



# Six Mile Post

The Student Voice

Floyd College-Rome, Georgia

## Make a Difference Day a success

Several students and faculty members from Floyd College volunteered recently and visited with the residents of both the Open Door House and Winthrop Manor as a part of the national Make a Difference Day. See page 2 for story and pictures.



## End of season draws near

Several weeks have passed since the first kickoff and the flag football season will end today. The teams with the better standings will be competing this afternoon for the championship. See page 14.



## SGA sponsors Fall Frenzy

The Student Government Association gave out free food and drink for students and faculty of FC as a part of Fall Frenzy held on Oct. 30 and 31. Students were also encouraged to play Twister, among other games. See page 16.

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# Recycling at FC not what it used to be

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It seems that the Floyd College recycling program is not being executed with the same enthusiasm that it had at its start.

In 1992 FC's recycling project won second place in the Georgia Recyclers of the Year Contest and also received a certificate of achievement from a national recycling organization.

Floyd College students and staff members started the current recycling program in 1991. Among them were Lynn Mills (staff), Marta Turner (student) and Harold Pressley (then director of Plant Operations). Turner went on to head the Rome Floyd Recycling Center.

Facilities inventory analyst Wayne Harrison said of the program, "They used to do a good recycling job here, but now it's dwindled." Harrison works at Plant Operations, which undertook the program.

The University System of Georgia maintains policy pertaining to recycling for all schools to follow. "We have been doing this (recycling) from a state standpoint for at least five years," said FC president, Dr. Randy Pierce. "As good stewards we need a good recycling program and policy toward it," he said.

According to Pierce, FC is following state procedure. "I walk in the halls and see the recycle bins and the cans, and I see that we

are recycling," he said.

FC currently recycles cardboard, white background paper and aluminum cans. The custodians empty the bins and collect their contents. The grounds people then take the material to Plant Operations, where it is picked up by the Rome Floyd Recycling Center every two weeks.

The bins with the holes in the top are for aluminum cans. The blue bins in the classrooms are for paper. Cardboard is gathered and compressed into bales by a baling machine on the bookstore's loading dock.

Paper recycling has been reduced because FC has stopped recycling computer paper. When asked about who brings the paper to Plant Operations for recycling, Harrison said, "Somebody does. I haven't seen them come down here in a while."

The Beautiful Bartow Program takes care of recycling at the Cartersville site. "They come and pick up our plastic and recycled paper," said Cartersville site director, Carolyn Parks. "Beyond that we really don't have anything to do with it," she said.



Photo by Eric Rose

**Wayne Harrison, facilities inventory analyst, collects soon to be recycled paper from a shredder bin in the mailroom.**

She also said that Bartow County is "very serious about recycling."

Plastics are not currently recycled by Floyd College. "We have not had enough (plastic) to accu-

mulate anyplace," said Doug Webb, director of Plant Operations. "At one point in time we tried to do that," he said. He added that the materials currently recycled are "the only recyclable products of any quantity."

Turner offered a different opinion. "I don't know if they expect the program to pay for itself," she said. "It might not be a profit maker." Turner speculated that plastic, particularly drink bottles, is a prevalent commodity on campus.

Turner suggested that students take the responsibility of starting the program to recycle plastic bottles and conduct a waste audit.

According to Turner, a waste audit involves analyzing the contents of several waste containers over a period of time and recording the percentages of each commodity present. She suggested that the students show their results to Plant Operations. "The proof is in the pudding," she said.

Turner also suggested that the college seek out a grant to cover the expense of starting a plastics program. She said that there are several grants (both state and national) available, but that they have already

been awarded for the year. She said that the grants would be available for the fall of next year, however.

One aspect of the program that would be beneficial would be a reduction in waste. Harrison says that the custodians are reporting more garbage and that the garbage trucks come more often.

Turner said that a plastics program would reduce the amount of waste, making garbage pickups fewer. Turner feels that a plastics program would help to reduce costs in the end.

The current plan would have to be modified in order to accommodate the pickup of plastics. Plastics receptacles would be needed, as well as a separate bin for the storage of the accumulated plastic.

The same baler that compacts the cardboard into bales can be used to compact the plastic and the same truck that transports the recycled paper can pick it up, according to Turner. "There would be some expense involved," she said.

Turner said that many things could be done with the plastic collected. "We send it to two different local mills that make carpet out of it," she said.

Expansion of the recycling program is not currently being discussed by the administration. "It hasn't come up at any of our cabinet meetings. My guess is that right now what we're doing is meeting the need," said Pierce.

## USA Patriot Act, SEVIS affect students at Floyd College

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The USA Patriot Act and SEVIS tracking system provide increased government access to Floyd College student information.

In the weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, the priority of law enforce-

ment agencies was to find out who had caused the history changing attacks. To help do that they needed legislation that would allow the fast accessing of personal data and the ability to track certain people deemed "suspicious."

The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (USA

Patriot Act) was proposed on Sept. 24, 2001. A short time later, on Oct. 26, the act was signed into law.

The act is intended to allow law enforcement authorities to obtain personal information about suspected people without "tipping off" the person in question to the fact that he or she is being looked at.

Now issues of privacy are be-

ing raised because of this act. Students' records and activities are not protected from being accessed as one might think they are.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), written consent from a student's guardian, or the student (if over 18), is required for the release of "educational records."

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Photos by Daniel Bell

The residents of Open Door House gather to meet the volunteers from Floyd College.

# Make a Difference Day proves successful outing for volunteers

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Volunteers from Floyd College left armed with crayons, colored paper and other crafts material to brighten the day of both the elderly and the young and in hopes of really connecting with each.

Their efforts were part of the Oct. 26 National Make a Difference day; a day when volunteers from around the country do various projects to give back to the community. Led by Amanda Mays, student volunteer's services coordinator, the volunteers' goal was to recognize the importance of generations.

Their first stop was at a children's home named Open Door

House. Here the volunteers played with the children and used the art supplies they had brought to help them make greeting cards for six individuals at a local nursing home. The visitors left smiling and laughing, and the children at the home were smiling too.

The group's next stop was at Winthrop Manor. Here they gave the cards that the children had made to the residents.

Before leaving the nursing home the group asked the residents if they had any advice for the students at Floyd College.

"Education is extremely important... really try to improve yourself in all ways," said Ms. Lois White. "...stick to what you really believe in!," she continued.

"Stay in school, continue your

education. If you don't, you're lost," said Andrew Christian.

"Strive to do the best you can," said Mary Beam.

"Love your fellow man, everyone can use a word of kindness" was Katherine Brown's advice.

Not only did this trip mean a lot to those visited but also to the volunteers themselves.

Mays said, "It's a really cool thing when you can make a distinction between volunteering to get a reward from society and volunteering because of your need to be needed and knowing that what you did affected someone."

Volunteers are always needed. Anyone interested in volunteering for upcoming projects may contact Mays at (706) 295-6363 or come by the Student Life Office.



Serpentfoot (left) speaks with a resident of Winthrop Manor.



Amanda Mays, Floyd College student volunteer's service coordinator, (right) helps out.



Winthrop Manor residents converse with FC volunteers.



Brian Armstrong assists a child with his card.

# Regents' practice test with new math section to be given at Floyd College

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Floyd College has been selected as one of the colleges in Georgia to administrate field-testing for the math section that is in hopes to soon be added to the Regents' Test.

The purpose in giving these tests is to try out some of the questions that might appear on the

math part of the Regents' Test when it is completed. The real test will be constructed based on the results of the item analysis.

Two classes in the Social and Cultural Division at Floyd College are expected to give these test items sometime in the fall 2002 semester.

