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**Students enjoy Turkey Walk/Run on a sunny day.**

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## Conference promotes leadership

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One hundred and fifty students attended the second annual Leaders Wanted leadership conference at Floyd College on Nov. 5.

Students from Berry, Dalton State, Floyd, Kennesaw State, Reinhardt, Shorter and Young Harris participated in the regional student leadership conference.

Dr. Ron Shade, vice president for student development, welcomed the students to the Rome campus.

The welcome was followed by a two-hour session with inspirational speaker Judson Laipply, who used games and exercises to teach lessons about change, patience, understanding and self-image. He stressed the message that every person has his or her own choice.

The first breakout sessions allowed students to attend workshops on parliamentary procedure, servant leadership, careers in student affairs, recognizing members, marketing and the Latino Mentor Program. Laipply



Photo by Amanda Cordle

**Speaker Judson Laipply entertains students from various colleges with inspirational comedy during the leadership conference held at Floyd College.**

taught the marketing workshop that featured tips on how to market school organizations using catch phrases and marketing campaigns.

Dinner with a roundtable discussion took place in the Lakeview Auditorium. Students

from all the different schools gathered around the tables and spent the hour talking and eating. They discussed their organizations and their roles as leaders at their school as well as current events.

They also talked about the

Floyd Campus. Andi Demcellari, international Albanian student from Reinhardt College, studying business management, said, "The conference is wonderful. I have met so many nice people from Floyd, but the school should have a smoking area. I am a guest here

and I cannot have a cigarette after my dinner."

After dinner students were able to choose from several more workshops.

Floyd College sophomores Chris Lundy, Savannah Youngblood, Brandy Norris, Jen Henley and Terae Thomas led a workshop on icebreakers that club leaders may do with their members.

Each demonstrated and involved the students in a different type of game to help everyone get to know each other.

Shorter College sophomore Nikki Griffin, said, "The games are a great idea to use during rush week for our sorority."

After the final workshops Laipply did his closing act. His inspirational comedy involved stories about dating, decision-making and clichés. As his grand finale, Laipply entertained students with a dancing bit that covered every dancing fad from Elvis's 1950 pelvis shake, to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," to MC Hammer's running man.

Also, attending from Floyd College were Amanda Cordle, Karen Edwards, Kelly Adkins and Ryan Tucker.

## Student emergency fund in need of recyclables

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The Floyd College Emergency Student Fund consists of cash earned by recycling.

This account was initiated by Dr. Penny Wills, former vice president for student development at Floyd College. Wills wanted a fund to be available to help students who had car trouble, medical needs, a personal calamity or any other un-

foreseen issue that warranted emergency cash.

Current recycling on campus is not enough to supply the necessary monies for this fund to be a success. "As of right now there is only \$118 in that account which doesn't amount to much," said Wayne Jones, Floyd College comptroller.

Linda Dyer, secretary in the Office of Student Development said, "In order for this to work, students need to be encouraged to take their recyclables from

home to the recycling center in Rome and have the recycling center credit the money to Floyd College."

While on campus students may recycle their cans, plastic bottles and paper. There are appropriate containers properly marked in each hallway. There are also blue trash bins in some classroom and offices clearly marked for paper products only.

Notebook paper and computer paper should be placed in the blue trash bins and not

thrown away with standard trash if they are going to help support the emergency fund.

Empty drink cans and bottles should be disposed of in the bins for each found on campus.

Floyd may also receive cash for this account by lending a helping hand. John Spranza, director of student life, stated, "I have had a lady at the Marquis across the street offer the money for their recycled newspapers if someone could just come pick them up once or twice a week and take

them to the recycling center. I have been trying to get a group of students willing to take that up as a project...maybe human service students."

Any student who would like information on the emergency fund or would like to donate time in this area, may contact John Spranza at (706) 295-6363 or reach him by e-mail at [jspranza@floyd.edu](mailto:jspranza@floyd.edu).





