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How high gas prices affect Floyd College

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Students celebrate last 'Floyd College' Spring Fling

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Travelin' Max and a strong breeze welcomed students to Spring Fling 2005 with "Life's a beach and then you transfer" as this year's theme.

For the first time in the last five years, students were able to hold the annual celebration outdoors since stormy weather held off until late evening.

Free food and fun abounded.

Several students took out their frustrations inside of the gigantic, blow-up boxing ring, and others raced through the obstacle course.

Organizations on campus set up several booths offering games or treats for students.

The Baptist Student Union served up free juice, punch and water.

TRASH Peer Educators allowed students to take a wild walk wearing "drunk goggles" and enter a drawing to win a dart board.

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Photo by Ravi Tiwari

Travelin' Max, who was this year's musical entertainment at "Life's a beach and then you transfer" Spring Fling, entertains students with catchy cover songs, conga lines, free hats and leis, and the fun, beachy spirit of Floyd College.

Georgia Highlands College chosen as new college name

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Floyd College will officially become Georgia Highlands College in August, pending a vote by the Georgia Board of Regents on April 20.

According to Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, the transition will take place immediately.

The name chosen to be pre-

sented to the Board was announced by Pierce at a press conference at Heritage Hall on March 23. The name was chosen from a list of 18 names presented to focus groups last year.

Georgia Northwestern College was the top choice by focus groups, but other colleges in the area expressed concern that the name seemed too inclusive for the region.

"We have received many comments from community members,

which we appreciated and valued," said Pierce. "However, we also learned that many Floyd County citizens believe that the county and state fund this institution. Actually, state taxpayers fund all institutions within the University System of Georgia. But Floyd County as an entity does not fund Floyd College."

According to Pierce, the name "Georgia Highlands" was chosen because the highlands region is considered one of the four travel

regions in the state.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources currently divides the state into five regions. The college is located in the Ridge and Valley Province, in which elevations range from 700 to 1,600 feet.

Pierce also said that the name change was to help "refine" Floyd College's image as it expands in Northwest Georgia through the new campus in Bartow County and course offer-

ings at Southern Polytechnic State University.



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According to a FC press release, only 29 percent of Floyd's students currently come from Floyd County. Another 20 percent reside in Bartow and 16 percent in Cobb County.

According to a report released in 2004 by the University System of Georgia, the state's population is expected to grow another 2.2 million people by 2020. While the Atlanta area is expected to grow by leaps and bounds, the Floyd County area isn't expected to receive significant changes. These anticipated population changes are one reason Floyd College will be changing its name to incorporate a larger geographic area.

While the new name has not yet been approved, Pierce is not considering the possibility of the name being rejected. "I'm not even going to think about that. I think that based on the input we've gotten, we should be fine," said Pierce.

While Pierce remains optimistic about the community's view of the new name, many have expressed displeasure with the decision.

On a local message board, campuschatter.blogspot.com, residents have complained about the wasted money that will be required for the name change, Pierce's motives and the new name's obvious Scottish references.

Many students at Floyd seem to have the same negative reac-



Photo by Ravi Tiwari

The FC sign at the front of the college will soon change.

tion to the name. "It's been named Floyd College for forever. Sometimes change ain't good. Things just need to be left alone," said Goob Pitts, an undeclared major from Rome.

"I don't like it. I guess I'm just used to the Floyd name," said Stacy Wise, a nursing major from Rome.

Others didn't seem to care that much. "I'm graduating at the end of the semester so it's not a big deal to me," said Anthony Johnson, horticulture major from Calhoun.

Founding Floyd College faculty member Dr. Sheila McCoy, professor of languages, seemed more understanding of the change, yet also expressed concern. "I understand the reason for the name change. Certainly the school has changed in its area of

service," said McCoy. "My hope is that whatever they decide the name is, people from Floyd County and other people who were instrumental in efforts to get the college based here continue to feel supported by the college and appreciated for their efforts."

Dana Davis, Floyd College director of college relations, addressed the money concern as legitimate, but says that allegations of hundreds of thousands of dollars being wasted have blown the situation out of proportion.

According to Davis, because the Georgia Highlands logo has only two colors (orange and blue) instead of Floyd College's current logo's four colors, all paper goods will be cheaper to print.

The college is not considering stationery, business cards and the like in its prospective costs

for the name change. "As things are depleted, we will just order Georgia Highlands materials instead. If the name wasn't being changed, we would have to order them (new supplies) anyway," said Davis. She added that many of the necessary paper goods could be printed in the college's printing office, which also saves on cost.

The college is also not counting the signs for the new Bartow Campus as a name change expense since those too would have to be ordered anyway.

figures, but an exact number is not known at this time.

In addition to soon having a new name, Floyd College will be expanding to two new campuses this summer. According to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, the new Bartow campus is expected to be open by August. Classes will begin in Marietta in shared space on Southern Polytechnic University's campus in June.

Floyd College will also continue holding classes on the Acworth campus, according to



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FC President Dr. Randy Pierce displays one of several logos for Georgia Highlands College, which is set to replace the Floyd College name, at a press conference on March 23.

Davis said the main costs for the college will be replacing the exterior signs on the Rome Campus. The main road sign, she said, is in such bad shape it needed to be replaced anyway.

Davis says the estimated cost for the name change is in the five-

Carson.

According to Pierce, even after the name change and the opening of new campuses, Floyd College's central office will remain on the Rome campus, where classes will continue to be held as usual.

Who wouldn't say

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FC professor featured in local showing



Photo by Sam Chapman

Brian Barr (shown above), assistant professor of art, is having a one-man show of recent drawings. The showing will run through May 11 at the Rome Area Council for the Arts Gallery on Broad Street. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Right: A sampling of artwork by Barr. All work on display at the gallery is available for purchase.



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Graduation speaker set for May 14 ceremony

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The final graduating class of Floyd College will receive their diplomas on May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Rome Forum.

This will be the last graduation for the Certificate in American Sign Language Training students since this program is being discontinued.

Graduates and their guests will have the opportunity to hear a graduation address from Dr. Stuart Gully, president of LaGrange College.

Gully is the 24th president of LaGrange College and an ordained United Methodist minister.

