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Marietta campus affected by on-going renovation

By Ariana Carter
Staff Writer

Because of the continuing remodeling of the D-building, GHC Marietta classes have temporarily been moved.

The renovation began in late June and GHC classes have been moved to the Atrium Building, the G-Building and Norton Hall.

The work being done on the D-building, which sits right next to the Joe Mack Student Center on the Southern Polytechnic State University, is the “talk of the campus.”

Jessica Troxell, a psychology major, believes that the remodeling makes the campus look temporarily unattractive.

The D-building was built around the 1960s, and Dean Ken Reaves of GHC Marietta stated that “significant

renovations were needed” based on the years that the D-building has been standing.

Reaves said that the ongoing renovation has not personally hindered him and that he “believes SPSU has been very helpful” in finding GHC classrooms and “providing ample assisting during this transition.”

Reaves hopes that renovations will be done by Fall 2015.

He said the overall experience of having class in a newly constructed teaching space will be positive for student learning.

Arleena Burnett, psychology major on Marietta campus, is excited about the remodeling. She said it makes it a little harder to get to class but everything will look great soon. “New building, new year- sounds great to me,” Burnett said.



Photo by Ariana Carter

Renovation on the Marietta Campus D-building is underway, causing GHC students to disperse across other parts of the campus.

December graduation cancelled

By Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

According to Sheila Jones, director of marketing and communications, the December graduation ceremony has been cancelled.

The decision was made by the graduation committee with the approval of the president of the college.

December graduation was originally meant to be held on Dec. 18 at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville.

Reasons for the cancellation include reducing costs to help keep fees at the same price.

Sandie Davis, director of admissions and registrar, said students can still graduate in December, and if December graduates wish, they are welcome to participate in the spring graduation ceremony on May 16, 2015.

Attention Students

Students who went to Early Bird Advising are able to register now.

Registration opens up for everyone else on Nov. 3.

Availability of parking at Paulding causes issues for students and others

By Kati Wall
Staff Writer

Students, administrators and local businesses have different opinions about the parking spaces at the Paulding campus.

A GHC nursing major, stated, “The parking is too far from the building, and if you get here late there are no spaces left.”

Cathy Ledbetter, Paulding campus dean, said that there is no problem with current parking availability.

Ledbetter stated, “I want students to understand that there are multiple parking areas available to them.”

She continued, “There are currently 277 spaces available and only 200 students on campus at our busiest time of day.”

She recommends students visit the Paulding campus website, click on the

“maps” tab and familiarize themselves with the available student parking areas.

An informal survey of class sizes in SCORE shows over 300 students enrolled in 9:30 and/or 11:00 a.m. classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays could be looking for parking.

Lyric Sprinkle, student life coordinator, suggests students should leave home a few moments earlier in anticipation of a short walk into the building.

Sprinkle also pointed out that if a student were attending a large university he or she would be required to walk much further to classes.

Sydney Chumbley, undeclared major, said, “I got a citation for parking in a faculty spot, but the letters were faded and I couldn’t tell.”

Chumbley stated she ap-

pealed the citation and never received a response.

David Martinez, SGA chairman, stated, “The rules are cited in the student handbook. Students should know all of these rules and abide by them. If they don’t, they should expect consequences.”

Illegal parking not only affects faculty, whose reserved spaces are often taken by students, it also impacts business in the square.

Darlene Aikens, waitress at Corner Café, said, “Students often park in handicap spaces. Most of my customers are older people. They either can’t come or struggle to walk up here because they had to park so far away.”

Aikens said that small businesses are all greatly impacted by students filling the limited number of public spaces in the square.

GHC offers study abroad trips to Costa Rica in spring, summer

By Derweatra Hammock
Managing Ed., Design

GHC's study abroad program is giving students the opportunity to have a hands-on learning experience with trips to Costa Rica.

Students will be housed on the University of Georgia's Costa Rica campus. UGA purchased land in Costa Rica near San Luis and created a small campus that includes classrooms, a cafeteria, a library and lodging.

Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad at GHC, recently visited UGA's Costa Rica campus and was very impressed. "The tours, food and activities are wonderful. The scenery is beautiful, and the locals are very friendly."

There are two Costa Rica trips planned for 2015, and a third is in the works. "The trips are fun, educational and very inexpensive," Long said.

The first trip will take place

over spring break 2015, from March 22-29. Any student can participate, and the cost is \$1,395.

All spaces on the spring break trip are currently filled, but Long stated that students who are interested can contact him for an application and he will place them on the waiting list.

Participants will go to the Playa Samara beach, walk through the Monteverde Cloud Forest, zip line and visit chocolate and coffee farms. Students will also help with reforestation and get to know the nearby locals by spending a night with a local family.

Long stated, "There is no formal course credit for the spring break trip, but professors may offer students credit through independent study."

The second trip to Costa Rica will be a 10-day health sciences trip from June 1-10, 2015.

This trip is only for nursing and dental hygiene students and costs \$1,550. There are still spots

available, so Long encourages students to sign up quickly.

Participants on the health sciences trip will experience several of the same activities as those on the spring break trip as well as learning what health care is like in Central America by listening to lectures from local health personnel and visiting medical clinics.

Some NURS 3306 course work will take place in Costa Rica.

Mark Greger, associate professor of Spanish and Costa Rica faculty trip leader, has been to Costa Rica a few times. "I fell in love with the culture and society, and it cemented the fact that I wanted to teach Spanish. I hope participants on the trips also have a life-changing experience."

A third Costa Rica trip is being planned for summer 2015. This will be a month-long consortium trip with other Georgia schools during which GHC students can take college courses while in Costa Rica and earn class credit.



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Mark Greger, associate professor of Spanish and faculty trip leader, prepares to zip line through a Costa Rican cloud forest with Arenal Volcano off in the distance.

