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Geology students are entertained at the famous Bar J Ranch in Wyoming.

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New students get a healthy dose of college life

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Enrollment is up about five percent to 3,442 students with a rise in traditional freshmen, according to Sandie Davis, registrar.

Brandy Brownlow, a recent Coosa High School graduate, said that adjusting to college "is a little harder than I expected and sometimes overwhelming."

"I think it's pretty fun so far. It's what I expected," said Joseph Reitman, a new student and general studies major from Cartersville.

Trey Goble, a Chattooga High School senior who is also a Post Secondary Option student attending Floyd College, said, "I just love it. I have so much more free time."

Colin Williams, a traditional student majoring in business administration from Rome, said, "Some classes are harder and some are easier than I thought. I like the more adaptable schedule and I have time to do other

things."

Speaking for many returning students, Cicely McDaniel from Lyerly, who has been attending Floyd for about four years, said that she is particularly feeling overwhelmed this semester trying to balance a full-time job with a full-time class load.

"You'd think that I'd be used to it by now; but this semester I just can't get into the swing of it. Every semester is different and some are better than others. I just need to find a routine that works," McDaniel said.

Starting a new academic year is also challenging for faculty, according to Dr. Ralph Peters, professor of sociology.

"Each semester brings a new and different schedule. You never know what campus you will be on or if you will have night classes or both. You just have to get used to the schedule and balance work with your personal life," Peters said.

To handle the increased enrollment, the college has hired 13 new faculty, according to the College Relations Office.



Photo by Josh Grubb

After a morning class, students carry on with the routine of going to their next classes, going into work early, and studying homework from the night before.

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Those who have been able to slyly get away with making A's by using someone else's work may be in trouble now.

Floyd College has decided to use a new program, Turnitin.com, that will allow professors to catch students who plagiarize by using copyrighted material without crediting a source. This will hopefully allow more opportunity for professors to assist in teaching students the correct way to attribute information to a source. "It's to promote a culture of academic integrity," said Dr. Virginia Carson, vice presi-

dent of academic affairs.

Carson pushed for the Turnitin.com system to be used at the college because of a high number of problems involving plagiarism.

The website allows teachers and students with a class ID number and password to submit papers that will go into the company's database. This database checks the submitted papers word for word against other papers already in the database. The check is completed in a matter of minutes.

Once the check is complete, web sources appear for the matching material. "We used to have to grab the first sentence and Google it, but now this is a

good deterrent for students," said Dr. Simon Grist, director of the Floyd College Instructional Technology Center and administrator of the Turnitin.com program at the college.

On the site, the professor has a list which includes the student's name and paper submitted. There, colored marks next to the paper title indicate what percentage of the paper was taken from a web source.

The colored marks appear regardless if copied material is credited to a source or not, so the professor must check the paper for attribution.

Turnitin.com is optional for faculty members to use. Currently, 15 faculty members have

signed on to the program, according to Grist, who hopes more will sign on to it to make it worthwhile.

LaNelle Daniel, associate professor of English, is trying out the system and thinks responsible students will appreciate it.

"If I did the leg work on a new experiment and research, I'd be fairly upset if someone took it," said Jennifer Heath, a nursing major from Rome.

The system, Daniel thinks, is not just a trap for students who plagiarize copyrighted material, but "is also helpful for a teacher to help teach students."

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Absentee and advance voting offer alternatives

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For students whose schedule might keep them from voting on election day, there are alternatives.

Absentee voting is not only for overseas residents or military personnel, but for students with busy lives as well. Anyone who is going to be out of his or her voting precinct between 7 a.m. and

7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, may be able to vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications may be downloaded from the secretary of state's website, www.cathycox.com. Applications can also be found at county voter registration offices.

Absentee ballot applications must be mailed or faxed to the county voter registration office.

Proof of identity, reason for

which one wishes to vote must be included with the application.

Absentee ballot applications may be requested as early as 180 days prior to the election and are accepted as late as the Monday before election day.

Advance voting is an alternative to absentee voting and is available to any registered voter.

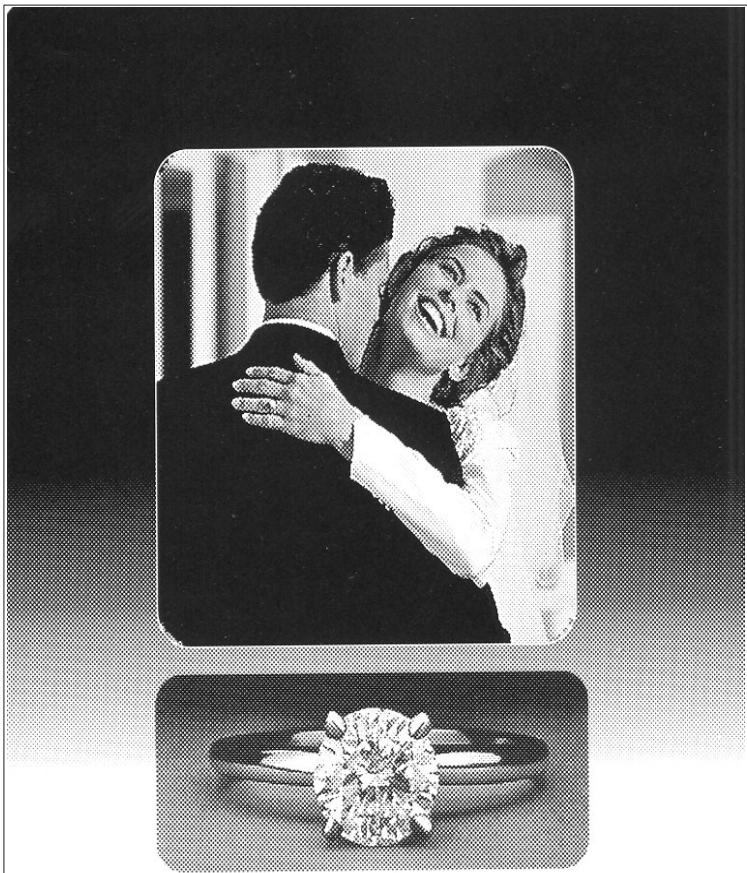
For many students, the combination of work and school makes it difficult to find the time to make a run to the grocery store

at a decent hour, let alone stand in line at the polls on election day.