Photo by Josh Grubb

**John Seigenthaler Jr. blows out the candles on the College Media Advisers' 50th anniversary "birthday cake" after his keynote session.**

## FC Alumni Association making progress toward interest groups

The first alumni organization of its kind for FC is being developed by the Alumni Board of Directors.

Objectives laid out by the board are to renew a sense of pride, loyalty and interest in the life of the college among students attending Floyd College.

The Nursing Alumni Interest Group, which is one of the first groups to organize, held a planning meeting Oct. 7.

"I have never been to any other college where the administration and faculty took such an

# 'Six Mile Post' visits Nashville for national media convention

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Members of the "Six Mile Post" staff attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual National College Media Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 3-6.

Josh Grubb, chief photographer; Lindy Dugger, assistant editor; Amy Waters, assistant editor; Sam Chapman, editor; and advisers Dr. Kristie Kemper and Fred Green went on the trip.

Staffers attended sessions on free speech, ethics, photography, staff leadership and the media's presence during the war in Iraq.

MSNBC correspondent John

Seigenthaler Jr. and his father John Seigenthaler, who founded the First Amendment Center in 1991, were speakers during a keynote session and did a father-son Q & A on topics such as the recent presidential election, how the media covered the political campaigning and the media's role in the war in Iraq.

Another highlight was a concert by the group Freedom Sings, which performed songs that have been banned from radio stations or that have signified efforts of free speech, such as "Strange Fruit" by Billie Holiday, "The Times They Are A Changin'" by Bob Dylan and "Red Rag Top" by songwriter Jason White, who was

one of the performers.

"This is my first media convention, and I really enjoyed the sessions about page layout and design," said Waters. She added that Nashville was a great city for the event. "Everything we needed was within walking distance," she said.

The National College Media Convention is a joint meeting of the College Media Advisers and the Associated Collegiate Press.

The College Media Advisers organization celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the convention.

Approximately 2,700 student journalist and their advisers from all over the United States were in attendance.



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**A Nursing Alumni Interest Group planning meeting was held Oct. 7. In attendance were (from left) Brian Johnson, Roxanne Herrin Johnston, Pauline Ruel, Judy McDonald, Jamie Cook, Ida Cook, Dr. Barbara Rees, Belen Nora, Julie Ouseley and Leslie Henderson.**

## FC Drug/Alcohol Awareness Grant funds peer educators

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The drug/alcohol awareness grant Floyd College has received has only just begun to be spent. Part of the \$12,900 grant is being used to hire peer educators.

"We do have some peer educators lined up," said John Spranza, director of student life.

Peer educators include Jennifer Heath, Phillip Breaux, Natasha Cartin, Katherine Kimbrough and Brandy Norris.

Spranza, Heath and Breaux attended the Bacchus and Gamma National General Assembly in Chicago, Nov. 11-14. Bacchus and Gamma is the national association for peer education on alcohol and drug awareness.

Spranza said attending the conference offered students "a chance to interact with more established programs from schools across the country" and get information and ideas to be used in developing the Floyd College program.


Previously Spranza and his team of peer educators participated in a training conference at Callaway Gardens.

The mock-tail party and Alcohol 101 CD-ROM game were the first campus events to be funded by the alcohol/drug education grant. Both events were held during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 18-23.

"We are still searching for more students interested in working with the peer educators, as well as for the student worker position," said Spranza. Spranza may be contacted at [jspranza@floyd.edu](mailto:jspranza@floyd.edu).

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# Study Abroad to SCUBA dive in the Bahamas this spring

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Study abroad students are going to the Bahamas, in the spring of 2005, for the first time. Billy Morris, associate professor of geology and one of the coordinators, said, "There are only 20 slots available, so students who are interested should not wait to sign up."

Participating students can earn six credit hours towards their degree; two hours for PE (PHED 1450, basic scuba), and four hours for science (PHSC 1012k, physical science II).

Also included in the trip is an opportunity to become a certified diver, as well as the opportunity for those already certified to move up in their certification level.

