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## Pierce inaugurated in celebration of college

By Jesse Bishop  
Editor

In a ceremony marked by emotions of reverence and humor, Board of Regents' Chancellor, Dr. Tom Meredith, officially installed Dr. J. Randy Pierce as the new president of Floyd College.

Pierce said, "This is about the institution, not an individual."

With that in mind, Pierce set the tone of the inauguration, April 12, by addressing delegates during brunch at Margretta Hall in downtown Rome. Pierce told those in attendance that the day was about Floyd College and how everyone should celebrate such an important part of the community.

Pierce said that there could be "no greater capstone of (his) career" than to lead Floyd College.

During the formal ceremony, at 1:30 p.m., Pierce gave an emotional and reverent speech about his education, saying, "I didn't even know why I was in college, but, thankfully, someone else did know, and I thank those people."

Pierce is the product of Middle Georgia College, a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia, much like Floyd College.

During the ceremony,

Meredith charged Pierce with the responsibility of taking care of faculty, staff, students and the community.

Meredith said, "Students are counting on you to make sure they are ready for anything they face after this."

Several members of the procession welcomed Pierce and many told anecdotes or made inspirational comments.

Dr. Harvey Moody, associate professor of chemistry, was the faculty representative for the ceremony, and also served as chair for the Presidential Search Committee. Moody told the audience that they chose Pierce because the committee felt Pierce could connect with the students.

Carey Ingram, pastor of Lovejoy Baptist Church, gave the opening inspirational message, though the entire ceremony was full of inspiration.

Many institutions, offices and community members were represented in the ceremony.

Former governor Joe Frank Harris was on hand to welcome Pierce on behalf of the Board of Regents, where he serves as vice chair.

Pierce understands the impor-

tance of the role of education and Floyd College in the community, according to Harris.

Also present was Dr. Scott Colley, Berry College president. Colley will be the speaker at Floyd College's graduation ceremony on May 11.

Rob Watts, former interim president for Floyd College, introduced Pierce.

Watts' rhetoric was light-hearted and filled with humor. Pierce said, jokingly, that he picked his own poison when he didn't tell Watts exactly what to say.

Those attending, many of whom could be seen stifling hearty belly laughs, enjoyed the witty humor of Watts immensely.

"I'm not used to standing at this podium without a laptop," Watts said.

Watts said someone asked him if Pierce had vision. "I don't know," he said, "but he does have insight, and we all know that over time, vision fades and over time, insight deepens."

Watts' sharp and entertaining speech was considered to be one of the brightest points of the ceremony.

Another highlight came when

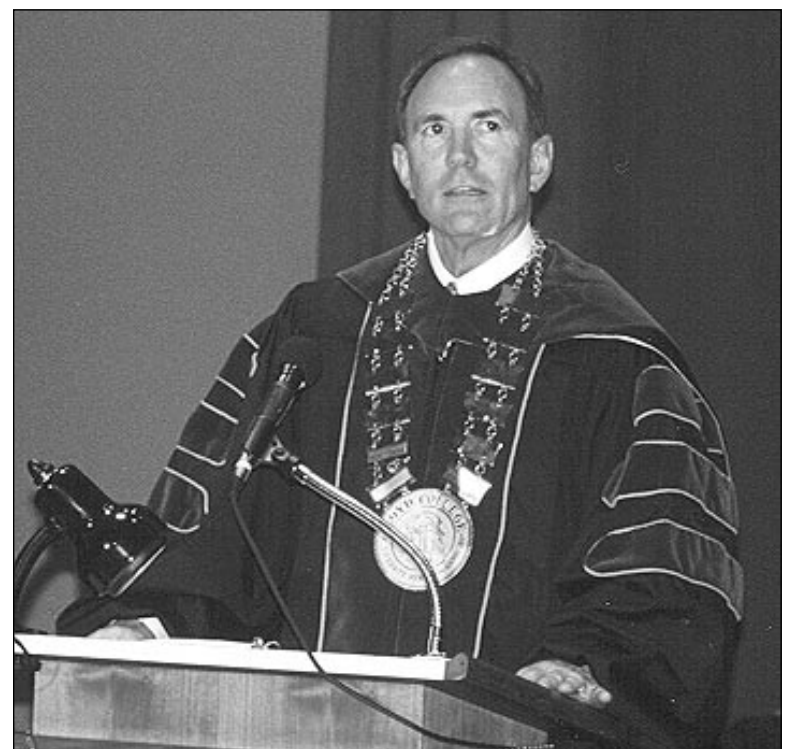


Photo by Jesse Bishop

**Pierce speaks about his plans for Floyd College during the inauguration ceremony. Pierce is a product of the University System of Georgia, attending Middle Georgia College and then finishing his education at Georgia State University.**

Dr. David McCorkle took the podium.

McCorkle was the first president of the college, serving from 1970 until his retirement in 1991.

McCorkle was met with a standing ovation and said, "I am very impressed with Randy (Pierce) and I think the direction the college is heading is wonderful."

Representing the students for the ceremony were Teela Davis, current student, and Laura Adams, alumna. Adams challenged Pierce by saying, "We (students) love our school and we charge you to take care of our school."

Pierce was chosen to lead Floyd College into a new phase of development, one of growing technology and expanding campuses.

Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development, said, "We can think of no better person to lead us."

Pierce said, "I remember a compassionate dean of students, Jim Goodwin, at Dekalb College (now Georgia Perimeter College), saying, 'You can do this.'"

Pierce certainly has done it, rising to the top of one of the state's fastest growing colleges.

The ceremony was part of a weeklong schedule of events that included Spring Fling, an art show and a performance by a Czech dance group.

The inaugural committee was headed by Sandy Briscar, director of public information.

Other members of the committee were Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs; Phyllis Weatherly, director of career and counseling services; Judy Taylor, advancement officer and secretary of Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation; Debbie Amason, assistant professor of nursing; Greg Sumner, assistant professor of criminal justice; Joannie Baker, senior secretary of public information; John Reiners, associate professor of business; Dr. Margaret Davis, professor of math; and Elizabeth Harrison, associate professor of developmental reading.

Representing students were Jeremy Stewart, Student Government Association president, and Teela Davis, student Ambassador.

A "kick-back" party, sponsored by the retirees, was held at the Cherokee Country Club in Cedartown to cap the day. All faculty, staff and guests were invited.

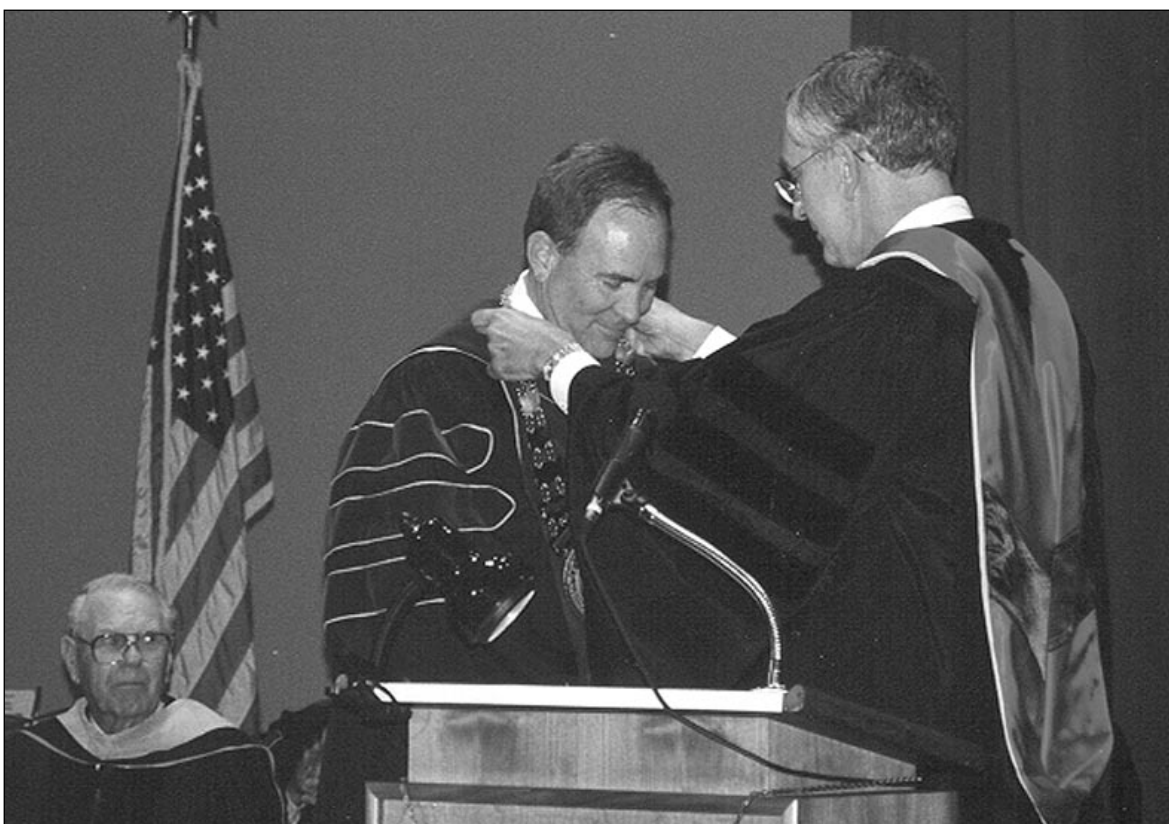


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**Dr. Tom Meredith, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, presents Pierce, center,**

**with the presidential medallion as Dr. David McCorkle, FC's first president, looks on.**

# Dr. Pierce meets the students before inauguration

By Daniel Bell  
Assistant Editor

Less than a week before being inaugurated, Floyd College president, Dr. Randy Pierce, took the time to talk to students, address issues and answer any questions about himself or concerning the college.

This “meet the president” session took place April 8 in the student center at the central campus and was a part of the inauguration week festivities.

Before this session, many students said they were not familiar with FC's new president, and a few weren't even sure who Pierce was.

Pierce spoke to a small crowd

of students and faculty about issues such as laptops, the cafeteria's new hours, the ongoing roof construction and financial aid.