"The intent was to identify courses that generally have sophomores enrolled so that it can be determined how a student who

has accumulated about forty-five hours will do on the test," said Dr. Virginia Carson, Vice President for Academic affairs at Floyd College.

Along with the math items, the writing and reading examinations that are already in existence on the Regents' Test will be given at the same administration.

Carson stated that preparation for the field test would be unproductive, stating, "The test

development committee needs some feedback on how a cross-section of students perform on certain questions."

It is not yet known if it will be possible to provide results for the students who complete the field test.

No official date has been set for the math item testing, but it is expected to be near Thanksgiving.

The Office of Regents' Testing in Atlanta is responsible for coor-

dinating the field tests and setting the appropriate dates for them.

First-time college students entering in the fall 2003 semester are expected to be the first to take the math addition to the Regents' Test when it is completed.

Carson added, "There is a great appreciation from the many people working to create this examination, to the faculty and students who participate in the field tests."

**New class announced**

A new COMM 1100 Human Communications class has been added for Spring 2003.

It is MW from 12 to 1:15 p.m. on the Rome Campus in room F-130 and will be instructed by Judy Sims.

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# PROBE fair sparks interest in the minds of aspiring college students

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The annual PROBE fair took place on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Forum in downtown Rome. Represented at the fair were many colleges from all over the state of Georgia and even a few out-of-state colleges and universities.

According to Laura Wilbanks, recruitment officer, 81 schools were scheduled to have representation, and only a few did not show up.

"We thought it turned out really well," said Wilbanks. The event is usually held at Mount

Berry Square and some expected not as many people would be in attendance.

Brian S. Armstrong, a FC ambassador, said, "I thought we had a nice turnout. There were lots of kids here to gather information about colleges." Armstrong, along with the rest of the ambassadors, was in attendance to help out with the fair.

The PROBE fair is put together by the Georgia Education Articulation Committee (GEAC) and is used to help stimulate the interest in higher education of both students and their parents.

These fairs help to introduce students to the many different

options that are possible to them. The fairs are also important because many students are ill informed about what might be the best environments for them to be placed into.

This lack of information is usually very detrimental to students because for most people, college is one of the biggest decisions they will ever make.

The PROBE fair was introduced to help prevent the mistake of choosing the wrong college. The annual fair also gives everyone a chance to find the college that he or she will be happiest with. The event was hosted by Floyd College this year.

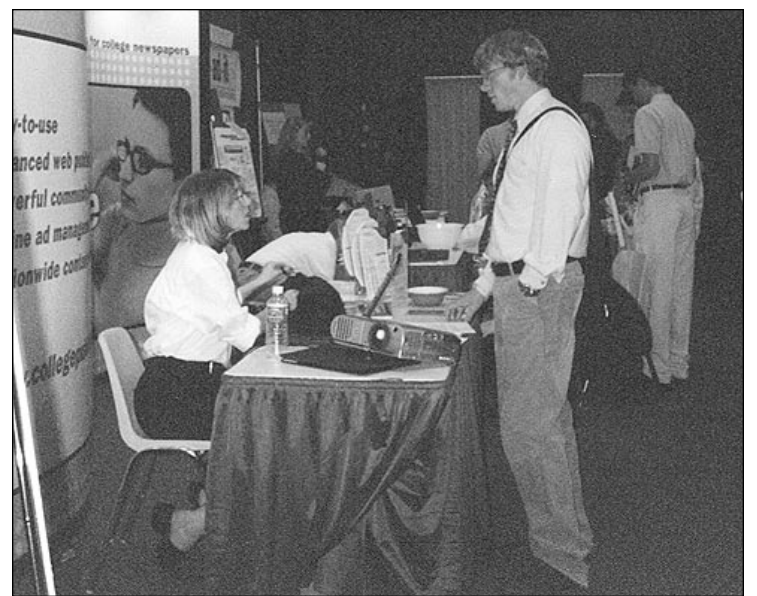


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Daniel Bell, editor-in-chief of the *SMP*, speaks with the representative from College Publisher.

## 81st annual National College Media Convention takes place in Orlando

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Over 2,400 college journalists and advisers from all over the country met up recently in Orlando, Fla., for the 81<sup>st</sup> annual National College Media Convention.

The editor-in-chief for the *Six Mile Post*, Daniel Bell, and advisers Kristie Kemper and Fred Green attended the convention held Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

They attended sessions on varying topics related to journalism such as libel, privacy and how to get a job/internship.

"The session on how to land a job in print journalism was very informative," said Bell, "I feel like I have an inside track because of the things I learn from these sessions."

An exhibition hall was also set up so that representatives from various companies and schools could advertise their respective establishments and services.

The first keynote speaker was Pulitzer Prize-winner Tom French of the "St. Petersburg Times." French, who is one of the country's leading authorities on narrative journalism, spoke about his past experiences and gave advice on feature writing.

During his speech French most often stressed the importance of details. He said, "Details are the key to any story. Something small and insignificant could really be the image that makes your story."

The convention was sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press in collaboration with the College Media Advisers.

## FC pushing to provide better services for ESL students

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Floyd College is making an effort to provide services for ESL students.

ESL means English as a Second Language, and the term applies to all Floyd College students who learn English after they had been taught a first language.

This may mean people who are born in the United States, but who have parents who do not speak English at home. It can also mean students who come from other countries. FC is planning to find ways to identify ESL student more easily.

This semester Floyd created a class to help ESL students who struggle with English writing and communication problems that come from cultural differences. Unfortunately, the number of students who signed up for that class

was too low, and the class was cancelled.

To identify students who might be interested in a future ESL class or need other support services, the college is designing a voluntary form where ESL students would give information about where they come from or what language besides English they speak. The college is also looking for people who have the knowledge to help ESL students with tutorials and orientation.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs, is aware of the ESL students' needs. "Floyd College is supportive of reading and writing classes that will better meet the needs of college students' English learning," she said. "Floyd College has no programs for ESL yet, but there will be."

Although FC is still trying to initiate ESL student programs, the college is very interested in increasing the ESL student popu-

lation and in providing more support.

People like Dr. Tim Floyd, chair of the division of academic support; Carolyn Hamrick, director of FC programs at the North Metro campus; Amelia Billingsley, professor of developmental studies at the Cartersville campus, and A.J. Knight, assistant librarian at North Metro are already trying to give advice and support to students who have problems with the English language.

Even though FC does not have a record of how many ESL students are attending classes, there are over 50 in English classes this semester. The group includes Native American people who were raised with different dialects as well as people who have families from China, Africa, South America, Mexico, Germany, Poland and elsewhere. Some of these people are bilingual or even trilingual.

**The office of Counseling and Career Services is sponsoring an Education and Psychology Career Day on Nov. 19 in the Student Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

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Andy Beamis (center) helps students in the Tutorial Center.

## Tutorial Center provides free tutoring

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With final exams drawing near, students may begin to feel the pressure that a semester's worth of hard work and testing can bring.

But for those who find themselves worried about exams, or any test for that matter, there is somewhere to go for help.

The Floyd College Tutorial Center provides individuals with assistance in mathematics, English, reading and Spanish.

Jeanie Cassity, Tutorial Center coordinator, and Andy Beamis, instructor, are both employed by FC just for the purpose of helping students.

Both have the degrees necessary to teach, but according to Cassity, helping students one-on-one is more fulfilling.

"Students come in, and one of us will sit down and help them with whatever it is they need help in," said Cassity.

She went on to say that students are welcome to come by when they need to write an essay, need to study for a test or just need some help better understanding the work in their classes.

"We have a good staff," she said, "and we also have computer programs that help with reading and grammar that students find very helpful."

Jessica Lindberg, instructor, helps students with English and Spanish. Lindberg, who is also a Floyd College student, said she loves to help other students.

