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Four teams battle during intramural co-ed flag football game. See page 12.

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Fall Frenzy 2003

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Music filled the air as students, faculty and staff sported creative costumes at this year's Fall Frenzy.

The annual fall festival, held Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student activities area, took on a Halloween carnival theme.

Members of the Floyd College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society, handed out temporary tattoos and body stickers. Another table was set up for students to vote for the new paint color of the student center.

Nakia Brinson from the Access Center was serving Paris Lake punch with frozen sign language

hands instead of ice cubes. Erik Sanders ran the music for the cakewalk sponsored by the Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE)

Laser tag drew a large crowd of students. "It's really dark with lots of cover areas in there. It was pretty tactical. It makes me want to join the military now," said Trey Tanner after leaving the tent as part of the victorious green team.

After playing laser tag, students could refuel with free water and juice being handed out by Frank Murphy, adviser for the Baptist Student Union.

Tyler Collum, editor of the "Old Red Kimono," manned the dart-tossing booth. After a student successfully popped a balloon, he or she was given a word with which to write a haiku.

In the costume contest, first place winner for the student com-

petition was Bradley Wiseman. Second place went to Tyler Collum, who was dressed as a "sexy hula beast" and third place was awarded to Julianna Hunt, dressed as a character from the novel "Sense and Sensibility."

The first place winner of the faculty/staff competition was Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English. Second place was given to April Radomski, secretary in the Counseling and Career Office.

The director of student life, John Spranza, and Bo Bowling, Student Engagement Council secretary, grilled burgers for students. Pizza was also available.

Laura Musselwhite, associate professor of history, said, "Student Life has come up with a good way to get students to have fun and also a way to get out and work for their organizations."



LEFT: John Spranza, director of student life and pirate for a day, pitches in to cook hamburgers. RIGHT: Hungry students wait in line for free food and refreshments.



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Bradley Wiseman won first place in the costume contest, saying, "I am the Sponge Bob partial square root of sexiness."

Students needed for college Judiciary Committee

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Slots are still available for the Student Judiciary Committee.

The responsibility of the committee, which consists of a pool of both students and faculty, is to hear cases involving students who have violated either the Student Code of Conduct or the Academic Integrity Code.

When needed, a committee of three members is formed from

the pool of Student Judiciary Committee members. The accused student decides if the committee reviewing his or her case will consist of students, faculty and staff+ or a combination.

Former Student Judiciary Committee member Sandy House said, "Having the Committee made up of students and faculty makes it fair for when a student files a complaint, because it can be viewed by other students who perhaps can relate to the situation."

There is one student representative for every 250 students enrolled, which means there are currently 14 slots.

Students serve one-year terms and can serve no more than two successive terms.

Prospective student members must have at least a 2.5 GPA and not be on disciplinary probation. They must be recommended by John Spranza, director of student life, and then approved by Floyd College President Dr. Randy Pierce.

According to Spranza, "The Student Judiciary Committee does not meet often, but it is still a good opportunity for students who are majoring in political science or criminal justice. Plus, it looks good on a resume."

House, a criminal justice major, said, "The Judiciary Committee went along with my major and it also gives students an inside look at the school's judicial policies."

For more information about the Student Judiciary Commit-

tee, contact Spranza at jspranza@floyd.edu.

To learn more about the Student Code of Conduct or the Academic Integrity Code, see the Floyd College Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is available on CD Rom. A copy of it is may also be found at the Office of Student Life.

An electronic version of the handbook is also available to students online at <http://www.floyd.edu/campus/handbook/index.htm>.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

As of press time FC was waiting on the Coca-Cola Company to reactivate the Charger Card feature on the drink machines.

Floyd College working to resolve problems with Charger Card

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Charger Card problems experienced by students earlier this semester are now under control, according to Barbara Rogers, assistant director of auxiliary services.

In June, there was a switch to a new type of software to be used in printing the Charger Card reports. The problem resulted from corrupted files from the former system that printed student accounts when the cards were used.

Students also experienced problems with printing and making purchases from the vending machines. Freshman Adam Murphy says, "I feel the Charger Card is an inconvenience, even though it was designed to help us out."

In theory, the problems with the charger cards should now be solved. Rogers reports that as soon as the Coca Cola Company returns to campus and turns on

the machines, the cards should work.

Rogers says, "What I like about this new system is the new printer is faster than the old one." Now, in less than four minutes students can have a charger card printed.

Students must have Charger Cards to print on any of the school's printers or to make copies in the student center.

They may add cash to the Charger Cards to pay for purchases from the bookstore, cafeteria and vending machines.

"Together we're all working to make the charger card more efficient and desirable....So please be patient."
- Barbara Rogers

Also, a list of discounts and freebies offered to Charger Card holders is located just inside the Accounting

Services Office in the Administration Building.

Rogers says, "Together we're all working to make the charger card more efficient and desirable, but with progress comes frustration. So please be patient."

If students incur any other difficulties, Rogers ask that they stop by the Charger Card Central Station, located beside the bookstore.

Franklin's first novel focus of FC book forum

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The Book Forum will be held in the Floyd College Solarium on Nov. 18 at 12 p.m. Steve Head, former FC librarian, will be reviewing "Hell at the Breech," Tom Franklin's highly anticipated first novel.

The novel is inspired by the Mitcham War of Clarke Co., Alabama and the 1890's group of marauding thugs, known as the Hell-at-the-Breech Gang. All are true tales that Franklin remembers being told as a child.

Professor of English Jon Hershey, a self-described avid book reader, stated, "Although I have not read this novel yet (I'm waiting for my copy to arrive), I did read Tom Franklin's book of short stories entitled 'Poachers' and look forward to reading 'Hell at the Breech'."

www.bookreview.com describes this book as "brilliantly written, dark and full of death and violence... told in shifting perspectives, but the character to whom Franklin gives the most attention is Mack Burke, a shy, artistic teenager who is pushed to join the gang... This is his [Franklin's] coming-of-age tale, a page-turner riddled with murder, darkness, and (at times) moments of poetic insight but disconcerting in its grimness."

