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# Budget cuts force closing of Waco campus

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The Waco campus in Haralson County will close its doors at the end of the semester.

The campus, which opened in 1996, is a casualty of a 5 percent budget cut proposed by the Chancellor's Office for 2005.

According to Floyd College President Dr. Randy Pierce, the elimination of the Waco campus "was only a matter of when." He said, "It was not something we liked doing, but no other good choices were left."

At Waco, the campus has steadily averaged from 150 to 160 students per semester.

This is a very flat enrollment compared to the Rome Campus, which grows 15 percent per semester, and the Acworth and Cartersville campuses, where enrollment has seen a 20 percent increase per semester.

All full-time faculty members at the Waco campus have been placed elsewhere.

Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English, has taught at Waco two days a week every semester over the past five years.

Applegate said, "I did not mind the drive, but I will enjoy being in Rome with my colleagues all

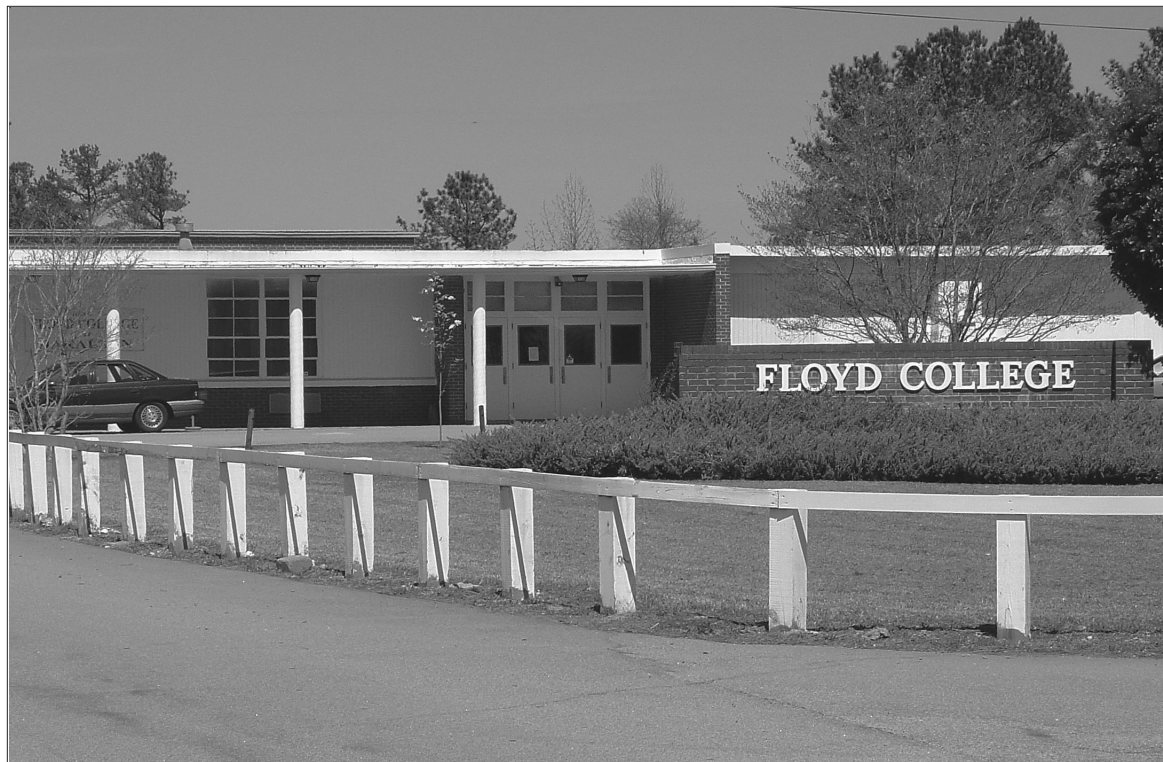


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**In May, this Haralson County facility, which has housed Floyd College's Waco campus for eight years, will close its doors forever. State budget cuts and stagnant enrollment led to the college's decision to pull out.**

week. I'm sad it is closing and I understand why, but I hope something is done in the future to serve this group of students."

Susan Claxton, former Waco campus director, is very emotional about the closing. She said, "The

Haralson County campus was like a miniature family. It is where I got my first college teaching experience. I loved all my students, and they gave me my first doses of confidence as a teacher. It (Waco) is one more spoke of the

wheel that makes me the person I am today."

Some students, especially non traditional students, will be hindered by the closing.

According to Pierce, "We try to make decisions that will have the

least impact on students, but we are to the point where that cannot be an option. We know that there will be a negative impact and we may lose some students."

Melissa Stevens, a student worker at Waco, is among those who will be affected. She says, "I will have to find employment elsewhere this summer. I know I will be okay since I will probably be at the Rome campus in the fall, but I feel bad for others."

Stevens feels that more promotion would have helped the Waco campus, especially after the opening of West Central Technical College.

Students from Waco will be assisted in finding a schedule next fall if they are interested in attending another FC campus.

An attempt will be made to give students a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday class schedule to help cut down on travel time and expenses.

Pierce said, "We hope for those students who have enough hours to transfer to West Georgia or Kennesaw State or another local four-year college."

When asked about the closing and its effect on the entire FC community, Pierce said, "Anytime you can make yourself a little more efficient, it is like taking off a little weight and becoming leaner."

# April showers fail to dampen the Spring Fling spirit

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This year's spring fling was a hit.

For the second year in a row, even the rain could not impede the events planned by the Office of Student Life. The Lakeview auditorium was filled with booths, music, food and fun.

The event's theme was "Chargeritaville," and Travelin' Max provided plenty of Jimmy Buffett style songs to keep the mood going.

Students started conga lines,

wore large straw hats and stuffed themselves with the free food. The leis, maracas and hats added just the right Bahaman touch to a gray day in Georgia.

There were two different inflatable creations for everyone to enjoy. Inside a large inflated ring was boxing with oversized boxing gloves. Even a few teachers enjoyed the inflated obstacle course and slide.

There were also several group dancing and singing competitions. Alison Beckman said, "Floyd is bursting at the seams with talent, and free food is always awesome." Many of the campus organiza-

tions had booths around the perimeter of the room.

Human Services did a pie toss for 50 cents a throw. Ruthie Bohannon, early childhood education major, fell victim to a few creamings.

"Spring Fling is a great time for everyone to get together and relax," said Bohannon.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, donated some time to the pie-throwing contest as well. After the announcement was made that he was on the receiving end of the pies, a swarm of students lined up to donate their cash.

SPAGE sold ice cream for 50 cents. BSU kept everyone hydrated with juice and water. The Service Learning group held a raffle for a faux diamond and gold bracelet and materials for creating scrapbooks.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsored a trivia game with Laura Musselwhite, associate professor of history, overseeing the game. The Vegetarian Society had a ring toss game and a duck grab. It also served vegetarian chili and cookies.

Towards the end of the day the Charger Idol talent contest took place. Prizes were awarded to the

top three contestants.

The first place winner, Wade Cramer, won \$100 for his gospel singing. Stephanie Williamson won \$60 by taking second place.

Before going on stage, Williamson said, "I'm really excited, but I'm so nervous." Williamson gave a rendition of Pat Benetar's song, "Hit Me With Your Best Shot."

Susan Claxton, associate professor and coordinator of human services, took home \$40 from her third place win for doing an interpretive Native American dance.

**See back page for Spring Fling photos.**



# North Metro Tech campus to be relocated

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Within the next year, Floyd College expects to relocate its Acworth campus.

The college has offered classes at the North Metro Tech campus in Acworth for the last 13 years.

Dr. Virginia Carson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said, "North Metro Technical College asked Floyd to find alternative space for our classes, since North Metro has needs for the classrooms for their own programs."

The move may not take place until after fall semester.

Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College President, said, "It's looking more and more likely that we are going to be there (at North Metro)

in the fall."

According to Pierce, approximately 850 students are currently taking classes through Floyd on the North Metro Tech campus.

Pierce said that approximately two-thirds of these students are Cobb County residents, while others are from Acworth, Woodstock and Cherokee.

One of the primary reasons Floyd offered classes through North Metro Tech was the convenience of location for those students who couldn't easily reach one of Floyd's other campuses.

"There is an active investigation and decision process underway," said Carson when asked about possible locations for a new campus that would still be of some convenience to those students who have been attending North Metro.

According to Pierce, two of the potential locations that are cur-

rently being looked into are Southern Poly Tech and Kennesaw State University, though other possibilities are present as well. The only problems present are financial.

