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Study abroad students enjoy the beauty of Russia.

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College goes through a time of transition

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Many changes are coming to Floyd College.

According to Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, Floyd College students and the surrounding community can look forward to the possible addition of more four-year programs, new campuses and even a name change for the school.

This, he says, is due to the rapid population growth in northwest Georgia around the I-75 and U.S. 278 areas. "It's like this big blob is moving to the north and west from Atlanta," said Pierce.

Currently, 36 percent of Floyd College students are coming from Bartow and Cobb counties. Only 29 percent are from Floyd County. The remaining students travel from Chattooga, Carroll, Haralson, Polk, Cherokee, Paulding and Gordon counties.

Pierce explained that in an effort to become a regional institution and serve the growing needs of the surrounding community, Floyd College has entered negotiations with Southern Polytechnic Institute in Marietta to "share space" by offering classes on the Southern Poly campus. This way students not yet admitted to Southern Poly could take core classes from Floyd on the Southern Poly campus with plans to transfer later, without having to relocate.

Floyd College's Acworth campus will move from its current location on the North Metro Tech campus into the old Woodstock Elementary School campus, which was vacated last year. Plans are to share this space with Appalachian Technical College and Reinhardt College.

According to Pierce, the Cherokee County and the Woodstock City Commission will be financing part of the elemen-

tary school's renovations.

If all goes according to plan, the Woodstock campus should be open by fall of 2005.

Pierce said that construction of the new Bartow campus is on schedule and the building should be open for the 2005 Maymester.

With the opening of campuses in Woodstock and Marietta, as well as the new Bartow campus, Floyd College will have campuses in Floyd, Bartow, Cobb and Cherokee counties.

With campuses in four counties by 2005, Pierce said that many people believe the school's name, which was derived from Floyd County, the location of the college's original campus, will no longer be appropriate.

"While we recognize and deeply appreciate the role of Floyd County in the establishment of the institution almost 34 years ago, as a state-funded institution we have an obligation to continue to serve as a point of access for an even broader geographic region," Pierce stated.

Last year Floyd College proposed a name change to the Board of Regents. According to Pierce some names being considered include Georgia Northwestern College, Etowah College and Georgia Foothills College. Pierce also said that he welcomes any



Photo by Rick Climer

The Bartow construction site is a key element in the transition of Floyd College.

name recommendations, but that the name should be something that captures or identifies the larger geographical region that Floyd College serves.

While the Board of Regents is open to suggestions for the name change, it will make the final decision as to the college's new name. The decision is expected

around April 2005.

At the same time Floyd College requested the name change, the college also requested a mission review of its educational role with the hopes of soon being approved to offer more four-year programs to the community, Pierce said. The Board of Regents must approve this change

as well.

While Floyd will continue to offer bridge programs in nursing with West Georgia and Kennesaw, the college hopes to offer its own four-year business and education programs. Floyd College will continue to offer its two year degree programs, Pierce said.



Photo by Rick Climer

The new Bartow campus building is expected to be done by mid-spring.

Bartow construction going as planned

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According to Doug Webb, director of the physical plant at Floyd College, construction of the Bartow County campus is right on schedule, and the campus should be open for Maymester classes in 2005.

Webb is also the liaison between the project's contractor, Aviation Contractors Incorporated (ACI), and the Board of Regents.

Webb said the project is a

little over budget, but this was not due to any massive design changes or minor unseen events. The project has gone over budget because of furniture.

Of the \$21 million project budget, approximately \$1.2 million was allotted for loose equipment, which mainly consists of computers and furnishings.

"The furniture budget was estimated at the beginning of the project prior to completion of the final plans," said Webb.

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Floyd College will use \$12,900 grant to promote drug and alcohol education

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Floyd College has attained a grant of \$12,900 to teach students drug and alcohol awareness.

The Drug/Alcohol Education Grant provides funds to teach students the statistics about drug or alcohol related accidents and abuse.

“With the grant we can do bigger and better things with this type of programming. Hopefully we can put it to good use,” said John Spranza, director of the Office of Student Life.

There are five objectives the college is required to meet for the grant, but the three main objectives of the college’s drug/alcohol program are to assess the possibility for drug/alcohol abuse in the school, inform students of the effect of alcohol and drugs on the human body and get positive results from the program.

A student worker position to help carry out the goals and objectives of the grant is required, and this will be a 10-hour a week paid position at \$7 an hour from Oct. 25 through Sept. 2005.

Educational materials will also be provided by Baccus and Gamma, a national college organization that uses peer educators to teach students about the risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

The Office of Student Life is

also working with the Career and Counseling Office to gather peer educators and take them to training sessions to learn to teach seatbelt safety, the dangers of mixing drugs/alcohol and driving, and how to make better life choices.

The problem with this grant, however, is that only the main Floyd College campus can afford to hold the awareness events, said Spranza.

