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The Student Voice

Floyd College-Rome, Georgia



Floyd College's new Bartow campus will rise from the red clay on Highway 120 in Cartersville. See page 2.



3-on-3 basketball is just one intramural activity available for students. See page 7.

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Floyd College rides high as enrollment surges

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The Floyd College student body is larger than ever.

The 33-year-old school reached an all-time high of 3,327 students for the Fall 2003 Semester. That is a 16.3 percent increase from the 2002 Fall Semester that enrolled 2,860 students, according to Lynn Bacon, chair of enrollment management.

Mitchell Hewell, a student worker for the Student Life Office, said, "It's outrageous how much the school has grown."

Over the past two years, FC has grown 37.3 percent, and the increases in students enrolling at the college show no sign of slowing down anytime soon.

These are the enrollment totals for the five campuses:

- Rome Campus has 1,700 students.
- Cartersville Campus has 813 students.
- Acworth Campus has 796 students.
- Heritage Hall Campus has 371 students.
- Waco Campus has 183 students.

Also, the Georgia Globe ECORE internet-based online courses have an enrollment of 65 students. (Since some students attend classes on more than one campus, these numbers total to more than the 3,327 individuals enrolled.)

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, said, "The growth

shows that we are doing our mission right and bringing the quality of life up in this region of the state."

There have been many factors involved in the increased enrollment. Bacon said that the high population growth along Interstate 75 has affected the growth rate at the Cartersville and North Metro Tech campuses, the college recruitment plan has helped spread the word about FC, and the economy has forced some people back to school for new job training. She added that the nursing program is growing due to the shortage of nurses.

Pierce said that the population growth affects the increased enrollment and that he expects the population and enrollment to continue growing for the next 10-15 years.

The administration and faculty have had to make many changes to keep up with the 3,300 plus students, including hiring new faculty, shuffling large classes to larger classrooms and increased teamwork from the part-time and full-time faculty.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs, said, "The faculty has been very supportive, and some teachers are teaching extra classes to handle the increased enrollment."

Floyd College is expected to grow larger even faster once the new campus in Bartow County is opened. Right now the 813 students in Cartersville use five classrooms on that campus and science labs at Cartersville High



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Nathan Tucker rides the mechanical bull as part of the "welcome back week." John Spranza, director of student life, expects increased enrollment to bring more student participation.

School. Once the new campus opens, FC will have 21 new classrooms and three new science labs. The college administrators expect the enrollment will jump to 1,500 students in Bartow County once the campus is opened.

At North Metro Tech, the students and faculty face many of the same problems. They have 796 students and only five classrooms. Pierce said he thinks that if there were more space at North Metro Tech, it is not unreasonable to

think that the Floyd College program could attract 1,500 students.

With the new Bartow Campus, Pierce said he expects FC to grow to over 5,000 students in two to four years.

Student life has also seen an increase of activity due to the growth of the student population. John Spranza, director of student life, expects the increase to result in more student activities and better student participation through-

out the year.

The only thing that may hurt the growth of Floyd College would be the cutbacks in state funding the school has faced over the past three years and future 2004 and 2005 budget cuts. Pierce said, "Floyd College has grown 58.2 percent over the past three years, but the school has faced budget cuts from 12 to 14 percent during that same time period, and the school is expecting the cuts to continue through 2005."

HOPE's uncertain future causing concern among students

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The Georgia scholarship and grant programs, known as HOPE, or Helping Outstanding Students Educationally, could in fact be non-existent by 2006.

Revenue from the Georgia Lottery funds the programs. The economy is in a slump and many surrounding states now have lotteries, both of which take from the sales of the Georgia Lottery. In its

10 year history, the program has expanded greatly, increasing the money given and lowering the standards for receiving it. As of August 2003, over 700,000 students in Georgia have received money from the HOPE programs. Economists have predicted a shortfall in the funding as early as 2006, according to the Georgia Student Financial Commission's website.

According to Wendy Shapiro, director of financial aid at Floyd College, some 45 percent of stu-

dents here receive money from the HOPE scholarship or grant programs. First-year student Brittney Wilson fears without HOPE, she cannot afford college. Others are less uneasy. Joseph Cook says he isn't worried because his "GPA is pretty high."

Legislators are adamant that HOPE will only be reformed, not canceled. A committee has been formed by the Georgia General Assembly to discuss possible changes to be made. Options as of now include eliminating or reducing the

money HOPE gives students to pay for student fees or books. Further limiting the number of credit hours HOPE covers is another option, as is more frequently checking scholarship recipients' GPAs.

