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The Student Voice

Floyd College-Rome, Georgia

Math subtracted
The Board of Regents has decided recently not to add a math portion to the Regents' Test after all. See page 4.



FC under attack!!
Paris Lake, the large body of water behind the central campus, is home of the fighting attack geese. See Page 9.



Rome Braves coming
Construction continues on the baseball stadium that is to be the new home of the Rome Braves. Despite weather delays fans can expect the first game as scheduled. See Page 11.

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FC wins Teaching Excellence Awards

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Floyd College has won both of the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents 2003 Teaching Excellence Awards for the two-year college division.

Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English and adviser of the *Six Mile Post*, is this year's recipient of the Board of Regents Faculty/Staff award and Floyd College's Dental Hygiene program has won the Department/Program award.

Each two-year college may choose a nominee for both the faculty/staff award and the department/program award, at which point the nominees have to put together a portfolio and collect recommendations.

A special Regents committee, composed of faculty members and department chairs from across the system, reviews the nomination portfolios and recommends finalists for each award.

Concerning the faculty/staff award, the award committee (as stated by the award criteria) looks "for persuasive evidence that nominees have a record of superlative teaching at their campus, including a strong commitment to fostering the academic success of students through classroom instruction and through interaction with students outside the classroom (e.g. advising, mentoring, recruiting, etc.)."



Dr. Kristie Kemper and Rebecca Alford work on the SMP. Kemper was awarded the 2003 Regents Teaching Excellence Award for faculty/staff under the University System of Georgia.

When selecting finalists for the department/program award the committee looks for evidence that nominated departments or programs promote, support and recognize excellence in teaching and in service to students.

"I was surprised and pleased

to learn that I have been selected to receive the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for two-year college faculty," Kemper said.

Donna Miller, director of dental hygiene, said, "The dental hygiene program is honored to be selected by the Board of Regents

for the Teaching Excellence Award. We would like to thank the administration, faculty and staff of Floyd College who have contributed to our success through their support and efforts on behalf of our students and the program."

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Campus possible medical site in case of attack

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Floyd College has been named as a possible site for medical care and dispersal of medicine and other necessary supplies in the event of a regional/state bio-terrorism attack on the Atlanta-Northwest Georgia area.

Other possible sites distributed around Floyd County include Berry College, Shorter College and the fairgrounds downtown.

"Atlanta is a prime target,"

says Harold Brooks, coordinator of security at Floyd College.

Atlanta is home to the busiest airport in the country, Dobbins Air force base and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), which



makes it a very attractive target for a biological attack.

According to Brooks, Rome is a good location for distribution of emergency medical services because it is located halfway between Atlanta and Chattanooga. Both cities are potential targets, and Rome is easily accessible to both areas.

Penny Wills, vice president of student development, said that Floyd College has the facilities, plenty of room and plenty of nursing students that would be a valuable resource in case of a terror-

ist attack.

"We're the community's college. We have always been a part of the community and we will continue to do that. We feel a responsibility to this community," said Wills.

Aside from the resources that FC has to offer, its location makes it ideal. Rome is northwest of Atlanta. Because of the air current in this part of the country, the wind would blow any contaminants in the air over Atlanta east, missing Rome.

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SGA to hold elections soon

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The deadline for students to file applications to run for office in the Student Government Association for 2003-2004 is March 14, according to John Spranza, director of student life. The election for new officers will be held sometime within the next month.

The positions available will be president, vice president of special events, vice president of public relations, secretary and senators.

There is a provision for two senators from each campus in the SGA constitution. Spranza encourages students from the satellite campuses to run for SGA offices.

The SGA currently has no senators. They have tried to recruit dedicated people from the other campuses in the past to no avail.

"We have advertised for senators and talked to people who were interested, but we never heard back from them," said Teela Davis, current vice president of special events. In defense of the SGA, Davis said that it was necessary for the SGA to use the resources they had.

Most of the open positions are available because the current SGA members will be transferring to other colleges in the fall.

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Photo by Ken Caruthers

FC Bytes co-editors Brian Armstrong (right) and Eric Rose are in charge of what works are published on the webzine.

‘FC Bytes,’ an outlet for student creativity

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For those looking for somewhere to voice their opinions or share their talents for writing, art or photography, there is a place.

FCBYTES is Floyd College's on-line magazine. It can be accessed at www.floyd.edu/bytes. The publication is an open forum for students and members of the FC community.

The mission of the magazine, as expressed by one of the publication's faculty advisers, Dr. Jon Hershey, is "to provide Floyd College students a creative outlet for writing, graphic arts and photography as well as computer and other technological exploration."

Basically, its goal is to offer a

reading and viewing experience that differs from FC's other publications, *The Old Red Kimono* (ORK) and *The Six Mile Post* (SMP).

FCBYTES differs from the ORK and SMP in that it exists only on-line, it publishes a wider variety of material, such as plays and paintings, and, as co-editor Eric Rose stated, "We are more accessible to the entry level writers."

Also, the natures of Floyd College's two literary magazines are quite different. An editor of ORK, Matt Sunrich, said, "When I first came back to Floyd, I couldn't figure out why we needed two literary publications, but once I became familiar with the material in *FCBYTES* and was able to compare it to material in ORK, I real-

ized the necessity."

The material in ORK is more refined while *FCBYTES* is uninhibited.

The concept of *FCBYTES* was proposed by Steve Burns, former professor of psychology. It was established by former students Joel Ball, Marlena Cecil, Glen Harris, Phillip Kemp, Sumer Lang, April Langford, Brent Moore, Wil Nix and Jacob Sullins.

The faculty advisers at that time were Burns; Jeanne Blakely, assistant librarian/Tech. Services; Steve Head, assistant librarian/public services; and Hershey. The first issue debuted in the spring of 1998.

The current faculty advisers are Blakely, Head, Hershey and Dana Pergrem, instructor of communications. The co-editors are

students Brian Armstrong and Rose.

The advisers and co-editors work closely with staff to develop and execute each issue. They also make themselves easily accessible to students who are interested in submitting to *FCBYTES*.

Those who would like to submit to *FCBYTES*, should send their work as attachments to bytes@floyd.edu, erose@floyd.edu, or barnstrong@rome.com.

As for what the publication will accept, Hershey said, "It might be easier to list what kind of material we don't want, except I can't think of any right now."

The environment of the on-line magazine is liberal and accommodates those individuals with schedules too busy for other campus activities.

Students named to 'Who's Who'

Fifty-one students have been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.

The award honors excellence inside and outside the classroom. Students receiving the award must have at least a 2.5 GPA, and 24 semester hours of course credit. Students must also be active in extracurricular activities on and off campus.