Students who are interested in filling the student worker Peer Education position can contact Spranza after Oct. 25 in the Office of Student Life at 706-295-6363 or at jspranza@floyd.edu.

FLOYD COUNTY
DUI IN 2000:

- over 300 DUI arrests were made
- 12 people died in car accidents caused by DUI in Floyd County
- approx. 30% of all alcohol-related traffic accidents in Floyd County involved drivers under 21.

Source: Floyd Co. Police Dept.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month brings advice from breast cancer survivor

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month was first recognized 19 years ago in October 1985.

Breast cancer is a growth of malignant cells in the breast. Though the cause of breast cancer is unknown, there are many risk factors.

Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology, is a breast cancer survivor. “It was the most devastating news in my life,” said Johnson. “I was diagnosed with stage four and it was considered terminal. I was told later that if I had not done the radiation treatments, I would have died within three months.”

Johnson was diagnosed in 1991. Her cancer is now in remission.

Though breast cancer is more prominent in women, the disease does not discriminate against men.

According to the Breast Health Resource Online, www.imaginis.com, male breast cancer accounts for approximately 1.0 percent of all breast cancer cases.

In the year 2000, the American Cancer Society estimated that 1,400 new cases of invasive



Photo by Sam Chapman

Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology and breast cancer survivor, makes pink ribbons for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

breast cancer were diagnosed in men. Approximately 400 of these men died from breast cancer.

Johnson suggests that everyone “do breast self-exams, stay healthy and exercise.” She openly speaks about her experience and is willing to use her experiences to help other people deal with cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, “Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year and should continue to do so for as


long as they are in good health.” If detected early, the chances of surviving cancer may be greater.

Doctors and scientists worldwide are trying to cure all types of cancer. People can help this cause by donating to cancer research organizations, such as the American Cancer Society.

For more information about breast cancer please visit www.breastcancer.org, www.cancer.org, www.imaginis.com or consult your local doctor.

Who wouldn't say

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According to Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, the furniture plans were made by an interior design team working with the architect. He further explained that “the quality of furniture has gone over budget a little, but the latest word from the University System is that the System will try to help us find the money to pay for the deficit.”

Webb said that Floyd College does not have to worry about monetary loss due to damages to property or from any contractor’s mistakes, since the contractor is liable for any loss. He said that the contractor is “more than qualified” for the job, and no problems have come up yet.

The new campus is also being affected by the tight state budget. Pierce stated that he had hoped to hire many new faculty and staff for the Bartow campus; however, due to the governor’s \$179 million budget cuts, this

will not yet be possible, and new hires will have to be kept at a minimum.

Originally Pierce projected hiring an assistant director of student life, a student services specialist that will report to Dr. Ron Shade, vice president of student development, as well as employees for counseling and business offices. Though it now looks as though hiring for some of these positions may currently be impossible, Pierce says he does not plan to cut any positions that are already occupied and will try to “stretch” money to hire as many part-time employees as possible.

While state budget cuts may affect both the Floyd and Bartow campuses to some degree, Pierce stated that these cuts “should not impact Floyd College’s quality of service, but may impact convenience.” For example, next year students may have to make appointments to speak with coun-



Photo by Rick Climer

Construction of Floyd College’s Bartow campus continues moving on schedule. Plans have already been made for a phase two construction to be built when this facility is filled.

selors. Pierce did state that these cuts will have no effect on availability of classes.

There are future plans that call for a second phase expansion for the Bartow Campus. According to Webb, this phase would cost approximately \$28 million.

Webb stated that it should take five to seven years for this project to come into effect, since construction projects require going through a five-year cycle to advance through all the projects presented or planned by the University System. However, if the

new Bartow campus’ capacity is maxed out in the next few years, the project may move much faster.

Webb said that FC would continue yearly to present the phase two proposition to the Board of Regents for consideration.

Yard sale to raise funds to promote AIDS awareness

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Do you brake for yard sales? The AIDS Resource Council (ARC) certainly hopes so.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. turn in at the old Riverside Chevrolet building on Turner McCall Blvd. in Rome and brake for a bargain hunter’s paradise sponsored by ARC.

“We hope to have something for everyone and raise some money for a great cause,” said Kenneth Hudson, chair of ARC and Floyd College 2004 alumnus of the Human Services Program.

Susan Claxton, human services coordinator, says that the Human Services Club as well as the Service Learning Office are supporting the yard sale. “So far we have four student volunteers from service learning. This is a great way for students to meet the service learning requirements for human services majors.”

Brooke West, a 20-year-old pre-pharmacy major from Rome who is volunteering her time co-

ordinating the yard sale, said, “We appreciate the support from everyone.”

West believes AIDS prevention and awareness is an issue that should interest everyone. 1.1 persons out of every 100 is a carrier of the HIV virus.

“It’s not just a problem concerning stereotypes. It impacts more people and families than you think. This is a great opportunity to get involved and help do something about it,” West said.

The ARC is an organization in Rome whose purpose is to promote education and information about AIDS and AIDS related issues.