"Sometimes students just need a little help, and that's why we are here," she said.

The Tutorial Center is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for night

students.

Beamis, who helps students mainly with math, is also available on the North Metro and Cartersville campuses.

He is at North Metro on Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and at Cartersville 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Students who cannot make it during those times can make individual appointments with Cassity.

Most students who use this facility need help with their class work or want help studying for a test, but others come just to have a quiet place to study.

The Tutorial Center is located in the Library on the Rome campus, and students are encouraged to stop by any time they feel they could use some help.

For those who wish to set up an appointment, the phone number is (706) 295-6371.

## Nursing students win state office in GANS

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Floyd College had three candidates elected to the GANS Executive Board at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS), in Augusta, Ga, Oct. 10-13.

Gina Hulsey, a second year nursing student, was elected as the Legislative Director. Her goals for the next year include educating and getting nursing students actively involved in political issues.

Mistee Graham, a second year nursing student, was elected as the North District Director. Graham said she wants "to assist each school in her district in establishing and achieving individual chapter goals." The schools in the North District are Brenau University, Georgia Perimeter College, Emory University, Floyd College, Kennesaw State University, North Georgia College and State University and Piedmont College.

Julianna Hunt, a first year nursing student, was elected as the Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) North.

Her goals include making sure that all of the colleges and universities in her district are well informed about elections for the GANS and NSNA Executive Boards.

"I also would like to have at least 10 people from the North District run for a GANS office and five from the state to run for a NSNA office," she said.

With the theme "Nurses only a Heartbeat Away," the convention was held partly in conjunction with the Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) so that the two groups would have a chance to meet and talk with one another. The convention consisted of focus sessions and House of Delegates meetings.

Focus sessions included test taking strategies for the NCLEX-RN (the nursing licensure exam for Georgia), women and heart disease and nursing in the military.

At the convention the House of Delegates dealt with issues such as nominating candidates for the Executive Board, a new dress code for the House of Delegates and adoption of official colors for GANS.

The convention was not all hard work though. Thursday night there was a Mardi Gras themed dinner which was followed by dancing. Friday night there was a Luau themed dinner with karaoke singing.

Saturday night was the night for awards presentation. Awards and scholarships were given out and the new board members were announced.

Hulsey received the Virginia Harmeyer Scholarship of \$500. The scholarship is awarded to a member of GANS based on academic achievement, financial need, student leadership and involvement in community activities related to health care. The award is also based upon personal goals to be accomplished in pursuit of a professional career in nursing.

## International Festival held at Floyd College

Cutural awareness and diversity were celebrated at Floyd College's International Festival held Nov. 12 in the student center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food, music and costumes were used to represent 14 different countries from around the world. This event was sponsored by the Cultural Awareness Society, SGA and two FCST 1010 classes.

North Metro Tech's Cultural Heritage Week starts Nov. 18. Contact A.J. Knight for more info at (770) 975-4088.

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# USA Patriot Act, SEVIS affect students... (continued from page 1)

There are stipulations in FERPA that allow for the information to be disclosed without consent, for example in response to lawfully issued subpoenas and health or safety emergencies.

The USA Patriot Act changes the FERPA law in that it is now legal for a person of authority to simply ask for the information, and it must be provided. It is no longer necessary to show a reason to access the information.

Another change that the act has made is that in the past if a

person's records were requested that person would be notified that someone is inquiring about his or her information. Now, under the Patriot Act, the administration of the school is not allowed to tell the person in question.

Dr. Penny Wills, vice-president of student affairs said, "In keeping with what the Patriot Act is intended to do...when you tie it to terrorism it makes sense. When everything happened around Sept. 11, they knew some people had been at institutions and they were

trying to find where those people were."

This aspect of the law is understandable in the context of terrorism. If a suspected terrorist is being watched by authorities and that person is notified that he or she is the focus of an investigation, the person could go into hiding, thus hindering the investigation.

Out of the context of terrorism, the potential for "big brother" style infringement is presented.

College campuses are prime targets for monitoring because of the information held and the resources a college has.

At smaller, two-year colleges such as FC, the probability of students being watched is lower than at larger universities simply because of the programs offered. For example, at larger colleges there are physics classes, nuclear reactors, etc.

But this law is going to be in existence until December 2005. In 2005 the law will come up for review and could possibly be stopped.

Before the Patriot Act will be up for re-examination, many students will be transferring to larger universities with many of the resources that might be of interest to authorities.

Debbie Holmes, library director, said that while the Internet has brought information to the fingertips of students, it has also made it very easy to track students' daily activities.

The government possesses the capability to track and trace Internet activity through software known simply as "Carnivore," which lets agents intercept emails and track the websites visited by a person.

The fact that Floyd College is the "most wired two-year school" makes students very susceptible to programs like "Carnivore."

Almost all of the computers on campus require students to enter their ID before logging onto the Internet. All activity is linked to a student's ID, making it extremely easy for that information to be linked to any given student. This fact has raised privacy issues around campus.

The USA Patriot Act allows agents to use software like "Carnivore" to track and trace students

if they feel it is necessary. They no longer need a court issued subpoena or a reason to install these tracking devices, only suspicions of terrorist activities.

Software with the capability of intercepting email and Internet activities does not have a way to decipher which information is relevant to the investigation. The result is a "net" type of surveillance in which all information is gathered, including information that might not be relevant to the investigation, such as credit card numbers, personal emails and websites visited.

Along with the new laws of the USA Patriot Act comes a new system for tracking foreign students.

This new system from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, named SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System), is being implemented at college campuses around the country.

This new system is a device used to track foreign students. SEVIS is a part of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, which was passed last May.

Colleges are required to begin the SEVIS system, or the ability to enroll foreign students will be taken away from the institution.

According to Wills, the new SEVIS software will be installed at Floyd College by January 2003.



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Under the USA Patriot act, students' records can be accessed and Internet activity can be tracked without explanation.

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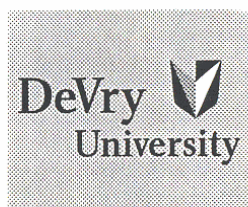
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Same ole government up to brand new tricks

Some are beginning to feel as if they no longer have any privacy. It is true; no one truly does.

The new anti-terrorism law known as the USA Patriot Act is allowing law enforcement to intrude upon Americans’ privacy at any given time, without question or reason. All law enforcement has to do is obtain court ordered conducts for what are known as “sneak and peek” searches of homes and offices.

Now, they can break into someone’s house and take what they want without even explaining to the owner, making the laws that have been passed before to ensure the protection of our privacy seem completely pointless.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment states: “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

So much for the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment!

It is outrageous the things that are now allowed, from digitally undressing travelers on security monitors in major airports, to allowing the FBI surveillance of all Internet email with its “Carnivore” system, to installing cameras at intersections across the country to take pictures of cars that run red lights and then mailing the licensed driver the ticket.

These same law enforcement agents can now browse through someone’s personal medical, financial, educational or even library records without even having shown a connection to any crime.

The FBI can make credit reporting firms disclose information without a court order if they feel the information is in connection with a terrorist investigation.

Nothing is protected by privacy anymore. There is a way around everything for these people now. Whether it is a court order or a new law, authorities are slowly gaining more and more power to basi-

cally do whatever they want when it comes to invading Americans’ privacy.

Even though the most controversial surveillance sections of the Patriot Act will expire in 2005, we still have to live until that time knowing that at any moment we could be under surveillance, being tracked or someone could be going through our personal information without question or reason and we would never know about it. Also, who is to say that since they have already had the privilege to do such things before the sections expire that they won’t do them after they expire?