Advance voting offers the opportunity to vote, in person, the week before election day without providing the legal reasons necessary for absentee voting. All that is required for this convenient option is a quick drop-in at the county voter registration office during regular business hours and one form of legal identification.

FACTS ABOUT GEORGIA VOTING

- Georgia now has 15 electoral votes
- 67% of registered Georgia voters voted in the 2000 presidential election
- approx. 31% of Georgia's college students voted in the 2000 election



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Floyd students make a difference

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The Volunteer Fair held in Floyd College's Student Center gave students an opportunity to explore the choices for lending a hand through community service.

The service organizations each had a table with a sign telling who they were. Information was available on what they are all about and how students could get involved with each agency. Representatives from each group explained more personally what the organization had to offer.

The organizations represented at the Sept. 8 fair were as follows: AIDS Resource Center, American Red Cross, Boys and Girls Club of Rome, Communities in Schools, Coosa River Basin Initiative, Floyd Heyman Hospice Care, Floyd Medical Center Volunteers, Floyd Recycle, Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, Harbor House, Mercy Senior Care, Regency Hospice, Salvation Army, Open Door Home, The Exchange Club Family Resource Center, Winthrop Manor Nursing Center and West Rome Baptist Church.

Some of the programs had very generalized ideas of volunteer work and a wide variety of things to choose from. The American Red Cross, for instance, had office duties, fundraiser development, CPR classes and disaster preparedness information available.

Other programs had more specific jobs they were promoting at the fair, like the Recy-



Photo by Bethany Holt

Susan Claxton, associate professor and coordinator of human services (right), speaks with a sponsor at the Volunteer Fair on Floyd College's Rome Campus.

cling Center which was looking mainly for volunteers to be "Re-Re," the recycling mascot, and make appearances at various events within the community.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters, based at the Boys and Girls Club of Rome, was also looking for a few good men (and women) at the fair.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters matches volunteers with a little brother or sister with a similar personality. The pair then meets at the club to spend about two hours a week engaged in some sort of extra-curricular activity to eventually create a bonding experience.

Floyd Medical Center has as many as nine groups of volunteer services, not all necessarily in the hospital. Students must be at least 18 years of age to participate and put in a minimum of

four hours weekly. The four hours a week may seem a little more demanding than some of the other services, but it does not go unrewarded. Floyd Medical Volunteers are entitled to many benefits including discounts at select restaurants such as the Harvest Moon Café on Broad Street.

Business major Blake Womak from Armuchee commented, "The Volunteer Fair encouraged me to explore the opportunities of giving back to my community."

"I really enjoyed the free pizza that was given out at the Volunteer Fair," said Justin Messer, a biochemical major from Cave Spring.

Chattooga County native Jennifer Hines, a dental hygiene major, said, "The Volunteer Fair motivated me to lend a helping hand. I never knew there were so many areas to serve in."

New clubs give students options to consider



Photo by Josh Grubb

This sign, advertising “free beer,” got a lot of attention. However, the fine print stated, “Will not be served.” New and long-standing club representatives were on hand to inform students about the various clubs available at Floyd College. The Debate Club and the Globetrotters Club are the two newest campus organizations.

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Two new clubs have joined the diverse roster of organizations available to Floyd College students. One is a time-honored association acknowledged in many countries. The other is a unique, contemporary club just starting out.

The more traditional club, based on the Acworth campus, is the Debate Club. It is directed by Michael Gattis, part-time instructor of history at Floyd College. Currently all meetings are held at the Acworth campus.

Gattis and members of the Debate Club brainstorm and pick a series of topics to constructively argue about.

Once the topics have been narrowed down, the club sets up a debate.

Students on the same side of an issue compare notes, research, and plan a strategy. Then the two

sides debate the issue.

Students interested in the Debate Club may get more information from Gattis at mgattis@floyd.edu.

John Spranza, the director of student life, stated, “We would like to see a chapter of the Debate Club started here at the Rome campus by spring semester, but so far, no such luck.”

The most recent club addition is the Globetrotters.

The Globetrotters Club is for students on all campuses who have either studied abroad in the past, or are interested in studying abroad in the future.

In many cases financial aid to support study abroad is available through STARS (Students Abroad with Regents Support).

Dr. Alberta Johnson, professor of psychology, is in charge of Globetrotters. For more information pertaining to studying abroad contact Johnson at ajohnson@floyd.edu or in her office located in F-145.

Earned ‘F’ regulation now enforced

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The students of Floyd College who walked in to Professor Laura Musselwhite’s western civilization class this August found something added on their syllabuses about financial aid.

This entry has in fact appeared on every teacher’s syllabuses this semester:

“This message only applies to students receiving financial aid. Federal regulations state that if a student did not attend classes and received failing grades, then the grades were not earned and financial aid needs to be reduced accordingly.

“Please be advised that any student receiving a 0.00 GPA will be required to prove that the 0.00 GPA was earned by attending classes

or completing requirements for each class. Students who have earned at least one passing grade for the semester will not be affected by this regulation. If a student has properly withdrawn from all classes, the student financial aid should be adjusted from the time they signed the withdrawal form.”

Wendy Shapiro, director of financial aid at Floyd College,

time, it has never really been enforced.

The only reason the policy has appeared again is that auditors have begun checking other colleges for their 0.00 averages.