The ARC will use the proceeds from the yard sale to provide information, education and support services to the Roman community with a focus on prevention.

According to West, the ARC is currently working on a web page to provide information as well as local resources relative to HIV and AIDS.

Donations for the yard sale can be dropped off at the Service Learning Office in the Office of Student Life.

Banned Book Read-In opens students’ minds

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A Banned Books Read-In was held Monday, Oct. 4, in the Student Center in recognition of Banned Books Week.

More than 17 faculty, staff and students signed up to read such frequently banned classics as “Huck Finn” by Mark Twain, “The Catcher in the Rye” by J.D. Salinger and “To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee.

“We want to encourage the ability to attack a complex idea or thought,” said Debbie Holmes, library director. “We hope people will pick up something to read and get the value of it,” said Holmes.

Holmes, who coordinated the Banned Books Read-In, believes that books can relate to a variety of experiences. She feels that people can find voices similar to theirs through reading and that hiding away certain books can do more harm than good. “We don’t hold this event to shock people, but to show what they would be missing,” said Holmes.

Most efforts to ban books focus on materials used in grades K-12. Some of these books are considered too scary or likely to encourage disrespect towards authority.



Photo by Tessa Brock

Beth Harrison, associate professor of developmental reading, reads from “The Charm School” by Nelson DeMille at FC’s Banned Books Read-In.

Sometimes books are banned in public libraries and bookstores also.

Problems that arise most are with books that contain witchcraft, such as the Harry Potter books, which have made an appearance on many lists of banned books, according to www.education-world.com.

Books, however, don’t have to have major controversial reasons to get banned from bookshelves.

“Perez and Martina” by Pura Belpre was banned in Portland, Ore., in 1988 because the death of a mouse that takes place in the story could upset children.

“Little Red Riding Hood” was banned in two school districts in California in 1990 because Little Red Riding Hood’s basket had a

bottle of wine in it with fresh bread and butter, and therefore the book could be seen as condoning the use of alcohol.

Lewis Carroll’s book “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” was banned in China in 1931 because animals should not use human language and because of an objection to putting animals and human beings on the same level.

Books are usually banned in school systems because a complaint is made to a school system. A committee then meets and discusses why or why not the book is appropriate to have on the school’s bookshelves. After review and discussion, the committee then decides whether to recommend that the book be banned or not.

International fair works to expand cultural awareness

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The third annual International Festival will be taking place Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Floyd College student center.

The festival was cultivated two years ago, commencing on the main campus with the Floyd College Studies classes that were studying diversity. The classes came up with the idea of the International Festival and joined the Cultural Awareness Society and the Office of Student Life to promote it.

The goal of the International Festival is to broaden awareness of different countries and cultures, with emphasis on the United States because of its various regional customs, and to promote involvement in the Study Abroad Program.

Each table will display handouts about a country, have food to sample, and have artifacts and music.

Though the first year had a small attendance, the organizers proceeded again with the festival

last year. This time international students as well as study abroad students got involved.

Phyllis Weatherly, director of counseling and career services, encourages Floyd College students to participate.

“We’re a very diverse country with a global economy and workplace so we need to be better equipped to live with and understand others. Americans have a tendency to assume we’re the center of the universe, so we hope this exposure will expand the world view of our students,” Weatherly said.

Countries that have been represented in the past include Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Hispanic countries, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, the Philippines, Russia and Turkey, as well as various regions of the United States.

Those interested in participating in the festival this year should contact Weatherly or John Spranza, director of student life, who both have a list of countries already being represented. Students may help with those who already have tables or sponsor a country of their own.

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The Board of Regents has voted unanimously to reject the proposed 10 percent tuition increase for the spring semester. What does this mean for you?

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Read about the impact of the Board of Regents’ decision in the Nov. 16 edition of the “Six Mile Post”!

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FC hires first ever full-time music and philosophy professors

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Music and philosophy courses now have full-time instructors, a first for Floyd College.

“I’m just really excited to be the first full-time music instructor Floyd has ever had in its 30 plus years. It’s a step in the right direction,” said Robert C. Adams.

Adams began as the full-time music instructor during the fall semester.

Adams, a native of Cartersville, previously taught at Floyd College part time for seven years. “I’ve always wanted to be at a two-year school because there is always potential for developing students’ love for music,” Adams said.

Adams plans to start a choral ensemble soon, possibly next year at the Bartow Campus, but he would like to see new music programs added to the curriculum. Currently, music appreciation is the only class offered in his department.

If Floyd College becomes a four-year college, Adams said that offering an associate degree in music would be the first step in a long process.

Adams received his Master of

Music Degree from the University of Tennessee and his Bachelor of Arts in Music and Mathematics from Berry College.

Alan W. Nichols, Floyd College’s first full time philosophy instructor, said he took the job at Floyd because “there is a very collegial attitude among the

faculty and staff, which is nice.”