Carson points out that all sites under consideration have student convenience in mind. Floyd College wants current students to be able to continue taking classes, but also would like to give other community residents the opportunity to take advantage of the academic offerings Floyd has.

"I hope it will not be much farther away. I don't mind that it will be relocated as long as it's a suitable place," said Priscilla Faulkner, a business major from Kennesaw.

Erin Gray, a journalism major from Waleska, said, "The main thing that everyone is concerned with is the travel time to the new campus. Students mainly attend



Photo by Erin Gray

**The FC North Metro campus will soon find a new location as the technical college needs more space for their own programs.**

NMT because of the commute, so hopefully we won't be losing many students due to the move."

"The possible relocation of Floyd College classes will enable

more residents of the service area to benefit from having the college nearby," said Carson. "This change for Floyd is supported by the University System of Georgia."

## Information Technology program suspended

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A recent decision based on a decline in enrollment has suspended the Information Technology (IT) program at Floyd College.

Since the program's introduction in the fall of 2001, the program has witnessed a steady decline in its enrollment.

While there will be no new students enrolled in the program, students who are currently enrolled should not worry too much. The courses in the IT program will still be offered until spring semester 2006, allowing them to complete their degree.

According to Dr. Soumitra Chattopadhyay, chair of the science and math division, after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the economy suffered a setback and many jobs in the IT field were lost,

thus enrollment in the IT program started to decline as well.

Chattopadhyay would like students to know that even though the program is currently being suspended it doesn't necessarily mean it will definitely be discontinued. If within the next two years it looks as if the program could continue successfully, it will be reinstated.

Chattopadhyay says that it is unfortunate that the program is being suspended. "It was, and is, a good program. Students enrolled in the program learned a lot about their field of study," he said.

Chattopadhyay also points out that very few students will be affected by the decision to suspend the program, saying that overall less than 0.3 percent of the total student population will be affected.

"Termination of this program will inconvenience me greatly as I

will have to travel to Atlanta to finish my degree. This represents a total failure by Floyd College to fulfill its mission," said Michael Ball, an IT major from Rome.

Brandon Sims, another IT major from Lindale, said, "I do not think the change will affect me too badly because I should finish the program within the next year."

The IT program began after a review showed demand for IT related personnel around the Atlanta area.

After getting the IT program approved by the Board of Regents in 2000, Floyd College started offering courses in 2001.

The program was intended to prepare students to go directly into the job market in the field of IT after graduation. The program offered a certificate course, which could be completed within a year, or an associate degree, which would take two years to complete.



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## Study Abroad Scholarship winners

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## Dr. Betty Siegel, an internationally known speaker and president of KSU, to speak at graduation

Speaking at this year's Floyd College graduation ceremonies will be Dr. Betty Siegel, president of Kennesaw State University.

Siegel, who is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker, is well known for her contributions to higher education.

She holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University and completed two years of post-doctoral work at Indiana University.

Siegel assumed the presidency of Kennesaw State University in 1981, becoming the first woman president of a University System of Georgia institution.

Among Siegel's many honors

was being named "Georgia Woman of the Year" in 1997.

Siegel was instrumental in creating the Northwest Crescent Alliance, in which Floyd College students participate on a regular basis. Other colleges in the Alliance are Shorter College, Berry College, Reinhardt College, Kennesaw State University and Dalton State College.

"Dr. Siegel is one of the bright spots in the University System. She is one that everyone looks to and she dreams big, which is what I appreciate about her," said Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College.

The graduation ceremony will be held Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m. at the Forum in downtown Rome.



Dr. Betty Siegel

## Anheuser-Busch donates \$100,000 in support of the new Bartow campus

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The Anheuser-Busch Foundation recently completed its \$100,000 five-year pledge to Floyd College with its final \$20,000 donation.

The money was given in order to help create an endowment to support the new Cartersville campus, whose construction is anticipated to be completed by the summer of 2005.

"This gift has been one of the anchor gifts that has launched the Bartow Campus," said Floyd Col-

lege President Dr. Randy Pierce.

Floyd College has had a campus branch in Cartersville since 1988.

Pierce described Anheuser-Busch's contribution as "generous" and went on to say how the gift will allow many students who might not otherwise be able to attend college the opportunity to do so.

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Porter and Wills to leave Floyd

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Floyd College will soon be losing two of its top administrators. Karen Porter, vice president of finance and administration, and Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development, will be moving on after this semester.



Karen Porter

"I will be vested in the University System at the end of July," said Porter. This means she has been with the System for 10 years and will be eligible for retirement benefits when

she reaches age 60. She has been with Floyd College for six years. Porter reevaluated her priorities upon the death of her father

this past October. She will be moving to West Virginia to spend more time with her family this coming August.

She has no immediate career plans. "The heart of Floyd College has to be the people working here," said Porter. "I've made some great friends over the last six years, and they are what I'll miss most when I leave Rome."

Wills, who has been with Floyd College for seven years, will be taking a job as president of Northeast Iowa Community College.



Dr. Penny Wills

"It's a great professional opportunity for me," said Wills. "I also believe that there is a good 'fit' between my strengths and the future development of NICC."

Wills was nominated for the presidency at NICC, and after much rigorous competition, the NICC presidential search committee selected her for the office. Wills states that it is Floyd's students she will miss the most.

Floyd College developing its own alumni association

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In order to strengthen bonds between current students, alumni and the community, Floyd College is in the process of developing an Alumni Association.

To facilitate the development of the Alumni Association, the college hired alumni development specialist, Mary Norton. She has gathered many ideas and observations from students, alumni and faculty and has reviewed the alumni associations of other two-year colleges.

Norton says she has tried to interpret the unique needs of Floyd College and bring her findings to the attention of the newly organized Floyd College Alumni Advisory Board.

Members of the Alumni Advisory Board, though representing different ages, communities and professions, share a love and a pride for Floyd College. According to Norton, they want to share how beneficial their time at Floyd was and especially how relationships with key faculty members have changed their lives.

There are 16 volunteer members, primarily alumni along with one retired faculty member and a representative of the currently enrolled students.

At the first meeting on March 13, many preliminary goals were established. The board hopes to improve the relationship between alumni, current students and the



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**Mary Norton (left), discusses Alumni Association business with current student representative Samantha Pierce.**

community. They want to reach out to both high school and non-traditional students.

Board member Elaina Beeman said, "The Alumni Advisory Board is a great asset to the school and something that Floyd College has needed for a long time. It will not only be a way for alumni to give back but also a way to encourage students, especially non-traditional ones, to come to Floyd and get a great start like so many of us have."

Alumni Association programs and services are being discussed. Just a few of the many possibilities include yearly social events, mentoring programs and money management seminars. The board wishes to foster an enriching alliance between past and present students. Other benefits

may include continued use of the gym and library, receiving Floyd College's "Focus" magazine and an opportunity for career networking.

The Alumni Advisory Board will hold their next meeting on April 24 to discuss a mission statement, set definite goals and develop bylaws. Once the board completes this process, they will begin program development.

Norton described the members of the Alumni Advisory Board "excited and committed". She said, "They are the cornerstones for building the Alumni Association."

Norton will attend graduation and welcome graduating students into the Alumni Association.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Norton at 706-802-5473 (office) or [vzb@bellsouth.net](mailto:vzb@bellsouth.net).