State Sen. Preston Smith (R) states that "the committee rejected [some solutions] for dealing with HOPE shortages, including restoration of income caps on the family of a HOPE student, separating HOPE scholarships from Pell Grants for needy students and

the elimination of a second chance for students who lose their scholarship because of low grades."

According to State Rep. Buddy Childers (D), "The average citizen can offer suggestions as to how this issue should be addressed" by contacting local legislators.

More information about the HOPE scholarship program and its future can be found on the website maintained by the Georgia Student Financial Commission at the following address: www.gsfc.org.

New Bartow campus to open in 2005

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Construction has begun on Floyd College's long awaited Bartow Campus.

According to Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, the contract with Aviator Constructors grants 18 months for the completion of the project with the anticipated completion date Nov. 1, 2004.

This means that students can expect to use the new facility beginning January 2005.

The building site, located on Georgia Highway 120 across from the Wal-Mart shopping center in Cartersville, has sported a landscaped lot and completely paved parking lot for several months.

Speculations about state budget cuts and inadequate funding have given rise to rumors that the project has been in financial limbo. "Not true," says Pierce. "The funds are in place as the bonds are already sold. Funding had nothing to do with the delay. The delay was simply because of getting the necessary approvals through the bureaucratic channels, dotting the I's and crossing the T's, you might say. We wanted to make sure everything was just right."

The 18.2 million dollar project will be known as the Bartow Campus of Floyd College.

According to Pierce, no plans are in place at this time to change the name of the central campus or college to reflect the proximity of the new large addition in Bartow



Photo by Erin Gray

Building site of the future Bartow campus is located on Georgia Highway 120.

County. Pierce also said any change would have to be approved by the Board of Regents; if the college's name were changed in the future, the change would reflect the nature of its service mission to the demographic population of its students, not the campus size.

The Cartersville Campus, presently located on Gilmer Street in downtown Cartersville, serves approximately 700 students with only five classrooms. This situation calls for creative scheduling to accommodate students in the

overburdened facility, according to Pierce. He added that the burgeoning growth of this area has created a demand that can only be supplied by the current expansion.

The new Bartow Campus is located on 50 plus acres and is designed to be completed in phases to accommodate the area's explosive growth. According to Pierce, the new facility will benefit students on all campuses because it will enable the college to accommodate the space needed to provide partnership programs with four-year colleges and univer-

sities.

Pierce says that Floyd College is continually assessing the needs of the students in the North Georgia area.

"Many students are geographically and economically bound to this area, making a four-year degree unobtainable. It is the mission of Floyd College to make the best possible education obtainable to all who desire one. We hope that this new expansion will help make this a reality for potential students who otherwise would lack access," Pierce said.

Revised policy now in place for Regents' Test

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Some Floyd College students may now be exempt from taking one or both parts of the Regents' Test under a new policy instituted this past summer by the University System of Georgia.

The Regents' Test is a comprehensive reading and writing test required of all students who plan to complete a four-year degree.

If a student has scored at least 510 on the national SAT Verbal or at least 23 on the ACT Reading, he/she has met the state requirement and may exempt the reading section of the Regents' Test.

Also, if a student has scored a three on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) English exam or scored 650 or higher on the SAT II English Writing Test, he/she can exempt the essay section of the Regents'.

According to Marsha Welch, registrar, the exemption is retroactive. Welch said, "Every student can check their academic transcript, on SCORE, to see if they have satisfied the Regents' Test requirements."

Anyone who has questions regarding the Regents' Test may contact Phyllis Chunn, testing coordinator, at 706-802-5318 or 1-800-332-2406.

Student Engagement Council to combat lack of student participation

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The Student Engagement Council (SEC) has replaced last year's Student Government Association (SGA). The SEC will attempt to overcome a previous lack of student participation by bringing club presidents into the student government.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, members of Floyd College's new student government assembled at 2:30 p.m. for their first official meeting in the Tower View Dining Room.

More than a dozen individuals came to represent student organizations such as the Writers Collaborative, Volunteer Services, GLBT&S Alliance, and others.

John Spranza, director of student life, called the meeting to order with two sharp raps of the gavel.

Arranged in a large rectangle, the diverse group reviewed the new SEC constitution, discussed upcoming campus events and selected nominees for chairperson and secretary.