Currently, Floyd College only offers an introduction to philosophy course, but Nichols thinks a variety in the courses, such as introduction to logic and critical thinking as well as introduction to ethics, will grow along with the college size and budget. Nichols would also like to offer at least one upper level course such as political philosophy or history of philosophy. “I want to do all I can to make the philosophy offerings a success in the here and now, which will help provide a steady base for future growth,” Nichols affirmed.

Nichols, a native of Alabama, was awarded a Master of Arts in Philosophy Degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and graduated from the University of Alabama-Birmingham with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He is currently completing his dissertation at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Adams



Nichols

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Casualties of the war on terror

Is giving up our privacy and personal information worth thinking that we are safer than four years ago?

Under the Patriot Act that was enacted six weeks after 9-11 as part of Homeland Security and the Campaign of Fear that George W. Bush and his cronies are spearheading, our government decided to give itself the right to confiscate our medical and financial records, our computer files and emails, our telephone records, records of what books we check out in school and public libraries and even records of what books we buy at the local Barnes and Noble.

And here's the punch line – all of this can happen even if a person has never committed a crime, has no speeding tickets, no probation or jail time, not even a warning for jaywalking.

So what does that mean for

a 23-year-old who has broken a leg, or a parent working two jobs to support kids, or a teenager who likes to send emails to friends about someone he or she has a crush on, or someone who places a call to cousin Amin in California, or a Floyd College student who checks out the Qur'an because it's required for a religious studies class?

We no longer have the freedom of keeping anything personal.

Big Brother can now not only use a satellite in space to watch us walk through a parking lot, but He can see if we've checked out any books on witchcraft or cannibalism.

Additional hassles are created if one's name is identical or similar to one on the Suspected Terrorist List.

For example, most employers do not take the time and effort to differentiate identi-

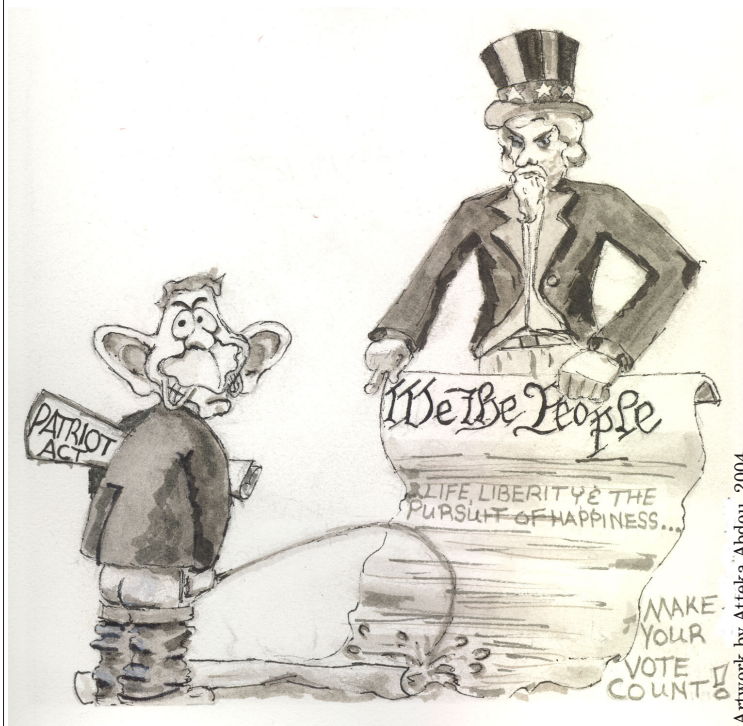
ties by checking birthdates and similar information. This leaves unsuspecting innocent people, who just happen to have a name similar to that of a suspected terrorist, wondering why they keep getting turned down for jobs.

Traveling can also be a hassle.

Innocent people are interrogated at the airport because their name may sound like or be only a letter or two off from an actual terrorist's name that pops up on the List.

Now granted, with the mess that our incompetent administration has gotten us into in the Middle East, we don't want just anyone getting on a plane, but when innocent people are being denied jobs and our personal lives are at stake because the Bush Administration is free to spy on us at any time, exactly who is safer and exactly who is free?

After all, it's just an old piece of paper.



What every freshman should know

Some college newspapers run the standard article titled something like "What every freshman should know" or "How to survive your freshman year."

Floyd College has experienced a large percentage of traditional freshman enrollments this semester. Therefore, I would like to give a little friendly advice to the traditional freshmen.

Instead of telling you how to effectively study, how to manage your time wisely or how to maintain your relationships, I am going to say this: you are in college now; try to act like it. This statement may be simple, but I have experienced and have been told of a few instances that have happened this semester that have made me shake my head.

The main idea is to realize that you are now exposed to many different people with different lifestyles and beliefs. Some FC students are older than you, are already parents, are married, are Democrats, are divorced, already work full-time jobs, are gay, are Republicans and some even believe in God.