Although Pierce said that he personally will not be making any changes at the college anytime soon, when the time for change does come, he will include everyone in the decision making process.

Addressing a question about the possibility of Floyd College becoming a four-year school, Pierce said that Floyd would be working with the State University of West Georgia and possibly Southern Polytechnic State University to bring four-year programs to here.

One student raised the issue of the continuing roof construction on the Walraven Building and asked how much longer it will last.

Pierce said that they are wrapping up the final touches now but jokingly commented that, “They will probably be working on the roof as long as I am here.”

Another hot topic that was brought up by several students was the location of the smoking cans, which are found outside almost every set of doors to the college.

Some students were concerned about the location of these “stink-butt cans,” as some students are calling them, and asked what could be done to prevent the non-smokers from having to deal with the pollution of those who do smoke.

Other students, those who do smoke, said they would like to have somewhere to go and enjoy their habits without having to face the elements.

Pierce was quick to point out that the buildings are smoke-free environments, but that he realizes there is a problem. Pierce said that he and the other administrators will look into finding a way to solve this problem so that no one, neither non-smokers or smokers, will be inconvenienced.

“We (the administration) will talk about it. I promise you,” Pierce said.



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Dr. Randy Pierce takes the time to answer student questions during a “meet the president” session in the student center.

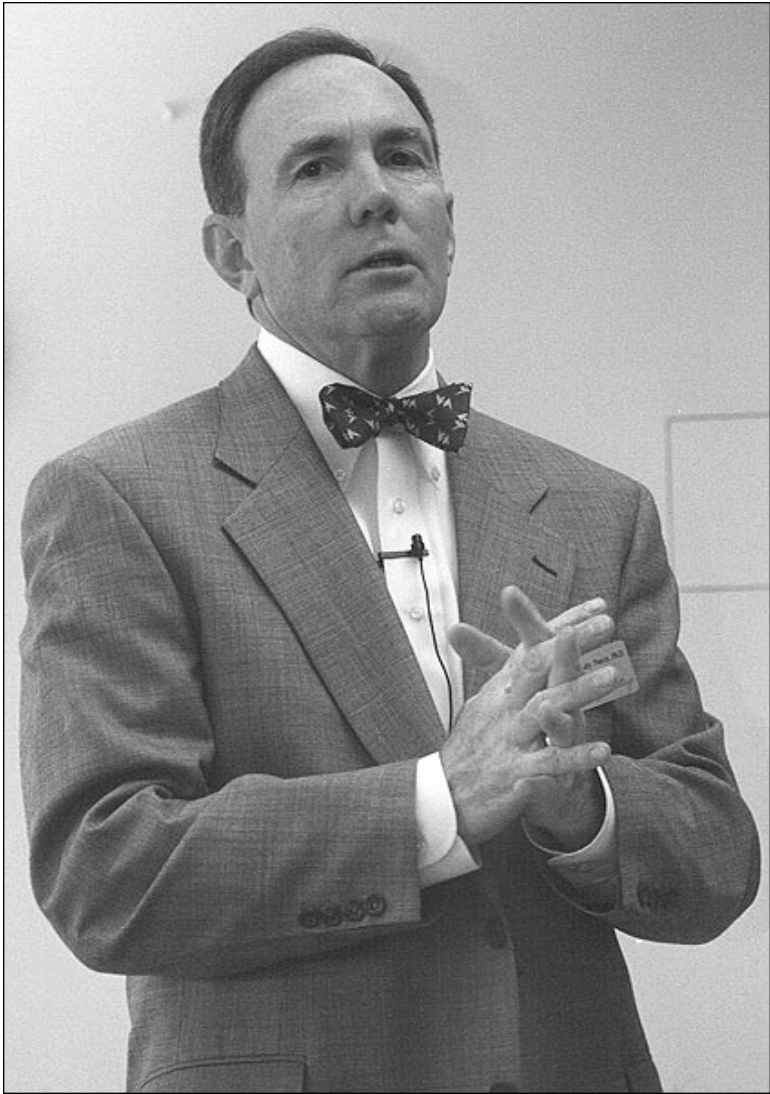


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Dr. Randy Pierce makes a few brief comments before taking questions from students about the college.

# Floyd College art gallery features work by students, Professor Mott



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Vistors to the college for the recent inauguration events took the chance to view some artwork done by FC students and retiring art professor, David Mott.

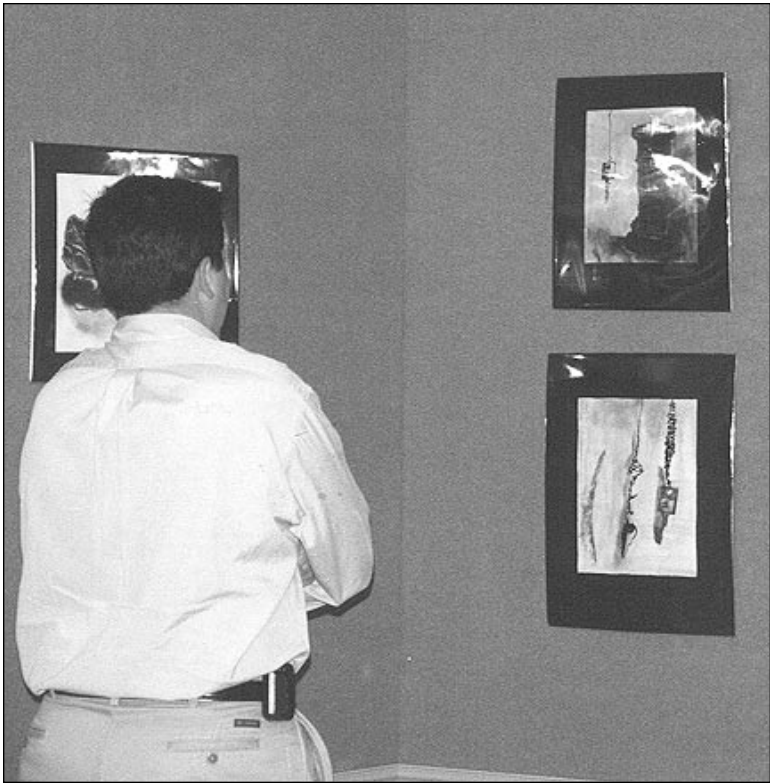


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The artworks in the gallery ranged from elaborate paintings to detailed pencil drawings and ink work.



# Inauguration celebrates Pierce

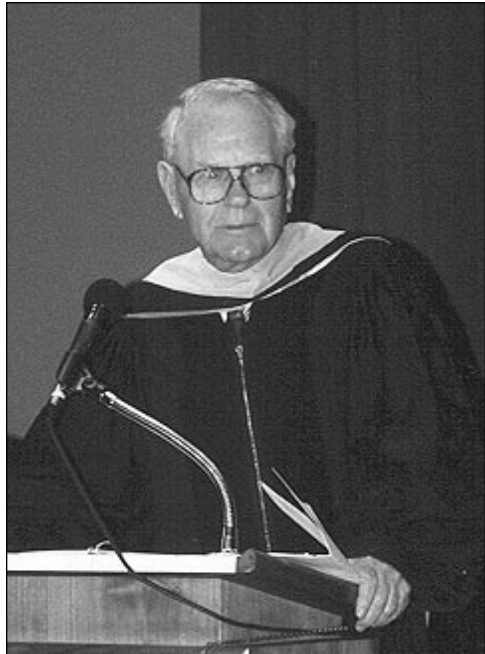


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Dr. David McCorkle was Floyd College’s first president. McCorkle welcomed Pierce and wished him “many more years” as president.



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Pierce, right, shown here with Dr. Clifford Brock from Bainsbridge College, spent the day talking with representatives and dignitaries from across the state.



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Joe Frank Harris, former governor, welcomes Pierce on behalf of the Board of Regents. Harris serves as the vice president for the Board of Regents.



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Pierce enjoys camaraderie at Margretta Hall before the inaugural ceremony.



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development, talks with Merle King, delegate from Kennesaw State University, during the brunch held before inaugural ceremony.



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Sandy Briscar, Floyd College public information officer, was responsible for planning related inauguration ceremony and activities.

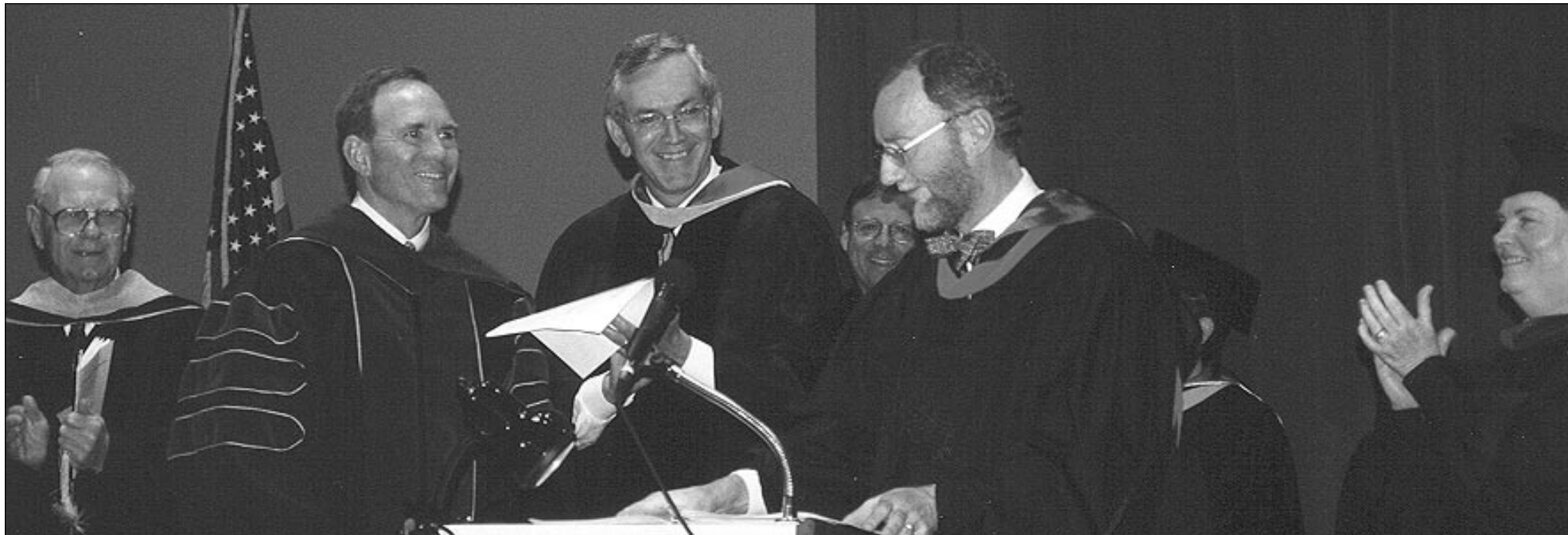


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Rob Watts, second from right, finishes a very light-hearted and entertaining speech introducing Pierce during the formal inaugural ceremony. Watts was

interim president of Floyd College during 2000-2001. Watts is receiving a standing ovation after his introduction of Pierce.

