to draw blood and consider the cultural influences that might keep patients from taking their medication," reported the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Graduation fees: What do they exactly do here?

By **ETHAN AMASON**
Contributing Writer

The graduation fee for Piedmont College is \$75 for undergraduate, and \$100 for a graduate degree.

This is actually cheaper than some of the other division III colleges in Georgia. LaGrange College charges \$100 for undergraduate degrees, and \$150 for Graduate degrees.

Why should students have to pay to graduate after paying thousands of dollars each year just to get to graduation? Countless students complain about all of the hidden fees that go into a college.

What some students fail to realize is that college is not cheap. There are many things that go on behind the scenes that take money to do. College is a business, without money, the business cannot run.

Kaitlin Norman a senior biology major here at Piedmont said, "I don't understand why the \$75 application fee doesn't come with our tuition. I feel as if my parents already pay the school enough, I feel the fee should be included."

Some students may get confused when they hear the words "graduation fees".

Pencils \$1.00
Average college tuition \$31,231.00
Dorm down payment \$50.00
Graduation Fee \$75.00

Total \$31,357.00
That's a lot of money!



There seems to be a lot of confusion.

Colleges charge a fee for the application to graduate, commonly known as the processing fee. Some colleges charge that fee as well as the fees to pay for the cap and gown, the diploma and other things that involve graduation like thank you cards. The question is should the college pay for that? Or should the students pay for it?

Another student here at Piedmont Alec Jameson, a se-

nior biology major, said, "I understand having to pay for our diploma. I also believe that after we spend all four years and paying all four years of tuition, Piedmont could at least wave the fee."

Students don't feel that it is right to have to pay to graduate. What many of these students don't understand is what they are paying for maybe worth the cost. Students pay for a diploma that could open so many doors for them in the future.

Navigator Wins Awards At GCPA

The Piedmont College Student Newspaper, The Navigator, won eight prestigious awards from the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) for journalism excellence in 2014. Navigator staffers were honored at the Better Newspaper Contest Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Classic Center in downtown Athens.

The Navigator won second place for Best Campus Community Service in Sports Writing for "solid coverage of games and events," according to the judge. The Navigator also won third place for Editorial Excellence. A judge commented, "The Navigator understands the importance of providing an open forum and giving its readers a voice."

In individual categories, former editor Alexandra Smith won first place for sports photography; former photojournalist Summer Lewis won

second place for sports photography. And News Editor Manyi Eno won second place for both sports photography and news photography. Former editor Megan Studdard won third place for news photography and current photo editor Nicole Columbo won third place for sports photography.

Webmaster Michelle Thompson, Living Editor Lauren Bartlett, Sports Editor Janie Harris, News Editor Manyi Eno, Photojournalist Alexandra Smith, Arts and Entertainment Editor Natalie Gambrell and Features Editor Caleb Wilkie represented the Navigator at this year's Georgia College Press Association's Press Institute. The Navigator received awards for sports coverage, editorial excellence and photography.



Navigator staff shows off their awards.

Photo courtesy of KANSEY NIX

Compass program gets mixed reviews

A look at what students are thinking

By **HALEY HALL**
Staff Writer

The compass project is a requirement for freshmen and sophomore students who plan to graduate from Piedmont College. The sophomores, the freshman and transfers with less than twenty-four credit hours are required to do this project.

Some Piedmont students have said that it is not fair, that it is a waste of time and that it is a work overload. Piedmont established this program about two years ago.

Why did Piedmont decide to make this a requirement? According to Piedmont's Compass website it states that, "Recognizing the capacity of undergraduate education to be all-encompassing, the Piedmont College Compass Program (PCCP) expands the scope of the academic inquiry

to include experiential learning. These ventures cultivate a sense of direction while providing tools to navigate myriad spheres of responsibility."

So what exactly is the Compass program? The head of the compass program and chaplain of the college, Ashley Cleere, defined it as, "An experiential learning requirement that encourages students to think outwardly and be engaged with individuals other than themselves."

The compass experimental learning endeavors (ELEs) can include an assortment of projects including: science experiments, athletic pursuits, internships, travel, volunteerism, entrepreneurial activity and artistic expression. Students can choose from the long broad list of projects.

Marissa Akin, biology major here at Piedmont College said, "Even though we have a long list to choose from, I am still unclear about the directions and process I need to

go through. Piedmont has not done a very good job with explaining and trying to get us involved with this project. The first time I've heard about the Compass Program since my freshman year orientation was just a couple weeks ago from my advisor."