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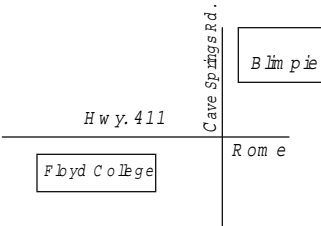
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GLBT&S Alliance hosts Cultural Diversity Symposium

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In order to promote universal tolerance and acceptance of people of all races, religions, cultures, genders, ethnicity, exceptionalities and sexual orientations through education, "Building Bridges: An Awareness Symposium" was held Oct. 13 on the Rome campus of Floyd College.

The event was sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans-

sexual, and Straight Alliance and consisted of workshops hosted by sponsors Enlight Atlanta, Georgia Equality, Atlanta Pride Committee, Parents Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and Floyd College.

"Education is the key to acceptance and understanding and is why just having a dialogue on this topic is so important," said Dustin Neighbors, president of the Floyd College chapter of the GLBT&S Alliance, "We are part of history in the making."



Members of PFLAG discuss their experiences during the "GLBT Youth and Families" section of the symposium. Photo by Ken Caruthers

FC to hold International Festival

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The International Festival will be held in the student center on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This event will provide information about many different nations, such as Japan, Holland and the Philippines.

There will also be food from

these different cultures available for students to taste.

Participants in the festival will include the Office of Student Life, some of the Floyd College Studies classes, the Cultural Awareness Society and the International Studies Committee.

"This event is a chance for us to do a small part to bring the world to Floyd College," comments John Spranza, director of student life.

Former 'Old Red Kimono' editor's poetry wins regional writing awards

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Jessica Lindberg, a former Floyd College student, won both 1st and 3rd prizes in the Emerging Writers Undergraduate Poetry Contest and gave a public reading at Berry College on Oct. 16 during the Southern Women's Writers Conference.

The Southern Women's Writers Conference is sponsored by Berry College every two years and recognizes the role of southern women in American literature. This year the conference was held Oct. 16-18 and featured an amazing scope of southern women writers, such as Dorothy Allison, Kelly

Cherry, and Karen McElmurray.

During her time at FC, Lindberg worked in the tutorial center and served as editor of "Old Red Kimono." She is now at Georgia State University working on a graduate degree in poetry but fondly remembers her time at Floyd College, saying, "Floyd offers such a friendly, encouraging environment that fosters creativity and self-confidence."

At the suggestion of Dr. Jon Hershey, professor of English, Lindberg entered three anonymous poems in the Emerging Writers Undergraduate Poetry Contest, of which two were selected as prizewinners.

Her subject matter is best described as "the mundane". She fo-

cuses on concepts that everyone can relate to as universal.

Her first place poem, "Interruption," parallels the everyday interruptions of raising kids to the original sin's interruption of God's walk after creation. "Stitches" took third place and begins with sand in a cut on a boy's hand and talks about our origins and the world in general.

Lindberg plans to continue writing and would love to eventually be the editor of a recognized literary magazine. She hopes that others will become more involved at Floyd College. "I encourage students to take advantage of Floyd College's literary arts opportunities such as 'Old Red Kimono' and 'FC Bytes'," said Lindberg.

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Editorials

Mystery of the Charger Card



Veterans aren’t just old men in uniforms; they are our brothers, sisters and friends--and they deserve our respect every day

“WHEREAS the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations...”

These words are included in a concurrent resolution enacted by Congress on June 4, 1926 as official recognition of the end of the first modern global conflict –World War I. In 1938, Nov. 11 was proclaimed “Armistice Day,” a day of world peace, primarily in honor of soldiers of WWI. After World War II and Korea, however,

Congress changed “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day,” a day to honor all American veterans.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the American nation annually honors its veterans in the Veterans Day National Ceremony. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, Veterans Day is in remembrance of all veterans, alive and dead.

Since its founding in 1776, America has participated in over 200 wars and “conflicts,” averaging over one per year. There have been times of great nationalism, such as during World War II, or great controversy, as in the ending years of Vietnam.

Over the years, politics and wars and power and peace and dying have been some of the most controversial dinner table talk. Sometimes it seems as though enough cannot be said about any of it.

As Veterans Day ap-

proaches, especially with American soldiers currently in Iraq, we should try for a moment not to dwell on whether what has happened in the past was right or wrong, but the questionable course of our future.

Remember veterans aren't just old men marching in parades wearing uniforms. They are anyone who has served, during peace or conflict. They are your grandparents, your cousins, your aunts or uncles, your brothers and sisters, your friends. The guy sitting a few tables away from you at McDonald's could be a vet, or maybe that guy who always pumps your gas is. Maybe you are.

Though why wars have happened will always be a controversial question, the fact that they did happen will not. We should all remember and respect veterans on Veterans Day.

Let us hear from you! Send letters to the editor to 6MPost@floyd.edu

When did the meaning of ‘tolerance’ change?

The meaning of the word “tolerance” has changed dramatically over the past few years.

The concept of tolerance that earlier generations were taught and that the American culture was based upon was one that emphasized respect for differing viewpoints. You didn't necessarily have to agree with what someone's religion, lifestyle, or point of view was, but it was encouraged that you treat that person with the same amount of dignity that you treated anyone else.

Today, the traditional meaning of the word had been replaced by a new concept of tolerance that says you should not only treat them with respect, but you should go even farther. Society now tells us that we have to praise or even endorse someone else's lifestyle or be prepared to be labeled a bigot.

This makes me think back to my sociology class and the concept of cultural relativism, which means that you try to understand



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a certain culture from its own terms.

For example, in some countries parents would let their child die of starvation before they would kill a cow for the food. While this seems strange and morally wrong to us, when looked at in their cultural context that is the normal way of life and other societies have come to tolerate their lifestyle.

