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Softball Coach Terry Martin reaches 400 wins, the most for any coach at Piedmont.



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHAKES HABERSHAM

By JANIE HARRIS
Sports Editor, Interim EIC

On Sunday, Feb. 22 at approximately 7:30 p.m., 911 operators received a call from suspect Anthony Giaquinta's 16-year-old daughter about a domestic dispute occurring in her home in Clarkesville, just a 15-minute car ride from Piedmont's campus, according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, or GBI.

That night, according to Habersham County Sheriff Joey Terrell, Habersham County residents learned an important lesson: tragedy can strike anywhere.

Residents began to realize that domestic violence continues to be an issue that this community struggles with, according to Stephanie Tolbert, the assistant director of Circle of Hope, a local domestic violence agency dedicated to the education and support of domestic violence victims.

According to the GBI, the Habersham County Sheriff's Department responded to the call, and upon arriving at the subdivision of the home that the call was about, officers encountered a black Crown Victoria speeding towards them. When the officers turned onto the road, the Crown Victoria veered off the road and spun out in a yard less than a quarter mile from the residence.

Giaquinta, a former law enforcement officer in both Habersham and Gainesville, emerged from the Crown Victoria and ran into the wooded area near where the vehicle stopped. Officers searched the area briefly, but they stopped to locate the daughter and her boyfriend who had fled from the home.

PIEDMONT HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL PERC CONFERENCE



PERC was held in the Swanson Center where sessions ranged from topics about child abuse to using different technology for learning.

By CAMMIE BAGLEY
Staff Writer

The third annual Piedmont Educator Renewal Conference, or PERC, was held on March 14 in the Swanson Center.

This event was for educators and counselors around Georgia to come together and

learn about the current research practices being used in schools as well as allowing teachers to share their experiences and lessons with one another.

Many of the teachers that attend the event are Piedmont alumni, so it also gives them a chance to reconnect as well. The first sessions began

at 8 a.m. and ended around 3:30 p.m. There were many options for guests to choose from in regards to which sessions they could sit in on.

The sessions included topics such as leadership techniques for teachers, how to

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After confirming she was alright, Terrell, Deputy Bill Zigen and a third deputy went back to the residence.

Upon entering the home's garage, the officers found Kathy Giaquinta Smith, Giaquinta's ex-wife, deceased on the garage floor.

While Zigen was fired on by Giaquinta, who had taken a position in the woods, Zigen was hit twice. He crawled to cover in the garage, where Terrell and the other deputy were arriving due to the commotion. Giaquinta maneuvered his way to the side of the garage where he shot Terrell in the right arm. The third deputy began firing, and the three officers evacuated the scene to safety.

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Giaquinta died from law-enforcement fire, but an official report will be released in the next few weeks.

Law enforcement also located the third body of the night—Flowery Brach resident Steven Singleton, a man who had a close relationship with Smith—not long after Giaquinta's body was found.

The GBI reported that this was not the first time Giaquinta was involved with domestic violence. Terrell said, "It [this situation] was a combination of a lot of things that happened over time."

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ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINS HOUSING SELECTION

By MANYI ENO
News Editor, Interim EIC

It's that time of year again. It is time to find a roommate and decide where you want to live.

On March 6, an email was sent to students about housing selection for the upcoming 2015-2016 academic school year from Director of Residential Education Mark Jestel.

In an interview with Jestel, he explained that the housing selection process will be handled similar to last year.

"Students will be assigned a time that they can come to the student center to choose their rooms, and it will take about five minutes," said Jestel.

He said this process has proved to run smoother than it has in previous years.

Students used to have to wait in long lines to get the rooms they wanted, waking up as early as 4 a.m. to be guaranteed the room they wanted.

"What also helps the process go faster is if students already know the residence hall and room they want before they come to their selected time," he said.

In the email, Jestel said that selection times will be based off of the number of credit hours completed each student has as of January of 2015, and times will be emailed to students by March 23.

When students go to the student center to sign up for their room, there will be a screen on the wall, mapping out the dorm they want and the room they prefer.

If seniors want to room with a friend who has fewer credit hours than them, that senior can still request that friend as a roommate choice regardless of hours.

However, if there is a difference of more than 60 credit hours between friends wanting to room together, the selection request will be placed at the end of the senior selection times to ensure all other seniors have priority, Jestel explained. For example, seniors will select their room before a rising sophomore.

"There will be an open house for when students want to tour the residence halls

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The organization, Circle of Hope, donates money and time to helping victims of domestic violence.

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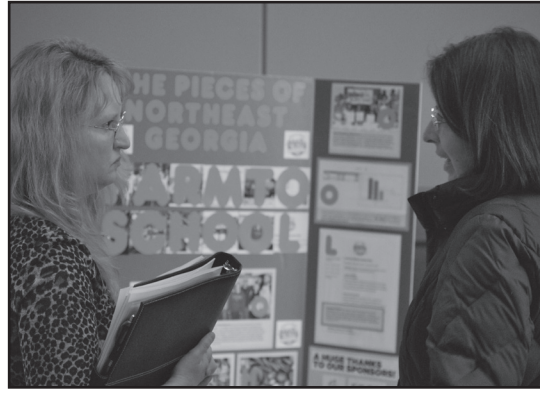
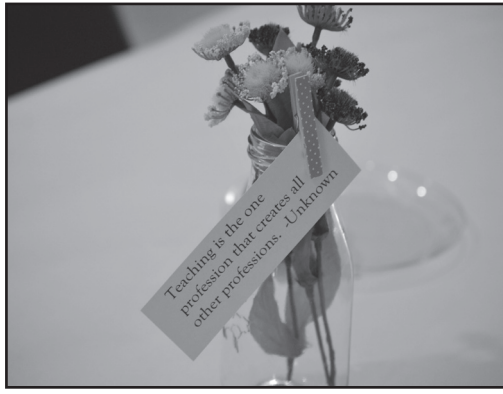
manage certain types of students in the classroom and how to integrate different technologies in the classroom. The speakers were professors at Piedmont along with graduate assistants and other guests.

At the conference, the classrooms in Swanson were used for the sessions, and there were booths for guests to browse through in the lobby.

The booths included information about Piedmont alumni events, Piedmont advertisements and PAGE (Professional Organization of GA Educators).

Breakfast and lunch were provided for guests as well as time for them to mingle and discuss their experiences.

Senior secondary education major, Kelsey Schaffernoth, was a first time guest of the conference and said: "I attended a session about engaging students better and motivating students lead by two teachers from Cobb



Educators all over Georgia were invited to attend the one-day conference to learn about different teaching methods and explore booths that held information about programs that are involved with regional schools in Georgia like Farm to School (center). (Right) Graduate student Kriston Haynes along with classmate Jesse Sutton speak on how to implement the video game Minecraft with teaching math in middle school classrooms.

County. I'm student teaching right now, so these sessions gave me new things that I can incorporate in the classroom, which is nice."

This conference is beneficial for both veteran and new teachers. It is a chance for them to keep up to date with what is new in education. It also gives them recognition for their accomplishments in their own classrooms.

Education professor, Donna Andrews, was in charge of the conference, and she said: "The initial idea for the conference was to bring back to-

gether teachers who had been through the Teacher Education program at Piedmont College for the purpose of renewing their instructional practices. As with most majors, instructional practices change over time, and it's imperative that teachers have an opportunity to learn about current changes and practices- also shines light on their achievement and skills," she said.

The conference benefits the college as well because it brings very experienced educators and counselors together

here at Piedmont. All of their expertise on education benefits the program here and can only help it grow.

It's also a chance for people who don't know much about Piedmont or the education program to come and see what it has to offer.

This conference can help Piedmont shine a light on their teaching program.

The PERC conference has only been around for three years, but so far, it has been successful. It only continues to grow.

Teachers from as far as

Macon have travelled to Demorest to attend it.

Dean of the School of Education Don Gnecco, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for people who came to Piedmont College, not just as undergraduates but came to one of our off, campus cohorts or who came as a graduate student, to reconnect professionally. It's a reason to come back to the college. It's their professional connection to Piedmont."

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they want to live in, and I will be sending out an email about that later," said Jestel.

On March 2, Dean of Student Engagement and Director of Career and Personal Counseling Emily Pettit sent an email to students who qualify to apply for housing in the new student village.

"You are receiving this email because you meet the 60+ credit hours completed by January 1, 2015, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify to live in the Village," the email read.

Jestel added that students who qualify for the Village must also be in good judicial standing with the school.

"With more independence, comes more responsibility," said Jestel.

He explained that if a student had a visitation or health-and-safety violation, those are examples of minor infractions that would not necessarily put the student in bad judicial standing.

