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Bell elected president

Daniel Bell, editor-in-chief of the *Six Mile Post*, was elected president of the Georgia College Press Association at the recent Press Institute. See News-Page 3.



Somewhere to study?

College students are always in search of a great place to study since a lot of places close before most students are ready to hit the books. See Features-Page 10.



FC basketball heats up

The Floyd College 5-on-5 intramural basketball season is underway. Four teams make up this semester's action. For teams, scores, schedules and pics, please see Sports -Page 12.

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Former students attribute their current success to Floyd College

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Since its humble beginnings in 1970, Floyd College has educated, empowered and provided a foundation for thousands of students.

They studied in this library, listened in these classrooms and took their knowledge down these halls and out the door to the professional world they use it in today.

Less than 10 years ago Tesha Stokes spent most of her days at FC as a nursing student. Now her days are spent on the fourth floor of Redmond Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse.

Stokes' desire to help people and her interest in the medical field led to her decision to become a nurse.

"There is a lot of pressure on my job; it is not a career one should choose for the money. I enjoy being here for the patients and their families," she said.

Despite the pressures, Stokes continues to do what she feels she was born to do, and Floyd College was instrumental in helping her reach that goal.

Nurses are not the only ones finding their future in a Floyd College classroom. Many teachers have made their way across this campus as well.

"I had heard good things about Floyd College, and I liked the fact

that it was a convenient, smaller school," Angela Green, a former middle grades education major, said.

"I had wonderful instructors like Dr. Margaret Davis (professor of math) and Dr. Kristie Kemper (professor of English) who were so very helpful and taught on every student's level," she said.

Green received an associate degree from FC and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Berry College.

After teaching at Armuchee Middle School for a while, Green is now employed at Vineyard Harvester Christian Academy, where she currently teaches math.

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Photo by Michelle Huskins

Tesha Stokes, former Floyd College nursing student, now works at Redmond Regional Medical Center.

SGA selects new secretary, plans more changes

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It is a year of changes for the Floyd College Student Government Association (SGA). In addition to their new adviser, new student life director, John Spranza, they have also selected a new secretary, Sandy House.

The group selected House as secretary due to scheduling difficulties with the previous secretary Kim Cornett.

House said she looks forward to the new job.

"I want to get the job done. Whatever our goals are, I want to reach them," she said.

House was formerly a senator with the SGA. Amit Patel, SGA president, said of House, "Sandy had been working very hard since fall semester. She had been very committed to her job."

With House no longer in the SGA senate, there are currently no SGA senators.

The SGA constitution mandates two senators to represent each satellite campus. The current SGA members feel that the position of senator is unnecessary.

"I think the constitution is

okay except for the provision for the two senators from each campus. I think we will work on that," said Patel.

Patel explained the lack of senators is because "nobody wants to be a senator."

"I never really knew the job of senator anyway," said House. "I was just a part of the SGA, and I was pretty much doing the work of the SGA secretary already."

Currently, students and professors of the satellite campuses plan events without representation of the SGA.

"We want to go and contact them, but when we get out of class it will be too late," said Patel. "It's too hard, but we're working on it."

"They would benefit from having someone to represent them. The problem is finding that person," said House.

Placing a vice president of special events on each campus is a potential remedy, according to Patel. "When the Bartow campus is ready, they might have a VP over there too," he said.

According to those interviewed, the main focus of this year's SGA is accomplishing goals to "leave their mark on the college."



Photo by Ken Caruthers

House is the SGA secretary.

Patel said the SGA set its goals for the year at their first meeting. "Most of our fall semester goals we achieved. We're now working on spring semester goals," he said.

The main goal that the SGA officers intend to achieve is getting a new mascot. They feel that the current mascot, the Floyd College Charger, doesn't represent the school.

"Our new mascot should be the Patriot because our school colors are blue, white and red," said Patel. "We have been looking at things we needed and things that needed to be changed...It is important to be remembered for the

mascot," he said.

They hope to have the new mascot approved by Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, by March.

Patel explained that the SGA wanted to rush the change in order to be able to present it at Spring Fling and Honors Night.

The attempt to change the mascot is one of the ways the members of SGA want to "leave their mark."

"It (the mascot) will be there for the rest of the life of Floyd College," said Patel.

Another of the SGA's goals for the semester is hosting the events that they have planned. In addition to their annual spring event, Spring Fling, this year they are working on an event for non-traditional students.

According to Patel the event will be for non-traditional students who do not have enough time to spend with their children.

"We wanted to give them time to spend with their children at school," he said.

House and Teela Davis, SGA vice president of special events, are planning the event.

According to Patel there will be movies, games and free food,

and the event will "introduce a day when they can get to know people and staff."

Another SGA project is the Campus Beautification Project. Patel said that one proposed aspect involved "beautification of the campus with fountains and fish."

He said that the plan was to create somewhere where people can go outside to read and relax. The project would also involve planting trees around campus.

This project will be discussed in a meeting with plant operations. Patel explained that the SGA and plant operations will have to go over the budget and decide if the money is there to go ahead with the idea.

The SGA officers hope to reach out to students through the events that they have planned. "We plan events to bring students in; every student at Floyd College is a member of the SGA," said Patel.