Prior to travel dates, there will be several meetings in May for instruction for basic SCUBA certification that are designed to give students enough knowledge to become safe and skilled

SCUBA divers.

Meetings will be held at the West Cobb Aquatic Center in Marietta from May 16-19. Travel to Miami is scheduled for May 20, and then it's off to the Bahamas on May 21.

After completing the scholastic diving mission, the team will return to Miami on May 27 and head back to Rome.

"Travel to the Bahamas requires proof of citizenship for all U.S. residents, such as a passport or original birth certificate, along with a picture I.D. Residents of all other countries will need a valid passport. Keep in mind, the passport process is very slow, so Study Abroad recommends getting that process started immediately if needed," said Morris.

The cost for the trip will be between \$1800-\$2000 dollars per student, including all expenses related to the trip such as meals. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required when accepted. Another payment of \$500 is due Dec. 1, and a final payment of \$600 is due by March 1, 2005.



Photo courtesy of www.blackbeard-cruises.com

**Blackbeard Cruises' website features photos of past trips; this one is of dolphins playing around the Sea Explorer. Blackbeard Cruises is the charter company being used for the FC Bahamas trip.**

Financial assistance of \$1000 is available for some Study Abroad participants through the STARS incentive program. Students interested in this option should contact Dr. Alberta Johnson at ajohnson@floyd.edu.

Funds for this program are limited.

For more information on the trip, contact Morris at bmmorris@floyd.edu, or call (706) 368-7528. Mark Pergrem, instructor of physics and trip coordinator, is also available to answer questions and can be reached at mpergrem@floyd.edu or (706) 368-7529.

"We're planning on having a great time and learning while we're at it," said Morris.



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**Forty-four students participate in the Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony in the Lakeview Building.**

## Students inducted into PTK

The Floyd College chapter of the international two-year honor society Phi Theta Kappa had its 2004-2005 induction ceremony Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Lakeview Auditorium.

Forty-four students were inducted by faculty advisers Frank Minor and Laura Musselwhite. The guest speaker was Dr. Ron Shade, vice president for student development at Floyd College.

Phi Theta Kappa members must have at least a 3.5 GPA and 12 semester hours completed. The group recognizes scholarship and encourages service on the community level.

This semester, PTK (along

with the Human Services Club) is sponsoring an Angel Tree in front of the Student Life Office on the Rome campus.

Anyone can take a tag off the tree and go buy a gift appropriate to the description of the child on the tag.

The gift (with the tag attached) should be returned to the box at the tree by Dec. 6.

These gifts will be distributed to needy children by the Shriners organization.

Students at the Cartersville and Acworth campuses can bring an unwrapped gift to the PTK box in the lobby of the Cartersville campus.

## Regents reject mid-year tuition increase

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Students who were not prepared for the mid-semester tuition increase can breathe a little easier for now.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia during its Oct. 12 meeting de-

cided to turn down the mid-semester tuition increase, which had been proposed to help make up for the state's 5 percent cut to the University System's funding.

"They decided it was not a good thing to do during the middle of the year," said Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College.

The Board of Regents instead

decided to tap into the University System of Georgia's health care program reserve until the deficit is satisfied and, according to Pierce, a tuition increase for fall 2005 will likely be announced sometime in April or May.

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# Advising and early registration for spring 2005 semester now underway

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Current students who have been advised and have no holds may now register themselves on the SCORE/BANNER link on the Floyd College homepage.

Instructions for registering on the SCORE are on page 10 of the spring 2005 academic class schedules currently available on all four campuses.

For first-time users of online registration, the PIN is the last four digits of the student's social security number followed by the digits 99. The PIN may then be reset as desired.

"If you disable your PIN or have difficulty accessing the SCORE, contact enrollment management and it will be reset," said

Sandie Davis, registrar.

"If a student has a hold (academic, financial, etc.) they may visit the Registrar's Office or the Advising Office for assistance," said Eileen Walker, advising specialist. "Students who attend other campuses may also contact their center director."