# Outstanding students recognized at assembly

The 30th annual Floyd College Honors Assembly was held on Thursday April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Building on the main campus.

Jeremy Stewart, SGA president, gave the welcoming address and served as the master of ceremonies.

The pianist was Nathan Tucker.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award was presented to **Chrystal D. Smith**. This award is for a freshman nursing student, resident of Floyd County, who has potential for exemplary professional service.

**Deborah Orris** received the Amedisys Home Health Care Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award. This award recognizes outstanding performance in the care of geriatric patients.

The Amedisys Home Health Care Award for excellence in nursing and demonstrated interest in home health was presented to **Teresa Dryden**.

The Floyd Medical Center Greatest Dedication and Achievement in Nursing Award was presented to **Timothy J. Adams** and **April Beck**. This award is for students who have demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and dedication to nursing.

Seventh District Georgia Nursing Association's "Excellence in Bedside Care" Award was presented to **Timothy J. Adams**. The candidate for this award is nominated by the sophomore nursing class based on competent clinical performance. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated, through his/her nursing care, the most concern for patients.

**Thomas W. Jones** received the Outstanding Academic



**Jeremy Stewart**, left, and **Jeff Chandler**, were presented with the Leadership Award at the honors assembly. Stewart serves as chief staff writer of the SMP, president of SGA and is a member of the Secretary of State's Student Advisory Committee. Chandler is the senator of SGA, a member of LAE (American Criminal Justice Association) as well as the Human Services Organization. Both have also been active in community service.

Achievement in Nursing Award. This award is given to the student nurse who has the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average.

The Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award was presented to **Brandy Browning**. The award is presented for competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program Outstanding Academic Achievement Award went to **Leila Kaupe**. The award goes to the student with the highest grade point average in all PTA Program courses.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award was presented to **Jessie Cromer Mohler**. This award is in recognition for achieving the highest clinical grade point average.

The inductees to the 2002 National Creative Society were **Brian Armstrong, Jesse Bishop, Maggie Barrett Bowers, Jesse Chappell, Kim Cornett, Yancy Crook, Jake DeWit, Michelle Duncan, Stacy Edge, John Fisher, Donna Forshee, Chris Isbell, Mike Johnston, Brandon Knight, Steve Lanier, Natalie Lombard, Nakisha McNeal, Kim Meyers, Al Miller, Tyler Morgan, Samantha Pierce, Eric Rose, Autumn Stewart, Dayne Styles, Charles Swearingner, Adam Turner, Mary Wheeler** and **Mandi Wolfe**.

**Caleen Albert** and **Denise Collins** were the recipients of the Dr. Melvin Perry American Association of University Professors Outstanding Future Educator Award. The award is presented to students who demonstrate an ap-



titude for and a commitment to excellence in teaching.

The *Old Red Kimono* Creative Writing Awards went to **Samantha Pierce** (first place), **Brian Armstrong** (second place), **Adam Turner** (third place) and **Jesse Bishop** (honorable mention). The *Old Red Kimono* Art Awards went to **Yancy Crook** (first place), **Brandon Knight** (second place), **Matt Crews** (third place) and **Rebecca Anthony** (honorable mention).

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in campus and community activities while maintaining high academic standards. **Jeffrey S. Chandler** and **Jeremy Stewart** received the award.

The Floyd College Spirit Award was presented to **Jesse Bishop** and **Julianna Smith**.

This award is for students who have shown dedication to campus life, activity in school and community projects, and promotion of school spirit.

The Student Government Association Service Award recognized the 2001-2002 SGA members. They were **Jason Yates, Jeremy Stewart, Brijesh Patel, Samantha Pierce, Charles Swearingner, Jeffrey S. Chandler** and **Patricia Norsworthy**.

**Amit Patel** received the SGA Contribution to Student Life Award. The award is presented to a faculty member, staff person or student who exhibits dedication to making Floyd College a better place for students.

The *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* Awards recognize students for their service to the college and

community and their academic average. The recipients were **Debra Arrington, Ezkiel Baker, April Beck, Jesse Bishop, Candace Bradshaw, Kimberly Causey, Marlena Cecil, Jeffrey S. Chandler, Robert Bradley Church, Mary Dillard, Sheila Farley, Cynthia Ferguson, Jennifer Gilbert, Misti Graham, Frances Grier, Mary Hernandez, Crystal Hightower, Candi Hubbard, Nancy Humphries, Samantha Jill Jacobs, Jacob T. Jones, Valerie Joy Laney, Wendy R. Smith Linley, An Hao Ma, Angela Marie Martin, Marsha Middleton, Norma Jean Murphy, Penny Olinda, Amit Patel, Brijesh Patel, Jennifer Payne, Samantha Pierce, Serpentfoot, Julianna Smith, Jeremy**



**Julianna Smith**, left, and **Jesse Bishop**, were awarded the Spirit Award. Smith is a staff writer for the SMP, serves as president of Ambassadors and is active in intramural and extramural sports. She also coached in the Special Olympics. Bishop serves as editor of the SMP, is a member of Ambassadors, is vice president of the Georgia College Press Association and is a member of the Student Affairs Committee. Both Smith and Bishop have been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*.



**Stewart, Kimberly Swanson, Charles Swearingner, Connie Taylor, Anna Marie Tierce, Nathan Ryan Tucker** and **Luis Vela**.

The Community Criminal Justice Award of Excellence was presented to **Jeffrey S. Chandler**. The award recognizes a student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who has demonstrated a commitment to embracing and fostering higher education in criminal justice, dedication to community service and a true sense of honor, integrity and professionalism.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature and who has at least a 3.0 GPA, was given to **Susan Waters**.

**Adam Turner** received the Regents' Test Essay Award for making a perfect score of 4.0 on the Regents' Test Essay.

The Business Merit Award went to **Jerry J. Brooks**. This award is given to a business major who has completed 30 semester hours, maintained a 3.4 GPA and exhibits potential for success in the business environment.

The Georgia Society of CPA's Excellence Award went to **Carol Renee Dill** for excellence in the study of the principles of accounting.

**Joy L. Cash** and **Nakisha McNeal** received the Spanish Award. The award recognizes excellence in Spanish.

**Jesse Bishop** and **Jeremy Stewart** were recognized with the Journalism Award. This award is for students who have served on the student newspaper staff for a year or more, who have held lead-

ership positions on the staff and who have also demonstrated exceptional journalistic achievement.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Award was given to **Robert Paul Dooley**. This award goes to a major or minor in health, physical education or recreation who is active in intramurals.

The Steve Burns Service Award was presented to **Mary Hernandez**. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to serving others.

**Wendy R. Smith Linley** and **Crystal Ryan** received the Human Services High Achievement Award. This award is given for demonstrating the highest academic achievement in and dedication to the field of Human Services.

**Renee Tumblin** received the award for Student Organization Adviser of the Year. This award goes to the adviser who has promoted positive change within a student organization through leadership, motivation, support and vision.

The **Floyd College Student Ambassadors** were given the award for Student Organization of the Year. It is given to the organization that has made a significant contribution to the students and community of Floyd College.

The Student Organization Service Award went to **Alpha Delta, Floyd College's local chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association, or Lambda Alpha Epsilon**. This award is given to the organization that has exhibited a commitment to community service and the development of servant leaders.



# SGA officers elected

By Jesse Bishop  
Editor

Samantha Pierce is the newly elected president of the Student Government Association for the 2002-2003 school year.

Amit Patel won an uncontested race for vice president of special events.

Pierce, a general studies major from Silver Creek, said, "I am really excited to be the new SGA president. I expect great things for the college and the SGA in the upcoming year."

Patel, an accounting major from Rome, recently received the SGA Contribution to Student Life Award for his dedication to making Floyd College a better place for students.

Traditionally the vice president of public relations has been an elected official, but due to lack of candidates, this year's officer must be appointed. The secretary has always been an appointed position, determined by the president.

As of press time, these positions were not filled.

A total of 76 students voted in the election, up from 48 students last year, according to Ashley Wood, director of student life. The voting was conducted over the Internet. Students were required to enter their identification numbers for security purposes.



Photo by Daniel Bell

**Samantha Pierce will serve as SGA president for the 2002-2003 school year.**



Photo by Daniel Bell

**Amit Patel will serve as SGA vice president of special events for the 2002-2003 school year.**

# Colley to speak at graduation

By Jeremy Stewart  
Chief Staff Writer

The 2002 graduation ceremony will be held at The Forum in downtown Rome on May 11, at 10 a.m.

The graduation speaker will be Dr. Scott Colley, president of Berry College.

Colley's address will focus on three key words in regards to Floyd College: Access, Opportunity, and Choice.

He will discuss how important Floyd College is to Northwest Georgia as a point of access and opportunity for people in the region.

Colley will also touch upon how fortunate the residents of this area are to have Floyd College as an extra chance and "safety net" when working towards a better education.

In addition, the Berry president will examine the tremendous opportunity of having a two-year institution like Floyd College, a technical college and two small liberal arts colleges in the same town.

Colley is flattered to have been asked to address the 2002 graduating class.