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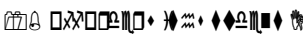
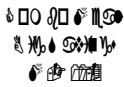
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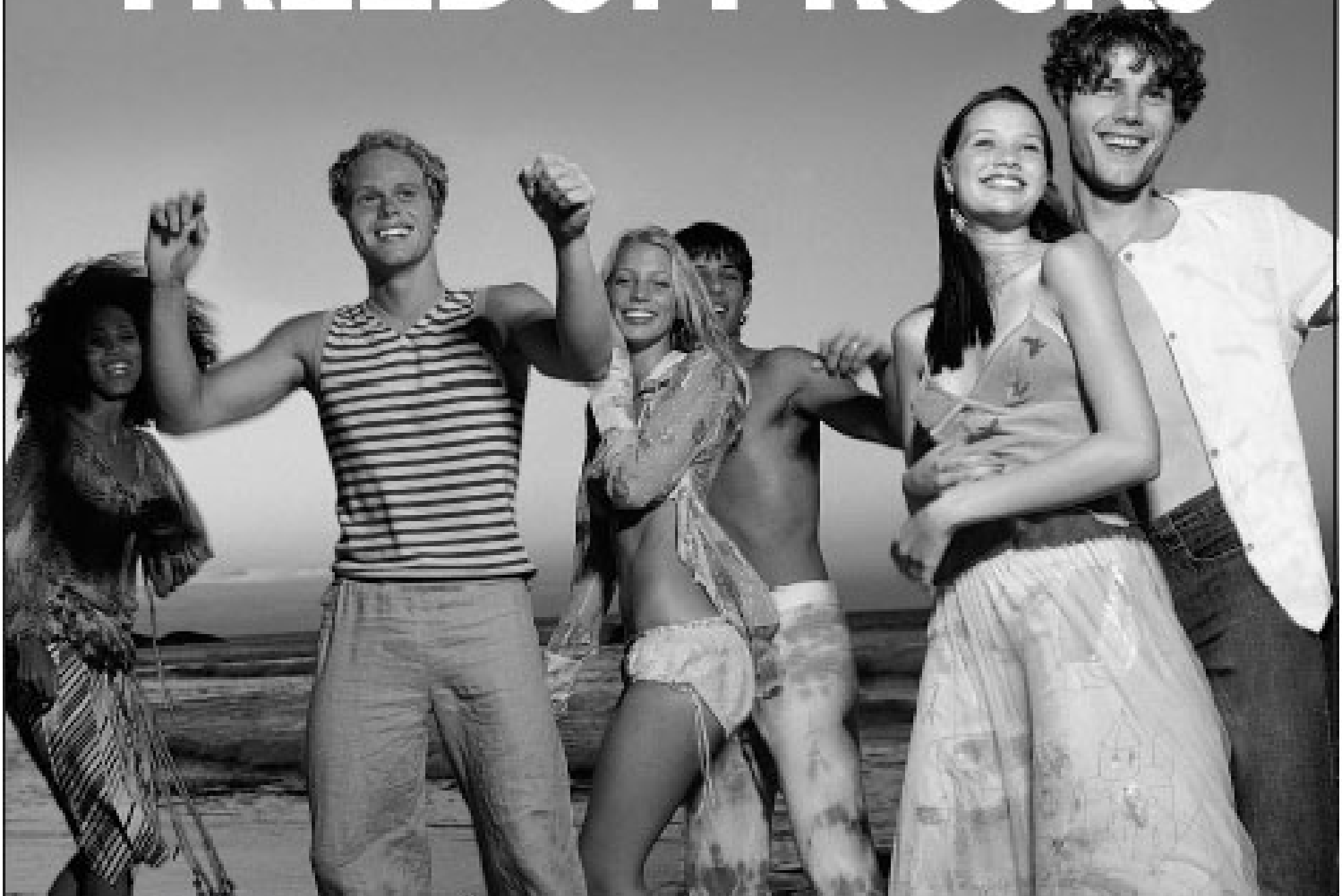
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# College teaches many lessons not learned from textbooks

As this school year is coming to an end many people are beginning to think about their futures and what they hold. Many students will be graduating and moving on to another school to complete their education, while some will be entering the workforce. In either case, the knowledge gained through the time spent in college is immeasurable and something that can never be taken away. Students learn a massive amount of in-

formation that will guide them in whatever they choose to do in life. However, college not only teaches people the specific knowledge about the field of work one is going into, it teaches about communication and relationships as well. While these things can't be found in college textbooks they are a necessity in life, no matter which path one chooses to pursue. These important lessons

are gained from study groups, class discussions, projects and even the dreaded speech class. All of these situations force people to work together to attain some goal. If those involved want a good outcome, they will work harder at improving these skills. Knowing how to communicate and form relationships is pertinent because in any job setting these aspects will be needed. Knowing everything there

is to know about a certain topic is wonderful, but if one doesn't know how to communicate that knowledge to others then it is of no use to anyone. This is one reason why people with college educations are more sought after in the work force. Employers know that these people are not only well educated about a certain subject, but have more "life" knowledge as well. In some cases forming relationships with certain people

can determine how far one will go in life, as the saying "It's not what you know, but who you know," suggests. These skills may lead to new jobs, promotions or even raises. So, while one must hold the educational skills for a certain job, one must also have the social skills required of that job as well. College is an excellent source of teaching both of these abilities that will ensure successfulness throughout life.

## Surviving the Regents' gauntlet

It would be a misconception to think that any test is a breeze, especially one that cannot properly be studied for. And it's not just the test that is to be worried about, but also the conditions in which the test is taken. The timing of it, room temperature, the volume of the crowd and the set-up of the whole thing are all to be taken into consideration. Recently, I took the Regents' Exam, and this is primarily what I am speaking of. The test was to be given in the Lakeview Auditorium. When I arrived to take it, which was close to 25 minutes early, I was surprised by the extensive line, which was messily split into rows. One curved in an "S" through the Lakeview Lobby, blocking doors, and the other reached the parking lot, where students stood in the sun on the uncomfortably hot day. The two-hour test was scheduled to start at 1 p.m., but didn't get going until 2:30 p.m.



### Editor's Box

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This was not the best way for the testing session to begin. First of all, I'm sure the time spent waiting added to the stress, and many others had prior engagements to worry about. For example, I sat at a table with someone who had her children with a babysitter for a specific time, and waiting to take the test was running up the woman's bill. I was scheduled for a taping for FCTV at 3:30 p.m. and was an hour late, and I had to be at work at 5 p.m. The room we were in was not only extremely crowded, six to a table, but pretty chilly as well. I realize that it's probably somewhat difficult to set up the whole thing for the ton of students

taking the test, but the numbers were expected when everyone signed up. Maybe next time there can be an additional testing room so test takers won't be so crowded. The temperature in the room should be set to a comfortable level so everyone doesn't have to depend on the body heat of those surrounding them. And the lines could be a little more properly divided so those students complaining about waiting outside would not have a reason to complain. If the conditions in which the test were given were more comfortable, then maybe the test scores would be higher than expected.

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# Happy is as happy does

I always liked hearing the line "Don't worry, be happy." The phrase was even made into a song. This is a great perspective on how to live life. However, like most catch phrases, this is much harder to apply in the real world.

There have been countless books, seminars and motivational speakers claiming that they can teach you the way to truly be happy. The truth is that there is only one person that can do that. **It is YOU and only YOU!**

Life is the most extreme and exhilarating roller coaster we will ever ride. The peaks are really high and valleys are really low. Your feelings go much like the twists and turns of a roller coaster as the mind tries to deal with internal struggles and emotions.

If most people are like me, then they experience these types of highs and lows daily. It is normal because that is a part of life. The challenge arises when we let these emotions and feelings consume much of our time, leaving us tired and upset.

Lately I have felt like I have been in a huge rut. I worked really hard on a scholarship that I thought I had in the bank. I was devastated when I didn't even make it to the second round. As a result, I spent a week moping and whining to anyone who would listen. I am now using my column to whine to you about it. However, I am using the above as an example to illustrate an identifiable concept that can be used daily toward becoming happier and living a better life.

Another favorite saying of mine is "Cry and you cry alone, laugh and the world laughs with you." Here is the idea behind being emotionally strong and living your life zestfully. Some events are truly traumatic and one needs therapeutic help to get over them.

However, many events that we allow to upset us for long periods of time can be dealt with effectively. There are three parts to this technique.

The first part I discovered in a



## Through My Eyes

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book once and thought it was ridiculous. As I have grown older and more mature I have found out that it is amazingly true. Here it is. You can't always control what happens to you in life, but you can learn to control your emotions concerning those events.

The idea is that the event and the emotional feeling linked to that event are two different entities. Does this mean that you will never be sad, angry, disappointed or depressed ever again? No, of course not. These are built-in human emotions and we will feel this way and others at certain times in our life.

But don't let those negative emotions control your life for long periods of time. Learn to feel them, then try to recognize why the event made you feel that way and then release those emotions.

I used the above technique myself. After stepping outside of my own emotions, I realized that the fact that I didn't get the scholarship was the event. As a result I let this event make me doubt my self worth and make me feel miserable for a week. When I recognized the event and my emotions about the event were different entities, I then acknowledged to myself that I am a smart, strong willed and hardworking individual. If they didn't want me, I would go out and find a scholarship that would.

The second part sounds a little wacky but keep an open mind. Anytime you have a conversation with yourself there are several voices inside your head that debate back and forth. Pay attention the next time you try to make a decision and listen to your mind. The voices are there. The voice that makes the most sense to you at a point in time is the one you listen to and allow you to experience the emotional feeling at that point in time.

