

Hershey wins second award



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Dr. Jon Hershey helps answer questions for two students during one of his English classes.

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Dr. Jon Hershey, professor of English, has won a second award.

He recently received the Child Advocate of the Year Award from the Rome-Floyd Commission on Children and Youth. Hershey was presented with the award on Oct. 28 at a dinner held at Heritage Hall.

Hershey was nominated for the award by a young Rome Middle School student that he has mentored for several years and also by an adult student from Floyd College.

The judges based their selection on the amount of time the nominee had spent as a mentor and his or her effectiveness.

The first award received was the 2004 Governor's Award in Humanities, presented on May 13, for Hershey's efforts in promoting literature and the arts at the college and in the community. This award was given by Gov. Sonny Perdue during the Humanities Luncheon in Atlanta.

Hershey has been at Floyd College for 21 years, is currently advising "FC Bytes," an online student magazine, and hosts "A Novel Approach" on FCTV in addition to his teaching duties. One of his specialty courses is creative writing.

New interns arrive on Rome campus

Devyn Sheehan-Hicks and Youlanda Elkins-Hight may be a couple of new names to people at FC. They are new interns for the Counseling and Career Center.

Sheehan-Hicks and Elkins-Hight are available by appointment at students' request for career, academic and personal counseling. They also make presentations in various classes on campus on such topics as re-

sume writing, interviewing, test anxiety and stress. Elkins-Hight, who spent some of her earlier days here at Floyd College, is now enrolled at Argosy University, where she is finishing up her degree in counseling psychology. Sheehan-Hicks is using her internship at Floyd College to complete her EDS of Community Counseling at the State University of West Georgia.



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Youlanda Elkins-Hight (left) and Devyn Sheehan-Hicks are interns this year in the FC Counseling and Career Center.



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You must read ‘Mystic River’ before watching film

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Book Review

All the hype generated over the film “Mystic River,” caught my attention, so I found a cheap copy of the novel and decided to actually read the book before I saw the movie.

I must say “Mystic River” by Dennis Lehane is one of those books that absolutely must be read before watching the film. It is an exhilarating mystery involving three childhood friends that all took very different paths.

Jimmy Marcus, Dave Boyle and Sean Devine, who live in South Boston, are playmates as children.

Jimmy and Dave live on the rough side of town and travel with Jimmy’s father to his boss’s house to play with little Sean.

Jimmy is a tough, bitter child, who often lords over the other two kids. Sean holds his ground, but Dave is a pushover. On one visit Jimmy pressures Dave and Sean to steal a car. As the three kids fight over what to do, a suspicious car pulls up with two men inside.

This is a pivotal point in the

plot. Jimmy and Sean are quick on their feet and give excuses to the men posing as policemen. Young Dave Boyle is not so quick and ends up being put into the backseat. After four days he escapes from the men, but the experience has scarred him forever.

The story then picks up 25 years later. The three friends are in very different situations.

Jimmy Marcus owns his own convenience store and is head of a mob-like gang in the old neighborhood.

Sean Devine is a police detective going through a bizarre separation from his wife who recently had a little girl that he supposes is illegitimate.

Dave is married, has a son and still lives in the flats. His wife is Jimmy’s cousin.

All of the excitement starts here.

Jimmy’s daughter, Katie Marcus, has been murdered and Sean has been sent to investigate. There are many suspects, but Lehane keeps the readers’ attention moving from character to character until the very final pages.

The story is beautifully told through incredible character descriptions and elaborate writing.