"Dr. Pierce (president of Floyd College) is someone I like and admire, so it is a real honor to speak at the graduation of his inaugural year," Colley said.

An author of over 60 book reviews, papers, public lectures and

published articles, many of them dealing with Shakespeare and the theatre of the sixteenth century, Colley started his career in education in 1968 in the department of English of Vanderbilt University.

During his 20-year stay at Vanderbilt, Colley served as associate dean of the college from 1981

to 1986 and chair of the department of English from 1986 to 1988.

After a stay at Hampden-Sydney College as provost and dean of the faculty, Colley became president of Berry College in 1998.

Colley earned his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Chicago.



Photo by Jesse Bishop

**Dr. Scott Colley, president of Berry College, will be the commencement speaker during this year's graduation ceremony. Colley's address will focus on what Floyd College means to the surrounding communities.**



Guest Photo

**Floyd College ASF group gathers in front of the theatre. Fifty-four people went on the trip to Montgomery, Ala., to see two plays: *Smokey Joe's Cafe* and *A Doll's House*.**

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# Floyd College ‘Heroes’ contribute to the Red Cross

**By Kim Cornett  
Assistant Editor**

The student organizations of Floyd College recently raised \$1,015 in the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Hero Program.

The members of the Student Government Association, Human Service Club, Ambassadors, *Six Mile Post* staff and American Criminal Justice Association exceeded their goal of \$1,000 during the three-week fundraiser, which ended on March 19.

Greg Sumner, assistant professor of criminal justice and American Criminal Justice Association adviser, said, “As with anything in life, attitude plays a key role. I knew from the beginning the people involved had the right attitude. In my opinion, the amount they raised was not as significant as the way they embraced the concept of community service and

how they actually worked together as a team to raise their funds.”

Students raised the money by starting a “Wall of Heroes,” which was located right outside the Student Life Office. When making a donation, people signed their name to a Red Cross square, which was then added to the wall.

The other option was to give a \$2 donation to qualify for a drawing. Prizes for the drawing, which took place on Monday, March 18, were a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate, a one-hour full body massage, dinner for two at Chili’s and a full automobile detailing.

The Floyd College fundraiser was part of a community wide effort in which Rome and Floyd County came together to make the Heroes Program a success. Numerous stores and restaurants participated.

The total amount raised by the community, including Floyd Col-

lege, was \$49,118.

Jeff Chandler, SGA senator and member of the American Criminal Justice Association, headed up the Floyd College fundraiser. He said, “I was honored by being asked to facilitate this project between all groups involved. This was an awesome opportunity for myself and other students to learn lessons about serving our community. These types of opportunities are seldom replicated within the confines of classroom and curriculum. The level of student body involvement was truly astounding, to say the least.”

The funds raised from the Heroes Program go to families in need of support for a military crisis, disaster relief and CPR and water safety training.

Sumner said, “A hero is one who defies the odds and triumphs in a time of need. We have some true heroes at Floyd College.”



Guest Photo

**Brenda Jenkins from the Red Cross (left) accepts FC’s Heroes fund donation from students (from left) Jeff Chandler, Michael Whitley, Devon Yarbrough and Kim Cornett.**

## FC students and faculty get involved in local ‘Kiss A Pig’ Contest benefit

**By Kim Cornett  
Assistant Editor**

Floyd College was recently a part of the American Diabetes Association’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “Kiss a Pig” contest.

Different organizations and businesses in Rome were involved in the effort. Each business volunteered someone to kiss a pig if they raised the most money.

Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, was Floyd College’s entry to kiss a pig if Floyd College

won the contest.

Ashley Wood, director of student life, and Ken Reaves, director of human resources, along with student leaders, helped the fundraiser come together.

Along with taking donations, there was a silent auction to help raise the funds. Students and faculty of Floyd College donated a wide variety of items to the auction. Everything from food to collectibles to a car wash by FC president, Dr. Randy Pierce, was bid on.

The final amount collected by

Floyd College was approximately \$400.

The actual Kiss A Pig event took place on Wednesday, April 10, at 12:15 p.m., at The Forum, in Rome.

Kyle Jones, principal of West End Elementary School and Doug Walker of WRGA radio, got to kiss the pig. Jones raised \$6,900, while Walker was close behind with \$5,500.

The total amount raised by all participants, including Floyd College, was almost \$23,000.

## Nursing student wins national office

Floyd College nursing student Lisa Holbrook was elected as one of the four directors on the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) board while attending the annual convention in Philadelphia April 2-7.

Holbrook will represent the South region.

She will be a member of the Image of Nursing Committee and Membership Committee while also chairing the Convention Committee.

Holbrook currently serves on the state board for the Georgia Association of Nursing Students.

The other students who at-

tended the convention were Canada Astin, Rebecca Holder, Jill Jacobs, Jeannie Mears, Marsha Middleton and Jennifer Pedro. Debbie Amason and Becca Maddox, the faculty advisers for the Floyd Association of Nursing Students (FANS), also attended.

NSNA recently celebrated its 50th birthday. As part of the celebration, a time capsule was put together to be opened during opening ceremonies of the 75th Annual NSNA Convention. Floyd College put a FC Nursing sweatshirt in the capsule.

FANS is open to all pre-nursing and nursing students.

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# West Theatre continues to make memories



Photo by Jeremy Stewart

West Theatre has featured the magic of the movies for over 60 years.

By Jeremy Stewart  
Chief Staff Writer

On a side street in Cedartown, Georgia, is a place where people have come for over 60 years to experience the magic of the movies.

O.C. Lam, then president of the Lam Amusement Company, opened the West Theatre on August 15, 1941, with help from the Cedartown Federated Clubs. The opening feature was the movie *Three Sons o' Guns*.

A full-page advertisement in the August 14 *Cedartown Standard* called the building "As mod-

ern as tomorrow to meet the needs of a growing city."

Ticket prices ranged from 25 cents for afternoon showings to 30 cents for night showings. Children's tickets were always 10 cents.

The theatre featured 1,045 "all-steel, ultra-comfortable seats" and air conditioning "with a change of air every minute and a half."

The theatre, located at 112 West Avenue, was not named for its position but rather for A.G. West, a local industrialist, who owned a foundry and large house in the town.

Kenneth Browning, current owner of the West

Theatre, came into the property through his father-in-law, who had worked at the theatre since its opening in 1941.

When the building came up for sale in 1977, he and his father-in-law purchased it together. When his father-in-law became ill in 1983, Browning bought his half. His father-in-law passed away in 1984.

Built in the style of Art Deco, the outside of the West Theatre is reminiscent of Greek architectural design and includes relief sculptures and tile patterns.

Inside, visitors find them-

selves illuminated by hanging chandeliers in the lobby, where movie cards from the fifties and sixties adorn the walls.

Originally, one screen occupied the entire building.

In 1984, Browning decided to turn the one auditorium into two and split the theatre down the middle. Other than this, along with the lowering of the auditorium ceiling, nothing else has been changed.

As moviegoers walk towards the movie hall, a small, rectangular room, occupied by a small display, is the last stop before entering the seating area.

One's first assumption would be that it is simply an extension of the lobby, but not so.

During the early days of the theatre, movies ran during the daytime as well as in the evening. When people came in from the bright sun, they had to let their eyes adjust to the darkness of the auditorium.

The wall of the small room that faces into the theatre itself was once a series of windows.

Moviegoers would buy their ticket, come in and stand in front of the windows until their eyes allowed them to see in the dim light.

In 1990 Browning received the Georgia Trust Award for the refurbishment of a historical building, an achievement he is very proud of.

"For half the people in Cedartown, this is where they met their wives," Browning said, including himself in the group.

Married couples come from all parts of the country, including California and Texas, to visit the place where their love began.

Romance is not the only recol-

lection that the theatre triggers; sometimes it can remind a person of his or her first job.

On a trip to Washington, D.C., in 1993, Browning and his wife went to former Sen. Sam Nunn's office in the Capitol.

Browning then found out, through conversation, that the senator's secretary had sold tickets at the theatre during the fifties.

In a similar instance, Browning saw a postcard-like gift certificate with the front of the theatre on it in the office of a woman in a high-rise building in downtown Atlanta.

Browning noted, "You know, you run into people like that all the time."

The present status of the kids that have helped out at the theatre over the years is the thing that Browning finds most interesting.

Those who have started at the theatre working behind the concession stand have gone on to become teachers, pharmacists and doctors.

In fact, Browning said that he

and his wife are planning a reunion for everybody who has worked at the theatre.

After refurbishing the outside in 2001, Browning is planning to repaint the lobby and possibly pull up the carpet and expose the original green, yellow and cream tile floor.

Browning has gotten many offers to sell the building but abandons the thought at the last minute.

"You just sort of grow attached to it," he said. "The age, the way it was built back then, the high domed ceilings. There are just not any more of them."

Other old movie theaters in the area (like the Desoto theatre in downtown Rome) have been bought by their respective cities and turned into stage theaters in order to show plays.

Browning summed up the theatre in one word.

"Wonderful. It's just a wonderful piece of property. We enjoy running it. I'm just gonna try to keep it for a while," he said.

And as long as he does, memories will continue to be made.

**Editor's note:**  
Special thanks to the Polk County Historical Society for all their help with the research for this article.



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Built in the style of Art Deco, the outside of the West Theatre is reminiscent of a Greek architectural design.

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# ‘Spring Fling’ provides free food and fun

The Office of Student Life and SGA recently sponsored “Spring Fling,” a carefree day for students and faculty. There was a free cookout, a cartoonist, a volleyball tournament and canoeing available.



Photo by Daniel Bell

Steve Gibson, cartoonist, was on hand to draw caricatures for students free of charge.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Tamra Pierce blows bubbles as she takes a break from class to enjoy the spring weather, free food and fun.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Students enjoy canoeing on Paris Lake behind Floyd College as part of the ‘Spring Fling’ activities. Canoeing was sponsored by the physical education department and student ambassador, Charles Swearingner, oversaw the event.



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Mike Tuggles, right, and Josh Kerce help themselves to some of the free hotdogs, hamburgers and potato chips provided by the Office of Student Life and the Student Government Association.

