



The Tiger's Tale

Rodney Nelson Takes Helm of Hiwassee Athletics

By Keith Mack

End of Semester Dates

- **Final Exam Week**
May 2-5
- **Graduates' Breakfast**
May 6
- **Graduation Practice**
May 6
- **Graduation**
May 7



Good Luck Graduates!



In the latest Hiwassee sports news, Rodney Nelson was named Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball coach. Coach Nelson resides in Maryville right next door to Hiwassee.

Coach Nelson has abundant coaching experience. He previously coached at Maryville College, serving as the Men's assistant coach and head coach for their JV team. Coach Nelson also coached High School as well as AAU.

He received his Bachelor's degree from Maryville College and his Master's from LMU. I had a chance to catch up with Coach Nelson and ask him a series of questions. Here's how he responded:

Q: Why do you feel that you are the best person for this job?
A: I'm not sure if am I the best person for this job, but based on

my background I am highly qualified for this job.

Q: What qualities would you look for if you were hiring an assistant?

A: If able to hire an assistant, I want enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and ability to ask questions on why things are done. An assistant should help me in implementing my philosophies.

Q: What is your overall basketball philosophy and what is its role in the educational setting?

A: My philosophy is that basketball is another learning

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NOMADS by Alli Miller



When an abundant amount of motor homes pull up to Hiwassee in front of Allison Hall, many new students start to wonder, "What in the world is going on here?"

Some of my friends asked me the following; "Why are there

people working on the school from all over the United States?"

These people looked to be retired, which brought up the thought, "Shouldn't they be at home enjoying the work-free life? And where do they eat?" My all time favorite

question was, "How much do these people get paid?"

Well, if some of you have the same questions, I am here to answer them.

First of all those people everyone has questions about are the Nomads. Nomad stands for Nomads

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Student Government Association by Casey Spradlin

Hiwassee College has a club called SGA (Student Government Association). This isn't really a new club to the veterans at Hiwassee College, but it has not been up and running like it has been in past years. Here is how each section of the Student Government will run beginning Fall 2011.



<p>Campaigning: Maintains a list of all Student Body members who are eligible to serve on the SGA and endorses candidates.</p>	<p>Finance: The Finance Committee oversees financial conduct of the organization making sure it keeps to the SGA Operational Guidelines.</p>
<p>Programming: This committee keeps updated information on all club activities/events for SGA. Also recommends, plans, organizes, and implements programs with the approval of the SGA and carries out other duties that relate to SGA</p>	<p>Public Information: Responsible for advertising/publicity, assisting in recruiting membership, marketing, maintaining the SGA organizational publications and other duties that relate to keeping the public informed of all happenings at meetings and SGA functions.</p>
<p>Senators: Members of the SGA may be appointed by petition of the Student Body as Senators. These positions are opened to persons who are not members of any official student organizations.</p>	<p>Club Representatives Senators/Club Representatives are expected to inform students in their curriculum or student organization of activities in the SGA.</p>

But there's much more to the SGA than these committees. SGA can make formal recommendations to the Administration based on things it has been hearing from the student body. So not only is the Administration turning to us to hear an opinion, but SGA is also

taking your views and perspectives directly to them for consideration.

The Student Government Association is, at its core, the representative body of HC students. It functions as a liaison between the Student Body and the Administration.

When the Administration is seeking the opinions of students in order to make an important decision about how our institution is run, they turn to the SGA. When students feel their needs are not being met on campus or by the college, they come to SGA.

Wacky Taxes by Casey Spradlin

When I started this article I was going to write about serious issues in America, but I figured that this would be more entertaining. We all know that April is tax time and filing taxes is the most annoying way to deal with money.

So I hope to bring you some encouragement while you make the IRS happy. I came across the article *The Silliest Taxes in America* and discovered some weird stuff.

In Arkansas, for example, they find it necessary to tax 6% those who pierce their bodies, clean gutters, and keep their pets pampered.