However, some students were concerned about the cost of the Village, whether it would cost more or less.

According to the tuition/room and board costs listed on the school website, on-campus housing costs \$5,032 per academic year whereas to live in the Village will cost \$6,048 per academic year.

Although students on the main campus are required to have a meal plan, they will also be required to have one in the Village.

In addition to the meal plans, students who live in the Village will also be provided with a declining balance, which can be used at the Grill, Cyber Café and in the dining hall. The Cyber Café will be a 24-hour cafeteria equipped with WiFi and food like sandwiches and drinks.

Although, Jestel explained that it has not been announced when the restaurants in the Village will be available.

In the Village suites, utilities will be included. The suites will have four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a convention stovetop and a washer and dryer.

As for policies, Jestel said that the Village will have open visitation 24/7, but the school's current alcohol and pet policies still apply.

Whether the Village will have Resident Assistants (RA) is a topic administration is still discussing.

"Currently, the residential living staff has not been selected or placed for the village, but there will be a Resident Director as well as support staff present," said

Jestel.

To apply for the Village is on a first-come-first-served basis, and as of now, 30 students have officially applied, said Jestel.

Although there are four rooms per suite, students will not be denied access to a suite if they do not have four people.

"We will never turn people down if they do not have enough people," said Jestel. "We do have a couple of applicants who don't care who they live with just as long as they get to live there."

Housing

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Charges against Giaquinta were only filed once on June 13, 2013. However, many in the community report that this was not the only time Giaquinta was violent with his ex-wife. This falls into a national statistic that says 70 percent of victims do not file criminal charges in domestic violence cases, according to the Federal Bureau of Inves-

tigation.

These charges against Giaquinta resulted in his termination from law enforcement. But the charges never held up in a court of law, so he was allowed to keep his fire arms.

This incident is just one of many that have occurred in Habersham County. Terrell reports that in this county, his department frequently re-

sponds to domestic violence calls.

Tolbert explained that in the United States one out of every four women and one out of every six men are or have been victims of domestic violence, and Circle of Hope, which serves Habersham, Stephens and White Counties, received over 1,000 crisis calls last year alone.

"I wish we could prevent this from happening again," said Terrell. "But, it is hard to break that cycle."

According to the World Health Organization, as many as 38 percent of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner globally, which is why Circle of Hope is so interested in getting the word out to those

in the community. The group understands this is a tragic time, but they will try to use this situation for good.

"We try to use this as an opportunity to educate the community," said Tolbert.

Demorest

STUDENT ANNOUNCES NEW RADIO SHOW ABOUT DRUG ABUSE

PRESS RELEASE

College can be an exciting new place, yet it can be filled with dangerous temptations like drugs and alcohol.

The truth is, drug abuse is on the rise on college campuses, and to most, the abuse is going unnoticed.

The student run radio station, Z98.7 FM right here at

Piedmont College, will be informing students about the shocking truth behind college students abusing narcotics. Station Manager Carly Haraka will be hosting "The Fix" every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Many topics will be discussed with students themselves, from dating someone who has been involved with narcotics to how they feel

about narcotics on their campus.

"The Fix" will cover addiction, recovery and how to avoid the pressure of using drugs. College students will discuss their experiences of using narcotics during their college years.

The show will answer those questions people have always wondered but have hesitated

to ask. "The Fix" approaches those questions with no hesitation to unveil the underlying truth about why college students take the chance with drugs.

Listeners' ears will not only be glued to the conversation, but a variety of hits will be playing throughout the show.

"The Fix" will update

listeners with current and weekly weather, so they can be prepared. Haraka will be serving listeners every Wednesday with 50 minutes of a lively conversation and music that'll keep them moving throughout your week.

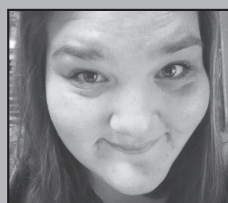
According to Haraka, "Listeners might even become addicted if they aren't careful."



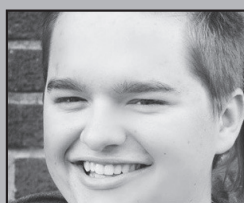
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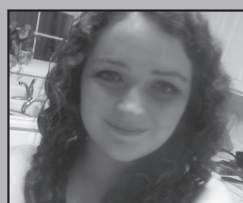
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Lilian E. Smith Symposium held in Athens



On March 14, the Piedmont Athens campus held the Lillian E. Smith Symposium on Arts and Social Change. Piedmont's own Butman Professor of Religion Barbara Brown Taylor was the moderator for the event among other speakers. (Top left) Author and professor at the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University Imani Perry, (top right) Taylor and writer, producer with CNN and speaker John Blake, (bottom right) Jane Kidd moderates the discussion with Tommy Brown (left) and Don Johnson (right) about their memories of the 1964 murder of Lemul Penn near Colbert, Ga., and the subsequent trial. The event also included Brown recalling his memories from his own memories the event that dramatized the need for civil rights reform in the U.S. Perry delivered a lecture titled "Standing on the Rough Side of the Mountain: How to Address the Persistence of Racial Inequality and Conflict in the 21st Century." At the end of the event, Taylor and Blake conducted a wrap-up session.

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

Tofu tells truth



By SARAH SMAGUR
Opinions Editor

For decades now, the Piedmont College Navigator has existed as a student media platform where everything on and sometimes off campus is reported.

The paper features typical sections found in a regular newspaper, highlighting news, sports, opinions, arts and entertainment, features and living.

For many years now, the paper has been held a long-standing tradition of excellence. However, now that reputation is being threatened.

A recent outbreak of doubt has occurred on the Demorest campus of Piedmont College, reporting that a piece of the newspaper, referred to as the "Tofu," can be regarded as completely fake.

The doubt began after a faculty and staff meeting one

Wednesday when one brave member spoke out amongst the crowd and asked the question on many peoples minds, "can this news be true?" The answer, is yes.

The news section of the Opinions page has been used as overflow space for more light-hearted news not bold enough to make the front cover.

For the past year, the section has been reported by Opinions Editor Sarah Smagur. Sports Editor and Interim Editor-in-Chief, Janie Harris was shocked by the allegations.

"Honestly, I'm hurt that people don't think it's real," said Harris as she wiped a single tear from her left eye. "All we do is go out and gather the facts. Do students and faculty think we just sit around and make this up? That would be

completely ridiculous."

The claims of the fake news reporting have not been commented on by any other members of the Navigator staff or the Mass Communications department.

In the past, the Tofu has featured stories such as, exposing Lady Gaga, a drinking course, new Board of Trustee members and other stories pertaining directly to Piedmont students, faculty and staff.

Like any news story, confirmation of allegations or claims made in the Tofu section have been carefully obtained by the Navigator staff. Every claim made in the Tofu has turned out to be entirely true.

If you have questions about this reveal or would like to be emailed picture confirmation of the Tofu stories, please contact the Opinions Editor at ssmagur0803@lions.piedmont.edu.

"Everything printed in the Tofu is true."

Be the voice for campus!

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Question on Campus:

Where should Piedmont open an international campus, and why?



Libby Scoggins
Junior, forensics major

"America, because this place is liberty. Piedmont is this nation's backbone."



Riki Kujanpaa
Sophomore, art major

"England, because it'd be a great experience, and there wouldn't be a language barrier."



Elizabeth Gale
Junior, math and business major

"Spain, because we have professors from there, and there's a lot of history there."



Cason Dowdy
Freshman, environmental science major

"France, to learn the French language."

Furry friends for all



By HALEY HALL
Staff Writer

The average Piedmont College student leads a very busy life. There are homework assignments, social life, work and many of Piedmont students are athletes, so on top of school work, they have practices and games. But

most importantly there are deadlines, and that is why the average student gets stressed.

Many of the people walking around our campus are extremely overwhelmed and stressed with their workload. What if there was a healthy way for us students to unwind? Well there is!

Have you ever heard of furry friend therapy? It's sweeping through college campuses all over the country.

Some people might think that this is a weird approach for student therapy. For many years, animals, especially dogs, have helped many people.

Dogs have been used at places like prisons, rehabilitation centers and nursing

homes. Dogs have been used to help sick patients feel better, to help prisoners learn about responsibility and clear all of their minds.

The same thinking is applied when students encounter dogs or any furry animal at a college.

In many universities, dogs and cats are being used during finals week to allow students to take a break from there studies and focus on something positive.

When it comes down to it, our furry friends provide a safe place for stressed out students to vent about their concerns and worries about any upcoming exams or events. Having these furry friends next to us can also help with

the amount of rumors and drama being spread throughout our campus. It is someone you can talk to that cannot repeat anything you say. How ideal is that.