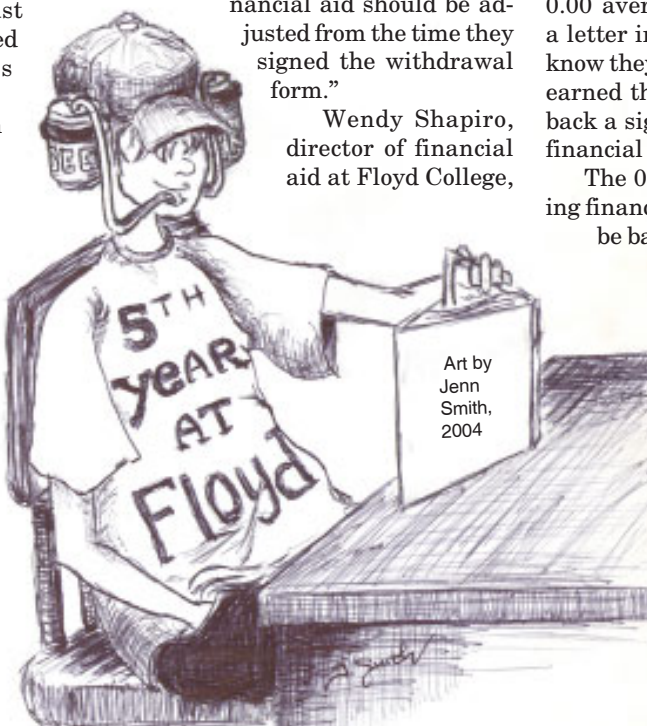
Currently, if students have 0.00 averages, they will receive a letter in the mail letting them know they will have to prove they earned the grade or have to pay back a significant portion of any financial aid received.

The 0.00 average and following financial aid adjustment may be based on a combination of failing grades and withdrawals.

Financial aid adjustment and the 0.00 average, according to Shapiro, is usually determined by how long the student has not been in the particular class and how many withdrawals the student has had in the semester.

There is a federal regulation that a student must pass at least 67 percent of his or her classes and maintain a 2.0 GPA to qualify for financial aid.

said that though this regulation has been in place for some



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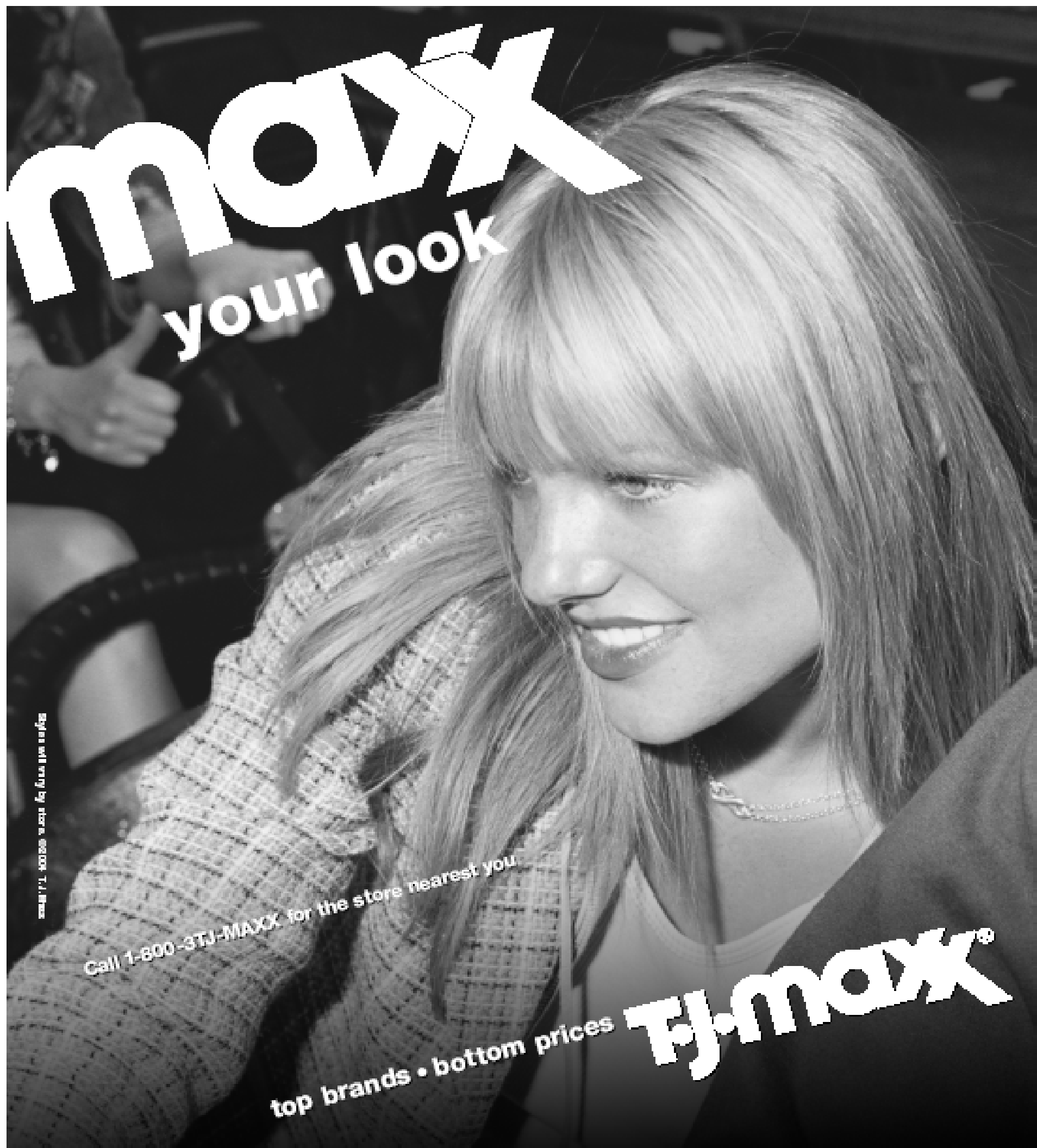
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‘Six Mile Post’ named All-American for 2003-04



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Lindy Dugger, assistant editor (left), and Sam Chapman, editor (right), worked on the award winning issues.