Editor's Box

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I was recently asked by a fellow student, who I don't know well, how many children I had. When I told her I have three children, she replied she was sorry. Sorry for what or whom? I am honored to have my children. Having college student status does not give you the right to be rude. Try learning to think before you speak.

I continue to hear the never-ending questions about political affiliation and religious beliefs. I know what I want for my country, and I know what my personal beliefs are spiritually. I do not need someone telling me how wrong I am and how I should think. Believe it or not, these two topics are not always acceptable conversation pieces with all college students.

Also, be careful of what information you do disclose about yourself, and be careful of how

loudly you say it. I heard one girl recently said in class that she and her boyfriend "do it like rabbits," not caring who heard this declaration. Be careful of what you say because it could come back and bite you later in life. Your future boss may be sitting within earshot of you.

It is now time to leave high school behavior behind. There do not seem to be many cliques here at FC. No jocks to impress, no cheerleaders to hate. Everyone does his or her own thing, and nobody else cares.

Realizing the diversity of this new environment can be one of the hardest lessons to learn your freshman year. Try to be aware of your surroundings and enjoy being a freshman. Statistics have shown that friends made in your freshman year of college are the friends you are most likely to keep.

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In memory of Rick Climer



March 31, 1981 - October 1, 2004

“Six Mile Post” photographer Rick Climer died in a car accident on Oct. 1.

Rick was a journalism major from Silver Creek who did music reviews as well as photography. The October issue of the “Six Mile Post” is dedicated to him and contains several of his photographs and a music review.

In addition to being a talented photographer, Rick was well-liked, always willing to lend a hand, hard-working, always optimistic and fun to be around.

On his last photo assignment, he and I drove to Bartow County to take pictures of the new Floyd College campus. As usual, he took over 100 pictures trying to get the most interesting shot possible. Afterwards, he and I decided to meet “Six Mile Post” staff members at the Cartersville and Acworth campuses, eventually getting lost for about seven hours to meet one of them for 10 minutes. That’s how dedicated to the paper he was.

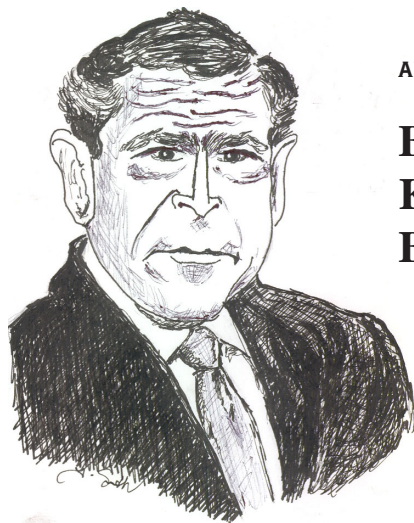
The “Six Mile Post” family will miss Rick very much.

Sam Chapman
Editor and friend

Goodbye, Rick, we will miss you...

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Badnarik	4%	Badnarik	2%
Total votes: 251		Total votes: 219	



John Kerry



Michael Badnarik

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Once upon tomorrow in a library...



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Letters to the Editor...

Encouraged to vote

Dear Editor,

I read your article, "Don't Vote, It Only Encourages Them." This was a very good article because it seems as if it is talking to the younger people. I am 18 and I plan to vote this year for the first time and this letter encourages me a lot more to pick the leader of our country. Before, I was just going to vote for whoever my dad voted for because he is a smart man. Now I want to vote based on my beliefs. So this article made me want to be more involved and actually know people who are running. I just wanted to say thank you from all of the younger people who read that article.

Clarice Estes
Pre-Nursing Major
Rome, GA

A business instructor enjoys the SMP

Dear Editor,

I have taught at the Cartersville and NMT campuses over the past year and have read many if not all of the SMP issues printed during that time. I just read through the Sept. 28 issue and wanted to pass along my congratulations. I especially enjoyed the Hunter S. Thompson quote and cartoons. Most of the time you only hear from people when they have a problem or complaint so I thought I would take the opportunity to pass along some praise. Keep up the good work.

David L. Williams
Part-time instructor of business administration

Props from up top

Sam,

Darn good article on voting! I've been badgering my students also.

Bill Mugleston
Chair of social and cultural studies

Banning books should be banned

Dear Editor,

I recently received an e-mail from Floyd College on the 100 most frequently challenged books of 1999-2000.

I was shocked at some of the selections. Many of the books I read as far back as fifth and sixth grade. Books by Maya Angelou, Mark Twain, and John Steinbeck are being banned. These are the authors my English teachers never got tired of talking about. They are the authors whose work I learned to love and respect. As I read further down the list, I saw that authors like Judy Blume, Louis Sachar, Roald Dahal, and Shel Silverstine, also had banned books. By the time I reached the end of the list, I was speechless. I do not understand how some of the authors made it on this list. I think it is a disservice to the world of literature to try so hard to censor certain authors.

Many of the works being banned are classic pieces of literature, and others are just good, fun reading... I strongly suggest picking at least one book from this list and deciding for yourself if you think it deserves to be banned.