Faculty and staff of the college nominate students to *Who's Who*, with final selections being made by the Student Affairs Committee.

This year's *Who's Who* honorees are as follows:

Odell Abram, Lisa M. Adams, Brian S. Armstrong, Canada Astin, Daniel Bell, Linda S. Beuoy, Cynthia Bing, Lynn Blalock, Samuel Bosempen, Jason Bourne, Kimberly Carrigg, Joy Cash, Tracy LeAnne Clay, David M. Conway, Connie Marie Cuzzourt, Teela Anitrette Davis, Ray Davis, Robin Davis, Debra Lynn Evans, Amy Gilliland, Allison Green,

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Kim Chambers is able to practice taking x-rays with her niece.



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Mary Thomas, first year student, practices learning the instruments in the dummy lab at Heritage Hall.

Students work to keep smiles healthy

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Helping people take care of their mouths and keep their healthy smiles is what Floyd College's dental hygiene program does best.

FC's dental hygiene program is a five-semester program, and a class is accepted for entrance each fall. Some of the prerequisites for the program include anatomy, physiology, chemistry and English classes.

The dental hygiene program leads to an Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Once students graduate from FC they still have to complete two more steps before being able to obtain a license to practice dental hygiene.

The second step after gradu-

ating is passing the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, an eight-hour written exam.

The third and final step to obtaining a license is passing any State or Regional Board Dental Hygiene Examination in the United States. During this exam, students will have to clean a patient's teeth and be graded on their performance.

During the three years that the dental hygiene program has been with Floyd College, it has had a 100 percent licensing rate and 100 percent job placement.

"Once the students complete the programs they are able to find jobs to fit their needs (i.e. part-time, full time, etc.)," said Donna Sutton, instructor of dental hygiene.

The pay for dental hygienists is very good, but students should not just focus on the money when

deciding whether or not to get involved in the program. Students considering a career in dental hygiene "should be interested in helping people, taking care of their mouths and keeping a healthy smile," said Sutton.

Students that are interested in the program and want to see the dental hygiene students in action can make an appointment to have their teeth cleaned by calling (706) 295-6760.

Since these are students in training, the appointments will last from one hour and forty-five minutes to around three hours. The cost is \$30 for an adult and \$20 for children 12 and under. This includes x-rays and cleanings.

To learn more about the Floyd College dental hygiene program, students may visit their website at <http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/subwebs/dental>.

FC considers retiring outdated student laptops

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The information technology department is considering retiring the student laptop computers.

Students currently have the option of leasing FC laptops for \$100 per semester.

According to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice-president of academic affairs, "It is likely that summer 2003 will be the last semester that students will be offered the opportunity to rent one of these laptops."

Help desk manager Jason McFry said, "I wish we had retired them (the laptops) a year ago. They are obsolete compared to the computers in the new computer rooms."

The laptop computers were first introduced in Oct. 1997 by then Floyd College president, Dr. Lynn Cundiff.

These computers are no longer

needed because of the new computer classrooms.

According to student laptop user Jesse Hatcher, "The laptops are so old that they should be in a museum. I doubt the one I use is even worth the \$100 deposit I had to pay. Its screen is sort of a yellow color. It makes me sick to my stomach to look at it."

When asked what will become of the laptops, Carson said, "The college will follow the state guidelines for surplus equipment."

Even though most students will not be required to have laptops, those who are in the information technology pro-



Photo by Ken Caruthers
Adam Brush finds that laptops are still useful.

CAS to host a vacation cruise to the Bahamas

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Floyd College's Cultural Awareness Society is hosting a four-day Bahamas vacation cruise from July 11 through July 14.

The cruise is not only open to all students and faculty members, but to their friends and families. The cruise will take place on Carnival Cruise's 70,000-ton ship the Fascination.

Cruise goers will leave Rome July 10. Transportation plans to Miami are still in negotiation. Cruise planner and communications professor Judy Sims is leaning towards booking a chartered bus because it would be cheaper.

The ship will depart from Miami July 11, and vacationers will spend July 12 in Nassau. The ship will depart from Nassau for Miami July 13, and vacationers will return to Miami July 14.

Interested persons should contact Sims by email at

Sims will be holding a meeting for everyone interested in the Bahamas cruise March 13 at 11 a.m. in the cafeteria. A deposit of \$200 dollars is due on March 17 and the final payment is due May 7.

Prices are as follows: \$440 for a double suite, \$412 for a triple and \$399 for a quadruple.

These prices include the cruise, food, entertainment on the ship (such as clubs, bars, casinos and spas), taxes and gratuities (i.e. tips).

They do not include the cost of transportation to Miami, which Sims estimates will be approximately \$100.

After paying for the cruise, all vacationers will need is spending money, proof of citizenship, such as birth certificates and picture identification.

Sims says, "This is a great opportunity for students to visit another country and have a good time."



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Dr. Kemper discusses 'Arcadia' with her class.

Kemper to lead book forum

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On March 13 Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, will be leading a Floyd College book forum on the play "Arcadia" by British playwright Tom Stoppard.

Kemper is currently teaching the play in her Humanities/IDIS course, and "Arcadia" is also one of the plays to be seen during this year's Alabama Shakespeare Festival trip.

The play, which is staged both in the early 1800s and the late 1900s, takes readers back and forth between the centuries and explores the nature of truth and time, the difference between the Classical and the Romantic temperament and the disruptive influence of sex on our lives.

"Arcadia" is a highly entertaining story and contains a lot of underlying adult humor.

The book forum will take place at noon in the solarium and refreshments will be served.

Many students now rely on HOPE grant to fund their educations

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Georgia's HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholarship is former Governor Zell Miller's educational program that rewards students who have earned good grades by assisting students with the expenses of post-secondary education such as tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees and a \$100 per semester book allowance.

According to the Georgia Student Finance Commission website, (<http://www.gsfc.org>) 680,137 Georgia students have become eligible for the scholarship since it's beginnings in 1993. A total of \$1,864,709,348.80 is used on HOPE funding.

Floyd College specifically has had 5,667 HOPE grant students, and the total amount of money spent on HOPE-approved ex-

penses for the college is \$8,905,454.65.

Georgia residents who are attending a Georgia public or technical college are eligible for HOPE so long as they maintain a 3.0 or greater grade point average (GPA) in their core curriculum classes upon graduating high school. Full time enrollment is not a requirement, but maintaining eligibility means students must keep a "B" average.

Students who graduated from high school in or after the year 2000 are required to have maintained a 3.0 or greater GPA upon exiting high school to be eligible for HOPE as a first-year student at a Georgia public or private college.