These things are supposed to be okay because they are necessary to combat crime and, especially, international terrorism. So if nothing is ever done about the international war against terrorism, it only leads Americans to believe that everything the authorities have been saying about terrorism is an excuse for them to pry into people’s personal lives. This leaves everyone doubting their privacy and how secure it really is.

A Smoker's problem

November 21 is Great American Smokeout day. People that smoke are supposed to go all day on this date without a cigarette. Some people wonder how they will manage.



A cartoon by Nicole Terry



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My girlfriend is a self-proclaimed Christian. I am not. We may have some general philosophical differences, but we obviously get along and appreciate each other.

I was walking down Broad Street with her a couple of nights ago when we were approached by a group of men huddled around a pickup truck. One of them handed me a piece of paper and asked me if I would like a tract. I looked at his tract-specifically at the rather intense cover illustration of a crucified Christ, blood pouring from his wounds, and turned down his offer.

As we walked away, he asked me if I knew Jesus. “No,” I said, simply.

Apparently infuriated, he then began to yell vague threats about an eternity spent in damnation. We kept walking as he

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loudly began to preach on the street corner.

This editorial is not about religious fundamentalism; it’s about intolerance.

Personally, I don’t proclaim myself to be a subscriber to any particular philosophy, organized religion, subculture or political affiliation. I am simply a human being, one of six billion. I am self-aware, thus, I have a personality. I realize that my interests and personal idiosyncrasies are mine alone. I can interact with my environment and others sharing it, but I must experience my own consciousness subjectively.

I could care less what beliefs or non-beliefs everyone else holds. It doesn’t much matter to me if one believes we’re all the incestuous children of the two original people put here by an omnipotent old man that lives in the clouds or if you believe that we live on the shell of a giant sea turtle floating through the cosmic ocean.

Furthermore, I don’t make big issues out of where people were born, what ethnicity they claim or

what their sexual orientation is.

The Crusades killed millions all in the name of expanding Christianity. Hitler went to Catholic school as a child. Vlad the Impaler was a religious crusader for the Holy Roman Emperor. He impaled people and drank their blood.

My point? Competitive pride can go hand in hand with all kinds of war and strife, regardless of where it comes from. Is this the “power of pride” that I see referenced on so many patriotic bumper stickers these days? Nationalism and religious fervor do not necessarily constitute positivity or love of humanity. If we’re all so special then why are we fighting like ant colonies? Death and violence are death and violence, but evil is a perception.

I don’t claim to have the answers. I simply wish that we could all be a little more objective. Less judgmental. Less eager to push our opinions or “beliefs” on others and certainly less eager to proclaim them as universal truth.

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# Drug problem nearly ruins life

Guest Writer  
Name withheld by request

I am writing in hopes of opening your eyes about a very real plague currently threatening many of our students. The plague I refer to is the rising use of drugs and the resultant effect this is having on our student body.

Unfortunately, I speak from firsthand knowledge. I formerly experimented with a number of drugs, attended parties where drugs were present and have seen everything from casual smokers to individuals with syringes in their arms.

I have seen friends arrested, been frisked myself, narrowly missed GBI drug busts and most recently learned that my best friend had to be admitted to Windwood because of a drug addiction. Statistics from Windwood for drug-related admissions, ER drug related deaths and Narcotics Anonymous meetings are everyday events here in Rome.

If you think I am some over-reactive do-gooder, be assured I am not. If you are currently using drugs, your natural inclination is to dismiss what others say for many reasons. You may think things like "What would they know? They haven't even tried drugs." or "It's my body, I can do what I want." I know all the reasons. I felt the same way until last week.

Hard facts are usually not enough to get people to change their behavior. After all, we have all had the DARE program. Consider the number of individuals that continue smoking cigarettes even with dire warnings on the package. For some of us, knowledge just isn't enough. We have to push the envelope.

I have just begun to realize that I stopped playing with drugs just short of ruining my life. A series of events happening over the past six months led to one rather profound finale for me. I was called to an addiction center by one of my closest friends. He had been admitted for inpatient treatment. We had shared many parties and drug experiences. At the same time, parts of the extended crowd of acquaintances I know and had been hanging out with were getting arrested.

Another friend I found in a back room at a party with a syringe in his arm. It was then I realized everyone goes to jail, gets hooked or dies. The clincher was

**"I saw firsthand the heartbreak of a family hearing their son say to a therapy group, 'Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am an addict.'"**

confronting my friend, syringe still in his arm. I said, "Man, what the hell are you doing?" He replied, "There's nothing wrong with this." In my mind something clicked and I realized just how abnormal all this was.

The next weekend I received the call from my best friend from the addiction center at the hospital. I visited with both him and his family. It was extremely upsetting to see his parents crying. I could only envision how my parents would react. Many of the stories my friend shared of other residents' problems with addictions and persistent flashbacks from various potions they had sniffed

or snorted were vivid evidence of the destructive potential of drugs. I couldn't help but envision my life being reduced to what I saw in their situations.

Two of my other friends are planning to join the military to get away from Rome and hopefully structure their lives and straighten themselves out. Unfortunately, I imagine their constant use of drugs is out of control and they have so many health problems they may not pass the entry tests or drug testing requirements.

The problem has taken on the drama of movies for me. Fortunately, I was not the main character, but a supporting actor. Perhaps this is why my vantage point allowed for more observation and reflection. If you have never received calls from friends in the hospital due to their last OD, you might dismiss what I'm saying. I saw firsthand the heartbreak of a family hearing their son say to a therapy group, "Hi, My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am an addict."

I'm leaving this article unsigned because I'm not yet ready for everyone to identify this story with me. The contents of this article are very real and would hurt my family a great deal. I'm not proud of my actions, but I am doing something positive about them. The Narcotics Anonymous handbook says that part of recovery is helping others with your problem. I believe that in sharing my experience perhaps I can help someone avoid addiction. It gives me a completely different high that I don't feel bad about the next day.

No worthwhile activity carries the risk of arrest, police raids, going to jail, being expelled from school or disappointing or hurting the people closest to me.

## Letters to the Editor

### Editorial speaks truth about smokers at Floyd College

Dear Editor,

I read the article, "Attention smokers: show a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T please!," and I commend the writer for taking a stand for the non-smokers at Floyd College. It is awful to have to walk through cigarette smoke every time I leave a building. After being inside for a long time I look forward to going out into the fresh air, but before you can get to the fresh air, you have to breathe the second hand smoke. I hope the smokers at Floyd College will take the hint and smoke a little farther away from the doors. I respect the fact that some people choose to smoke. Therefore, I would really appreci-

ate smokers respecting the air that non-smokers have to breathe.

Emily Durrett  
Silver Creek  
General Studies

### Testing not needed

Dear Editor,

I strongly disagree with students having to take the COMPASS test. I had to take it because I did not score well on my SAT. Now I am stuck taking a class just because I did not do well on the COMPASS test either. However, in high school, I did well in math. I do not take tests well, and many other students have the same problem, so I believe that the college should consider the student's past grades instead of one test. Because of the COMPASS test many students, including myself, are placed in the learning support

classes and some do not need these classes. This is not a fair way of deciding which classes students should take.

Jenna Shelley  
Cedartown  
Buisness Adm.

### Good for nursing

Dear Editor,

The article "Georgia's new Health Professional Initiative allows Floyd College to have larger Nursing class" is great. I am planning on being a nurse and getting my degree here at Floyd College. Nurses are needed so badly that the state of Georgia will do just about anything to get more. With the classes expanding in the nursing program more students may consider nursing as a career.

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## Bourne with an Opinion

### Holidays good time for saying thanks to those who help most



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Since we are now in the holiday season, I decided to take the opportunity to thank those people who have helped me get to where I am today.