When it comes to dogs at college, therapy pups are everywhere. Science has taught us that forming relationships with animals can greatly decrease cortisol levels, which is the hormone linked to stress. On top of that, it can release endorphins, which causes a person to feel happiness even if they are stressed about their workload.

Having your cute cuddly furry friend next to you in your dorm room allows students to get a little comfort from home.

Many students from Piedmont come from all different areas of the world. Sometimes they may feel home-sick and want to drop out of school because they miss their home. By having animals, it could help make them feel just a little more at home. Students would also have a stress reliever living right alongside them through the good and bad times.

Let's be honest we all love our furry friends. When you are sad, happy and sometimes when you just don't feel like talking to another human, having furry friends can help.

Say what you need to say

Navigator Staff Editorial



By SARAH SMAGUR
Opinions Editor

As a mass communications major, there is an issue that I feel more passionately about than most people, censorship.

Merriam Webster defines censorship as "a person who supervises conduct and morals."

In our society, we have seen censorship evolve into those in positions of power

creating regulation regarding what we can and cannot say or do.

As America moves into a more technological age, we have become more careful of what we say online or in public, but this fear is not something we should give into, especially on our campus.

Though Piedmont College may too often feel like its own world, separate from the rest of humanity, we are still susceptible to the laws, which govern our great nation, including freedom of speech and press.

As the Opinions editor, I have asked many people to write for me or give quotes, and most students are too afraid to give an opinion on their school or the department they work for because they might get reprimanded.

This is completely ridiculous. Telling student workers

censorship.

We are still in the develop-

The worst thing about censorship is [redacted].

or student leaders that they aren't allowed to write for the paper or give a quote or post something on social media that might be considered controversial to one person is

ing stages of who we will be as we move into adulthood, and teaching us that censorship is acceptable is simply not okay.

I am amazed that even in

a small, liberal arts college, we find a way to stifle student voices and make them feel as if "adults" know better for us than we do.

Regardless of your position on campus or job, you have the right to speak out and say anything you want without fear of being fired.

So, the big question is, how can you help?

The answer can be best explained by the flawless Elle Woods: "Speak up America. Speak up! Speak up for the home of the brave! Speak up for the land of the free gift with purchase! Speak up America! Speak up! And remember, you are beautiful."

But really, use your voice. Write an opinions article, post a Facebook status, stand on the quad and scream. Don't live in fear.

You have the ability to say whatever you want. Use it.

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St. Patty's Day
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See a trend?
FAD or *flop*
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FAD or *flop*



By CAMMIE BAGLEY
Staff Writer

Going to class: something we all have to do but hate with every fiber of our being.

We've done it now for 12-13 years, and most of that time, we were forced to go by our parents. Now that we're in college, we go by choice. However, we're not really going to most of our core classes by choice since they're required for us to graduate.

Is getting up early just to walk to a class that may or may not teach you anything that you'll use in your everyday life really worth that much? Everyone tries to avoid 8 a.m.'s throughout their college

career, but let's be honest, in the first two years that we are here, it's inevitable to at least have to take one.

After wanting to stay up and spend time with your friends or maybe study the night before, it's not so easy to get up in enough time to get ready, walk across campus (because we all know there's no place to park) and then sit through a class that you barely pay attention in because you're still half asleep. Not to mention, that you care nothing about the topic. It's almost as if not going would be better than

being there and not even being attentive.

Then, there are those classes that you have with professors that you just can't stand, and you leave every day in a much worse mood than you were in when you first walked into the classroom. I mean, who enjoys putting themselves in a bad mood?

College is supposed to be about finding yourself and figuring out what you want to do with your adult life.

According to the majority of experienced adults, we learn more through our life experiences in college than we do in a classroom anyways.

Learning how to calculate the circumference of a circle or how to determine what type of rock you're looking at may be interesting, but how useful

"Going to core classes just to sign the attendance sheet defeats the whole purpose of coming to get a higher education."

is it for most careers that students are pursuing?

Going to core classes just to sign the attendance sheet defeats the whole purpose of coming to get

a higher education. We should be taking classes that interest us and get us excited about what we are pursuing for our future.

Don't get me wrong, I understand they can promote critical thinking, but we had a whopping 12 years of critical thinking throughout public school, so now should be the time that we're learning about the things we are passionate about. With all of that said, I'm going to have to declare going to classes that don't involve what major we are in, a flop.

core classes: flop

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Strokes: not just for the elderly

By JESSIE OWENSBY
Staff Writer

Most college students are not concerned with risk factors related to stroke. Strokes are considered “old people” problems. But, that’s not actually correct. It is a fact that strokes in Americans increase with age, but it does not mean that college students are immune. Listen up, Piedmont. Here comes a correction and a reality check.

A stroke is an interruption in the blood flow of the brain, and it is mostly caused by a blood clot that travels to the brain, according to the American Heart Association, or AHA. Strokes are steadily increasing in people under age

45 for a number of reasons.

First, according to the journal *Everyday Health*, one reason is obesity. Obesity leads to high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. All of these issues are risk factors that lead to stroke according to the AHA.

Some other reasons that people under age 45 are having stroke is because of migraines, pregnancy, birth control pills and smoking. Smoking, according to the AHA, narrows the veins and arteries in people, which makes it harder to pump blood to the brain properly, and it makes it easier for a clot to form. When someone couples smoking with birth control pills, the probability of experiencing a severe stroke increases. Also, people who experiment with drugs, espe-

cially cocaine, could see an exponential rise in suffering from a stroke.

According to a report by *Everyday Health*, everyone is born with a hole in the heart. Approximately 75 percent of people live a normal life, and the hole naturally grows together. But for about 25 percent, it does not. This defect can lead to strokes.

Young people are at risk for stroke, and it’s time Piedmont students start paying attention. There is a simple test that we can all do to tell if we are having a stroke. It is a very simple acronym that everyone should memorize. The American Stroke Association calls it the F.A.S.T. test.

It is important to note that you can have one or all of the symptoms. Just because we

F- Face- It’s as simple as a smile. If one side droops or the smile is uneven, you may be having a stroke.

A-Arms. Hold your arms out in front of you. If one arm droops or is too heavy to hold up, you may be having a stroke.

S- Speech. Repeat a simple sentence like “It’s sunny outside today.” If you can’t say it or if it comes out differently than intended, you may be having a stroke.

T- Time. Time is of the essence. Call 911 if you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms. Seeking medical help as soon as the symptoms arise is important because the stroke can actually be reversed within three hours of the onset of the symptoms, according to Genentech, the pharmaceutical company that supplies the clot-busting drug.

are young does not mean that we are invincible. The American Heart Association said the best way to prevent a stroke is

“eat a healthy, balanced diet and exercise, even if it’s only 30 minutes a day.”

ATLANTA NON-PROFITS OFFER HELPING HAND

By XANDY GREEN
Staff Writer

As most would assume, sex-trafficked victims experience major physical and psychological trauma during and after being enslaved.

Unfortunately, there are a large number of young girls who are being arrested for prostitution and drugs, according to Jeff Shaw, the director of *Out Of Darkness*, a non-profit illegal immigrant organization that works to rescue and restore women of sexual exploitation.

If they manage to not get sent to jail, they face the reality of being homeless without a dollar to their name. Most of the time, these young females are so brainwashed that it takes months, even years to realize the entire picture of what happened to them.

The pimp convinces them that he is the master, and they are a family unit. So when she escapes, she feels as though she is without a single friendly face to depend upon.

Women all around the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport are being sold



Wellspring Living and Haven ATL offer helping hand to victims of trafficking

Photo by RIKI KUJANPAA

to men for sex. According to a report done by WSB Radio, Atlanta went from \$232 million in revenue to \$290 million in revenue in a five year span, all of which was a product of the illegal sex and drug trade.

According to Street GRACE, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to end child exploitation, 500 kids each month are trafficked throughout the Atlanta area. So who is helping these women and children escape this horrific life? There are many non-profit organizations who are in At-

lanta working to offer a helping hand.

One organization in Atlanta for these women and young girls is Wellspring Living. They have several houses and programs set up to help them once they have escaped and need to set some level of normality back in their lives.

Wellspring Living has an assessment center for women ages 18 to 25. This is a short-term housing program that provides the women with a safe haven. Each individual is assessed based on her situ-

ation and is then counseled on her options on where she can go after. The Wellspring Living also has a facility for girls ages 12 to 17.

This program lasts about a year and again provides a safe place for these young girls to call a temporary home. Here in the house each woman is counseled, educated and is able to go to therapy to cope with her trauma.

Lastly, they have an independent living program that lasts a year-long as well. This program is different than the others in that the survivors live on their own and are becoming independent without a pimp. They are still offered to further their education and can be counseled as well as see a therapist.