Patel offered encouragement to students who are interested in becoming involved with the SGA to come to their meetings.

The SGA meetings are open to everyone. The SGA meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Student Life Conference Room.



Photo by Ashley Roberts
Floyd College's Heritage Hall is located in Rome.

New budget cut means no repairs at Heritage Hall

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Budget cuts strike again, and this time they affect the Heritage Hall campus in Rome. The campus was set to receive minor project funding from the Board of Regents.

Minor projects are those that costs less than five million dollars.

The funding cut was passed down from the office of Gov. Sonny Perdue.

He told the Board of Regents that they would not receive any funding for minor projects this fiscal year.

The original plan was that Floyd College would receive \$250 thousand to start planning the renovation of Heritage Hall in the 2004 fiscal year and begin work on the campus in the 2005 fiscal year.

Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, said that the hope is that the funding will only be put on hold for a year.

According to Director of Plant Operations Doug Webb, the type of work that needs to be done to the Heritage Hall campus includes completely replacing the heating and air conditioning system throughout the entire building.

This would require replacing the existing piping and air conditioning units.

There would also be a new sprinkler system added to the entire building and the existing electrical system would be completely updated.

He explained that these changes would "require some architectural changes, such as lowering the ceiling and new lighting throughout."

Webb also stated that the project, whenever started, would take about a year to complete and that it would be a work in progress.

"Our plans are to put temporary quarters in the Centre Stage or other areas not to be utilized every day," said Webb. "We are looking forward to the project both as a challenge and a chance to make the building everything it can be."

Nursing student Mistee Graham, who has classes at the Heritage Hall campus, said that her major concern is the heating and air conditioning system.

"It's hard to concentrate when you are freezing or when you are burning up," said Graham.

Graham also stated that she feels the other things could wait but the heat and air are very important.

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It was also location that drew Jan Pace to Floyd College. but she soon felt at ease and welcomed as a non-traditional student and remained at Floyd until graduation.

"I was nervous about going back to school, but my instructors and advisers made it an easier process." Steve Burns and Dr. Wesley Walraven were just two influential instructors that Pace will never forget.

"I was treated with respect, not like a number," she said. Pace went on to graduate from West Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in early education. She now teaches kindergarten at North Side Elementary in Cedartown.

Kevin "K" Jones, a former art major, chose Floyd College because it was affordable and close to his home. Jones trained with former art professor David Mott, and after graduating, opened Crypt Kicker Tattoos in Rome in 1994.

He said his favorite part of his job is "being able to draw for a living." He has plans for his own comic books.

Since most students' days are filled with studying, reading and preparing for class, it is easy to lose sight of the day when they too will don graduation attire and join these and many other graduates as they embark on new careers.

Many look back and count Floyd College as one of the steppingstones on their journey to success.



Photo by Michelle Huskins
Angela Green, who earned her associate degree from Floyd College, now teaches mathematics at the Vineyard Harvester Christian Academy.



Photo by Michelle Huskins
Kevin "K" Jones owns Crypt Kicker Tattoos and is working on his own comic book.

NYSP receives national recognition

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Floyd College's National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) was recently given the Meritorious Award for being one of the nation's top ten programs for disadvantaged youths.

According to Sandy Briscar, Floyd College public relations officer, Floyd College is one of 204 schools in the country participating in NYSP. FC has

hosted the program for 30 years and will be celebrating its 31st year this summer.

NYSP is a six-week summer camp funded by a grant from the federal government and the Department of Health and Human Services intended for disadvantaged youths ages 10-16 from Rome/Floyd County and the surrounding areas.

Participants receive transportation to and from the college and meals are provided.


Last summer, Floyd College

had 480 children attend the camp.

NYSP provides participants with academic and sports instruction in hopes of improving their physical fitness and health habits.

Each child receives a medical screening with a free follow-up for those who need it.

The main goal of the program is to motivate children from low-income families to learn self-respect through sports instruction and competition.



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SMP's Daniel Bell elected as the new Georgia College Press Association president

Daniel Bell, editor-in-chief of the *Six Mile Post*, was elected Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) president at the GCPA Press Institute held Feb. 8 in Macon.

Bell served on the GCPA board of directors for the previous year and will serve as president until the Press Institute next year.

The GCPA Press Institute is an annual event held so that journalists from colleges and universities all over the state can come together, share ideas, attend workshops and be awarded for their hard work.

"It's a big honor to be in such a position of power and responsibility," said Bell. It is the duty of the GCPA president to preside over the Press Institute and regular sessions of the Association, to contribute a column to the newsletter and to assist the GCPA coordinator in arranging meetings and the Press Institute.

The *Six Mile Post* brought home awards in every general contest category, and several staff members took individual awards in the GCPA Better Newspaper Contest.

The individual awards are as follows: Bell, first and second place for Best Review; Crystal Hightower, second place for Best Editorial or Feature Photograph; Mike Cooper, third place for Best Sports story; Jeremy Stewart, third place for Best Feature story; Brian S. Armstrong and Eric Rose, second and third place (respectively) for Best News Article based on Interpretive or Investigative Reporting.

Articles and photographs are

chosen and submitted by the editors of the *SMP* for judging by members of the Georgia Press Association. For the general categories, four issues are submitted.