According to a bulletin board posted by Cleere and the compass program, only five percent of students have started projects. Because of this, the president is having a contest for those who have started on the compass program to win a fancy dinner. He is hoping to encourage students to start on their projects.

Piedmont students have to fill out a couple of different forms. If you do not complete all forms and submit them, you cannot graduate from Piedmont College.

Students also have to come up with a project under one of the points, get an advisor, turn in a proposal and wait to see if it passes. Is it because they

are unclear about directions like Marissa has said or is it because students do not know the consequences if they do not complete the projects?

The submission forms for the experiential learning endeavor (ELE), collaborative

experimental learning endeavor (CELE), and the précis, or summary what you learned, can all be found under the student forms sections on the left side of the compass page of PilgrimNet.



Students are required to complete so many compass points before graduation.

Photo courtesy of PIEDMONT COMPASS PROGRAM

Ash Wednesday



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and
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February 18, 2015
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Something wicked this way comes

Piedmont College Theatre puts modern twist on Shakespeare's Macbeth

By NATALIE GAMBRELL
A&E Editor

William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," is coming to the Mainstage, but it is probably not like you have ever seen it before. Instead of the traditional setting of the story, Piedmont's version, directed by John Speigel, takes place in modern day Ukraine.

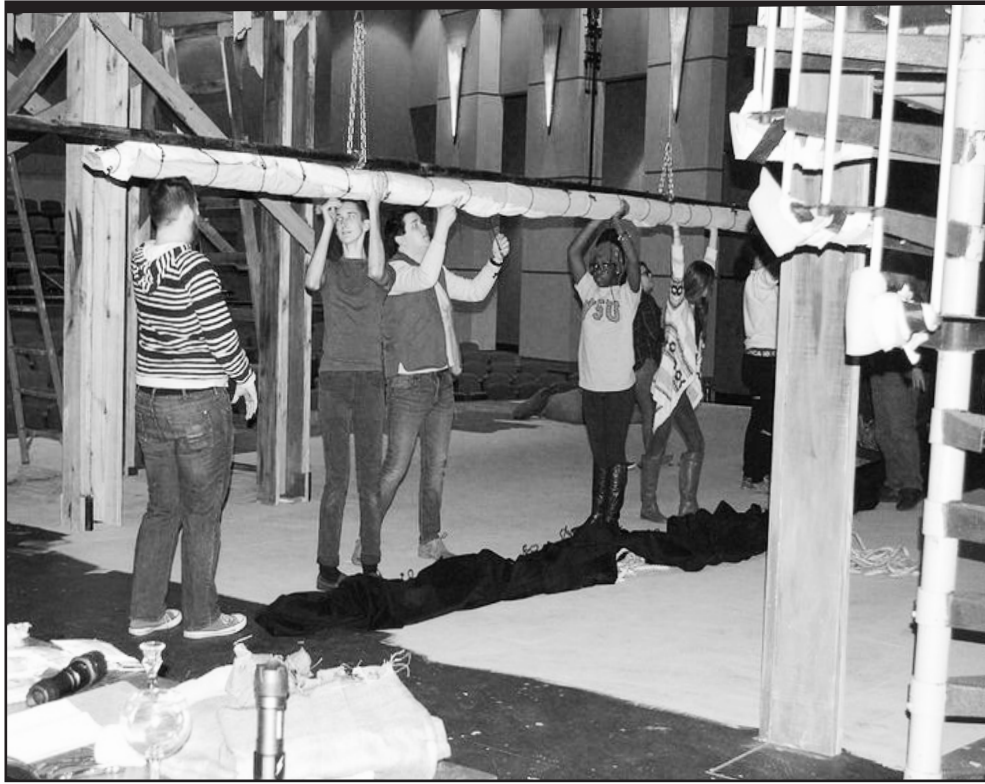
"John's thoughts were that Macbeth would make a great movie hero today," said sophomore theatre and mass communications double major Pearl Oppenheimer.

Modernized Shakespeare has become prevalent in pop culture over the years with "10 Things I Hate about You" as an adaptation of "Taming of the Shrew" and "West Side Story" as an adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet." However, this is the first time Piedmont theatre has taken a modern spin on Shakespeare.

While the play keeps the traditional text of the Shakespeare play, the cast and crew is working hard on making the sets and costumes reflect the modern day situation in the Ukraine.

"I wear business suits. I'm technically the wife of a general, but I also become the wife of the King of Scotland," said Oppenheimer, who plays Lady Macbeth.

