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From left: New Georgia Highlands President, Donald J. Green, greets students Hunter Walden and Adam Hatcher in the Floyd campus library. See story on page 2.

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Construction continues at Floyd campus

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Basketball teams prep for season

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Georgia Highlands College - Rome, Georgia

GHC welcomes President Donald Green

By Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

Donald J. Green of Big Rapids, Mich., moved into his office on GHC's Floyd campus as the college's fourth president on Sept. 8.

Green originally served as the vice president for extended and international operations at Ferris State University.

He attended Michigan State University, where he earned his bachelor's in Public Administration. Ohio State University awarded him his master's in Labor and Human Resource Management.

He then finished school at Western Michigan University, where he received his Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Green said his main plan for Georgia Highlands is "Growth." He cited not just enrollment growth, but curricular growth as well.

With one bachelor degree currently offered at GHC and another one on the way, Green sees endless opportunities in the growing college.

Green has previously worked on building baccalaureate degree programs

around next-generation careers such as molecular diagnostics, digital animation and video game design, digital forensics and next-generation manufacturing.

"Those are the opportunities that are really going to build a great career for our students as they progress through school," Green stated.

A new set of degrees offered by Georgia Highlands would encourage the enrollment growth Green aims for.

The enrollment numbers are not as important to Green as touching students and helping them reach their goals.

"I want to reach into our communities and help young people to understand the benefits and the value of education," Green said, "especially at Georgia Highlands College where you can get a great start or you can finish."

Green stressed that it's not just seeing enrollment growth, but also seeing students graduate.

He said, "One thing that breaks my heart is students who come to school and do not finish. They walk away unable to fulfill their



Photo by Jeremy Huskins

Green (left) is working to reach out to community leaders like Sen. Chuck Hufstetler from District 52. Hufstetler is a former GHC student.

dreams."

Green also stated that it is a perfect time to expand the horizons of the college due to the bustling economy in North Georgia.

Hank Huckaby, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, said, "The

Board of Regents and I are excited about the appointment of Dr. Donald Green as president of Georgia Highlands College. He brings a record of accomplishment and vision to GHC that will serve the students, faculty and community extremely

well. The future of the College is in good hands."

Renva Watterson who served as interim president during the period after Randy Pierce's retirement has returned to her position as vice president of academic and student affairs.



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Donald Green

Donald Green's family side

■ "You don't have a family so that they can help you and support you in your career. You usually have a career and a job that ultimately support you and your family."

■ "It's very important to me that our students, faculty and staff put family first. It's an absolute necessity."



Photo by Kiston Dowler

Green visits basketball team after workout and shakes hands with Lady Charger Michaela Suttles.

Floyd remodeling underway

By Tyler Hogue
Asst. Online Editor

The Floyd Student Center is currently under renovation. Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, says the renovations should be done in October, though it is possible for them to be finished sooner.

Currently a small section of the Student Center has been opened up for students to use while the renovation is ongoing. The game room has also been moved to

a temporary location to the right of the cafe.

Jones said the plans had to be revamped to work with the changes in the budget for the renovation. The current plan is for a more open atmosphere for students to enjoy, alongside more seating options. There are also plans to replace the flooring as well as the windows. TVs will also be placed in more areas.

The game room will be expanded and it will have improved lighting. There

are also plans to add an Xbox area for gaming.

John Spranza, student life coordinator for the Floyd campus, said events can still be held in the Student Center, but some will have to be done somewhere else like outside or in the Lakeview auditorium. He said, "We have to be more creative with the location for events." He said that Student Life will have access to only a small section of the Student Center for events till the spring.



Photo by Callie Stokes

Construction workers confer during the Floyd campus Student Center renovation.



Photo by Chazmyane Griffin

Faculty mentor Cindy Davidson (left) discusses graduation with Cartersville student Jennifer Grubb.

The Power of Two unites the women at Highlands

By Chazmyane Griffin
Staff Writer

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges is bringing The Power of Two, a women's mentoring program, to the various campuses of GHC.

Founded by Connie Watjen, assistant professor of learning support English and president of GHC's AAWCC chapter, and Joan Ledbetter, advising director, The Power of Two seeks to provide female students with a support system that will help them overcome the challenges of college life.