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Highlands Happenings

C'Ville Turkey Trot to be held Nov. 22

By Ashlee Gilley
Staff Writer

"Run, walk, moonwalk. It doesn't matter," said Scott Flynn, assistant professor of physical education, about the Turkey Trot. The important part is getting involved, not how fast one is.

The Turkey Trot is a 5k that participants can run, walk or jog. It is hosted by the United Way of Bartow County. The event will be held at 9 a.m. on Nov. 22, at the Cartersville Soccer Complex.

Refreshments will be available and prizes including t-shirts, trophies and frozen turkeys will be awarded.

Registration is \$20. Students and faculty are encouraged to wear GHC apparel to show

support as a campus. For more information, go to <http://www.bartowliveunit-ed.org>.

Annual skiing and snowboarding trip marks its 35th year

By Jessyca Arndt
Digital Technician

Thirty-five years ago, Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, and an associate got together and created an opportunity for students to take a trip and gain credit for a PHED 1420 or 1421 course.

This year the trip to Boone, N.C. will take place Jan. 5-9, 2015, but sign-ups begin in November. At that time full-payment is due.

The deadline for sign-ups is Dec. 1.

The prices range from \$259 (if the student is pro-

viding his or her own equipment and lodging) to \$623.

"There will be six hours of pre-trip class time in December for those wanting course credit," Weatherman stated, "but these prices can't be beat for such a reputable Ski College and everyone always seems to enjoy themselves."

ASF trip sign-ups begin early spring

By Tyler Hogue
Asst. Online Editor

The dates and plays for the college's annual spring semester trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery have been set.

The trip will take place the weekend of April 25-26.

The two plays that will be seen on the trip were both written by Shakespeare.

In the tragedy "King Lear," the titular character descends into madness after disposing of his estate between two of his three daughters based on their flattery.

The second play that will be performed is the comedy "As You Like It," which follows its heroine Rosalind as she flees persecution in her uncle's court accompanied by her cousin Celia to find safety and, eventually, love, in the Forest of Arden.

Student Life and the Humanities Division will be sponsoring the trip.

Sign-ups for the trip will start early in spring semester. There is no finalized cost right now.

Some teachers will give extra credit to participants, and the two plays relate to course work done in the Humanities 2011 and GHU 2901 classes offered spring semester at Floyd campus.

Free Microsoft 2013 offered to students

By Derweatra Hammock
Managing Ed., Design

The IT department has made it possible for all GHC students to have access to Microsoft Office 2013 for free.

This will especially benefit students enrolled in courses that make use of Microsoft Office 2013.

Students can sign in to their Highlands email, click on "Office 365" in the top left-hand corner of the screen and choose one of the Office programs.

Rob Laltrello, chief technology officer, said, "Here, students can also download Microsoft Office 2011 for Mac and Microsoft Office 2013 for PC on up to five devices. Office Mobile can also be download on up to five mobile devices."

IT now working to solve problems at Douglasville computer Hub

By Holly Chaney
Staff Writer

Frustrations mount on the Douglasville campus as an issue plaguing the school's Hub has left many computers unavailable and students in a pinch.

The Hub is an area on Douglasville campus that houses 16 computers that are designated for student use.

The issue, which began with the fall term, lies in the Hub's network. As computers sit idle, they fall from the network and students are helpless to access them until the school's IT personnel is able to address the problem.

Spotty availability, which has now persisted halfway through the term, has left many students wondering why the problem has yet to be fixed.

"It is an obvious short-

coming of the school's vision for information technology," said Seth Ransom, general studies major.

Information technology staffer for the Douglasville campus, Roderick Stidum, helped to shed light on the source of the problem. Stidum said, "We are testing a new platform to deliver a more secure environment for access to students' resources."

He stated, "The issue of iMac desktops falling off a network is a known issue with iMac's and OS X operating on a Windows based network infrastructure."

According to Stidum, the server team is actively trying to find a solution to the problem.

He continued, "We are considering a temporary fix in the meantime which entails configuring Hub desktops for Auto-log-on,

meaning no network log-on credentials will be needed to access the desktops while still requiring credentials for email, D2L, etc."

For students like Jack Deakin, a general studies major, a solution cannot come quickly enough. "Students depend upon those computers to complete their work, and without access to them their grades will suffer," Deakin said.

While there is no definitive timeline for the Hub's issues, Stidum said, "Students need to continue to notify on-site IT personnel or send an email to rt@highlands.edu whenever this happens so that it can be fixed."

He continued, "But also on the desktop is a 'Feed-back' icon on the lower left side of the screen that goes to its management about this new platform."



Photo by Holly Chaney

Zachery Evans, business administration major, completes course work in the Douglasville campus computer Hub.

Efforts underway to increase Cartersville night security

By Lindsey Turnbull
Staff Writer

Some people at the Cartersville Campus have said that they have not seen any campus safety outside during night hours.

Ronnie Cline, one of the Cartersville campus safety employees, said that he is the only one patrolling the campus at night.

Usually two people should be working during the night with one person outside and one person inside monitoring the cameras.

John Upton, director of GHC campus safety, acknowledged the short-handedness at Cartersville. However, Upton

said that he has already selected one full-time worker and another part-time worker to be added to Cartersville security.

The workers are being processed through the college's HR department, and Upton expects them to begin work within a few days.

According to Cline, there are plenty of cameras on campus, but there are some places where more cameras should be. However, due to budget shortages, campus safety cannot get the cameras for those certain locations.

Cline has been working for Georgia Highlands since 2009. He said that he has never seen any-

thing bad happen such as someone getting robbed or someone getting into a physical fight.

"I would like people to know that we are always here for students, and we provide many different services," Cline said.

For example, if any students ever feel they are not able to walk to the campus from their car, campus safety can pick them up with the golf cart.

The campus safety number is 770-252-2018. This number is posted in all the classrooms and throughout the campus.

Cline says security officers always make sure they are the last to leave campus.

Man with knife chases GHC student at Marietta

Brooke Allen
Staff Writer

According to information posted online by the Atlanta Journal Constitution, a Georgia Highlands student was chased by a man carrying a knife at the Marietta campus on Sept. 16.