Many of the characters play soldiers and for those



Left: The cast and crew works rearranges the set, Top right: Costume Designer Jessica Williams looks through her work, Bottom Left: The tank used in the production



Photos by NATALIE GAMBRELL

characters, many of the costumes were repurposed from old army uniforms.

"Mine and Macbeth's were traditionally army uniforms," said junior theatre major Jamie Doublet. "It really helps get me in character and put me in the mindset."

Another way this production differs from other versions of Macbeth is its open minded attitude towards cast-

ing.

"What he did is not use a gender bias in casting even though a lot of them were traditionally male roles," said Doublet, who plays Banquo, Macbeth's right hand man.

Banquo is traditionally a male role, but along with many others, it is changed to a female role in this production due to the flexible casting decisions made by Speigel for

this production.

"It took me two weeks to just adjust and remember I was playing a girl," said Doublet. "But it's cool to play such a powerful role as a woman."

Piedmont's theatre is hoping to bring a modern and exciting twist to this classic story.

"You could think Marvel Comics, lots of battles and lots of shooting," said Op-

penheimer.

If you want to check it out, Macbeth will be showing in the Mainstage Feb. 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 and Feb. 15 at 2:30p.m. Tickets can be bought by calling 706-778-8500 ext. 1355 or visiting piedmont.edu/fa

"Trillium"

A look behind the scenes of Piedmont's literary and art journal

By KENYA CHANEY
Staff Writer

Looking for a way to express your outlet with literature and art? Piedmont's

Trillium may be your answer. Trillium is Piedmont College's literary and art journal. The project was established in 2006 by Professor of English Lisa Hodgins.

In 2009, the project was handed to Professor of English Sian Griffiths. In 2012, Griffiths collaborated with Graphic Design Professor Kaitlin Wilson Botts.

The Navigator spoke with Professor Kaitlin Wilson Botts, who is the assistant professor of art graphic design. Botts first came to Piedmont in 2009 and since then has been a part of Trillium.

"The first year I came here we designed Trillium as a website. Before, it had basically been photocopied and passed around. I had originally put it together as a design class. The literature class would get together on the literature submissions, and my class would design the publication. In 2010, we decided to switch to a magazine format," she says.

Botts encourages students from all majors to be involved with Trillium.

She says, "You don't really have to have an art background to really enjoy the class. You just have to have an opinion. Some students in the class are graphic designers, some of them are artists and some of them are photographers. But then we have some students who are more general than that. There are many ways for them to participate even though they aren't artists or designers. Trillium is a nice general class that anybody can take and enjoy."

Botts has future plans for Trillium.

She says, "This year we're doing a magazine format. We're also doing fund raising to build up our budget. One of the things students talk about is the format. Should we do a magazine format? Should we do a website? So I think when we get a lot more funds in the future we can get more creative with what Trillium can actually look like. Our biggest issue right now is we want people to know what Trillium is on campus. Awareness on campus is our biggest goal for the next couple of years."

Being involved with Trillium can offer a fruitful experience for everyone. "I want students to know that their opinion matters. Everyone has opinions on design whether you have a background or not.

I want students to have experience with participating in a collaborative project. In a lot of classes, you just sit there and do your own thing. For Trillium, it's great to have students come in and have different opinions and put together a successful publication." Botts says.

Sophomore art and Trillium student Ricky Kujanpaa says, "It's a bringing together of art and literature and the entire campus. Surprisingly there are a lot of people who are not art majors who do submit. We do need more people involved. We would like everyone to submit their talent, and share it with the world."

Trillium is currently in its production stages. There is a chance at a cash prize and becoming a published artist for those who do submit. If interested, please submit your artwork to the Martins Building on Feb. 11 and 12 from 9a.m. to 6 a.m. for jurying. For all digital work, please send to

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"The Moon's a Harsh Mistress"

Marc Deaton, dramatic tenor, surprises audience in the chapel with an unique performance

By NATALIE GAMBRELL
A & E Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 5, pianist Michael Fennelly and dramatic tenor Marc Deaton visited the Chapel with a program of love songs.

The program, entitled "The Moon's a Harsh Mistress: Songs of the Moon, Stars, Love and Passion," was a mixture of classical pieces with more modern popular music selections.

The program ranged from composers like Puccini and Benjamin Britton to songs by artists like Elton John and Paul Simon.

"These songs have become my very best friends throughout my life," said Deaton.