Advisers are listed on the SCORE transcript based on campus and field of study. Students who don't have an adviser may email the Advising Office at [advising@floyd.edu](mailto:advising@floyd.edu) and will be given one.

Students who have financial aid in the fall usually don't have to reapply in the spring, but they can check with the Financial Aid Office and verify that all paperwork is in place and on time.

For students with documented financial aid, schedules

will not be deleted until Jan. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Fees are due for other pre-registered students by Dec. 17 by noon, or the schedule will be automatically wiped out of the system.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that fees are paid and/or financial aid is in place to avoid having his or her schedule dropped after these deadlines.

For those who plan to graduate in the spring, the deadline for application is Dec. 15.

Graduation applications should be submitted to the Enrollment Management Office for degree evaluation with the applicable fees to graduate.

"If you have any advising questions, you may visit the center directors, the Advising Office

in W-201 in Rome or for further information or questions, email the Advising Office," said Walker.

Students may register and drop/add until Jan. 14 at noon.

**RIGHT: Eileen Walker, coordinator of advising at Floyd College, assists Aimee Wade, an early childhood education major from Cedartown, with her 2005 spring semester schedule.**



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## Tuition increase

"It's only fair to assume there will be a tuition increase in the fall," said Pierce. "The question is how much, because, in order to make up the ground that we have lost, it would have to be pretty large."

Floyd College's \$15 million budget is a combination of \$10 million of state money and \$5 million from tuition.

With an enrollment increase over the last three years of 65 percent, it would seem the state would be giving the college more money and actually making a drop in tuition.

However, due to the reces-

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sion, the state has actually cut funding from all of the University System.

As state funding drops, student funding has to rise because these are Floyd College's only major monetary resources.

For the entire University System of Georgia, the cut amounted to \$64.8 million.

"We were already into the budget cycle by July 1; we had already decided how we were going to spend it," said Pierce. "We were spending money that we already thought we had for 2005 when we needed to give back \$434,000."

## Letters from home...



**Brooke Faulkner (left), a nursing major from Carrollton, and Ravi Tiwari, a business management major from Calhoun, write postcards to be sent to the American troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students may drop by the Office of Student Life anytime through Nov. 24 to fill out postcards.**

Photo by Josh Grubb

Let the government be your daddy

There are many laws that are in place solely to protect us from ourselves.

Some examples are drug laws, helmet laws and seatbelt laws. All try to keep individuals from harming themselves.

Many people argue that our laws should not protect people from themselves, but protect people’s property. We do not need laws to protect us from ourselves; we need information, education and awareness.

Some of these laws are designed to protect the insurance industries. Some protective standards go way overboard, removing the ability to use common sense in an attempt to protect an industry from being sued.

Shouldn’t we be able to do whatever we want as long as we are not hurting someone

else?

The state can interfere with individual liberties to prevent unwanted harm to others. This is the traditional standard for state intervention. Helmet laws and seat belt laws are justified by politicians because of the unwanted economic harm to society.

This brings up “paternalism,” which begins when the state treats its citizens like they are children. The state attempts to mold their citizens’ overall character. This is not intervention based on public safety or economic interests, but rather the enforcement of our politicians’ values.

One example is laws that prohibit same sex marriage. The Massachusetts Supreme Court, in a recent action overturning the state’s ban on gay marriage, said that the law

against same sex marriages “is incompatible with the constitutional principles of respect for individual autonomy and equality under law.”

Parents should be paternal, not the state. Parents should use their moral judgment to decide what is best for their children. This is not the state’s place to do so. Legitimate intervention that would promote the passing of a new law should end at the boundary of public safety and public economy.

However, this is not the case.

With the 2003 passing of a .37 cent “sin tax” on a pack of cigarettes, we can only hope the government doesn’t continue this trend and decide to tax goofing off or eating cookies. Both of these could possibly lead to injury, lessened productivity or even death.

“I wish more people would’ve recycled so I could have some money to get to class.”