The results of the general categories are as follows: first place, Best Campus Community Service-News; third place, General Excellence; third place, Best Campus Community Service-Features; third place, Best Campus Community Service-Sports; third place, Best Campus Community Service-Editorial Excellence; third place, Layout and Design Excellence; third place, General Advising Excellence; third place, General Photography Excellence; and third place, Improvement Award.

"I was proud to see we had first place for Best News," said Bell. "And it was good that we placed in every general category, even if it was third place."

This is the second year in a row that the *SMP* has placed third in General Excellence behind *The Stallion* of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and *The Compass* of Gainesville College.

Bell explained that he thinks it has a lot to do with budgets.

"Both of those newspapers run color photos in every single issue.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Daniel Bell was elected GCPA president.

Our newspaper is running two color issues this academic year for the first time in a long time. Some of the comments from the judges were about more use of color. If we could afford color photos for every issue, it would be much better for competition, not to mention increased readership," said Bell.

Participating in the Press Institute from Floyd College in addition to Bell were *Six Mile Post* staff Rose, Armstrong, Chris Hammonds, Rebecca Alford, Sandy House, Ashley Roberts, Bobby Moore, Ken Caruthers and Julianna Hunt. Advisers Dr. Kristie Kemper and Fred Green accompanied the students.

Help for the Financial Aid struggles

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For most students, applying for financial aid is a necessary evil. However, it doesn't have to be a nightmare. The staff at the Financial Aid Office can move students in the right direction.

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, and now is the best time to gather information regarding such a common need among today's college students.

It is so common, in fact, that 60 percent of the student body is receiving aid in some form.

If any students missed the financial aid fair that was held on Feb. 11, there are still ample resources at their disposal for gathering information.

The best place to start is at the Financial Aid Office. The staff can answer any questions a student may have and provide the proper

paperwork.

One such piece of paperwork is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which must be completed before any type of aid can be awarded.

Counselors strongly urge students to complete their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. By applying online a student speeds up the rate at which his or her request is processed. A student can also apply for HOPE online at www.gsfc.org/ehope.

Financial Aid Counselor Kelly Gribble suggests students applying for HOPE online notify the college because if there was a glitch in the system there is no way for the counselors to know the student applied.

The deadline for applications for summer is March 1 and for fall is July 1.

Students should keep in mind that Floyd College is the fastest growing institution in the Univer-

sity System of Georgia. Though FC's student body has increased, the staff in the Financial Aid Office has remained the same. There are only two counselors available to process requests for over 3,000 students.

In other words, the sooner a student files a request for aid the sooner it can be processed and an award can be received.

While students are waiting to receive their award Gribble suggests limiting phone calls to the Financial Aid Office to minor inquiries.

If students have a detailed question concerning their file, Gribble asks that students e-mail FINAID@floyd.edu because it's very difficult for the staff to answer those types of questions over the phone due to time constraints.

Gribble said, "We want to make it as painless as possible. We are trained to do this and we are here to help."

Gain academic credit by traveling the world

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Studying abroad can be a rewarding and life changing experience that gives students a chance to see new places and gain insight into other cultures while gaining academic credit.

Floyd College has always been active in study abroad programs, but many people just are not aware of the study abroad opportunities available at FC.

England, France, Spain and China are only a few of the possible countries students have the opportunity of studying in. Programs can range from approximately two weeks up to a full year in length. The programs offered directly to colleges of the University System of Georgia are moderately priced between \$2000 and \$5000.

Because of the diversity of the programs offered, any student can find one to fit his or her lifestyle and major. Academic credit will usually transfer back to the student's school.

Not all of the programs require the knowledge of a foreign language. However, some programs may require a minimum GPA or class level. Students should research their program of choice to avoid conflict.

If money is an issue, there are lots of scholarships available for studying abroad. The Coca-Cola Foundation and the American Institute for Foreign

Study are sponsors for the Regents Study Abroad Scholarship.

Also, the presidents of institutions in the University System of Georgia have committed funds for study abroad scholarships at their schools and other donors then match the funds. The Rotary Club also gives a scholarship for foreign study.

If all the above isn't enough, there is always "HOPE." Money from financial aid programs and the HOPE scholarship can be used to aid students in paying for study abroad programs.

By 2007, the Board of Regents would like at least 4 percent of all the students in the University System of Georgia to be involved in study abroad programs.

According to Dr. Alberta Johnson, associate professor of psychology and education and coordinator of study abroad programs, "Students need to realize that studying abroad is a part of the learning experience, and if the opportunity comes they should take it."

Interested students should contact Johnson in the division of social and cultural studies for catalogs and brochures. Students can contact her by calling (706) 368-7638 or by emailing ajohnson@floyd.edu.

For information about the Rotary Club scholarship students can contact Dr. Penelope Wills, vice president of student development, by emailing her at pwills@floyd.edu.

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FC recycling revamped



Seneka Watts recycles bottles left in the art studio. The FC recycling program only recently began to allow for the recycling of plastics.

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The college's restructured recycling program will not only allow students to recycle additional products but will also help provide for emergency student loans.