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The “Six Mile Post” has received the Associated Collegiate Press’ All-American honor rating for the 2003-2004 school year.

This is the sixth time the newspaper has received this rating.

The rating scale starts at the low end with Third Class and goes up to the All-American rating.

An All-American rating is given to a publication which receives four or five Marks of Dis-

tinction and a minimum of 900 evaluation points. The “Six Mile Post” received four Marks of Distinction.

Sam Chapman, editor-in-chief of the “Six Mile Post,” said, “The whole staff is deserving of the honor. We all take time out of our personal schedules, not class time, to work on the paper.”

He added that Dr. Kristie Kemper, “Six Mile Post” adviser, is the oxygen that keeps the newspaper alive. “She keeps this thing running,” he said.

The staff for 2004-2005 has many new and returning members.

Plagiarism

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Turnitin.com also provides a way for teachers to see what kind of help some students need, such as knowing how to properly credit a source. “Sometimes students have hard work and an overbearing schedule, and they don’t mean to break the rules,” noted Daniel.

Wei Song, a computer science major from Rome, thinks the Turnitin.com program is a good idea. “It’s forcing [students] not to steal other people’s work,” Song said.

Like Song, Kelly Adkins, a physical therapy major from Rome, supports the new deterrent because it’s simply unfair to take someone else’s work.

The Board of Regents negotiated with the California based company to use the system, and Floyd College has paid a flat fee of \$1,685.48 for one year to use it. There is no limit as to how many instructors can use the program, or how often. According to Carson, records will be kept of who uses the program and how often it is used in order to see how successful it plays out for further use.

FC nursing students to take a jab at the influenza virus

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Nursing students plan to give flu shots to Floyd College faculty and staff on Oct. 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the human resources department on the Rome campus.

The nursing department

charges \$12 for flu vaccinations, compared to the Health Department’s \$15 charge or the private doctors’ \$40 fee.

According to Dana Brasel, assistant professor of nursing, the nursing department has three goals in administering the flu vaccinations.

The first is to immunize most of Floyd College, the second is to

give the nursing students practice injecting in a non-threatening environment and the third is to raise money for the nursing department.

Students will be using syringes and latex gloves and will be following OCEA precautions.

Floyd College, though it ordered ahead of time, may experience a delay in receiving the ship-

ment of the flu vaccination.

One batch of the vaccine did not meet the FDA standards, and this has created a shortage.

Any unused vaccine will be available to students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Georgia is predicted to have an active flu season this year, and this is especially pertinent to college students.

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No Teen Plus center--a minus for everyone

State budget cuts for the 2005 fiscal year came as a swift punch in the reproductive organs for many of Georgia's young people.

With the \$100 million state budget cuts, the Department of Human Resources saw all but five of its 39 teen resource clinics close throughout the state.

As of July 1, more than 200,000 Georgia teenagers were left uninsured and unprotected against pregnancy and disease. Pregnancy and disease will not go away with the funding.

The Bartow County center was one of the lucky five clinics to remain open on state funding. Floyd County's center remains open indefinitely relying on donations and private funding.

The Teen Plus clinics supply reproductive services, including HIV screening, STD testing and treatment, pap smears, pregnancy tests and various forms of contraception, all to teens for a surprisingly low cost. The centers also provide counseling, information about nutrition, substance abuse and domestic violence.

Though the centers do advocate abstinence, they face reality and work with it, which is more than we can say about most squeamish adults.

Ironically, it seems that for the most part, people on both sides of this issue have the same goals: less abortion and STDs. And, ironically, the legislators (primarily of the Republican persuasion) who have taken the funding from this project, are acting themselves like teenagers in heat: They do not think of the consequences of their actions.

According to the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, 16,581 babies were born to girls aged 10-19 in Georgia during 2002. Georgia had the seventh highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation in 2003. Since the centers' induction in 1997, teen pregnancy rates have dropped by as much as a third, varying by county.

Some tax payers do not want to pay the \$6 million to fund the centers, but over \$550 million will be necessary to pay for the consequences of not having early intervention programs: Medicaid to pay for medical bills during childbirth and infant care, welfare to assist unwed teenage mothers, as well as costs associated with DFCS custody of unwanted babies and foster care.

People argue that since the centers give their patrons, ages

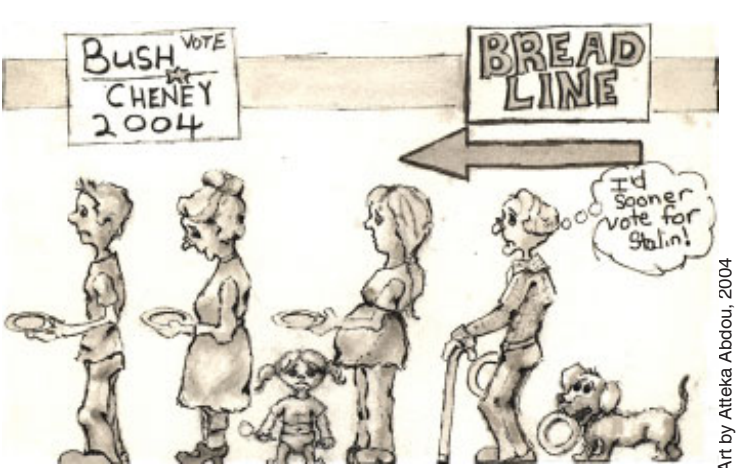
12 to 25, access to emergency contraception, or the "morning after pill," they are promoting abortion. Not true. The morning after pill is a precautionary measure in the state of, well, emergencies: rape, a condom break, and so on. There is no guarantee that an egg has been fertilized. Pregnancies cause abortion, protected sex does not.

Yes, one can receive reproductive services at the county health departments, but it can sometimes take over a month to get an appointment. When you need a "morning after pill," you don't have months.