This doesn't mean that you or I would endorse or praise what they are doing. We are simply being tolerant of the culture they live in and thus using the idea of tolerance in the traditional sense.

My point is, that in today's society we are quick to label someone as intolerant if they do not

whole-heartedly agree with someone else's way of life. Is there no middle ground? Can you no longer be tolerant by just showing your respect and by not degrading others? Tolerance should not be based on conforming or accepting someone else's ideas, but instead should promote respect of these ideas.

You shouldn't have to praise what someone is doing or abandon your own convictions about life just to prove that you are tolerant of them. You should be able to disagree with what an individual does, but still be considered tolerant of him or her simply because of the respect that you show.

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Letters to the Editor...

Glad to have HOPE, hope to keep HOPE

Dear Editor,

I was very glad to see an article about HOPE scholarship in the newspaper. It is important for college students to be kept up to date on the events taking place right now with HOPE since so many of us benefit from this scholarship. I have many opinions on what can be done to improve HOPE. I believe that the GPA level is too low, and also that there should not be a second chance given to those who lose HOPE. It is also helpful to know that college students can offer suggestions simply by writing to their senator. I plan on doing so as soon as I can.

Stephanie Cooper
English Major
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Dental Hygiene Clinic gets two thumbs up

Dear Editor,

I have read the section about Heritage Hall offering renovated health labs from the October issue of the SMP. I enjoyed this article. I would just like to say that I think the Dental Hygiene Clinic is wonderful. I had my teeth cleaned there, and they really did a good job. They are very thorough and nice. All of the work is done by students, but it is watched over by an instructor. It is also cheap to get your teeth cleaned there. It costs \$30.00. I am glad that Floyd College offers these programs to students. It really helped me by getting my teeth cleaned there, because I don't have any Dental Insurance. I would recommend it to anyone who needs their teeth cleaned.

Kelly Brown
Early Childhood Education
Cedartown

Some class attendance policies seem unfair to working students

Dear Editor,

I would like to write to express my opinion about Floyd College's attendance policy.

I would first off like to say that if most of the students are like me and work full time they are not always able to get to school every day. I feel like I am penalized because I work full time to pay for my education and have to show up to work some days and can not attend school. It would seem more effective to me that, if I can take the tests and pass why I should be made to attend except for test days. I understand that there are classes that can be taken on computer, by video, and some classes are offered only two times a semester. Those classes are good but most of the classes that are needed for my degree are not offered those ways.

If all classes were available to be taken outside the college that would be excellent, but they are not. That is why I feel the attendance policy should be done away with.

Ashley Brent Stephens
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Rockmart

Spooks and poll- 'interesting and entertaining'

Dear Editor,

I thought there were some interesting and entertaining articles in the October edition of the "Six Mile Post." I was intrigued by the poll that was taken on the issue of whether or not downloading music from the Internet should be illegal. I chose this issue as a topic for an argumentative essay in my English 1101 class. I also liked the "Spooky Haunts" in the paper. My friends and I will definitely be checking some of those locations out on Halloween!

Brandon Edwards
Chemistry Major
Cedartown

Don't forget to look for the next issue of the "Six Mile Post" on January 27!

SIX MILE POLL

If you could elect any celebrity your governor, who would it be and why?



Tim Shoemake
Waco Campus
Early Childhood Education Major

"George Clooney, because he shows such caring and leadership for the people and the interviews on TV."



A.J. Jackson
Waco Campus
Psychology Major

"Jack Black for governor. Why not? He is charismatic and entertaining. And hasn't Arnold proven that is all the qualifications that a candidate needs?"

Check out the **SIX MILE POLL** in the online SMP at www.floyd.edu/sixmilepost



Matt Foster
Rome Campus
Political Science Major

"Will Ferrell, because he's funny and a smart Democrat."



Mary Barkley
Rome Campus
Nursing Major

"Will Smith. He's really conservative and has strong family values."



Latrice Russell
Waco Campus
Nursing Major

"Ervin 'Magic' Johnson, because he has donated millions to inner city programs. He has brought jobs to many areas."



Derrick Lepard
Waco Campus
Undecided

"Annie Lennox. She is a very opinionated woman that has strong viewpoints and reactions. I remember she always got reactions due to her outlandish acts on her music videos by dyeing her hair and etc. I think she would continue to do outlandish acts in order to carry out government issues."



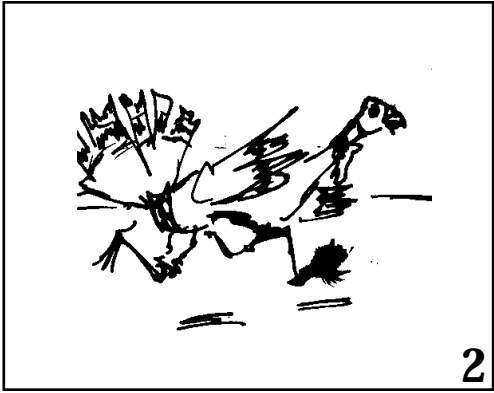
Donald Holbrook
Rome Campus
Psychology Major

"Bruce Willis because he's an extreme conservative willing to give up his job and all his money to go fight in Iraq."

Rome Campus poll by Paige Davis
Waco Campus poll by Lillian Long



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The disastrous Thanksgiving dinner

I believe my most memorable Thanksgiving was in 1998. My mother was sick on that day; therefore, my dad was in charge of cooking. My dad can cook on some occasions, but not this one. First of all, my dad had to get the food together. He was very unorganized. I woke up that morning to my dad already sweating, but not one thing was even started. I tried to help him several times, but he refused. Soon, it was time to start the cooking, so I stepped in. He had a mess everywhere in the kitchen. Then my brother called and said he was having car trouble. When I left the house, my dad was a wreck. The afternoon flew by so quickly. Finally, my brother and I returned home. The entire kitchen was stinking,

smokey, and messy. On the table was burned turkey and dressing. Everything he cooked was either burned or not done. It was the worst meal I had ever seen. When my mother joined us at the table, she started laughing. Finally, we all had Thanksgiving dinner together. While saying the blessing, my mother thanked the Lord my dad did not burn the house down. That was the last Thanksgiving I spent with my family in Tennessee. My dad made sure I would not forget it.