Deaton also made it clear that when it came to song choice, the intended voice part was not a concern to him, as he sang many songs originally intended for soprano voice parts.

Deaton said, "I've just always looked for pieces that call to me."

The program opened with Fennelly playing "Prelude in C Minor, Opus 28, Number 20" by Frederic Chopin but with a surprising twist. Towards the end of the piece, Deaton burst through the door and joined Fennelly on-stage, turning the song into a mashup with a song by the Animals.

Explaining the unexpected number of popular songs selected for the program, Deaton said, "I wasn't always interested in classical music. I came to classical music from the other way around."

A common thread throughout the recital was Deaton's clear love for French music, including the pieces, "Après un reve," by Gabriel Faure, "Hotel from Banalities" by Francis Poulenc and "Non Je Ne Regrette Rien," by Charles Dumont.

"The French do what they want when they want it," said Deaton.

Throughout the recital, Deaton weaved his songs in

with stories about his life and consistently put an innovative twist on the traditional classical pieces he selected.

For the piece "E Lecean le Stelle/ Tosca," by Giacomo Puccini, he told a story about how when he was younger and got nervous about singing, his mentor gave him the advice to calm down, sit down and just sing the song. In order to convey this advice to the audience, Deaton sat down on the floor of the stage while singing the song.

Deaton and Fennelly ended on a hopeful note with, "Morgen (Tomorrow)," by Richard Strauss.

"The one thing I'm confident about is tomorrow," said Deaton. "Tomorrow looks really good. The sun still rises and sets. I feel really good about tomorrow."



Photo courtesy of MARC DEATON

"American Sniper" Review: 5 stars

By AVERY LENOX
Contributing Writer

"American Sniper" was released Jan. 16, 2015, by Warner Brothers pictures. The film chronicles the career, life and legacy of United States Navy SEAL Chris Kyle.

Kyle served four tours in the Iraq War and is America's most lethal sniper with 160 confirmed kills.

In 2012, he released an autobiography about his experiences titled "American Sniper," which Bradley Cooper signed on to produce and star in, and Clint Eastwood signed on to direct.

Bradley Cooper and Sienna Miller, who played Kyle and his wife, were nominated for Academy Awards. They were praised for their resemblance to the real-life people.

The film is doing very well critically and commercially with six Academy Award nominations and nationwide profit coming in at \$323,894,133 against a budget of \$60 million.

This is Eastwood's high-



Photo courtesy of THE FEDERALIST

Bradley Cooper plays Navy SEAL Chris Kyle in action on the battlefield in this Academy Award nominated film.

est-grossing film to date. It is also the highest-grossing war film in North America.

The film details Kyle's life from the moment he decided to join the military until he comes home after his final tour.

It is obvious that the film was directed by Clint Eastwood, and you can sense his influence. It tells you the whole story through Kyle's perspective, without changing the story as in classic Hollywood tradition.

Instead, it shows all sides of an American hero who devoted his life to his country. When watching this film, you will not feel as if you are being swayed to feel a certain way about the Iraq war, but you will learn more about Kyle and the responsibilities of Navy SEALs on the battlefield.

We follow Kyle as he starts out without any status or reputation in the military to eventually becoming a legend because of his pinpoint accu-

racy with guns and number of confirmed kills.

We learn how Kyle met his wife Taya Kyle and how his success on the battlefield affected his home life.

Although Eastwood focuses on the heroic and honorable moments of Kyle's life, he does not shy away from the more sensitive aspects such as his marriage, his children and the mental illness he suffered from that was triggered by the war.

I thought the film was very

well put together, and the Director Clint Eastwood considered all parts of his life when creating the film. I would recommend this film to a anyone thinking of seeing it.

The Navigator gives
"American Sniper"



What's new?



Kodaline album
Feb. 10th



Piedmont Theatre's
"Macbeth"
Feb. 12



"50 shades of Grey"
Feb. 14th



Enid Williams
Art Exhibit
Feb. 19th



Maroon 5 Concert
Feb. 19th

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Lions beat Maryville by buzzer beater

By HALEY HALL
Staff Writer

The Piedmont College men's and women's basketball teams faced the visiting Scotts of Maryville College on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., in Cave Arena.

The men's team walked away with a win in the last seconds of the game with a buzzer beater by second-year guard Trae Gaines. However, the women's team was not as lucky, losing 71-58.

The men's team got started by leading offensively, with Chris Meeks making the first point for the team. The Lions and the Scotts went back and forth, one scoring after the other. By the end of the first half, the Lions were winning by four points.