The incident occurred around 6 p.m. in a parking lot located by the student center. The victim managed to escape the attacker, and she immediately contacted campus police.

SPSU campus police sent out a Hornet Alert warning students on campus of a life-threatening situation happening.

Students received a text message and automated voice call saying to stay indoors and refrain from leav-

ing or entering campus.

Hannah Guthrie, an early childhood education major, was walking to her car when the incident took place.

Guthrie commented on the thoroughness of campus police saying, "When I got the messages from the Hornet Alert, I wish I had known more of the situation. All it said was that it was life threatening, and that could mean anything."

Guthrie also stated, "I feel a little uneasy at times since the attack was early in the afternoon with lots of students around, but I always try to walk around with someone."

-<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/report-student-chased-by-knife-wielding-man-at-sou/nhPty/>

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Gary Johnson performs on Floyd campus

By Brianna Drake
Staff Writer

Students enjoyed a little taste of some not so ordinary music in-between classes as Gary Johnson performed in the student center at Georgia Highlands Floyd campus on Oct. 16.

Johnson tours colleges around the country. He performs a variety of different music as the students text him their requests.

He is a tech performer, meaning he uses looping and creates different beats and sounds on his own.

He was recently named Campus Activities Magazine 2014 Musician of the Year.

Johnson started getting into music at the age of two because his parents were in a band.

He can play a variety of instruments including gui-

tar, piano, banjo, ukulele, and more. He taught himself the tech aspects in his performance.

“My favorite part is when the crowd is singing along much louder than my speakers, and they are going crazy.”

-Gary Johnson

Johnson said, “I used to do it with tape decks, so when they actually came out with the technology to make this possible, I really started to embrace it.”

Johnson used to tour with the popular ‘80s band, Boston, but he says touring

colleges is one of the best things ever.

“My favorite part is when the crowd is singing along much louder than my speakers, and they are going crazy,” he said.

He is pleased that the students take time away from their busy college schedules to just take the time to watch him.

The students loved Johnson and his music. They were singing along and requesting a lot of songs for him to play.

He has a new CD coming out this year, with the bass guitarist of The Fray and the drummer of Seether.

Students can go to Johnson’s website gjsolo.com to download a copy of his CD, “Tracing Starlines With Empty Hands.”

Also, he has a YouTube for mash-ups of other songs at www.youtube.com/gjsolo.



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Singer/songwriter Gary Johnson entertains GHC students with a variety of songs requested by text message.



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Apple's iPhone 6 v.s. Samsung's Galaxy S5

Apple's iPhone 6

By Anna Douglass
Managing Ed., Online

Lines of people formed outside AT&T, Verizon and several other cell phone stores on Sept. 19 in order to be one of the first to receive the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus.

Features that consumers like about the new phone are its larger size, the thinness and its compatibility with iOS 8, unlike the previous iPhone models.

The iPhone 5s was the first phone to use fingerprint technology. The newer iPhone models use this feature so users can quickly unlock their phones.

However, if somebody who doesn't have fingerprint access needs to unlock his or her phone, then that person can use the passcode lock that the previous models implemented.

The iOS 8, iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus are compat-

ible with any Mac source. Any notes taken on the laptop will automatically be saved and show up on the iPhone.

All of Apple's devices use iCloud, which consumers receive when they sign up for their iTunes account. The iCloud lets consumers back up photos, documents and important dates.

If consumers lose their phone, then they can open up their iCloud and find the exact location of their device, and if they are sure it was stolen, then they can completely erase the memory on the phone.

The phones will soon be able to hold a credit card. This is great for those who forgets their wallet. So if the phone's owner were to go out without his or her wallet, that person would still be able to make purchases with just a scan of the phone.

When purchasing an iPhone, consumers are not only buying a phone with many new and upcoming features, but they are purchasing a lifestyle that can help make life easier.

Samsung's Galaxy S5

By Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

Samsung's Galaxy S5 is one of the most recent and most popular smartphones to run on Google's Android operating system.

Google is almost like the Midas of big name companies. Almost everything Google touches turns into an instant money-making device.

Android is an operating system used on hundreds of phones, with the most popular line of phones being the Galaxy S5.

Consumers have the option to run the phone on their own personal Gmail accounts.

Doing so opens up the ability of using the Google Play Store to download games onto their phones.

If something happens to a user's phone that leads to the user buying another phone, any game data that



Photo by Anna Douglass

The Galaxy S5 (left) and the iPhone 6 are shown side-by-side.

was on the previous device is transferred onto the new one.

Also, by running on a Google account, consumers are provided the ability to link the phone to the desktop Google account and track the phone if it is stolen.

The user can wipe all the information off the device with just the click of a button from a computer by using Google Dashboard.

On a technical level,

the phone is one of the first smartphones to be introduced as completely waterproof.

A rubber lining around the battery pack and the use of a waterproof speaker protects the phone from water damage.

The camera was another device that saw improvement.

The Galaxy S5 features a 16 megapixel camera, which is better than some digital cameras.