Greg Christian
Cedartown
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Wal-Mart turkeys are just like the real thing

The most memorable Thanksgiving I ever experienced was last year. It all started with the idea of a fresh bird to cook. Turkey season is in the spring; it was late fall at the time. My uncle Bud and I decided to make a day of the trip and decided to go the day before Thanksgiving. This may have sounded like cutting it short on time, but Bud and I were professional hunters and did not have the slightest worry. Early that morning we set out to the Pocket to retrieve our turkey. The day dragged on without seeing the first hint of a bird. With the coming of nightfall,

we knew we were in trouble. Our next plan was to shoot one while they were asleep. We went home and retrieved my spotlight and were back to hunting in just a few minutes. With nothing to show and it being 12 a.m., we started plan three. The Wal-Mart turkeys look just the same as the wild ones; they just take less work. The next day Bud cooked the bird as usual. Everybody in the family told us what great hunters we were.

Jake Turner
Armuchee
General Business

The true meaning of Thanksgiving

My most memorable Thanksgiving memory is from Thanksgiving 2002. I teach a Junior's Sunday School class at Benedict Baptist Church in Cedartown. One of our projects for Thanksgiving was to gather non-perishable food items and deliver them to a needy family.... The family was so surprised and happy for what we had done for them. The children actually got to experience the true meaning of "Thanksgiving" that day. Oftentimes we find ourselves occupied with things such as what to eat or what parades are on TV during the Thanksgiving holiday. This Thanksgiving was different because I know that one family actually had something to be thankful for....

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Thanksgiving Memories

When cars turn into pumpkins

Pumpkin pies, crisp mountain air, companionable walks, crunching leaves and shouting children, the crackling comfort of a warm fireplace, the emptiness of the chair where my father used to doze—all are images of my family Thanksgivings in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina and occasions for celebrating blessings, even in troubled times. Of my memories of recent, transformed Thanksgivings, those without my father—somehow without their usual resonance—one that instantly insisted on surfacing was one that bode well to be the worst.

Usually working the day before Thanksgiving would put me late on the road, and the road to North Carolina's mountains was winding and dark and my car notional at best. Nevertheless, this Thanksgiving I actually felt confident about the trip because I had taken my car into the shop that afternoon to be serviced and was just going to leave from there. I had congratulated myself on successfully negotiating a tight schedule to get that work done.

Forty-five minutes farther into Tennessee on the almost shoulderless stretch of road winding past the Nantahala, my car's dials read "emergency": the motor light blazed on—the one that means pull over immediately, the one I had come to dread. Alternately praying and swearing—too much of the latter and too little of the former—I finally found a place wide enough to pull onto. In the pitch dark and bitter cold, the rapid gurgle of river water running somewhere close was all I could hear.

I had no idea where I was at that point and had never been so aware of being so alone. Grateful that I had not brought my dogs for their sakes, I really missed their company at that moment. Because of the isolation of the road—no one else had come along in a while—it seemed unwise to sit almost in the roadway in a dead car, with little possibility of flagging a patrolling policeman so I started to walk. With each step I realized the seriousness of my situation, and I also realized that God had guided me to the only possible place to pull over for miles. My Thanksgiving started there and it might have ended there except that suddenly there was an unlikely angel who stopped to offer me a ride.

Objectively, I should have run off into the woods when the car creeping by me slowed down, but I could not see in the darkness and the person who stopped was about the age of my students so I was not as alarmed as I probably should have been. He was on his way to the next town—that's how far in the country I was—hurrying home to his wife and child, whose shoe I saw in the floorboard of his car. Probably it was that baby shoe that did it, that made me trust him—that and absolute desperation. As it turned out, he was a student at a local college and we

discussed possible term paper topics on the way into town.

Naturally, when we arrived, there were no car dealerships open, and the town was not large enough for a bus station or other public transportation. Thanksgiving suddenly seemed like a distant celebration on a distant planet. Then he told me that he had a friend who was a very reliable mechanic and also another friend who owned a tow truck. Twice-blessed, I asked if he could call them to see if they could or would do any work that night. He obliged and ten minutes later, after bidding him good-bye—having offered him money for his help, which he courteously refused and which I regretfully pocketed—I was clanking back down the mountain in his friend's tow truck.

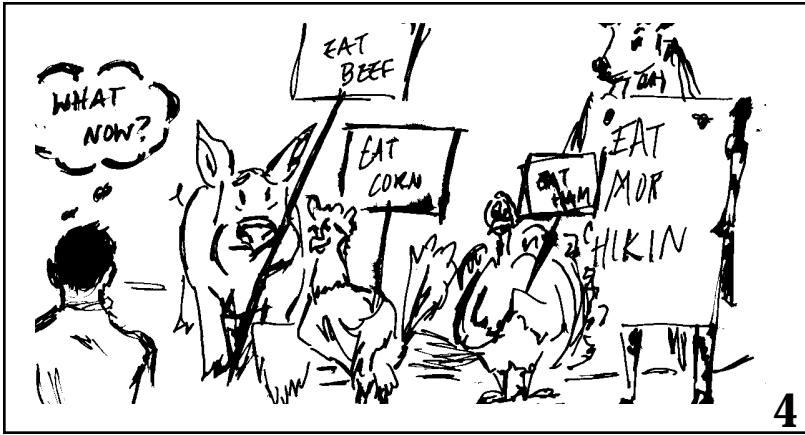
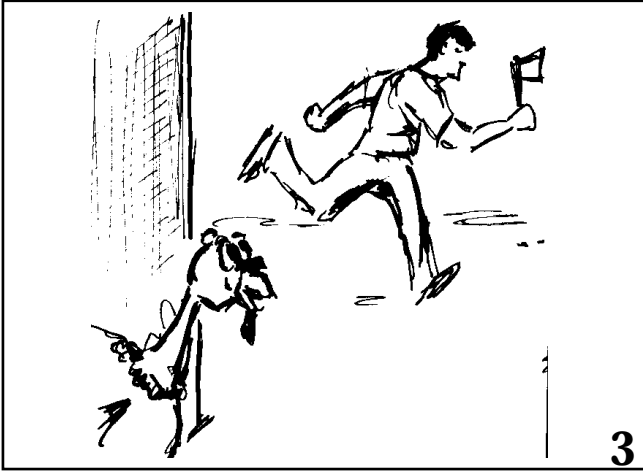
As a single survivor of questionable cars and assorted roadside breakdowns, I have developed a regrettable but probably healthy distrust of strangers. The tow truck driver, however, could not have been more reassuring. Understanding my panic and dismay, not only at the disabled car but at the delay and the possible concern I might cause my family, after towing my car to his house where his friend, a mechanic, could diagnose the problem, the tow-truck driver, after consultation with his incredibly hospitable and equally understanding wife, offered to tow me back to Rome—that night! Clearly, my mountain Thanksgiving was not to be that year, and I was anxious to leave them as much of their holiday as possible, so we decided to set off immediately, retracing my route toward home.