The next step in this technique is to control that inner negative voice inside your mind. When you have a negative experience, this voice starts ranting and raving inside your mind. It tries to talk much louder so that you can't hear the other voices that tell you everything is going to be okay. You have to tell that negative voice very strongly to SHUT UP AND GO AWAY! After you do this you will be able to start feeling better.

The third part you know by heart and have heard over and over in your life. Alone it does not work, but combine it with the above factors and it will. Norman Vincent Peale in "The Power of Positive Thinking" wrote that in times of crisis you need to remember all of your intangible assets like good health, a good job, a good school, good friends and family.

Bad things will happen to good people, so by realizing all that you have going for you makes it easier to cope with this current event. Sometimes, when I feel bad I remember all that I have going for me. Then, I also recognize the people in life that have real problems so that mine seem trivial. After really seeing how lucky I am, I can't help but feel better.

Fail a test? It will be okay. You will do better next time. Wrecked your car? After feeling upset remember that at least everyone is okay. Have a fight with a parent, sibling or significant other? Focus on how much you really love them. The next time something bad happens or doesn't go your way, remember this article. After you calm down, step back and analyze your emotions. Separate the event and your emotions and then release those emotions. Next, tell your internal negative voice to leave you alone. Finally, remember all the wonderful things you have going for you in your life. Recognize that life is great. Give this a try and it will work. Remember, as the song says, "Don't worry, be happy."

## SIX MILE POLL

If you could see a movie about anyone, who would it be? And who would play that person?



**Eric Turner**  
Rome Campus  
Human Services Major

"If I could see a movie about anyone it would be Denzel Washington. I would have to be the one who plays the role in the movie because my skills and qualities are just as good as his."



**Ruth Bohannon**  
Rome Campus  
Early Childhood Education Major

"Sitting Bull played by Antonio Banderas, or Bill Clinton played by Adam Sandler."



**Will Sullins**  
Rome Campus  
Physical Therapy Major

"I'd like to see the story of Dale Earnhardt Sr. played by Bill Engval."

### Online SIX MILE POLL Results

**"Is it a good idea for the state of Georgia to save money by removing art and music programs from the schools?"**

**YES - 21%**  
**NO - 79%**

Poll by Amanda Cordle

## Letter to the Editor...

The Student Engagement Council must remind all students, faculty and staff that apparent random acts of vandalism on F-Wing hallway display boards are in clear violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

As such, the SEC has resolved to investigate these and any future acts of vandalism to these boards to the fullest extent, to

press charges within the Code of Conduct for the decision of the Student Judicial Committee and to endorse the punishment of those found guilty.

The most recent occurrence is the stolen artwork from the "Old Red Kimono" (ORK) board.

The board for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance (GLBTSA) has

## SEC condemns bulletin board vandalism

been defaced many times, including the recent act in which someone meticulously removed everything from the board, down to the last staple.

In addition to the ORK and GLBTSA boards, the Vegetarian Society's board has been vandalized as well during the last several months.

We must address our peers

and let them know that this type of behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

As Student Engagement Council Chairman, I want to handle this issue in a proper manner. I hope the student publications can help with this situation. Our students need to be aware of the unethical acts done by their fellow classmates.

I hope, as students and as friends that all Floyd College faculty, staff and students can come together in preventing further acts of vandalism done to these organizations. We are better than this.

**Chris Lundy**  
SEC Chairman



# Honors Assembly to recognize outstanding students

The 32nd annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held on Wednesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Building on the main campus.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College and Chris Lundy, Student Engagement Council chairperson, will make opening remarks. John Spranza, director of student life, will be the master of ceremonies.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Kristina Maddox**. This award is for a freshman-nursing student, resident of Floyd County, who has potential for exemplary professional service.

**Terry Ingram** will receive the Redmond Regional Medical Center Outstanding Nursing Student Award. This award recognizes competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing Award for the highest cumulative and graduating grade point average for a nursing student will go to **Teresa Velzy-Bowers, Elizabeth Edwards and Christi Thompson**.

The Floyd Medical Center Greatest Dedication and Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented to **Julianna S. Hunt, Amy Moon and Steven Hyde**. 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 will be presented to **LaDean Wise**. 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.

The Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Award for excellence in nursing and a demonstrated interest in home health will be presented to **Teresa Velzy-Bowers**.

The Coosa Valley Home Health Care Agency Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award will be presented to **Lynn Hatcher**. This award is

for students who demonstrate the ability to work with aged patients and their families in the home and community.

**Kristin R. Baumann** will receive the Sigma Phi Alpha Award for being a dental hygiene student who is a member of the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society and exhibits high quality in academics and character and demonstrates potential for future growth and attainment.

The inductees to the 2004 National Creative Society are **Atteka Abdou, Deanna Adcock, Jennifer Lynn Allen, Michael Atwater, Gilbert Bailey, Lila Bramblett, Nakia Brinson, Brandon Buford, Rusty Causey, Sam Chapman, J. Tyler Collum, Amanda Cordle, Mike Davis, Crystal Dean, Rob Dellenback, Erin Demesquita, Jeff Denmon, Diane Diamond, Malinda Dugger, Tabby Garrett, Kristi Gilleland, Pierce Gossett, Erin Gray, Josh Grubb, Scott Hale, Georgia Henderson, Jason Jennings, Casey Jones, Daniel Klimek, Lisa Lahti, Nicole Marion, Chad Martin, LaShay McBurnett, Jewayne Morgan, Jason Sapp, Melissa Shelnutt, Ken Shepherd, Krishna Sisson, Jen Smith and Sandy Watkins**.

**Amanda Welch** will be the recipient of the Dr. Melvin Perry American Association of University Professors Outstanding Future Educator Award. The award is presented to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who demonstrate an aptitude for and commitment to excellence in teaching.

The "Old Red Kimono" Creative Writing Awards will go to **Nicole Marion** (first place), **Mary Wheeler** (second place) and **Carmen von Rohr** (third place). The "Old Red Kimono" Art Awards will go to **Ken Shepherd** (first place), **Andrew Dodd** (second place) and **Tyler Morgan** (third place).

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in campus and community activities while maintaining high academic standards. **Bobby Moore** and **Bo Bowling** will receive the award.

The Floyd College Spirit

Award will be presented to **Chris Lundy**. This award is for students who have shown dedication to campus life, been active in school and community projects, and shown outstanding promotion of school spirit.

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 will be **Atteka Abdou, Jennifer Lynn Allen, Elizabeth Ard, Vickie J. Beckler, Linda Beuoy, Michael Bo Bowling, Joy L. Cash, William Russell Causey, Tracey Cawthon, Melody S. Connor, Monty Davis, Elizabeth Barbara Edwards, Melinda Fitts, Jennifer Franklin, Josh Grubb, Scotty Hancock, Aimee L. Harmison, Jan Marie Hartness, Jesse Hatcher, Mitchell Hewell, Leah Honea, Sandy Gayle House, Julianna S. Hunt, Sonja Johnson, Lillian L. Long, Jessica Lovell, William Christopher Lundy, Thanh Ly, Judith G. MacDonald, Amanda L. Mays, Candice McBurnett, Mishaw J. Mersberger, Angelle Mitchell, Robert Adolphus Moore, Dustin Neighbors, Julie Lee Norton, Robbie Michelle Ornay, Samantha Pierce, Anila Roy, Serpentfoot, Lisa Seymore, Krishna Anne Sisson, Lawrence Smith, Titus Smith, Tracie Swanson, Christi Thompson, Nathan Ryan Tucker, Linda Turpin, Elizabeth Wadsworth, Cassandra Watkins, Michael Charles Watson and Brooke Nicole Worley**.

The Community Criminal Justice Award of Excellence will be presented to **Scotty Hancock**. The award recognizes a student 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, will be given to **Heather Baker**.

**Samuel Isaac Bentley, Corinne Allison Kersh, Nina Rowe Eidson, Patrick McManes Gerard and Amber Orlena Payne** will receive the Regents' Test Essay Award for making a perfect score of 4.0 on the Regents' Test Essay.

The Business Merit Award will go to **Bridgette Wallner Dye**. 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 will go to **Juan Segura** for excellence in the study of the principles of accounting.

**Christopher W. Chambers** will receive the History Award. This award recognizes excellence in the field of history.

**Sonja Johnson** will receive the Jim McKeel Human Services Achievement Award. This award is given to students that demonstrate commitment to the field of Human Services and are involved in volunteer experiences and demonstrate a genuine concern for the community.