First of all, I would like to thank my parents. Without them loving and supporting me continuously and encouraging me to strive for the best during my lifetime, I would obviously not be in my third year at Floyd College. They have also been there when I have been discouraged about being in a wheelchair. I just want them to know how much I appreciate and love them.

I would also like to thank my grandparents and the rest of my family. I am so blessed to be in such a loving family that encourages me to be the best I can be and to not give up on my dreams. My grandparents have loved me and have been there when I have been sad about things. I love them tremendously for that. I would not trade them for anything in the world.

Although I do not see my aunts, uncles and cousins as often as I would like, I know I can email them or write them and they will be there for me. I want to thank them for sticking by me although we rarely see each other.

One of the big reasons I am

alive today is the team of doctors that has taken care of my health from day one. I was born with a condition known as Spina Bifida, which is the reason I am confined to a wheelchair. My doctors have made sure I am in the best health possible and I cannot express how much they mean to me.

One of the main reasons I am in my third year at Floyd is Mrs. Carolyn Parks, director of the Cartersville Campus.

She has been more than a counselor; she has been a true friend to me at Floyd. She has always been helpful if I had trouble with anything about my classes or anything dealing with the handicapped issues of the college. I just want to say how much she means to me and I can honestly say I will always remember her.

My friends at Floyd have also stood by my side through a lot of hard times and a lot of good times. Whenever I am stressed or just need a friend to talk to, I can always count on one of them to come save the day. I want them to know I appreciate them very much and I will be there for them if they need me.

But without a doubt, the biggest reason I am alive today is because of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I was saved about eight years ago and that was the most important and best decision I have ever made. I am so thankful that I have a loving God that died on the cross to wash away my sins so that I can have everlasting life in Heaven, beside Him.

So as I close, let me say that the holidays are more than eating three platefuls of turkey, dressing, ham, yams and hot buttered rolls and opening presents under the tree on Christmas morning. The holidays are a time to spend time with and give thanks to all of those who mean the most to us.



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# Happy Holidays

## Why are you thankful?

By Nikki Wells  
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What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Do you even know?

Have you ever stopped to think about what it is that makes this holiday a time of giving thanks for you?

Every year we answer the ever-popular question, "What are you thankful for?"

Each year we answer the same way: my health, my home and my family.

We never take a deeper look into why we answer the way we do.

What is it that constitutes being thankful for our health?

Is it being a "picture of perfect health," or is it actually surviving another night to see the morning?

As for a home, do we say we are thankful for the actual shelter it provides or for the safety and security that one feels while there?

Why is family noted with prominence when we are asked what we are thankful for?

Is it because we feel that family is the most accepted answer or is it because we truly feel family is of the utmost importance?

I choose the latter. To me, family cannot be replaced and can only be measured by love.

When you answer that ever-popular question this Thanksgiving, stop and ask yourself why you are thankful rather than what you are thankful for.

## Six Mile Poll

## What do you want for Christmas?



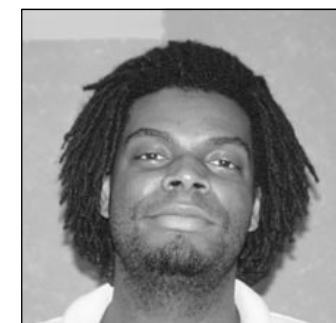
I want a new hiking backpack.

Matt Echols  
Undecided



I want a new 2003 Honda Pilot.

Meagan Lemaster  
Undecided



I want a new blue BMW M3.

Kyenon Hammond  
Computer Service



I want to be finished with school and have a job nursing.

Rhena Ledbetter  
Nursing

## 'Twas the night before finals

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'Twas the night before finals, and all through the halls,  
Not a student was sleeping, nor chillin' in malls.  
Each one was studying, noses deep in their text,  
Hoping and praying and thinking, "What's next?"  
The professors were all home, cooking up such fright,  
All the while grinning and planning our plight.  
And I was at home preparing for such tests  
That my brain was all tired and ready for rest,  
When out through my ear escaped my sane mind,  
And my brain began to yell, "To me, you're unkind!"  
"You've treated me bad," he said. "I'm taking a hike!"  
And with that my exhausted brain started to strike.  
"You've crammed way too much in such a short span,"  
"I can't handle all this, so I'm leaving you, man."  
"You shouldn't have started this madness so late."  
"I feel over-burdened; it's you that I hate."  
My heart, it broke. Down my face ran a tear.  
Was there nothing I could do to keep my brain here?  
I wanted to argue, but away he was walking,  
And on and on, my mind, he kept talking,  
"Out Whitman, out Faulkner, out Dante, and such,"  
"Go Spanish, go science, and everything much."  
"Get out of my memory; I can handle you no more."  
"No offense to such things, but you're all such a bore."  
It continued this way for more than an hour,  
'Til I'd forgotten it all, and lost all my power,  
Of words and equations, of Shakespeare and Poe.  
Now what could I do, since I knew not what I know?  
I sat there quite still, just staring in space,  
'Til one came along and slapped me hard in the face.

This person was helpful, a very nice fellow.  
"You've lost your mind!" he began to bellow.  
How right he was, I sort of thought to myself,  
Though my new friend was certainly not a small elf.  
He wasn't Santa Claus, but that would've been good.  
Instead in front of me was where My Will stood.  
He sat down a coke, and a glass full of ice.  
"Some caffeine for you." (Now wasn't that nice?)  
His next gift was pizza and chips of all flavor,  
"I thought you could use this, consider it a favor."  
His gifts were well thought, all this was so true,  
But He did not know why my heart was so blue.  
"You are correct," were the words that I said to him.  
"My mind, it is gone; that's why my head's so slim."  
"No worry," he chuckled, "Your brain will come back."  
"He's merely worn out, so sick of the rack."  
"You have battled so hard, to gain so much knowledge"  
"That your brain has taken a vacation from college."  
"I need it back now!" I tried to explain.  
"My head, does it hurt! I can't handle this pain!"  
"Fair enough," he said, "I'll go fetch your noodle."  
But first My Will, he returned with a poodle.  
"No, that's not it!" I screamed and I cried.  
Once again he set off and I only felt fried.  
But this time he came back with my little pink pal.  
"I'm sorry," I said. "Please come back to me now."  
But my brain only thought this idea was absurd,  
So he reached in his pocket and flipped me the bird.  
"I can't do this without you," I gently did sob.  
"That's true," he sighed. "I can't get any other job."  
With the debate now settled and it all squared away,  
The three of us thought it good to call it a day.  
My brain left these words, he wished me to tell,  
"Happy finals to all, and I hope you don't fail!"



Artwork by Nicole Terry





Carol Griffin, outgoing president of the Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association presents the table clinic award to Kristi Westhoven (left) and Jennifer Goodman.

Guest photo

Students win statewide dental table clinic competition

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At the recent Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association's annual session in Atlanta, Floyd College students Kristi Westhoven and Jennifer Goodman won the statewide Table Clinic competition with their topic "Jaw's: Attack of the TMJ."

This is the second year students from FC have won this

competition. Last year's winners were unable to go on the national contest because of lack of funds.

Although they are already qualified, it is still undetermined whether or not Westhoven and Goodman will compete at the national level.

The table clinic is part of the student's course work. They must pick a topic, research it, find related articles and then prepare a presentation.

Students then do their presentation at the college, and winners are chosen. The winners then go on to compete at the state level.

Donna Sutton, director of dental hygiene, said the table clinic is "like a newscast" in the way the students present their topics.

Sutton also said that there is a significant amount of money involved in the national competition and that they are looking for sponsors.

Career and counseling center, a firsthand experience

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After reading the article on the Counseling and Career Services Center, I decided to visit them myself and see if the counselors could help me with my dilemma: What the heck do I really want to do with my life?