Haven ATL is another non-profit organization who works to house women, girls and transgendered individuals who have been exploited and trafficked. Local shelters offer dorms and rooms available to victims each night.

Haven ATL works religiously to help these girls get back into a routine with furthering their education, job training and lots of counseling. This

organization offers an extensive list of programs such as life-skill classes, bible studies, mentoring program and even yoga classes to focus on health and relaxation.

They also have several different outreaches such as support groups, individual case plans, one-on-one counseling, Sunday morning church and a Friday night outreach.

These organizations are usually the only option the women can turn to, according to an interview done between ABC news and a survivor of the sex trade. Other times, her family is out of the picture or is ashamed to claim her once she has lived such a “dirty” life.

Some people may not believe it, but there is life after being trafficked. Many strong women have done it. They need to feel that sense of worth and taste the freedom to realize it though.

Through a lot of counseling and work, their minds can be freed and their hearts cleansed. They need someone to be able to reach out to though. Prevention is partly getting law enforcement, non-profits and prosecutors to all work together.

Wanderlust

wan-der-lust *noun*: a strong longing for or impulse toward wandering

An Experience You Don't Want to Miss!

By SARAH SMAGUR
Opinions Editor

As college students, we often look for a cool spot to hang out with friends, grab a beer and some great food. Well, let me offer you the Mecca of amazing food, cheap drinks and endless entertainment: Bigg Daddy’s in Helen, Ga. Right down the road in White County, tucked behind the Best Western Inn, the newly renovated Bigg Daddy’s Restaurant and Tavern is open seven days a week.

The joint features live music every Friday and Saturday night and Sundays starting at 2 p.m. If you’re a sports fan, you’re in luck because seven big screen televisions are always tuned in to the best games of the day.

Every day of the week has an amazing special certain to entice your taste buds and your wallet.

Monday features half price craft drafts and “Hillbilly” Philly cheese steaks.

Tuesday has half-price gourmet tacos and \$2 Miller Lite pints.

Wednesday, personally my favorite day, has 50 cent wings and \$2 Yuengling pints.

Thursday is a college students dream with \$4 personal cheese pizzas and \$1 PBR pints.

Friday and Saturday are the chef’s creation specials.

The Sunday special is \$4 Bloody Mary’s and \$4 Mimosas.

The bar is fully stocked and the trained bartenders can whip up any drink imaginable, and with tons of different beers on tap, there are options for everyone.

There have been many beautiful spring or summer evenings spent out on the porch of Bigg Daddy’s hanging out with friends and listening to the live music filling down-

town Helen.

With Saint Patrick’s Day right around the corner, Helen is definitely the place you want to be. Bigg Daddy’s features tons of amazing foods. From bar food to signature pasta dishes, this restaurant seriously has something for everyone.

Hang out, bring friends and grab a cold pint if you’re old enough because Bigg Daddy’s is an experience you don’t want to miss out on.

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Bigg Daddy’s in Helen features cheap drinks and great food.

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Senior hosts Farm-to-Table event

By MANYI ENO
News Editor, Interim EIC



Farm-To-Table bring locally grown produce to local area schools

Photo by MANYI ENO

Georgia's children are second in the country for obesity, while the state is the fourth largest producer for fruits and vegetables.

These were some of the facts that faculty, staff and students learned while attending the Northeast Georgia Farm-to-Table event on March 10 in Stewart Hall.

Mass communications major Sarah Smagur hosted the event as part of her capstone project.

According to the Farm-to-School website, the program(s) "are based on the research that students of all ages can and will choose tomatoes, radishes, broccoli and kale if they are involved in growing, harvesting and preparing these foods."

Regional Coordinator Maggie VanCantfort spoke about the benefits of what the program has and the impact it can make at schools and even colleges and universities.

The program offers hands on experience and learning for teachers and students in classrooms.

"One in four kids in Georgia are food insecure, which means they don't know where their food is coming from," said VanCantfort, "they depend on the school system to

eat while at school. So if we [Farm-to-School] can get the school to buy from local farms, we help the local economy, and we help bring healthy food options to those students."

VanCantfort explained that the program has about 28 participating farms in Northeast Georgia so far.

"Our program objectives are to increase local fresh produce served in school cafeterias, improve student nutrition and provide nutrition and education opportunities all while supporting our local regional farmers," said Van Cantfort.

The Farm-to-School website reads, "Farm to School programs teach our children that food comes from farmers and fields, not from the grocery store or plastic containers."

Attendees were also in-

formed that they could use the program as a Compass point.

Rev. Ashley Cleere spoke about some ideas that students could use to help get some of their Compass points out of the way before graduation.

Cleere said that if students have an idea for a Compass point, they must first find a sponsor to help support their point.

"A sponsor can be any Piedmont faculty or staff member," said Cleere.

Two volunteers from a healthy food organization called FoodCorps, a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to real food and help them grown up healthy, also spoke at the event.

"Through our partnership with AmeriCorps, we recruit,

train and place emerging leaders into limited-resource schools for a year of service implementing our three-ingredient recipe for healthy kids," the website read.

The FoodCorps volunteers, Ian Rossiter and Sumer Ladd have been involved with the program for a few months and said they both really enjoy their work and involvement with the organization.

Rossiter and Ladd talked about how college students can get involved by applying with the organization which will include a year of service, a living stipend and an education award at the end of their service that will go towards their college scholarships.

When all of the speakers were finished, the audience was invited to talk to those in-

volved with Farm to School, FoodCorps and Cleere and her staff about what each speaker discussed at the event.

Smagur said she was really happy with the turnout of the event.

"I felt that the event went well. I was hoping for about 30 people and exactly that many came," said Smagur. "I learned a lot, and I heard from other people who said they learned a lot on things they didn't know before. That was kind of the goal--just education and awareness--and I think that we achieved that."



Photo by MANYI ENO

Men's lacrosse sponsors fundraising event

PRESS RELEASE

The Piedmont men's lacrosse team will be sponsoring a Wounded Warrior Project lacrosse event on March 28 at 7 p.m.

The Wounded Warrior Project serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness or wound during their military service on or after September 11, 2001. The organization also helps the families of those who served, and the need is

great. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, for every U.S. soldier killed, seven are wounded.

All veterans and service members are encouraged and welcome to come out. Donations will be accepted at the game. All donations will bene-

fit the Wounded Warrior Project. Wounded Warrior Project materials such as bracelets, stickers, magnets, brochures and flyers will be available for free.

The game the event is centered around will take place at the Walker Athletic Complex

against Methodist University.

More information about the Wounded Warrior Project may be found by visiting the website at www.wounded-warriorproject.org or by calling W.W.P. at 877-832-6997.

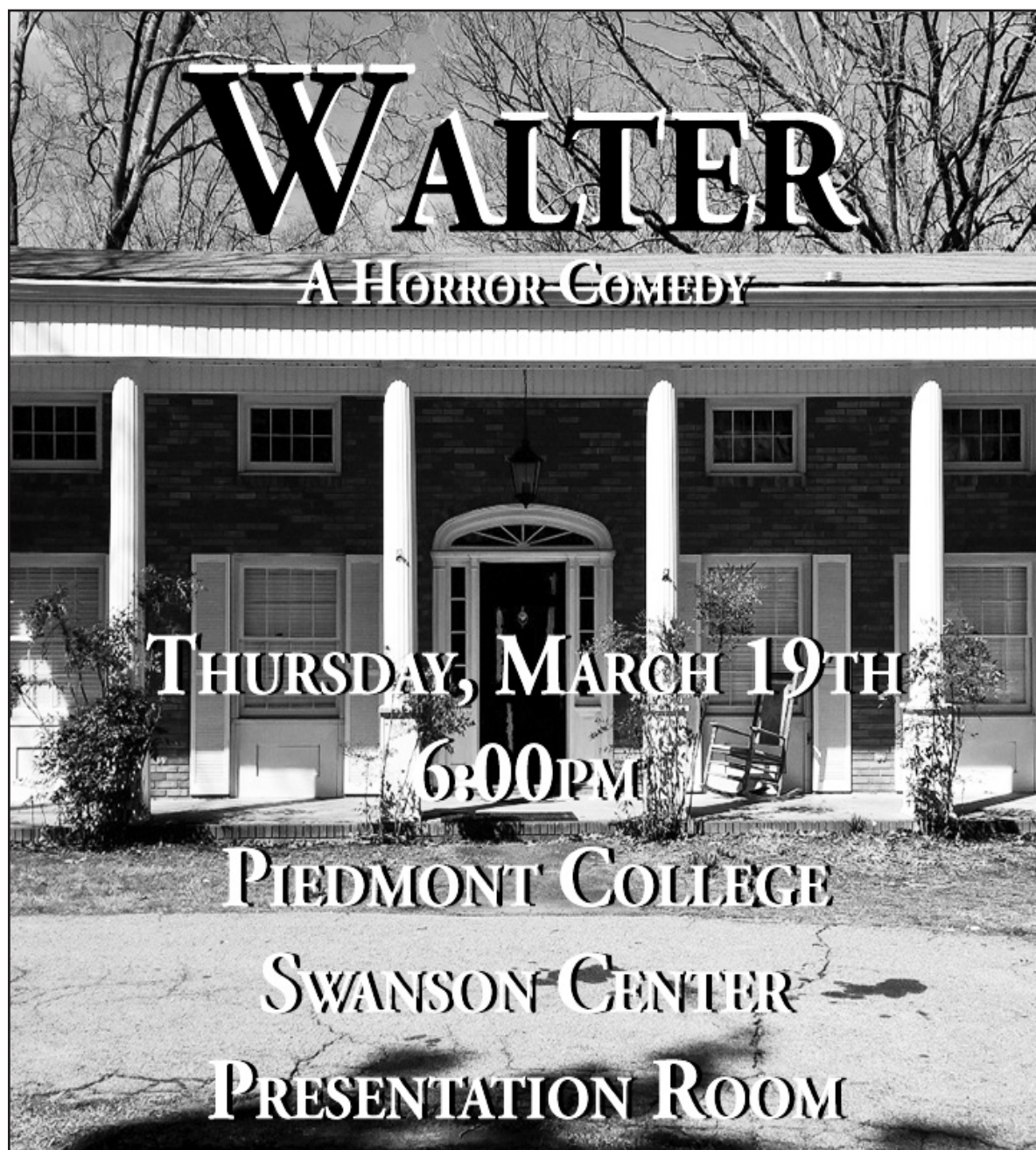
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A Talk with Enid Williams