**Christopher W. Cox** will receive the Mathematics Award for high achievement in mathematics presented to the student with the highest class average in Calculus 2262 or 2263 as determined by mathematical reasoning.

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who, in spite of disability, are making achievements in intellectual, social and cultural endeavors or students who enhance disability awareness in the Floyd College Community by demonstrating a desire to educate and inform others about disability issues through such involvement as participation in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services. **Sandy Watkins** will receive this award.

The United States Achievement Academy Collegiate All-American Scholar Awards recognize high academic achievement. The recipients will be **Elizabeth Ard, Jamie Lynn Armstrong, Angela Michelle Barnette, Kristin J. Baumann, Sarah Elizabeth Brockington, Joy L. Cash, William Russell Causey,**

**Tracey H. Cawthon, Christopher W. Cox, Teela Antionette-Sanchez Davis, Lottie Rose Duncan, Jennifer Michelle Franklin, Elizabeth Ann Frias, Kellilyn June Gates, Sarah M. Hepler, Julianna S. Hunt, Clara Michelle Huskins, Amy Kay Jackson, Renee Janel Lamb, Lillian L. Long, Jessica Lovell, Kristina Lynn Maddox, Amanda S. Mayo, Angelle Mitchell, Robert Adolphus Moore, Rebekah Danielle Roderick, Jessica Lynn Rogers, Anila Joyce Roy, Serpentfoot, Monica L. Southern and Kristy Breann Van Horn**.

**Atteka Abdou** and **Sam Chapman** will receive the McCorkle Creative Society Award. This award goes to a returning student who excels in one or more artistic areas of prose, poetry, visual arts, theatrical or musical performance and who serves as a role model to other students interested in creative expression.

The Lovie Borchardt Memorial Scholarship is presented to an education major who has promoted excellence in education and is awarded by the Alpha Delta Kappa educational sorority. **The recipient will be announced at the Honors Assembly.**

The FELLOWS Achievement Awards go to students completing the Floyd Emerging Leaders – Learn, Organize and Win program on leadership development. The recipients are **Phillip Breaux, Tyler Collum, Megan Dixon, Gwendolyn Dupree, Zella Fleming, Ira Gonzalez, Jen Henley, Amy Hughes, Andrew Johnson, Brandy Norris, Christie Oh, Titus Smith, Penny Sutton and Terae Thomas**.

**Rusty Causey** will receive the Outstanding Service as a Peer Tutor Award. This award is for a student who has served for two or more semesters in the Floyd College Tutorial Center and demonstrates the ability to take on a leadership role.

The Board of Regents Academic Excellence Recognition Award will be presented to **Joy L. Cash**. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement.



# Floyd College class of 2004, congratulations

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‘The Passion’ tries to scare its audiences into believing

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Movie Review

The day following the opening of “The Passion of the Christ” my cousin called me and explained that he had come across an extra ticket. With all the controversy surrounding the film, I knew that the movie would be perfect to review.

I met my cousin at his church where we heard an hour-long speech about how “The Passion” may be the best film ever made, a very bold statement to say the least.

There were at least 300 people packed into the lobby of the Mount Berry Square theatre.

Over the course of the film I felt a variety of different emotions. The two that stick out in my memory the most are shock and disgust.

About 15 minutes into the film, the movie turned from a decent drama into a brutal gore fest. I was appalled at the abomination which Mel Gibson (“The Road War-

rior”) had created. The movie itself was not that bad, but overall this film really upset me. I felt like I had fallen victim to yet another marketing ploy. The film had a good sense of atmosphere, but it was the way it was being presented to the people that disturbed me.

During key points in “The Passion” ministers held up signs they had made referencing the Bible. This not only freaked me out, it distracted me from the film.

After the film was over, the lobby was filled with crying people. It was in this moment that I understood what Gibson was trying to do.

He was employing a scare tactic that Southern Baptist ministers have been using for years. “Jesus did this for you,” they would say, and remember the pain and suffering he went through or else you will surely suffer fire and damnation.

Many people are taking this movie way too seriously, forgetting the messages of love and forgiveness that Jesus preached.

Gibson is also capitalizing on the faith of our great nation, and it is working perfectly. The film

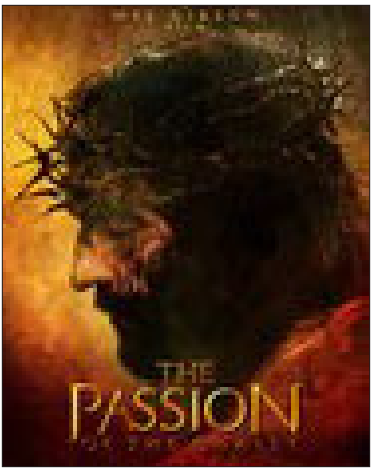


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has already grossed over \$320 million. I wonder if Gibson gave his 10 percent to the Lord.

On the other hand, this film is the best rendition of Christ's last 12 hours as of yet, but historically accurate it is not. The presence of the Devil and demons was added to make things more dramatic.

The cinematography in the film, however, was great, and the sound track was very melodic. If you are of the Christian faith and absolutely have to see this movie, go into it with an open mind. I just couldn't get past the gore and the way the film was presented.

If I wanted to watch a film that tried to scare me into believing in God, I would have stayed home and watched “Event Horizon.” I give “The Passion of the Christ” a 2 out of 5.

The Black Eyed Peas hit/miss with ‘Elephunk’

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Music Review



Photo courtesy of www.music-critic.com

There have been many hip-hop disciples of Funk. And while the latest effort by The Black Eyed Peas, “Elephunk,” assaults the cranium with Parliament-caliber funk on some songs, the rest of the tracks just seem like average track filler songs.

The title track “Elephunk” strangely reminds me of Disney's “Dumbo” in the scene where he stumbles into the barrel of ale and the pink elephant march begins. The beats are thick and slow – like an elephant.

Like most hip-hop groups, “Hey Mama” sounds like a failed attempt to jump on board the dance hall fad.

“Get Retarded” is just a fun anthem, while spouting many synonyms for “party.”

Most funky songs can get us to nod our heads up and down, but rarely does a song make you dance like a fool so quickly as “Boogie That Be.” That instantane-

ous funk injection is the CD's saving grace. Others, such as “Shut Up” just make you want them to practice what

“ The beats are thick and slow - like an elephant.”

- Daniel Klimek

they preach.

If you enjoy “Elephunk,” then you have to check out the Blackalicious album “Blazing Arrow,” and Parliament Funkadelic's album “One Nation Under A Groove.”



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Weisberger novel has good intentions but overall seems a ‘bit below par’

By Amanda Cordle  
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Book Review

“The Devil Wears Prada” by Lauren Weisberger seems to follow the predictable pattern of most novels about young female heroines these days. Andrea Sachs, the novel’s female protagonist, is fresh out of an Ivy League college and aspires to be a writer. After graduating from Brown she’s forced to take a job that’s unlike anything she dreamed of.

Sachs is offered a position as junior assistant to the evil and demanding Miranda Priestly, editor of the magazine “Runway.” Sachs’ goal is to spend one year as the junior assistant to Priestly and then use her experience to land a job as a writer at “The New Yorker.”

Sachs is assigned one outrageous task after another, constantly berated by her coworkers, boss and family. Readers are constantly introduced to pricey designer labels throughout the novel. It feels as if the book is a Rolodex of designer duds.

The majority of the plot revolves around Andrea’s life at “Runway.” She works 14-hour days, is deprived meals and attends to her boss’s every whim. At a size six, Sachs is overweight in her work environment. Her hectic schedule eventually causes rifts between Sachs and every other

character in the novel. Sachs’ relationship with her boyfriend Alex is sweet and touching, but the whole thing is underdeveloped, and about as romantic as a laxative commercial. The two seem like friends that are growing apart.

There is a gorgeous, witty New York writer brought into the mix who seems suave but extremely arrogant. He shows up throughout the novel to add a hint of whimsy, but ultimately seems like a trivial character.

Sachs’ family and best friend Lily add some warm moments to the book. The parts of the book between Sachs and her father are very poignant and insightful. Lily is a rich character with a wide variety of interests that adds drama to the novel outside of the “Runway” antics.

During certain moments when Andrea stops to think about the outrageousness of her life, the book takes a positive twist. She is an extremely intelligent character and really conveys the awfulness of her situation. All ends well though, and she moves forward.