Watjen said, "The response from female students

has far exceeded expectations."

Rachel Wall, assistant professor of English and faculty mentor, states that there has been an overwhelming response from Nursing students requesting mentors. Since each mentee is matched with a faculty/staff member based on major and campus, Wall hopes that more faculty in the Nursing program will volunteer as mentors.

According to Cindy Wheeler, associate professor of English and faculty mentor, workshops on such topics as budgeting, resume writing and interviewing skills are in the works.

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Highlands Happenings

Winter graduation coming this Dec.

By Brianna Drake
Staff Writer

Georgia Highlands has a new option for students who transfer to other institutions and do not come back for spring graduation: December graduation.

The ceremony will be held on Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. It will be at the Clarence Brown Center in Cartersville.

The current number of graduating students is outgrowing the space currently used for May graduation, the Rome Forum. Splitting the graduation into two ceremonies, a winter graduation and a spring graduation, will allow the graduates to be accommodated comfortably.

Students must complete the requirements in the

summer and fall semesters to attend the graduation in December.

Early Bird Advising begins Sept. 29

By Derweatra Hammock
Managing Ed., Design

Early Bird Advising will take place Sept. 29-Oct. 17.

EBA allows students to sit down with a faculty adviser in their field of study and look at where they currently are in their college career and what goals they want to accomplish for the future.

Students can make an appointment with an adviser by using the eScheduler and signing-in as a guest at wass.highlands.edu.

Appointments can also be made by e-mail, phone call, or by asking a faculty adviser in person.

If students are not sure which adviser to see, they

can go to the GHC website and find an adviser in their field.

Students who have an EBA note in their ScoreCard get the benefit of registering for spring semester courses one week early beginning Oct. 27 while other students will have to wait until Nov. 3.

Dates now set for annual Fall Frenzy

By Lydia Petty
Staff Writer

Fall Frenzy is coming up on each campus.

Illusionist and magician Joel Meyers will be performing on all campuses.

Activities such as trivia and other games will be available. There will be a variety of food ranging from candy to pizza.

The Paulding campus kicks Fall Frenzy off on Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Floyd on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Douglasville on Oct. 23 at noon and Cartersville on Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Major power outage cancels Floyd classes

By Tyler Hogue
Asst. Online Editor

The Floyd campus was shut down on Sept. 2 and 3 after lightning struck a main cable and overheated it, leaving the campus without power.

Todd Jones, vice president of student affairs, said the infrastructure is very outdated and that the college plans to replace and update it.

Jones stated, "There is a low chance of it happening again."

John Spranza, student life coordinator for the Floyd campus, said that luckily there were no activities

planned for that week so no student life events needed to be rescheduled.

Voter registration for Nov. election ends Oct. 6

By Brooke Allen
Staff Writer

The time to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election is quickly approaching, and the deadline is Oct. 6.

There are several resources available where students can receive information on voter registration. The sos.ga.gov site provides important dates about the upcoming election and even allows easy step-by-step online registration.

Instead of online registration, students can go to their campus's Office of Student Life to obtain the mail-in form for registering with a valid driver's license or passport.

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Surprise proposal rocks geology trip

By Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

GHC's 17th annual geology trip turned into much more than earning eight credit hours for one student.

Matt Williams of the Georgia Highlands College Floyd campus found this trip to be the perfect opportunity to propose to his girlfriend, a non-GHC student.

"We wanted to go somewhere beautiful," Williams said. "We both work really hard and never have time to take a vacation so this was a great opportunity."

The proposal took place on Mt. Washburn in Yellowstone National Park on June 27 right before the end of the trip. Williams hid the ring in his hat while they hiked the mountain. Despite not having an exact day or time picked out, Williams saw this as the perfect opportunity.

"We had just experienced this alpine lightning storm, and climbing the mountain

and making it through all that signified us being able to overcome obstacles together and being able to do it happily," Williams stated.

It was a surprise to everyone on the trip except Billy Morris, associate professor of geology and trip coordinator, who was informed beforehand.

Morris's reaction to the proposal was positive. He said, "I was honored. I thought it was just the coolest thing ever." He then added, "We've had several relationships established on the trip, and I don't know how many have lasted except for one."

Williams said there were no plans for a geology themed wedding but said, "We do plan on growing our own food for it."