I had several ideas regarding what I wanted to study, but because I plan to double major when I transfer, I needed to know which two of my ideas made the best combination and offered me the most career options.

I had already visited the Counseling and Career Services Center once before to get a list of colleges that offered majors in the subjects that I planned to study, but I needed to confirm that the choices I made were right for me.

I made an appointment with Karen Purett, counselor, and she was able to meet with me the very next day. I told her about some of my ideas: Journalism, Theater and psychology. I then explained to her

my doubts that these were 100 percent right for me.

She described a few of the different career searches, but since I had a limited amount of time before my next class, she said a shorter, self-directed search might be right for me. That way if the results weren't very clear or didn't help me, I could schedule another appointment for the longer, more elaborate computer version.

When I had completed the self-directed search, we discussed the results and looked up in the companion booklet what career choices might be right for me.

Not so surprisingly, the two career ideas that I had, theater and journalism seemed to fit me perfectly and confirmed my faith in my choices.

So if you are stressed about school, take on too much work or are not sure of where you are going in life, stop by the Counseling and Career Services Center located on the Rome Campus at AA-26 or give them a call (706)-295-6336 and set up your appointment.

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# Family does not always have to be genetic

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When most people travel out of the country, they are sure to bring home a memento, souvenir or token that will always remind them of their journey. By that description, my husband and I are no different from any other travelers. Except that on our trip to Peru, we brought back a 12 year-old boy named Michael.

His long awaited homecoming was the result of nearly two years of adoption lawyers, paperwork and determination.

My husband met Michael on his first missionary visit to Iquitos, Peru. His previous ministry trips had prepared him for hungry, barefoot children.

But Michael was different; he was like a member of our family who had been missing for 11 years. Our home was almost full with our three boys, but we eagerly agreed that we had room for one more.

Within a matter of weeks, we found ourselves on a crash course of international adoption laws and regulations. It as not an easy



Guest photo

**Michael's new father points out the United States.**



Guest photo

**Michelle holds Michael at the orphanage.**

process, but when I met Michael for the first time, I knew I would do whatever it took to give him a better life.

More than once during the lengthy process we were told that his adoption would be impossible.



Guest photo

**Michael, who was born in Peru, now lives in America with his adoptive parents.**

As I watch him ride his bike, play soccer or wrestle with his brothers, I wonder what would have happened to him if we had believed that. He no longer has to shine shoes for money or fish in the Amazon River for food.

Seatbelts, band practice, making a bed and sibling rivalry were new to him just two years ago, but now these things are a part of his daily routine.

So is his gratitude, he still does not eat a meal without thanking

us, and few hours go by without one of his hugs. He is genuinely grateful to be here, but not as grateful as we are to have him in our family.

It was bonding, not biology, that made us a family because the gift of a child is not always delivered in a hospital room. I do not have one picture of Michael as a baby, and I was not there when he took his first steps.

When Michael stands with his blond-

haired, blue-eyed brothers, it is quite obvious that he was not born to us.

When I look into his brown eyes I may not see a family resemblance, but what I do see, I like better. I see my son.

## Vera Brock receives Ph.D

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Nursing is a lot more than just books according to Floyd College associate professor of pediatric nursing Dr. Vera Brock, who received her Ph.D in August.

She teaches classes at Heritage Hall and will be applying for a full professorship this year.

Brock is a Floyd College alum. After graduating from FC in 1985, she went on to Kennesaw State University to receive her B.S. She then received her M.S. in nursing from Georgia State University. She finished the Ph.D program in pediatric nursing at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Brock said, "Believe you me, it's been wonderful ... graduating is always wonderful.

"It wasn't until I'd been out working three years that I knew I wanted to go back to school and teach," Brock decided on pediatric nursing. "It took me a while to find that because I had worked in every area at the hospital except the E.R., and that was when I decided I wanted to work with the kids," she said.

Returning to Floyd College to teach seemed to be the right thing for Brock, who began



Photo by Daniel Bell

**Vera Brock**

teaching here in fall 1990.

"I guess Floyd College is just ingrained in me now," she said. "I really don't know what made me decide to teach at Floyd, I had always respected the nursing instructors at the time and thought they would be good mentors,"

Brock said what she likes most about teaching classes at Floyd College is "taking students to clinical, and showing them how to be a good nurse."

"I would encourage nursing students to continue their education," said Brock.

She also advises nursing students to consider teaching because there is a nursing faculty shortage. She said, "It's time to make a lot of nurses so they can take care of us."

# Southern Poly's BIT is coming

## Southern Polytechnic

Georgia's Technology University



Features

FC organizations give a helping hand during this year’s holiday season

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As the holiday season approaches, various organizations at Floyd College chip in to make a difference throughout the local community.

The SGA is planning to make a trip to the Renaissance Marquis in November to spend time with the residents to let them know that Christmas is not the only time that people care.

The Floyd Association of Nursing Students (FANS) is working in cooperation with GANS, (Georgia Association of Nursing Students), on a statewide project to supply the children of Inner Harbor with warm clothes. Inner Harbor is a unique center where Georgia’s less fortunate children can begin to heal from various abuses and childhood traumas. It has campuses located in Douglasville and Rockmart. FANS is also adopting a foster child with the Floyd County DFACS for Christmas.

The FC ambassadors along with the U.S Marine Corps is sponsoring this year’s annual “Toys for Tots.” The toy drive will be going on through Dec, 10. The toys will benefit local children who otherwise might not open presents at Christmas. If interested in donating a new unwrapped toy, students can do so in the Office of Student Life and the Financial Aid Office. There is also a collection box at the Heritage Hall campus.

The Service Learning and Volunteer Office is sponsoring a warm clothes drive that will continue through the end of the semester. Volunteer Services Coordinator Amanda Mays stated, “The clothing drive is going really well.” She also said that the office would be doing a canned food drive for Thanksgiving. At this time there are no specific plans for Christmas.

If anyone has the desire and ability to volunteer, there are opportunities posted in the Service Learning Office. The office hours are Monday and Wednesday 2-5 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. If no one is in the office, students are urged to leave a note on the door.



Dr. Nancy Applegate



Susan Claxton



Dana Pergrem

Haralson students speak up about the professors that influence them the most

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Students’ minds are being influenced by their teachers at the Haralson campus in a great way.

Students at the Haralson campus were asked which teacher influenced them the most and why.

There were quite a few that said Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English, be-

cause of her teaching method.

Mack Rolling, a student in Applegate’s English 0099, said, “The most influential teacher I think I’ve ever had is Dr. Applegate. It’s just her personality and teaching methods that make me want to learn more.”

Applegate is not the only teacher that has a great deal of influence on the minds of students. Dana Pergrem, instructor of communications, and Susan Claxton, coordinator of the human services program, influence the

minds of Brook Fortner and another student who wished to remain unnamed.

“I think the professor that has influenced me the most would be Pergrem. She has taught me that difficult situations will arise and to just deal with each day one at a time,” Fortner said.

The other student said, “I love Mrs. Claxton. The way she teaches is so brilliant. She breaks everything down so you can learn it better. I wish every teacher was like that.”

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# The truth about a man named Santa Claus

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"Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus lane." We all know these words very well.

Christmas is coming and we eagerly await Santa Claus to bring us all sorts of junk we'll never use. But, where did Santa Claus come from? Here's your answer.

According to Joan Garvey Hermes in "A Santa Claus to Believe In," legend has it that during the fourth century a poor farmer could not provide dowries to his three young daughters. Saint Nicholas of Myra waited outside their house and threw a bag of gold through the window.