Justin Vallejo, a first-year forward, came back into the second half of the game scoring for the Lions by making a free throw. Vallejo said he wanted to win this game because it's an important game, and they are one of the top teams.

With about one minute left in the second half, the teams were close. Piedmont was behind by one point, 57-56.

Second-year forward Chase England made a layup, and the Lions were able to take the lead. Following England's shot, Meeks tipped in the missed layup by second-year guard Peyton Luken, making the score 60-59. The Scotts scored with two seconds left, putting them up by one point.

Gaines moved the basketball down and shot from half court with milliseconds left on the clock. The basketball swished through the net, and this buzzer beater landed Piedmont on ESPN in the days following the game.

Gaines said, "It wasn't a good game personally for me, but the shot at the end was a dream come true—a shot that basketball players dream about—winning a game at the buzzer."

The Piedmont Lions fought for the amazing win against the Scotts, winning by two points. This 63-61 win helped the Lions, making them now 9-9 overall and 4-4 in the con-

ference.

First-year forward Landry Assinesi said: "We really played well as a team. It was an exciting game, and we all were just trying to have fun while playing because that makes all the difference. The

"...the shot at the end of the game was a dream come true..."

- Second-year guard Trae Gaines

game was won by our drive to not give up."

The woman's basketball team took on Maryville College that same afternoon. The game started with the Scotts scoring. Third-year guard Lashanda Jones scored the first basket for the Lady Lions.

The teams battled neck and neck, making the game extremely exciting for the crowd.

At half time, Piedmont was losing by seven points, 39-32.

But during the second-half, the Lady Lions struggled to gain a lead over the Scotts. Third-year guard/post Mary Kate Rushton was able to tie up the game, but when the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Lions left the court disappointed.

Jones said: "The game against Maryville was just an obstacle that our team has to put behind us. All we can do is learn from our mistakes and come together as a team to make sure we get them next time we face them. We have a lot of big games coming up, and it would be great to win these last games leading to conference. But as a team, we have to work together to make each other better to overcome all competition."

Rushton lead her team with the most points. Coming in close behind Rushton offensively was Jones, racking up some points for her team.

Despite Rushton and Jones leading this game, the players all worked well together as a team that night, according

to Rushton and Jones. They connected passes to finish their set plays, but in the end, they could not get the win.

Rushton agreed with Jones about being upset about the lost over the Scotts. Rushton said: "I think we lost because we were tied near the end of the game. Then, we let Maryville go on a 13-0 run, and we didn't score when we needed to. I think we are great at handling adversity, so we just have to move on to the next game and work on finishing the game without any letups and get defensive stops."

The final score of the game was 71-58. This pushed their overall record to 15-3 and their conference record to 8-2.

The next time the Piedmont College basketball teams hit Cave Arena's hardwoods will be on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, where the teams will be going up against the Lagrange Panthers for the second time this season. The men are to play at 2 p.m., and the women follow them at 4 p.m.

Leading Lion

#33 Trae Gaines, Basketball



Position:
Guard
Major:
Athletic Training
Birthday:
Dec. 8, 1994

Hometown:
Dewy Rose, Ga.

Playing since:
5 years old

Favorite pump-up song:
"I Go" by Lil Durk

Favorite athlete:
Lebrun James

Goal for this season:
to win the conference and national championships.

Softball prepares to defend USA South title

By JUSTIN VALLEJO
Staff Writer

The Piedmont College Lady Lions' softball team looks to defend their title as the USA South regular season champions and tournament champions in their upcoming season.

The Lady Lions were picked to finish in first place in the preseason coaches' poll for the USA South Conference. Last season, the Lady Lions had a season with a strong record of 43-8, and they are hoping to grow even more this season.

Head Coach Terry Martin said he is really excited for this year's team and is looking to have yet another successful year.

"The main goal is to get to the NCAA tournament and get to the super regional," said Martin. "We have to depend on a lot of freshman and young pitchers."

The Lady Lions have 11 returners on the roster for this year. Martin said one returner to look out for this season is fourth-year short stop Whitney Wolfe.

"She is a great leader on the field who is quiet, but she gets the job done," Martin said.

Also another returner to look out for is third-year infielder Abby Smith.

Martin said, "Last year was her first year playing, and she has a lot of maturity."