He received his undergradu-

ate training at Vanderbilt University, his master of divinity degree from Emory University and his Ph.D. in Higher Education from Georgia State University.

Gully has received many awards along with his degrees. In 1997 he was recognized as one of the "Forty under 40 Rising Stars in Georgia Business, Politics and Academics" by "Georgia Trend" magazine. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Theta Phi, Phi Alpha Theta and Eta Sigma Phi.

Gully is a current member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He has been president of the Georgia Association of Colleges, the vice chair of the Board of

Trusties for the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges and a member of the Board of Trustees for LaGrange Academy.



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Dr. Stuart Gully

‘Old Red Kimono’ now available



Photo by Sam Chapman

Dr. Applegate(center) and students work hard on the current issue of the "Old Red Kimono."

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The much anticipated "Old Red Kimono" will be published on April 19.

Everyone is invited to a reception with food and cake on that same day from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

According to Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English and ORK adviser, the magazines will be made available at the reception.

"Students featured in the magazine will be invited to read their work, artists will be invited to discuss their pieces as well—what media were used, what inspired them," Applegate said.



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Long-time college employees to retire

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Barbara Rogers

From part-time bookstore cashier in 1976 to assistant director of auxiliary services in 2005, Barbara Rogers has spent the past 29 years helping students make the transition into college life.

Rogers will retire in June and plans to be a lady of leisure while enjoying more time with her family. She plans to pursue travel, help her husband write music, crochet and do volunteer work.

"I will miss most the contact with students and employees. I've made some really good friends here at Floyd over the years," Rogers said. "I plan to volunteer at the book store during the pre-semester rush, and I would like to take some art classes and learn about web authoring so I may be around."

Rogers says that she has seen many changes during her tenure at Floyd College. "I've seen it go from the Dark Ages to ultra modern. When I first got here electric typewriters were the modern thing, and now everything is on computers. The world has

changed a lot since then."

Judy Sims

Judy Sims, professor of communications, will retire after 30 years of teaching at Floyd College.

Sims explains she just sort of fell into teaching, which began a love affair with education that continues to this day.

"I never planned to do this.

I'm a practicing registered speech pathologist and Dr. McCorkle (FC's first president) asked me to consider teaching. I thought I would do it for just a few years when the college was starting up. It didn't take me long to figure out that I had a real passion for education," explained Sims.

Sims has taught both remedial and regular English classes as well as communications classes.

Although retiring, Sims plans to continue teaching communications part time at Floyd College.

An avid believer in community service, she also will continue serving as the chairperson for the Rome City Board of Education and volunteer for United Way, Red Cross and the Girl Scouts of America.

Sims also will continue contract and volunteer work with her speech pathology practice in Rome and will begin working as a professional mediator for the Floyd County Courts and Corrections System.

One of the many changes

Sims has seen in the past 30 years has been the evolution of the speech class into an expanding communications department. Other changes have included administration and faculty changes, school growth, the implementation of new courses and majors, name changes, as well as a decrease of interest by students in student activities and clubs.

"The school doesn't place an emphasis on the activity period the way they used to," Sims said. "Now they schedule classes and labs during the activity period so that students have conflicts and can't actively attend extracurricular activities."

"I will miss most the friendships with faculty, staff and students because friendship is one of the most valuable blessings in life," she said.

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Glenda Collier

Glenda Collier began working at Floyd College 30 years ago as the secretary in the College Education Office.

Collier then transferred to the Police Academy of Floyd College and worked in that office for sixteen years. When the Police Academy relocated from Floyd College, she decided to stay because of the time she had already put in.

"I have certainly made many friends during my employment at

Floyd College and I will remember each and every one," said Collier.

Since then she has also worked as a secretary in the Counseling and Career Office and as the secretary for the vice president of academic affairs.

Linda Dyer

Linda Dyer began her career at Floyd College as the secretary in the Physical Education Department. During this time, she was very involved in activities which included high school basketball tournaments and hosting the National Youth Sports Program. Dyer also became involved in intramural sports and revived the FIT program.

"Nothing I miss more than the people here. The faculty, staff and students," Dyer said.

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Dr. Dwight Cassity

After spending 29 years at Floyd College Dr. Dwight Cassity, professor of political science, has declared that he is re-



Dr. Dwight Cassity

tiring.

"I'm ready for a change, and this is a great chance," said Cassity, who will retire from Floyd to begin teaching a broader range of political science topics at Shorter College. "I've al-

ways wanted to work at a four-year school," Cassity said.

Commenting on his time at Floyd College, Cassity said, "I've seen a lot of change that has occurred at Floyd and I have enjoyed watching that change. I will miss most the friends I have made during my time at Floyd."

However Cassity will still be seen at Floyd College. "I've always liked to walk my dog around the campus, and I see no reason to stop now," he said.

Cassity was awarded the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award in 2004. This award is named for Dr. Wesley Walraven, former dean and academic vice president at Floyd College.

The award "honors a distinguished faculty member, whose presence has made a major impact on the Floyd College community."

The honoree is selected by faculty vote and recognized during Spring semester graduation.

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Glenda Collier



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Nursing alumni to hold forum for nursing students

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The Floyd College Nursing Alumni Interest Group is planning a professional mentoring forum for nursing students.

The lunch will be hosted by alumni facilitators for all second-level nursing students who will be graduating in May.

The forum will be held at Centre Stage in Heritage Hall on April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The main purpose for the occasion is to engage nursing alumni in helping the nursing students' transition from a student nurse role to a professional nurse role.

"People tend to have all this anxiety," said Mary Norton, alumni specialist. "The lunch is to try to talk about some of the issues and fears current students are thinking about as they move towards their first job as a professional nurse."

The event is also meant to introduce the Nursing Alumni

Interest Group to graduating students.

According to Norton, 12 alumni facilitators will engage in discussions with nursing students and answer any questions students may have concerning their future in nursing.

Students attending the forum will be provided with boxed lunches and door prizes. A packet of information on higher education opportunities, interviewing for job success and employment opportunities in NW Georgia will be given to attendees.

The FC Alumni Association has been engaged in organizing many events such as this to promote and initiate its many interest groups.

"There are a variety of events that we have been focusing on," Norton stated.

For example, the Alumni Association held a Heritage Ball in February to promote the Black Awareness Society Interest Group, which is in early stages of development.