Non-traditional students who graduated high school before 1993 are also eligible. The requirements are that they must have maintained the 3.0 HOPE cumulative GPA after the quarter in

which 45 hours of degree credit were attempted.

Non-traditional students are not eligible if they have already achieved a four-year degree or attempted more than 190 hours of credit prior to re-entering school.

If lost at any time, HOPE can also be regained. If a student drops below a 3.0 GPA after 30 semester hours, they will lose their HOPE funding, but may continue in school at their own expenses. After 60 semester hours, their GPA will be re-evaluated to see whether or not the student is eligible to renew their HOPE scholarship.

HOPE fees cannot be used on expenses that were already covered by PELL or other Federal grants received.

Those interested in more information about the HOPE scholarship can contact the Financial Aid Office at (706)295-6729.

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Board of Regents subtracts math section after trial runs

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During the past several months there has been much discussion concerning the possible addition of a math portion to the Regents' Test. After much deliberation of the matter the Board of Regents has put the addition of a math section on hold for now.

As stated in the Floyd College catalog, all students enrolled in transfer degree programs must take and pass the Regents' Test as a requirement for graduation. In addition, students must attempt it during or before the semester following the completion of 30 semester hours.

If the Regents' Test is not

passed by the time the student has completed 45 semester hours, mandatory remedial courses will be assigned until the test is successfully passed.

According to Lanelle Daniel, associate professor of English and English Coordinator, a shift in the program occurred last year when the Board of Regents decided that the addition of a math portion to the exam would help in holding University System of Georgia schools more accountable.

After much formulating and testing, the Board approved a trial math module. They gave it a voluntary test run last fall. Among those volunteering to take the amended exam were some of Daniel's students.

She stated that those who took the test offered a variety of mixed emotions after it was over. Stu-

dents who had recently taken math courses found the questions appropriate to their current level of knowledge and math skill.

However, students who had not had a math course in a while, found the questions very challenging and some found them impossible to do.

Daniel said that the program would have been implemented during the upcoming fall school year but that now it is unclear if it will ever be put into action.

Daniel suspects that the Board of Regents is trying to consider all options concerning the educational development and opportunity for all students within the University System of Georgia and that the decision will ultimately be in the best interests of the students.



Photo by Kristie Kemper

Cultural Awareness Society sponsors trip to King and Carter Centers in Atlanta

The group from Floyd College stands outside the Visitors Center at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta on Feb. 22. FC students, faculty, staff and friends also visited the Carter Center, seeing President Jimmy Carter's Nobel Peace Prize and a special presidential portrait exhibit. At the King Historic Site and the Center for Non-Violent Social Change, they toured King's birthplace, visited his grave with its eternal flame and the restored Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King first preached. They also saw displays and a film at the Visitors Center. The trip was part of Floyd College's observance of Black History Month.

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FANS to host Nursing Career Day

Floyd Association of Nursing Students is hosting a nursing career day Monday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall. Approximately 25 hospitals will be there.

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Besides the obvious distinction and prestige that comes with such an award, there is also usually some prize money included. It had not been disclosed as of press time if that were to be the case this year.

This is the second time in three years that a faculty member at Floyd College has won this award. Two years ago Dr. Margaret Davis, professor of mathematics, won the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award. Also, the Floyd College Nursing Program received the Regents' Teaching Excellence program award in 1999.

"The fact that this is the second time a Floyd College faculty member has received this honor in the past three years speaks volumes for the quality of the faculty that teach at Floyd. Dr. Kemper exemplifies the dedication of this faculty to our students and to teaching and learning," said Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president.

Pierce continued, "I am also very excited about the honor our Dental Hygiene Department has received. Dr. Miller and her staff are to be congratulated. I am very

proud of this institution, its academic programs and its faculty/staff. It is a great day for Floyd College."

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, said of the dental hygiene program, "The quality of the program is demonstrated by the fact that during the 12 years since the program was opened 100 percent of the graduates have passed the National Dental Hygiene Boards and the Southern Regional Testing Authority for registered dental hygienist. This record far exceeds both state and national averages."

Kemper echoed the thoughts of Pierce. She said, "I consider this award as recognition for all the faculty at Floyd College, who always give their best effort to their teaching and who never forget that students come first."

Carson described Kemper as a teacher worth celebration and said that she has "a profound impact on the lives and careers of her students."

(For pictures and more information on the Dental Hygiene Program please see page 3.)

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Those applying for SGA leadership positions are required to be full-time students during both the fall and spring semesters.

The officer positions require a minimum GPA of 2.5 and the senator positions require a minimum GPA of 2.0. Some of the positions are paid, and more information about the duties and salaries of the available positions can be obtained from the Office of Student Life (706) 296-6363).

Davis encourages those interested to "come by the offices to get an application packet and talk to one of the [current] representatives."

A definite date had not been set for the SGA elections as of press time. According to Spranza, the elections will take place in either late March or early April.

"Elections will be conducted on-line like last year, on a secure website that will require students to log in with their student ID number," said Spranza. "The website location will be advertised as soon as everything is set up with the information technology department."

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Within six hours of an attack the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) would be shipped via cargo plane or truck, whichever mode of transportation the situation warranted, and delivered to a central storage facility. The location of this facility will be a highly guarded secret for the obvious security reasons.

Brooks said, "The logistics are mind boggling," speaking of the coordination needed to make such an operation possible.

In the event of a bio-terrorism attack, the dispersal/treatment facility would immediately be barricaded and protected by armed guards.

The college campus would be transformed within a few hours into an emergency medical treatment facility. The materials delivered from the NPS would be in great demand in a mass attack, hence the need for armed guards and barricades.

The logistics of such an event would include keeping order,

tracking the patients, distribution, accounting, record keeping, dispensing proper doses, disposal of contaminants and many other necessary measures, all while in the middle of disastrous circumstances.

Jill Woods, nursing student said, "I think it's a great idea, but it is kind of scary to even think about."



Although the topic of bio-terrorism is a scary one, it is an important one that is being planned for using a model developed in Florida.

A similar plan was originally developed to deal with hurricane Andrew, but according to Brooks, is being modified to fit a bio-terrorism threat.

The plans for the NPS sites are not definite yet, but planning is underway.

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Red Cross and many other organizations are working with local officials to develop a plan to help deal with a mass attack.

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HOPE money important

If it were not for the HOPE scholarship many students that attend college now would not be in school.

The price of college has become so expensive that for many students it is nearly impossible to afford without some sort of scholarship, grant or loan.

Yet, recently Georgia legislators have been considering cutting back on the funds that go towards HOPE and other University System of Georgia (USG) programs.

This would mean less money for each student attending or planning to attend college.