Brittani Swinford
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Freshman feeling better now

Dear Editor,

I am a new freshman here at Floyd College. I am from Adairsville, so I don't know many people that go to this campus. I thought that your article about new students was really good because it let me know that I wasn't the only one who was lost. I was also surprised to see someone in your paper that I know, and who isn't from Adairsville. So thank you for the article, I know now that I'm not the only one who was feeling a little overwhelmed and anxious about the new school year.

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Iteme disputes Africa’s media image

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Roselind Iteme, a pre-nursing major from Marietta, currently in her second year at Floyd College, has lived most of her life in Nigeria on the continent of Africa. She moved to the United States five years ago when her husband needed to relocate for his job.

She did not experience much culture shock. “There was not much difference in living there and living here,” she said. The cultural transition went smoothly for Roselind, mainly, she said, because the population where she lived in Nigeria was about 50 percent black and 50 percent white.

One thing she finds funny about living in the United States is that when people hear she is from Nigeria, the media images of Africa start running through their minds. “Everyone in Africa is not starving or living in the jungle,” Iteme said. She recalled one instance when a small child



Photo by Rick Climer

Roselind Iteme speaks candidly about growing up in Nigeria and the transition to living in the United States.

came up to her, after hearing that she was from Nigeria, and asked her how she got over here and out of the jungle.

The idea that Nigeria is an undeveloped nation with thick jungles and no way of acquiring food is a huge misconception. With a population of 108 million, Nigeria is very industrialized and is rated 10th in the world for oil production. The major cities

are very culturally diverse, similar to major cities here.

Roselind has not been back to Nigeria since moving here in 1999, but she will finally get the opportunity to visit this December during Floyd College’s winter break. She stated that she is very excited and looks forward to seeing her mother. Her family, she said, is one of the things she misses most.

OSL discount tickets available

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College students may find themselves scrounging around for the last penny. When they see one in a parking lot and pick it up, they may say, “Hey 99 more and it makes a dollar.”

Luckily for the starving college students, the Office of Student Life (OSL) has many discounted event tickets available for students and faculty.

“It’s a way for the school to give back to the students,” said Eric Turner, a human services major from Rome who works in the OSL.

Venues frequently offering discount tickets include the Rome Little Theater, Rome Symphony Orchestra, The Movies at Berry Square, Cedartown Civic Auditorium and the League Theater in Cartersville. Tennessee Aquarium/Imax combo tickets are also available.

According to John Spranza, director of student life, the OSL

has season tickets to the Rome Symphony Orchestra and offers about 10-12 tickets per show. Also, 70-100 movie tickets for The Movies at Berry Square are available for each monthly Student Movie Night. Tickets to selected showings of two current movies are offered for \$3 each.

The OSL will be offering discount tickets for the Oct. 23 show with “Danny and Juniors Band,” a 50’s style music group, at the Cedartown Civic Auditorium. Tickets for the Oct. 29 show of the League Theater’s play “Let’s Murder Marsha” will be available as well as for the Oct. 30 show of “The Fall of the House of Usher” at the Rome Little Theater. The next Student Movie Night at Berry Square will be Nov. 19. The selected movies and show times are announced the same week.

For more info on discount tickets or upcoming events at FC, call the OSL at (706) 295-6363 or read the “Flush Flash,” a bimonthly newsletter posted in FC restrooms.

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Fall Frenzy ‘Un-homecoming’ enjoyed by all



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Savannah Maddux, a dental hygiene major from Trion, tries out the Extreme Air Sky Diving simulator and gives a big thumbs up.

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Despite the gray clouds hanging overhead and the extremely loud, bowel-shaking sounds of the Extreme Air Sky Diving simulator, Fall Frenzy was filled with people.

“It always amazes me to see the effort put forth by Floyd College to ensure its students have numerous opportunities to become involved with campus activities and events,” said Brandy Norris, an early childhood education major from Canton. Norris thought it was great to see students participating and having a good time.

Students and staff alike were dressed in school spirit attire for the “un-homecoming” theme, and for some people this was a real homecoming.

Floyd College alumna, Ruthiey Boggs, returned to visit with her old friends and professors. She said, “It was great to see everyone. I have missed all the people here so much!”

The Student Ambassadors had Floyd College trivia at their booth.

The Baptist Student Union gave out free drinks to go along with the hotdogs John Spranza, director of student life, grilled up for everyone to enjoy.

There were bowling and guessing games along with several bake sales.

The faculty Non-King and Non-Queen winners that were voted on by the students are Rob Page, associate professor of history, and Eileen Walker, advising coordinator.

Money raised by the Office of Student Life during the voting process was approximately \$100 and will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Rome.



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Susan Claxton, human services coordinator, tries to catch a Fall Frenzy football.



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Eileen Walker (left), advising coordinator, and Robert Page, associate professor of history, reign as 2004 Fall Frenzy’s Un-homecoming Non-Queen and Non-King.