Following the trip's usual itinerary for the past five years, the group visited numerous active geological locations in Wyoming including Yellowstone National Park.



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Students from left Erika White, Illiana Alderfer, Cassidy Alderfer, Clint Richards, Amanda Nieman, Wes Chambers, Justin Shooks (kneeling), Alisha Rowell, Matt Williams, Breanna Gehweiler, Amanda Haulk, Mayra Chavez hiked up Mt. Washburn during the storm. This is also where Matt Williams surprise proposal took place.

Summer study abroad tour takes students across Europe

By Amanda Howell
Staff Writer

This past summer, a group of students led by Bronson Long, director of global initiatives and study abroad, travelled to Europe on a GHC study abroad trip.

Long said that the trip was a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

Landing first in London, the group took a tour of The Churchill War Rooms. Here these travelers stood in the underground wartime bunker that sheltered Winston Churchill and his government while bombs blazed above their heads during World War II.

On June 6, students got to celebrate the 70th anni-

versary of D-Day on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. They were among thousands gathered at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial to listen to speeches given by President Barack Obama and President François Hollande of France.

Lastly, the group visited Paris, France. Here they stood in front of the Eiffel Tower. After a couple of days seeing the sights, the Highlands group headed back to the United States.

Megan Broome, pre-nursing major on the Floyd campus, said the trip was "absolutely incredible and life-changing."

During Spring Break, March 21-29, 2015, a study abroad trip is planned for

Costa Rica.

Long encourages students interested in participating in the Costa Rica trip to attend one of the study abroad informational sessions throughout the fall. The session dates can be found on the GHC website at <http://www.highlands.edu/site/study-abroad-current-opportunities>

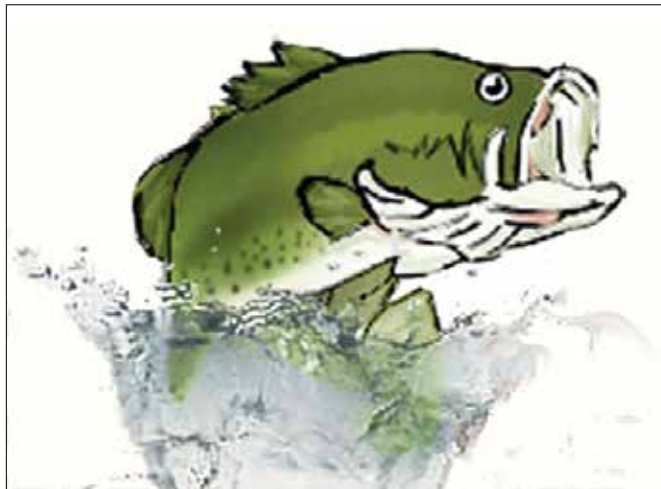
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Read student Matthew Massey's first-person account of his experience at the D-Day anniversary online at sixmilepost.com. Massey, a computer science major at GHC, is also a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



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Trip participants show their enthusiasm in front of the Eiffel Tower. They are Matt Massey (left rear) and (from left) Halie Hicks, Alex MacMurdo, Karley Callaway, Annie Hill, Hillery Sawyer, Topher Knight and Megan Broome.



Computer illustration by Bryanna Lawton

Club to return with a splash

By Joseph LeFurgey
Staff Writer

The bass fishing club is being reintroduced to Georgia Highlands College this year.

The bass fishing club was originally started on the Douglasville campus in 2010, but faded off after about two years.

Now, student Eric Fisher accompanied by club adviser and Floyd lab coordinator,

Jason Christian, are working to get the club going again on the Floyd campus.

The club plans to work closely with professional fishing organizations such as Fishing League Worldwide and Bassmasters to enter tournaments for a chance to win prize money.

This prize money can go towards more fishing gear and also a scholarship fund that will be set up.

"The tournaments give

you a feel for what it's like to fish professionally," Fisher said. "People enter the tournaments in two-person teams, and each school can enter more than one team."

There have been no official times set up for meetings, but students who are experienced or beginners at the sport can contact Fisher by email at efishldr@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to be a part of the club.

Tutorial centers provide students with course assistance

By Emily Varnum
Staff Writer

The GHC tutorial centers offer students free help at all campuses.