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Gail Bentley, secretary of the Office of Student Life, dances to the music at “Spring Fling.”



# Ways to deal with and avoid sexual assault

By **Brian S. Armstrong**  
Staff Writer

Rape and sexual assault are problems that plague the students at college campuses everywhere. Sexual assault is defined as sexual contact, intimacy, gestures or comments initiated by one or more persons against another without consent.

Included under this definition is rape, attempted rape, child molestation, incest, sodomy, sexual battery, indecent exposure and sexual harassment.

Tracey Meyer Chesser, executive director of the Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, Inc. says, “It (sexual assault) is any conduct not agreed upon or consensual by both parties.”

According to The Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNESA), college age women (age 16-25) are at the highest risk of being raped. Women in this age group are three times more likely to be sexually assaulted than other women.

Rape is not limited to only females. Literature from The Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, states that 10 percent of all rape victims are males.

The stereotypical stranger hidden behind a bush waiting to attack a woman is what most people think of when they think of a rapist.

In reality, according to GNESA, 84 percent of all rapes are committed by someone that the victim knows. Many people are taught to be afraid of strangers, but they should also be cautious around people that they are familiar with.

Many times on college campuses alcohol plays a major role in sexual assaults. Being intoxicated is no excuse for committing rape. In the eye of the law, a person is responsible for his or her actions, whether drunk or not.

There are many myths and misconceptions concerning rape. According to the *Rape Recovery Help and Information Page* website, some common myths are

- Sex is the motivation for sexual assault. Rape is actually a display of power and control where a person uses sex as a means of violence.

- Women entice men into raping them. In reality, studies show that most rapes are premeditated, and are not impulsive acts.

- Husbands can’t rape their

wives. Actually any forced sex act is considered rape.

- People are safe in the work place. Actually, over 13,000 women are raped at work every year.

- If a man spends a lot of money on a woman, she “owes” him sex. Sex is not acceptable currency in any situation.

Although there are no ways to positively defend against being a victim of a crime, there are some precautions that a person can take to help prevent being a rape victim:

- Trust one’s intuition.
- Be straightforward on dates.
- Keep watch for friends while out together.

- Never leave a drink unattended.

- Be aware if a brand new acquaintance wants to go outside.

Also, if a person is becoming intoxicated at a quicker than normal rate while drinking, leave the area and stay close to friends. A drug could have been slipped into that person’s drink.

If a woman acts like she wants to have sex, but she says “no,” it is still considered rape if she is coerced into sex.

A point-of-no-return does not

exist when it comes to sexual assault. If a person is not sure if his or her partner wants to have sex, it is very important to clarify the situation.

For victims of sexual assault, it is essential that the crime is reported and that the victim seeks medical attention. It is recommended that rapes are reported within 72 hours so that the maximum amount of evidence can be collected.

“Ideally immediately afterwards, when the victim is safe...,but sometimes people aren’t ready to report immediately and certainly we respect that. If taking a few hours is what they need to do then certainly we will still be there for them,” said Chesser about the recommended time for reporting rape.

She added that it is best not to drink anything, bathe, change clothes or urinate afterwards to preserve evidence.

A person could have sustained injuries he or she is not aware of during assaults. Pregnancy and STD’s are potential conditions associated with rape. GNESA states that one in 15 girls become pregnant, and the same number contract an STD as a result of being

raped.

Talking to a counselor or to someone that is supportive and understanding can be helpful. Anyone can help start the healing process. A person can contact a local rape crisis center or speak with the counseling center on their campus. If being anonymous is preferred, one can talk to a counselor without giving a name by calling an anonymous hotline.

There is also an organization called R.A.I.N.N (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network), which was founded by singer Tori Amos. This organization provides a crisis phone number that will link victims to counselors. Its nationwide number is (800) 656-HOPE.

The Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, Inc. is located in Rome. It provides counseling and support services for victims and family members of assault victims free of charge. Their crisis hotline phone number is (706)802-0580.

Also, anyone who is interested in learning more about sexual assault, or in volunteering to help stop this problem may direct inquiries to The Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, Inc. office at (706) 292-9024.

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Editor thanks college

By Jesse Bishop  
Editor

Originally this space was allotted for a witty unsigned editorial designed to make students form an opinion, any opinion, about campus issues, but I must be selfish one last time.

On April 12, President Randy Pierce was officially installed into office.

I was a bit skeptical about the much ado surrounding this event. There was a sense of pomp and circumstance, which I originally interpreted as foo-foo and politics.

But, to the contrary I was truly moved by the ceremony.

Pierce, beyond a doubt, is an inspirational icon for this institution.

Pierce is a lot like this institution. He started out at a two-year college; Floyd College started out in a former rabies clinic in downtown Rome. Okay, so maybe the connection is not exactly the same, but the point is our leader had humble beginnings.

He was a first-generation college student, and now he is leading many first-generation college students. He said, "I had no idea why I was in college." Well, needless to say, many Floyd students have absolutely no idea where they are headed.

Yet, this is not a bad thing.

As a matter of fact, this is a wonderful thing. The fact is that Pierce is a product of the University System of Georgia, working

his way from the bottom to the top. Pierce is an inspiration to those of us who have no idea what we want.

This institution came out of humble beginnings and is now a staple of this area.

For all of those who feel the pressure of not knowing what they want to do, or where they want to go, take heart, for Pierce says that even though he did not know why he was in college, luckily those around him did know.

The faculty and staff here care, I mean truly care, about the students. They go out of their way to make sure we have the necessary education and knowledge to succeed elsewhere.

So many students have gone on to finish their educations and returned to Floyd College to become instructors.

This is a testament to the nurturing that goes on at this college.

I am leaving here and heading to Shorter College, and I feel more than confident that I will do well. I will do well because the faculty and staff here have made sure that I am ready.

I could not have asked for a better opportunity to grow and learn.

So, to those of you that have made a difference in my life, and the lives of the hundreds of other students here, thank you.

Thank you for your guidance and instruction. And to Dr. Pierce, good luck to you and to this institution.



Daniel Bell  
Assistant Editor

They say patience is a virtue. With that in mind, I suppose I am not a very virtuous person.

In April of 2001, the *Six Mile Post* printed a story about rooftop construction that was to be done over the summer of 2001 and completed no later than September of the same year.

According to Dr. Joan Lord, who was vice president of academic affairs at that time, the construction was supposed to be completed before fall classes started and would only have minimal effect on the summer classes.

Well, here we are one year later and the construction, or destruction, as some have labeled it, is still in progress. I say progress, but I am not sure that any is being made.

Most recently the *Six Mile Post* ran a story in the January online issue that cited Doug Webb, director of physical plant, as saying the construction would be done in March, and the cleanup would be underway in April.

Once again, another date of completion has come and gone, and still the work (if you can call it that) continues.

Besides all the terrible smells of tar, unbearable noise and sheer ugliness of the campus, it's not really all that big of

Editor's Box  
Roof Goblin good, but not that good

a deal. I suppose I could neglect to mention the constant pour of water every time it rains or the offices that have been destroyed by oozing tar, but that just wouldn't be good journalism.

Walking behind the Walraven Building is sort of like walking through a dried-up pond.

There are piles of mud everywhere, and puddles line the sidewalks.

What's worse is that, way too often, there are trucks parked on the sidewalk (more like a bridge, really), blocking any chance of safe passage to the library.

On top of all of this, the Floyd College soccer team was recently told they could no longer park next to the lake, adjacent to the field, because they would tear up the grass.

Hello? Is anyone paying attention?

I'm sure that this monstrous new roof they are putting on top of the W-Building is much needed and will truly help the school. But is it worth all the trouble it has caused?

In an editorial back in October, I blamed the delayed work and the all the other roof woes on the Roof Goblin.

But, at this point, I am not even sure the Roof Goblin could be responsible for such horrible things.

He's good, but this is ridiculous.

The point is, the original idea was that construction would be finished last September at the latest and would hardly affect students in any way. But, six months after that deadline, we are still watching the oversized roof take shape.

I will note that I was impressed at the recent clean-up attempt that was intended to beautify our campus for the inauguration.

Nothing screams beauty like some fresh paint, new mulch and carefully placed potted plants. I'm sure the visitors to our campus couldn't see the nastiness because of this convenient cover-up.

To be honest, I am not sure why the original schedule was not kept.

Be it Roof Goblin, weather, poor workmanship or whatever, it doesn't matter who's to blame.

Let's just get it done and get it over with.

It's an eyesore and a pain in the nether regions to anyone with a class on that side of the campus.

Hopefully, by next fall, we can return to a school not plagued by toxic fumes, leaking water, destructive noises and piles of mud.

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Photo by Crystal Hightower  
Six Mile Post staff gathers at rock outside Walraven Building to wish everyone a great summer.



Six Mile Poll

By Julianna Smith

What is your dream vacation?



My dream vacation is to spend the summer in Hawaii.

Kathryn Smith  
Undecided



Swim with dolphins.

Candi Hubbard  
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To go to New Orleans for my 21st birthday!

Natalie Garrett  
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To travel places in Europe, especially Great Britain and Ireland.

Barry Jay Holden  
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My dream vacation would be for Phish to get back together and tour this summer, and I would follow them all over the country.

Sarah-Ann Self  
Undecided



Going to Australia.

Melissa Muller  
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Bourne with an Opinion

American Ignorance

I know I have written a majority of my editorials on handicapped related issues, but before I officially put this topic to rest, there is something I need to get off my chest.

I have been confined to a wheelchair since before I started kindergarten. From elementary school and practically through eighth grade, other students always looked at me differently.

In elementary school, it didn't really bother me because I knew the other students were curious about my wheelchair.

However, when I began middle school, it started to bother me. I felt that the students should have matured, if that were the appropriate word, and would accept my being in a wheelchair.

I am not saying that people in wheelchairs are the only ones that are stared at because they are different. People with walkers, canes, and even those who are missing arms and legs are constantly stared at because they "look different."

This really bothers me, because people who are in wheelchairs, on walkers, canes or who are missing limbs are just the same as every other person on Earth. We may look different, but we are just like anyone else.