One issue addressed at the meeting was the reasoning behind

Floyd College's change in government. According to Spranza, last year's election for the SGA yielded only three applications and not even one presidential candidate. It was clear to him that changes were in order. These transformations would include the writing of a new student government constitution.

Many colleges and universities were examined in the search to find an ideal model for the new constitution. Spranza said that Dalton State had the same lack of participation as Floyd College but is now experiencing an increase in

student interest. Dalton State seemingly achieved the most direct ties into the campus by incorporating all club presidents in the representation of the student body. Together, these leaders address the concerns of their clubs and classmates.

Using Dalton State's constitution as a guide, Floyd College has renovated the old SGA to the new SEC.

The SGA was divided into two branches of government, the executive and the legislative. Now, the SEC is comprised of the Presidents' Leadership Council (cam-

pus club presidents) as well as two Student-At-Large positions available for the Rome Campus and one for each satellite campus.

According to Spranza, the SEC will meet every two weeks to discuss pertinent campus issues and to organize upcoming campus events. Also, the SEC will manage the student activity budget.

Julianna Hunt, representing the Student Ambassadors, said, "Although it's hard to tell after only one meeting, I think the SEC has a lot of potential. It's up to the club presidents to get their organizations involved."

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Schedule change at Rome campus to affect Spring Friday classes

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Students at the Rome campus of Floyd College can look for new options when they register for spring classes. FC is discontinuing its Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes. In their place there will be Monday-Wednesday classes and just a few Friday only classes.

According to Dr. Virginia Carson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the change was made because the faculty wanted to try this format. They also felt that it would be a better use of the time. This format is not a change for the North Metro Tech, Cartersville or Haralson sites. Carson stated that this format will offer students more flexibility in building their schedules. Students can decrease the number of days that they will have to commute to FC.

Because of the increased enrollment at FC for fall, Carson said that the division chairs may have to review and add new sections for the spring. Students can find out about these changes online through the SCORE and through their advisors. The spring schedule will also list the advising specialists at FC so that they can be more readily located by the students.

This format for classes has met with success at the other sites at FC. Evan Johnson, a business administration major from Rome, said, "Either way it doesn't really matter. For people with night jobs more days and less hours is good; for others a few days is good." Some students felt a little differently about the changes. Amy Garrett, an early childhood education major from Rome, stated that she liked the 50 minute classes.

According to Director of Student Life John Spranza, the biggest effect the schedule change will have with student activities is that Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. will be the only student activity time. Now student activity time is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:55 a.m.-11:20 a.m. He is not sure how the new schedule will affect student activities, but he did say that some spring activities may have to be rescheduled into new time frames.

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High enrollment--a good thing!

Once again the enrollment has skyrocketed at all five Floyd College campuses this year.

For most people, the high enrollment makes many aspects of campus life very hectic. Everywhere there are people complaining about long lines and no parking. In between classes there is usually standing room only in the Student Center. High enrollment is also evident in the parking lot since it is usually filled to capacity, a level that has never been seen before. The book-

store is another place where there are likely to be some unhappy people.

However, there are many pluses to the record enrollment as well, if people are willing to look past their initial anger and irritation to see them. The benefits can outweigh the negative effects. More students mean more tuition money, a portion of which goes to fund all of the Student Life activities. Already this semester students have taken part in (or witnessed) many of the fun-filled activities that Student

Life has provided, such as bull riding, a band performance by Easily Amused, and Funny Photos.

These activities give students an opportunity to relax and become a part of the Floyd College community, which is what college life is all about. So, instead of complaining about having to wait in line for eternity at the bookstore or not being able to find a parking place, relax! Look at it as a chance to make new friends and enjoy your college days while they are here.

Editor's Box



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The separation of church and state is a complicated subject. Some believe God to be the ultimate leader and lawmaker of the land of the free. Others do not. Personally, I believe there is no true answer that can work out the argument for either. America has become such a complicated place to live that the only way to balance both desires of obeying the law, whether handed down by a supernatural being or by the government, is to be somewhat respectful of both theories. The fact that people have enough faith in something to try and sway another's belief is wonderful, but everyone has the natural right to say no and that right should be respected.