Kim Smith, a part-time tutor at the Paulding campus, said, "Our goal is to work with students on skills so that they can become independent learners."

The most popular subjects students typically need help with are English and mathematics.

Nea Martin, assistant director of tutoring, stated that the majority of tutors are professionals who have bachelor's degrees, or in some cases master's degrees, in their fields.

"We do have a couple of

part-time instructors who work for us on a limited basis," said Martin.

She continued, "We also employ a small selection of part-time peer tutors (current GHC students) who have been recommended by their instructors in their respective fields."

Briana Brooks, art major on the Paulding campus,

said, "The student tutor didn't understand my question, but the professor who was there was very helpful to me."

In 2007, nearly 5,000 students visited the tutorial center.

Over the years, more and more students started going to the tutorial center.

Last year, almost 9,500

students visited a tutorial center.

Students who would like to meet with a tutor at their campus should go to the Highlands home page.

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Fall fashion is different for everyone at GHC

By Asia Rowe
Staff Writer

When it comes to fashion, what's really in?

New York Fashion Week has just taken place, and many are looking to the runways to spot the hottest and latest trends to rock this season. However, to some, what could be "in" this year may not be their go-to styling choice.

Here at Georgia Highlands, many students don't have the time to look to the runways. With back-to-back classes and jobs to go to right after, they make their own trends.

Several Douglasville students have said that while they don't intentionally seek out fashion trends, the current trends somehow inevitably end up being what they already have hanging in their closets.

Septymber Whitfield, a communications major, said, "Trends end so quickly, we're kind of forced to follow our own thing. A lot of times I feel, since I'm a colorful bird at this campus, I can do whatever I want to do."

Leyton Cade, who is in Dual Enrollment, said, "I love combat boots."

When people look around, they will see that trends change every day. According to Fashion Police of E! and Style Network, what was in last year (ex: leggings) is not in this year.

Now, even though it may not be considered fashionable, that doesn't mean it's not worthy of still wearing. Alexander Plattel, a computers and information systems major, said, "I usually just like to wear whatever is comfortable."



Photo by Asia Rowe
Septymber Whitfield likes colorful outfits.



Photo by Asia Rowe
Alexander Plattel wears what's comfortable.



Photo by Asia Rowe
Leyton Cade said she wears what she likes.

Plenty to do during Fall Break

By Elizabeth Hitzeman
Staff Writer

Looking for something fun to do over Fall Break? Several events will be taking place Oct. 10-14 around GHC campuses.

Rome

On Friday, Oct. 10, in Floyd, there will be four football games taking place: Rome vs. Dalton, Coosa vs. Gordon Lee, Armuchee vs. Model and Darlington vs. Dade County.

The Rome and Floyd County Cardboard Challenge will take place at the Coosa Valley Fair Grounds Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to play and learn by using simple materials to build the things they imagine.

Also on Saturday, at 4 p.m., there will be a Lux Aeterna Concert held at Garden Lakes Baptist Church with live classical music hosted by the Rome Symphony Orchestra.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Pollard Greens Jazz Quartet will be playing live from

Brewhouse Music and Grill starting at 6:30 p.m.

Also on Tuesday, there will be Magic Night with Charles Wright beginning at 6 p.m. at Buffalos Café of Rome, along with dance night at Opi's Roadhouse beginning at 7 p.m.

Cartersville

In Cartersville on Friday, Oct. 10, there will be haunted Halloween Hayrides through the town of Ravenwood. On Saturday, Oct. 11, the Halloween Hayrides will continue, along with a tour of Old Cassville Cemetery beginning at 3 p.m.

The USDDN Disc Dog World Finals will take place at Dellinger Park on Saturday, and will carry over to Sunday, Oct. 12, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Competitors will compete for the USDDN World Championship title.

Douglasville

On Saturday, Oct. 11, in Douglasville, there will be a tour of the BTFP Fernbank Museum beginning at 8 a.m.

Paulding

The 2014 Paulding

County Public Safety Appreciation Day Family Festival will be taking place in Paulding, on Saturday, Oct. 11, starting at 3 p.m., as well as a performance by The Big Chicken Beatles band at O'Neal Plaza beginning at 7 p.m.