The charitable nature of Saint Nicholas during the fourth century was perfectly in line

with what a "proper Christian" is supposed to do. Of course, Saint Nicholas was already a religious man devoting his life to Jesus Christ in Asia Minor.

Apparently, the tradition of altruistic giving was upheld in various ways until the Dutch introduced Santa into their culture. St. Nicholas also became the patron saint of sailors. In this guise, Nicholas arrived in New Amsterdam as a figurehead placed on most of the ships. Naturally, another theory says he arrived on a UFO from Mars.

Despite this, the modern Santa Claus did not mature to what he is today until Washington Irving introduced him in the "Knickerbocker's History." From this point forward, Santa evolved.

"A visit from St. Nicholas," or "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822 by an Episcopal clergy member led to the image of a fat Santa with a sleigh pulled by reindeer. With his red coat, jolly cheeks and white beard, this Santa is a bit far from the humble Saint Nicholas that gave when he could.

Some blame the Protestant Reformation for the huge deviation of Saint Nicholas's mysterious drift to Santa Claus. However, the only thing the Protestants did was create a figure they could visualize easier than Saint Nicholas. By the 1500's the popularity of Saint Nicholas created nearly 3,000 churches dedicated to his name in Europe (Joe Woodard, "Enduring Power of Saint Nicholas").

Santa Claus sometimes also goes by the name Kris Cringle or Father Christmas.

The exact birthdate of Christ is open to speculation. In many of the studies, the date of his death was used as a starting point. These researchers surmised that Christ lived for exactly 33 years and thus arrived at the birth date being Dec. 25. Saint Nicholas died on the Dec. 6, 343 years later.

Combined with any pre-existing "pagan" celebrations, the church at that time found a new figure to transpose to non-Christians. "Join the church right now and you can have Saint Nicholas too."

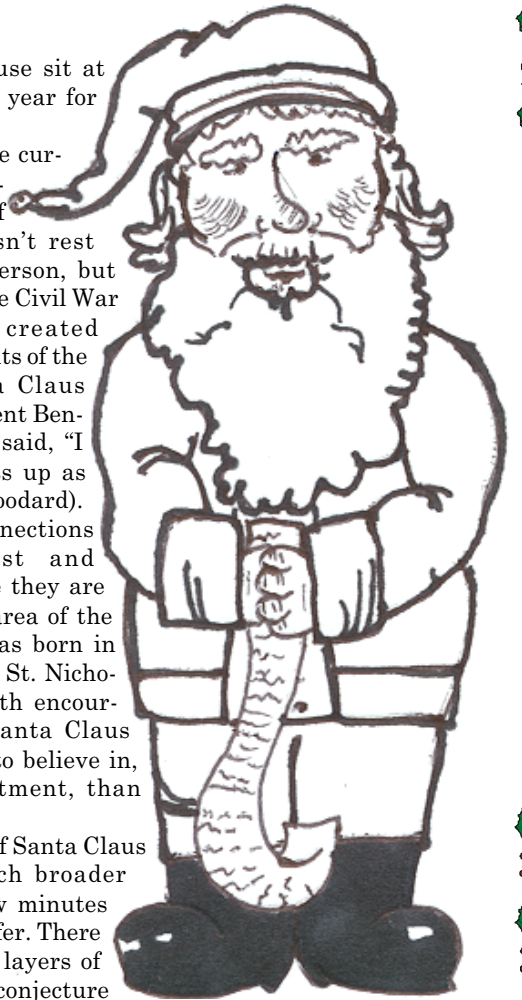
Today, many would say that Christmas is far too commercialized. If Christmas is supposed to be about the birth of Christ, why

does Santa Clause sit at every mall each year for a month?

Blame for the current over-commercialization of Christmas doesn't rest with just one person, but many. During the Civil War Thomas Nast created elaborate portraits of the mythical Santa Claus and even President Benjamin Harrison said, "I myself will dress up as Santa Claus" (Woodard).

The few connections between Christ and Santa Claus are they are from the same area of the world, Christ was born in the same month St. Nicholas died and both encouraged charity. Santa Claus must be easier to believe in, without commitment, than Jesus Christ.

The subject of Santa Claus is actually much broader than what a few minutes of reading can offer. There are layers upon layers of myth, fact and conjecture to it.



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# Three teams, three games--Young Guns, Six Mile Ducks and Miller Time bring exciting action to the fall flag football season

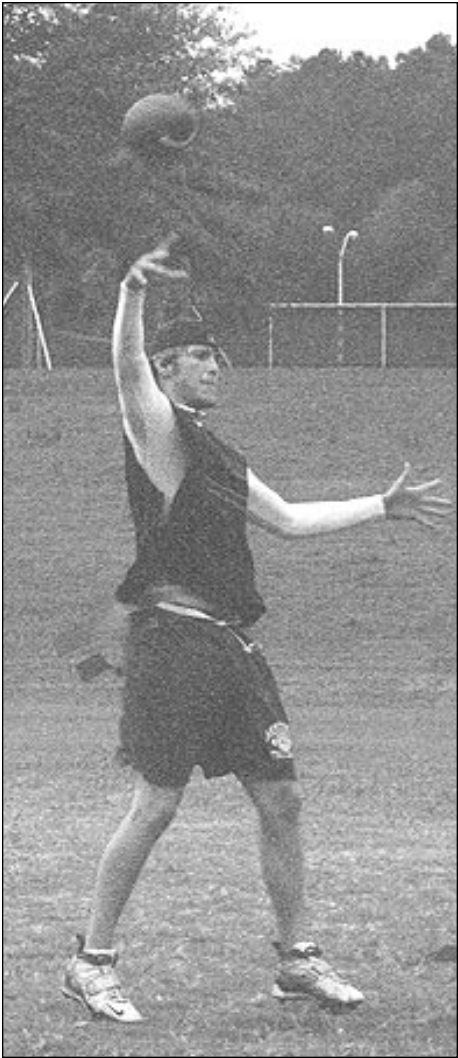


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Jesse Green, quarterback for the Young Guns, releases a pass during 26-6 win over the Six Mile Ducks.

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On Tuesday Oct. 22, three flag football games were played at Floyd College.

Each game consisted of two 10-

minute halves. Each touchdown is worth six points, and there is a chance to make a one or two point conversion. Since there is only one girl in the intramural flag football league, a touchdown scored by a girl counts as 12 points.

In the first game starting at 1 p.m., the Six Mile Ducks played against the Young Guns, and Jesse Green, Jeremy Carter and Brad Patterson for the Young Guns were basically a three-man wrecking crew.

Patterson, made two exciting interceptions in the first half alone. On his second interception, he made a 40 yard run for a touchdown.

Green, at quarterback, played like an intramural flag football veteran, passing for two touchdowns and running for another.

Carter, receiver, scored an impressive three touchdowns and scored on a point conversion to account for 20 of the Young Guns points.

With 11 seconds to go, the Six Mile Ducks scored their only touchdown, bringing the game to a 26-6 end.

The second game matched the Six Mile Ducks against Miller Time.

Miller Time quarterback Eric Minter showcased his speed and passing ability, throwing four touchdowns and making a number of runs to put his team in scor-

ing position.

With Miller Time down 12-8 at halftime, Minter made a touchdown pass to Julianna Hunt and then completed the conversion. With this, Miller Time took a commanding 21-12 lead early in the second half.

The game was far from over, though. The Ducks scored the next two touchdowns, giving them a 24-21 lead.

On the very next drive, Minter made an amazing 40-yard hailmary touchdown pass to Ricky "Showtime" Lofton, upping Miller Time's score to 27, giving them the lead. Lofton accounted for two touchdowns in the game.

With 19 seconds to go, the Ducks scored another touchdown to take a 31-27 lead.