The Lady Lions have 14 first-year players, and the team said they hope to have a lot of support from these young guns. First-year



The Lady Lions spend a lot of time practicing batting.

infielders Becka Ross and Allyson Gentry are some freshmen to keep an eye out for this season, according to Martin. He said both of these players have a chance to make a major impact on this year's season.

"Both girls are athletic and have shown us a lot of experience for being so young," said Martin.

Ross said she isn't looking too far down the road right now.

"I take it one game at a time. One of the biggest goals is to win the conference championship this year and build onto the success of last year's team," said Ross.

Gentry said she is just trying to get as far as last year's team.

Gentry said: "The biggest goal that I have this year is to help the team make it as far as they did last year and to

improve even more. During the offseason, I kind of struggled because I started a new position. I wasn't ready yet, but with all of the work that we have been doing, I'm more prepared for spring now."

Being picked to finish first out of 13 teams is something that has come natural for the Lady Lions, but it means the target on their back is getting bigger every year.

Martin said: "It comes from tradition with being picked first in the conference from last season. I believe that they will step up, and our goal is more than just winning the USA South anyways."

Some teams that Martin said could give the Lady Lions a run for their money are Averett University and Huntingdon College. Averett University received two first place votes in the preseason,

so they could have a large effect on the Lady Lions success this season.

Another challenge that the Lady Lions could face this year is themselves. The question that Martin is asking himself is "Are we going to be healthy or not?" This is his biggest concern over every other challenge that his team can possibly face this year.

The Lady Lions first game of the year is away at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., on Feb. 17. After that game, the Lions will head back home for the home opener of the season on Feb. 19 against Agnes Scott.

Martin said the fans can expect a lot of excitement for building onto the success of last year's team as the Lady Lions hope to make it to the super regional.



The team received some experience when they played their first junior varsity game last week.

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Baseball to finish third in their league

By CAMMIE BAGLEY
Staff Writer

The Piedmont College baseball team is gearing up for the 2015 season in a big way. Selected in the USA South Preseason Poll to finish third in their league, they are ready to start a winning season.

Last year the team finished 25-14, putting them fourth in their conference. They also had five players make all-conference, and four of those five will be returning for this season.

Those returning players include third-year infielder Will Skidmore, third-year outfielder Evan Gresham, third-year pitcher Allen Tozark and third-year first baseman Breck Davidson. This year the team is preparing for season through practices every day with one day off.

Second-year infielder Griffin Olson said: "We are getting ready for the season by practicing every day and twice on the weekends with usually Monday off. We do a lot of defensive drills at the beginning, followed by team defense. At the end, we always take batting practice as a team to finish up the day. We also scrimmage a lot to make sure our pitchers are ready to throw when the first game comes around."

This year the team has some advantages that they plan to use against their opponents. They have 10 seniors that have been teammates for most of their college baseball career.

This familiarity with one

another makes for a strong team with exceptional leadership that can work well together, according to Olson. They also have some new faces that will give them an edge.

First-year outfielder Michael Craig said: "We have a very talented freshman class with a lot of good personalities. We feel like we add a lot of solid depth to the program and will be a great core group moving forward."

Though they do have some great benefits that will play in their favor, they have some challenges to face as well.

Head Coach Jim Peeples said: "I think the biggest

"We are playing with almost all of the same guys from last year..."

- Third-year infielder Will Skidmore

challenge is maturity. We're a very physically talented team. There's an awful lot that we do really well, but from a mental standpoint we need to bring the right consistency every day. Being able to put consistent efforts back to back is really our biggest challenge. If we can do that and play at a high level, which I think we're capable of doing, the rest of the stuff will take care of itself."

They are also playing against some tough teams,

such as Covenant and Ferrum, who both finished ahead of Piedmont last year. They will have to play against one of their biggest rivals, Emory. Despite those challenges they will face along the way, the team is extremely excited and ready to get the season started.

Skidmore said: "I would have to say I'm the most excited about the team we have this year. We are playing with almost all of the same guys from last year, and we have great depth at every position, which is going to make us tough to beat."

An exciting game that fans should watch out for will be the weekend that they face Covenant on Feb. 20-21 at Loudermilk Stadium. Covenant was chosen to finish right above Piedmont at number two in the USA South Pre Season Poll.

Peeples said: "I think a third place finish would be a disappointment for everyone. We found out that we're going to host the regional again, and especially for the seniors, I think they'd love to play in a regional being played at Piedmont College. We've got to do an awful lot to get to that point, but that is our final destination on this trip. So we've just got to make sure we're taking care of all the little stuff along the way."