Marietta

In Marietta, Saturday, Oct. 11, begins the Marietta Chalk Fest, held at the Cobb Museum of Art, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The event will be held Sunday, Oct. 12 as well, during the same times.

Also on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Greater Atlanta Coin Show will be held at the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center.

Sources:

Rome events: romegeorgia.org/visit-rome/calendar

Cartersville events: visitcartersvillega.org/eventcal

Douglasville events: patch.com/georgia/douglasville

Paulding events: access-paulding.com

Marietta events: marietta.com/calendar-of-events



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Notification system makes sure students aren't left in the dark

The bizarre power outage on the Floyd campus at the beginning of September gave the GHC Connect notification system a chance to start the semester off on a good note.

The GHC Connect system sends out campus emergency notifications via e-mails, text messages and phone calls to students who have signed up.

During the snowstorms earlier this year, the notification system experienced several issues with accuracy.

Students received notifications with incorrect dates, spelling errors and missing information. Those incorrect alerts were then followed by corrected notifications

that sometimes still contained errors.

It didn't take long for notifications to pile up and become more tiring than helpful.

We feel the alerts sent out during the power outage were accurate and kept students updated on the situation.

Sheila Jones, director of college relations, said, "It was a team effort." She credits the success of the alert system to good communication between different departments like college relations, campus safety and IT.

Jones stated that she and others were striving to make sure the notifications were correct, prompt and informative.

"We don't want to overwhelm students, but

too much communication is better than too little communication," said Jones.

Savannah Keith, biology major on the Floyd campus, liked that she was notified about the outage early that Tuesday morning. Keith stated, "Living so far away, I have to get ready and head out very early to make it to class on time."

We recommend all students sign up to receive GHC Connect notifications.

While the power outage was not a life threatening situation, anything could happen and the Connect system is a great way to stay informed.

- Six Mile Post
Editorial Board



Mary Roberts 2014

Future success for many college students involves responsibility and planning ahead

There's a lot of excitement when heading to college.

There is the independence and flexibility of schedules and the freedom to take any class that we choose.

But there is also a lot of responsibility to take on when heading to college and one of those responsibilities is the way we decide to eat.

We no longer have the luxury of our parents cooking every meal for us.

Some students are on the Georgia Highlands meal plan, which offers burgers, pizza and many other delicious foods. But others take their dietary needs to the next level and get food from off campus.



Editor's Box

Anna Douglass
Managing Editor, Online

I am a vegetarian, so I have always found it difficult to eat food from a cafeteria. I've never been sure of what exactly is in the food that somebody else has prepared for me.

I have started bringing food from home to eat at school when I have breaks. It is not as hard as I thought it would be.

I usually plan ahead the night before and prepare some hummus with pita

and carrot sticks, or I make a vegetarian meal the night before and package it up in single servings so I can take it to school the next day.

I learned that in order to be successful with my diet that I need to plan in advance.

I'm sure other students are adjusting to college life as well.

If we can all plan ahead, then we can all be prepared for anything in life.

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Greetings from the editor

New SMP Editor-in-Chief looks forward to a great year

My name is Kiston Dowler, and I look forward to being the Editor-in-Chief for the Six Mile Post this year. My goal for this year is not only to preserve the quality of the SMP but to incorporate some new and fresh ideas as well.

On behalf of the staff, I would also like to express our excitement for the coming year. Some of us are experienced and some not, but we are all learning new things every day.

First and foremost, there are two groups that need to be recognized. The first group that deserves our many thanks would have to be our writers. They dig deep for the news that readers want to know and contribute to a job that would be impossible for the editors to do alone.

We also feel the need to acknowledge our readers for inspiring us to work hard and create something worthwhile for them.



Photo by Jeremy Huskins
Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

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-Kiston Dowler
Editor-in-Chief

Poll

Photos and Poll
by Holly Chaney

How do you feel about the University System's new no-tobacco policy?

"I'm not bothered by it since I am a non-smoker. I feel like since we are all adults here, we should all be able to make our own decisions as long as we are not up close offending anybody."

Sorrah Fleury
Douglasville Campus
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Alex Gonzales
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"Like any other known drug, it is obviously a danger to yourself and others around you. I do not smoke or do any other drugs, but I do care if I am being exposed to it. In other words, I would rather not be. Therefore, I am a supporter of the new no-tobacco policy as should be everyone else."