The Navigator talks to the artist whose work is circling the globe

By KENYA CHANEY
Staff Writer

Artist Enid Williams paid a visit to Piedmont's Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art on March 12. Williams's relatively new collection, entitled "Echolalia," has been on display in the museum since February 15 of this year.

Williams received her B.A. from the University of Toledo in 1992, and in 1996, she received her M.F.A. from Kent State University. Williams now teaches at Greenville Technical College in South Carolina.

Williams describes her work as a slow evolution of ideas. "It has not changed dramatically over the last several years. It has been a very slow journey to me. One that I've found to be very satisfying," Williams says.

Her exploration in art lead her to find her own style.

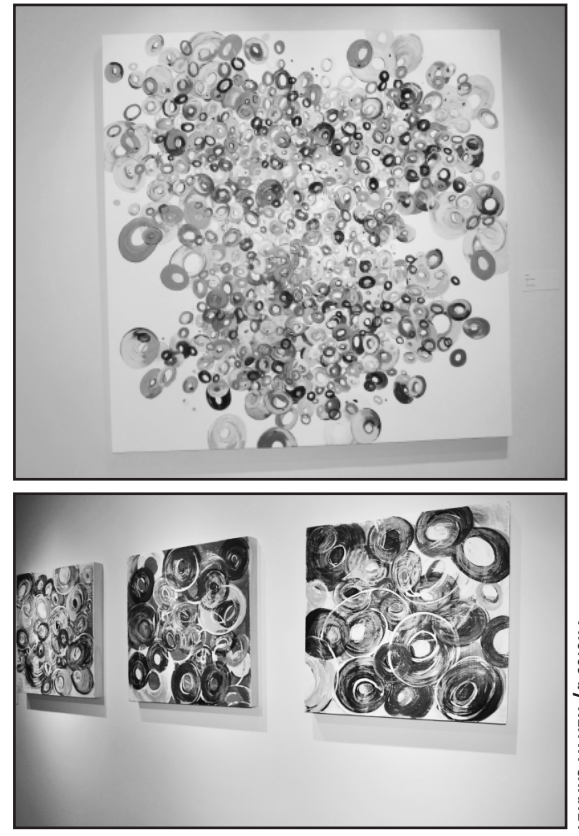
"When I first started with these circular forms, I was very much interested in creating something that was optical and creating something that was very meticulous. Something that revealed my hand in the making of the work," she said.

Williams's interest with the average museum goer has influenced her work. The average museum goer looks at an artwork for approximately 20 seconds, according to Williams. She wanted to see if she could attempt to make an individual's visual eye engage with an artwork for more than 20 seconds.

The collection's title, "Echolalia," is defined as the often pathological repetition of what is said by other people as if echoing them. Wil-



(Left) Enid Williams talks to local artist Rosemary Dodd. (Top and Bottom Right) Examples of Williams' work are on display at the Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art.



Photos by KENYA CHANEY

iams's work certainly lives up to the title.

"The titles of the pieces in the show all have something to do with repetition," Williams says. "I'm very interested in the way that the white defines what's occurring with the image. How does it function as a matrix? Can it function as a matrix? How many different scenarios can take place within this framework?"

Williams says that her pieces have a bit of irony and a bit of contradiction.

The Navigator had a chance to speak with the artist about her latest collection.

N: When did you realize that you wanted to become an artist?

EW: I'm not a traditional artist. I knew when I was a

child that I had to be painting and doing art. Probably about 20 or 25 years ago, I knew that I wanted to pursue it seriously.

N: What would you like viewers to see when they view your work?

EW: I want viewers to bring their own experiences to the work and to possibly consider metaphor as a content, as a way of carrying meaning. What can these circles in their relationship to one another, and what they're doing on the canvas and how they're interacting. How can that create a different metaphor for the viewer?

N: Your work is heavily inspired by colorblind test charts. How have the concept of these charts inspired you?

EW: They were developed

in the forties. They were these big charts made of colors. Embedded in the little circles within a bigger circle was a number or a letter in a complementary color.

N: Why use circles in your artwork?

EW: I wanted to use something that was very direct and very gestural, something that I felt like was modest and unheroic in a response to the gestural abstraction that comes with forming. It's part of the heritage of painting- it's part of its lineage.

N: Could you give some advice to aspiring artists?

EW: Work. Develop your work ethic now. Go to the art studio every chance you get. Don't wait for inspiration. Go in even if it's for an hour every

day. Get to know your work and spend time with it. Spend time with your ideas and allow yourself that time to really think and explore.

N: Do you plan to experiment with other shapes other than circles?

EW: Oh yeah, but not for a while. This has been my language for several years.

N: What are you currently working on?

EW: I'm always working. When I'm not teaching, I'm in the studio. I always have work going.

Echolalia is now on display at the Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art until April 3.

Music Festival Roundup

Atlanta is home to music festivals for fans of every genre

By NATALIE GAMBRELL
A&E Editor

Those depressed about Spring Break being over need not wait long for entertainment because its music festival season. Many music festivals are taking place soon in the south to entertain fans of any musical genre, with options good for those who want a short fun weekend away, or a longer road trip this summer.

First is Slingshot Festival which this year is the weekend of March 26 to the 28. Slingshot takes place in Athens, Ga., just under an hour from Piedmont's Demorest campus. The Slingshot Festival features film, electronic art, electronic music, comedy and workshops on electronic sounds. The music lineup features mostly electronic music, pop music and DJ's.

The schedule this year includes artists James Murphy (former leader of LCD Sound-system), DJ WINDOWS 98 (DJ project of lead singer of Arcade Fire), Nosaj Thing and Holly Herndon. Not only is the event taking place in Athens, Ga., the Slingshot Festival is happening at the exact same time in Athens, Greece, and certain events will be streamed between the two cities.

A three day pass to all the



(Left) The crowd braves the weather to watch the 2013 Shaky Knees Festival (Middle) Tinarawin performs at the 2014 Slingshot festival in Athens (Right) Childish Gambino, one of the artists featured at Bonnaroo this year, performing.

festival's events is \$80, \$35 for a single day pass or between \$12 and \$30 for individual headlining shows.

Next is 420 Fest, which will be April 17- 19 in Centennial Park in Atlanta, Ga., only an hour-and-thirty-minute drive from Demorest.

Headliners for the 2015 festival include Snoop Dogg, the Cold War Kids and Slightly Stoopid. There is an EDM (Electric Dance Music) stage as well featuring Anna Lunoe, Black Boots and David Heartbreak among many others.

Those that want a break from the music have other options for entertainment, comedy tent and a 5k race.

The Sweetwater 420 5k race, starts at 8:30 a.m. Satur-

day morning, with beer at the end for participants 21 and over. A three day pass for the festival is \$265, or single day passes can be bought for any of the three days for \$115.