This cannot happen because too many students rely on HOPE to pay for college. If students lose HOPE funds, or receive less money from HOPE, eventually fewer students will be attending college.

Students from technical, public and private colleges are all able to take advantage of the HOPE scholarship, which means practically ev-

everyone with a “B” average is able to attend the college of their choice in Georgia with the aid of HOPE.

According to the HOPE website (<http://www.gsfc.org/HOPE>), in the recent 2001-2002 fiscal year there were 196,002 students in Georgia

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This is already a huge increase from the 1993-1994 fiscal year, which only saw 42,807 students taking ad-

vantage of HOPE, averaging to around \$21.4 million.

According to the statistics on the HOPE website, HOPE has helped a lot of students attend college. The percentage of students taking advantage of HOPE has increased greatly over the past couple of years.

This shows a higher increase in college enrollment due to the fact that students have HOPE to make college affordable.

So before the legislators make a tremendous mistake and cut back on funding for HOPE, they need to reconsider the lack of education that people will obtain from avoiding college due to the fear of debt.

They need to realize that without HOPE, many individuals will be stuck in the world without an education higher than a high school diploma. In this day and age that does not give a person much opportunity at achieving whatever his or her dreams and goals may be.

‘War is delightful to those who have no experience of it’-- Erasmus



Saddam Hussein



Kim Jong II

A cartoon by Nicole Terry



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A war is impending, and everyone seems to have an opinion on the matter.

Despite the overwhelming complexities of international politics, it seems that the vast majority of Americans are arm-chair political strategists with their own agenda on the Iraq situation, among other things.

You’re probably wondering where I’m going with this. While I could use this space to rant about my own political views, I’m not going to do that. I feel that it would be contrary to my point.

You see, I often wonder how and why people are so quick to jump to easy conclusions about extremely important matters. In an ever-volatile world where political fervor is the order of the day, seeing things in black and

Editor’s Box

Become better informed before forming opinions

white seems to be an easy way out of a whole lot of stress.

Civilians are expected and encouraged to focus their mental resources on reality television shows, entertainment news and Michael Jackson’s tree-climbing shenanigans with underprivileged children while the real decision-makers sit behind an Oz-curtain of faux democracy and make things happen.

This is, of course, not unusual. Without massive generalizing by the media, done consciously or not, the gears of democracy would have a lot of trouble turning. Stereotypes exist for a reason– it’s just how things work. A democratic nation cannot control its people with force, so other methods have to be used. It’s much easier to bomb a regime of people lumped together under one category than it is to destroy several hundred thousand complicated and individual human beings.

People are subjective creatures, so it stands to reason that when the most powerful majority of them think similarly, their view of the world becomes the ruling order. I’m not going to rant existentially here. This isn’t about psychology or philosophy; it’s just common sense.

I suppose the point I’m trying to drive home is just that I believe everyone should educate themselves and be willing to shift their opinions about things or perhaps void them altogether when necessary.

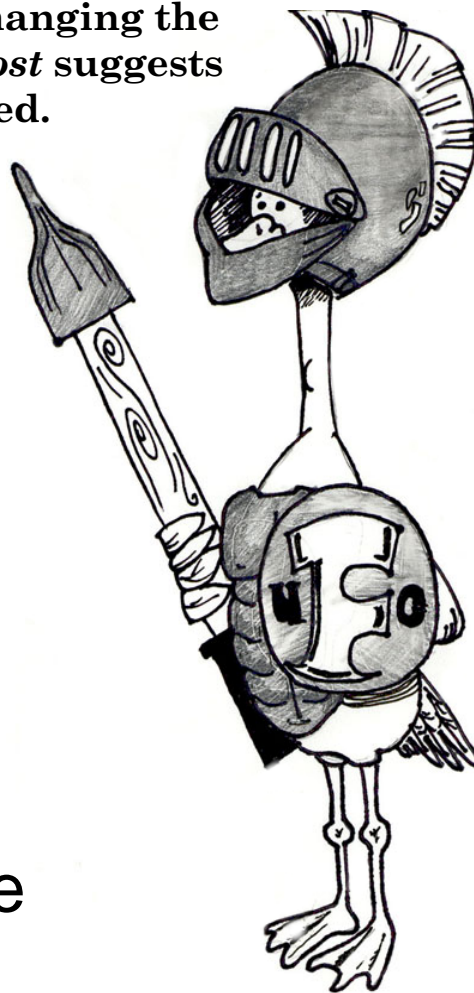
Watching Fox News for an hour a night does not make one well informed on world events. Don’t stick to one source. Read corporate media, read independent media, read slanted media and objective media. Dig for your own conclusions and then challenge those. And above all else, recognize the danger of jumping to conclusions.

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Top 10 new mascots for FC

Since the SGA seems bent on changing the college's mascot, the *Six Mile Post* suggests the following ideas be considered.

10. Fighting Artichokes
9. Rag-a-muffins
8. Beavers
7. The Tools
6. Useless Politicans
5. Roof Goblins
4. Penguins
3. SUVs
2. Sheep
1. The Floyd College Fighting Geese!



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A couple of weeks ago during a church service, the pastor said something that got me to thinking. He said that his son told the family, "Live bait is better than artificial."

You may not believe this, but that statement has some truth to it in more ways than one. Confused? Hang on tight and I'll explain.

While fishing, I have used a wide variety of artificial lures and a variety of live baits. And I have come to the conclusion that live bait, whether it be live minnows, night crawlers or crickets, is a lot better than plastic worms, lizards, spinner baits or deep diving crank baits.

The same can be said about

life, although in life you obviously don't use fishing lures to work through tough times.

Several times during my life I have been in a position where I have had to tell someone the truth or to lie. Let me tell you, it is better to tell the truth (the night crawlers, or live bait) than to suffer the consequences of telling a lie (the spinner bait, or artificial lure).

There have also been times I have had to either forgive someone calmly or bite his or her head off angrily. There have been so many times I have acted hastily (the top water chartreuse buzz bait) and as a result gotten in trouble and had privileges taken away.

So, like Bill Dance or Orlando Wilson, I changed patterns and forgave those people I used to get angry at.

And, boy, I feel a lot better because I know that my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would want me to forgive that person.

During my grade school and collegiate career I have had many tests, and there have been times when I failed a test. I think the reason I failed the tests is I didn't study long enough.

So, in fishing lingo, I changed lure patterns. I went from not studying enough (the deep diving blue with silver back shad rap) to studying longer (the live gizzard shad) and as a result got better grades.

As I reel in and head back to the boat ramp, let me encourage you to change your lure pattern if you are not seeing results you would like to see.

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Live bait is better than artificial bait

House of thought

Truth about St. Patty's Day



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The truth about the annual March 17 holiday is quite the opposite of what most Americans believe. Though much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day, not much of it is substantiated.