The ball was planned in collaboration with Theta Omicron



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Participants chat at the Black Awareness Society Alumni Interest Group's Heritage Ball.

Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

An Alumni Day at State Mutual Stadium is also in the works. The Alumni Association wishes to give a party for all the alumni members.

"It is for any alumni as we go

public. We hope to have a party to let people know about the Alumni Association, the services that we provide as well as some of the benefits that you get," Norton stated.

The party will be held sometime in the summer.

Floyd College Insiders to begin training soon for Fall '05 semester ; more needed

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Floyd College students are once again given a chance to get on the inside track of college life

The Insiders provide new students with an easy transition period from their old college or high school to the life here at Floyd. They make it easy for students to ask other students questions about the life of students here at Floyd College.

To become an Insider a student must fill out an application in the Counseling and Career Center. Students will then be interviewed.

The students selected will attend a training course that introduces the student to policies, procedures and the responsibilities that come along with the leadership role. New FC Insiders will begin training soon.

To learn more about a leadership role at FC as an Insider, contact Phyllis Weatherly in the Counseling and Career Center at (706) 368-7706 or by email at pweather@floyd.edu.

Psi Beta inducts new members

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The Floyd College chapter of Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges, inducted 14 new members on April 3.

This year's ceremony included a welcome from Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology and adviser of Psi Beta, and a candlelight induction ceremony.

Inductees included Gil Bailey, Amy Etta Bell, Kelly LeAnn Bray, Heather R. Bryans, Brandy S. Brownlow, Candice M. Callaway, Jared Stewart Goodwin, Eunice Harris, Eleanor Jeanne Johnson, DeLynn Nicole Jones, Lori L. Momon, Carla Joyce Nixon, Selena Lynn Parrish and Amanda Devon Yarbrough.

"Becoming involved in a college organization, such as Psi Beta, can have an enormous impact on the student's overall success in college," said Johnson. She went on to say, "The key, however, is to participate, to be



Photo by Josh Grubb

Devon Yarbrough (left), a criminal justice major from Aragon, and Sandy Watkins (center), a early childhood education major from Summerville, hold candles while Dr. Alberta Johnson conducts the ceremony.

active."

For students interested in Psi Beta, the prerequisites to join include: an interest in psychology; completion of at least two psychology courses, one of which may be in progress; a minimum of a B average in all of the psychology classes undertaken and

an overall GPA of 3.0 (or top 10 percent of class).

The Floyd College Psi Beta Chapter was started over 10 years ago.

For information on joining Psi Beta, contact Johnson at (706) 386-7638 or email her at ajohnson@floyd.edu.

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Editorials

Floyd College’s growing pains not pleasant, but natural and necessary

There has been quite a stir in the local community recently concerning the changing of the name of a local college.

Out with the old, in with the new. Floyd College will now become Georgia Highlands College.

There also seems to be much confusion as to why the name will be changed to “Georgia Highlands,” and why the name must be changed at all.

Dr. Randy Pierce’s main reason for changing the name is progression. We’re moving on up, folks! Apparently by the year 2020, the Georgia population will increase by a projected 2.2 million people living mostly in the Atlanta area, not Floyd County.

So, we’re “refining” our image to cater to the “blob of booming population,” as

Pierce called it in an October issue of the “Six Mile Post.” Apparently the Floyd College name is not comprehensive enough for blobish tastes.

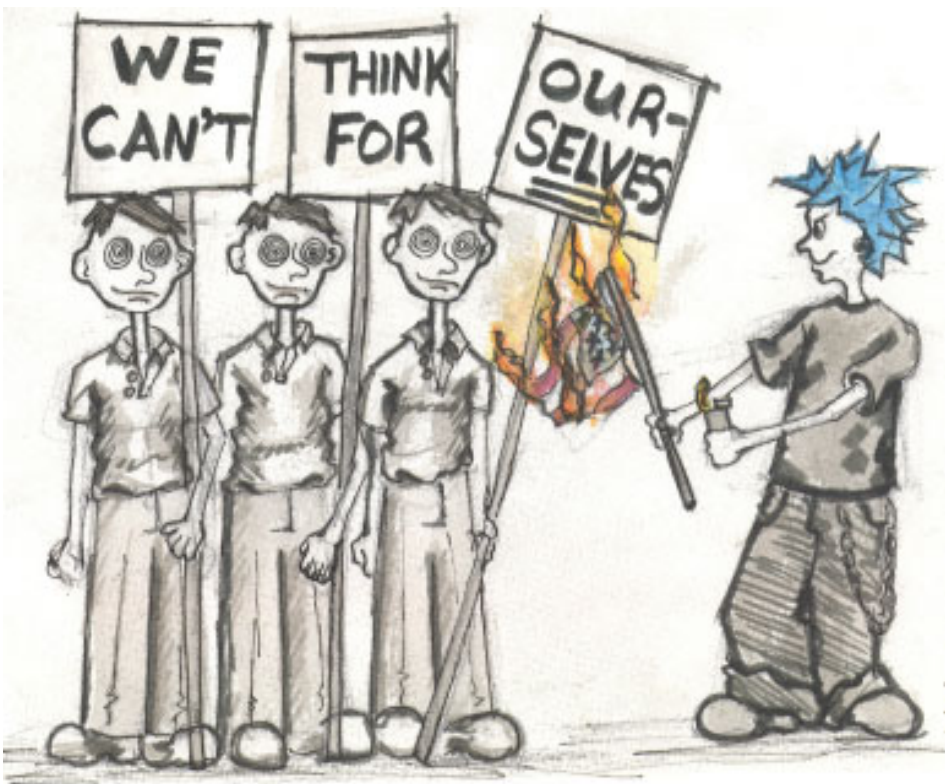
Pierce contends that since the college is expanding in Bartow County and the Atlanta area, it should not remain named for the region it was built in.

Floyd College isn’t funded by Floyd County residents alone, but by taxpayers all over the state.

While the college is in a messy transition to adulthood, growing pains are natural as the institution continues to develop and expand.

So, friends, we are at the end of an era. The “Six Mile Post” would like to wish good luck to the last graduating class of Floyd College and to the first class of Georgia Highlands College.