Private practices also offer OB-GYN services. Usually practices can get you an appointment within weeks, but it costs about \$150 for the visit, plus additional lab fees for testing. The Teen Plus centers offer pap smears and STD testing for \$25 each.

Even if you've never been to any Teen Plus center, this is still your problem. It is your tax money that will pay for foster care for unwanted and unplanned babies. Sexually transmitted diseases spread like a rumor in church. They are not picky, they are not exclusive and they are out to get you.

The new trickle down theory



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Don't Vote; it only encourages them

It seems as if there's a new epidemic of people who like to complain about an economy that's further in debt, the damnation of stem cell research, the ban on gay marriage and The Great War in Iraq that President Bush and other legislators have inflicted on us, but those same people will tell me, "It's not like my vote really matters" or "Give me a candidate that's worth voting for."

Well, I used to think along the same line, until it occurred to me that I was too busy complaining instead of doing something.

Remember that the folks on The Hill are supposed to work for us, not themselves, and if you feel that you and your community have been used and mistreated as public dummies that aren't acknowledged, then do something about it. Let's take back the White House and make the workers work.

But keep in mind, to do this you must put your two cents in and vote.



Editor's Box

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Don't let anyone else intimidate you or tell you who to vote for. Even if you don't fully understand every detail of jibber jabber that spews from the mouths of the white collar elderly that are currently running this country, find out for yourself what you believe in and what's going on and do what you feel is right. Choose a leader you feel is more honest, not necessarily someone your parents, minister, boss, teacher or even your significant other plans to pick.

In 1971, with the 26th Amendment 18-year-olds acquired the privilege to be involved with choosing who would represent America for four years. So honor those who paved the way for that opportunity, and instead of complaining about a politician that someone who actually got off of

the couch picked, voice your opinion by going out and choosing who you want. Prove you really give a damn.

Like the journalist Hunter S. Thompson once wrote, "Anybody who thinks that 'it doesn't matter who's President' has never been drafted and sent off to fight and die in a vicious, stupid war on the other side of the world - or been beaten and gassed by Police for trespassing on public property - or been hounded by the IRS for purely political reasons - or locked up in the Cook County Jail with a broken nose and no phone access and 12 perverts wanting to stomp your ass in the shower. That is when it matters who is President or Governor or Police Chief. That is when you will wish you had voted."

Blunt confessions of a former pothead

The following account is an embarrassing and personal story, but I feel it needs to be told to make a statement about an epidemic that our society will deal with as long as there is life on this planet.

This column is meant to reach out to those of you who have someone important in your life getting into trouble. But more importantly, it is aimed to those of you who are experimenting and are about to get in over your head.

I started smoking marijuana when I was 18. It seemed fun for a while, but soon I began looking for another rush. Well, if excitement was what I wanted, I was about to get it.

I started using other drugs, including pills and cocaine. One night I was at a party. At three o'clock in the morning I had just finished a hard night of partying mixing many various drugs together. I was about to go to sleep when all of a sudden I was having trouble breathing. All of my fellow partiers were passed out.

I called my father and told him I was in trouble. He rushed over and helped me into the car. He drove me to the hospital. Everything was coming in and out of focus. I began clawing at my



Through My Eyes

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throat. I couldn't breathe.

We arrived at the hospital and I couldn't walk, so some nurses carried me to a bed. There was lots of yelling and screaming. I could hear, but my audio was coming and going. My heart was racing. The last thing I remember was them sticking me with lots of needles. Then I passed out.

When I came to, my father was standing over me with a mixed look of fear and disgust. At that moment I knew I was done. I wasn't gambling with my life a second time.

I made the decision quickly, but it was not easily achieved. I realized that I had hit rock bottom. I had no job and no money. I had dropped out of school. I had no real relations with my family. I was broke and had almost died.

That day, I decided to become sober. It wasn't easy, and I did slip several times. I had to drop people that were bad influences, and that was tough for me to do,

but I did it. I did make it and have been sober for almost six years now.

The other day I saw someone from my past. He was living out of his car. He had been in and out of jail. He looked horrible. This was the inspiration for this article. I thought maybe it would help keep some kids from living my past experiences or his current fate.

I can not speak for most people. I used drugs because I wanted some excitement from what at the time I felt was a boring life.

At first it was exciting to do something that was looked on as taboo by society. I felt like I was going against the Man.

You see, this is how drugs clasp their horrible jaws around you. First, you do drugs now and then for fun and excitement. Then you are doing it a little more often. Before you know it you are doing it every day of the

week. Now it is not for fun anymore but you can't stop. It swallows up everything in your life until there is nothing left.

I know people who say "I don't use drugs, I just smoke marijuana." They say it is recreation and that it doesn't kill anyone. They say that the Indians smoked peyote, and it didn't hurt them. I know these arguments by heart because I used to live by them.

The truth is that marijuana is the gateway drug. It seems harmless and therefore seduces you into using it. And if you call becoming an unmotivated slouch who spends every dollar to buy more marijuana like I did harmless, then I guess it is. The fact of the matter is that eventually most people move on to something that can harm them. The choices are endless so the best way to avoid them all is to never start, or if you only smoke marijuana now, stop while you still can.

The reason that we are losing the war on drugs as a society is we don't like to talk about it. It is human nature to shy away from something that makes us uncomfortable. But we have to fight these feelings and triumph over them.

So what is the answer to all of this? We as human beings are the answer. Teachers, parents, friends, family, coaches and community leaders are the answer. We need to reach out to children at a younger age. We need to put the DARE program back into schools in our county and throughout the United States. We need to help our children find adventure in other activities.

We need to step up and be brave and tell our friends and family that they have a problem. People have to admit they have a problem before they can get help. But you can help them do that. Bug the hell out of them. Piss them off. Gang up on them. Do whatever it takes.