"I support the policy, science has already shown the long-term effects of tobacco for both firsthand and secondhand exposure. While the jury is still out on e-cigarettes, they can be distracting to the learning environment. If one chooses to use tobacco, they can still do so, just not in a way that has a negative impact on others."

Melanie Largin
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'I am essential'...



Soap Box

Gene Harmon
Staff Writer

I am one of the most misunderstood mammals in the world. An efficient predator, I have been erroneously characterized as evil in folklore, movies and books.

You see me as an indiscriminate killer and a threat to human existence. Nothing could be farther from the truth. I am essential.

In interacting with hu-

mans, I prefer to quietly disappear and avoid all contact. In cases of hurtful and lethal situations, they are due to misguided actions of the person. Yet, I am maliciously gunned down for sport, sometimes from helicopters and planes, in the guise of protecting game animals. I am essential.

Many would have you

believe I have a detrimental impact on prey species. Some tout I will wipe them out if I am not controlled. If this were the case, would I not have caused their extinction long before humans became more numerous than I?

I actually weed out the sick, the old and the young, decreasing numbers to prevent starvation. This strengthens the herds, not the opposite. I am essential.

I am a loving member of my family unit. I care for the young and staunchly protect those I consider my own. Is this any different from your own family? I am essential.

I am a wolf. I am essential.

Why should you care there in Georgia, so far removed from where I live? We are all part of the same cycle, the same world. The Cree Indians of Canada sum it up nicely.

When all the trees have been cut down,
when all the animals have been hunted,
when all the waters are polluted,
when all the air is unsafe to breathe,
only then will you discover you cannot eat money.

Editor's note:

Gene Harmon's passion for wolves stemmed from when he was younger, and his work with Alaska Wildlife Alliance, Denali National Park and Preserve, Defenders of Wildlife and the National Parks & Conservation Association were pieces of kindling thrown on a fire that has burned for decades.

Sister act duo performs at Floyd campus

By Anna Douglass
Managing Ed., Online

The Student Center filled with students as the sister act duo Adelee & Gentry performed at the Georgia Highlands Floyd campus on Sept. 11.

Both the Georgia Highlands Floyd and Cartersville campuses were a part of the duo's college campus tour to advertise their music and promote their first album "Nice to Meet You..."

"I started learning music at the age of 10 and when Gentry turned 15, I taught her how to harmonize. After that we started to sing and play at coffee shops, which eventually led to recording," said Adelee.

Their first album "Nice to Meet You..." is composed of 12 original songs.

Aside from producing their album, the girls were featured on Billboard's The 615, which is a feature on billboard.com where the readers can learn about the latest in country music as well as be introduced to some of the newest hits.

"We were so excited when we found out we were on The 615. We were right between Rihanna's new hit and Gavin Degraw's new album," the girls said.



Photo by Anna Douglass

Sister act duo Adelee & Gentry perform music from their new album in the Floyd Student Center. Adelee (right) started playing guitar at age 10.

The students reacted positively to the singers and showed interest in their music as well as their new album.

"They are really talented and they sound great,"

said Tomyus Price, physical education major.

If students want to catch more of their music, they should check out their YouTube Channel as well as their article on Billboard:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/adeleeandgentry>

<http://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/the-615/473969/615-spotlight-adelee-gentry-pop-out>

The duo is hoping to re-

lease a single soon and another EP between January and April.

The Floyd student center, where the sisters performed, is currently being renovated.

Maroon 5's 'V' relates to every relationship

By Ashlee Gilley
Staff Writer

Whether listeners are going through a break-up, longing for someone, dealing with jealousy or realizing that a close friend could be the one, Maroon 5's new album "V" has a song that fits.

Maroon 5 stays true to the pop rock genre with their fifth album since most of the songs are upbeat.

"Maps," "It Was Always You" and "Animals" are the most played tracks from the album on Spotify.

The song "Animals" uses clever metaphors to describe the passion between two people and is one of the more explicit songs on the album.

The first single, "Maps," gives listeners good insight into how the rest of the album would sound.