Following criticism of the college's recycling efforts, a committee was appointed at the first of this semester to look into improving and expanding the recycling program to include more materials and to increase efficiency.

The committee members are Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development; Sheila McCoy, professor of language; Wayne Harrison, logistics coordinator; and student Eric Rose.

One of the foremost improve-

ments being discussed is the inclusion of more materials in the program. The new program will recycle aluminum, newspaper, cardboard, office paper and plastics. The previous program recycled cardboard and aluminum only, and the other materials were discarded.

Rome Floyd Recycling Center has donated two containers for recycling plastics, with 18 more available upon request from Floyd College plant operations. The containers are made of translucent green plastic. One of the containers is located in the student center adjacent to the cafeteria, and the other is located near the exit of the F-Wing.

"It's encouraging to see that students are using the containers," said McCoy.

The committee is looking into

increasing student involvement further by including student volunteers in the recycling process.

"We try to seek out students who are interested in recycling," said Wills.

The proceeds from the recycling program will go toward establishing an emergency student loan fund. Wills said that all of the other colleges she has experience with have emergency student loans.

Wills said that some Floyd College students in need of emergency funds have nowhere to go.

Everyone using the Rome Floyd Recycling Center may request that his or her recycling proceeds be donated to the Floyd College emergency student loan fund. The committee hopes that the loans will be available for fall semester.

Black History Month events underway at Floyd College

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February is Black History Month and the Cultural Awareness Society at Floyd College, along with the Student Life Office, have planned quite a few activities so that students are able to join in with the celebration.

Dr. Adetutu Abatan, assistant professor of English, spoke about the culture of her native Nigeria in the Solarium at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 4. She wore traditional Nigerian dress for the occasion and brought a variety of crafts to display.

On Monday, Feb. 12, Don Pardlow, English instructor, and the students from his African-American literature class, offered students, faculty and staff a taste of real "soul food" cooking in the student center.

For the big finish to the Black History Month celebrations, the Cultural Awareness Society will offer a trip to the Carter Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and birthplace in Atlanta.

The bus will leave the central Floyd College campus on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 a.m. and will stop at the North Metro Campus to pick up trip participants from that area.

The group will spend the morning at one center, stop for lunch at Sylvia's, a well-known



Photo by Ken Caruthers
Dr. Abatan speaks about her native Nigeria in the

soul food restaurant, and spend the afternoon at the other center.

The bus will leave Atlanta at 4 p.m. and make one stop at the North Metro Campus before returning back to the Rome central campus.

The cost of the trip is \$8, which includes transportation and admission to the Carter Center. The Martin Luther King Jr. birthplace accepts donations.

Anyone interested in going on the trip should sign up in the Office of Student Life. Those needing more information may contact Professor Judy Sims by email at Jsims@floyd.edu or by calling (706) 295-6300.



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Floyd students enjoy soul food as part of the festivities

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Author Jeanne Braselton shares excerpts from the manuscript of her next book at the FC Book Forum on Jan. 24.

Book Forum features local writers

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Local poet Dr. Sandra Meek, assistant professor of English at Berry College and author of *Nomadic Foundations*, will appear at Floyd College's Book Forum on Feb. 19.

The Forum will begin at noon in the Solarium.

Dr. Meek will discuss *Nomadic Foundations*, a book of poetry, which was inspired by her time in the Peace Corps. She is also the author of *The Circumference of Arrival*, which was hailed by crit-

ics. Elixir Press published both books.

Meek will also be speaking with Dr. Jon Hershey's creative writing class during her time on campus.

This is the second Book Forum in a row in which the author of the featured book will lead the discussion. January's Forum featured a discussion of *A False Sense of Well Being* with Jeanne Braselton commenting on her work.

"Most of the book forums do not have the authors there. It's somewhat unusual that they have been these last two months," said Hershey.

Get courses out of the way in a short amount of time with Maymester and summer classes

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Students looking to squeeze in some extra classes during the summer should consider summer and Maymester classes at Floyd College.

Pre-registration on the web for summer and Maymester classes begins March 3.

Walk-in registration will be held March 24 and 25 at the Rome campus. Marsha Welch, registrar, said, "Students who plan on signing up for summer classes at the satellite campuses will need to contact that campus to find out the dates for that campus's walk-in

registration."

A schedule listing the summer and Maymester classes for all Floyd College campuses is now available.

The summer semester has four sessions: Maymester, two sessions and a combined full session. Full session classes will be around two and a half hours long and will be held two days a week. Classes taken in the two divided sessions will be also be two and a half hours long but will meet four days a week.

"Maymester is 13 straight days (Monday through Friday) of classes. Students are advised to sign up for no more than two of these classes because each class

period lasts from two to three hours," according to Welch.

Maymester is designed to help students who wish to work during the summer. They are able to complete credit hours and be finished with their summer classes before the end of May.

Among the classes that will be offered on the schedule will be a geology trip to Wyoming as well as several core classes. The Study Abroad program is also being pushed as an opportunity for students during the summer semester.

If you have any questions about the Maymester or summer classes contact Welch by emailing her at Mwelch@floyd.edu.

Volunteer oppurtunities available to all students

By Virginia Thompson
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John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, once said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Floyd College volunteer services is calling on all students and faculty to do just that.