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Horror Movie Trivia

1. What movie contains the quote "Movies don't make psychos, movies make psychos creative!"?
 - A. "Psycho" B. "The Shining"
 - C. "Scream 2" D. "Freddy vs. Jason"
2. What kind of blood is poured on Carrie at prom?
 - A. Pig blood B. Goat blood
 - C. Human blood D. Cow blood
3. How many psychos played "Ghostface" in the Scream Trilogy?
 - A. Three B. Five
 - C. Six D. One
4. What is Chucky's full name in the Child's Play Series?
 - A. Charles Lee Ray B. Charlie Ray Jones
 - C. Charles Ray Lee D. Charlie Lee Jones
5. Who plays Regan in "The Exorcist"?
 - A. Linda Blair B. Betty White
 - C. Jamie Lee Curtis D. None of the above
6. Who was the killer in "Friday the 13th"?
 - A. Jason Vorhees B. Jason's dad
 - C. Jason's mom D. All of the above
7. In "Poltergeist," what part of the house served as a portal between the different dimensions?
 - A. The bathroom B. The bedroom closet
 - C. The kitchen D. The garage
8. Which world famous actor made his or her first appearance in Wes Craven's "Nightmare on Elm Street"?
 - A. Harrison Ford B. Robert England
 - C. Brad Pitt D. Johnny Depp
9. Dr. Sam Loomis was whose doctor?
 - A. Leatherface B. Freddy Kruger
 - C. Jason Vorhees D. Michael Myers



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10. What does the manager of The Dolphin Hotel use to try to bribe Mike Enslin out of staying in room 1408?
 - A. Whiskey B. Police reports
 - C. Access to his office D. All of the above
11. In "The Exorcist," what was the name of Regan's so-called "imaginary friend"?
 - A. Casper B. Captain Howdy
 - C. Princess Penelope D. Jake
12. In "The Conjuring," why do all of the clocks in the house stop at exactly 3:07 a.m.?
 - A. The batteries die
 - B. The kids fix it as a prank
 - C. That's the time that the ghost haunting the family died
 - D. That never happened!
13. When does the creature in "Jeepers Creepers" hunt and for how long?
 - A. He hunts every hour of every day.
 - B. He hunts every 23rd spring for 23 days.
 - C. He hunts every 13th spring for 36 days.
 - D. He hunts every 100 years for 48 days.

Quiz by Karlee Helms



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Readers Contest

Answer the trivia questions on this page and page 9 by Nov. 11 for a chance to win a prize.

Submit your answers to
6milepost@student.highlands.edu.

Answers will be posted
Nov. 12 on sixmilepost.com.

Have fun this Halloween, but take precautions

By Jazmyne Lindley
Staff Writer

Halloween safety is important for the young and the young at heart.

This is a night full of fun adventures, just be sure those fun adventures are also safe.

For anyone going or taking someone trick-or-treating, there are a few guidelines to follow to ensure a safe night out.

Do not go trick-or-treating alone.

Travel in groups. Trick-or-treating in familiar neighborhoods and inspecting candy before consumption is always advisable.

Look both ways before crossing the street and have a flashlight, or some type of reflective device, to help identify all pedestrians.

Wear fitted masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls. Be sure costumes are

flame-resistant because some people might come in contact with candles or other burning objects.

Never accept rides from unfamiliar faces and don't enter strangers' homes alone. Parents or trick-or-treaters should know the route before actually taking it.

For those who want to participate in other activities, like parties, there are also ways to ensure safety.

Before even getting to the party, watch for little ones in dark costumes running around. Do not drive with a mask on that could block vision.

Know the hosts of a party, and do not go alone. If the party seems overcrowded, do not stay.

Do not leave a drink sitting unattended. Pour your own refreshments.

Always keep a cell phone handy in case of an emergency.



Computer illustration by Bryanna Lawton

-These tips and more can be found at:
<http://www.seventeen.com/fun/articles/halloween-safety-tips>
<http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween/>
http://www.halloween-safety.com/halloween_safety_parties.html

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA



Bryanna Lawton 2014

14. Which Charlie Brown character was the only one who believed in the Great Pumpkin?
 A. Snoopy
 B. Charlie
 C. Linus
 D. Lucy
15. Which celebrity was not born on Halloween?
 A. Willow Smith
 B. Tommy Lee
 C. Rob Schneider
 D. Vanilla Ice
16. Which is not one of Casper's uncles?
 A. Fungi
 B. Fatso
 C. Stinkie
 D. Stretch
17. Which item is not used by the Sanderson sisters in "Hocus Pocus" to fly on?
 A. a broom
 B. a mop
 C. a vacuum
 D. a rake
18. What was the first vegetable to be carved on Halloween?
 A. a pumpkin
 B. a squash
 C. a turnip
 D. an eggplant
19. Which of the following phobias means to have a fear of Halloween?
 A. aquaphobia
 B. samhainophobia
 C. xerophobia
 D. algophobia

Quiz by Kiston Dowler and Derweatra Hammock

Novel 'Between Shades of Gray' reveals the tragedy of Lithuania

By Emily Varnum
Staff Writer

Book review

Tragedy typically isn't the most preferred topic of young readers. However, "Between Shades of Gray" can and will grab readers' attention as they enter the world of a young Lithuanian girl named Lina who is ripped away from life as she knows it.

The award winning novel and New York Times best seller, which was the 2014 One Book Floyd County community read selection, uses one girl's voice to represent the genocide of thousands upon thousands of innocents.

The author, Ruta Sepetys, is the daughter of a Lithuanian refugee. Her novel is beautifully written and reveals the truth of what war did to a non-guilty

group of people who were condemned criminals by a totalitarian ruler.

While Lina's story isn't based on a true story, it is based on true events that occurred in Europe due to Stalin's rule in Russia that lead to the death of one million Lithuanians.

Lina was only 15 when Soviet soldiers came in the darkness of night and invaded her home. Her mother, younger brother and herself were deported from their Lithuanian home and forced into a life of slavery.

In June of 1941, Stalin began deporting the residents of Lithuania to Siberia. They were herded like cattle to train cars where most died from malnutrition or illness. Lina never got separated from her mother and brother, Jonas. Her father's location, however, remained a mystery.

As they are transported from destination to destination, it becomes more and more difficult to survive.

Starvation, dehydration, climate, and the treatment by the Soviets break down the physical, emotional and mental strength as days become months. All of this was hidden from America.

Through it all, Lina uses her artistic abilities to capture everything that happens to her and her family.

Before the deportation she was preparing to attend an art school that was miles away from her hometown.

Being very gifted and strong-willed, she recorded everything by drawing it all, even at the risk of being discovered by the Soviets which could have resulted in her death.