Artwork by Jenn Smith, 2004

The balloon, the bald dog and my peace of mind

People tell me I’m too pessimistic. I don’t think so. Pessimism is defined as being extremely gloomy or expecting the worst.

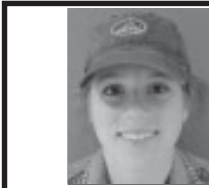
Personally I prefer “realist,” but labels are the last thing I’m concerned with these days.

I recently had the third of five reconstructive surgeries on my right knee. It was progress, but I got depressed anyway.

To combat my depression and assumed negativity, my mother purchased me a balloon. Not just any balloon, but a yellow smiley faced balloon, one of those fancy helium kinds that stay inflated for days.

I was lying in bed watching this balloon, spinning in harsh little circles, smiling at me. I named the balloon Spartacus, the Yellow Floating Balloon of Death and Protection. Other than Spartacus, the only company I had was my two pet black sea crabs, and, ironically, they killed each other.

It was while my depressed self was hanging out with Spartacus that I decided that the world was indeed coming to an end. I’m not concerned with the suggestively apocalyptic amount of hurricanes, typhoons and volcanic activity we’ve had lately.



Editor’s Box

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I’m sweating the small stuff.

I couldn’t walk, and I was talking to a balloon. Superman is dead. The nation is under the assumption that secular persons lack morals and values. My dog has some mystery disease that caused it to go bald, and I’m still slightly paranoid that my psych professor is going to eat my soul.

Ladies, gentlemen and liberals, we are all going to hell in a handbasket.

Then the other day I watched the lunar eclipse with my father and my bald dog. I was playing with the exposure settings on my new digital camera and took a picture of the moon. Upon reviewing my photos, I found that in one instance due to trickery of light I had not an eclipsed moon but what appeared to be an illuminated phallic shape on my screen.

And suddenly, the world was a better place.

Sure, there is a lot to worry about these days. But it seems like nobody really wants to be

happy anymore. No one wants their problems solved, because if their problems are solved, they will lose this essential part of themselves that they feel makes them unique.

So in a spirit much unlike the usual me, and in honor of the holidays, I say, “Don’t worry. Be happy.”

Fear not, fellow gripers. Over the upcoming holiday seasons we will still have plenty to complain about. The war will not stop. This is not Snoopy’s Christmas Special; there will not be peace on Christmas Day and the Red Baron will still be all over our ass. Homeless people will still be sleeping on grates and naked starving babies will still be running around in Africa. My dog will still be bald.

But through all this, let us remember there will always be times when someone will give us a cool balloon, and there will always be times when something will resemble male genitalia and all you can do is smile.

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# Time flies when you’re having fun

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Recently, I attended my ten year high school reunion, and I couldn’t believe that 10 years had passed so quickly. It seemed like I graduated yesterday. I can still clearly see in my mind walking towards the podium, accepting my diploma and then at the end throwing my cap into the air.

How did the time pass so quickly? Is this because the more aware of the concept of time you are, the longer it takes to pass?

Think back to your senior year in high school. The end of that year signified the beginning of the rest of your adult life. It seemed like an eternity for it to end because you were totally pre-occupied with that year ending. The same goes with a class you take at Floyd that you don’t like. It seems to take forever as you constantly stare at the clock only to realize that only two minutes have passed.

Now think about when you attend a class you enjoy or participate in some activity you classify as fun. The time flies by because you are no longer focused on the time but instead are focusing on the activity.



## Through My Eyes

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Take this same concept and apply it to your life. As adults we don’t focus on time as we did when we were children. Notice how Christmas seems to get here quicker every year.

We tend to get in a set routine or get in a rut. We do the same things over and over again. Only major events like marriage, divorce, births, deaths, college graduations, holidays, reunions, etc. make us step back and realize how much time has passed.

The number one complaint from the people at my reunion was that most people hated their jobs. Most did not have a profession but just accidentally fell into one job or another. Many went to college, but only a few graduated. And of the ones that finished college, most were still unhappy where they ended up. A few, like me, were still trying to decide what their chosen profession should be 10 years later.