Overall, “The Devil Wears Prada” is a little disappointing. Some of the situations are extremely funny, but seem contrived. The characters tend to be flat or offensive. While it is a fast and easy read it seems to be a bit below par. The ending only adds to the frustration. Weisberger may have had good intentions, but they are lost in this muddle of middle-of-the-road writing.

Tokyo Express, a ‘hidden jewel’ of local Asian restaurants, offers something unique to its diners



### The Joy of Not Cooking

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Who doesn’t like Chinese-American food? I tack on the “American” because the style of food we eat here is not that common in China. So what do we love about it? Well for starters, the cooks use a variety of spices that are rare for us to use, as well as lots of sugar. Sugar, rice and meat? Sign me up!

One of the most popular Chinese restaurants is China City, located on Martha Berry Highway. With its rich cultural influence in the décor, the setting alone makes it a fun place to eat. The food is fantastic, and the service is very friendly.

How about other Asian cuisines? Does Rome do sushi? The very excellent sushi restaurant Todai closed its doors only after a few short months in operation, despite offering the freshest, most interesting sushi and sashimi north of the culi-

nary power city, Atlanta. That leaves Sumo’s, an overly expensive, underly impressive restaurant that seems to care more about our local college kids buying beer and using the jukebox than delivering a truly enjoyable dining experience.

If you were to take the atmosphere out of an Asian restaurant and all you had left was good food, then you would have Tokyo Ex-



press, a little known Japanese restaurant that is a hidden jewel sandwiched between a Latino grocery store and a veterinary clinic on Shorter Avenue. Not the best location for exposure, but Tokyo Express sure delivers the goods.

They have a very limited menu, comprised of two main cooking styles, Teriyaki and Hibatchi steak, chicken or seafood.

But for a mere six dollars, you can get a heaping plate of steamed brown rice, sweet carrots and perfectly cooked broccoli, covered in massive amounts of your meat of choice. One entrée can more than comfortably stuff two people.

Along with the extravagant side items, such as crab Rangoon and egg rolls, Tokyo Express also offers something unique: Fried tofu with a sweet curry sauce. It is mild enough for the cautious, but exciting enough for the adventurous.

P.F.Chang’s it is not, but it does satisfy your meat to sugar requirement when all else fails in your home kitchen.

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# Men in tight pants invade Rome!

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"It's like a bikini," stated Aaron Jermundson, an avid local cyclist. "The more you take off, the more expensive it is."

Jermundson is describing nothing other than the construction of the \$5000 bicycles ridden by the Olympic class cyclists coming to Rome on April 22.

In an invasion of sweat, titanium steel and neon colored custom jerseys, 120 athletes hailing from 22 countries as part of 15 international teams will race to and through Rome to prove their worth as cyclists as part of the second annual Dodge Tour de Georgia. They also compete for over \$100,000 in cash and prizes.

The Dodge Tour de Georgia is America's premier pro cycling event, racing over 600 miles through 11 cities of Georgia in six days, beginning April 20 and ending April 25. Cities on the route include Macon, Thomaston, Columbus, Carrollton, Rome, Dalton, Dahlonega, Hiawassee, Dawsonville and Alpharetta.

This is Rome's second year as a host city for the event.

"In 2003, Rome had the second largest spectator turnout, second only to Atlanta," said Lisa Smith, executive director of the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau who is also working as chairperson for the Rome section of the Tour de Georgia Organizers Committee. Smith explained this as one of the reasons Rome was asked to host the Tour de Georgia again.

Last year around 250,000 spectators turned up around Georgia to watch the events. Six thousand of those were in Rome. This year, both numbers are expected to at least triple. This, explained Chris McCormick, president of the Coosa Valley Cycling Association, is due to both the popularity of the event, curiosity and the appearance of cycling legends American Lance Armstrong, five time winner of the Tour de France, and Australian Nathan O'Neil, time trial champion.

Jermundson, director of the media center at Berry College, was one of the many volunteers during last year's event. His job, like many others', was to make sure spectators, animals and any other hazards stayed clear of the roads before the cyclists passed through.

"They fly through in packs going about 30 mph," said Jermundson. "There is no way these guys can stop. If somebody crashes, it probably takes out 20, 30 bikes."

According to Ann Arnold, lead volunteer coordinator for the Tour

de Georgia, nearly 300 volunteers in Rome are already signed up to help during the racing events, doing things such as manning hospital-ity stations for teams and officials, cooking and serving during the banquet dinner to be held the evening of April 22 and monitoring the roadways to keep the roads clear. Arnold stressed that more volunteers are always welcome, and added that all volunteer receive a free t-shirt.

The tour is set in seven stages, which include sprint and circuit races, King of the Mountain competitions and a time trail. Rome is the only city to host two stages, a race from Carrollton into the city and then an individual time trial later that same afternoon.

Rome's stages have been described as pivotal to the entire race. "Rome will probably have the stage that defines the way the race goes to the finish," said Trey Smith, a local cyclist who describes himself as "groupie." Smith is working in media relations during the event. "The course this year was made two to three times more difficult than last year, in account of the quality of the teams. Whoever wins the time trial will set the pace for the rest of the race, and is someone to put your money on."

There will be road closings. According to Lisa Smith, at 11:15 a.m. Reeceburg Road will close to allow the riders to enter Rome coming from Polk County. Roads closing shortly after Preacher Smith Road, Rockmart Road, Dean Avenue, East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, East Main Street, Broad Street, Glenn Milner Blvd., East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Smith explained that this will be a rolling closing with about a 45 minute interval, meaning roads beginning with Reeceburg Road will be closed for about 45 minutes, allowing ample time for the roads to be cleared and riders to pass through, and then will be reopened again. For example, Reeceburg Road, which closes at

11:15, will reopen at approximately noon.

However, Smith warned, that



Road, Blacks Bluff Road, Mount Alto Road, South Hanks Street, Shorter Avenue, North 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, parts of East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Excluded from this are the right eastbound lane on Shorter Avenue and the two eastbound lanes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Floyd County schools announced that some schools will be closing early due to the road closings. The following schools with be closing at 1 p.m.: Alto Park Elementary, Garden Lakes Elementary, Coosa Middle, Coosa High, McHenry Primary, Midway Primary, as well as Pepperell Primary, Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Bus routes will be running.

All Rome city elementary schools will be closing at 1 p.m. Rome Middle and High Schools close at 2:30 p.m. for students and 3:15 for faculty and staff. All bus routes will be running.

During the Dodge Tour de Georgia, local spectators and tourists from all over the world are expected to add at least \$20-30 million to Georgia's economy, as well as raise over \$2.5 million for the Tour's beneficiary, the Georgia Cancer Coalition (GCC), Georgia's premier comprehensive cancer initiative. The GCC's main purposes include promoting knowledge and awareness of all types of cancer, raising money for

cancer research and training researchers.

Rome as well has many exciting events planned. Besides the main races, on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. the Healthy Georgia Expo will be at the transit area behind Harvest Moon on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

According to Becky Bailey, the promotions director at K98, this Expo offers things such as free healthy food for sampling, healthy living demonstrations and seminars, yoga sessions and live music from the band Blue Sky, as well as events for the kids, such as Shriners clowns and a moonwalk. There will also be a scavenger hunt sponsored by the Visitor Center of Rome and a "Cycling to Recycle" relay race for prizes.

The Coosa Valley Cycling Association (CVCA) will be selling cowbells all afternoon. According to McCormick, ringing cowbells while cyclists race past is a long time cycling tradition.

The Dodge Tour de Georgia will be broadcasted on the Outdoor Life Network on May 4 at 2 p.m. and again on May 6 at 9:30 p.m.

To be a volunteer, email Arnold at [aarnold@romega.us](mailto:aarnold@romega.us).

For more information about the Dodge Tour de Georgia, see the event's official website at [www.tourdegeorgia.com](http://www.tourdegeorgia.com).

## Floyd College students, faculty and staff scramble for Walraven golf title

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Wesley Clayton, Sterling Peace, Jason McFry and Seth Ingram recently won the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble held April 2 at the BEAA Golf Course, saying, "We rock," as they finished with a score of 66.

Fourteen faculty, staff and students participated in the scramble.

Before play began Dr. Ken Weatherman, tournament coordinator, explained the rules and divided the players into four teams. Weatherman also drew names from a hat to give out door prizes to the players. The prizes included golf gift packs, t-shirts and a tote bag. Clayton, Jack Sharp and Jon Wade were the prizewinners.