First Amendment 101



Artwork by Atteka Abdou, 2005

New kids on the block hate freedom

Kids these days are getting stranger and stranger.

In a 2004 study conducted by researchers at the University of Connecticut of more than 100,000 high school students and their opinions on the First Amendment, an overwhelming number thought the document is abused and allows too much freedom.

Also, the study showed that only about half of the students thought newspapers should be allowed to print freely without government approval.

Of over 8,000 teachers and principals who were part of the study as well, 97 to 99 percent thought people should be able to express unpopular views, but only 83 percent of the students thought so.

These kids thought that burning the flag is illegal and that the government can restrict indecent material over the internet as well. Those are false.

What is wrong with these kids? Is it too much fast food and television that’s turning them into mindless zombies, or is it



Editor’s Box

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Editor

the government being Republican heavy? It is astonishing that the youth of today actually think that there is such a thing as too much freedom of speech and that the right to petition and question the government is wrong.

I hope that this extremely dangerous and silly confusion that these students have is just them being under-educated about the First Amendment instead of being simply evil and conforming.

Ignorance may be bliss, but once we have to worship one deity, can’t say what we want and Big Brother dictates life more on the basis of what we can’t do instead of what we can do, we pretty much flush democracy down the toilet.

Those students who feel the First Amendment goes too far and allows too much freedom

need to either practice their First Amendment rights on a day-to-day basis or be taught what their lives would be like if they didn’t have any rights at all. Let’s lock them in a closet without any outside communication, even from their families. Let’s tell them what to do, and if they don’t like it they are punished with a lashing.

If these future voters are already beginning to mess up my fun and my freedom to say what I want, burn flags and distrust the government and are messing with my career as a journalist who takes great pride in never having a government official or the college president approve or disapprove of what goes in this newspaper, there go my rights as well as yours and the notion of living in a free society starts to deteriorate.

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AIDS scare awakens student's awareness

I am just like any other student roaming campus here at Floyd. I dress the same, I act the same, but there was an inner secret I held for some time. This secret, I felt would be so harmful if anyone found out I was sure to just die.

I thought I might have HIV or AIDS because one evening I was in a store going through a clothes bin and something sharp cut my hand, drawing blood. It felt sharp enough to be a needle. However, I cannot be sure of this, because I panicked and left the store without looking.

Shortly after, I decided to be tested. I sat down with my girlfriend and told her about the bin and asked her to go to Atlanta with me to be tested. The test would be confidential, relatively quick -- a few questions, a quick swab of the gums and poof you have your results in 20 minutes. Little did I realize what was about to happen.

When I arrived at AID Atlanta, it was only a few days after the supposed infection happened.

I went back to a room and was to speak with a counselor. I was so afraid that I was shaking.



Guest Column

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The counselor explained to me that it takes between 30 and 90 days for HIV to be detected in the human body.

My first reaction was shock; I had just driven all the way to downtown Atlanta for nothing, no closure at all! The lady explained to me all the ways of getting this monster, what it would be like to live with it if I did test positive and finally the outlook of my future if I had the disease.

She then told me to wait until the 30-day mark had passed and come back for testing. She also advised me to keep busy and try not to think about it or look up symptoms either, for I would think I had it for sure then. So I took her advice, I stayed busy. I only told my family, a few of my co-workers and my adviser from the "Six Mile Post." They were all sympathetic and understanding.

When the day came for me to take the test I was so afraid of what the test results might be. I

was asked the questions, then I did the swab of the gum, was given a number and just waited. I waited for the answer that would determine the fate of my life.

When the 20 minutes had gone by I was called in, and told I had tested negative.

It was pure relief; I felt that a burden had been lifted off my shoulders.

I was advised that I needed to come back at the 3-month mark and be tested again, just to be sure. I am pretty positive I do not have HIV but this will give me peace of mind.

My experience opened my eyes in many ways. I have since decided to become more involved with HIV and AIDS causes and hope one day to work with a center. I encourage everyone to be safe with sex, needles and all other ways to contract HIV and AIDS. It's certainly not something you want.

SIX MILE POLL

What is your most memorable moment at Floyd?



"Socializing at Spring Fling."

Candon Adams

Rome Campus
Human Services Major



"Playing ping pong with so many different types of players."

Adam Lee

Rome Campus
Business Major



"Riding the bull at last year's Fall Frenzy."

Barb Hawkins

Rome Campus
Human Services Major

Poll by Bethany Holt

Letters to the Editor...

Instructor applauds Thompson obituary

Dear Editor,

I wanted to offer my compliments to the chefs of the two fine pieces written about one of the true originals, Hunter S. Thompson. In fact it was a HST quote put forth by Mr. Chapman some months back that got me interested in what I now consider to be a very fine college paper. And I mean 2 or 4 year college.

Hunter Thompson, Warren Zevon, Johnny Cash, Johnny Carson, George Harrison, who replaces these people of original and creative thought? We could be headed for dark days but I am glad to see two future Pulitzer Prize winners who are smart enough to dig a guy who only found the edge by crossing it time and time and time again.

Keep up the fine work and congratulations again.

David L. Williams
Instructor of Business

Student concerned for pedestrian safety at FC

Dear Editor,

While crossing the campus parking lot my safety has been put at risk several times. There is a stop sign coming off the main entrance, and drivers do stop at it occasionally, but after stopping they tend to speed along the road in front of the administration building in order to find a parking spot. More than once have I almost been hit while crossing the street in front of the administration building. Pedestrians should have the right of way in this area of the parking lot.

First, pedestrian crosswalk stripes should be marked on the road at specified intervals. Secondly, speed bumps need to be added in order to slow down the vehicles.

If Floyd College does not fix this problem soon, someone will be seriously injured eventually.

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The 2004-05 SMP staff wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!



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Back row, from left: Sandy Watkins, Katherine Kimbrough, Amanda Cordle, Amy Waters, Josh Grubb, Tony Potts, Betsy Wadsworth, Becky Crooks, Jacki Padgett, Jenn Smith. Middle, from left: Sam Chapman, Kei-Won-Tia Perez, Alyssa Troutman, Bethany Holt, Atteka Abdou, Lindy Dugger. Front, from left: Dustin Taylor, Randie Mayo, Jeff Denmon. Not pictured: Ravi Tiwari, Chris Bishop, Seth Acuff, Alex Kekel, Mary Prickett and Crystal Belden.