When you are 30 plus years old, you can go back to school but

it is much harder than taking advantage of the opportunities when you go for the first time.

My mother went back to college, while pregnant, to become a nurse. She did this while working a full-time job, and along with my father, took care of two young children. It is tough, but it can be done. Take the opportunity to succeed while you are young, have no children and few responsibilities. It will be much easier to do this now, and you will really thank yourself later.

But how do you do this? How do you beat my fate and that of many of my classmates?

First, dream big. What profession makes you want to study even when you don’t have to? I used to say I couldn’t find anything I was interested in. This was a cop-out. I was only making excuses. I was only interested in partying. Talk to people in your community who have jobs you’re interested in. Work internships during the summer. Show initia-

tive. It will be worth it.

The second factor is common sense. Work and study hard. I could never get this down. In high school, a friend asked me, “Jason, why do you do everything half ass? My reply was, “I don’t have to work hard now because I will work hard later.”

My friend who asked me this 10 years ago is now a Georgia Tech graduate and a software engineer. He worked hard in high school and in college, and he now works hard at his job. He is now seeing the fruits of his labor, not only in job satisfaction but also financial compensation.

In life you will end up working hard. The choice you have is that you can work hard at something you love or something you hate.

I’ve heard, and even sometimes used, the line “My life would have been different if more opportunities had come my way.” In the REAL WORLD you make your own opportunities. You have to work hard to get these opportunities and work hard to succeed.

The final factor is the most important of all. You have to have a plan. Going to college doesn’t count. Graduating from college is a great goal but too broad. You

need a precise plan mapping where you are going. Write down your plan and refer back to it frequently. Don’t make the mistake of being vague or trying to keep your goals in your head. There is too much other information in there, and it will get lost in your mind.

A friend of mine, Chuck, likes to take life as it comes. He doesn’t plan but just lives day to day. He says he is young and that he has time. He is partly right. Life does not have to be planned out perfectly to the letter. You should enjoy your life, but when you have no direction, you will not end up where you want to go because you will not know how to get there.

Don’t let a few years of super enjoyment equal 43 years of being miserable. Make your opportunities happen. Put in the effort.

I wish I could redo my college choices, but I can’t get the time back. Be one of the lucky ones who has a career they really enjoy. Remember the clock is ticking, so use it to your advantage. So then, when you go to your 10 year reunion, you will be the one who talks about how you love your job so much that everyone will silently wish you would shut the hell up. Good luck!

## SIX MILE POLL

## What do you want for Christmas, and why?



**Amy Bell**

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Early Childhood Education Major

“I just want money to go shopping. That’s all I want.”



**Stephanie Knight**

Rome Campus

Early Childhood Education Major

“A plane ticket to see my sister. I want this because my family is very important to me. I miss spending time with her.”



**Cory Stephens**

Rome Campus

Education Major

“A new truck and money, and not to be drafted.”



**Bobby Howerton**

Rome Campus

Pharmacy Major

“Boots to wear for looks during the winter and Xbox games. I got to have some games to play.”



**Kellye Owens**

Rome Campus

Early Childhood Educaiton Major

“An engagement ring, because it’s about that time!”

Poll by David Winters

Letters to the Editor...

“What every freshman should know” is right on target

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to comment to you on the section in the October 19th issue of the “Six Mile Post.” I enjoyed reading the article on “What every freshman should know.” I completely understand where Amy is coming from. Many of the girls and guys here at Floyd College just run their mouths about things that I thought I left behind in high school.

**Kandie Bryan**  
Nursing Major  
Rome, GA

Dear Editor,

I appreciated the article “What every freshman should know.” Freshmen need to know that they are not in high school anymore. They should also know that there is a certain maturity level that should be tolerated.

I love the diversity at Floyd College. That’s the beauty of going to college; you get to meet all different kinds’ people with all different kinds of backgrounds. Many people need be aware of who they are talking to and what exactly they are saying to someone.