Over time, I have come to ignore the stares of other people. I just think that it could be them in this position and how they would feel if someone were staring at them.

As I progressed in school, the stares became few and far between, so it didn't bother me as much. Now that I have entered college, I have noticed that the stares have disappeared, and people are accepting me for who I am, not what I look like.

Why do people stare at people with disabilities? I firmly believe that people are staring because they are ignorant, or, in the case of young children, curious.

Before I go any further, I have to admit that I have been guilty of glancing at other people with disabilities because I was curious, but I didn't stare at them.

I don't mind people who are curious looking at me and asking questions, but I cannot stand ignorant people staring at me like I have a deformity. This makes me feel sad, because it makes me feel like I am ugly.

This has got to stop immediately!

As I close, let me encourage you when you see a disabled person to put yourself in his or her position. How would you feel if someone was constantly staring at you like you were not a human?



By Julianna Smith  
Staff Writer  
Guest Columnist

Growing up in the South has been fun. One of the things I like the most about being a Southern gal is the types of pastimes and games that I was exposed to.

My first snipe hunting adventure happened when I was about 12 years old. It was late fall, most of the trees had lost their leaves, and we were having a sleepover at one of my friend's house.

That night three of us went into the woods to help hunt snipes. My friend Lindsey was the ring-leader. She went out to hunt the snipe and chase it to us where we were waiting.

This adventure started at about 10 at night and went on till 3 in the morning, when she

Snipe huntin', muddin' and war games: A country gal's experiences growing up in the South

brought back a "snipe."

I really wish I had gone back to the house when one of my friends said that Lindsey wouldn't come back. Lindsey had brought back a snipe in a brown paper grocery bag; let's just say the contents of the bag were not very appealing. But, I made it, and now I carry on the tradition of taking people out for their first snipe hunt.

I have also participated upon occasion in such activities as muddin', or war games in cow pastures. We would pair off into teams and stockpile our ammunition whether it was small rocks, crab apples, pinecones or manure. The combination of these weapons, and the teens who took the fun way too seriously, always ensured that the game ended when someone got hit in the face with a cow patty, and then it turned into a

wrestlin' match.

I was such a tomboy growing up that when the other girls were playing house at recess, the guys were arguing over whose team I was going to be on that day in our football game.

I think that I got carried away a time or two, since I was known to pick a fight with a boy if I thought he was treating me too much like a girl and not like one of the guys. I can even recall times where I would engage in spittin' or belching contests just to prove I could do the same things they could and sometimes do them better.

I think I have revealed enough about myself for one day. But I do know that even now there are guys that I went to school with that would much rather have me as their friend than their enemy.

# Biology professor will retire after 27 years at FC

By Julianna Smith  
Staff Writer

After 27 years of service to Floyd College, Leigh Callan, professor of biology, is hanging up her lab coat. Callan's retirement will become effective Aug. 1.

Though she had thought about retirement before Sept. 11, the tragedy of 9/11 made her take a full evaluation of her life. "I need to spend time taking my dad to Wal-Mart when he wants to go. You get to a point where it is family time," she said.

The first thing that Callan plans to do after retirement is to take a hiking tour of Iceland. Her next goal is to "sit and stare into space for at least a year." She also plans on picking up old hobbies like photography and writing. Callan also stated that she would like to get to know her family again.

Callan said that her most memorable experience at Floyd College happened in 1980 when the Paris Lake was drained. She said the mud hole where the lake had been filled in with vegetation and wildflowers.

She wanted to share this great example of biological succession and gathered speakers to talk to some 300 school children who were invited to the site.

Callan called the event the "lake symposium" and said that it was talked about for a long time at the college.

She said the lake symposium was the event that "started out my interest that finally led to the wetlands project."

Student interaction and being in front of the classroom are the two things Callan said she will miss the most about Floyd College.

She feels that one of the greatest rewards of teaching is when a student lets her know that she has made a difference.

Some of Callan's most rewarding experiences include working with students and with local school children on Sea Day. Sea Day is a time when local fifth graders come to the labs and dissect sharks.

Another of her rewarding experiences was attaining the grant money for the Wetlands project.

Over the past 27 years Callan estimates that some 11,000 students have enrolled in her lab and lecture classes.

She said that she would like to have a record of her former students that are now working in the health field. She would like to have an index card with the date the student attended Floyd College, the highest degree he/

she earned, what his or her job is, where he or she works and any comments or memories about the class, good or bad. She also wants to tell her current students to "hang in there and never, ever, ever, ever, ever give up. You're going to make it; just stick with it."

Before working at Floyd College, Callan taught at East Rome High School and at Texas Women's University. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from Furman University and her master's degree in anatomy from the Medical College of Georgia.



Guest Photo


**Leigh Callan, professor of biology, sports a digestive tract tee-shirt 27 years ago.**



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**Leigh Callan, professor of biology, who is currently teaching her last year at FC, points out specific parts of the pork kidney to student, Nikki Rogers.**

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# ‘The reality of life is so amazing’-- Susan Waters

By Brian S. Armstrong  
Staff Writer

When one thinks of an English person, oftentimes stereotypical characters like James Bond or Austin Powers come to mind.

Floyd College student Susan Waters is not a stereotypical “Brit” by any definition of the word. She is a very modest woman with specific goals, the ambition to achieve her goals and a great general outlook on life.

She was born in Bath, England. Her birthplace is named Bath because of the natural hot springs that were made into hot baths by the Romans. She received her United States citizenship in January 2002. She now shares dual citizenship with England and the United States.

While still in England, Waters enrolled in a nursing midwifery course. Shortly after, she decided to drop the course and soon was married and had a family. She put her college career on hold in favor of taking care of her two children.

Waters moved to the United States in 1982. Originally, she lived in Marietta, where she worked as a pre-school teacher

and an assistant art director.

She remembers how much different the United States seemed compared to Britain. For example, it was not logical to walk to the store here, as it had been in Bath.



Guest photo

One of many sculptures done by Floyd College student, Susan Waters.

Waters said that people always would ask if she needed help when she was walking down the street because they were not accustomed to seeing people walk.

Because of her late mother's illness, Waters spent a great deal

of time studying medical books. Trying to learn more about her mother's sickness caused her to become more engrossed in biology and in learning about medicine.

Feeling that her children no longer needed her in the same capacity as they once did, she thought it was time to try college again. She is currently studying biology and has a 4.0 GPA.

Her future plans include transferring to Shorter College in the fall of 2002. She has received the presidential scholarship to Shorter College, where she has been accepted into the pre-med program.

Another one of her passions is art. “In high school my focus was on art and biology, seemingly divergent fields, yet art explores the emotions and experiences of life, while biology depicts it scientifically,” said Waters.

Waters spent many years as a freelance artist. She has created many pieces of art for family members and friends. She creates Christmas and birthday cards, as well as beautifully formed sculptures and gorgeous paintings.

She painted a mural in the li-



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Susan Waters, with her trademark extra-large coffee mug, is the most prolific British student at FC, and recently won The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award.

brary of Goodyear Elementary School in Rockmart. The mural was dedicated to her late friend who was the principal of that school.

According to Waters, giving time to one's self is important. Also, she feels that lonely walks and silence are a good source of inspiration.

“Most people don't seem to realize the incredible position we are in just being alive,” said Waters with her trademark British accent.

She added, “Life seems to be overlooked...nobody seems to look at the insect crawling along...it's just something to squish...The reality of life is so amazing.”

## Barbara Walden retiring from Floyd College help desk to pursue career in art

By Nikki Wells  
Staff Writer

For three years, Barbara Walden has painted a wide range of picturesque items from both her imagination and her surroundings.

After viewing her work, one would believe Walden spends every waking moment on the images she puts to paper or canvas.

However, she has worked at Floyd College for the past 27 years.

Her career at FC began in the

human services program. From there she moved to institutional effectiveness.

Currently, Walden is the assistant manager of the help desk, which is the position she will retire from after spring semester.

After retiring, her goal is to pursue a semi-professional art career and to travel.

Walden said, “I've really enjoyed working at Floyd, and I'm going to miss it, but I'm also going to have fun traveling and painting.”

Walden is a member of the

Rome Art Coterie and with this organization has shown her artwork during the Rome Fall Festival.

Aside from painting, she also crafts stained glass and does portraits. Walden's work can be found in merchandized form in various locations in Floyd County.

Her merchandise portrays her artwork on tote bags, mouse pads, calendars and bookmarks, which have insets of her paintings along with poetry she writes.

Presently, Walden is taking an oil painting class under David Mott, professor of art. Walden said

that she has been waiting 20 years to take a class from him.

Walden stated, “There have been a lot of good memories and a lot of special people who have become dear friends. Floyd is like an extended family.”



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Barbara Walden will be retiring from Floyd College after 27 years of service.

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# Ways to surf this summer without getting wet

By Adam Turner  
Staff Writer

For those who plan on being active this summer, the living gets a lot easier if the Internet is part of the activity planning.

The net hosts a variety of sites that can help a summer adventurer scout activities from bird watching to outdoor symphony concerts.

Most of these sites offer a wealth of information, such as directions and contact information, that make planning a trip or finding something to do as hassle-free as possible.

For those who like to stay close to home, the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce has an activity calendar on its website at [www.rome-ga.com](http://www.rome-ga.com).

There is quite an array of ac-

tivities listed on this site. Upcoming events are listed by month, but the site also allows the user to search for events by date.

Also featured is an automatic email reminder for the events the user chooses and a link to email for more information about specific happenings.

One of the more interesting listings on the site is the archaeological dig at the Chieftain's Museum on May 12. The public is invited to participate, and it costs \$2.

Volunteer opportunities abound in the local area as well.

Animal lovers should give [www.rfhs.com](http://www.rfhs.com) a look. It is the site of the Rome-Floyd County Humane Society and has information on joining and links to various volunteer agencies. For those interested in joining, student dues are only \$5 a year and there are many

ways to help out, from collecting coupons to donating your recyclables.