In California, if you were persecuted between 1915 and 1923, you receive a tax exemption. Those who were in trouble in 1924 and after...well you're out of luck.

In Hawaii, you shall receive a whopping 3 grand if you are granted a tree that has a great stump.

In the Big Apple, if you are hosting a haunted house and it lacks opera music or comedies, then you shall be charged a 10 cent tax to everyone purchasing a ticket.

Last but not least in the good ole south, South Carolina will give you a 50 dollar tax write off for using your deer carcass to help feed and clothe the needy.

Now that you all have gotten a good laugh about the IRS, go get your taxes done!



Students Dealing With Peer Pressure

By: Keith Mack

Peer pressure comes in all shapes, sizes, and forms. There is a great deal of peer pressure that college students face throughout their college careers.

Peer pressure is when you decide to do something not because you want to, but because your peers influence you to. For college students, peer pressure can be good or bad; in some cases, it can be both.

There are many types of peer pressure that students face during college. Students will face peer pressure such as getting good grades, getting involved with clubs and sports teams, or even joining a fraternity.

Students might also encounter the pressure to skip class, or go to party when they really do not want to, or have other things they should be doing instead.

Over the years, college life has come to be synonymous with partying. Mov-

ies like "College Road Trip" and "Old School" would have us thinking that the average college student spends more time drinking and "hooking up" than they do actually studying or attending class.



However, while this might be true in some cases, this is most definitely not the norm. One thing that I found most exhilarating about college is the abundance of diversity and open-minded attitudes of those around me.

College means a fresh start and a whole new environment. There are so many different kinds of people with a wide variety of interests.

If you're feeling pressure to party, then maybe it's time that you tried hanging out with some different types of people, because on a college campus there are guaranteed to be other people out there who share your values and concerns.

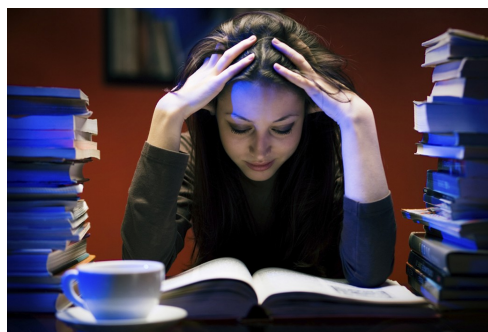
Whether you don't want to party because you feel unsafe, you're worried about your health or how it might affect your academic performance, or you just plain don't enjoy it, you should never feel that you have to party in order to fit in.

If you're having difficulty finding people who don't drink or party heavily, try joining clubs where you can meet people with similar interests.

Peer pressure will be exerted on almost everyone. The people who will stand out of the crowd and succeed are those who choose to make smart decisions, regardless of whether said decision is popular with the crowd or not.



OR



Pictures of Ping Pong



NOMADS

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On a Mission Active in Divine Service. The nomads would much rather be helping others than being at home doing nothing.

They also love to bring their animals along, and their dogs are always the sweetest. I met a golden retriever named “Buddy,” and he will be a lifelong friend to me.

Now for my all time favorite question to be answered, “Do they work for free?” –Yes, they do work for free!

The NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations. NOMADS demonstrate God’s love through their work and by listening to the people with whom they work.

They do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children’s homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster recovery. Team members do maintenance, cleaning, organizing, painting, electrical, drywall,

sewing, and flooring. NOMADS do it all!

They work three week sessions in a location and can choose from sessions all over the country. Some joke NOMADS use is they are Numerous Old Methodists Avoiding Deep Snow. It’s true they can always find work locations with good weather most of the year.

We prefer to think of NOMADS as Numerous Old Methodists Actually Doing Something. All of us here at Hiwassee College sure do appreciate all of the work the nomads provide and we would like to thank them for that. Also we look forward every year to having them on campus.