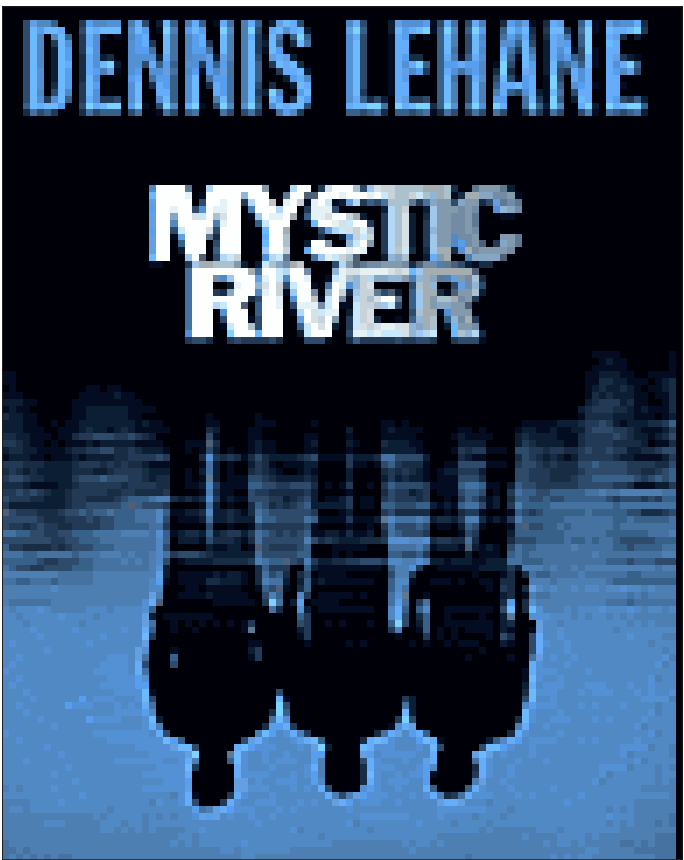


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Lehane excellently describes in a psychological way the intense emotions of each character. The book has a dark, gritty mood that sort of seeps into readers’

brains and leaves them entranced.

The novel deals with many issues.

Readers experience the ma-

nia of a molested child turned adult out to make his own justice.

They also go inside the mind of a grieving father out to settle the score for his daughter’s murder, and experience the thoughts of Brendan Harris, Katie’s lover.

Towards the end of the novel, Lehane works in an important and remarkable reason why Jimmy, Katie’s father, dislikes Brendan so much.

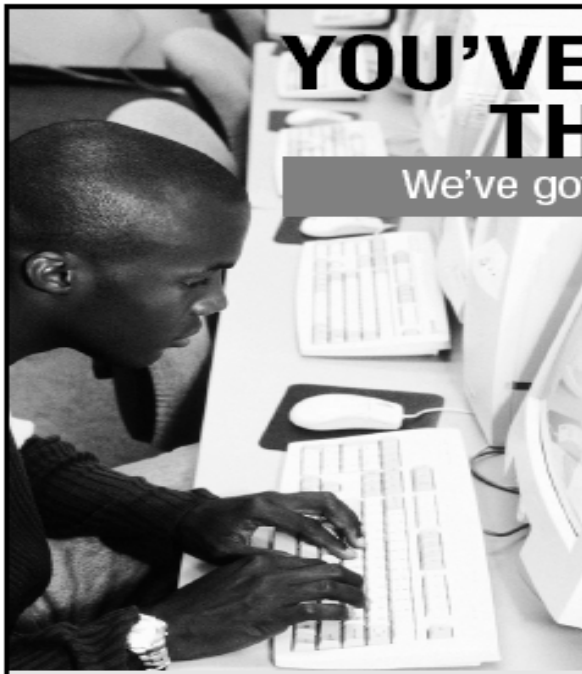
It is difficult to put the book down once dragged into the plot. Readers are drawn into each of the character’s homes and their lives. The evolution of each character’s life is incredible.

Lehane did a beautiful job, and it makes sense that this novel would inspire a very widely talked about and award-winning film.

The novel “Mystic River” is a gritty, dark piece of art.

In fact, without reading the novel to gain an understanding of the true feelings going on inside the characters, people might indeed sleep during the movie.

The movie won three academy awards and stars Sean Penn as Jimmy Marcus, Tim Robbins as Dave Boyle and Kevin Bacon as Sean Devine.



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Book Forum: ‘Reading Lolita in Tehran’

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The book to be discussed at the next Floyd College Book Forum is very much like the Book Forum itself, except with an Islamic twist.

The topic of discussion for the Nov. 18 Book Forum will be over “Reading Lolita in Tehran” by Azar Nafisi. Frank Minor, associate professor of English, will be leading the discussion.

The book takes place in the mid 1990s and is based on Nafisi’s experiences of holding secret readings and discussions of banned Western literature at her home in Tehran, Iran.

After resigning from her job at a university due to repressive policies, Nafisi and some of her former female students get together every Thursday for two years to read and discuss books that have been banned in their country, such as “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald, “Pride and Prejudice” by Jane

Austen and “Lolita” by Vladimir Nabokov.

The discussions eventually cause the women to open up and speak their minds on social, cultural and political issues under

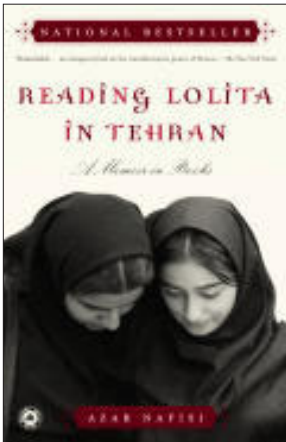


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a repressive government that greatly affects their lives.