Robbie Nash won the longest drive contest and Clayton won the closest to the hole contest.



Photo by Ken Caruthers  
**Sterling Peace, political science major, plays on the winning team.**

Weatherman, Nash and Wade were on top of their game in the first round, but they could not stay with the Wesley Clayton team and

finished the tournament in second place with 69 points.

Even though Sharp, Jasen Spoon, John Reiners and Monte Bucks didn't win, they seemed to be the most consistent players. Around the 14<sup>th</sup> hole of the second round Sharp said he had a good team but they just couldn't get a break.

As for Wayne Shelnut, Everett McCarley and Tom Berry, they didn't feel too bad about finishing in last place because they had the trees they almost took out and the wind to blame their loss on.

Despite the windy weather and the bad language, after a couple of bad shots the players played a pretty good game of golf.

Spoon and Peace said they hope they get extra credit for playing.

The golf scramble lasted approximately five hours.



# Braves cash in on Greenbacks

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It was a magical beginning of the season with over 5,000 Rome Braves fans filling State Mutual Stadium to capacity in the game against the Augusta Greenjackets on April 8.

The night started with a special pre-game ceremony welcoming the Braves and their fans to the second season.

A championship ring was presented to city and county leaders in honor of the fans of the Rome Braves, who came in first place in the South Atlantic League in the 2003 season.

April 8 was not only a special night for fans of the Rome Braves, but it also was the anniversary of Hank Aaron's record-breaking home run. A special video tribute was played before the game in honor of Aaron's incredible feat.

The national anthem was performed by country music star Mark Wills, whose songs include "I Do (Cherish You)" and "Wish You Were Here." The F-18 flyover by the United States Marine Corps planned for after the anthem was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The game started with a bang as fireworks were fired at the announcement of each Rome Brave's name.

The first two innings went by quickly, but in the top of the third inning the Greenjackets took a 4-0 lead. The Braves answered back with two runs of their own.

With the Braves trailing by two runs in the bottom of the fourth, Rome Brave Cole Barthel singled to allow Matt Esquivel to run home, putting the game within one run. In the seventh inning the Greenjackets scored their final runs, making the score 5-3.

Both teams failed to score again until the bottom of the ninth, when Brave Josh Burrus and Martin Prado got one RBI apiece, tying the game.

The crowd was electrified and soon everyone was on their feet.

With two outs on the scoreboard and the score tied, Esquivel singled to drive in the winning run. The already loud crowd went crazy as the Rome Braves won their season opener in defense of their South Atlantic

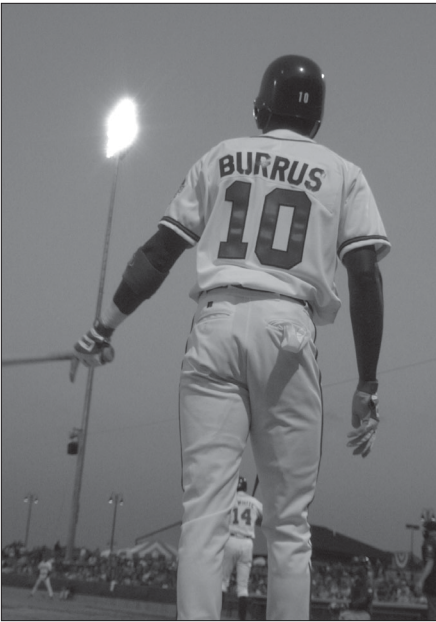


Photo by Ken Caruthers

**Braves outfielder Josh Burrus waits on deck.**

League title.

Rome Braves Manager Rocket Wheeler was very happy with his team's come-from-behind victory. Rocket said, "The kids did well. But it is not how you start a season. It is how you finish it."

A Rome Braves game is exciting for anyone, but the game is only part of the experience.

In-game promotions such as the Braves Brigade dancing squad, the Video Juke Box Pick'Em and Applebee's Shuffle Game are just a few of the events offered at State Mutual stadium.

The Braves mascot, Romey, spends most of the game roaming the stadium, adding cheer to the fans' experience. At one point during the game Romey and the Braves Brigade girls threw t-shirts to lucky fans.

Seats for Rome Braves games are very affordable with ticket prices ranging from \$4 to \$10, and there is not a bad seat in the stadium.

For more information about the Rome Braves, go to [www.romebraves.com](http://www.romebraves.com).



Photo by Ken Caruthers

**Rome Braves infielder Dean White makes an out during the April 8 game.**

# Intramurals wrap up for the spring

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The Pacers are this semester's intramural basketball champs, defeating the Sloppy Joes 40-45 in the championship game March 18.

Brandon Buford led the Pacers to victory with 23 points. Neal Ragsdale was the leading scorer for the Sloppy Joes with 18.

Dream Team Part II was hoping to clinch another champion-

ship this spring, but came up short-handed. The Sloppy Joes outplayed the defending champs throughout the whole game and showed a lot of heart on the court. With the defending champs losing that put the Sloppy Joes through to the second round.

The final score was 49-41. Leading scorer for the Sloppy Joes was Steven Mink with 19 points, 17 of which were scored in the first half. For the Dream Team Part II Dayne Styles was the leading

scorer with 16, and Charles Hill followed with 14.

The FIT Program ended March 29.

The program's winners are as follows: Jennifer Payne, Stephanie Harris, Bo Bowling and Seth Ingram.

The intramural sports banquet will be held April 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the gym lobby. David Mathis, intramurals director, encourages all spring semester participants to attend.

# College, Bird and the meaning of life



## Touching All Bases

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I really hate to try comparing myself to one of my all time favorite athletes, but I see some similarities in the experiences of a legend and a personal journey that is coming to an end.

Three years ago, I graduated from high school. I went to a very small private school, and I would not trade in the great experience I had at Rome Christian Academy for an Ivy League education. Mrs. Susan Tilley is a great Christian woman and I was lucky to learn under her for four years.

However, there was a slight drawback to my school. It caused me to dread the idea of going from a school of 20 to a large university.

With that in mind, I decided to try Floyd College for one semester. To make a long story short, that first semester was way back in 2002.

Before I had time to consider my other options, it had become clear that FC was indeed the perfect fit. Once again, I can look back and say I have no regrets after another step towards my goals.

You are probably wondering how this ties in with sports. As a basketball fan, I have a great appreciation for Larry Bird, the definitive blue collar man and the leader of the Boston Celtics during their third championship dynasty.

Bird, a native of Baden, Indiana, also went to a small high school. At Spring Valley High, Bird excelled and became a hometown legend.

Unlike me, Bird dove headfirst into a large university and faced some major culture shock.

He did not select just any col-

lege, he signed with the University of Indiana and coach Bob Knight. Not only did he have to deal with a drastically larger student body, he also had the weight of the entire basketball loving state on his shoulders.

Unable to cope with the adjustment, Bird transferred to Indiana State.

With the Sycamores, Bird averaged 30.3 points per game, became a unanimous player of the year as a senior and led his team to an unlikely NCAA tournament run in 1979 that was ended by Michigan State and Magic Johnson in arguably the most influential televised championship game of all time.

My athletic prowess and the lack thereof has not brought me any awards, but I have managed to become FC Bytes co-editor, Phi Theta Kappa president and a columnist during my FC career.

Larry Bird excelled in the proper environment. Away from large crowds and the pressures of being a Hoosier, he lived up to his full potential.

I have also been successful in the right environment. Thanks to the professors and my peers at Floyd College, I now feel prepared for the educational and social challenges of a four year university.

Junior college has definitely helped me grow towards my full potential. Being in the right place at the right time is what life is all about, and I hope I am in the right place once again next fall.

I also hope that other young people will discover Floyd College and benefit from it as much as I have. All journeys begin with one step, whether it is as a Sycamore or as a Charger.

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# Solving the mystery of RESA

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Most students at Floyd College have no clue as to what the RESA building is or why it is on the Floyd College campus.

The Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) leases the Floyd Foundation Building from Floyd College. The Northwest Georgia portion of RESA, serving 16 county and city school systems, including Floyd, Polk, Paulding, and Bartow, has been on the Floyd campus for 10 years.

"Although we are not directly affiliated with Floyd College, Dr. Randy Pierce serves on the Board of Control, as does every superintendent in each county and every president of each college in the area that is served," stated Selena



Photo by Josh Grubb

**The mysterious RESA building looms over the Lakeview parking lot on Floyd College's Rome campus.**

Powell, RESA secretary.