Ping Pong Tourney

by: Casey Spradlin

On March 13, Hiwassee held a competitive ping pong tournament consisting of around fourteen students and faculty members. The tournament was held in Allison hall dorm from 6 to 9.30 p.m.

There was food, drinks, and other games being played. Pool and cards were the most popular games that night while

some students just simply watched T.V. and chatted.

The tournament consisted of single elimination best 2 out of 3 games. There were two prizes up for grabs.

The first place prize was a 20 dollar Wal-Mart gift card and the 2nd place prize being a 10 dollar Wal-Mart gift card.

Of course we all knew who was destined to win this tourney. Even I, being a competitor knew that I wanted to win, but I had to get past Dr. Fowler first. As I watched him playing other opponents, they all walked up to the

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Meet the Admissions Office by: Alli Miller

Hiwassee College has a wonderful admissions team. These men and women serve the College and work long, hard hours to ensure that the college has enough students coming in to keep the school expanding.

This is their motto: “Soon, you'll begin a wonderful journey that will change the way you look at the world. You'll challenge yourself. You'll discover things about yourself you never dreamed of. And you'll remember the ex-

periences and savor their meaning for as long as you live.

As you consider Hiwassee College, allow us to get to know you and give you a glimpse of what life will be like as a Hiwassee College student.”

If current students know of someone who would be interested in attending Hiwassee, please pass along the name and phone number of that person to any member of the Admissions Office staff.



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table in front of him, looking hopeless knowing that they would struggle against what I would like to call a “mastermind” of Ping Pong.

He was swift and smooth with his paddle which made the average Joes very weary. Needless to say Abel Carrico, Dustin Debty, Dr. Fowler, and I all made it to the finals.

It was Able and Dustin playing for the second prize and “Dr. Mastermind” and myself playing for the first prize.

Yes, he beat me, but I put up a good challenge. Dr. Fowler also graciously gave me the 20 dollar gift card instead of keeping it for himself.

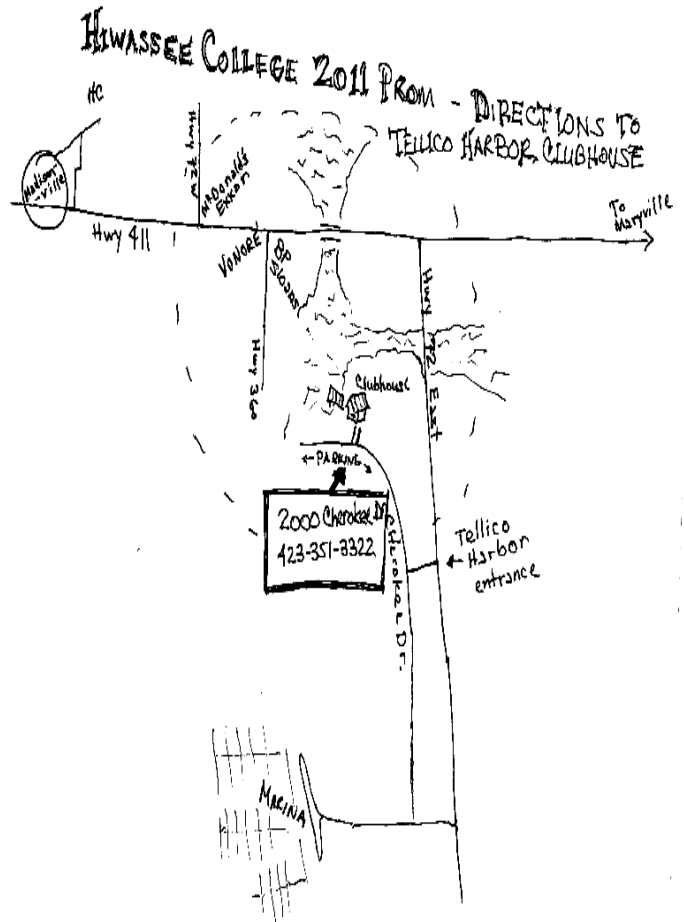
I encourage everyone to come out and be a part of game nights if you return next year. Next year, I shall defeat Dr. Mastermind!