Lina's family, along with other Lithuanians who become their companions, face many trials of sickness, abuse and hard labor. Some are murdered while others are taken by an infection, but Lina never loses her courage and bravery to survive.

According to between-

shadesofgray.com, the Los Angeles Times describes the novel this way: "Heart-wrenching... A story of hardship as well as human triumph. 'Between Shades of Gray' is an eye-opening reimagination of a very real tragedy written with grace and heart."

- Author information and historical background from between-shadesofgray.com and theinsidereport.org/TravelStories/Soviet-WarCrimesSiberia.htm

This book gets a grade of



Local musicians rock Halloween in downtown Rome

By Amanda Howell
Staff Writer

On Halloween night, Rome will be pulsating with the sound of local musicians reaching an ever-growing crowd at Schroeder's New Deli.

The annual event will be an all-ages show with only a \$5 admittance fee.

The show will be filled with music, a laid back atmosphere and a costume contest.

Bands playing include The Donors, Bobcat Goblin, The Muletide Perkins Trio and The Wet Bandits.

Jeremy Ollis, of The Donors, stated, "It is an honor to have the opportunity to play for the second year in a row, especially at such a great venue with such amazingly talented musicians."

The Donors and Bobcat Goblin performed at a small show at the Floyd GHC campus last year. The performance was hosted by The Noise Society and Gregory Karnes, a psychology major.

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College online homework programs more exhausting than educational

The purpose of homework is meant to be a reinforcement of what is learned in the classroom.

But by using online homework programs such as OWL and MyMathLab, teachers have sentenced their students to hours of trying to make good grades on the homework rather than studying what is important for the class.

A computer science major said about OWL, "I mean, the homework is much harder than what is actually taught in class."

A general studies major who uses MyMathLab frequently said, "It's so sensitive to what you put in as the answer, and a lot of times they won't take the same variations

of the answer. The answer will be right, but it will be counted wrong."

Online homework may be easier for teachers because it is graded by the program, but it is much tougher on students who struggle to study for a big test on the same night that a homework assignment is due.

Basically, online homework tends to be outside the scope of a class and requires students to know much more than necessary for the parameters of the class.

A tutor in the tutorial center who helps students with OWL said, "It's all random order and sometimes it doesn't reflect what is going on in the class. If a student

misses a problem, it just tells them it's wrong. It doesn't tell them why it is wrong."

Homework could be presented as a chance for an optional grade or extra credit for those who want to further their own understanding of classroom material. After all, that is what homework was designed for in the first place.

By lowering the level of difficulty of the homework, Georgia Highlands could see fewer withdrawals in difficult courses like math and science and a higher pass rate of students who stay enrolled in the class.

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SIX HOURS AFTER HE BEGAN TO DO HIS MATH HOMEWORK ONLINE...



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Manners and ethics will take you far in life

**By Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports**

Growing up, we all had a way of learning right from wrong. As we age, the thought of having morals and thinking before we act should definitely be something that we, as adults, should practice more often.

My stepfather defines adults as people who can fully take care of themselves, pay their own bills and are responsible. Although this is a great way to look at it, I have to disagree.

Being an adult shouldn't be determined by what responsibilities we have or how old we are. It should be determined by how we act.

Pitching temper tantrums in a place of business or acting in a childish and immature manner isn't how adults should act. That's just common sense.



Editor's Box

**Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports**

We are always reminding our children, nieces, nephews and even our younger siblings to think before they act. Well, shouldn't we practice what we preach?

Have morals and be proactive about them. Be the person you want the children in your life to be.

Many students at GHC aren't parents, and I'm one of them. I do, however, have two nephews and two younger siblings. I have learned the hard way that children honestly pick up everything that we do. "Monkey see, monkey do," is the better way to explain it.

Before we start an argument or confront somebody we should think about what we are going to say and how that person will perceive it. Believe it or not, that person that you are about to humiliate or tear down is indeed a human being. They have feelings and emotions just like you.

Take into account what your parents used to teach you, and hopefully what you are teaching the children in your life.

Ethics, manners and morals can get you farther in life than throwing a temper tantrum. Remember that.

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Midterm elections really do matter to college students

By Matthew Massey
Staff Writer

Most people feel it is important to vote in presidential elections because who we choose to lead our country not only affects citizens of the United States but also citizens worldwide. Midterm elections, however, fail to draw nearly as much attention.

But who gets elected into office can affect college students in various ways.

The Georgia gubernatorial election should definitely be on Georgia students' radar as the Nov. 4 election day approaches. The candidate elected governor can affect who is appointed to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Who cares about the Board of Regents, you ask? Well, smokers do for instance. The Board passed a policy that took effect Oct. 1 banning all smoking from USG campuses state wide.

The Board of Regents

was also responsible for the merger between Southern Poly Technic State University and Kennesaw State University.

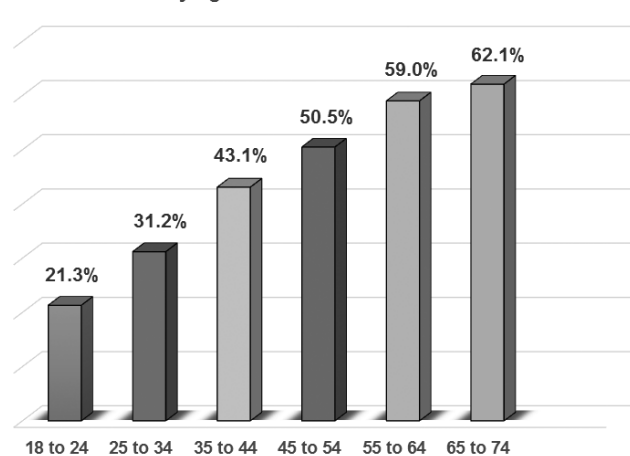
Don't side with either of these decisions? Let your voice be heard by voting. Think these were great issues? Go make a statement by voting.

There is also a Georgia seat becoming vacant in the United States Senate when Saxby Chambliss retires. This will be a tight race.