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Tamara Pierce, human services major from Silver Creek, participates in bowling.

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The Beastie Boys grow up

By Rick Climer
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Music Review

In 1981 the music scene changed into something no one was ready for. Three young men from New York changed a hardcore punk group into one of the most influential rap groups ever known.

The Beastie Boys, now in their late 30s, continue to write music when most groups from this early era of rap have subsided. Earlier this year they put out their seventh album, "To the 5 Boroughs."

In this album they have only slightly deviated from their traditional old-school style, using drum machines in conjunction with more modern mixing techniques.

One thing that has changed drastically is that as they aged, The Beastie Boys have grown more serious. They used to fight for your right to party, whereas now they fight for your right to

vote. There is a strong political message in their newest album, mainly focused on their discontent with the last presidential election.

On the track "Right Right Now Now" they mention having a president we did not elect, re-



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ferring to the fact that our current Commander-in-Chief did not win by popular vote.

They also show their awareness of real world issues such as gun control and racist hate groups, as well as deal with racial discrimination in the general public.

The opening track "Ch-check it Out" shows that they still have the ability to produce high energy

music that would fit in well at any hip-hop club. Even as they are growing older, they still have fun in their rambunctious lyrics.

This album shows more than any other that they are proud of being New Yorkers. In the track "3 the Hard Way" they talk about riding the elevated trains, even to the point of mentioning certain stops that only a native New Yorker would be aware of, as well as mentioning vendors on Canal Street selling CDs before they come out.

"An Open Letter to NYC" is a more apparent display of appreciation for their backgrounds, referring to the multi-ethnic microcosm of New York City. They mention the different sights an everyday New Yorker would pay no attention to.

This is an absolutely remarkable album, but if you think this is their best you'd better "Check Your Head." Never the less, anyone with love for Beastie or just hip-hop in general should "Ch-Check it Out."

The zombies are back in 2004

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Movie Review

"Shaun of the Dead," the British horror/comedy parody of George Romero's 1978 horror classic "Dawn of the Dead," should be filed under tolerable yet dissatisfying.

With a promising beginning, it's not as pee-your-pants hilarious as you wished it to be. The film has many laugh out loud moments along with good quality characters, but the movie fails to keep your interest once you cross through the halfway point.

The main character and hero Shaun (Simon Pegg) lives a reasonably boring life, with his two good friends in London until disease-infested zombies begin roaming the streets. Shaun and his roommate Ed (Nick Frost), who supplies most of the humor, fail to notice for quite some time that zombies are

abundantly spreading through the city.

Much to Shaun's dismay, this unlikely scenario destroys his last minute effort to save his relationship with his girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield).

Shaun comes up with the ultimate plan to save him and his friends from the zombies. He rounds everyone up and goes where? The same place they go every night, "The Winchester." Shaun's plan is not really well thought out, and they end up being cornered by zombies.

This movie makes you realize there's not much difference between the living dead and the mindless average Joe, showing that people have turned into zombies themselves with their catatonic fixation with TV and video games.

This movie was a \$7 lesson that I sat through while knowing that the director's cut of "Donnie Darko," which is quite sensational, was playing next door.

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Scary movies keep attracting students

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We've all seen it before, the naive blonde headed into the dark room all by herself, or the scene where a loud frat boy is crowing about how he'll make it out alive.

And we all know what's going to happen next. It's not going to be pretty. But still almost everyone loves a scary movie.

"They're an adrenaline rush," said Dillon Crowder, a business major from Cohutta. "My favorite was the "Exorcist"; it was crazy."



"The Exorcist" (1973) photo courtesy of www.imdb.com

"It's the tension, the build-up and the rush," agrees Jacob Cheshire, an education major from Acworth.

Not everyone goes to the the-

ater to be scared. Faith Riley, a general studies major from Acworth, said, "I love suspense. I don't enjoy blood and gore, but I adore a good ghost story."

There are a few not so quick to rent the Next Big Slasher Flick. "It depends on the movie. I don't like really scary ones," said Kelly Walker, a nursing major from Hiram. "The one I like the most is "Fear." It isn't really scary, but it's good."

Elizabeth Staton, a pre-dental hygiene major from Acworth, agrees. "I have a vivid imagination and get nightmares easily," she said. Her favorite is "Frailty." "The best ending of any movie I have ever seen," Staton said.



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Ski trip set to hit the slopes

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Ski country is closer than one might think.

Floyd College's annual ski/snowboarding trip to the Graystone Lodge in the mountains of North Carolina is rapidly approaching.

The trip, scheduled for Dec. 12-16, is primarily for class credit for either PHED 1420-Beginning Skiing/Snowboarding or PHED 1421-Intermediate Skiing/Snowboarding. The credit will be offered for the Spring 2005 semester.

"Snow skiing and snowboarding are so much fun. Students get a great deal of en-

joyment out of the trip," said Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education.