As long as we see drugs as a taboo subject that needs to be hidden under a rock, we will continue to lose loved ones and friends to this horrible epidemic. We have to bring this subject way out in the open and attack it head on.

When I was younger, I used to laugh when I read info on how bad drugs were. You might be tempted to do the same with this article. But hopefully, you will be more aware than I was. And if I just reach one person, then I have succeeded.

SIX MILE POLL

What would you most like to see changed at Floyd College?



Diedre Ringer
Rome Campus
Psychology Major

"I would like to have more social events at Floyd College, like dances and different organizations with education workshops."



Todd Tucker
Rome Campus
Undeclared Major

"I would like to change the temperature. I like it cool inside, but it is always freezing in the student center."



Ryan Coburn
Rome Campus
Undeclared Major

"I would change some of the times of the classes so they were not so spaced out."



Emily Loveless
Rome Campus
Biology Major

"There should not be a limit of how many times you can attempt remedial courses."



Trina Dean
Rome Campus
Human Services Major

"I would like the parking lots to be better lit."

Poll by Amanda Cordle / Question suggested by Trina Dean

Mehaffey protects college he helped create

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Serving as a campus security officer is only the latest of Jim Mehaffey's many contributions to Floyd College and Floyd County.

Mehaffey began his 12-year tenure on the Floyd County Board of Commissioners in 1964. Here he would play an instrumental role in what is described as "quite a battle" between Floyd and several other counties to get a junior college in the area.

According to Howard Brooks, chief of the department of campus safety and security at Floyd College, "If not for Mehaffey, Floyd College as we know it might just as easily have been Bartow or Paulding College."

Then after a close friend began to show signs of mental illness, Mehaffey was compelled to end his career on the County Commission and became involved with the Board of Mental Health.

In 1976 he obtained a seat on Gov. Joe Frank Harris' Mental Health Advisory Committee.

For six years he traveled throughout Georgia inspecting various state health facilities and reported his findings directly to Gov. Harris.

Today, Mehaffey is still contributing to the community. His involvement as a member of the Hyland Rivers Community Service Board, a facility dedicated to



Photo by Rick Climer

Jim Mehaffey, FC security guard since 2000, was instrumental in bringing the college to Floyd County when he served on the County Commission. He recently received recognition for his public service from the Georgia House of Representatives.

mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse, is enough to give him a busy schedule.

He also currently serves on the County Board of Health, where he helps oversee city inspections of restaurants and septic tanks, as well as participating in community awareness and prevention of communicable diseases.

In April, the Georgia House of Representatives passed a

resolution recognizing Mehaffey for his years of public service.

In his spare time, Mehaffey also serves as a mediator. The college calls upon him to help work out conflicts that occur on campus.

After retiring from the Inland Container Corporation in 1993, Mehaffey began looking for something to fill this idle time.

In 2000 he took a job with Floyd College's department of campus security and safety.

Mehaffey said his most memorable moment working at Floyd College was when he was asked to act as interim chief of security. His second most memorable moment was when someone finally took over as permanent chief of security.

Mehaffey, who has been married for 50 years, said he attributes his success to "A wonderful wife and family foremost, but I can't forget the support that the Floyd County residents gave me."

Fall Frenzy expected to be 'hair-raising' experience

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The theme for this year's Fall Frezy, Floyd College's annual fall festival, is "Un-Homecoming." The festival will be held Oct. 13 on the Rome campus.

Floyd College has never had an intercollegiate football team to cheer on, but this doesn't mean students can't enjoy homecoming activities.

John Spranza, director of student life, stated jokingly, "After all, Floyd's football team has been undefeated for 34 years."

Students are encouraged to wear their spirit clothes and school spirit war paint in keeping with the "Un-Homecoming" theme.

Carie Melton, a business major from Rome, said, "It was okay last year, but I'm looking forward to this one. You gotta hand it to them. It is definitely original."

This year's main event will be the X-treme Air, a mobile skydiving simulator.

Adventurous students will stand over a floor which contains an enormous fan. The air is so powerful that it will carry them in midair as if they were truly free-falling.

Many a bone has been broken during real skydiving landings. However, landing is much more fun when it is done on the gigantic air pillows which surround the fan floor.

Flip Pix will also be on campus making 3-D holographic pictures of students. The students get a card picture that shows them in action when it is turned a certain way.

Students are encouraged to be creative in choosing their poses.

There will be prize giveaways, T-shirts and lunch. Everything is free, including the Flip Pix pictures.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. and end around 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

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To vote or not to vote: That is the question

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As the heat of summer becomes the comfortable chill of fall, our minds are filled with a myriad of things like pumpkin pie, the upcoming holidays and possibly even the November presidential election.

A number of Floyd College students are focusing on the November election and the need for everyone to vote.

"What you have to say is actually going to count. You need to get involved in your future," said Becky Lowe, nursing major.

Christine Cope, an education major, said that voting is important because "people don't give youth opportunity to express their views and opinions."

Some young people are still getting used to the idea that they

are able to vote. As children it seemed something uniquely "adult," something that parents and grandparents did. Now that they are able to vote alongside their elders, the privilege holds a lot of weight and responsibility.

Early childhood education major Sydney Lanier said, "Your vote is going to decide who runs the country. What happens now will concern us when we're older."

Not all students, however, are as eager to hit the voting booths.

Jennifer Engert, a business management major, had something quite different to say. "I'm not voting because I don't think I'm informed on the issues. A lot of people will vote for whoever looks best. But you shouldn't vote unless you're well informed."



Lanier



Lowe



Cope



Engert

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Financial aid counselor expresses her creativity through abstract art

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Jamie Brynteson has another talent in addition to her skills as a financial aid counselor.

In her spare time, Brynteson, who has been with Floyd College for three months, is an artist.

She enjoys abstract painting. "I like to create things with a sense of mystery and inspire thinking," she said.