But, on the next drive, Minter took a quarterback sneak and made a dashing run all the way down to the goal line. With two seconds left on the clock, Minter made a dangerous pass to Al Miller for a touchdown to win the game. The final score was 33-31 in favor of Miller Time.

In the third and last game, the Young Guns faced off against Miller Time. This game had a lower score due to the fatigued players and the numerous injuries. Nonetheless, the Young Guns remained undefeated with a 20-14 win.

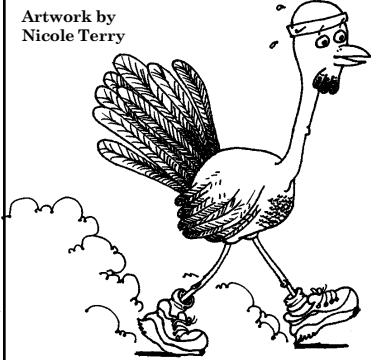
On the last drive, the Young Guns sealed the game with a touchdown pass from Green to Jonah Hill. They also completed the conversion, which scaled the victory.

The Young Guns extend their record to a commanding 4-0, while the Six Mile Ducks remain winless at 0-4. Miller Time extended their record to 2-2.



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Seth Ingram (center) runs with the ball while teammate Mike Cooper (left) tries to block off the opponents.



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## Turkey walk/ run tomorrow

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Those wishing to "gobble" up some holiday turkey from

Hickory Hams can participate in the Turkey Day Walk/Run contest.

This event will take place tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. by the Paris Lake, behind Floyd College.


Registration for the annual event will begin at noon at the pavilion.

The object of the walk/run is for the participants to try to estimate how long it will take to make one complete lap around the lake. All watches and cell phones will be taken up before the event to prevent cheating.

The male and female participants who make the closest estimations will both receive a \$25 gift certificate from Hickory Hams. For more information, contact David Mathis, intramural director, at (706) 295-6353.

The Floyd College Flag Football Championship will be Tuesday, Nov. 12 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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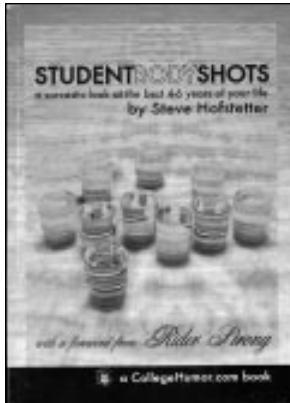
## Hofstetter's new college-humor book a success

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Life for college students can be difficult at times. But, as documented by Steve Hofstetter in his recent book, "Student Body Shots: A sarcastic look at the best 4-6 years of your life," college life is not all hard work, and sometimes it can even be entertaining.

Hofstetter, an award-winning collegehumor.com columnist, captures college life in every single aspect. Although most of the content is specifically designed for students at universities, where dorm life is the norm, students on the two-year level can still appreciate the humor and know that one day they will be there to experience things like RAs (Resident Advisers), tiny dorm rooms and kill-joy room mates.

"Student Body Shots" has much that any college student on any level can relate to. In one section about professors, Hofstetter writes, "Some professors don't give A's, so you ask them why. 'I'm sorry,' they say, 'I don't give A's.' Hey, buddy, it's your job to give A's sometimes. If you don't think any-



one you've ever taught deserves an A, then maybe they're not the ones who need improvement."

The book is very well organized and insanely hilarious to boot. From dating and

bars to exams and class, this book covers it all and makes the reader see the lighter side of it. It is divided into subjects like "Men and Women," "Academics" and "The Daily Grind." Each chapter has smaller sections mocking each and every aspect of college life.

"Student Body Shots" could be very useful as well as entertaining. Students who are in college can easily identify with just about every situation described and soon-to-be students can read about what they have to look forward to. Former students can look back and remember just what college was really all about.

As Hofstetter said in the first chapter, "One day, it's going to happen. You're going to look around and realize your parents are gone,

your laundry is dirty, and you've gained, lost and gained back 15 pounds. You're in college. You'd call your parents and tell them, but they've stopped accepting the charges."

As his first attempt at a book, "Student Body Shots" is something Hofstetter should be proud of. It is gut-busting funny and something students, past and present, can relate to. It is a breath of fresh air in a world dominated by essays, all-nighters and intimidating exams.

In addition to tests and professors, he also writes about college students and alcohol. In that section he writes, "I talk to my friends the next day after a bad night of drinking and they say the college student's mantra: 'I will never drink again.' I've learned that in college, the word 'again' really means 'til Thursday.'"

Most students will get a good laugh from this not only because they will think it is funny, but because they will also find it to be true.

It is said that laughter is the best medicine, but Hofstetter believes laughter is necessary to make it through college.

"College isn't easy," he said. "Laughter might be the only way to survive."

## 'Sea Change' proves an artistic epiphany for Beck

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Sometime after 1999's "Midnite Vultures," Beck's life must have run into some problems.

"Sea Change," Beck's latest album, is far from what most people would expect from the once crypto-pop, indie-rock couch hopper turned eccentric, pseudo-psychedelic rock star.

This album is filled with the kinds of songs that are easily accessible from the first listen, but still they grow on the listener. The vocal hooks get under the skin, but never become annoying.

Strikingly subdued, Beck's vocal performance on "Sea Change" seems to owe a lot to artists like Nick Cave and Leonard Cohen. The songs are folky, more focused and less dynamic, usually opting to use acoustics over the manic sampling and genre-hopping prevalent in past releases.

The album would perhaps be just as comfortable sandwiched between Bob Dylan and Neil Young albums as it would be-



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tween "Mellow Gold" and "Odelay."

Instant standout tracks are "Golden Age" and "Already Dead," but the whole album is cohesive, and it never feels like there are any extra pieces thrown in for quantity breaking up the flow. The subtleties of each track become engrained in the listener over time.

Beck never ceases to defy the expectations of his critics. In the pseudo-mainstream rock world, Beck's worth is immeasurable. With "Sea Change," he makes a complete 180-degree turn away from the realm of artistic gratuity and dives headfirst into the beautifully bleak.

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# Fall Frenzy!

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Free food, games and music were highlights of the first Fall Frenzy, sponsored at the Rome campus on Oct. 30 by the Student Government Association.

Teela Davis, SGA vice president of special events, said her expectations were met.

Games were held inside the solarium. Some students played Twister, while others listened to music provided by student Marmik Patel.

SGA president Amit Patel asked Patel to DJ for the event. "I really enjoyed it, and I want to do it again," said Patel.

A costume contest was also part of Fall Frenzy; however there was not a lot of participation.

There were very few students and some faculty members who chose to dress in costumes.

"It needed to be more publicized because nobody knew why I was dressed up," said student Matt Hall.

Nikki Maxwell, SGA vice president of public relations, was pleased with the turnout. "There were a lot of people eating up the food!" she said.

Free refreshments included hotdogs, chips and other snacks.

The Student Government Association, in collaboration with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance, also had a bake sale. The president of GLBT&S Alliance, Dusty Neighbors, said, "The bake sale went very well."

Due in part to the overall good response from students and the leftover food, the event was continued the following day.

Davis said, "Our main goal for Fall Frenzy was to encourage student involvement. Hopefully this will carry over into a tradition."



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Teela Davis, SGA vice president of special events, prepares hot dogs on the grill for the students and faculty to have during the Fall Frenzy.



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Casey Buckley (left), Shae Highfield and Racheal Hrynearich participate in a game of Twister as part of the events.



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Marmik Patel controls the music during Fall Frenzy.



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Enjoying the free hot dogs and chips are (from left) Wilma Maynard, disability specialist, and student Regan Copelan.

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## Twister!



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Shae Highfield (left) and Casey Buckley hold on to each other to keep from falling during Twister.