The turnout of just half of Georgia's 318,000 college students would be enough to sway the results. The candidate chosen will help decide the fate of which party maintains control of the Senate.

This year's midterms, just as almost every midterm election, are expected to have an exceptionally low turnout. Do not let that be a deterrent. College students have a historically low turnout, but if students showed up it could be enough to make a difference.

U.S. Citizens by Age Who Voted in 2010 Midterms



Graph by Derweatra Hammock

Information obtained through the U.S. Census Bureau's current population survey. These statistics account for U.S. citizens who reported that they voted.

D'ville students feel left out



Soap Box

Asia Rowe
Staff Writer

What happened to Douglasville campus? As a student that represents the Douglasville campus, this is a question I hear asked nearly all the time.

Even though the Douglasville campus was built about three and a half years ago, it is still recognized as the new, irrelevant campus.

It seems as if Floyd, Cartersville, Marietta and Paulding always get the better end of the deal when it comes to campus events, clubs and actual campus atmosphere.

It is horrible that we can

go to campuses like Cartersville or Floyd and see a place for students to sit down and eat or even have a place to hang out and chill outside, while at Douglasville campus, we get two vending machines and one microwave.

Douglasville students would love an actual area where food is served to them outside of a candy and drink machine.

Students tend to have to leave campus to get food and sometimes risk the chance of being late for classes and club meetings.

Often, students can be

seen sitting inside their cars waiting for their next class.

Music major student Jasmine Rowe said she does this because there are not many places for her to sit because the few seats available are usually already taken up.

When it comes to the clubs at the Douglasville campus, it is a working matter.

It is good to say that this year Douglasville has gotten more students to participate in student activities.

These are things that highly interest me, and I would hope to see changed in the near future by Georgia Highlands.

Yes, we students here at the Douglasville campus understand it is still qualified as the "new" campus, but how long will it take for it not to be treated like one?

Remembering our history



Muscogee Minute

Gene Harmon
Staff Writer

Do you know what a purple heart means? What was the bloodiest day of our nation's history? What about certain dates and their meaning to America? What difference does it make?

It matters whether you were born here or in another country. These things define who we are as Americans and why so many chose to leave their own countries for a new beginning here.

A purple heart was first awarded with World War I and is a medal given to a member of the military who has been wounded or killed in combat and. When you see this on a tag or vehicle, remember this is someone who literally bled for you.

Everyone recognizes 1776 as being the "official" birth of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. However, the colonies would not be free from England until the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781.

The bloodiest day of our history occurred in the fields and woods around Sharpsburg, Maryland on Sept. 17, 1862. About 23,000 Americans fell that day with nearly one-third being killed or wounded before 9 a.m.

What does Dec. 7 mean to you? On Dec. 7 1941, it was a surprise attack on our naval base in Pearl Harbor which launched us into World War II.

What about June 6? In 1944, the amphibious assault on the Normandy beaches marked the beginning of European liberation from Nazi occupation.

I could continue, but my point is this. It is our history, whether you remember all or just parts. The suffering, sacrifices and death of those before us insured the freedoms we now enjoy. This is why it matters and why we all should remember them, whether you enjoy history or not.

Editor's Note:

Gene Harmon chose "Muscogee Minute" as the title of his continuing column due to his Muscogee Indian heritage. He works as a historical interpreter at the Atlanta History Center.

How I discovered my future



Path 2 Highlands

Mychael Frazier
Criminal Justice Major

I dropped out of school in 11th grade and never thought about going back. The trials in my life were overbearing, and I didn't have any guidance.

I started living a life of crime just to fend for myself in my time of need. The "Street Life" always has two effects: death or prison.

I was lucky and was only sentenced to 15 years and with 10 to be served in prison.

While serving my sentence, I became a reader and enrolled in GED classes just to free my mind from my imprisoned body. Reading and writing became my best friend. I studied law, psychology, religions, philosophy and any books about repairing the damages in this bodily temple.

I wrote a book and poems, which have not been

published. I wrote over 100 songs, and 25 of them have been recorded.

The day I graduated, I was in solitary confinement for a disciplinary act. A female guard opened the door to my cell and said, "Congratulations, here is your GED certificate." I thanked her for the kind words, and then she shut my door.

At the time, my GED didn't mean anything without a future, and I could not see 10 years ahead of me.

After four years, I was free again, and the only future I had was in the music business.

I have been writing and producing music most of my life, but I did not have networking skills to be successful.

Then during the primary elections, I met a man by the name Patrick McNally

who was campaigning door to door.

We talked for five minutes, and he asked me, "Do you have an education?" I told him, "Yes, but not a college education." He could not believe it and said, "That's a shame."

About a week or two later, McNally met me at GHC to introduce me to the people that could help me with the enrollment process.

Now I'm in my second semester at GHC in Rome, and I'm majoring in criminal justice.

I am learning to network with other students and finding new positive people for friends. GHC has helped me stay focused on a future that I never had.

I can see a better future in my music career as well. I will be releasing an album at the end of this year titled "iLLUMi-NATION."

I want to thank my supporters as I travel on this road to success.

I know when my tire is flat or when my gas tank is empty, they will be the ones that will be there to help me get my car back on the road.

C'ville Student Center lacking in 'vibrancy'

By Chazmyane Griffin
Staff Writer

Cartersville students look around the Student Center and see a building filled with chairs and tables encompassed by a dull atmosphere—an image college students would not look forward to seeing at the crack of dawn before an 8 a.m. class.

Georgia Highlands has a strict posting policy on all campuses. This policy requires all postings to be approved by the Office of Student Life, but at Cartersville they can only be posted on designated rolling boards in the academic building.

Yes, this means no one can post anything on the walls in the Student Center. Some believe this keeps our campus from looking cluttered and littered.

While cleanliness is important, students do believe that there should be more creativity and a brighter atmosphere brought to the

Student Center.

Students suggest that the center should be a place where they can learn more about events held on campus by new and old, active student organizations.