Weatherman has led the trip to North Carolina for the past 25 years.

The costs range from \$189 to \$468 depending on people per room, whether the participant skis or snowboards and if he or she needs equipment.

The trip is available to all students, faculty, staff and friends. In the past at least 40 people have gone on this trip each year.

The due date for the deposit is Wednesday, Dec. 4, and it is non-refundable.

For any more information contact Weatherman at (706) 295-6353 or by email at kweather@floyd.edu.

Celtics, Dream Team closing in on the 3-on-3 championship

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In basketball, the Celtics seem unbeatable, but Dayne Styles and the Dream Team are closing the gap.

With little over a month to go, the championship is still up for grabs.

As of Oct. 4, the Celtics are on top of the standings with a 4-0 record. The Dream Team at 3-1 is in second. The Army People are 1-2 and in third place. The Sloppy Joes are currently in fourth place with a 1-3 record, and the Ballers 0-3 are in last.

On Sept. 29, the Dream Team defeated the Ballers 41-32. The Dream Team's Styles and Charles Hill both led the team with 18 points each. The Ballers' Sterling Peace also led his team with 18 points.

Tim Smith with 24 points led the Celtics to defeat the Sloppy Joes 46-39 in the second game on Sept. 29. Neil Ragsdale led the Sloppy Joes with 18 points.

The Dream Team also played the Army People on Sept. 29, defeating them 50-35. Styles lead the Dream Team to victory with 30 points. Alex Bishop was the top scorer for the losing Army People with 17 points.

FIT program going and growing

The FIT Program is in its seventh week and still going strong, averaging 40 people par-

ticipating daily, according to David Mathis, physical education lab coordinator.



Photo by Josh Grubb

Brett Hayes (above left), of the Out of Shape team, avoids having his flag snatched by players from Hob Nail Boot. Paul Chaffin (left) of the Out of Shape team gets ready to make a toss to a team member.

Out of Shape wins first game of the co-ed flag football season

Out of Shape beat Hob Nail Boot 34 - 28 during the opening intramural co-ed flag football game on Oct. 12.

Brett Hayes scored three touchdowns for the winning

team.

Hob Nail Boot won during a second game, beating the Power Rangers 49 - 20. Tim Smith had three interceptions for the winning team.



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Photo by Josh Grubb

Tim Smith (right) of Hob Nail Boot looks to his teammates for a helping hand to avoid a block from the Out of Shape team.

Everyone's invited

The next Book Forum will focus on "The Known World" by Edward P. Jones.

The Forum will be held at the Rome/Floyd County Library at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 and will be led by Steve Head.

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The two FC students who went on the trip, Carol Brooks (left), a nursing major from Resaca, and Casey Shore, an art major from Silver Creek, stand in front of St. Petersburg State Polytechnical Institute.

Last June two Floyd College students studied in St. Petersburg, Russia, as part of a Georgia University System-wide study abroad program. Jeff Brown, FC director of extended learning, taught a photography class in this program.

The 2005 St. Petersburg trip is June 4 through July 6. Brown will again be teaching a photography course.

For more information about the Russia trip and financial aid, contact Brown at (706) 802-5300 or jbrown@floyd.edu.

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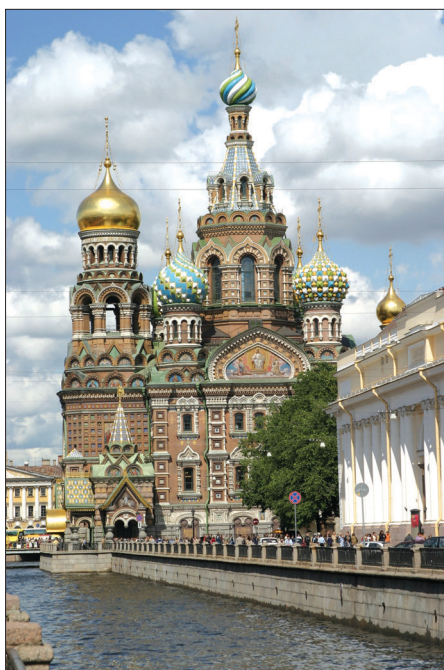
A Russian folk dancer performs a traditional dance during a nightly show in downtown St. Petersburg.



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Left: The green onion domes of the Saint Isidore Church overlook the Griboyedova Canal.

Bottom center: The Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood stands where Emperor Alexander II was assassinated in March 1881.



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STARS (Students Abroad With Regents' Support) offers financial assistance of \$500 obtainable through work-study each semester. Pell and HOPE monies can also be used. Information about other study abroad grants and scholarships can be found at www.floyd.edu/studyabroad.



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International students gather around the statue of Peter the Great on the grounds of the Peter and Paul Fortress on Zayachii Island. The fortress was built in 1703 to protect St. Petersburg from the Swedish but was later used as a prison for Russian revolutionaries such as Leon Trotsky and Alexander Lenin.