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Stephanie Leigh Campbell

Note: These applicants for graduation must complete all necessary requirments.

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Students to be recognized at Honors Assembly

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The 33rd annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Building on the Rome campus.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, and Savannah Youngblood, Student Engagement Council chairperson, will make opening remarks. John Spranza, director of student life, will be the master of ceremonies.

A reception will be held in the Lakeview Art Gallery following the presentation of awards.

The Business Merit Award will go to **Renee Lamb**. This award is given to a business major that has completed 30 semester hours, maintained a 3.4 GPA and exhibits potential for success in the business environment.

The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs' Certificate of Excellence in the Study of Principles of Accounting Award will go to **Adam Lee** for excellence in the study of the principles of accounting.

The Community Criminal Justice Award of Excellence will be presented to **Sarah E. Henderson**. The award recognizes a student who has demonstrated a commitment to embracing and fostering higher education in criminal justice, dedication to community service and a true sense of honor, integrity and professionalism.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature and who has at least a 3.0 GPA, will be given to **Amanda Cordle**.

Harvey Jennings, Brandi N. Fincher and Michael A. Tillman will receive the Regents' Test Essay Award for making a perfect score of 4.0 on the Regents' Test Essay.

Sam Chapman will receive the Journalism Award. This award recognizes a student who has been on the newspaper staff for a year or more, has held a leadership position on the staff and has demonstrated excep-

tional journalistic achievement.

Karen Edwards will receive the Jim McKeel Human Services Achievement Award. This award is given to students that demonstrate commitment to the field of Human Services and are involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrate a genuine concern for the community.

Timothy Lumley will receive the History Award. This award recognizes excellence in the field of history.

Evan McKay Johnson will receive the Mathematics Award for high achievement in mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Calculus 2262 or 2263.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Mary Owens**. This award is for a freshman-nursing student, Floyd County resident, who has potential for exemplary professional service.

The Floyd Medical Center Greatest Dedication and Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented to **Tammy O'Neal and James Ferguson**. This award is for students who have demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and dedication to nursing.

Dustin Jones and Vickie Beckler will receive the Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award. This award recognizes competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.

Seventh District Georgia Nursing Association Award for Excellence in Bedside Care will be presented to **Roxanne Mullinax**. The candidate for this award is nominated by the sophomore nursing class based on competent clinical performance. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated, through his/her nursing care, the most concern for patients.

The Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Excellence in Home Health Care Award for nursing is given to a student who has demonstrated an interest in home health. This year's award will be presented to

Pamela Green.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award for the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average for a nursing student will go to **Savannah Smith**.

Anna Arp will be the recipient of the Dr. Melvin Perry American Association of University Professors Outstanding Future Educator Award. The award is presented to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who demonstrate an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching.

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who, in spite of disability, are making achievements in intellectual, social and cultural endeavors or students who enhance disability awareness in the Floyd College community by demonstrating a desire to educate and inform others about disability issues through such involvement as participation in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services. **Melanie Largin** will receive this award.

Jonathan McKay will receive the Outstanding Service as a Peer Tutor Award. This award is for a student who has served for two or more semesters in the Floyd College Tutorial Center and demonstrates the ability to take on a leadership role.

The Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges awards recognize students for their service to the college and community and for their academic average. The recipients will be **Kelly Adkins, Martin Benes, Heather L. Black, Phillip Breaux, Brandon Buford, Genesis Chester, Shelena Chisolm, Amanda J. Cordle, Trina Dean, Malinda E. Dugger, Karen Edwards, Billy Gilliland, Georgeann F. Gratton, Jan Marie Hartness, Georgia E. Henderson, Jennifer Henley, Deana Humphrey, Mattie Caroline Jarrard, Stefanie C. Kellis, Elizabeth P. King, Judith G. MacDonald, Marcus A. McCrickard, John McPherson, Terae Thomas-**

Mizell, Ashley Morris, Brandy Norris, Mary F. Owens, Jennifer S. Radford, Cynthia Smith, Jennifer Smith, Elizabeth Wadsworth, Megan L. Wallace, Lauren D. Westzel, Whitney Renee White, Lisa Worley and Savannah Youngblood.

The inductees to the 2005 National Creative Society are **John Bailey, Jessica Bishop, Hartwell Brooks, Aimee Butler, Matilda Caldwell, Amanda Chriswell, Andrew Dodd, Richard Eaker, Norris L. Gravitt, Matt Hall, Jeff W. Johnson, Katherine Kimbrough, Derrick Lepard, Kodi Locklear, Randie Mayo, Edwin Morales, Mark Nicolou, Martin Perry, Evan Rhetts, Richard Royal, Scott Salter, Brian Strickland, Megan Van Meter, Reggie Ware, Amy Waters, Kenya Webb, Adam Williams and Kimberly Yarborough**.

Jenn Smith and Jason Jennings will receive the McCorkle Creative Society Award. This award goes to a returning student who excels in one or more artistic areas of prose, poetry, visual arts, theatrical or musical performance and who serves as a role model to other students interested in creative expression.

The Love Borchardt Memorial Scholarship is presented to an education major that has promoted excellence in education and is awarded by the Alpha Delta Kappa educational sorority. The recipient will be **Terae Thomas-Mizell**.

The "Old Red Kimono" Creative Writing Awards will go to **Allison Shields** (first place), **Megan Van Meter** (second place) and **Richard Eaker** (third place). The "Old Red Kimono" Creative Art Awards will go to **Jenn Smith** (first place), **Andrew Dodd** (second place) and **Rochelle Henderson** (third place).

The Board of Regents Academic Excellence Recognition Award will be presented to **Teresa Velzy-Bowers**. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic

achievement.

The FELLOWS Achievement Awards go to students completing the Floyd Emerging Leaders Learn, Organize and Win program on leadership development. The recipients are **Joshua Bickhart, Beau Boddie, Hartwell Brooks, Natasha Cartin, Timothy Lumley, Jessica Mathis and Marcus McCrickard**.

The FC Steve Burns Service Award, Spirit Award and Leadership Award will be announced at the assembly.