The 2015 season is making an exciting start with some high expectations, good attitudes and a lot of hard work.

According to Peeples and the players, the Lions have the determination it takes to

What's next?

Feb. 13,14 and 15

Baseball
at 7 p.m., 3 p.m.
and 2 p.m.
vs. LaGrange
College

Feb. 14

Basketball
at 2 p.m. and 4
p.m.
vs. LaGrange
College

Feb. 15

Basketball
at 1 p.m. and 3
p.m.
vs. Huntingdon
College

Feb. 19

Softball
at 4 p.m. and 6
p.m.
vs. Agnes Scott
College

Feb. 20 and 21

Baseball
at 7 p.m., 1 p.m.
and 5 p.m.
vs. Covenant
College

Feb. 20

Women's Lacrosse
at 4 p.m.
vs. Hendrix
College

Feb. 21

Basketball
at 1 p.m. and 3
p.m.
vs. Toccoa Falls
College

Feb. 22

Women's Lacrosse
at 1 p.m.
vs. Rhodes College

meet their goals and have a successful season, so make sure to keep an eye out for what's to come for Piedmont baseball.

Column Corner

International stars move to MLS teams

By CJ CIARLANTE
Contributing Writer

The Major League Soccer (MLS) off season has surely been one to remember. Here is a refresher course in case you missed all the headlines:

Toronto FC has been spending lavishly this transfer window. To start, Toronto signed U.S. striker Jozy Altidore after a disappointing 18 month stay with Sunderland in England. Jozy Altidore's new deal is a five-year contract reportedly worth \$30 million.

Along with Altidore, Toronto FC also bought Italian international, Sebastian Giovinco from Italian giant, Juventus. He is just under five and a half feet tall, but he will be one of the fastest players in the MLS. His dribbling skills and control should be a deadly combination with Altidore.

Another team who was busy this offseason, so far, has been the newly established, New York FC.

New York FC, or NYFC was just implemented into the MLS, so they will have their first competitive season come next year. One of their first arrivals shocked many. NYFC signed Frank Lampard, a well-known English player who established himself at the English

club team, Chelsea FC. He has been on loan at Manchester City this year, but he has already signed his two-year contract with NYFC, which will start in July – midway through the new team's first season.

Following the trends of the likes of David Beckham, another English player joins LA Galaxy.

Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard signed an 18-month deal worth just under six million dollars. Gerrard, 34-years old, will be joining the Galaxy following one of the most storied careers in Liverpool and English soccer history.

In 17 seasons with Liverpool, the team's longest-serving captain has made 696 appearances while scoring 182 goals to date in all competitions. Gerrard also has served as captain for England, making 114 appearances and scoring 21 goals on the international level. Most recently, he captained his country during the 2014 FIFA World Cup. This proves that the MLS has some great appeal to international players, especially for older players from top leagues that still have something to offer.

Every year, there have been improvements in the MLS, and this year is no exception. With the MLS growing in popularity, there seems to be a great trend in the rise of soccer in America.



Why have double headers' times changed?

By BROCK BENNETT
Contributing Writer

If you haven't been to a Division III basketball game yet, you may not know the recent change that has taken place.

Traditionally, in Division III, the women have always played before the men when it came to sports.

According to Director of Intercollegiate Athletics John Dzik, "We simply made the change so that we don't get sued by angry parents."

Recently, other Division III conferences have been getting sued by parents because the parents have had trouble making it to see the women's games because the games are scheduled so early. Piedmont and the other schools in the USA South Conference have decided to take a proactive approach and switch the times for any double header home games.

This change is supposed to allow



Second-year Brianna Barrett looks to pass the ball.



Fourth-year Jesse Jenkins shoots a free throw.

the public a better opportunity to attend the women's games because the game times are later.

But the change is not just for basketball games. Even soccer games have seen a switch in playing times. From now on, every year the time for women's and men's games will switch. So if women play earlier than men one year, the next year men will play before the women do the next year.

I have noticed at the Piedmont basketball games that people are showing up earlier to watch the men's game and staying later to watch the women's game that follows. Before, people would not get to the women's game until it was almost over because the men's game followed.

However, I have noticed that many people leave during the halftime of the women's game, but it is nice to see them support the Lady Lions during the beginning than not at all. This new schedule is a great way for women to get the recognition that they deserve and for the fans to see that women's teams need just as much support as the men's teams do.

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Campus Issue: Students speak on construction



Photo by JAMIE HARRIS

Students have had to deal with road closures throughout campus.