“The book shows that literature has the power to transform people’s lives,” said Minor.

The book forum is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the solarium.

Would you like Veruca Salt with that?

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Music Review

An indie-rock favorite of mine is "Eight Arms to Hold You" by the band Veruca Salt. While a little obscure, this album has undeniable flair.

Blasting its way in as the second song on the album, "Volcano Girls" is a good old-fashioned girl rock anthem that makes for great highway driving. Roll the win-

dows down and scream, because this song asks for it.

Following in this pigtail banging parade is "Awesome," which stays pretty true to its name. Listeners could ask for a little deeper meaning in the chorus, but it, along with the ridiculous "With David Bowie," is definite ear candy. As with many indie albums the lyrics don't make perfect sense, but are a lot of fun. And somehow people can't help but sing along.

Toward the end of the album

the serious, more profound musicians come out in songs like "Benjamin" and "The Morning Sad." Words like "desperate" and "mess" make their first dispirited arrival along with the acoustic guitar and smoldering vocals. Listeners can almost see the veil of soulful, possibly suicidal, artist being drawn over the former wild rock-chica.

"Loneliness Is Worse" rips melancholy verses from the lead singers. The lyrics paint a tragic picture and manage to bring on

a soft depression, even though listeners may not be sure what they're supposed to be depressed about.

The album ends with the eerie ballad "Earthcrosser." These lyrics make even less sense. At one point the line "Where's my lip gloss?" is shouted as if a desperate cry for salvation.

This album is all about emotions. Each song has its own feel. And even if the lyrics are confusing, the melody seems to carry a universal quality that puts the

listener in exactly the mood the band intended.



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'Ladder 49' Bond Forged By Fire

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Movie Review

Would you go into a burning building that is exploding with terrorizing flames? Probably not, unless you are one of the brave men in the movie "Ladder 49."

From the first few seconds of watching the preview, you know it's going to be a classic. If there could only be one word to sum up this movie it would be realistic. But there would also be many others such as awesome, accurate, powerful, sweet, funny, awe-inspiring and breathtaking.

You truly get sucked in to the life of a firefighter when you watch this powerful movie.

The entire movie is made up of flashbacks starting with a very intense first scene of the movie.

In this scene Joaquin Phoenix gets stuck in a huge blazing building with an injury, and he starts to reminisce about his life beginning with his first day at the firehouse.

Phoenix plays a 'rookie' fireman who gets many tricks played on him at first, but ends up being one of the best men they have in the company.

There also seems to be a special, almost father-son bond between Phoenix and John

with "Ladder 49." A great part of it is that it's not just a guy movie.



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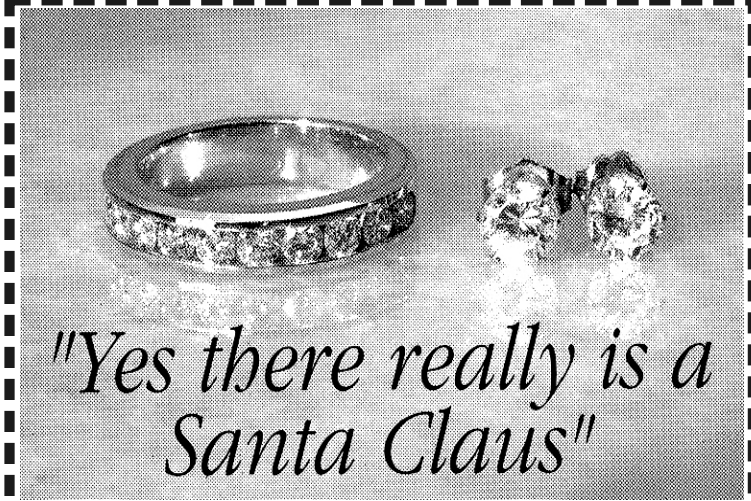
Travolta who plays the captain.

Not since "Backdraft" has there been a movie about firefighters this good. This is a well deserved firefighter story that is way overdue. This movie is GREAT.

Basically, you can't go wrong

Yeah, it's got lots of fire, explosions, and masculine tough guy stuff, but there is a lot of emotion in this film for the ladies too.

In my opinion, you should definitely go see this movie, and let's all give it up for firefighters everywhere!



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Dream Team members (from left) Charles Hill, Ryan Loyd and Dayne Styles take a moment to pose for their “glory shot” after being named the championship team.