Also in Atlanta, a few weeks later in Central Park is Shaky Knees, an indie music festival taking place the weekend of May 8-10. The festival is completely music focused, and there is a huge list of musical acts including The Strokes, The Avett Brothers, Old Crow Medicine Show, Mastodon, Neutral Milk Hotel, Best Coast, The Kooks, The Mountain Goats and many more.

For those who haven't got enough of the festival during the day, there are special late night shows featuring some of the musical acts and start-

ing at 11:30 p.m.

A three day pass is \$199 or \$99 for each individual day.

The next weekend is the country spinoff of Shaky Knees, Shaky Boots. The festival features an impressive lineup including Blake Shelton, Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Rascal Flatts, The Band Perry and many more. The Festival takes place on Kennesaw State University's campus just outside Atlanta. Two day tickets are \$169 or one day tickets are \$95.

Although it may take a little more planning and is a little further into the future, it's worth mentioning that one of America's biggest music festivals is only a three-hour drive from Demorest. This year, Bonnaroo takes place June 11-

14 in Manchester, Tenn.

The line-up includes Billy Joel, Mumford & Sons, Deadmau5, Kendrick Lamar, Florence + the Machine, Childish Gambino and Hozier.

Other sources of entertainment at the festival include comedy, film, environmental speakers, art and much more.

Tickets are \$324.50 for a four day pass, or \$1,524.50 for the VIP pass, and they do offer a payment plan as a way for music fans to deal with the high ticket prices.

For fans of music, art, film and possible road trips, get ready for your favorite time of the year.

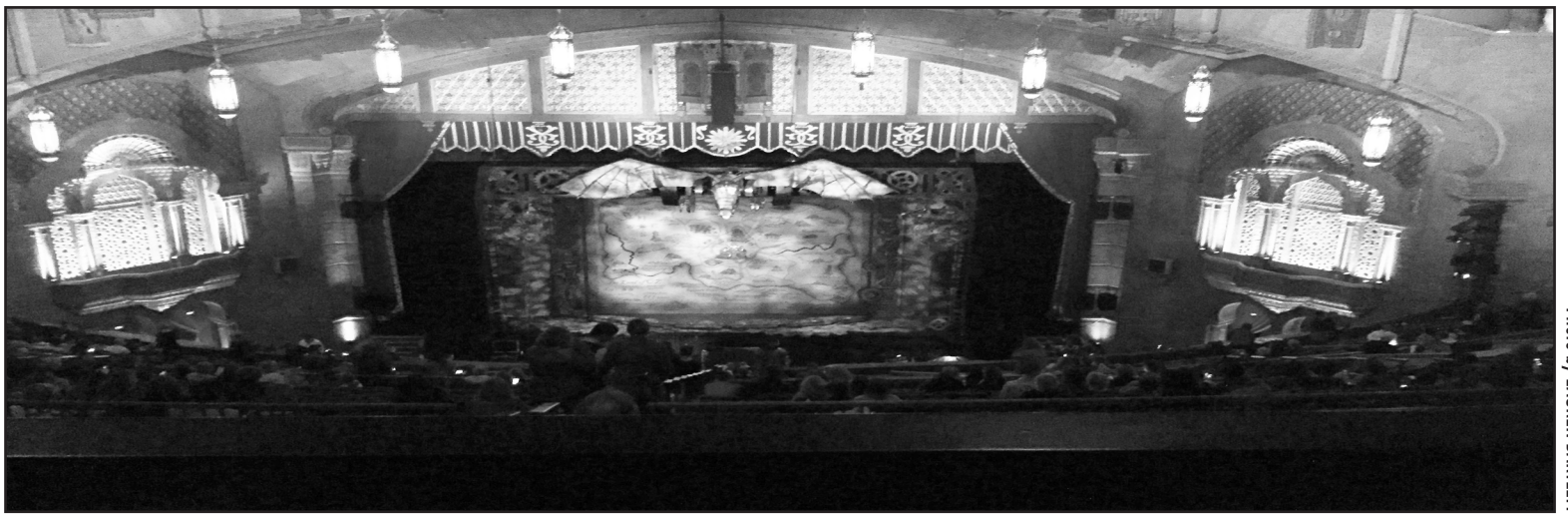
THEMILKHOPEPIE (left) THEFLAGOLE (middle) and INELXEMERUST (right)

This day in pop culture history... On this day in 1978, U2 won £500 (\$850) and a chance to audition for CBS Ireland in a talent contest held in Dublin.

"Wicked" Review

The touring production of the musical "Wicked" visited Atlanta over Spring Break

By LAUREN BARTLETT
Living Editor



The Fox Theatre's stage set up for the musical "Wicked" which ran in Atlanta from Feb. 18 to March 18

Photo by LAUREN BARTLETT

Whether you're a die-hard "Wizard of Oz" fan or have just seen the film once, "Wicked" is a show that you cannot go without seeing. The touring production of "Wicked" came to the Fox Theatre in February and March of this year, and it was an honor to be able to go see it.

For those of you who don't know, "Wicked" is a re-telling of the Wicked Witch of the West from the movie, "The Wizard of Oz."

"Wicked" shows the secret past of Elphaba, a green, feisty and sometimes outcast young woman who grows up to be the Wicked Witch of the West, and her acquaintance, Glinda, a ditzzy, "sweet" young woman who grows up to be the Good Witch of the South.

This is my second time seeing "Wicked" and my first time seeing it at the Fox Theatre. My first time was in 2013 on Broadway in New York City. I was anxious to see how

the two would compare.

Alyssa Fox plays Elphaba, and Glinda is played by Carrie St. Louis. The two have interactions on stage that draws you into the story and makes you believe that it all really happened.

The story line tells how they met, their relationship and how the both got to the Emerald City of OZ.

One of the best parts about the show is the music. "Defying Gravity" was my personal

favorite, and it is performed right before intermission and leaves the audience with chills.

Back in 2003, when "Wicked" first premiered on Broadway, a review of it in The New Yorker said, "Wicked does not speak hopefully for the future of the Broadway musical." Over 10 years later, anyone who is a part of this cast and crew of "Wicked", proved them wrong.

Some wonder how the mu-

sical became so popular (lar). I think it became so successful because people became amazed by how someone could tell a backstory to a film that was so admired and pull it off so well. The actors in the show told an amazing story.

So why is the Wicked Witch green? Where did the Lion, Scarecrow and Tin Man come from? "Wicked" answers all the questions everyone always wanted to know, and it does it in an amazing way.

All together, the play was phenomenal and every aspect of the show was astounding. I've never heard anything negative about this show. Anyone who says otherwise must be mistaken. As it is said in Act I, "no one mourns the wicked."

Spring TV show finales

By NATALIE GAMBRELL
A&E Editor



Spring is T.V. finale season, and many shows are either ending dramatically for the season, or sadly like many of my favorite shows, ending for good.

While the "Pretty Little Liars" season finale hasn't aired yet, it is supposed to be very important as the identity of "A" is supposed to finally be revealed, according to actor Keegan Allan.

Currently in season five, the pressure is on all the main characters as Ali's trial continues, and the Liars may be in danger of getting in trouble as well.

Marlene King, the executive producer of the show, hinted that there is a twin twist like there is in the book series, but that it is not the same twist featured in the book series A is not the same character as in the book series. For those interested in finding out who A is, the season finale will air March 24 on ABC Family.

"Parks and Recreation" ended its final season with a one hour season finale on

February 24, on NBC. The last season, as many fans of the show will know, changed dramatically from previous seasons in that it flashed forward three years into the future, where everything is different.

Everyone has started to go their separate ways. Gryzzle, a tech company, has taken over Pawnee, and in the beginning of the season, Ron and Leslie, two formerly very close co-workers and friends, are not even speaking.

While the characters featured in the former seasons all still live in Pawnee, except for Anne and Chris, the group has started to split up, with

most of them working in completely different environments than the parks department. Craig is the only one still involved in that department.

Throughout the season, the group begins to grow apart and change even more dramatically, many of them starting new careers or even moving away from Pawnee entirely.

While the group isn't working together anymore, many big problems in Pawnee and life changes for the group members bring them together, keeping them close throughout the season. In the emotional season fi-

nale, the episode frequently flashes forward years into the future, leaving all the characters with happy, satisfying endings.

Parks and Recreation isn't alone. Many other loved T.V. shows are ending this year including, but not limited to "The Colbert Report," "Glee," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Mad Men," "Parenthood," "Snooki & JWOW" and "Two and a Half Men."

Those sad about their favorite shows ending can be consoled by the return of summer shows, including many new interesting options premiering on Netflix.

"The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," a show about a girl, played by Ellie Kemper from "The Office," who is in a cult for 15 years, and when she is rescued, moves to New York City.