Megan Youngblood, Cartersville student life coordinator, has stated that they have allowed certain organizations to post flyers on tables, on rare occasions. Students argue that these flyers are easily overlooked or they have not been present.

To combat the differing views between the college and students, there is an idea to have student and faculty artwork displayed. The entries could be sent to Cartersville's Student Life Office to be approved. From there, the campus could hold a poll where students vote to see what works they would like to see on display.

This could bring more vibrancy to the Student Center and allow students to have larger voice on campus.



Poll by
Anna Douglass

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Jeremy Huskins

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST ABOUT HALLOWEEN?



Connor Hooper
Floyd Campus
Political Science

"I hate when people over the age of 13 dress-up in like blue jeans and a mask just to get candy. It really makes me mad. Leave that to the kids."



Jennifer Stanley
Floyd Campus
Dental Hygiene

"Random strangers coming to my house for candy."



Bria Ratliff
Floyd Campus
General Studies

"I don't like people jumping out and scaring me."



Bhavik Patel
Floyd Campus
Psychology

"Revealing costumes. Cover yourself up. It's too cold outside for that and have some dignity."

Softball opens pathway from Austria to Cartersville

By Shelby Hogland
Asst. Sports Editor

Stephanie Vanas traveled 8,000 miles from Vienna, Austria, to play softball here at GHC.

She said, "It has always been my dream to play softball in America."

Vanas started playing softball at age 15. She played for the Vienna Wanderers and the Junior National team back in Austria.

"It's nice playing with girls my own age," Vanas said. "Since softball isn't very popular in Austria, there are no different age levels, so it was pretty mixed up age-wise."

The Austrian Softball League only has seven



Photo by Shelby Hogland

Vanas studies at the Cartersville campus, many miles from her home in Austria.

teams, and the majority of schools there do not offer sports.

Of the many differences between Vienna and Cartersville, transportation is

the one Vanas has noticed most. Vanas said she is "used to living in the city where you can walk just about everywhere" so she has never needed to learn how to drive.

Vanas studied at the University of Vienna for one year before she decided she wanted to travel.

Her current major is physics, and she says "it is a little harder to learn in English," but she is toughing it out.

Vanas speaks German, English, French and Filipino. German is her first language, but she speaks all four languages fluently.

Vanas is planning to visit home over Christmas break. She said, "I can't wait

to see my family and friends again since it's not easy to communicate with them due to the six-hour time difference."

She said, "I also can't wait just to be in Vienna again. It's such a beautiful city, and it's even prettier during Christmas time!"



Photo by Shelby Hogland

Stephanie Vanas

Fantasy football adds a new dimension to the game

By Adam Hatcher
Staff Writer

Everyone has his or her fantasies; however, one of the most popular fantasies today is fantasy football.

Fantasy football is an online game in which anyone can become the general manager and the coach of his or her very own football team.

There are even one-week fantasy football leagues in which players can draft a team, and if their team wins, the players win money. If they don't win, they can draft a whole new team the next week.

It is simple to start; just sign-up, draft a team from all the current NFL players and set a line-up. All that is left is to watch and see how many points each of the football players can score. Then, after a week of football, players can edit their line-ups based on how their team performed.

Point systems vary by

website and leagues, but most are pretty basic: a touchdown earns six points, a field goal earns three points and so on.

Floyd Student Life Coordinator and fantasy football player, John Spranza said, "I started about fifteen years ago. I had just stopped working for a newspaper, and some of the sports writers were talking about it and how it was just coming out on the internet, and I thought it was a neat idea."

Before they had it on the internet, people still played fantasy football, but it took a little more work.

Playing required getting together and drafting a team and putting it on paper as spreadsheets. Players also had to actually watch the real-life football games to play.

Now, though, through the internet, participating has been made much easier.

Even some Presidents and other government officials have drafted teams and played in leagues.



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Photo by Karlee Helms

Fataar practices her jump shot in preparation for the new season.

South African student athlete Fataar joins the Lady Chargers

**By Joseph LeFurgey
Staff Writer**

Rafeegah Fataar is a transfer student from South Africa currently attending Georgia Highlands College who plays on the women's basketball team.

Fataar played basketball at her middle school in South Africa. She later played for her state team from 2008 until 2010.

Not only did she play for her state team, but also for the South Africa National Team in 2009 and again in 2010 when she was scouted by a representative of a private boarding school in New Hampshire by the name of Kimball Union Academy (KUA). KUA offered Fataar a scholarship to play basketball here in the United States.

After conversing with her family and coach, she

decided to accept the offer and moved to the town of Meriden, N.H., where the school is located.

She continued to play basketball for KUA until she graduated in 2012 and went on to play in college at South Plains University (SPU) in West Texas.



Photo by Karlee Helms

Rafeegah Fataar

After a year at SPU, Fataar decided she did not like it there due to conflicts with the coaching staff and found

GHC on the internet.

Following a call and a visit, Fataar decided to transfer and signed on with the GHC Lady Chargers basketball team.

"Basketball is a little different here than it is back home," Fataar said, "It took me a little while to adjust to the pace of the game and actually playing indoors."

Fataar is majoring in education. She plans to use her degree to give back to her community in South Africa.

Every time she returns home she helps tutor the children of her community. "Education is not as advanced as it is here," stated Fataar.

She plans to someday go back to South Africa to teach and use her experiences and the education she has received in the United States to help children get a better education there.

Intramurals offer flag football, tennis and more

Floyd

**By Adam Hatcher
Staff Writer**

Balls are flying at Georgia Highlands.

Tennis balls, ping pong balls and footballs are seeing some playing time as intramurals at Floyd are well underway.

Flag football started on Sept. 21 and was extended for an extra week.

"This year the players really didn't want the season to end, so I decided to extend it one more week to allow for three more games for each team," said J.J.

Merritt, assistant men's basketball coach and Floyd intramurals director.

If the championship games take place Oct. 26 as scheduled, the final results will be posted online at six-milepost.com.