St. Patrick's Day is Ireland's greatest holiday. It celebrates the anniversary of the death of the missionary who became a patron saint of Ireland.

Many people who immigrated to the United States have come from Ireland. More than one-half of the soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War had Irish ancestors.

Today, it is said, Irish descendants in the United States put on a noisier and bigger St. Patrick's Day celebration than the people in Ireland. Every year on March 17 cities with a large population of Irish Americans have parties and parades.

Green is one of the national colors of Ireland and also one of the signs of spring. On St. Patrick's Day, people wear green shirts, ties, hair ribbons and hats. Many American bars even serve green beer!

Just like many other holidays in the United States, St. Patrick's Day has its origins in ancient times. A young boy named Patrick lived in the British Isles, a land that had been invaded and conquered first by the Romans and then by Germanic tribes. Patrick was captured and taken as a slave from the British Isles to what is now Ireland.

He lived there for several

years herding sheep. He was a religious boy, and he prayed that he would someday return to his homeland.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place, not in Ireland but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762.

Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday. One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock, and this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity.

He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity.

Back when I attended Sunday school I believed that a four-leaf clover was lucky because the fourth leaf was symbolic of the return of Jesus Christ.

There are many misconceptions about St. Patrick's Day. I will start with the pinching, since that is the one I hate the most.

School children started a little tradition of their own. They pinch their friends if they are not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day. Wearing green is strictly a U.S. custom.

Green is connected to the old green flag and a time when Ireland was not free. So green is considered an unlucky color in Ireland.

Many Americans eat corned beef on St. Patrick's Day; however, corned beef is not an Irish dish. It is what Americans think the Irish eat. A more traditional meal would be ham and cabbage. (I think I'll stick with the corned beef.)

Some also think that green beer is prominent, but years ago pubs were closed for business because St. Patrick's Day is considered a holy day.

So that is the real deal. Americans will take any excuse they can get to drink and be merry.

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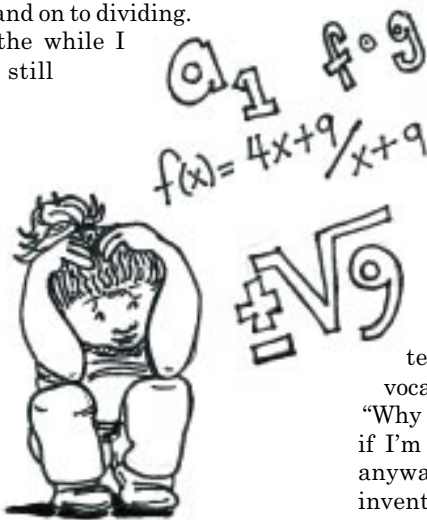
Math phobia strikes terror in the hearts of many students

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The dreaded “quadratic formula,” “parabolas,” “logarithms,” “polynomials,” “Pythagorean theorems” and “trigonometric functions”-few words in the English language evoke such fear in the heart of one afflicted with math phobia.

A stranger met in a dark alley is not nearly as scary as an approaching math instructor armed with a test.

For some of us math has never been easy. As a child, I was lost as soon as my teacher started asking me how many apples I had left. This concept clearly confused me, considering I was never given any apples to begin with. My schoolmates continued to do well with their imaginary fruit, progressing from subtracting to multiplying and on to dividing. All the while I was still



Cartoon by Nicole Terry

wondering if the apples were red or green.

Surprisingly, not all numbers elude me. I do possess some extraordinary abilities in math. For instance, I can convert the calories in one crème-filled donut to the pounds I will be adding and cal-

Some math instructors are happy to help (there are a couple of instructors that offer their home phone number in case a student runs into trouble while completing homework). The tutorial center is also available four days a week to answer the really tough

“A stranger in a dark alley is not nearly as scary as an approaching math instructor armed with a test.”

culate how many miles I will have to walk to subtract them.

I can also figure the exact amount I will pay for a pair of boots I snag from the 40 percent off rack with an additional 20 percent discount coupon and five dollar mail-in rebate, all this before I even get to the register. And to think I still have trouble moving my asymptote!

I am not alone; there are more mathematically challenged students than you might think. Most of us sit quietly and try not to be obvious as we recall the multiplication facts during a test. Others insist on being vocal and asking questions like “Why do I have to know this stuff if I’m not going to use it again anyway?” or “Isn’t this why they invented a calculator?”

There is hope for those struggling to keep their math grade above C-level.

problems like: “How long will it take Julio and Markus to mow the lawn if they work together?” or “How do I use that complicated graphing calculator that supposedly makes this stuff easier?”

Your friends could possibly be a source of help too. Ask around; if one of them has made an “A” in calculus, then consider him or her your new study buddy. I for one cannot wait to impress my friends and family by using the law of the cosines to determine how far Andrew Jones runs to catch a line drive.

That will be the day when all this conjugating, graphing and factoring finally pays off. Until then I will continue to use more eraser than lead, make my instructors question their decision to teach mathematics in the first place and remain a regular at the tutorial center. For those of you blessed individuals who excel in math, I have only one question ... how long does it take Julio and Markus to finish that lawn?

Teela Davis strives to help others in the community

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Photo by Ken Caruthers

Teela Davis

Teela Davis is a very busy student at Floyd College. Besides the obvious burden of a full-time schedule, she is also currently the vice president of special events for the Student Government Association (SGA).

Her position enables her to help set up different events such as guest speakers, the Spring Fling on April 9 and Family Day, which will allow students with children to bring them to the college and get acquainted with other students’ families.

Davis first became involved with the SGA after her first year at FC by serving as an Extreme leader during the Extreme Orientation. She was encouraged by others to run for an SGA office.

Davis is also a member of Student Ambassadors. The ambassadors attend high school PROBE fairs and discuss with students the different opportunities that Floyd College offers. According to Davis the ambassadors help boost enrollment at the college.

Davis said that she chose FC because it is “closer to home and easier to get involved.” She has more than one degree in the making so far.

This spring Davis will graduate from FC with her associate degree in early child-

hood education, and she will complete her interpreting certificate in December.


Davis was recently accepted to Berry College and plans to enter the teaching program. Davis hopes that a degree in education, a certificate in interpreting and classes in Spanish will open up many opportunities to travel and to “work with children of different cultures.”

Davis is also very active in her church, Rock Holiness Church in Temple, Ga. She works with the praise team and is active in the choir.

Davis, her mom and her aunt recently began a program at the church called “Titus Friday.” Titus Friday enables children from other communities to come and hear about Jesus.