There are many ways in which a student can volunteer his or her time and talent. Every month there are posters and banners located throughout the school with details about upcoming volunteer projects that students can get involved in. There will also be an ongoing list of events posted in the Service Learning Center located in the Office of Student Life (OSL) area.

The volunteer services organization is always on the lookout for ideas from students and faculty concerning activities and organizations that need support from FC volunteers.

There are many reasons to volunteer.

Amanda Mays, volunteer services coordinator and FC student, recalls her first experience volunteering. She said, "I've always had a natural interest in art and wanting to teach it to others." She decided to volunteer to teach at summer art camp at the Rome Area Council for the Arts.

"I helped the instructor of the art camp with activities, and I was able to learn some really valuable techniques for teaching art. This experience was significant because it helped me realize what I am good at and that I can make a career out of it," Mays said.

She went on to speak of her personal reasons for volunteering

now: "I realize that people need each other. It feels good to be able to fill an organization's need. It's very liberating to have the ability and the opportunity to do this."

Many companies favor job candidates who have listed volunteer service on their résumé.

"You can gain a wide range of experience by helping others within your community. Also, by stating your volunteer work on your résumé, you are giving potential employers a sense of who you are. It can allow an employer to distinguish you from another job applicant," said Maria Menzies, Website Developer, Chevron Texaco/DeepStar Project.

Students interested in volunteering should contact Mays or John Spranza, director of student life. They can be contacted in the located in OSL or by phone at (706) 295-6363.

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Letters to the editor...
SUVs unpatriotic?? YES!!

Dear Editor,

In regards to Sandy House's "SUVs unpatriotic??" (Jan. 28), House never makes reference to the specific Arianna Huffington piece. How is the reader who does not know Huffington writes for salon.com supposed to know whether they agree with her or House?

If it isn't necessary to have read the piece to have an opinion, here is mine. Huffington is a social critic. Pointing fingers and turning people against each other is her job. I could be wrong, but I think at least part of her argument is based on the SUV as status-cum-conformity symbol.

What once set people apart becomes commonplace. Get those MTV abs "by any means necessary," take that SUV, hang some cheap plastic beads from the rear-view, yak on your cell phone at every intersection and you're set.

Oh, and slap a big ole' American flag sticker on the back. That's the clincher. Many people appropriate these things simply because it's popular.

This is the sort of "groupthink" Huffington usually stands against, and that is a good thing. She gets people talking and think-

ing.

House seems to have bought what her TV's commercials tell/sell her; that SUV owners are all soccer moms, backpackers, mountain climbers and baseball coaches.

Look around at the real people not acting in commercials.

Many people in SUVs are just as fat and lazy as others. Just watching those commercials is exercise enough for most of them.

As for SUVs' safety, I was involved in an accident several years ago in which an SUV struck the front of my vehicle. My car stayed relatively stationary while the SUV that struck me (which was not speeding) flipped three times. I couldn't believe what I saw. It was a huge vehicle, but bounced down the road like a balloon.

Is our patriotism just on the surface too? Is that why we feel the need to plaster it there, the bigger the better? Sometimes I think it's just a bunch of hot air. It's become a cliché, but I think anyone like Huffington, who can criticize with clarity, is a model American, in the best sense of the word.

John Fisher
General Studies



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Editor's Box
FC perfect for earning
core credit affordably

Moving and going away to college are the hopes of many high school graduates, including me, but for so many it's not reasonable or affordable.

With the prices of tuition rising from year to year it is becoming more difficult for people to be able to afford the college they want to attend even with the help of scholarships.

Luckily there are colleges such as Floyd, allowing students to get a good education at a reasonable price.

At FC, students are able to get their core classes that will be required at any college out of the way a lot cheaper than at some big university.

So the students like me that choose to stay at home and go to Floyd may have to wait two years before venturing off into the world and experience living

without parents; in the end it's worth it with the money saved.

During the two years an average student spends at Floyd College, students have time to decide what they really want to do with their lives, what type of major they want to declare and where they want to receive further education, if any.

The students lucky enough to have HOPE Scholarship can attend FC for practically nothing, which allows them to save money for further education or other plans for after college. This also lifts the heavy burden of having to worry about paying back student loans after graduating.

For students that don't have HOPE, the good news is that Floyd College is still very affordable. Students don't have to miss out on a good college education simply because they can't afford it.

FC also offers many opportunities for students to get involved with the college, such as student government, student publications,

clubs, intramurals and much more. This is great for all the students that can't stand to not be doing something and love to be involved with different activities.

Overall, I think Floyd College is a good college for younger and older students alike. It gives students opportunities to get involved and allows students to enjoy college life without having to worry about paying back everything later.

Two-year colleges in Georgia saw the highest increases overall in the University System, averaging 11percent increases over the 2001 numbers, according to University System Chancellor Thomas Meredith's State of the System address in January.

And with Floyd being the fastest growing institution in the University System of Georgia, I think people are starting to catch on. Just since last spring there has been a 21percent increase in enrollment here at Floyd.

Paid ads don't reflect SMP opinions

During the past few weeks the *Six Mile Post* has received several letters in regards to the advertisement insert in last month's issue titled "The Silent Epidemic."