The Steve Burns Service Award is for a student that has shown a commitment to and passion for serving others and contributing to the well-being of the community.

The Floyd College Spirit Award is for students who have shown dedication to campus life, been active in school and community projects, and shown outstanding promotion of school spirit.

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in campus and community activities while maintaining high academic standards.

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Certificate in Criminal Justice

Amy Michelle Wallace

Certificate in American Sign Language Interpreter Training

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Stephanie De'Anne Bouyer
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Brenda N. Culpepper
Debbie Deloris Driggers
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Valerie Gwendolyn Eison
Carolyn B. Grissom
Jessica Elaine Johnson
Susan Kelly Brooks Johnson
Patricia Karen Martin
Rita Faye Mikolajczyk
Tammy Renea Noblitt
Kirsten Rumpler
Debra Sanderson
Julie A. Shackelford
Tamara Gilreath Tidwell
Mary Melinda Ward
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Floyd College student enjoys a well-balanced life

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She's been singing since birth, and maybe even before then. When she was only 16, she competed for the title of American Idol. No, it's not Kelly Clarkson (though they have been confused on occasion). Her name is Brooke Hall, and she is a student here at Floyd College.

Born in Calhoun, Ga., Hall has spent the greater part of her life in Gordon County. After graduating from Gordon Central High, she threw herself into Floyd College en route to Shorter College.

At 19, Hall is a "Jill of all Trades." From painting and singing to drawing and writing, she does it all.

When she's not competing on "American Idol," Hall spends her time directing children's plays and talent shows. As the Special Activities Director at Swain Elementary in Calhoun, Hall derives some of her greatest pleasures from interaction with children.

"It's so fun because I get to start with these kids who have no idea of the talent they have," said Hall. "And when it's over they look back and they're like 'wow, I did that!' It's a good feeling to watch them go through that."

If her promising singing career doesn't work out, Hall has resolved to be a pediatrician or child psychologist. "I want to be



Photo by Ravi Tiwari

Brooke Hall balances many different responsibilities, hobbies and talents. This balancing act includes attending college, practicing yoga and auditioning for "American Idol."

able to do everything!" exclaimed Hall.

With a family as supportive as hers, they're sure to be behind her no matter what she does. Case in point: her mom waited with her in the rain and cold for two days so she could audition for "American Idol."

Hall has appeared in plays

like "South Pacific" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." Her credits also include opening for singer T.G. Shepard and participating in various talent shows.

Nowadays Hall spends most of her time between school and work. Being a general studies major at Floyd and working a

part-time job at the Hickory House (or "Hick House" as Hall jokingly called it) fills her days, but Hall still finds time to learn how to play the guitar and even practice yoga.

Whether she's singing at "American Idol" auditions or sitting in a classroom, Brooke Hall is the total package.

Academic Recognition Day rep chosen for Floyd College

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Teresa Velzy-Bowers, a nursing major from Ellijay, was recently selected to represent Floyd College for the Board of Regents 2005 Academic Recognition Day.

Every year, the Board of Regents honors one student from all of the Floyd College campuses, and that person is recognized on Academic Recognition Day along with the other reps from the University System institutions, according to Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs.

To be eligible for this prestigious honor, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average. Floyd College lists students meeting this criteria and then looks at them in much more detail, examining such factors as the number of hours accumulated.

This year, three students were chosen as finalists. Each of these students was then required to write a short essay, from which a faculty committee selected the winner.

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Skinny eating

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Most college kids are always on the go and under a tremendous amount of pressure to keep their grades up. This can greatly affect one's weight and health.

Students find themselves eating from the many snack machines throughout campus, eating fast food and even eating late at night.

Eating healthy and having a well balanced diet can make them feel more energized, help you deal better with the stress of college life and help you to perform better in and out of class.

Making time to eat healthy is a choice a person must choose to make.

The following is a list of suggestions for students from the University of Oregon website www.healthed.uoregon.edu/.10tips.htm:

1. Eat a good breakfast. Studies show that skipping breakfast detracts from educational achievements.
2. If you must eat fast food, choose wisely. Don't always super size.
3. Keep healthy snacks on hand. Don't run to the vending machine late at night. Healthy options include fresh or dried fruits, pretzels or rice cakes.
4. Eat plenty of foods high in calcium. People in their early 20s need to build strong bones and help prevent osteoporosis. If you don't like milk, try low-fat yogurt, low-fat cheeses or leafy greens.
5. The only safe way to lose weight is to have a well balanced diet and exercise regularly.
6. Sugar provides calories in your diet, but few other nutrients. Use it sparingly.
7. The salad bar can be either an asset or a bad thing to your diet depending on what you choose.
8. If you drink alcohol, keep in mind that it supplies calories, but no nutritional value.
9. Drink lots of water. Your body needs at least eight glasses a day.
10. Remember, that food is a lot more than nourishment to the body. Enjoy and savor it.

Rising gas prices affecting everyone

Students, faculty and staff feel impact of high gas prices, and summer demand is fast approaching



Photo by Josh Grubb

People line up at the East Rome Kroger gas pumps to pay the high prices for their daily commute to work and school.



Photo by Josh Grubb

Earl Mintz, from Centre, Ala., filling up his super duty and super sized truck with diesel at a local gas station, is one of many Americans coping with skyrocketing gas prices. Over-sized trucks and SUVs continue to be very popular with Americans despite high gas prices.

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Rising gas prices are definitely affecting the economy, and they are having an impact on Floyd College students as well.

It is no secret that gas prices are on the rise. According to the "Argus Leader," at www.argusleader.com, the price for gas has risen 10 percent in the past month. The average price last week rose 5.3 cents a gallon and is up 21 percent since a year ago.

Mary Lary, an early childhood education major from Rome, said, "I'm agitated every time I go by a gas station and when I have to fill up, I really blow a gas-ket."

The rising prices affect students, especially if they have to commute to campuses from another town.

Some students have to drive an hour or more to go to school every day, or every other day.

Stewart Owen, a professional sales major who attends Floyd College at the North Metro Tech campus, said, "I spend all my money I make at work on gas. How am I supposed to save any money? I think it's people's one-sided views that affect gas prices, because they don't want to get oil out of Alaska."