As if the aforementioned activities were not enough to keep Davis’s time occupied, she is also employed as a substitute teacher in the Haralson County school system and she volunteers twice a week at Georgia School for the Deaf.

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Musselwhite to lead women's history celebration

On Thursday, March 27, Laura Musselwhite, professor of history, along with Brian Barr and John Spranza, will be hosting a celebration of Women's History Month.

Female staff, students and faculty are welcome to submit artwork or do a presentation.

The event is expected to last from approximately 10:30 a.m. - noon. Refreshments and extra credit may be available.

Would-be volunteers should contact Musselwhite at lmusselw@floyd.edu or Brian Barr at bbarr@floyd.edu.

Attacked by the Floyd College geese!



Photo by Daniel Bell

Waiting for the third goose, these two plan their next attack.

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Behind the central campus of Floyd College lies beautiful Paris Lake.

The lake is perfect for those looking to fish or simply take a stroll around its pristine shores.

Many FC students and faculty also run laps for exercise on the

trail surrounding the lake.

But, alas, all is not well with the lake area. On the contrary, some have claimed that Paris Lake is unsafe and even a little scary to be near.

Those who no longer brave the shores behind Floyd College claim to have been the victims of an attack of terror.

No, they haven't seen bin Laden or Saddam. They were



Photo by Daniel Bell

Never underestimate the intentions of the three geese.

chased away from the water by a more terrible foe, one that creates havoc and pours fear into the hearts of those unfortunate enough to stray near its grounds.

Yes, they were attacked by the Floyd College geese!

A terrible trio of white water foul that will come running and screeching at any passerby.

As individuals they are powerless and appear as harmless as any floating bath toy, but together they are a force to be reckoned with.

Led by the solid white male with the huge knot on his beak, the three birds chase anyone who they feel threatens them.

The other two, though somewhat more passive by appearance, are not to be taken lightly. The second in command is the other solid white goose, which looks exactly like the leader sans the knot.

Then there is the third foul creature, which keeps an eye out on the flanks. This webbed-foot soldier is also white, but with some gray coloration across his back and wings.

It is better to avoid this flying flock of fearful foul but, if this cannot be done, be warned.

The best way to deal with the geese is to stand your ground. Look them in the eye (one at a time, not all three geese at once!) and don't show your fear. Like attack dogs, they can sense your fear, and they will take advantage of it.

Those who assume they are safe driving by in cars are dead wrong. These geese will chase anything that comes running, or rolling, by.

One eyewitness who wished to remain nameless said, "It was terrible! I was just jogging by and they came out of nowhere and hissed at me and chased me! At one point, I was afraid for my ankles!"

Another explained what happens when one drives by:

"It was like they had it planned out. When I was driving by the lake one of them was in the road, so naturally I slowed down. Then out of nowhere two more came running up to my door screaming for me to get out of the car. Or at

least that's what I thought their quacks meant."

These two victims are just a sample of those whose dreams are now haunted by the thoughts of FC geese.

Several ducks living on Paris Lake refused to comment on the three geese. One can only assume they fear for their lives.

When reached for comment on the geese situation at Floyd College, President George W. Bush said, "Well, I don't know too much about those geese, but as long as they don't mess with Texas they're alright by me."

A reporter for the *Six Mile Post* attempted to reach the water foul for comment, but they simply hissed and jumped into the lake. Below is a transcription of that attempted interview.

Reporter: "What do you say to the allegations that you three have been terrorizing Floyd College students?"

Geese: "HISSS!!" (Fluttering noises. Splashing noises.)

It is easy to see that these geese refuse to own up to their crimes and with a lack of rock solid evidence nothing can be done to stop the violence at this time.

So, for those who still want to voyage out to Paris Lake, you've been warned.

Sexually transmitted diseases not getting needed attention

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Sexually transmitted diseases, or STDs, are a health topic that is not getting the attention that is needed.

STDs are a hidden epidemic that costs the nation billions of dollars in health care each year, and they often have severe and sometimes deadly consequences.

STD epidemics are difficult to track because many infected people do not have any symptoms of the diseases.

There are 25 diseases that are spread primarily through sexual activity. A few that are common are chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes and the human papillomavirus.

According to information obtained at the Center for Disease

Control (CDC) website, there are an estimated 15 million new STD cases in the United States every year. There are an estimated 3 million new cases of chlamydia each year, 650,000 new cases of gonorrhea, one million new cases of herpes and five and a half million new cases of human papillomavirus. The estimated cost of treatment of these diseases is \$7.1 billion a year.

According to the CDC chlamydia is the most commonly reported infectious disease in the United States and may also be the most dangerous STD among women today. If it is left untreated, it causes a condition called pelvic inflammatory disease, or PID.

PID can cause infertility and can increase a woman's chance for ectopic pregnancy. Of the people infected with chlamydia, 75 per-

cent of women and 50 percent of men show no symptoms of the disease.

According to the Georgia Public Health website, in 2001 there were 32,689 cases of chlamydia reported in Georgia, and in 1997 there were 448 cases in the Georgia Rome area. The highest rates of chlamydia reported in 1999 were in the southern region of the United States. Seven out of ten states with the highest rates were located in this region, and they included Georgia.

Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted bacterial disease. It was on a steady decline until the mid 1990s but is currently on the rise again. Gonorrhea infection rates are high among adolescents, young adults and African Americans. It also another leading cause of PID.

Gonorrhea can be easily cured with antibiotics if it is detected early. In 1999 Georgia had the fourth highest incidence of gonorrhea with 278 per 100,000 of the state's population being affected. In 1997 the number of reported cases in the Rome district was 209.

Genital herpes, also known as herpes simplex virus two, is one of the most common STDs in the United States. It is estimated that one million people per year become infected with the virus. Symptoms of genital herpes include recurrent painful ulcers on and surrounding the genital area. The symptoms of this disease can be treated, but there is no cure for the disease itself.

It is estimated that one in five Americans, 45 million people, are infected with genital herpes.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) sometimes causes genital warts, but most often infects people without any visible symptoms. The concern about HPV has increased in recent years after studies showed that certain types of HPV can cause cervical cancer. It is estimated that there are 20 million people in the United States infected with HPV and approximately five and a half million new cases each year.

In one study among female college students it was found that an average of 14 percent became infected with HPV each year.

There is more information about STDs on the web. Two informative sites are the Georgia Department of Public Health (www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov).

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‘Old School’ brings laughs, not a lot else

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Ever so often a life-changing movie comes along and sweeps the awards shows. Movies like “The Hours” and “Chicago” did just that this year.

But there are few men who weren’t dragged kicking and screaming to see either of these flicks. To solve this anti-guy movie movement, along comes “Old School.”