By LAUREN BARTLETT
Living Editor

Kelly O'Shields is a sophomore psychology major that lives in Wallace Hall, the dormitory building right across from the new student center that is currently under construction. Every morning, O'Shields wakes up to the sounds coming from the construction site. "Since I live in Wallace, not only do I have to see it everyday, I also have to hear it. Construction workers are unfortunately very diligent

when it comes to using the loudest tools possible," said O'Shields. Sometimes she even walks outside to see that her car is blocked, and she can't leave. Recently, there have been many new additions to the campus, such as the building of the new Student Center, the Senior Village and some roadwork around campus. All of these additions bring with them the dreaded construction. The month of February is now here, and the student center is still not complete. That leaves students wondering when the building will be finalized. The date originally

announced for the completion of the student center, according to Piedmont's website was January of 2015. This plan has now been pushed back in hopes of being completed by June of 2015. While students and faculty of Piedmont College all patiently wait for the buildings to be done, they also have to, not so patiently, deal with the side effects of the construction on campus. For the past four weeks, the road that runs behind the dining hall and the library has been under construction. Many on campus have seen the infamous "road closed" sign too many times. The construction on this road has been causing many parking and shuttle bus problems. The shuttles can only take students as far as the intersection. And for those who are trying to get to Getman-Babcock, they have to take the long way around to get to the parking lot. For the students who live across campus, simply walking to and from classes has become an annoyance. Not only are students walking in the freezing weather to make it to early classes, but they are also having to walk around the on-going construction at that

intersection. Some students have even jokingly taken the issue to social media. Senior secondary education major Trey Martin tweeted last month, "Piedmont College: where the whole campus is 'under construction.'" After the continuous routine of trying to avoid getting her car blocked in and learning to sleep with earplugs, O'Shields also said, "Many others that I have talked to think

construction is a pain. In my opinion, anyone who lives or drives by the construction is impacted by it. Sometimes the roads are closed, causing you to have to take a different route, or there's a bulldozer in front of you while you're on your way to class. I feel like some of the construction could have been completed over the longer breaks that we have and not in the middle of the school year."



Photo by JAMIE HARRIS

The construction has caused students problems on campus.

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

By LAUREN BARTLETT,
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Living Editor, Staff Writer

We all know that Valentine's Day is just around the corner. If you happen to be single this Valentine's Day, this is the perfect opportunity to get together with your gal-pals. College is such a busy time for everyone. Make yourself take a well-deserved break, and spend some time with your girls. It will make the "dreaded" holiday much better. If you have a special someone, enjoy each other's company, and find a fun activity to do together. If you're super busy, like every other college student, and you are looking for some ideas to do this Valentine's Day, here are a few ideas:

- Coffee shop in downtown Clarkesville*

Clarkesville is usually only known for their nice restaurants and the community theatre, but



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they also have a quaint coffee shop, Java Joe's. They have coffee, tea and deserts. *Have a Netflix night and make no-bake deserts* There is plenty to watch on Netflix, but make things more fun by stopping by Wal-Mart and buying no-bake, ready-to-make deserts. They're super easy, and they taste really good! *A day trip to Helen* If you're a Piedmont Student, chances are you've been to Helen, Ga., before. If not, now's your chance. They have a lot of stores you can wander around in. Try some homemade fudge, and enjoy the scenery.

Goats On A Roof If you're looking for a mini road trip (about a 30 minute drive), take a trip to Goats on a Roof. It's a tourist attraction located in Tiger, Ga. They have goats literally on their roof that are fun to look at and feed. The gift shop is filled with funny and quirky gifts, plus their homemade ice cream is the best! *Picnic at the Cornelia Park* If you want to keep things sweet but simple, you can always grab some food from your favorite place, and go to the public park in Cornelia. Pick a nice spot, and enjoy time

together. *Ice-skating* Winter is the perfect time to get together, and go ice-skating. Do your research, find the best skating rink, and go for it. It's a good way to spend time with one another. *Have a spa night* Get some facemasks, new nail polish and, if you're feeling adventurous, an at-home hair dye kit. *Have a snack party* You could try the new red velvet Oreos, make some

homemade buffalo chicken or stick to the simple stuff and warm up some pizza rolls. *A D.I.Y. party* Now you finally have time to be pinterst-y and attempt to make stuff you've pinned. *Do a secret Valentine* Everyone has probably done Secret Santa before well it's the same concept just with small, cheap Valentine's Day gifts!



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