The rising gas prices don't only affect the students, but the teachers as well. Walter Cotter, an assistant professor of math, drives from Atlanta to teach at North Metro Tech.

"Usually I buy the gas around Acworth because it's cheaper than downtown. More money to gas and not to algebra books," said Cotter.

According to the website www.cbsnews.com, on March 16, 2005, the Senate agreed to open the Alaska wildlife reserve to drilling for oil. This decision was widely debated and controversial; however, it passed by a majority vote.

Richard Eaker, a general studies major at the Rome campus, summed it all up in one brief statement: "Gas prices suck."

Book Forum will be joint venture

Professor and alumnus to speak on Baldwin

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James Baldwin's book "If Beale Street Could Talk" will be the topic of discussion at this month's Book Forum.

The forum will be held April 26 at 7 p.m. at the Rome-Floyd County Library.



Photo by Ravi Tiwari

Baldwin's book is the story of a young African American couple in New York during the 1970s. When the young man is accused, convicted and sent to prison for a rape he did not commit, he, his lover and their families try desperately to find evidence that will prove his innocence.

Speakers are to include Dr. Jon Hershey, English professor at Floyd College, and Greg



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Greg Shropshire

Shropshire, a Floyd College graduate who later earned his master's degree at Morehouse College.

Shropshire, who was president of the Black Awareness Society during his time as a Floyd student, is currently vice president of the 100 Black Men of Rome, an organization devoted to improving education and economic empowerment among African Americans within the community.

Hershey and Shropshire will be jointly discussing parts of the



Photo by Josh Grubb

Dr. Jon Hershey

story, including what they think about the characters.

Attendees are also encouraged to provide input on the topics discussed.

"The novel has a fascinating story and the characters are vivid. You really care about this couple and what happens to them," said Hershey.

The forum is open to the public and all Floyd College students and employees are invited to attend.

Copies of the book may be purchased at www.amazon.com.

'Spending' full of imagery

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Book Review

"Spending: A Utopian Divertimento" by Mary Gordon is a clever, saucy novel held together by the charming, eclectic protagonist, Monica Szabo.

Through nimble writing Gordon reveals to readers the life and thought processes of the middle-aged female artist.

Fantastic imagery gives the reader a sense of being present in the art museums, steamy love scenes and passionate arguments.

The intelligent writing makes up for the occasionally tired plot.

The story deals with Monica's need for financial help and her struggle to stop herself from forming any sort of attachment to someone willing to help.

Gordon writes skillfully about women's desires, thoughts on money and men. The bedroom scenes also add a sensuous, entertaining quality to the plot. These scenes add a somewhat cheesy essence to the novel that makes it reminiscent of a romance novel with Fabio on the cover. This cover actually bears a middle-aged artfully posed nude.

The trite plot line of the older man coming to the aid of the needy younger woman and providing her with comfort she repays with passion does not match some of the better writing within the novel.

One of the most colorful and brave observations of the artist is when she decides that all of the paintings of Christ lying dead after being removed from the cross are not actually of a dead savior, but more like the body of a man that is "spent."

Through surprisingly clear description and innovative arguments Gordon actually makes this idea seem plausible enough to save the starving artist's career.

Not many writers would be able to argue that the holy figure is not dead, but rather resting after a passionate session with a lover without sounding completely profane and grotesque.

That type of creative twists really adds to the novel.

Otherwise "Spending" would be just another campy romance novel. The great social observations and beautiful writing make the book worth reading, especially since it is an incredibly quick read and provides a real variety of entertainment for the reader.

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Jump takes different approach

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Music Review

My band of choice for the last year or so has been Jump, Little Children (recently shortened to Jump). Their unusual name comes from the title of a blues song by Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee, and you can tell from the name alone that they're a little off the beaten path. They are the only rock band I know of to include the musical stylings of an accordion, mandolin, cello and tin whistle, just to name a few.

Originally they played a mixture of Irish folk music, blues, jazz, ska, classic rock, indie and punk. But over the years they have fine tuned their sound from a hodge-podge of different songs to an album with one heart. Their newest release "Between the Dim and the Dark" is that album.

While their older albums are brilliant in their own right, "Between the Dim and the Dark" is the first one to have a real flow

to it.

On "Magazine," one of their earlier albums, it was not uncommon to hear a few soft, thought provoking songs about society and the meaning of life and then a raunchy punk song about a man's love for his guitar. With this newest album the transition between tracks is a lot less jarring.

Another marked difference with this album is that they now have only one lead singer. While on previous albums there were tracks with the vocals of Matt Bivins taking center stage, the band seems to have decided that this album should have only one vocalist. I think that Jay Clifford's beautiful pipes can keep listeners satisfied this time around, but for those of us used to the occasional "Matt song" it will certainly be a change.

With all the changes being made, from the name to the singers, it's easy to forget everything that has stayed the same. The brilliant lyrics, breathtaking melodies and unique vision has remained completely intact, if

not improved.

"Hold You Down," a haunting track, brings the idea of bondage to a new light: "Did I, did I lend a hand to hold you down / Or just a hand to hold? / Did I, did I pull the wool over your eyes / Or keep you from the cold?"

The track "Education" echoes with everyone who's ever had a broken heart: "There's no way that you'll ever be the same again / Now you are a fool to fate / Like it or not, like it or not / There is no way you can escape / From a broken heart's education." Jay's crooning voice sounds just as heartbroken as you felt.

This is one band that has beauty I have trouble conveying with words alone. You just have to hear them. That cool blend of instruments and vocals with moving, brilliant lyrics that seem to reach to the very core of their subject are something that you just can't miss. So go pick up a copy (or better yet, go and see them live at the Variety Playhouse on April 30) and remember that they're only getting better with time.

Yewande entertains FC students at a recent visit



Photo by Josh Grubb

Yewande performs at FC at 12:30 p.m. on March 16 to a student center packed with students taking a break in between classes along with students who were in attendance via their instructors' consent for class credit. Yewande's performance consisted of interactive demonstrations educating students on how music has evolved over time.

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Basketball ends, Angry Sheepherders champions

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The games have been played and the champions have been found for Floyd College's 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball.

The Double Eliminations Tournament began to wind down on March 16.