This R-Rated film starring Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson is full of gratuitous nudity, strong sexual humor and immature men drinking beer, which means it has all the makings of the perfect guy movie.

The plot goes something like this: A trio of thirty-something-year-old, post-collegiate men bored with their lives decide to start their own fraternity and hilarity ensues.

It all starts when lawyer Mitch Martin (Wilson) buys a house in the middle of a college campus. After an enormous house-warming party angers the dean, he decides to evict Mitch on the grounds that students must inhabit the house since it is on university property.

99x’s *Live X 8*, ten tracks of acoustic bliss

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With all of the advances in mixing technology and sound editing, it is rare that songs today can withstand the acoustic test. The “New Rock” station 99X, Atlanta, has compiled an album that provides some of the best in acoustic music.

99X Live X 8: Hidden features 10 songs from the best acoustic sets by artists like Coldplay, Jack Johnson, Butch Walker and Remy Zero.

The best track on the album is “Flake” by Jack Johnson. Johnson, a surfer/snowboarder turned folk singer/rocker has very strong grassroots following. He recorded the Live X version of “Flake” on a recent trip to Atlanta. The song, from the album *Brushfire Fairytales*, is quite possibly the best acoustic track ever recorded at the 99X studios.

To dodge the eviction Mitch, Beanie (Vaughn) and Frank (Ferrell) convert the home into a frat house and recruit a motley group of students and non-students alike, including an 89-year-old man, and make them pledge their new fraternity.

As is stereotypical fraternity life, the movie is over-flowing with macho drinking, wild partying and lots of swearing.

The thirty-something-year-olds of today will feel nostalgic for their college days, while the kids of today will feel nostalgic for last weekend.

What the story lacks in tone, seriousness or award-winning potential, it more than makes up for in gut-busting comedy, college-themed debauchery and a list of outstanding cameos (Snoop Dogg, Craig Kilborn, Andy Dick, Sean William Scott, Juliette Lewis and more all make appearances).

Although most members of the female gender will not go anywhere near this movie, guys will love Vaughn, Ferrell and Wilson playing the roles most men only dream of taking on. For “Saturday Night



Photo courtesy of imdb.com

Snoop Dogg is one of the film’s many amusing cameos.

Live” star Ferrell, being funny is second nature. Those who remember Vaughn in “Swingers” can expect the same laughs produced from this fast-talking funny man.

Couple all this with an awesome soundtrack and moviegoers will find a fraternity-themed movie that’s not quite “Animal House” but not worth missing.

The only downside is that some of the gratuitous nudity is not done by perky coeds but by a pasty-white Ferrell running around in the nude.

But this can be overlooked, and “Old School” still should be considered one the funnier movies of the year.

Martin’s range on vocals is thrilling. The smooth guitar strumming and enchanting vocals of Martin make this track another one of the best acoustic songs ever recorded.

Other songs on the album include “Losing My Religion” by local talent R.E.M. (from Athens), “Fine Again” by Seether and “Control” by Puddle of Mudd.

The songs all pass the acoustic test with flying colors. Anyone that is a fan of music, not mixing boards and sound editing, should buy this album. *Live X 8* can be purchased at any Atlanta area Best Buy stores or on the 99X Web site, www.99x.com. Proceeds from the album go to the I Am 99X Foundation.

The album, *99X Live X 8: Hidden*, was compiled by Sunday School host Jay Herron. Radiohead band member Thom Yorke designed the album cover.

Rome Braves to play ball

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The start of the much-anticipated Rome Braves' season is nearing the first pitch and first swing.

Mike Dunn, general manager of the Rome Braves, expects great things from the first season although many taxpayers of Rome and Floyd County wonder if the stadium will be up before April 11, which is the date slated for the first game.

"Rome is an outstanding community. The traffic and exposure from other South Atlantic League cities is profitable in various ways," Dunn said.

Though the stadium and parking areas are not yet complete, according to Dunn the people of Rome and Floyd County should have no fear of the project not meeting its completion date, March 15.

Paying for the stadium was, and still is, a huge factor. SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) paid for the majority of the stadium. However, other funding was provided.

"The Atlanta Braves also provided financial assistance. Though the stadium costs are still pending, huge sums of money have already gone into the facility," said Dunn.

A job fair for employment at the stadium was held on Feb. 22. Dunn stated that the number of jobs will be numerous.

"There are 70 home games. The stadium opens up 150 diverse jobs," he said.

Students and faculty at FC are concerned about the financial consequences if the stadium is not ready in time.

Amit Patel, a student, said, "If the stadium is not completed by March 15, the county has to pay \$5,000 every day until it's complete. The weather has been a major problem right now, which is stopping the work outside the stadium. If the stadium is not done by then, the county will find some way to pay the \$5,000, even if it means raising taxes."

Mark Reeves, student, is concerned as well.

"I think in large part the subcontractors should be held responsible. I'm sure weather has played an important role in the delay of

the stadium. I don't think Floyd County should be penalized. I think since they are, though, they should counter sue the contractors who haven't met their deadline," Reeves said.

Carla Patterson, English instructor, is more concerned as a taxpaying citizen.

"I don't deal with government contracts and construction projects, so I do not claim to understand the details of such, but I did find it strange that seemingly so little work was done on the stadium last summer," she said.

Patterson went on to explain, "Now, we (Rome and Floyd County taxpayers) are facing the prospect of construction delays, which are in part blamed on weather. That is frustrating, to say the least. I was and am in favor of the baseball stadium and franchise relocation. However, as a taxpayer I don't want to be responsible for something it seems adequate planning could have prevented, such as the county's potential breach of contract payments to the Braves." Patterson agrees that the responsibility for payment of potential construction delay penalties should rest with the contrac-



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Construction is nearing its end in hopes of meeting March 15 deadline.

tors, not the county.

Dr. Rob Page, associate professor of history, simply stated, "You have to hold to the contract. It is unfortunate. Hopefully, pressure will be put on the contractors to finish as soon as possible."

Dunn is looking forward to the Braves' first game against Savannah. Dunn stated that April 11

will be a "historic event and the start of a wonderful relationship."

He encourages the city of Rome and Floyd County to support the Rome Braves. More information about the team can be obtained by calling the Rome Braves Headquarters at (706) 368-9388 or by visiting their website at www.romebraves.com.

5-on-5 basketball

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Intramural five-on-five basketball at Floyd College is going strong.

As of Feb. 20, the Faculty/Staff team had a record of 3-1, Six Mile Ducks were 2-3, the Mob Squad was 1-3 and AND1 was 0-3.

There are no games scheduled for Feb. 27.