For the people-minded volunteer, the Sara Hightower Regional Library posts a list of all local civic organizations on its site at [www.floyd-public.lib.ga.us](http://www.floyd-public.lib.ga.us). Just click on the Reference Services link and scroll down to Rome-Floyd Civic Organizations. All listings include phone numbers and the appropriate person to contact.

Many organizations, such as the American Red Cross and Big Brothers/Big Sisters are very happy to accept volunteers. Some screening may be required of applicants.

If Rome doesn't hold the prospect for the ultimate summer adventure, then maybe it is time to hit the road.

Those who may want to head

to Atlanta would benefit by browsing [www.accessatlanta.com](http://www.accessatlanta.com) before making the trip. This site is fully searchable by a variety of criteria, including date and venue. It has listings for clubs, bars, restaurants, events and even the weather.

Due to the large number of events taking place in Atlanta on any given day, Access Atlanta has the A-list feature on its site. Only the best venues and biggest events make the "A-list", so finding the perfect outing becomes a little easier.

For venues that have been sold out, [www.openseats.com](http://www.openseats.com) is a ticket classifieds site, which offers tickets to sold out venues and also offers bargain ticket hunting.

For the outdoors type, an extensive list of activities can be found at [www.gastateparks.org](http://www.gastateparks.org).

From bird watching to mountain biking, the Georgia State Park System offers outings for every kind of nature lover.

All of the events on the site are inexpensive and Skidaway Island plays host to a large number of them. This makes it easy to hit the parents up for money for a trip to Savannah. After all, it's educational.

If one would rather make money than spend it, give [www.campjobs.com](http://www.campjobs.com) a look. This site posts employment openings for counselors and instructors at summer camps all over the country. From teaching dance in Pennsylvania to life guarding in California, there is sure to be a listing that will suit any interest.

Whatever the activity or wherever the trip, remember, above all, to be safe.

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By Daniel Bell

FC professor to attend seminar in Russia over summer break

Dr. Alberta Johnson

Dr. Alberta Johnson, associate professor of psychology, will be one of only 18 educators from Georgia to travel to Russia this summer as a part of the University System of Georgia's faculty development program. Johnson was awarded a Chancellor's Travel Grant of \$1000 to attend the 23-day Russia Seminar. The group of teachers will visit St. Petersburg and Moscow, attend lectures on aspects of Russia, and explore Russian culture, such as plays, the ballet and museums. When she returns, Johnson will share what she learned about Russia with FC and the Rome community through a television series on FCTV, which will air during the fall semester.

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# Summer blockbusters sizzle on silver screen

By Jesse Bishop  
Editor

Summer is a time of relaxation, hot days, cool evenings and blockbuster movies.

As the temperature outside heats up, so does the movie season.

First up this summer is *Spider-Man* from Columbia Pictures, starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and Willem Dafoe.

This is the movie adaptation of the Marvel comic classic. The story is that of Peter Parker (Maguire), who is a geeky high school student that gets bitten by an irradiated spider. After being bitten, Parker develops extraordinary powers. He then realizes he has the ability to be a hero.

Under the direction of Sam



Photo courtesy of Columbia Tristar  
**Tobey Maguire, left, and Kirsten Dunst star in Spider-Man, which opens May 3.**

Raimi, who spawned a cult following with *The Evil Dead* and *Evil Dead 2*, the movie promises to be one of the biggest hits of the summer.

Maguire's sometimes goofy appearance only aids him in this par-



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox  
**Hayden Christensen portays Anakin Skywalker in the film Star Wars: Episode II- Attack of the Clones.**

ticular role. He is the perfect fit for "Spidey," as many affectionately remember his inked predecessor.

*Spider-Man* is rated PG-13 and opens May 3.

The next movie blockbuster to be released is George Lucas' fifth installment of the *Star Wars* series.

*Star Wars: Episode II- Attack of the Clones* is actually the second movie in the series of six.

As many remember, the original trilogy debuted in the late 1970's, and then in 1999, Lucas gave the world the first of the series.

*Episode II- Attack of the Clones* features an older Anakin Skywalker, played by Hayden Christensen, and an older Padme', played by Natalie Portman. The story continues to evolve into the popular saga of Luke and Darth Vader, with only one more movie before the series is completed.

Lucas has given four stellar installments thus far, and this one promises to provide nothing less.

*Episode II- Attack of the Clones*

is distributed by Twentieth Century Fox and opens May 16. This film has not yet been rated.

The next movie has a more somber tone.

*Insomnia*, starring Robin Williams, Al Pacino and Hillary Swank, is the story of a police officer plagued by insomnia. Pacino plays a sleep-deprived cop who accidentally shoots and kills his partner, Swank.

The movie's main appeal comes in the form of how Williams will play a villain.

Known for such roles as lovable characters in *Patch Adams* and *Bicentennial Man*, Williams takes on the role of a deranged psychopath.

Williams should deliver a very gripping and suspenseful performance.

Couple that with the always outstanding performance of Pacino, and the stage is set for a fabulous film.

*Good Will Hunting* writers and stars, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, will each have leading roles in two upcoming action movies.

Affleck will assume the role of Jack Ryan, a character previously played by Harrison Ford and Alec Baldwin, in the new Tom Clancy based movie *Sum of All Fears*.

The movie, distributed by Paramount Pictures, focuses on a nuclear attack by European Neo-Nazis at the Super Bowl.

As in previous Clancy movies, there is sure to be plenty of action and suspense.

*Sum of All Fears* opens May 31 and is rated PG-13.

Damon breaks into action in *The Bourne Identity*.

The plot is based on the character played by Damon, who is



Photo courtesy of Columbia Tristar  
**Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith return as agents K and J in the second installment of Men in Black.**

found in the ocean by an Italian fishing boat. The man suffers from total amnesia, but possesses certain skills, which suggest that he has led a dangerous life.

*The Bourne Identity* is distributed by Universal Pictures and opens June 14. This film has not yet been rated.

Agents J and K make their return this summer, as well.

*Men in Black 2* hails the triumphant return of alien-scum busting agents J, played by Will Smith, and K, played by Tommy Lee Jones.

In this installment, the duo

battle aliens in an attempt to save the Earth, again.

Jones and Smith are not the only veterans in the movie as Linda Fiorentino returns to the cast. Also named in the film are Johnny Knoxville, Lara Flynn Boyle, Rip Torn and a special appearance by Michael Jackson.

*M.I.B. 2* opens July 3 and is distributed by Columbia Tristar. This film has not yet been rated.

With the summer blockbuster season soon underway, there is a plethora of movies that are sure to entice smiles, nail-biting and belly laughs.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures  
**Matt Damon breaks into action this summer in the movie The Bourne Identity, which opens June 14.**

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A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, April 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Solarium, on the central campus.

# FC group attends annual ASF trip

By Eric Rose  
Staff Writer

Fifty-four people took part in Floyd College’s annual trip to Montgomery, Ala., for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Over the weekend of April 6 and 7, trip participants saw two plays and received a tour of the theater.

An itinerary was provided to help students keep track of the many events.

The first stop was for lunch at the Eastdale Mall in Montgomery. The mall features an indoor ice-skating rink, where several students skated.

The group then visited the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts to see the “A Brush with History” exhibit, a collection of paintings on loan from the National Portrait Gallery that have captured and even influenced American history.

The group saw *Smokey Joe’s Café* on Saturday night. It is a musical review featuring the songs of the songwriting team of Leiber and Stoller. *Smokey Joe’s Café* features many popular songs such as “Kansas City,” “Yakety Yak” and “Stand by Me.”

Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English and one of the trip coordinators, described the performance as “lively.”

On the second day of the trip, the group visited the ASF complex for a tour of the 21.5 million-dollar facility. The modern complex is architecturally styled like a castle from Shakespeare’s own time. “It doesn’t look that big, but it’s actually an eight story building,” said Kemper.

The group then saw Henrik Ibsen’s *A Doll’s House*. The drama is lively and filled with social commentary. It is about a married couple and their struggle with social issues and roles. “Secrets, conflicts over money, balance of power, division of labor, duties and expectations, the needs of individuals within a partnership—these and other issues are raised in *A Doll’s House*, and they are issues we recognize still,” said Bruce K. Sevy, the play’s director.

This play was presented on the Octagon Stage, a smaller stage that brings the spectators closer to the performance.

Clarissa Snow, student, said, “It was fun, the hotel was clean, we ate at a nice restaurant, and *Smokey Joe’s Café* was awesome. I’m going next year.”

The ASF is a professional theater company, which holds plays year-round. “They audition actors from New York, Chicago—various places,” said Kemper.

The ASF complex is part of the Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park, which also houses the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Students had time to explore the park, which features a lake, gardens and sculptures.

This year’s trip was planned by Kemper, Ashley Wood, director of student life, and Fred Green, associate professor of English and program coordinator for English.

The ASF trip is sponsored jointly by the social and cultural studies division and the Office of Student Life.

The trip is held annually during spring semester. “We want it to be in the spring because the park is so pretty,” said Kemper. Another factor the planning staff must consider is the selection of plays to choose from. Although Shakespeare’s works are the theme of the trip, none were playing during this year’s trip.

Those interested in next year’s ASF trip can register at the start of spring semester in the Office of Student Life. A deposit is required to reserve space, and then the balance is to be paid before the trip. Although the trip fills quickly, a waiting list is provided and spaces usually become available.



Photo by Kim Cornett

The Floyd College ASF group visited the theater in Montgomery. (See group photo on page 5.)