Hiwassee College
2011 Ping-Pong
Champion Dr. Art
Fowler and runner-up
Casey Spradlin.



Spring Formal

As winter has come and gone, spring is here which means spring formal has arrived. This is the second annual Spring formal that's been located at Tellico Harbor. The date has been set for tonight, Friday April, 29th from 7-11 p.m. Dillon Davis of Murlin's Music World in Maryville will provide the music as well as karaoke for those who want to sing. There will be snacks and punch provided as well. For those who need rides, the school will provide one; for departure time as well as directions, go see Dean Clevenger or Bethany Allen. In addition, the harbor has a dock with a beautiful view. It is a great place for relaxation and picture taking. This formal will be the last event hosted on this semester's calendar, so everyone come out tonight and let's end the semester with some fun.



Medic Blood Drive by: Alli Miller

If there is one thing that Hiwassee is known for, it is volunteers. That tradition of volunteering continued in March here on campus.

Medic Blood Drive came to Hiwassee to collect blood from students who could spare some time and weren't petrified of needles.

Medic accepts all healthy blood types and most

people are able to give if they want to. As usual, the Hiwassee student body came out in great numbers to help people in need.

There were 51 students who donated blood for Medic, not including staff and faculty. This greatly impressed the staff for Medic. They said that small colleges usually have a turn-

out of about half as many students as we did here.

This is a great testament to how supportive of worthy causes we can be. I know that the students here at HC are very enthusiastic and willing to help out their community.

I would like to say thank you for the blood you may have contributed, and if you did not, they will always be back next fall.

I encourage you to give blood because without donors, the good people at Medic can't help anyone.



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A: personal responsibility is also something I try to teach. I want students and players to take pride in their efforts and learn to become part of something larger than themselves. Practice is where you sharpen your skills, and games, like tests, are where we see what they can do.

Q: What are your strengths and weaknesses as a coach?

A: Strengths: I know x’s and o’s; I am persistent, and can motivate to find a way to win. Weakness: patience

Q: What is the role of a head coach in building a program?

A: Setting the philosophy, enforcing rules, being there to listen, and being consistent.

Q: How would you deal with a player that complained about the head coach or the program?

A: Meet with that player to understand complaints, explain what we can control, and then explain that any attitudes that diminish the team or hurt the team need to be changed or removed from the team.

Q: What are some things that your previous experience in coaching has taught you?

A: a) Every team is different and we must adjust without changing our core beliefs. b) A losing attitude is worse than a game lost.

Q: How has coaching affected your life?

A: I have formed lasting relationships that influence the way I conduct my life, and fortunately, give players help in achieving their goals

Q: What are your best/worst memories in coaching?

A: Seeing young people work together to reach common and individual goals. The worst is seeing talent go to waste.

Cherokee Adventure By: Nathan Best

Bill Fowler’s humanities class traveled to Cherokee, North Carolina on April 21, 2011, and were able to meet the Chief of the Cherokee nation. There were a total of eleven students and three faculty members who made the trip. Everyone got to meet Chief Michelle Hicks, who today is the Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokees.

According to nc-choerokee.com, the tribe consists of 14,000 members and holds 56,000 acres to the traditional homelands. Now 43 and the youngest chief to ever lead his nation, Hicks received his AAS degree in accounting from SCC. Several students from Hiwassee were able to ask him questions. Some described their interaction as if they had met the president of the U.S. but only on a smaller scale.

Tiger’s Tale: Describe your experience with the chief Hicks.

Dustin Debty: He was a really friendly down to earth kind of guy. He is currently on his third term of principal chief.

Tiger’s Tale: Did he seem like an ideal Indian Chief to you?