For those who missed the ad, it was a supplement produced by www.humanlife.org that was intended to inform viewers about abortion.

The advertisement was obviously pro-life and against aborting unborn babies.

Since the Jan. 28 issue many readers have sent in letters in praise of the *SMP*'s stance on abortion. In the same manner, others have sent in letters saying that the ad reflected badly on the newspaper and that it was poor judgment to run the insert.

A few things need to be cleared up.

First of all, the advertising supplement "The Silent Epidemic" in no way reflects the thoughts or views of the *SMP* staff as a whole. Our staff is composed of many individuals

with their own beliefs and opinions.

Secondly, the insert was a paid advertisement. The *SMP* budget is dependent on ad sales, and an insert such as the one from January does not come cheap. The purchaser paid us for the right to say whatever they wanted to say in their ad.

It is true that the content of the newspaper, ads included, is totally up to the editors. But the content of the anti-abortion insert was not found to be offensive by the editors and therefore was accepted for the print issue.

It's fair to say that abortion is a controversial topic and people are going to disagree. But no one stops watching ESPN when it runs Budweiser commercials just because he or she doesn't drink beer.

Vegetarian readers of the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* do not protest every time the *AJC* runs a grocery store ad with coupons for meat.

Do you get mad at the postman whenever he brings you bills or unwanted news? Of course not. And likewise you shouldn't be upset with, or give praise to, the newspaper that ran the ad.

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In the same way that we print letters to the editor and columns such as "Bourne with an Opinion" or "House of Thought," we are serving as a soapbox for those who have something to say.

The point is this: No matter how hard you push your thoughts and opinions about abortion on people, not everyone is going to agree. The people who paid for their ad in last month's newspaper spoke their mind.

If you as a reader agreed with the ad, GREAT! If you disagreed, GREAT! Either way, don't kill the messenger.

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Non-traditional sympathy

Dear Editor,

I am writing about the recent non-traditional article (Jan. 28). I just want all the non-traditional students to know they are not by themselves.

I have been out of school for 17 years. I have four girls. Their ages are three, six, seven and 12. One of my girls has some learning disabilities and I am always at the doctor's or school with her.

I work weekend at a nursing home and I am taking twelve hours of classes. This is my second semester here at Floyd College. I waited until now to go to school because I took care of my great-grandmother for 14 years at my home. She passed away August 2001.

So here I am, a full load in my life. I am determined to make it. Good luck to all students, especially to the non-traditional students who have a very busy life.

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House of thought

Thinking about the ones who give us our freedom



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As selfish as most Americans are, we never stop to think about what else is going on in the world.

Most of us just like to ignore it because it scares us or makes us uncomfortable. And that's not right because the families of our service men and women can't just ignore it.

On Sunday Feb. 2, at 0700 hours (7 a.m.), around 80 Marine Reservists left home heading for Camp Pendleton in California and from there, somewhere overseas. They are not even told where they are going or when they are leaving. They just leave walking blindly into the unknown.

A lot of reservists stayed here in Rome for three weeks not knowing when their last day would be. It was scheduled for Feb. 4, but on Jan. 31 they were informed that it was to be sooner.

That only gave them two days to get everything squared away. Most of them joined the military to get money for college five years ago with no war in sight, and now they have to drop out of college to go defend our country.

The last thing an 18-year-old would expect is to be required to write a Will.

I went to see them off just in support. I did not really know

any of them that well; they were merely acquaintances, but the emotion I saw and experienced was a rude awakening.

This kind of fear is new to me, and I'm not quite sure how to deal with it. I'm still in shock.

I watched two small children screaming because their dad was leaving them for an unknown amount of time.

I watched parents and other family members torn apart because they will not be able to see someone they love for a long time, if ever again.

The sun rises on a new day and most of us don't even think about it, but these men and women sure will. They all became heroes once they stepped onto that bus. This is real. I've never felt scared for someone else before, and it's a lot worse than being scared for yourself.

Parents had to watch their children leave, or vice versa. Wives had to watch their husbands leave, or vice versa. I can't even begin to describe the sadness I felt, and I am not a parent, sibling or spouse.

I'm sitting here in my air conditioning, watching my TV, while there are a million soldiers out there living their worst nightmares.

Most of us are too busy looking at the big picture to think about the individual men and women that make all this happen.

Besides those who recently left there are also the active duty soldiers. It is one thing to be pulled away from home, but the active duty men and women serve this country every day of their lives.

I know they chose the life, but don't forget that they are still protecting this country. These men and women, as well as the ones before them and the ones that will come after them, are the reason America is free.

Six Mile Poll

Where do you see yourself in 10 years ?



In 10 years I'll be working in an investment firm.

Matt Davis
Business



I hope to be rich from winning the lottery, but if not, I plan on being a speech pathologist in a major hospital or school.

Shawna Smith
Speech Pathology



I hope to be out of college... I hope to have a wonderful home, family and job. I really just want to be happy and satisfied.

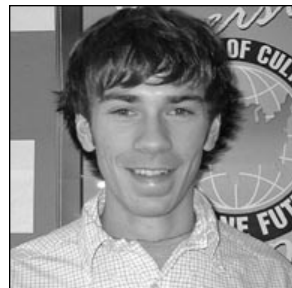
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Hopefully dead.