However the album has a few slower tracks such as

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"Unkiss Me." Adam Levine, lead vocalist and front man, collaborates with Gwen Stefani, lead singer of No Doubt, on the track "My Heart is Open." The album's overall theme deals with various types of relationships.

The album was released on Sept. 2 and reached the

top spot on Billboard's Adult Pop songs chart, breaking the record for the number of number one singles in the Adult Pop charts, according to billboard.com. "Maps" is the group's ninth number-one single in the chart.

Levine is credited as a writer on all of the songs on the album.

Several of the songs are explicit, but clean versions of the album can be found as well.

**This album
gets a grade**

of

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GHC basketball teams look forward to a competitive season

**By Karlee Helms
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Even with some injured players, the GHC basketball teams are more than eager for the challenging and competitive year ahead.

The goal for the Lady Chargers this season is to keep improving.

In their 2012-13 inaugural season, the Lady Chargers had a winning team until the "injury bug" caught up with them.

"Last year was very different. I think we over-achieved, so we want to carry that mentality over into this year," said Brandan Harrell, head women's basketball coach.

Last season, the Lady Chargers made it all the way to the GCAA conference finals but lost the championship by only one point. "We want to take ownership of how close we were and that we can do better," Harrell said. "We want to remember that pain. We remind our sophomores every day of how much it hurt to walk off the court at the end of the championship game last year."

The Lady Chargers are very fortunate to have five returning players from last season, China Henderson, Bria Ratliff, Aujana Dawkins, Skye Overby and Michaela Suttles.

Along with the returning, there are three experienced transfer athletes, three freshmen and a returning player from the 2012-13 season.

Henderson, a returning guard for the Lady Chargers, tore her ACL while setting up for a lay-up during a pick-up game over the summer.

"We know we had a big loss losing China for the year," Harrell said. "Over the course of last year, she was becoming one of the best guard defenders in our conference."

According to Henderson, she's ahead of the predicted recovery schedule, but it is uncertain if she will be able to play this season.



Photo by Karlee Helms

China Henderson

Henderson hopes to be back on the court by February, but she is taking the road to recovery one step at a time. "If I feel comfortable, then I can play the last 14 games. I'll be cleared by then, but that's only if I'm comfortable."

In their inaugural season, the Chargers had a rough start and were the last in the league. Last season, the Chargers made it to the semifinals of the GCAA playoffs. "We almost did something that nobody's ever done, which is in your second year go to nationals, so we were very close to making history," Phil Gaffney, head men's basketball coach and athletics director, stated.

Behind by one point, the men weren't able to advance to the finals. "There was a lot of emotion in the locker room," Montrel Goldston said. "This year, I just want to win conference, make it to nationals and win the national championship."

The Chargers have only two returning players from last season, Goldston and Donovan Harris. "They were great last year, and should be great this year," Gaffney said.

Goldston, a returning guard, broke his foot while playing a pick-up game at the end of summer break.



Photo by Karlee Helms

From left: Denzel Council attempts to block Donovan Harris as Terrence Thompson and Ty Toney await the rebound during a recent basketball workout.

Although he is still recovering from surgery, Goldston expects to be back before the season begins.

"This year, we have plenty of kids that can go in and



Photo by Karlee Helms

Montrel Goldston

play, so with Montrel being hurt, we have the luxury of two or three other guys that can go in and play until he gets back," Gaffney stated. "He's a really good player, but we aren't going to rush. We're going to take our time, and make sure he's healthy."

The new Chargers range in experience. Some have transferred from two-year and four-year schools.

Those who have transferred have experience in college basketball from previous years.

The rest of the team is made up of talent fresh out

of high school.

"The guys on our team are really smart and they catch on really fast," Goldston said. "They know that Coach Gaffney means business."

"This year, we are one step forward from last year," Gaffney said. "Our talent level is better than it was last year. We're a little bit bigger, we're a little bit quicker, a little more scoring, a little more defense. So far this year we are very happy with all the effort they are giving, and we should be better than we were last year."

GHC group participates in rafting trip

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Georgia Highlands Cartersville intramurals sponsored a white water rafting trip to the Ocoee River on Sept. 14.

A total of 19 people took part, including four GHC staff members. Students from the Cartersville, Paulding and Floyd campuses went, as well as members of both the softball and baseball teams.