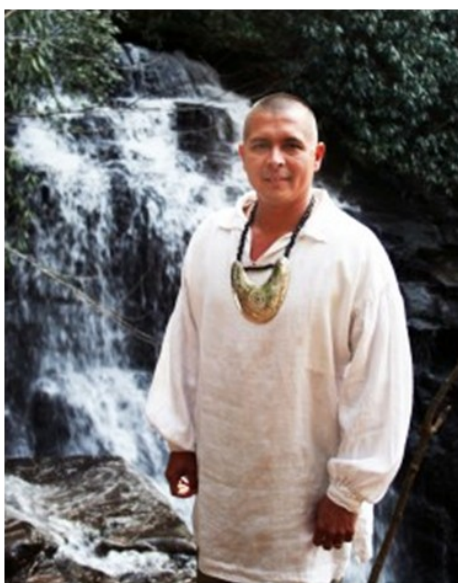
Dustin Debty: He was dressed pretty business casual, very calm, and didn’t sit down the entire time he spoke.

Tiger’s Tale: Did he describe anything that might pertain to students about the Cherokee Nation?

Dustin Debty: Chief Hicks explained that everyone should be educated about the Cherokee Nation and not just make assumptions about them because of their race or ethnicity. They are just like any other Americans with their own history, culture, and traditions.

Tiger’s Tale: What was your favorite part of the trip?

Dustin Debty: My favorite part was meeting the chief but a close second was eating at the Granny’s Kitchen buffet.



Chief Hicks is proud to live and work in both worlds—his traditional Cherokee heritage and his role as a modern political leader.

Dear Future President of Hiwassee College,

We here at Hiwassee are no strangers to adversity. This includes especially the staff and students who have been here for multiple years and through many ups and downs. People like Dr. Jerry Russell and Dr. Neal, who have served as interim presidents, have been extremely gracious in devoting their time, knowledge, and direction to this institution. However, there will eventually be a permanent figure serving as our president.

In order for this school to survive and thrive, it is my opinion that certain decisions will have to be made and policies may need to be adjusted. Whoever fills these shoes will undoubtedly face many difficult challenges, and handle many delicate situations on a daily basis. We will need someone who can keep certain people happy but will not be swayed by ideas that may be deep rooted yet could be harmful to the school. We need a single-minded person with clear goals and a plan to really get Hiwassee going in the direction it needs to go.

The first challenge the new president will face is to increase enrollment, which has never quite recovered from the accreditation issues we have had in past years. There are many ways that they could go about doing this. The first and most obvious is making a conscious effort to improve the fun on campus. Priority number one should be fixing the big Olympic size pool we have sitting next to the gym. This may just sound like me trying to get a little relaxation time close to the dorms, but it goes deeper than that. Any prospective student who sets foot on campus would be much more likely to want to attend if they see fun activities jumping out on campus.

I know that money is not just sitting there for us to throw around, but if we could get this project done it would almost certainly make the school money in the long run. The amount of students brought in by seeing a pool would pay for the project by itself.

Improving the condition of the dorms, the pool project, and increasing activities on campus are a few things that could be looked at with the aim of increasing enrollment. One other idea I might suggest is the reestablishment of a serious theatre program. I think a program like this would increase the diversity of the atmosphere on campus, and make Hiwassee more attractive to different types of people. It would also be fun to be able to see our peers in performance and become involved if we so choose. I really believe a theatre program would be a tremendous boost to the culture on campus.

The only way that Hiwassee can make big steps forward is if we can start to focus less on giving students limits and more on giving them things to do on campus. An active student is a satisfied student, in my opinion. The policy direction you as president choose to pursue will greatly affect the overall happiness and numbers of students who choose to attend our school. I believe we as students can help as well. This school will be what we make of it, and with leadership of the right sort, we can and will make it great again.

Sincerely,

Josiah Vacheresse

Editor of The Tiger's Tale