Zac Dotson
Undecided



Probably out of college and with a great job. I also think I'll have kids by then because I want them young.

Patrick Lee Adams
Education



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When I was young I used to wonder if there really is a God that one day would wash away all of my sins. After I was baptized in the mid-nineties, I began to believe more in the presence of God.

Immediately following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, I guess you could say that I lost a little faith in God. However, about six months after the events, I started to read the Bible more and even got back in church, a place I had not been to on a regular basis in about five years.

After being in church for about two weeks, and reading the Bible on a regular basis, I began to realize that there indeed is a God and that He did die for my sins. But nothing made me more convinced in His presence than a church service about a month or so ago.

I got up about 7 a.m. that morning and left for Sunday School about 8:45 a.m. And let me

Bourne with an opinion

To believe or not to believe; that is the question at hand

tell you, as soon as I stepped, or in my case, rolled into church I could feel something special was going to happen. Boy, what an understatement!

After Sunday School, the worship service began, and what a service it was. Members of the youth were testifying about the presence of God during mission trips and His affect in their lives. But what really got my attention was the testimonies of three ladies.

The first lady, about my age, had hurt her leg playing basketball, I think, a few days before. Amazingly she was able to walk on stage and give thanks to the Lord for healing her.

The second woman's testimony really stirred emotions I didn't know existed. Her family returned home after visiting her son in North Carolina around Christmas. They returned late one night and cooked a pizza and didn't even unload the truck.

Her son fell asleep on the couch watching television and she fell asleep in another room. Around two in the morning she

heard an explosion and discovered the other end of the house was ablaze.

Apparently the stove must have shorted out and caught fire. Luckily her son was not in his room, which was directly above where the fire began. She finally got her son up and they both made it out okay.

Her animals were at friends' houses while they were out of town so they were spared. The only animal in the house was a tortoise. She realized the tortoise was still inside and when she opened the front door that tortoise was standing right there.

Finally, a young girl, about 16 I would say, had surgery a couple weeks earlier and everyone was praying for her. The youth group even prayed for her and found out that 30 minutes after they prayed that she was being sent home.

Based on these last two awesome testimonies of God's grace, I ask you is God real? I know I can speak for all of the people at West Cartersville Baptist Church when I say: DUH!!!

Domestic violence, abuse all-too common

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Domestic violence and abuse are major problems plaguing cities and families across the United States, including those in Rome, Ga.

Abuse is defined as the use of, or the threat to use, physical, sexual or verbal behavior to coerce a partner into doing something one wants, to degrade or humiliate, or to gain a sense of power.

This type of violence is responsible for many serious injuries, deaths and emotional damage to children and adults alike. According to the American Medical Association every 15 seconds a woman is battered, and an overwhelming number of assaults are committed by men against their female partners.

Many families live with the constant threat of violence in their household.

Another staggering fact is that 50 percent of all homeless women and children in this country are fleeing domestic violence, accord-

ing to literature obtained from Hospitality House For Women, Inc.

It has almost become a cliché now, but the first step in dealing with domestic abuse is admitting that a problem exists.

Many abusive acts do not result in a physical injury, so just because no bruises exist, don't be fooled. Heavy alcohol and drug use is another sign that a person could be abusive.

Debbie Burkhalter, of the Victim/Witness assistance program, said, "One of the first things that I try to determine is whether or not drugs or alcohol use is involved...generally it is."

According to literature obtained from Hospitality House, Inc., if someone you know is in an abusive situation, it is very important that you listen to them. Try not to be judgmental, and try to remind that person that he or she does not deserve the abuse. Also it is a good idea to document the abuse and encourage the abused person to do the same for future occurrences.

Women tend to stay in abusive

situations for multiple reasons. Beliefs about marriage, low self-esteem, financial reasons and fear are all common reasons, according to Hospitality House literature. Also, it is important to be supportive of anyone in an abusive situation and listen to them vent their problems instead of judging them.

Domestic violence accounts for 25 percent of all female suicide attempts and 40 percent of all cases of female alcoholism. Twenty-eight percent of all murdered females are slain by their husbands or boyfriends.

As Betsy Ramsey says in a document from the Community Corrections Corporation, "Intervention can save lives."

If you or anyone you know is being abused, there are places locally that offer helpful services.

Hospitality House For Women, Inc., has a 24-hour crisis line at (706) 235-4673.

Also, there is a toll free helpline for Georgia crime victims funded by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at 1-800-338-6745.

The Georgia Domestic Vio-

lence Hotline number is 1-800-334-2836. The Rape Crisis Center number is (706) 802-0580, and, of course, there is always the easy-to-remember 911.

Common symptoms of abuse

- ☐ Refusing to get a partner or family member medical help
- ☐ Forcing a partner to have sex after an argument
- ☐ Purposefully driving recklessly with family member(s) in the vehicle
- ☐ Abusing pets to punish partner
- ☐ Interfering with family members' ability to meet basic needs (eating, sleeping, etc.)



Lea will perform on Feb. 20

Acoustic performer coming Feb. 20

The Office of Student Life and the SGA are sponsoring a musical performance by nationally known singer/songwriter Lea on Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. in the student center.