I experienced a situation where I went and did something and someone at school saw me and the next day everybody knew about. Be careful how you

present yourself because you don’t know who is watching you. Thanks for writing the article I hope it will helpful for freshmen students,

**Jen Henley**  
Psychology Major  
Rome, GA

Pedestrians at risk in parking lot

Dear Editor,

I would like to mention a matter that concerns me. This matter involves everyone that attends Floyd College.

The school’s speed limit in the parking lot is 5 mph, but for some senseless reason the students rushing to class ignore the speed limit. The thing that concerns me the most is the students’ safety. Every day someone is rushing into the parking lot trying not to be late for class and everyday someone is crossing the parking lot trying to get to class.

What will it take to get someone’s attention before a student is hit and killed? Will it be at that time!

P.S. There should be a “yield to student” crossing.

Thank you,

**Agnes Lindsey**  
Nursing Major  
Rome, GA

Librarian praises accuracy

Dear Editor,

The “Six Mile Post” has had many good editors over the years,

but I have to say that you really listened when you interviewed me for the Banned Books readings. I was very pleased with how you interpreted the interview in your article. Over the years, I have been interviewed on this subject at least 10 times but you “got it” the best of anyone so far. Thanks for doing a good job,

**Debbie Holmes**  
Library Director

College name should not be changed

Dear Editor,

I firmly believe that the name of Floyd College should not be changed.

While the name of the school was taken from the name of the county of the original campus, the name of the county is in turn named in honor of John Floyd, military officer, Indian fighter, member of the state and U.S. House of Representatives.

Changing the name of the school is a reaction to the current trend in campus expansion and population growth. History has shown us that these things are not constant or permanent.

Changing the name of the school will also have the undesired effect of creating confusion when dealing with institutions outside the region.

**Kevin Cotham**  
PTNA, MotorcycleTire Division  
Pirelli Drive  
Rome, GA

Political cartoons bash Bush

Dear Editor,

I find it extremely offensive that the political cartoons are all geared towards making our President and the Republican Party look like idiots. Both in the Oct. 19 issue and the one before, both political cartoons are bashing the President. I found it interesting that in the most recent issue, the polls show that Bush is clearly the favorite candidate in the mock election, but I’ve yet to see a political cartoon that shows any sort of support for our President. Even the cartoon on the book ban shows a book clearly labeled “Bush’s 1001 Ways to Screw America.”

Please make it a point to be more balanced in your paper. Slanted views are not appreciated by all. I know it really bothered me that even a small town college newspaper was following in the footsteps of mainstream media.

**Lisa Middleton**  
Psychology  
Cartersville, GA

Dear Editor,

I usually do not read the “Six Mile Post,” but the other day I decided to pick up an issue to check out the results of our mock election.After I found out who won, I continued to skim through the paper. I must say that I was surprised at the liberal, anti-Bush cartoons that I found. Does the “Post” not try to balance the content that is put in the paper? Or is it just another biased media outlet?

**Jacob Cole**  
Business Administration  
Silver Creek, GA

Students should earn financial aid

Dear Editor,

I read your letter about “Earned F regulation now enforced.”

This story gave a lot of good information. I agree with class attendance being monitored. Some students have been taking advantage of how they use financial aid money. Students sign up for classes to get the aid and then do not come to class. Maybe this will keep students from abusing financial aid.

**LaCrista Ferrell**  
Nursing major  
Cedartown, GA

Four-year programs would be better

Dear Editor,

The article on the new school coming and the four-year programs that might happen I believe is a good thing.

I think if we had more four-year programs it would be better. For me I didn’t know what I wanted to be until now, and it is only my second year.