As I pointed out where I had pulled over, his wife was amazed that I had not ended up in the river. Although my rescuers took the shortcuts they knew, we were some three hours on the road—six for them. After dropping off the wretched car in Chattanooga at the dealership, he and his wife drove me to my very doorstep and we arrived just about dawn, an encouraging omen.

Refusing an offer of breakfast, they sped off, as fast as one can in a tow truck, toward an afternoon Thanksgiving celebration with their blended families. We had talked our way through Tennessee and Georgia, and the awfulness of Thanksgiving eve was fading and mercifully blurring from lack of sleep. What incredible kindness! Although I missed my traditional family gathering, how fortunate I was that strangers had risked their Thanksgivings to see me safely home.

That Thanksgiving I ate cold pizza and fantasized about savory cornbread and almond dressing, but my Thanksgiving blessing that year was far richer than any holiday feast.

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A Thanksgiving contemplation

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I can't believe that it's time for another Thanksgiving to roll around. I don't think that I've recovered from last year's Thanksgiving holiday yet. For some cosmic reason beyond my comprehension, I seem to be the designated authoritarian, director, and executive producer of all things Epicurean in nature related to any holiday, particularly Thanksgiving.

Normally, this isn't a problem except that since becoming a full-time student I have at least four term papers to complete over Thanksgiving break. My husband and two sons anticipate this colossal feast to such extent that they begin the seasonal calendar countdown with the earliest advent of autumn. Resigned to the fate of most moms at Thanksgiving, I am convinced that the key to getting through this one is advanced planning, shrewd shopping, and meticulous organization because cooking at my house usually begins days prior to the actual feast.

"Let's go over the list one more time," I think to myself as I enter the fourth grocery store of my excursion. "Sage, celery seed, Martha White, Pet Ritz deep dish, broth, mandarin oranges, Ocean Spray, Eagle Brand, Karo, and nuts." I know that I must be forgetting something because I haven't spent my preceding quota of one hundred plus dollars from years past and I can't quite remember what I already have in the trunk of my car. Finally, my exhaustion wins out over my tenacity and I head to the check out. I write out my check and thank the checker as she bags my groceries. "Don't thank me," she responded, "It's your money, so thank-you."

She unknowingly had said something very profound. All that was required to procure my traditional feast was money. No thanks needed? My grandparents literally grew, raised, and slaughtered what they ate. If they were lucky, they might afford white sugar or sorghum for pies. They fed seven children without the luxury of supermarkets or much money. They were uneducated simple coun-

try people. They, like many regional southerners, raised families on little or nothing during the Depression.

They knew whom to thank though. Most of us don't even think about supplying our own needs. We complacently take our abundance for granted and just go buy whatever we need. If we are thankful for anything, it's usually shorter lines at the checkout and the expedience of the dishwasher while we stuff down dessert.

We thank God for a job to pay for our food and remember that thousands are out of work. Maybe we thank God for a warm home and reflect on our monetary and material blessings as we remember that thousands more are homeless and hungry than were last year. This made me think about how lucky I am that I have three goobers at home that think that I am the queen of Thanksgiving and most all other holidays. All that it takes to make them happy is for me to feed them and to just be Mom.

Money can buy something so simple as food for a dinner, but the sense of family connections and memories is priceless. Money can't buy health. Money can't buy a son or daughter.

Maybe I should thank God for my very busy life full of term papers and upcoming finals. Some women aren't so lucky. Maybe I should thank God that I have a family to cook for because the alternative is having no one to cook for. Maybe I should thank God for the time and place I live in. God has given me the best gift of all in His Son and in His love. Whether you believe that or not, it is evident in every life because of the people we share our lives with.

Every person has the opportunity at some point in their lives to love and be loved by others. Now that is an education not easily obtained and more important than term papers and final exams. Even in the adversity of our hectic and prolific lives we all have so much to be thankful for. Maybe I should thank God for my own little life, for the adversity in it, and for the people expecting Thanksgiving dinner at my house.

Sweet aromas of Thanksgiving day

The night before Thanksgiving my aunts and my mom are up all night cooking. The house is filled with the sweet smell of cakes and pies and the warm smell of turkey and dressing.

On Thanksgiving Day the whole family meets at someone's house (we go to a different house every year) to eat, and before we eat we bless the food.

After we finish dinner, we have dessert and sit around and talk.

Once dessert is finished, we clean the kitchen and go home.

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Features

Free food, flavored oxygen, what better ways to relax

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If you are looking for a quick way to relieve some stress because of the upcoming final exams, try breathing some natural oxygen.

An oxygen parlor is coming to Floyd College on Dec. 1, which is the Monday before final exams week.