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ABOVE: Out of Shape desperately tries to “snag a flag” from Seth Ingram as he trots downfield for a Hob Nail Boot first down. TOP RIGHT: Brandon Buford (left) manages to prevail over the slapping hands for a two points swish. BELOW RIGHT: Chris McGill tucks tail and runs in fear of being flag-snatched by mighty Hob Nail Booter Seth Ingram.



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Dream Team & Hob Nail Boot taste victory

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Basketball, football finals

The Dream Team and Hob Nail Boot are this season’s intramural champs.

For the final game of the 3 - on-3 basketball tournament, the Dream Team was up against the undefeated Celtics. The Celtics put up their best fight but still fell to the Dream Team 48 - 36.

Tim Smith was the Celtic’s leading scorer with 17 points. The Dream Team’s leading scorer was Charles Hill with 20 points.

The championship team consisted of Ryan Loyd, Charles Hill and Dayne Styles.

In the championship flag football game on Nov. 9, Hob Nail Boot defeated Out of Shape 13 - 6.

Other intramurals

Tennis tournaments began Oct. 18. Thirty students are par-

ticipating in the tournaments, which are divided into four categories: men’s beginner, men’s intermediate, women’s beginner and women’s intermediate.

The FIT program ended Nov. 12.

If you didn’t get a chance to see or play any intramurals this semester, there’s always spring intramurals. They will include 5-on-5 basketball, volleyball, golf tournaments, the FIT program and Ultimate Frisbee.



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Banquet to honor fall intramural athletes

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Near the end of every semester Floyd College puts together a little shindig to recognize those students and faculty who gave their best, or even their worst, in the name of intramural sports.

The fall 2004 intramural sports banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Rome campus gymnasium on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

At the banquet, awards will be presented to the champions of the various leagues.

Awards will also be given to those being recognized for outstanding individual achieve-

ments.

All students and faculty who have participated in any of the fall intramural sports activities are invited to attend the banquet.

Physical education lab coordinator and intramural sports director, David Mathis, thanks those who participated in the intramurals program this semester.

“Everyone who participated is a winner in my book,” Mathis said.

Mathis would also like to invite students to take the time to participate in intramural sports next spring.

“Intramural sports will make your college experience more rewarding,” said Mathis.

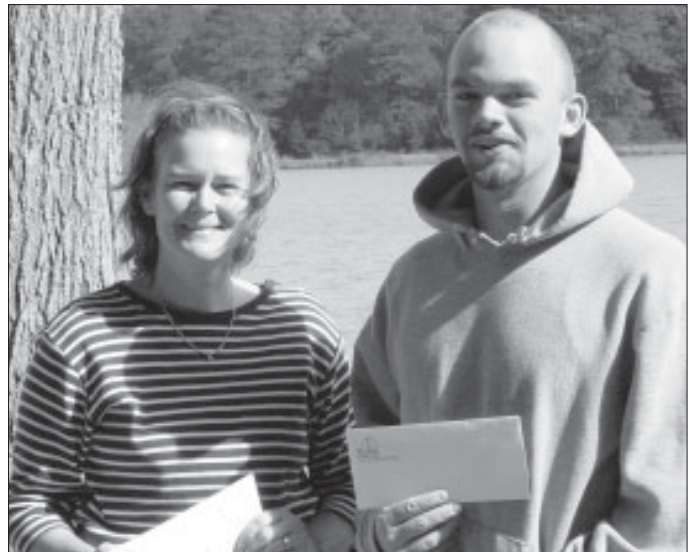


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Eileen Walker, advising coordinator, won by 11 seconds off her estimated time and Zach Green, a business administration major from Silver Creek, won by 38 seconds.

Floyd College holds walk/run in the spirit of turkey day

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Lake behind the Floyd College library.

Thirty-two people participated in the Walk/Run.

Eileen Walker, advising coordinator, and student Zach Green, won the 20th annual Turkey Walk/Run sponsored by the intramurals sports department.

Walker and Green won the coveted turkey prize, \$25 gift certificates to Honey Baked Hams.

The rules were simple; each participant guessed how much time it would take him or her to walk or run around the lake.

The male and female winners were those who come in closest to their estimated times.

The event was held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 12:30 p.m. on the track around Paris



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Psychology major Diedre Ringer runs ahead.

when Ralph Peters came within three seconds of his estimated time."

Peters, no stranger to running, calculated his time by allowing for slippage in the gravel and adding some extra time to his normal two-mile run time on pavement.

The record holder for the Turkey Walk/Run is Dr. Ralph Peters, professor of sociology.