The next games are scheduled for March 6 and will feature Faculty/Staff vs. the Mob Squad at 2 p.m. and Six Mile Ducks vs. AND1 at 3 p.m.

The last scheduled regular season games will be on March 13 with Faculty/Staff playing Six Mile Ducks at 2 p.m. and the Mob Squad taking on AND1 at 3 p.m.

A double elimination tournament will start on March 28 between these four teams. The

tournament will be held every Thursday at 2 p.m. until three teams are eliminated. Games are played in the Floyd College gym.



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Five-on-five teams continue to play every Thursday at 2 and 3 p.m.

Sports Commentary

Athletes often squander chance at an education

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The average high school student has to study hard and hope for scholarships and financial aid to achieve his or her goal of attending college. The exception to this is, of course, the high school athlete.

While most of us have to find a college, a star football player is sought by colleges many of us dream of attending.

All a gifted athlete has to do is practice, perform on the field or court and pass his or her classes to get a free ride for college. Yet some of these young men or women seem to take their opportunity for granted.

If all I had to do was make a decent grade on the ACT and stay out of legal trouble to attend a major university like Vanderbilt or the University of Georgia (UGA)

for free, I promise you I would stay focused long enough to keep my scholarship.

The reason that athletes get such great opportunities is simple. A professor at the University of Tennessee could make a huge discovery and that would bring the university a lot of press for a few months at the most, but a star athlete like Peyton Manning can bring UT years and years of positive recognition. On top of that, a professor cannot put people in the over 100,000 seats of Neyland Stadium.

For those student athletes who make it into college, the temptations begin. There are wolves disguised as agents who want a piece of a young athlete's possible future, even if it destroys his or her college career. There are also those who try to give players money, shoes, clothing or a job for a family member.

The players know the rules.

The only thing they are victims of is a lack of focus.

Fortunately, there are many athletes who take advantage of their opportunity and stay focused. Former UGA star Jon Stinchcomb, an academic All-American, is a perfect example.

There are even several professional sports superstars like Emmitt Smith, Bo Jackson and Shaquille O'Neal who left college early but eventually earned a degree at the university that gave them the opportunity to learn and play their sport.

They waited for their millions long enough to get a start on their college education, and then several years after going pro they made their mamas proud by graduating.

Major Division 1A athletics is a great opportunity for a special group of athletes. Too bad players often do not realize what they have been granted.

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A day in the life of Floyd College



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The Comfort Zone gives free massages in the Student Center.



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Billy Morris, associate professor of geology, shows an enormous mushroom found in his backyard.

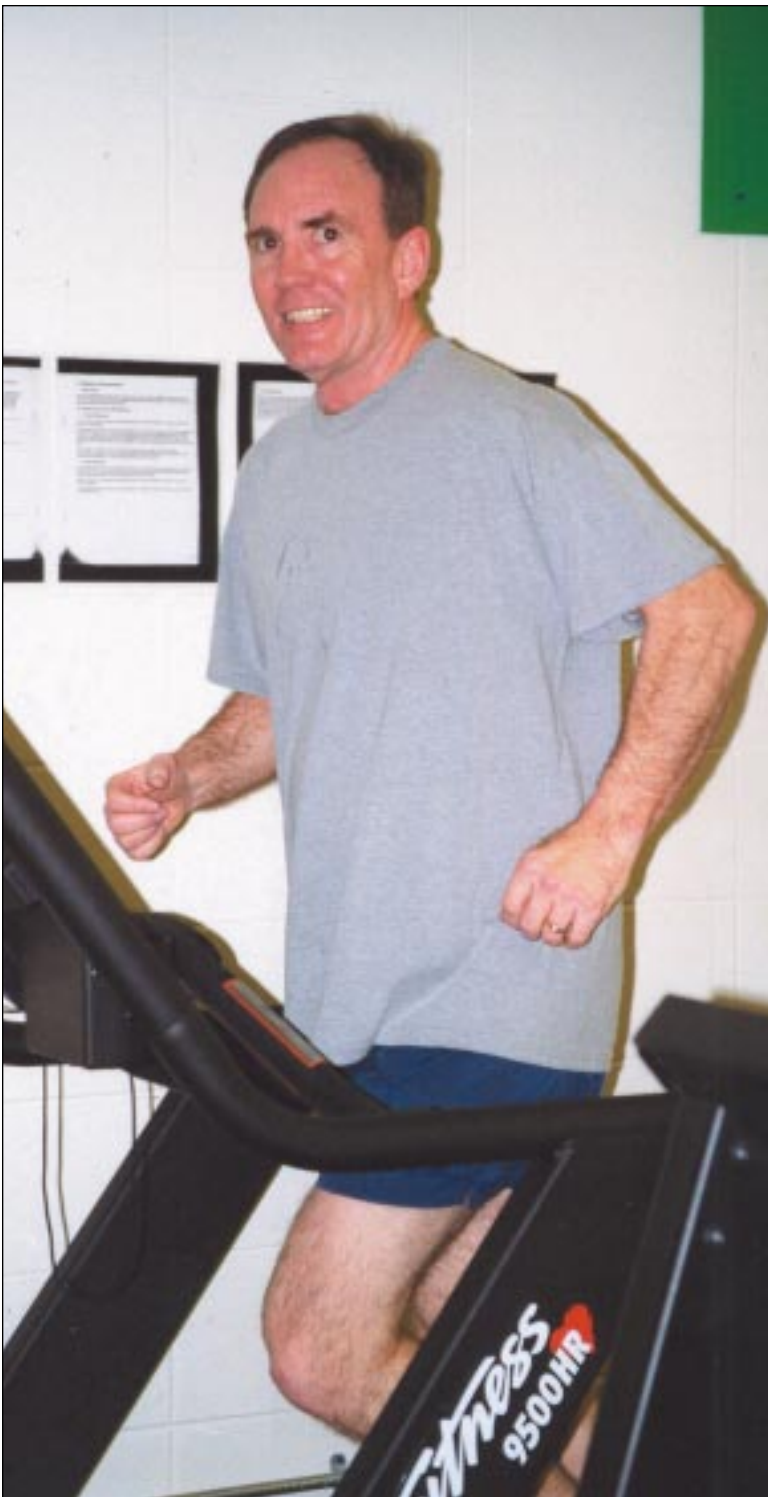


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Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, runs on the treadmill as part of his daily workout routine.



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Erskine Thompson wins the Think Fast competition.



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Brian Barr, assistant professor of art, speaks at RACA.


Spring Formal?

Do you have fond memories of your high school prom? Or do you just like getting dressed up? Then contact SGA vice president Teela Davis to sign the petition promoting a Spring Formal. Davis has been pushing for a formal and feels that student backing would help achieve one.

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