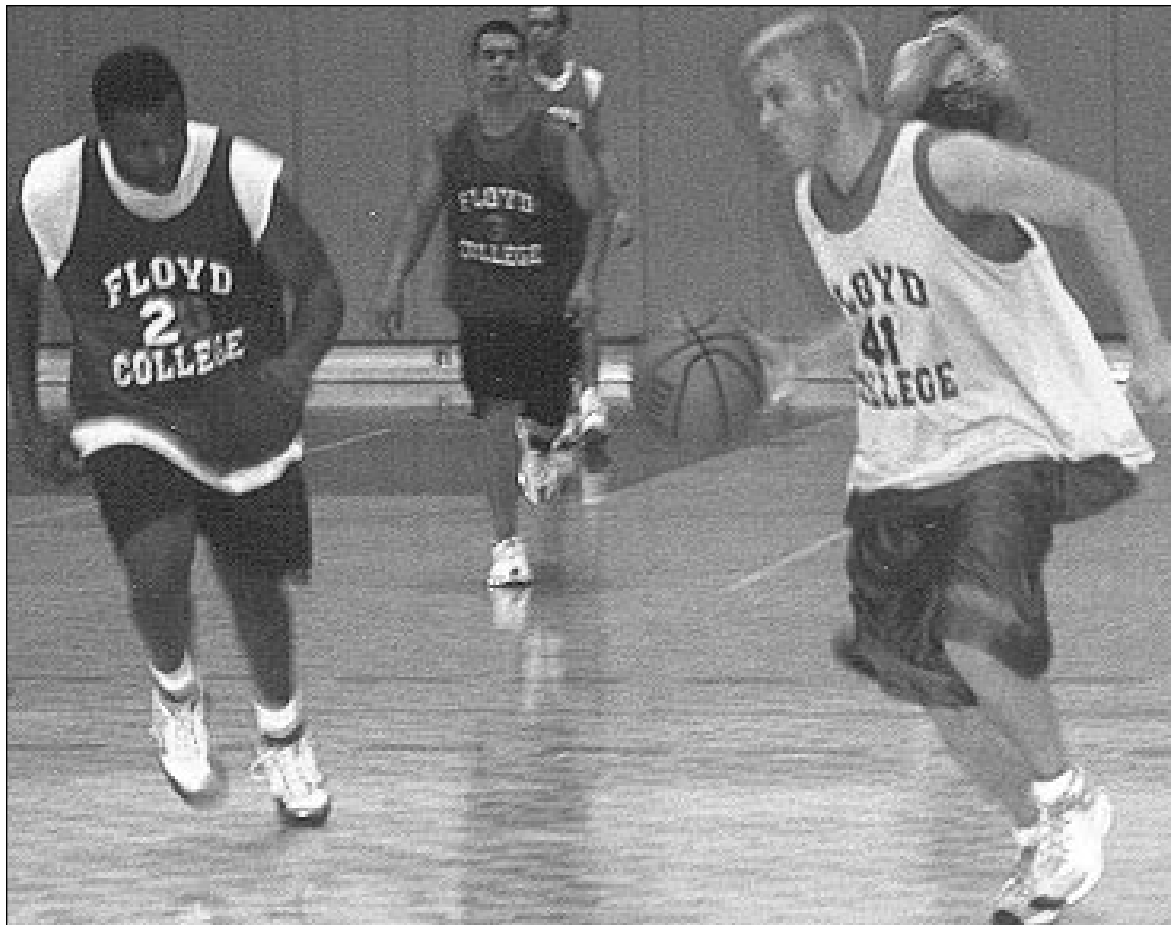
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# Intramural hoops finish with drama



Tim Smith, right, carries the ball downcourt as the No-Gooders (white jerseys) have their way with the Faculty/Staff (dark jerseys) team.

Photo by Crystal Hightower

**By Mike Cooper**  
Staff Writer  
and  
**Jesse Bishop**  
Editor

The intramural basketball season closed with some hot shooting, close calls and a whole lot of drama.

As the season-ending tournament kicked off on April 2, the action really heated up.

The undefeated team ABCD fell to the No-Gooders in a down-

to-the-wire 57-54 nail-biter.

Even though ABCD had all five players in the roster, they were no match for the bigger, more aggressive No-Gooders.

Leading the charge for the No-Gooders were "twin towers" Brandon Knight and Eric Cheatwood. Knight had 24 points, while Cheatwood posted 14.

Faculty/Staff took full advantage of the upset in the first game, and stunned the Wizards with a 68-36 blowout.

Rookie sensation Brady

Delong led the way with 14 points, and veteran Barry Greeson dropped 12 of his own.

The tournament title was up for grabs going into the April 9 games.

The No-Gooders and the Faculty/Staff squared off in the championship game, with the No-Gooders taking the title 110-61.

The No-Gooders made quick work of the Faculty/Staff, going up 65-37 with 12:37 to go in the second half. Eric Cheatwood led the No-Gooders with 31 points, fol-

lowed by Jarrett Gray, who dropped 24 points. Charles Devereaux fought hard until the final whistle, posting 20 points for Faculty/Staff.

With the loss, the Faculty/Staff team was forced to play in a losers bracket game against team ABCD.

Faculty/Staff, the number four seed, was able to fight off the youngsters of ABCD with help from Mike Cooper, who had 20 points, for a final score of 69-42 and second place finish.

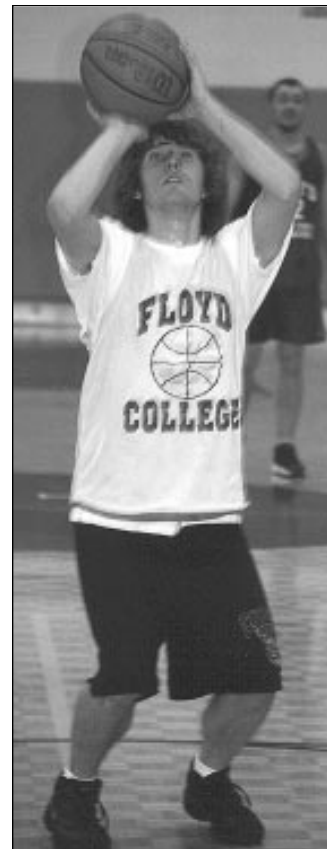


Photo by Crystal Hightower

Chris Adams, who plays for the No-Gooders, shoots a free throw during the final game.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Brady Delong was one of the hottest players for the Faculty/Staff team. Delong is interning at Floyd as part of his graduate program at Kennesaw State University.

ABCD, who had been the number one seed, had faltered on April 2, and in the end had to settle for third place.

The basketball trophies will be given out during the intramurals banquet, held in the gym lobby, on April 24.

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# Minor League baseball good for Rome and its people



Mike Cooper  
Sports Columnist

Rome is getting a minor league baseball stadium, and it might just be beneficial to Romans.

I will admit that at first I was not in favor of Rome getting a baseball stadium, but the benefits might outweigh the cost. In any business deal, there are a few questions to ask. First, will this help the economy? Second, will people see this as something they will want to do? Lastly, where will it be located?

Will the Rome baseball stadium help the economy? The an-


swer is yes. The stadium will provide jobs for people that are willing to work at the stadium, and it will bring business to other establishments in the Rome area. By bringing in the baseball stadium, there will be an increase in jobs to help take care of the extra revenue.

Next, will people want to see the baseball games played? I believe the answer will be yes. I understand that the admission to the games is cheap, and Romans would not have to drive a long distance to see a game. In addition, I believe people will enjoy the fact that the ball players are going to play extremely hard. If people want to see a good game, then the minor leagues will give it to them.


Finally, where will the stadium be? The answer has been a toss up, but the location is still across from the old Feed Mill on Veterans Highway. This seems to be a central location and should be easy to get to.

I encourage people to go see a game or two when it is open, and remember, Romans have to help Romans, and the baseball stadium is a great way to do that.

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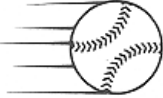


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# Soccer team kicks butt, scores win

By Adam Turner  
Staff Writer

Spirits were high on April 14 as the Floyd College soccer team posted its first victory of the season.

When asked how the victory felt, Nathan Tucker joked, "It feels like the beginning of a long career."

Tucker scored the first Floyd goal of the game, with Graham Duke and Marco Galvan adding one goal apiece, to lead Floyd to a 3-2 victory over Deportivo Salama, another team in the men's YMCA league.

The team took advantage of the off-week Easter weekend, and a bye-week the next, to get in some serious practice. It appears that the practice paid off.

Good passing, skilled ball handling and excellent communication allowed Floyd to keep the ball on the offensive end of the field for most of the game.

The game did not go off without a hitch however. With only five minutes before game time, the

team was short one player. Chris Price and George Barron showed up at the last minute to put the team at full strength, plus one.

Price and Barron were members of the defense that held Salama to only one goal throughout the majority of the game. Jon Ramirez, Jose Galvan and Daniel Bell also turned in superior performances on the defensive end of the field.

The goal keeping skills of Joe Patel were near perfect but a freak collision in front of the goal with one minute remaining squeezed Deportivo Salama's second goal past him. Bell laughingly conceded that he had actually scored the goal because the ball had bounced off of him before it went into the goal.

Despite the fluke, the team held on and chalked one in the win column as the final whistle blew.

Floyd continued league play last week against Gondolier's, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. Their next game will be against San Luis, April 28, at 1 p.m., at the YMCA fields



Photo by Daniel Bell



Photo by Daniel Bell

Joe Patel, who had several saves in the Floyd victory, stops a shot on goal.

Nathan Tucker, who scored the first goal of the 3-2 win over Deportivo Salama, fires a shot during a weekday practice.

## Banquet to honor athletes

By Brooke Worley  
Staff Writer

The intramural sports banquet will be held on April 24 at noon in the gym lobby. Anyone who participated in any intramural sport is invited to attend.

The winning team of the basketball tournament will receive League Championship t-shirts at the banquet, and also the Fit Program participants will receive t-shirts. The person with the most miles in the Fit Program will receive a gift certificate.

Awards for the golf tournament will be awarded on the same day as the tournament, and the awards for soccer will be given out through the YMCA.

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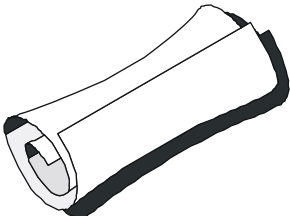
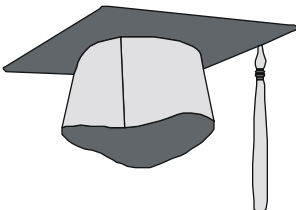
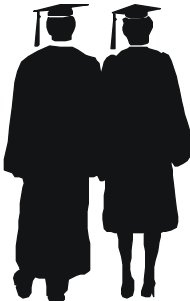
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