"My most memorable moment," said David Mathis, physical education lab coordinator, "is

Xmas tournament to kick off in December

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Every winter for the past 21 years, high school basketball has invaded the Floyd College gym for Christmas tournaments sponsored by the "Rome News-Tribune."

The money earned by the tournament is given to the local high schools' athletic depart-

ments and to the FC non-traditional student scholarship program.

Over the years that Floyd College has been hosting the tournament, over \$125,000 has been donated to the scholarship program, according to David Mathis, physical education lab coordinator and director of Floyd College intramurals.

This year's tournament is Dec. 20 through Dec. 23.

All local Floyd County high schools, as well as Rome, Darlington, Chattooga, Adairsville, Rockmart, Cedartown, Gordon Central and Calhoun will be participating in the holiday event.

The tournament outgrew its original location at the Memorial Gym in Rome and was moved to Floyd College in 1983.

The tournament is in its 51st year.

Chipper Jones ices the cake for baseball fan

Even before I was born, my family were Atlanta Braves fans. So, naturally, I grew up loving them too.

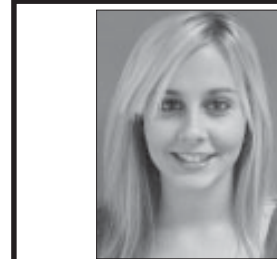
My parents taught me the rules and the players and took me to a game almost every summer. I became very familiar with the sport and loved to watch it on television. When I was young, my parents would have friends from church and neighbors over for dinner.

They would talk about who they thought would win the baseball game they were about to watch, and some would leave the table to sit on the couch and chairs by the TV.

I was too young to know what was going on, but I did know I wanted the Braves to win. I can remember the shouts and yells when the baseball went over the wall, and I can still see the chips that got knocked on the floor.

Finally, when I was about 10, my parents took me and my younger brothers to Atlanta to watch the Braves play Colorado.

It was intense because of all the screaming fans. Some were painted in red and blue, some had on jerseys and some were just in normal attire. It was really exciting to see the players hit the ball, run to a base and steal the next one.



Sports Column

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I was a little annoyed, though, because when an umpire would yell, I did not understand what was going on.

My father explained to me about balls and strikes: how four balls meant the batter walked to first base and three strikes struck him out. Then, he explained the point system to me, and I had a better idea of what was really going on.

Four years later, when I was 14, I was watching Atlanta play on TV. My brother's favorite player was Chipper Jones. I noticed his batting average was higher than most, so I knew he was probably very good.

Then I noticed how cute he was, and I decided that he was my favorite player as well.

One day at Wal-Mart, I saw a poster of Chipper and begged my mom to get it for me.

She agreed, and I posted it up in my room.

Over the next few years I

adorned my room with Chipper items. I had Chipper Jones key chains, cards and baseballs. I have never met him, but I did have a photo made that looked like I was standing with him in the dugout.

I have taken my posters down since then and redecorated.

My boyfriend knows I still have a small obsession with Chipper Jones, but he just laughs at me. I try to say it is because Chipper is so great at baseball, but, then again, he did not do so well this season.

Most people are fans of the teams their parents like. I knew I liked the Atlanta Braves even before I knew what was going on.

As I grew older, I started to watch baseball because of a certain player, but that was not the main reason.

I absolutely love the sport, and it is fun to get fired up over it. Chipper is only icing on the cake.



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FC abroad: Germany and central Europe

Floyd College students participating in the study abroad program went to parts of central Europe for two weeks last June. This 10-day tour of Berlin, Munich, Prague, Potsdam and the Swiss Alps earned students up to six hours credit for HIST 1121 and 1122. Dr. Jim Cook, FC professor emeritus and part-time professor of history, was the trip coordinator.

Next summer Cook will be coordinating a study abroad trip entitled “Gems of Italy.” The trip are dates June 3-12. Students will visit the cities of Rome, Florence, Milan and Venice, as well as places such as Pompeii and the Sistine Chapel. Students can earn independent study credit for HIST 1121 or HIST 1122. Teachers can receive three SDUs through RESA.



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TOP RIGHT: Students saw Neuschwanstein Castle, otherwise known as Mad Ludwig’s Castle, built in the mid 1800s. Disney based its Sleeping Beauty’s Castle on this castle. **TOP LEFT:** Graffiti covers what remains of the Berlin Wall. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Cook and his group pose for a photo in Munich. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Students visited Dachau Memorial Site, where the Dachau Concentration Camp once stood. The International Monument, seen below, was built in 1956, and is located between the former service building and roll call square, where prisoners lined up to be counted twice a day.



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