The parlor will be set up in the student center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This is a stress relief that is similar to aromatherapy. There

will be many tanks with 98 percent pure oxygen mixed with different scents that will have many types of effects. Some are meant to energize the brain while some will clear the mind.

Some of the scents that will be available include "sugar cookie," "death by chocolate" and "sex on the beach."

John Spranza, director of student life, said, "This is a great way for students to relax and relieve their stress during this stressful time."

There will also be snacks available for students.

For more information on how to handle stress, contact the Counseling Center at (706) 295-6336. They offer brochures and handouts dealing with stress relief.



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An obviously happy customer enjoys the effects of scented oxygen "therapy."

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Like many other Floyd College students, Evelyn Joseph, nursing major from Kingston (left) receives help from Andy Bemis, Tutorial Center tutor.



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Tutorial Center is here for every student

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With the fall semester coming to an end and finals right around the corner, many new students are starting to feel the pressure of college. One sure way to ease some of the pressure is to visit the FC Tutorial Center.

The Tutorial Center is a place where over 100 students a week go to get one-on-one help in mathematics, English, reading, Spanish or term paper writing. According to Jeannie Cassity, Tutorial Center Coordinator, approximately 2200 students a semester come to the center for tutoring.

Elsie Wallis, nursing major, said, "The Tutorial Center staff is excellent and always has time to

assist you. It is one of the best resources for Math 0097 and 0099."

There are practice tests for the Math COMPASS Test, solution manuals for even and odd problems of the math books and practice grammar tests for the English COMPASS test.

The Center is also set up with 10 computers that can be used for anything ranging from practice math tests to doing research on GALILEO.

The Tutorial Center also offers a quiet place to study, so even if the student doesn't need help, he or she is welcome to come in, study, and ask questions at any time.

Assisting Cassity in the Tutorial Center are Andy Bemis, Kelly Shane, and Rusty Causey.

Cassity has a master's degree in English and a bachelor's degree in math education. Bemis has a

bachelor's in English and a master's in education. Shane has a bachelor's English and is working on his master's in mathematics. Causey is a student at FC majoring in mathematics.

Bemis said, "For me, this is an ideal place to teach. Every student I work with wants to be taught and learn, and [in the Tutorial Center] I have to only help them, and not grade them."

On the Rome campus the Tutorial Center is located in the Library and is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Cartersville Campus Tutorial Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and the North Metro Tech center is open from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Cactus garden honors late professor, Dr. Melvin Perry

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As Rome campus students walk back and forth to their classes, they may notice a cactus garden located in the grassy area close to the end of the F-Building. This cactus garden serves as a memorial to Dr. Melvin Perry, a former professor of psychology at Floyd College, who passed away in January 2001.

The idea for the memorial came not long after Perry's passing. It was decided that a cactus garden would be the most appropriate way to honor Perry because of his great love of the Southwest

and New Mexico. Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology, stated that a cactus garden would be representative of the place that he loved so much.

Construction of the garden began about two years ago and continues today. The garden contains cacti from Arizona and has recently had a scalloped concrete border placed around it along with about 900 pounds of sand.

The cacti were planted by Johnson and Sheila McCoy, professor of foreign language and English. Students from Volunteer Services weeded, filled with sand, and placed a border around the garden. Amanda Mays, coordinator for volunteer services, said that

monthly maintenance of the garden began in October.

According to Johnson, there has been no official ceremony to commemorate the garden, but when it is finished, she would like to hold a ceremony including the Perry family. At the ceremony a plaque will be dedicated to Perry that is engraved with one of Perry's quotes: "Students who only think in black and white don't use their gray matter."

When all the work is finished, Johnson says she hopes the garden is a place where students can go to reflect and think because Perry was a reflective person and it would only seem fitting that the garden be used in that manner.



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Volunteers (from left) Robert Madden, Serpentfoot, Nick McLemore and Kevin Morang do some monthly maintenance work on the cactus garden.

Evening classes offer many opportunities for students

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There are 1,483 students enrolled in evening classes at Floyd College's main campus, according to the Office of Information Technology.

Most of the people who attend night classes at Floyd College are non-traditional students who have jobs during the day. But exactly who are these students who roam the halls at night?

Kim Stone, a student attending night classes, said, "If they [Floyd College] didn't offer classes at night, I wouldn't have the opportunity to come back and further my education. I have been out

of school for 20 years."

Stone, a working mother of two, has to take vacation time off from her busy work schedule to attend a morning class that she has to take.

Danny Thompson, another student attending during the evening, said, "I enjoy taking classes at night, but I feel the school should offer more academic classes during the evening, especially math and science courses."

Quite a few students feel they don't have enough time between their work and school schedule to accomplish everything they need to get done. Student Dennis Johnson, however, feels that Floyd College should offer a few more activities for night students.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Kim Stone is a non-traditional student taking courses at Floyd College this semester.

Campus Access Center provides aid for students with varying disabilities

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The Access Center, a division of Student Development Services of Floyd College, promotes support services to students with various types of disabilities.

The center, located in W-213 in the Walraven Building of the Rome Campus, ensures students have educational and physical accessibility to a college education environment.

"Our main philosophy," said to Sheryl Ballenger, Access Center director, "is to create as much independence as possible in an exceptional student so that the student will be successful transferring to a four-year college or acquiring a job."

The Access Center also strives to promote campus awareness and acceptance of the unique and diverse needs of students with exceptionalities.

Kelly Roberts, a sophomore business major who is hearing impaired, says that the Access Center has made a big difference in her academic life.

"The people are just so nice and helpful because without their help lots of students wouldn't be able to attend or succeed. They have made such a difference for me," Roberts said.

Some of the exceptionalities accommodated at Floyd College are visual or hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, attention deficit difficulties, mobility impairment and chronic health conditions.

If a disability is documented, then accommodations may include communication with faculty concerning disability needs. The Access Center will also arrange for sign language interpreters, note-takers and various types of educational technologies, such as text telephones and books on tape.