I, however, do not want to live in a world governed by rules and regulations of something that I cannot, at the least, petition or protest to. Religion is something

that should be kept personal. I realize that it can be a part of someone's faith to try to convert others and to spread the word of God, but to base a governmental institution on something that is not physically there, to state that a bond of marriage between homosexuals is legally wrong, sodomy is legally wrong, experimenting with "impure" substances is legally wrong, and in some cases, not confessing your sins will be a burden on someone's life and or afterlife is ridiculous. It is great that some people believe that if they live a "good" and morally honest life that they will be rewarded, but to take away someone else's right to get married or to make having any kind of sexual relations with whom ever they desire illegal is, in my opinion, discrimination.

As stated earlier, respect for everyone's personal freedom to live a chosen lifestyle is what I think more people should practice than preach. Religion is good crowd control, and religion itself is not the problem, but when some have the authority to impose religiously moralistic laws on others, then it takes away the rights of others and that is a problem.



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Whenever one person criticizes another for having a socially unacceptable vice, I always wonder what the motivation behind doing so is. I've discovered that many people who carry the facade of being morally upright and who are quick to condemn others are simply using it as a defense mechanism to hide their own flaws. Certainly my thought is nothing new or original, but it's a point that can't be made enough.

Consider television. How many of you could honestly live the rest of your lives without another minute spent basking in the glow of the tube? Becom-

CONSIDER YOURSELF...

ing dumb and complacent from too many episodes of "Dr. Phil" and too much reality TV is arguably even less productive than doing it by burning yourself out on drugs. At least the latter trip isn't processed from the ground up with a commercial message in mind. No one's written a song or painted a picture that was inspired by philosophical epiphanies they've had while experiencing the Oprah Winfrey show.

What about food? That's a big one. No pun intended. It seems that few understand the differences in eating to live and living to eat. Let us be reminded that caffeine and chocolate are also addictive chemicals. It's gotten to the point where people are suing McDonalds for causing their obesity. If that's not a sign of a junkie, I don't know what is.

The point I'm trying to make is that not every addict is a pale caricature with needle marks. There are millions of others that go largely unnoticed, and they are, perhaps, addicts of the worst kind. Force-fed a steady diet of chemically enhanced Super Sized nourishment and kept dumb and complacent by the inescapable entertainment business, they survive to be consumers.

What's worse is that they feel the moral obligation to criticize others for having unhealthy habits.

Next time someone's about to get up on the proverbial soapbox to criticize another person for doing something naughty, perhaps that person should be encouraged to point the finger inwards and consider his or her addictions.

Letter to the editor....

Dear Editor,

Friendly Fraud- sounds like an oxymoron doesn't it? That may be true until you are a victim. During spring semester my daughter had her car stolen by a former friend along with her purse. The loss of the car was bad enough, but she also had a check card in her purse. The theft was reported immediately to the proper authorities but to no avail. Imagine my shock when we were told it could not be listed as stolen by the Atlanta Police. It is a law in Georgia that if you have ever given someone permission to drive your car, and they later return to steal that same car, it is

friendly fraud. The reasoning being that the perpetrator (former friend) had implied consent at an earlier time, and therefore was within their rights.

The second shock came when we discovered that the bank would not cover the fraudulent charges made on the check card. In less than 24 hours the perpetrator had managed to spend nineteen hundred dollars. Because the car could not be reported as stolen, the bank considered it **friendly fraud.** Therefore they were not responsible for the loss.

I had always believed that the law was on the side of the victim, but I was wrong. The victim

is the last one considered. As a consequence I learned a few valuable lessons:

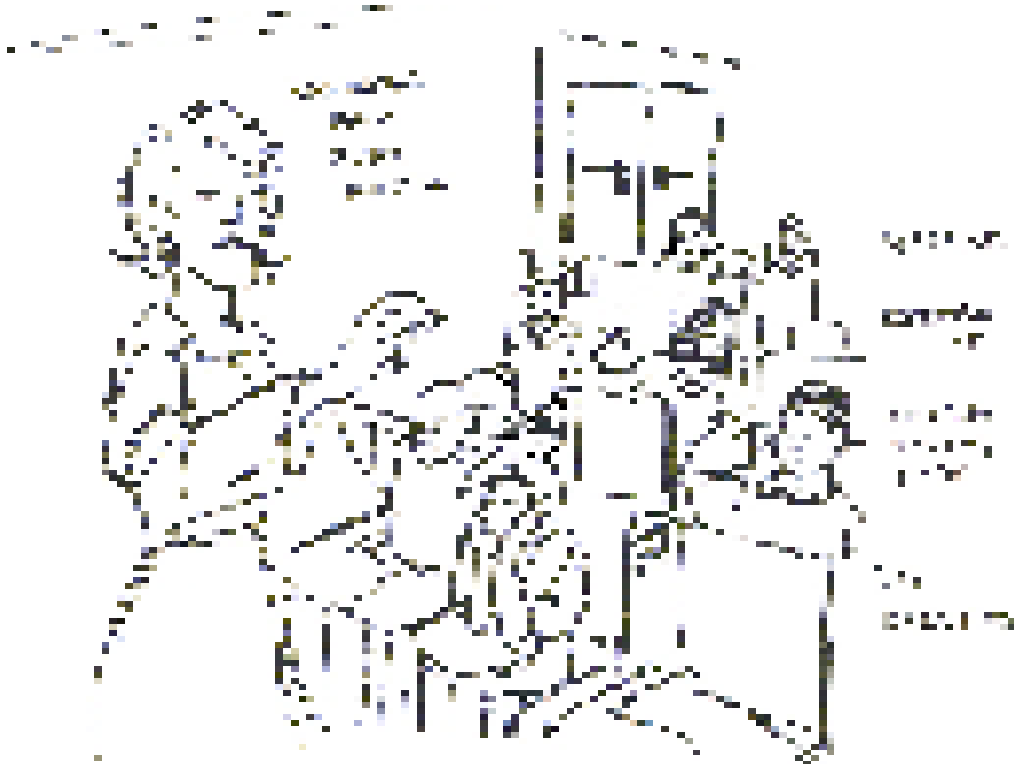
1. **Never** allow another person to drive your car
2. Look for a bank willing to take the loss when you are victimized
3. Be very aware of who has access to your home.

So please think twice before giving your trust to just anyone. I would hate to see anyone else experience the disaster my family and I went through.

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‘The Jester’ has something for everyone

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Review

James Patterson, author of the popular Alex Cross novels, and Andrew Gross, co-author of “2nd Chance” worked together to create their debut historical thriller, “The Jester.”

“The Jester” is a heroic tale about a poor, 11th-century innkeeper, Hugh De Luc, and his quest for love and freedom.

The novel tells the story of Hugh’s fights in the Crusades, his search for his beloved wife, of his leadership in the rebellion against the royal authorities and his role in the search for a holy relic that is responsible for the havoc.

Patterson and Gross take the

reader back over a thousand years ago to a medieval kingdom of knights, lords and jesters. They do this in a way that many historical fiction writers fail to do. The reader can hear the thunderous sound of horses coming into a town and the noise of the village market as Hugh walks through.

“The Jester” has something for every reader of fiction. The battle scenes are as gory as the love scenes are passionate.

Although extremely different from Patterson’s past novels, it contains the one and two page chapters that are characteristic of him. These chapters are as packed full of excitement as any Alex Cross novel. As the story progresses, the pages turn faster and faster, making “The Jester” a great read.



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Easily Amused rocks the campus

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Review

The hot band Easily Amused rocked the Floyd campus on Wednesday, Sept. 3 with their stylish pop rock sounds and their edgy, real life motivated lyrics. They definitely had a musical vibe that was lively and easy, one

that anyone could get into. Hailing from Winnipeg, Canada, they have been traveling around the states for about two years, rocking out the college circuit. They have been playing with bands such as The Crash Test Dummies and The Dave Matthews Band. Their bigger influences consist of John Mayer and Sheryl Crow. The band has appeared on

some larger national networks in Canada, and is slowly working their way into the American pop rock category with such singles as "Colleen" and "Belfast". With a different type of pop rock that most aren't definitely used to, Easily Amused is worth checking out. If you get a chance, check out their singles or pick up their album "Novice".



Renee Lamoureux (left) and Keith Macpherson, also known as Easily Amused, jam out in the student center.

Photo by Ken Caruthers

Upcoming events

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The Dancing Fools

Combine hip-hop dancing with hilarious stand-up and you get Alfred and Seymour-The Dancing Fools. Scheduled to perform in the student center on Thursday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Alfred and Seymour have appeared on the "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and in numerous music videos, as well as Pepsi and Sprite commercials. They have also been on MTV.

Josh Sneed

Comedian Josh Sneed will appear at Floyd College on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the student center 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sneed has been touring college campuses around the country and has gotten excellent feedback from audiences. If you're in the mood for a laugh, come by the student center on Sept. 24 to find out what his show is all about.