During the first game, the Slackers took on the Real Splitters. It was a close game from the beginning, with the score going back and forth between teams. Even with Blake Pattillo playing with a broken arm, no one showed any signs of weakening as the game continued, but in the end, the Real Splitters came away victorious with the score of 39-38.

The second game between the Angry Sheepherders and Trailer Trash was the decision-maker of the day. Whoever lost this game would be eliminated. With the long-awaited return of Tim Smith (who broke his collar bone earlier in the season), the Angry Sheepherders seemed to have its heart back, not to mention the right amount of players.

The Angry Sheepherders skill, with their off-the-wall shots and great passing, was not unlike a more famous team, the Harlem Globetrotters. However, Trailer Trash showed for the first time that they could contend. The game was never out of reach, but there didn't seem to be enough time for Trailer Trash to come back. The Angry Sheepherders defeated them 55-50, thus ending Trailer Trash's run to be the champions.

"They played us harder than anyone this year," Smith said. He added, "I'm just glad to be back."

The next games were played on March 30. The first game between the Real Splitters and the Angry Sheepherders was evenly matched, and both teams obviously wanted to come out on top. Everyone was on the edge of their seats, especially the Slackers because they were to play the winners. At half time, the score was tied 21-21, and no one wanted to wait for the entire five minutes to end to see the second half of the game. The second half was owned by the Angry Sheepherders, who scored six

consecutive times to make the score a little less balanced. As the buzzer rang, it ended the game, as well as what Eric Hopper referred to as the "Buford Era." The Angry Sheepherders defeated Brandon Buford and the Real Splitters 44-35.

There was no rest for the Angry Sheepherders that day; they began playing the Slackers shortly after their first game ended. This was a hard-played game for both teams. The ball crossed the court so often neck aches were bound to happen. The

score was tied most of the game. Neither team ever ran away with the score. With a beautiful lay-up from Smith, the Angry Sheepherders came away with a 41-39 victory, and a chance to play another game.

"We survived through the day," Stephen Mink of the Angry Sheepherders, said. He added, jokingly, "And next week we'll win by 200."

The gym was full of excitement on April 5, for the last championship game of the season. The Angry Sheepherders

took on the Slackers one more time to see for sure who the best was. Neither team seemed to be playing to their fullest potential, although they both showed the same amount of heart. Pattillo, who tried not to use his hard cast to his advantage, made several amazing blocks that stopped the Angry Sheepherders from running away with the game. Hopper also couldn't play his fullest for the Slackers because of a knee injury. With the final buzzer of the last game of Floyd College's 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball

season, there came a sigh of relief. The gym was filled with mixed emotions; for the Slackers, disappointment and defeat, but for the Angry Sheepherders, it was grins and giggles all around. The Angry Sheepherders are the Floyd College 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball Champions after defeating the Slackers 38-33.

"It was a great game. Both teams played very hard, but everyone was a little tired," Smith said.

The Intramurals Banquet will be held April 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Action highlights from pre-tournament play



Chris McGill (left), dribbles past a passive Austin Gattenby (center) to make a goal.



Stephen Mink (right) attempts to steal the ball from Chris McGill.



Above: Players on both teams await a healthy rebound.



Below: Players attempt to block a shot from Chris McGill (left).

Photo by Josh Grubb

Local pro spring sports begin, an attraction for students

Rome Braves swing into season slightly behind



Photo by Josh Grubb

Above: Matt Young (6) sprints to third base. Right: Rome Brave Steven Doetsch (8) is up to bat while Brandon Jones (33) waits on deck. Below: A Rome Brave slides to safety as a Bomber baseman doesn't catch the ball in time.



Photo by Josh Grubb



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In their third game of the season, on a sunny April 10 Sunday, the Rome Braves lost to the Greenville Bombers 1-4 in Rome. Approximately 2,800 fans were in attendance. The next Braves home game will be April 21 against the Columbus Catfish at 7 p.m.

Renegades begin debut season in Rome



Photo by Josh Grubb

The Rome Renegades are currently 1-2 in the National Indoor Football League standings. Their next home game will be played May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Forum in Rome.

Renegade backup quarterback Bo Bartik (17) takes a snap from former UGA standout Resty Beadles (70) at a pre-season practice at the Forum in Rome. Joe Killins (56) prepares to rush.



Photo by Josh Grubb

A Rome Brave catches a ball during pre-game warm-ups.

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Tossing a frisbee into a bucket got students candy from the “Old Red Kimono.” To win a summer fun basket students could write a haiku for “FC Bytes,” or by playing Phi Theta Kappa’s trivia game they could select from an assortment of prizes.

To keep up students’ energy while partying, Red Bull was on campus giving away free samples of its energy drink.

Students Erik Turner and Phillip Breaux spent the day grilling hamburgers and veggie burgers for all the students. Afterwards Turner entered into the boxing ring for a few spirited rounds with his brother, Rodney Turner.

Another rousing competition was between English professor Carla Patterson and sociology professor Susan Claxton on the obstacle course. Claxton dove right in for a great start, but Patterson emerged victorious. “I smoked her,” declared Patterson.

Travelin’ Max entertained and involved the crowd with numerous competitions. He gathered students from the crowd to compete in girls against guys singing competitions and started conga lines.

There was also a dance competition in which couples had to squeeze into a single t-shirt and do their best to stay in step with the music.

Freshman Vanessa Gibson from Cedartown said, “Spring Fling is awesome. I loved singing on stage.”

Max also passed out free maracas, hats and leis.



Photo by Josh Grubb

Travelin’ Max, part of this year’s Spring Fling musical entertainment, creates the soothing sounds for students to slowdance to as part of a contest in which partners compete to see who can dance better in one t-shirt.



Photo by Josh Grubb

Above: Matt Hall, a psychology major from Rome, slides to the finish line of the obstacle course.



Photo by Ravi Tiwari

Right: Students Alissa Troutman, a journalism major from Douglasville, and Lydia Landham (far right), a foreign language major from Cedartown, race for the finish line over the obstacle course.



Photo by Josh Grubb

Left: Brian Strickland, a general studies major from Aragon, gets a face full of pie during a pie eating contest.



Photo by Sam Chapman

Amad Abdellatif, a general studies major from Rome was the winner of the “Six Mile Post” gum count contest, coming the closest by being three off from the 193 pieces in the jar.