Although it took her two years into college to really commit to art, Brynteson has actively pursued her interest in the craft since childhood. Her last show was at the Moon Gallery at Berry College.

The talent, she said, runs in the family. She inherited her true passion for painting from her father, also a painter.

The difference between having the job of a financial aid counselor and having the hobby of art is sort of a yin yang ef-

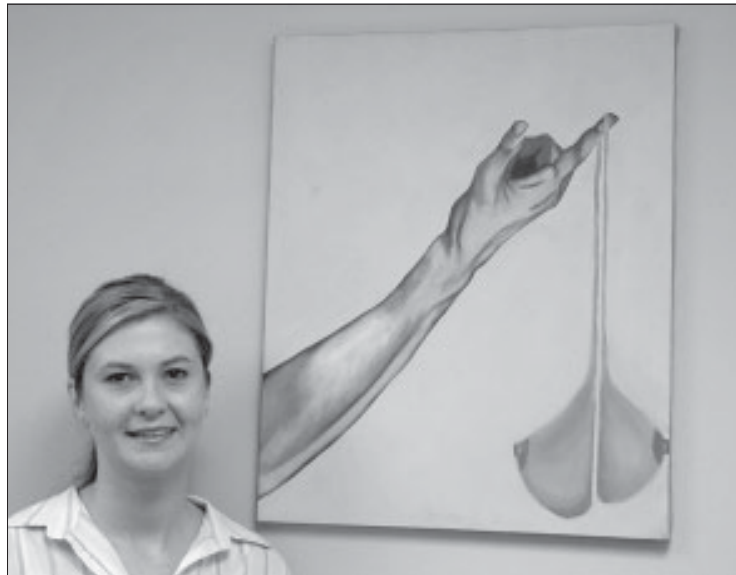


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Jamie Brynteson, a financial aid counselor at Floyd College, stands beside her painting "Battered Woman."

fect, said Brynteson.

Work, where she deals with financial aid issues and the qualifications for it, is structured. "It's all in black and white at work," she said.

But in art, she has room to be

highly creative. "With art you can be anything," Brynteson said.

Since she works during the week, Brynteson spends most of her time on art on weekends and holidays.

Banned books to be read at FC!

If you hate people who hate books, this may be up your alley.

The Floyd College Library and the Office of Student Life will be sponsoring a Banned Books Read-In in the student center on Oct. 4, from 10:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Faculty, staff and students are needed to help fight the battle against the hatred of literature and free speech and to investigate why books such as "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger, "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller, "1984" by George Orwell, "The Canterbury Tales" by Geoffrey Chaucer and many more, are wanted out of sight!

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Novel addresses real issues

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Book Review

The dark comedy, “Normal Girl,” by Molly Jong-Fast exhibits a world of overindulgence that the nation has recently come accustomed to, thanks to Paris Hilton and Nicole Ritchie. Only this normal girl, Miranda Woke, does not live a “simple life.” She may be a fresh member of the “it-list” in Manhattan, but her life of parties and drugs turns sour very quickly, and the only thing that keeps this story sweet is Miranda’s witty account of her downfall and recovery.

Miranda is nineteen and “fabulous.” She works two days a week at an art gallery in Greenwich Village and takes four-hour lunches, which is very taxing for her to do between cocaine parties and starving herself. Her mother has had five husbands and is looking for number six. Her closest friend, Janice, is a crack addict that has repeatedly been committed to a mental asylum, and who Miranda believes has just murdered her own boyfriend, Jeff.

The novel begins with Miranda on her way to Jeff’s funeral. During the cab ride to the service, she does a few lines of cocaine to ready herself for the paparazzi lined funeral procession. As she walks into the temple

with her ageing socialite mother, Miranda recalls that it has been ages since she has felt any type of emotion that wasn’t drug induced. Half way through the service, she must go “powder her nose.” The guilt she feels over Jeff’s death sends her into self-destruction overdrive.

Miranda throws a party at her mother’s posh home and everything is destroyed, which gets her an undesirable mention on page six of the “New York Times.” Her friends start losing interest in her due to her attitude, which causes her to become more wildly out of control. Miranda ends up drinking a homeless man’s Wild Turkey outside of a nightclub. Her ex boyfriend, Brett, manages to get her through an overdose and takes her to her mother’s house where she is whisked from Manhattan to Minnesota for rehab.

After rehab, and some real self-thought, Miranda returns to Manhattan and to Brett. Unlike most of the relationships Miranda has had, this one doesn’t involve sex, drugs or partying. It involves eating and talking. There isn’t exactly a “happy” ending, but the novel does end with her in transition to a better life. She’s going to meetings for her addictions, and working on her relationships with friends and family. While one may not relate to Miranda’s drug abuse, almost everyone can relate to her sense of being lonely in a crowd,

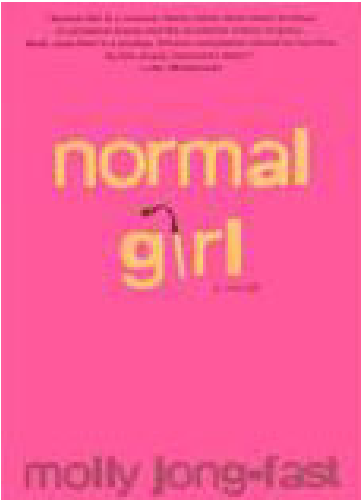


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her need for acceptance, and the desire to be an individual without facing constant chatter from the masses.

Jong-Fast does an incredible job of trying to keep the novel real, even though all of the events may seem absurd to the normal reader. Jong-Fast also doesn’t ruin the gritty realism of the novel by trying to make it seem as if everyone will always live happily ever after. She shows that personal relationships have to be worked on, not just left unattended until someone is in need of something. “Normal Girl” is about serious subject matter, but it’s handled in a very intelligent and funny way. It’s a pretty short novel, but inside the relatively thin book there are so many incredible observations about life and people.