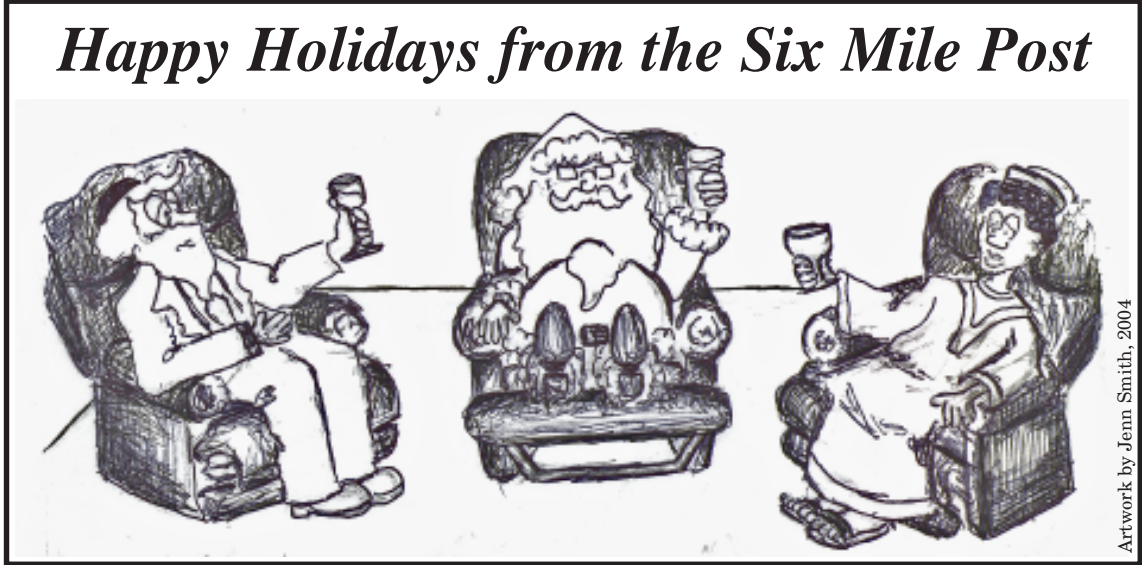
I love going to Floyd College, it is very convenient and I feel comfortable here. I really don’t want to go out and look for another school right now. It would be nice if we had a four- year program here.

You did a good job reporting on this. I can’t wait for a new building to be added.

**Hilary Balliew**  
General Studies  
Calhoun, GA

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- The Editorial Board





# FC instructor publishes book of short stories

By Ashley Morris  
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Staff Writer

If you put pennies on a railroad track as a child, then it's nice to reminisce about it, just as Danny Ingram, part-time English instructor at the Cartersville campus, does in his book "Pennies on the Tracks."

"Pennies on the Tracks" is a collection of 13 short stories, some that originated from Ingram's memory and some that are totally made up. The longest story is 13 pages.

Ingram likes to leave his stories open so that the reader's imagination gets to finish the story.

"I get a little frustrated at society being so video blasted. Reading is pure enjoyment," said Ingram.

He believes reading can be much more fun than just watching TV or a movie.

He said, "If the word "green"

green, but someone else will see a lime green."

Ingram likes the idea that at some point the reader's mind takes control.

"Pennies on the Track" joins another book of Ingram's "Glass Cuts the Shadow," which is a collection of poetry.

Ingram, is currently working on a new book, a novel answering questions about the dinosaurs.

Copies of "Pennies on the Tracks" may be found in the Floyd College Rome campus book store and also online at www.amazon.com.

Ingram is originally from Chattooga County. For more in-



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**Danny Ingram, part-time English instructor, has published a book of short stories.**

formation about Ingram and his writing, visit his website at www.dannyleeingram.com.

## Flu shots for FC fall through

By Gilbert Bailey  
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Staff Writer

Due to a nationwide shortage of flu vaccine, Floyd College nursing students were not able to give flu shots on Oct. 18 as originally planned.

According to Dana Brasel, instructor of nursing, the supplier in England was shut down by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHPRA), the British equivalent of the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

"Most doctors will not have the vaccine either," Brasel said.

This shortage creates the need for vaccines to be reserved for those at high risk, usually the elderly and young children.

Brasel recommends eating a healthy diet, drinking plenty of water, maintaining good hygiene and avoiding large crowds during an outbreak.

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