It was written by Tina Fey and premiered March 6. Marvel's "Daredevil" premieres April 1. "Between," a thriller with Jeanette McCurdy premieres May 21. Finally, my personal favorite, "Orange is the New Black," returns for its third season on June 14.

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY (left) and ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (right)

(Left) The cast gathers in the parks department one last time in the finale before going their separate ways. (Right) The liars anxiously await the trial's verdict

Season finales



Glee
Series finale
January 20, Fox



Vampire Diaries
Season 6 finale
May 14, CW



Supernatural
Season 10 finale
May 20, CW

Season premieres



Daredevil
Season 1 premiere
April 10, Netflix



Orange is the New Black
Season 3 premiere
June 14, Netflix

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Men's golf improves on road

By ALEXANDRA SMITH
Photojournalist

The Piedmont College men's golf team traveled to Jekyll Island, Ga. this past weekend for the Jekyll Island Collegiate hosted by Oglethorpe University.

The tournament was home to five of the top ten NCAA Division III nationally ranked teams. Piedmont finished 23 out of the field of 30, a seven spot improvement over last

season's finish in the tournament.

First-year Sam Hill posted the lowest score for the Lions over the weekend. Hill posted a 72 in both the first and second rounds and a 75 in the third round, placing him tied for fourteenth place overall along with Kelby Scharmann of University of La Verne and Jonathan Shaw of Claremont McKenna-Mudd-Scripps College.

First-year Davis Cook also had a low scoring weekend

as he posted a 75, 82 and 74 in rounds one through three, respectively. Cook tied scores for the third round with second-year Jake Forbes, who posted a 77 and 83 in the first and second rounds. Forbes posted in fourth place for the team scoring in the tournament.

Third-year Joseph Morris was arguably one of the most consistent players behind Hill, as Morris posted scores in the 70s in all three rounds. Morris posted two birdies in the third round on the sixth and 15 holes.

Rounding out the scoring for Piedmont was first-year Aaron Vankempen who was able to improve his score by 17 strokes between the first and third rounds. Vankempen ended his third round with birdies on the 15 and 17 holes to put him at three over par on the day.

The Lions will return to action as they head to the Bermuda Collegiate Invitational starting on Monday, March 23 at Port Royal Golf Course-Tucker's Point in Bermuda.



Photo by ALEXANDRA SMITH

First-year Aaron Vankempen puts the ball.



Photo by ALEXANDRA SMITH

First-year Davis Cook looks to measure where the ball needs to go.

Softball coach hits 400 wins

By JUSTIN VALLEJO
Staff Writer

After the win against Ferrum College on March 8, head coach of the Piedmont softball team, Terry Martin, recorded his four-hundredth career win. This is a milestone that no other head coach in softball at Piedmont College has ever reached.

Success is something that has followed Martin throughout his years of coaching. He has won a total of eight conference regular-season championships, four conference tournament titles and has reached the NCAA National Championship three times. Also, Martin has been named Conference Coach of the Year six times. He has reached the NCAA National Tournament five times, and he hopes that he can turn that number into six this year.

Martin didn't have a clue that he reached this milestone until a few weeks ago.

"I didn't even know it, I mean I knew I was close. The team brought the ball out and took pictures, and I was just thinking about winning the next game," said Martin.

First-year infielder Becka Ross said, "When we presented the ball to him that day, he was shocked because he had no idea what



Photo by JUSTIN VALLEJO

Softball Head Coach Terry Martin watches his team play from the dugout.

happened. It just shows that all he wants to do right now is win, and that's why I think he has 400 wins."

For most coaches, winning

400 career games is something they can only dream about, but for Martin, it never even crossed his mind.

"I was just caught up in

my career, and it just kind of flows. I was just really fortunate to be at one place, and Piedmont is a very good place to work," said Martin.

Martin has spent all 17 of his collegiate seasons of coaching at Piedmont College. He is just outside of the nation's top 50 in winningest active Division III head coaches by career wins.

Martin has had many amazing seasons, but he said if he had to choose one season that was special, it was this past season. The Lady Lions in 2014 had a powerful 43-8 record, and they won the USA South conference tournament.

"Last year was special because we had no major players. Everyone had to pull together," said Martin. "To have 40 wins is something great, but win or lose, that team from last year was special."

Due to the recent inclement weather, the Lady Lions had not played a game since March 8 when Martin reached his four-hundredth win until March 14.

"We are practicing a lot right now, we haven't played in a while because of the rain and different things," said Martin. "It kind of has us cabin fever, and we're trying to keep them [the players] loose because they are eager to play and win."

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Softball swept by William Peace

By IRIS JHON
Staff Writer

The Piedmont College softball team faced William Peace University on Saturday, March 14 in a double header. The Lady Lions were swept by Pacers, losing the first game 8-5 and the second 9-3.

The Lady Lions said they were pretty upset about the loss they received.

"Tonight we were not mentally prepared. We were just not ready to play our opponent team tonight," said Head Coach Terry Martin.

First-year infielder Becca Ross hit a double during the first and second innings of the first game.

Ross said during the first game, the team didn't "bring it." She explained that the team had trouble focusing. Ross said that it was something the team would be practicing in the weeks to come.

However, the game heated up during the fifth inning. Piedmont was fielding, and the crowd began to stir when the umpire called a Lady Lion out after the crowd believed the Pacer had dropped the ball first. The crowd and coaches yelled at the umpires, "She dropped the ball." This play proved to be the most controversial call of the day according to the players. Still, the Lions eventually fell in the first game.

In the second game, the

Lady Lions fought, getting hit in the helmet and battling the cold, rainy weather. Still, nothing seemed to be stopping the Lady Lions from finishing their game. The Lady Lions were still not able to pull out a win.

The Lady Lions, however, left that game with their heads held high and their motivation still intact.

Martin stated, "We will go home and sleep on these losses and come mentally prepared for next game."

The Lady Lions will hit their home field again March 18 at 3 p.m. to face their conference rivals, the LaGrange College Panthers.

What's next?

March 17
Women's Lacrosse
at 2 p.m.
vs. Oglethorpe
University

March 20
Tennis
at 2 p.m.
vs. Rhodes College

March 20 and 21
Track and Field
Away
Emory Invitational

March 23 and 24
Women's Golf
Away
Emmanuel College
Invitational

March 23 and 24
Men's Golf
Away
Bermuda Collegiate
Invitational

March 28
Softball
at 2 p.m.
vs. Meredith
College

March 28
Men's Lacrosse
at 7 p.m.
vs. Methodist
University

March 28 and 29
Baseball
at 3 p.m. and
2 p.m.
vs. Averett
University



Photo by NIKKI MEANS

Second-year pitcher Avery Migues attempts to strike a batter out.

Column Corner

College Athletes: Paid to Play

By BROCK BENNETT
Staff Writer

In case you missed it, the NCAA passed legislation in August 2014 that allows colleges in the power conferences to pay players. The power conferences consist of the Big 12, Pac-12, ACC, Big 10 and SEC, but the new legislation reaches out to Notre Dame and other colleges that want to partake in this ruling.

What does this ruling do exactly? With this new ruling, Division I student-athletes will be receiving stipends that range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per player per year and insurance benefits. This is great news for the student-athletes in the power conferences, but it might not happen for some players that are not included in these elite conferences.

Leagues like the Sun Belt, Mid-American Conference (MAC) and



Division I college athletes are going to start being paid a stipend.

even the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) may not be able to afford paying player stipends. I believe if this were to happen, the competitiveness would drop

among the power conferences and other leagues. Sports are all about competition, but if other schools can recruit better players just because they have money, it will not be fair to the

schools that can't pay players.

Personally, I am very happy with this new ruling because student-athletes deserve to be paid. Not only do they have to worry about school, but they also have to perform at higher standards in sports. With this new ruling, the time devoted to practice will be lowered because players can only practice so much during the week.

Some people might see this as a bad thing, but I see it as a good thing. Student-athletes can focus more on their studies and less on the sport that they play. Most college athletes don't go to the pros, not because they didn't choose that, but because the pros demand the best of the best.

With this new rule, student-athletes can worry less about not making it to the pros and more on the career path that they want to travel. Student-athletes can focus more on getting a degree and less about performing outstanding on the field.

MLS comes to Atlanta

By CJ CIARLANTE
Staff Writer

The next few years should be an exciting time for Atlanta sports' fans. The Georgia Dome has been ditched for a brand new state-of-the-art stadium that is set to be complete in 2017. The forward movement of the new stadium for the city has given Atlanta the opportunity to expand beyond just football. Arthur Blank, owner of the Atlanta Falcons, has announced that in 2017, there will be a new franchise coming to the city of Atlanta.