The tennis and ping pong tournaments are also going on right now.

The tennis tournament is bracket style with six games leading into the championship.

The ping pong tourney is also bracket style and has a 23 game set-up.

Still to come is the three-on-three basketball tournament, which is scheduled to start Nov. 12. Teams will

play up to the championship day, which is planned for Dec. 4.

There are a variety of ways for students to get involved in intramurals at Floyd. Students with questions about how to sign up for the remaining intramurals can contact Merritt for further information at jmerritt@highlands.edu.

Cartersville

**By Lydia Petty
Staff Writer**

GHC's Cartersville campus has started its third season of flag football.

So far, flag football has had a lot of participation. Each Friday there are three to five teams that play against each other.

The final winning team gets shirts that say "Intramurals Champions." Students can get the shirts only by playing intramurals.

At the end of the season, each Georgia Highlands campus will have a chance to have one team play in the intercampus tournament.

Another tournament will be held in Athens around November with GHC playing against other colleges.

"We're trying to get GHC's name out there,"

Melissa Wood, Cartersville intramurals director and head softball coach, stated.

Games take place every Friday at 2 p.m. They are played on the field behind the Student Center.

Unlike some campuses, Cartersville has field goal posts to be used as in real football.

Teams can be made beforehand on chargersintramurals.com, or students can join a team when they show up.

Teams can be made up of both genders or separated.

The scores are doubled for girls even if they play on an all guys team.

Basketball teams eager to get on the court

Men preparing for Nov. 1

By Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports

As the 2014-15 basketball season nears, the Chargers become more eager and excited to get the new year rolling.

Donovan Harris is very excited to get his second season as a GHC Charger started. "I feel that we are more confident than last year," Harris stated. "Since we have a whole new group, we are learning how to play together and building chemistry."

After last year's defeat at the GCAA Conference Semi-Finals, the Chargers are hoping to make it back and hopefully make it all the way to Nationals.

"Everyone knows what they have to do to reach that

goal," Harris said.

Denzel Council decided to come back to Georgia and transferred to Georgia Highlands after spending a year at East Los Angeles College where he played basketball.

"We have a pretty decent talent level, and with the coaching staff we have, there's no telling what we can do," Council said.

He continued, "I'm very excited about the season. I feel like we have a lot to prove."

The Chargers' first game of the season will take place on their home court. It is set for Nov. 1 against Cleveland State. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Women have Halloween start

With the basketball season approaching, the Lady Chargers are excited to get



Photo by Karlee Helms

Returning Lady Charger, Michaela Suttles attempts to steal the ball during a recent practice.

the new year under way.

The Lady Chargers have an even spread of six new and six returning players.

Freshman Deana Blankenship is looking forward to her first season playing college basketball. "I think

that we're going to have a pretty good season. We're all pretty good athletes, and everything is starting to fall together," Blankenship said.

This season, the Lady Chargers have a returning player from their first

season. After a year away, Gabby Kendall is back and ready for the season to start.

"I feel like we have more dedicated players," Kendall stated. "By the end of the first season we were down to six players, so I feel like this year we will have a complete team."

Returning Lady Charger, Bria Ratliff, is also very eager to get on the court.

"We're all pushing each other, and we're all learning from each other," Ratliff said, adding, "We are learning to work together. We have a lot to improve on, but we have a lot of talent this season."

The Lady Chargers start the 2014-15 season on Oct. 31 in Morristown, Tenn., taking on Roane State.

The Lady Chargers' first home game will be Nov. 11 against Cleveland State. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.



Floyd

Intramurals

- Flag football season is currently underway. Intercampus tournament is scheduled for Nov. 24.
- The tennis and ping pong tournaments are currently underway.

Intercollegiate

- The Chargers basketball season starts this Saturday at the Floyd campus gym. Tip-off will be at 7:30 p.m.
- The Lady Chargers start their season Oct. 31. Their first home game will be Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Cartersville

Intramurals

- Flag football season is currently underway. Intercampus tournament is scheduled for Nov. 24.
- Halloween dodgeball tournament will be held Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. in the gym.

Intercollegiate

- The softball orange and blue intersquad scrimmage and fundraising event will be held Nov. 8 at the Stars Field at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- The baseball and softball seasons will start spring semester.

Not all jocks are jerks



Karlee's Corner

Karlee Helms
Managing Ed., Sports

For as long as I can remember, I have always seen news stories involving professional athletes and their "violent" behavior.

Most professional athletes play sports that tend to be aggressively oriented, but that doesn't mean that all athletes are violent natured.

When I was in high school, I had a lot of friends who were heavily involved in competitive sports. They were rowdy teenagers, yes, but they weren't bullies. Most of the time they were nice guys who were fun to be around.

Currently, there are several NFL stars that are in

the news because they face criminal charges of domestic violence. Ray Rice, three time Pro-Bowl running back for the Baltimore Ravens, is receiving the most heat for abusing his wife. Surveillance cameras caught footage of Rice punching his then fiancée in the face, knocking her out cold.

Yes, this seems to contradict my main point, but I brought this up to prove that Rice's actions are his own.

Stereotyping athletes as mean and aggressive is inconsiderate to those who are actually great people.

My sister went to high school with Danny "DJ"

Ware. Ware was a running back for UGA before being drafted into the NFL. He is known for his career with the New York Giants, which began in 2007 and ended in 2011.

While with the Giants, Ware and his team won two Super Bowls and the NFC Championship in 2007 and in 2011.

I met Ware when my sister started cheering and he was on the football team.

I can honestly say that I have never witnessed him being rude or disrespectful in any way.

It's behavior like this that is ignored by the media and the NFL fan base.

As a society, we tend to only look for the bad in people. That's just how we have been socialized. It's not fair to stereotype the athletic community based on the wrongdoings of certain athletes.

Basketball Game Admission Prices

GHC students, faculty and staff..... free
with college ID
Children under 5..... free
Other attendees..... \$5