Dustin Neighbors, another exceptional student at Floyd College, will be transferring to a four-year college soon. He stated, "Sheryl was the person who gave me the courage to become as successful as I am. I am not defined by my disability or sexual orientation. They are just extensions of the person I am. Sheryl helped me to not be afraid to be myself and show the world that I am not a label. I am a person."

If students need services from the Access Center, they should send documentation to the Center. Confidentiality is maintained.

The Center may be contacted at the following numbers: (706) 802-5003, (706) 802-5123 (TDD), or 1-800-332-2406.

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Dr. Ralph Peters

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Dr. Ralph rocks out!

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Dr. Ralph Peters, professor of sociology of Floyd College has recently released his debut solo album entitled "Useful Fiction."

Peters has been working with music since the age of six. He originally started playing piano and then progressed to drums when he was 13. Eventually, he decided to switch to guitar to be able to add the melody and rhythms he needed.

Rather than just learning all different kinds of songs, Peters would just pick out melodies that he enjoyed and play them the way he thought they should sound.

Peters said, "I don't consider myself a guitarist or drummer, but more-so a songwriter."

Peters performs in a band called "Beatless," which is a Beatles cover band. This band has been around since May.

As most artists would, Peters decided to take a collection of his work and make a CD. "Useful Fiction" is a combination of "pop" and "melodic" music with a jazzy feel.

He calls his music "delicate pop."

The best place to find "Useful Fictions" will be online at www.cdbaby.com. Copies of the album are around \$10.

Anyone with questions about the CD may email Peters at rpeters@floyd.edu.

Has America turned upside down?

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Sometimes it seems most of America has decided to turn itself backwards. These are just a few examples:

Y-Bush, along with other gov-

ernment officials, has decided to shoot the messenger and blame the media for distorting views on the war and making the region seem messy and unproductive after weapons of mass destruction were not found.

Y-Rush Limbaugh, an outspoken conservative, who for many years preached in favor of morals and family values, is caught abusing prescription drugs.

Y-Celebrities get paid more money than the teachers, doctors, firemen, police officers and other

civil servants who risk their lives day after day for the benefit of others.

Y-Gov. Gray Davis of California was recalled for putting the state further into debt, but the continuous conflict Bush is leading in Iraq is increasing the country's debt by a greater margin than California's.

Y-In the '60s and '70s, some people would take drugs to expand their minds and alter their perception. Now, some people take drugs to gain a sense of normality.

Restaurant's originality will have diners returning

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Restaurant Review

With all the new restaurants popping up in Rome, few of them offer any new flavors like Dean's Fifth Avenue Grill. Combining the simplicity of fast food Tex-Mex and the culinary expertise of a professional chef, the restaurant treats diners to truly unique wraps, tacos, soups and salads.

The Slow Roasted Cajun Pork Loin wrap is a zesty combination of pork, diced tomatoes, herb-roasted potato chunks, sharp cheddar cheese and a Creole

remoulade. This wrap started as a special, but its popularity grew enough for it to be added to the regular menu.

The originals are also special: the spicy and fruity Caribbean Jerk Chicken wrap, the basil-infused Greek Steak wrap and the traditional but tasty Buttermilk Fried Chicken wrap are a few.

The tacos are often pared-down versions of the wraps. Both the wraps and the tacos come with house-fried tortilla chips and a side of house cilantro salsa.

Blues music and ESPN are always on in Dean's, and the restaurant offers an assortment of bottled beer and wine by the glass. Dean's atmosphere is almost

sports bar-like, minus the smoke and cursing.

Dean's has few faults. The worst is the rare occasion when the kitchen combines ingredients incorrectly—sour cream on a fried chicken wrap, for example. The good news is that the kitchen will rush to correct any mistakes reported. The chips have occasionally been cooked in overused oil, giving them a cloudy taste, and the salsa is sometimes too runny. But overall, the originality of Dean's will call diners back when they tire of the mundane offerings found in most of Rome.

Dean's Fifth Avenue Grill is located at 411 West 10TH St. Rome, Ga. (off North 5th Ave.)

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All-star cast makes movie a must-see

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Movie Review

Directed by Joel Coen and written by Robert Ramsey, "Intolerable Cruelty" has audiences rolling in the aisles. The dark comedy about love and divorce in Beverly Hills, Calif. is destructive and witty. The all-star cast, including George Clooney ("ER") and Catherine Zeta-Jones ("Entrapment"), makes the film an enjoyable experience.

This movie brings an element of style that most romantic comedies of today lack. The plot is a little predictable but the excellent acting makes up for the fact. The soundtrack is great and the cinematography is excellent. George Clooney delivers an Oscar worthy



Photo Courtesy of www.intolerablecruelty.com

George Clooney (left) and Catherine Zeta-Jones star in the film "Intolerable Cruelty." performance. The movie even features a guest appearance by Bruce Campbell ("Army of Darkness"). This film is rated PG-13 for sexual content, language and brief violence.

Overall, I really enjoyed this movie. I give "Intolerable Cruelty" a 4 out of 5. For more information about "Intolerable Cruelty", check out the official website at www.intolerablecruelty.com.

Entertainment coming to FC this month

Country stylist Zane Williams to perform

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Singer/Songwriter Zane Williams will be performing at Floyd College on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the student center from 11 a.m. till noon.

Zane's unique Christian country style sets him apart from other acoustic performers.

For more details on Zane check out www.Zane'sAdventure.com

Comedy duo coming Nov. 20

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Get ready to laugh your socks off Nov. 20 from 10:45 a.m.- noon in the student center with comic act Bean and Bailey.

Bean and Bailey are a musical comedy duo from Tennessee. Their Smothers Brothers type act and humorous song lyrics are sure to please.

On the college circuit since 1996, they are annual favorites at Berry and Shorter and are sure to be a hit at their Floyd College debut.

Metal/Rock CD offers something for every mood

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Music Review

Well kids... I must say I'm a little disappointed with those of you who haven't been participating in sending me suggestions. That's okay, because that gives me a chance to push music upon you that you may not like.