For the first time ever, Atlanta will finally have its own Major League Soccer team, and I, for one, am extremely excited.

The popularity of the MLS has been steadily growing the last few years with more teams being added to the league, such as the Orlando Lions and New York City FC.

It only seems right that Atlanta have a spot in the MLS, especially with the city's growing demand for soccer and the changes in the cities

demographics. Atlanta is one of the most diverse cities in North America. There is no doubt that our vibrant and diverse population is going to love having a soccer team to cheer for. This is evident in Atlanta over the last few years after witnessing the Georgia Dome filled to capacity for previous international friendly games like Mexico vs. Nigeria, and most recently, their winning bid for the 2015 Gold Cup, which is set to start in early July.

What we haven't seen yet is a name. As of today, the team name is still in the early steps of being decided, but Arthur Blank has announced that it will be a fan-based decision. According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, a survey was handed out to members of the franchise's Founders Club. It consisted of 21 elements, with some questions focused on age, gender and demographics, while some elements focused on history of Atlanta and symbolic meaning. Atlanta Blaze, Atlanta Black Hearts, Premier Atlanta, Atlanta Firebirds and Atlanta Phoenix were the top contenders.

Atlanta Phoenix won the majority, with over 29 percent of the votes.

The Phoenix, referring to the bird, would place itself quite nicely with the rest of the Atlanta bird-themed franchises, and it actually holds deep history within the city.

The Phoenix is a legendary, mythical creature that is born from ashes and bursts into flames. William T. Sherman and his Union Army burned the city of Atlanta to the ground during the Civil War, but the

city was eventually rebuilt to be one of the major cities of the South.

It seems fitting that Atlanta's soccer team should be called Phoenix, because no one actually thought having a soccer team in Atlanta was a possibility until now. Hopefully, they rise from the ashes into a major powerhouse in the MLS for years to come.



Atlanta could soon be the home of a new MLS team.

What you should know about your major

By CAMMIE BAGLEY
Staff Writer

There is a broad selection of majors that students here at Piedmont can pursue. Ranging from education to art to business, none of these majors are concrete. Students can double major, have a minor, or both. There are many things students can study at one time that will lead to a multitude of career opportunities.

Each major offered at Piedmont College has stereotypes about all aspects within it. Due to these stereotypes, it's important to find out the truth about your major when you're first dipping your feet into it. Choosing a major is difficult enough already for most of us, but when you throw in the stereotypes of some of them, it can scare students away from pursuing them. To find out the truth, what better way than to ask those who have gone before you?

Mass Communications:
Senior mass communications major, Patrick Ammons, said, "As intimidating as he can be, DVC is my favorite mass comm. professor. He taught me

everything I know about radio and gives honest feedback about how to improve. It is also nice to have someone as experienced as he is in the studio with you from time to time."

Education:
Senior early-childhood education major, Carsey Pilcher discussed her favorite class within the education field, saying, "I really enjoyed Science Methods. The course was a lot of fun. We got to observe and perform multiple science experiments that we could use to teach a variety of science concepts in our own classrooms."

Nursing:
Junior nursing major, Mary Rushton, discussed the level of difficulty regarding nursing, saying, "There is a lot of work we have to do, and I'm always studying. The tests are also very hard because of the select all that apply questions. It's going to be hard, but in the long run, it is so worth it. So don't give up and continue to push through it!"

Music:
Junior music education major Kate Berardi discussed her biggest challenge within the music field, saying, "My least favorite class was Ear



Training because it was the class I struggled the most in. It's a very beneficial class, but it takes a lot of hard work and studying."

Business:
Senior finance major, Mason Riza, elaborated on why being in his major is beneficial, saying, "Finance is a very employable major. It opens many doors to corporate America. I am hoping to secure an internship for this summer that will allow me to turn into a career."

Regardless of any advice that a more experienced person can give you, go after a major that excites you and makes you happy. If you are passionate about what you're learning, you will enjoy it regardless of how rigorous the classes may be or how tough the professors are on you. Each major has its advantages and disadvantages, so just go for what will benefit you most in the long run.

COMPASS COLUMN

By HALEY HALL
Staff Writer

Many students have not started on their Compass points. However, freshman business major McKay Petitta has gone above and beyond for one of his points.

Petitta met with John Misner about an idea for a mini-olympic style event to create an unforgettable long-lasting memory for kids in the community. Misner agreed to sponsor this as a Compass project for the nearby special-needs elementary students and asked Ann Sutton to be a co-sponsor.

Petitta asked many of his fellow Piedmont students to get involved in this project. He asked 15 students from diverse majors, teams and groups of friends to join him. He thought having all types of different people it would help the kids have an unforgettable experience.

At the team's first meeting they came up with the title for this event, "Piedmont Athletic Lions Games" or "PAL Games."

Petitta, Misner and Sutton met with the Director of Special Education for the

Habersham County Schools, Jill Maxwell and proclaimed their interest in putting on this event.

Maxwell made contact with the elementary schools, and the teachers loved the idea. Petitta and the team worked on setting up a schedule for the event and decided what types of games to run for the children.

After many hours, the team came up with five different games. The games include minion bowling, noodle throw and an obstacle course. After they came up with all the games, Petitta assigned jobs where the students were best fitted. He had the mass communication majors make and edit the video of the event, had the art majors do the flyers and had the business majors raise money.

"I could not have even imagined how the event would turn out if it wasn't for the PALS team or for the other people who have volunteered.

This event will be held on Thursday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Johnny Mize Athletic Center.

SAAC Hosts Drop Your Pride Event

By MANYI ENO
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On Monday, Feb. 23, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) hosted "Drop Your Pride Too Many Have Died" in the Swanson Center on the main stage.

SAAC is a committee made up of student-athletes "assembled to provide opinion and insight specifically to the student-athlete experience at Piedmont College," according to the athletics website.

At the event, creator of the alcohol-awareness program "Drop Your Pride", Aaron Cooksey, spoke about his experience with drinking and driving and being the cause of his best friend's death.

Cooksey began his story very light heartedly, making the audience laugh with some of his childhood adventures in North Canton, Ohio where he was born and raised.

"I never drank a day in my life," said Cooksey.

He explained that he focused on his academics and sports, which he discovered he loved from an early age.

Throughout high school, Cooksey played football, baseball and basketball and

earned eight varsity letters. By his senior year, he was offered numerous scholarship offers, but he decided to play two sports at Mount Union College.

His life seemed like it was on the path for success, heading uphill in a direction he worked his whole life for. All of his goals and dreams came crashing down one month before he began football at school. He tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

"That's when my attitude about everything changed. I became a jerk and began to drink every day," said Cooksey.

Cooksey said he was in a bar every night, and he thought he was invincible because he would drive home each night drunk. He explained that he had numerous friends telling him to stop his destructive ways, but he turned them away.

"Addicts, we hear every single word when you try to talk sense to us, but it's up to us whether we actually listen," said Cooksey.

One fatal night, Cooksey was resuming his regular routine of going to the bar and driving home, but this time he had his best friend with him. They were leaving the bar



Cooksey started his alcohol and drug abuse after an athletic injury.

heading to a friend's house to say hello, not knowing that the next few minutes of both of their lives would change forever.

Going too fast on a small narrow street while talking to his friend at the same time, Cooksey wasn't paying attention to the road. He didn't see the oncoming truck in the opposite direction, and when he noticed it, he made the decision to swerve out of the way, completely flipping the car in the process.

As he sat in his seat, he looked around for his friend who was thrown to the back of the truck.

"I just looked at her stomach the whole time, saying please breathe. Just move, once," said

Cooksey.

When the police and ambulance came onto the scene, Cooksey realized that he had a suspended license, would spend time in prison and had just killed his best friend.

After spending four years

"He definitely made me see that it doesn't just affect you, it affects the family and everyone else around you"

-Ashton Mamula on Cooksey

learned a lot from Cooksey's speech.

"He definitely made me see that it doesn't just affect you, it affects the family and everyone else around you," said Mamula. "And its every day, its not something that just goes away. Time doesn't heal those type of events."

"He was a powerful speaker," said senior biology major Kaitlin Norman. "What made him so great is that he truly did not come to speak in order to receive any honor after his talk."

Cooksey asked the audience to not applaud him because he did not want his bad choices to be praised.

"He came to talk to us honestly and openly about the potential and very risks of driving drunk or driving with someone drunk," said Norman.

At the end of his presentation, Cooksey pulled out the keys that belonged to the car he drove that night of the fatal accident. He told the audience to think about the choices they make today that will affect tomorrow, he then threw the keys on the stage floor.

"It was a moving speech, and I hate that more people were not there to hear him talk," said Norman.

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