'Evil Dead' DVD offers extra goodies for sci-fi and horror fans

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Review

If you are in the mood to sit back and watch a movie full of adventure, excitement and slapstick comedy, try watching the third installment of Sam Raimi's Evil Dead series "Army of Darkness" Boomstick edition on DVD. This film, which has spawned a large underground cult following, is a wonderful addition to any home theatre collection. Ash (Bruce Campbell) is warped back in time to the dark ages to fight hordes of the undead skeletons summoned by the evil of the Necronomicon. "Army of Darkness" is presented in Dolby Digital 5.1 for the theatrical version and a surround 2.0 audio track for the Directors Cut. The DVD comes with tons of extra goodies like an eight-page booklet with all-new liner notes by Campbell himself. The film really creates a sense of atmosphere when shown on DVD. The film is not for the kiddies. I believe the DVD version is unrated due to violence, sexual content and language. I would recommend this movie to anyone who is a fan of sci-fi, action and horror. I give "Army of Darkness" the Boomstick edition on DVD a five out of five.

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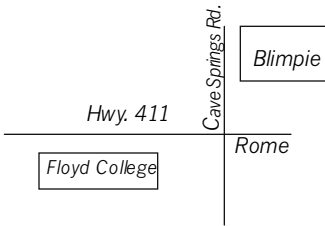
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Fall Semester intramurals offer wide variety of activities



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Dayne Styles of the Dream Team lays one up

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Co-ed flag football, a golf scramble, 3-on-3 basketball, the FIT program, tennis and volleyball tournaments are all part of Floyd College's fall intramural sports program.

The 3-on-3 basketball games began on Sept. 8 and will run through Nov 5. All games will be played in the gym on Mondays at 1:30 p. m. The rules are the same as the Georgia High School Association rules. There are five teams this semester—Dream Team, Black/Blue, Whitey, Faculty/Staff and the Hustlers.

The FIT (Fitness Incentive Team) Program will run for 10 weeks. It began the week of Sept. 8 and will run through Nov. 10. Participants will walk, run, or cycle on their own and log in their miles each Monday.

The tennis tournament will begin Oct. 1. There will be two levels of play: beginner for those who have little playing experience and intermediate for those with a greater background in tennis. Time and place of the matches will be arranged by the players.

The kickoff of co-ed flag football is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 1:30 p. m. The football games will be played every Thursday on the soccer field by the lake. There must be a female on every team.

The volleyball tournament date will be announced at a later time.

Office of Student Life to host PS2 Madden tourney

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What fun would a Playstation 2 be without John Madden Football? From Oct. 6-11 there will be a Madden 2004 Football tournament in the student center.

John Spranza, director of student activities, organized the tournament. When asked why Madden and not another game, Spranza answered, "Madden happens to be a very popular game, it's fun, easy, and of course, football season is in."

Spranza said he suspected

3-on-3 Basketball Winning Teams

Monday 9/8

Faculty/Staff
Dream Team
Whitey

Monday 9/15

Hustlers
Dream Team
Faculty/Staff



Art by Georgia Henderson, 2003

that the Atlanta Falcons would be the most popular team, being that Michael Vick is the key quarterback. The team that would rank second most used would be Tampa Bay, since they are Super Bowl Champs.

Traditional flipping of a coin determines who plays first. Any

team can be used more than once, but two competing opponents cannot have the same team. There will be four, five minute quarters, no memory cards, no making players, and the same settings will be required for all games. The champion will receive a prize, as will the top four runners up.

Mascot change could benefit Floyd

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Changing the Floyd College mascot might not be such a bad idea after all.

You may not realize it, but our college has a mascot, the charger. A possible new design was selected by the students at last year's Spring Fling, but so far the proposed change has not been approved by the President's Cabinet.

Now our school is flourishing. Enrollment is increasing every semester and our professors are winning awards and honors. However, a mascot change would, according to recent football history, add to FC's success.

My mascot or uniform theory only works in one sport. Despite numerous uniform changes the Hawks cannot make the playoffs, much less win a championship. In baseball, the Yankees prove

that you can keep your traditional look and still be successful.

Football, on the other hand, is a completely different story. According to the website www.nflthrowbacks.com, ever since the Dallas Cowboys reintroduced the star on their shoulders in 1996, every Super Bowl has featured a team who had recently redesigned their uniform or logo.

The Madden video game curse may have affected Michael Vick in a negative way, but the new uniform or logo theory gives the Falcons hope of a second Super Bowl appearance.