For this month's paper, I chose a progressive metal/rock CD that some may be familiar with. It is none other than the CD "Images and Words," by Dream Theater. This is one of


those albums that if you are open to music, or you like to experience something new, you should check it out right away.

This CD is amazing. That is putting it lightly. There's so much of everything here. "Images and Words" is a very lively, dark and any-other-mood-that-you-may-be-in type of CD.

Dream Theater is a group of talented musicians. This CD is somewhat old but still a classic to many.

More than likely the best place to find "Images and Words" would be at some internet CD store, but I believe Sam Goody in Cedartown has a better selection of the progressive rock/metal genre.

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Intramural flag football begins

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The kick is up, and it's good. Fall is here and football season is in.

The first intramural football game was played on Oct. 10. There are four teams this year, and the season got off to a good start for some teams.

The season opener was played between Eric Minter's team, Not Enuff, and Cody Johnson's team, Noles. In the first quarter Rick Osbourne of the Noles intercepted a pass from Minter and scored a touchdown, making the score 7-0.

By halftime the Noles were leading 14-8. Not Enuff started a comeback with a Minter touchdown, but the Noles came out on top in the end, 20-14.

The second game was played between Ashley Evans' team, Young Guns, and the staff group, Hob Nail Boot.

The first touchdown was made by Brandon Hutchinson of the Young Guns. That made the score 6-0. However, the two-point conversion the team went for was no good.

Then quarterback Seth Ingram of Hob Nail Boot threw a touchdown pass to Barry Greeson making the score 7-6.

By halftime Hob Nail Boot was leading 20-12. The Young Guns attempted to make a major comeback but the attempt was no good. Hob Nail Boot went on to win the first blowout game, 44-12.

The championship flag football game will be played at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. The game for third and fourth places will be played directly afterwards.

Right: Chris Robinson (left) dodges an attempted tackle by Bradley Wiseman during one of Wednesday's flag football games.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Fans should practice class

Sometimes sports fans embarrass me. Every year we hear about the major cities in our country breaking out into riots after the World Series or the NBA finals.

Sadly, if we heard about all the behavior that happens at Southeastern Conference (SEC) football games, we would know that Los Angeles and New York have nothing on Athens, Baton Rouge, Knoxville, Tuscaloosa, Auburn, and Gainesville.

For example, when Georgia traveled to LSU on September 20, one man suffered pain and embarrassment at the hands of another unruly fan. After the poor, unsuspecting Georgia fan went into a porta-toilet, a drunken LSU fan tipped over the toilet causing injury (as well as insult).

In 2001, LSU fans burned down the Tiger Van, which had for years been a fixture at Auburn University on game days. This act of arson took place at the state capitol of Louisiana. I'm sure that makes their governor feel proud.

Last season, a Georgia fan was beaten severely by Alabama students in front of a fraternity house. I am not sure if this was done in honor of "the Bear" or the beer.

Before Georgia fans start pointing fingers, let us not forget 1986. For those of you who are too



Touching All Bases

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young to remember, some Georgia fans ran onto the field after a 20-16 upset win against eighth-ranked Auburn and began to tear up the field at Jordan-Hare Stadium. However, it was not long until the hoses were brought out, and we all know what they say about wet dogs.

There are several other examples of unacceptable behavior and it seems to get worse every year. If we hear about fans of our team running around destroying cars and tossing beer bottles, we often say "every school has bad fans" or "it happens everywhere". I see no need to make excuses.

I assume that when fans destroy an opposing fan's property, it is supposed to prove their love for their team. If they truly loved their team, they would not go out of their way to embarrass the university they represent.

A word that fans of every school in the SEC like to throw around is "class". To achieve class, fans must behave off the field.

In fact, what happens on the

field does not actually determine anything in a fan's life. If your team wins this weekend, it will not make you a better person.

The media likes to say that the fans of certain teams have an inferiority complex. If you do feel inferior because your team has lost to their rival four straight years, please do us all a favor and come to your senses.

If games that no one will remember a year from now dictate your happiness to the fact that you cannot control your actions, then you should get a job, a spouse, a car payment, kids, or something with meaning that will actually benefit your life.

A lot of people, including myself, enjoy attending college football games. I just wish that those who cannot co-exist with the other 85,000 fans in attendance would stay at home.

The late Joe Strummer once said, "There is no tenderness or humanity in fanaticism." Too bad college football fans do not share his perspective.

Annual tournament for high school basketball in 20th year on Floyd campus

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Floyd College is the site for the 50th Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament sponsored by the "Rome News Tribune".

In 1983, the tournament was moved to the Floyd College campus when it outgrew its original location at the Memorial Gym in Rome. Since then Floyd College has been part of this holiday tradition every year.

David Mathis, director of Floyd College intramurals, states that Floyd College is known throughout Georgia as running one of the most organized tournaments in the state.

Jerry Shelton was the tournament director until his retirement in 1999. His level of commitment and dedication to details are the reasons for the continued success of this program, said Mathis.

In 2000, Mathis took over for Shelton's duties as tournament director.

The money raised from the Holiday Festival and other high school basketball tournaments at Floyd College throughout the

years has helped fund the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship. Since 1984, approximately \$120,000 has been raised for the fund.

Mathis stated, "The tournaments also bring potential students and their families to our campus. Most students, when asked when their first visit to Floyd College was, will often say they came to watch the Holiday Festival tournament."

According to Mathis, the tournament's success is also a reflection on the college community as a whole. The entire college family volunteers time during the event at either concessions or at the admissions area.

The dates for this year's tournament are Dec. 19, 20, 22, and 23. The "Rome News Tribune" and the Floyd College tournament staff have several special events planned for the 50th anniversary. Two of these events will be recognition of past players as well as the introduction of a 50th Anniversary All Tournament Team.

More details about the tournament times and teams playing can be found in the "Rome News Tribune" in December.

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