‘Without a Paddle’ rows its way to a ‘C’ for comedy

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Movie Review

Go watch “Deliverance” (1972), replace homosexual rednecks with crazy gun-wielding marijuana cultivators and you get the idea of how “Without a Paddle” runs its course.

This picture is not a blockbuster hit, and it’s not a classic, just a comedy with a real message of friendship.

Although most of the film is fairly entertaining, predictability is the theme the writers and directors decided to go with. In all honesty, this film is more fulfilling than staring at your living room wall for an hour and a half, but you are not going to be extremely thrilled if someone requests you to sit through it again.

“Without a Paddle” begins with four childhood friends growing up together. They all go their separate ways after college, until a freak accident has three of them meet up at their late pal’s funeral.

As they head back down memory lane, they find a map that their deceased friend left behind that leads to the legendary D.B. Cooper’s treasure. To

honor their friend’s un-lived dream, they set out into the Pacific Northwest wilderness.

The three loyal friends in this PG-13 movie are played by Seth Green (“Austin Powers”), Matthew Lillard (“Scooby-Doo”), and Dax Shepard (“Punk’d”).

Their adventure starts with the trio going down roaring rapids and ending up over a waterfall in their canoe.

After they get back onto dry land, they encounter a large brown bear that chases them directly into crazy marijuana farmers, who also want to kill them now that they have discovered their secret harvest. Desperately running for their lives, they run into two beautiful, lesbian, tree-dwelling flower girls.

Basically this movie deserves an overall rating of a C for a comedy. The storyline doesn’t make you want to throw yourself over a bridge, but it does lack the original content that comes along with a good film. You’re not going to recommend this to your closest friends, but more for the mindless individuals that stumble into the video store attempting to satisfy their everyday routine.

If you’re going to see this movie, make sure you rent it, and make sure your friend pays for it.

Capt. Soularcat rocks Rome

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Music Review

That’s right we have our own hometown musical heroes. Capt. Soularcat is a six piece rock band that has been around since August of 2000.

After releasing their new album “Three Rivers Point,” Soularcat set out to make it big. The album comes across with a new twist on a tried and true format. They draw from many different inspirational points, ranging from the Allman Brothers to John Coltrane.

One thing about Soularcat one must respect is the fact that no matter how long they have been around, they still have love for their hometown. In the title track they give a brief musical view of the history of Rome, with

a great homage to our Native American heritage.

“Higher Mound” shows just how versatile they can be. Scott Warren lays down his bass guitar and replaces it with a mandolin; he also brings in Rev. Jeff Mosier to pluck his banjo with the rest of the band.

The track “Salt Lick” sounds like one well organized jam session. Everyone does what they do best, and special guest Brad Thomas brings along his saxophone to contribute to the song.

The best thing anyone can look forward to is the fact that they can see Soularcat in any number of local venues. With the popularity of their latest album, they have been touring the Southeast non-stop.

For anyone with an open mind, or an open ear I should say, I would recommend giving Capt. Soularcat’s newest release serious consideration.

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Ervin Watkins (above), a nursing major from Rome, catches the ball for the Dreamteam in mid-air.

Sloppy Joes player Orlando Morgan (left), an architect major from Carrollton, tries to block Charles Hill, a computer science major from Rome, from making a score for the Dreamteam.

Celtics, Dreamteam start off the three-on-three basketball season with wins

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During the first game of the three-on-three intramural basketball season, Tim Smith led the Celtics with 12 points to defeat the Army People 34-28, with Jason Blair leading the Army

People with 17 points.

The Celtics also defeated the Ballers 41-37. The Celtics' leading scorer was Jarrett Gray with 21 points, and the leading scorer for the Ballers was Larry Peppers with 14 points.

The Dream Team defeated the Sloppy Joes 36-34. Lead scorer for the Dream Team was

Dayne Styles with 20 points. Orlando Morgan led the defeated Sloppy Joes with 22 points.

Intramural basketball started Sept. 15, and will be played through mid-November on Wednesdays in the gym at 1:30 p.m.

The season will end with a tournament.



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Fall intramural sports offer plenty of athletic opportunities for everyone

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ball starts on Oct. 15. Sign-ups for volleyball will end Sept. 30.

FIT Program

For those who believe sports require too much commitment, Floyd has the FIT program.

The program is a 10-week exercise program split between weightlifting and walking/running. There are advanced levels for those looking for a challenge.

David Mathis, the intramural coordinator, said that it is "A good way to bring fitness into life. It is very flexible because you can do it on your own time."

The FIT program also offers rewards for meeting goals; once enough points are earned, participants can get items such as gym bags and sweaters.

For those who aren't basketball fans, there are plenty of other opportunities to choose from.

Tennis

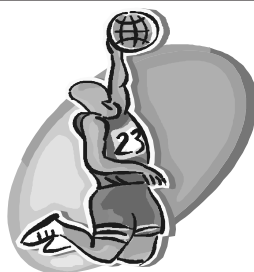
The beginner, intermediate and advanced tennis tournaments will begin on Oct. 4; sign-ups ended Sept. 17.

Co-ed Football

Co-ed football sign-ups also ended Sept. 17, and the season will begin Oct. 12.

Beach Volleyball

For those who feel warm in the colder months, beach volleyball



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Nature’s classroom : Wyoming



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Top left: FC geology students go hiking up Mt. Moran in the Grand Teton National Park. Bottom left: A geyser erupts at Yellowstone National Park’s Norris Geyser Basin. Left center: A black bear cub watches FC students climb the Grand Teton.



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Top right: The Gibbon River flows peacefully through the Norris Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park. Right center: Professor Billy Morris leads the geology class in Wyoming. Bottom right: The geology students pose at the entrance of an abandoned mine.



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For two weeks in June, 22 Floyd College geology students did a field study in Wyoming for eight hours of class credit in GEOL 1121 and GEOL 1122. Billy Morris, associate professor of geology at FC, organized and led the expedition.



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