Another example of change equaling success is John Elway and the Denver Broncos, who were at one time known as a team that could not win the big game. In 1998, however, the Broncos changed both their uniform and logo and proceeded to win the next two Super Bowls.

In recent years, we have seen the Tampa Bay Buccaneers go

from being the team with the ugliest uniforms since the San Diego Padres wore brown and mustard yellow and were perennial losers, to being a team with updated uniforms and a Super Bowl championship.

On the college level, former University of Georgia head coach and current athletic director Vince Dooley made a minor change to everyone's beloved bulldogs in 1964. He decided to change the color of the uniform pants from silver to white.

After several years of threatening to dethrone Alabama and become SEC champions, Dooley decided to make another change. The uniform pants were changed from white back to silver in, you guessed it, 1980. And you probably thought UGA won it all because of Herschel Walker!

Maybe it is all a coincidence, or maybe it is a sign that the charger should ditch its rider and be updated.

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Student Travels....

This summer, Floyd College students could be found touring in Spain, collecting rock samples in Wyoming and cruising to the Bahamas.

Many other travel opportunities will be available to Floyd College students throughout the year.

Upcoming Study Abroad Programs for 2004 include a trip to Berlin, Prague and the Alps with Dr. Jim Cook, professor of history, and a study program in Germany with Dr. Dudley Salley, professor of economics. There will also be a study program in St. Petersburg, Russia, with Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology. Information on any of the study abroad programs may be obtained from Johnson at 706-368-7638 or 1-800-332-2406 or by email at ajohnson@floyd.edu.

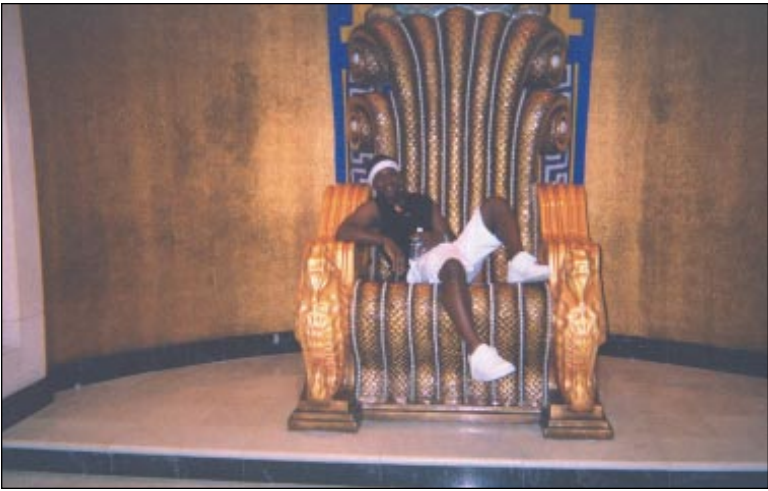
The Cultural Awareness Society is sponsoring a six-day Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas and Mexico during Spring Break, March 20-26, on the new Carnival "Miracle."

Sign up deadline for the cruise is Oct. 6. For more information on the cruise, contact Judy Sims at jsims@floyd.edu, or at (706) 368-7628.

RIGHT: Floyd College student Leigh McDowell joins the flamenco show held in a gypsy cave in Granada, Spain. The trip to Spain and Portugal, which could be taken for history credit, was led by Dr. Jim Cook.



BELOW: Titus Smith, Cultural Awareness Cruise participant, lounges on a throne in the Atlantis Hotel on Paradise Island, Bahamas. Professor Judy Sims led the trip.



STARS will provide money for students to study abroad

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To help reduce the cost of studying abroad, students may apply for loans or grants, including Pell, HOPE and Stafford loans.

Also, for the first time, a work-study program entitled STARS* (Students Abroad with Regents Support) is available. Through this program students are able to earn up to \$500 per semester. That is \$6 an hour with a maximum of 19 hours per week.

There is not an actual deadline for the program; however, the longer people wait to apply, the less money will be available to earn.

Applications can be picked up on the Study Abroad bulletin board in the F-Wing or from Dr. Alberta Johnson, study abroad coordinator, who may be contacted by phone at 706-368-7638 or 1-800-332-2406 or by email at ajohnson@floyd.edu.



Geology students take a break in front of the Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone National Park. Led by professors Billy Morris and Dr. Dwight Cassity, students on the trip received two semesters of science credit.

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