Leaving around noon, the group embarked on a seven hour excursion. Two hours were spent rafting down the river. Students



Contributed

As the rafting instructor (far left), works through the river's rapids, (from left) Courtney Bailey, Quincy Roberts, Matt Rivera, Grayson West and Callie Ward hang on for the ride.

paid a fee of \$30, which covered their transportation and the rafting equipment.

"Everything went as smoothly as possible, and everyone had a great time" said Melissa Wood, head softball coach and Carters-

ville intramurals director.

Dilshad Akarayee, math instructor, said, "The white water rafting trip was my first trip with GHC, but it will not be my last!" A similar trip is already on the schedule for fall of 2015.

quickly as they have been, then this upcoming season should be very eventful.

Meeting these standards is possible, but it is self-evident that the task isn't going to be just a mere walk in the park.

Both teams worked very hard last season, and it showed in their season outcome.

But what happened last season is in the past. This year is going to be very different from the last.

We shouldn't hold our new athletes to the same exact standard of last year's teams. After all, they are different in many ways.

Now is the time to look ahead and keep supporting our athletics program.

No matter what happens this season, we should stand behind our teams.

I am very eager to see what the new season has in store.

the Lady Chargers fought hard to stay on top. With a larger number of returning players than last season, I hope that their motivation carries into the new season and that the new recruits stay focused and determined.

The men made it to the regional semi-finals, but missed the finals by only one point losing to Central Georgia Tech.

The Chargers' improvement last year was off the charts. They went from losing every game in their first season, to making GHC history in their second season.

If they keep improving as

New season brings new expectations



Karlee's Corner

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Last season, both the Chargers and Lady Chargers basketball teams made it to the GCAA conference playoffs.

Since then, we have seen numerous talented athletes leave GHC to move on with their education and basketball careers.

Filling the shoes of those who have transferred will be no easy task. Both teams placed in the top five of the GCAA 2013-14 conference.

The women finished in second place, losing the championship by only one point to South Georgia Technical College.

Throughout the season,

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Intramurals begin at Floyd

By Adam Hatcher
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Talk of co-ed football, 3-on-3 basketball and the cornhole tournament can only mean one thing: intramurals are back at the Floyd campus.

GHC offers a variety of intramurals including co-ed flag football, 3-on-3 basketball, a tennis tournament and a cornhole tournament, among others.

Floyd campus' intramural director, J.J. Merritt, wants to see participation increase this year in all intramural sports. "Football had the strongest showing last year," Merritt said.

He hopes that the rest of intramurals will do as well as football has in the past.

"I'm really excited because I never really got involved at my previous school, and I'm looking forward to having fun and competing," said Jeremy Vaughn, computer science major.

Flag football and the cornhole tournament are among the first intramurals to start at Georgia Highlands.

Looking forward to flag football, Emily Rader, physical therapy major, said, "I'm super-duper excited because I can't wait to show up all the guys."

Riley Solomon, math-

ematics major stated, "It's going to be tough, we are going to have to put in a lot of hard work, but it's going to be a fun team sport."

The cornhole tournament and co-ed flag football games are currently under way, but students can still register for the tennis tournament and 3-on-3 basketball. The deadline to sign up for the tennis tournament is Oct. 8 and the deadline for 3-on-3 basketball is Nov. 3.

Students interested in participating in Floyd Campus intramurals may contact Merritt at jmerritt@highlands.edu or 706-204-2252.



Photo by Adam Hatcher

André Evans participates in the cornhole promotion.



Floyd

Intramurals

- Co-Ed Flag Football kicked off Sept. 28.
- Cornhole Tournament TBA.

Intercollegiate

- Lady Chargers basketball season starts Oct. 31 in Morristown, Tenn., against Roane State at 5 p.m.
- Chargers start the season on their home turf. The game will be Nov. 1 against Cleveland State at 7:30 p.m.

Cartersville

Intramurals

- Co-Ed Flag Football kicked off Sept. 26
- Indoor Rock Climbing is scheduled for Oct. 20. See chargersintramurals.com for full information.

Intercollegiate

- The preseason for the Lady Chargers softball team starts the first week of Oct.
- The baseball and softball seasons will start spring semester.