Brenda Stansell, head of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program, said, "RESA offers excellent

opportunities in professional learning for students entering the field of education."

"Once the student has gradu-

ated and been certified, RESA offers the continuing education for teachers and other certified personnel, through courses that are approved by the Professional Standards Committee," added Charlise Johnston, administrative assistant of the Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) program, which is also housed in the Floyd Foundation Building.

Teachers can come here to get their needed Staff Development Unit (SDU) classes, which allow them to be re-certified every five years. They also provide paraprofessional training and classes, as well as training needed for substitute teachers.

For more information about RESA and their services, visit RESA at the Floyd Foundation Building or visit RESA's web site at [www.nwgaresa.com](http://www.nwgaresa.com).

## Brasel collecting items for overseas U.S. troops

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Many of the men and women of the Armed Forces are being deployed all over the world as you read this. They are standing duty, working on tanks or directing aircraft. Say you support the troops and not the war, or maybe you support both of them. Either way, here is a way to show you care.

Many American troops are in the Middle East and Afghanistan far away from home in what is often a hostile environment with tours of duty sometimes extended by circumstance.

For some, periods of intense activity may be followed by stretches of boredom since often they cannot safely venture away from their base or camp.

For Dana Brasel, assistant professor of nursing, this situation is personal. Her son, Lance Corporal Jeff Lester of the Marine Corps, is on his second deployment in Iraq with Marine Air Control Squadron 1 from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

To help her son and other troops fill their downtime with a little taste of home, Brasel is asking for any type of old or new CD, VCR tape, DVD, X Box game or Play Station 2 game that anybody could spare for the Marines.

Lester said that because availability is limited, "Any kind of movie (old, new, children's, etc.) is often viewed many times."

If you don't have any music, movies or games to give up, the Marines also love to have any type of non-perishable food. It could be anything from chips to beef jerky.

Remember, the troops cannot have alcohol or explicit material in Muslim countries.

"This is a great pastime to ease the tension of the troops," Brasel said.

If you or anybody you know would like to contribute anything to the troops, contact Brasel at [BraselD@yahoo.com](mailto:BraselD@yahoo.com) or call her at (706) 409-3131. You can also drop off anything you wish to send to the troops at the Nursing Office at Heritage Hall with a note on it for Brasel.

## Area college students involved in S.A.V.E. make a difference

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Students Advocating Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.) is a multi-school alliance facilitating students' involvement in the well-being of surrounding communities.

Student members of the Northwest Georgia Crescent Alliance (a collaboration of Berry, Dalton State, Floyd, Kennesaw State, Reinhardt and Shorter Colleges) formed S.A.V.E. last November.

The purpose of S.A.V.E. is for students to come together to organize and encourage classmates to participate in volunteer efforts.

Meetings to discuss upcoming events are held monthly. The agenda is driven exclusively by students, as no college faculty members are involved.

S.A.V.E. currently organizes one outreach project per month. Their first project, called Feed My Lambs, was at a Canton daycare for low-income families. S.A.V.E. volunteers gathered materials,

cleaned the daycare inside and out and even built a fence. They plan to continue Project Feed My Lambs by rebuilding the daycare playground and eventually adding a sandbox.

There are opportunities for students to attend S.A.V.E. meetings and become diplomats or volunteer their time at future events.

Savannah Ruth, Floyd College's diplomat, says that S.A.V.E. is a great, laidback place to meet people and make a difference in the community.

"I would love to see Floyd College students connect with each other by doing this," Ruth said. "It's a wonderful opportunity."

**Persons interested in volunteering or attending S.A.V.E. meetings can get more information by contacting Savannah Ruth at (706) 346-8028 or by e-mail at [sruth00@floyd.edu](mailto:sruth00@floyd.edu).**

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Like most Floyd College students, Tony Potts manages both his classes and a job. However, Potts does not have your average part time job.

Since the age of 16, Potts has been involved with the local broadcast media.

"It is hard to balance school, work and my personal life," Potts said. "Unfortunately, in the past I allowed the three to mix and problems occurred."

He and Berry College student Callie McGinnis are currently co-hosting "In the Zone," a sports show focusing on the local sports scene. The show, formerly known as "Sports and Moore," premiered in July 2003. "In the Zone" airs every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on AM 1470 WRGA.

According to Potts, "You can hear about national sports news on networks like ESPN. Our show is more geared towards a local audience. We are where grandmas can hear about their grandson who plays for a local high school."

University of Georgia men's basketball players Jonas Hayes and Rashad Wright as well as



former Rockmart standout and current Vanderbilt University women's basketball star Caroline Williams are among the sports stars that have appeared on Potts' show.

Potts, who is very fond of Georgia's play-by-play announcer Larry Munson, was 18 when he got his start covering sports calling Rome High School basketball games. Before he earned this air-time, Potts had spent the previous two years working behind the scenes.

As a lifelong sports fan, Potts is thrilled to have the opportunity to be on a sports talk radio show.

However, he knows that he cannot do it alone. He says, "If you don't check your ego at the door, you can never have chemistry (with a co-host) and be a team. No chemistry, and the show is over."

Last summer, Potts branched out from his radio career and pursued a lifelong dream. He became a professional wrestler.

As the effeminate "Broadstreet Boy" Lance Timberlake, Potts was one of the most hated heels in the New Age Wrestling Alliance.

"It was something I had always wanted to do, and it was fulfilling to step in the ring the first time after hearing from so many people

that I was not capable of becoming a wrestler," said Potts.

During his brief in-ring career, Potts managed to go 4-0 in short comedic matches, including a confrontation with southern wrestling legend Ricky Morton and a draw against former World Wrestling Entertainment star Bull Buchanan.

Potts says he learned a lot about the backstage politics of wrestling as well as the potential injuries, but he has hinted at a possible Lance Timberlake comeback in late April.

Despite his love for covering sports, Potts is currently attending Floyd to achieve his dream of becoming a teacher and a baseball coach.

After completing Floyd, Potts plans to transfer to the home of his beloved Bulldogs, The University of Georgia.

To those who aspire to work in the media someday, Potts warns, "It (radio) is a job that you just have to have in your blood."

Potts appears on Q102 on Monday and Wednesday nights from 10 p.m.- 2 a.m. in addition to his Saturday morning sports show. For more info on these shows and other local programming, contact WRGA at (706) 291-9742.

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The toy spud we all love and know as Mr. Potato Head originated as a set of plastic eyes, ears, noses and mouths as well as a mustache and hat on May 1, 1952.

Invented by the toy company Hasbro Inc., based in Pawtucket, R. I., it was the first toy to be advertised on television, encouraging children everywhere to play with their food.

The following year, Mrs. Potato Head was made to keep the Mr. company, adorned with earrings, a purse and wig made of real hair.

Soon thereafter, son, Spud, and daughter, Yam, were brought into the world.

In 1964, children had to return to eating their potatoes instead of playing with them after a plastic body was made to make the Potato Head family physically eternal.

In 1966, a key-activated wind-up mechanism was added to make the Potato Head family move and jump.

Other accessories were quickly made for Mr. Potato Head to relieve his boredom. These included a fishing pole, fishing net, jackhammer and kite.

Mrs. Potato Head spent her days at home with her newly designed feather duster, floor polisher, dinner bell and vacuum cleaner.

In 1969, basic theme sets were made, such as On the Moon, On the Farm, On the Railroad and At the Parade.

The Mr. Potato Head used primarily today was reinvented in 1983, having the body and face constructed as one and wearing the popular green hat.

In 1985, Mrs. Potato Head gave birth to a third spud, Baby Potato Head.

An eventful year for Mr. Potato Head was 1998 with the advent of his Saturday morning TV cartoon show.

In 2000 Mr. Potato Head took his place in the Toy Hall of Fame, and a year later rebecame the subject of a comic strip.

*Information taken from the book "Celebrating 50 Years of One Sweet Potato!" by Gil King and from [www.hasbro.com](http://www.hasbro.com).*



# Spring Fling indoors still keeps things happenin’



Clockwise from top: Susan Claxton, coordinator of human services, does an interpretive Native American dance; Titus Smith, a special ed. major from Rome, rocks the stage as an Elvis impersonator; Mike Davis, an undecided major from Rome, prepares to take a punch from Jacob Pruitt, an undecided major from Rome; Titus Smith, Chris Lundy, a journalism major from Rome, and Ken Reaves, director of human services, dance away in the conga line; and Wade Cramer gets suprised after being announced winner of the “Chargeritaville” talent show contest.

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