Lea's music has been described as "an imaginative mix of jazz, pop, folk, blues and rock." It has received critical acclaim from national publications like the "Washington Times" and the "Recording Arts."

Lea is a Baltimore native and has studied music in Europe. She tours college campuses across the country.

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FC Student Miss Deaf Georgia opens up

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Krystle Self, the current Miss Deaf Georgia, is much like every other Floyd College student. She starts her day with 8 a.m. classes and likes to spend her weekends hanging out with friends and partying in Atlanta and going to church on Sundays.

Though she cannot hear, she does have impressive verbal skills, and Self swears she is just the same as every other 19-year-old college student, except that she has a better driving record.

"It's a proven fact," she explained with a smile, "Deaf people drive better because they aren't messing with the radio and they pay more attention to what they are doing."

She said since she is more vi-

sual she uses her car's mirrors more and actually looks where she is going.

Although she does require an interpreter to "hear" what is going on in class and to communicate with those who cannot use sign language Self stresses that she is not disabled.

"Being deaf is not a disability. I am a deaf person. I am capable of doing anything and everything. Not all deaf people are like me. But we're not disabled. Just because someone wears glasses, are they disabled? No. Just because someone can't do a cartwheel, are they disabled? No. I'm just like everyone else, except that I can't hear. I want to emphasize this idea," she explained.

Self was born in Athens, GA, to two deaf parents. Because of this, she learned to sign easily at a very young age. She also has two

younger siblings: a 17-year-old sister and a 13-year-old brother, both of which are also deaf.

Having an entire family that is deaf is very rare according to Self. "Most people are shocked; their jaws hit the ground when they first find out. We are very well-known throughout the deaf community," she said.

Self has not let her inability to hear stop her from being active in her community.

She spent most of her life in public schools and graduated from Faith Academy. She was president of her 4-H Club in grade school and won first place at region competition while doing a presentation about the Relay Service, which is a telecommunications service that allows deaf individuals to communicate over the phone with non-deaf people via a teleprompter.

In August 2001 she was named Miss Deaf Georgia and is currently serving her two-year reign. Self explained that her platform for the competition was "Silent Cries for Love" and that she wanted to stress the negative effects of drugs, sex and violence and the importance of a loving environment for children.

During the competition Self won Miss Congeniality, Best Talent (she signed the song "I'm your Angel") and Best Platform.

Self explained that there is also a Miss Deaf

America contest and that it works exactly like the Miss America contest.

With her title came responsibilities. Self has visited over 40 different places since becoming Miss Deaf Georgia, including her former schools.

She has attended Georgia Association for the Deaf meetings, and she is an active member in the Junior National Association for the Deaf, which she explained is a nationwide organization that helps break through the hearing barrier. It provides legal services and holds the Miss Deaf America contest, among other things.

"It's a very strong organization," Self explained. "It's a lot like the NAACP."

Another place Self visited as Miss Deaf Georgia was Floyd College. She came to FC for the Deaf Extreme orientation. "That's why I go here now," she said.

She is currently studying teacher education and wants to teach deaf elementary school children.

Self said the one thing she wants people to understand about deaf people is that they are just like everyone else.

"Don't be afraid to come up and talk to someone just because they can't hear. If no one is around to use sign language, then write it down. We don't have a disease," she said.



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Self (center) poses with 1st and 2nd runners-up Amber Mulling (left) from Atlanta and Laura Whitfield from Cave Spring.

Self enjoys F.C. campus during Deaf Extreme orientation

She did warn, however, to be very careful when trying to communicate using sign language. One could very well say something totally different from what he or she is trying to say with just a slip of the hand.

"My interpreter once made a mistake in church," Self said, "The preacher had said 'lunch' (which is said with the thumb pressed against the chin and the index finger extended), but my interpreter used the sign for lesbian by mistake (which is said with the same way, but with the hand turned so that thumb and index finger are on either side of the mouth). So BE CAREFUL!"

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Photography exhibit on display at RACA

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The Rome Area Council for the Arts (RACA) is currently hosting the European Modernist and Constructivist Photography Exhibit through Feb. 28.

The RACA gallery features 21 works from the A.G. Edwards and Sons Corporate Collection.

Modernist photography began in the early 20th century as a reaction against the Pictorialist styles that had dominated photography since its beginnings as a legitimized art form.

Rather than using darkroom

manipulation, soft focus and other techniques to emulate painting-like results, Modernist photography uses sharp, unmanipulated focus and dramatic tonality to evoke emotion and sentiment with pure form. Modernism highlights the warring duality between objectivity and sentiment.

"This is the most avant-garde photography exhibit the arts council has shown," said Art Bell, cu-



Photo by Chris Hammonds

Displaying one of the photography pieces in the exhibit is Art Bell, curator of the RACA.

rator of the RACA.

The RACA is located at 217 East Street in Rome. Business hours are Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The RACA may be contacted at (706) 235-ARTS.

Late hours call for more convenience

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Every good student knows that the key to succeeding in college is developing good study habits. No, not by partying, by studying! So many students seek out good places to study, but this is not an easy task to complete in, or even around, Rome.

Rome has an inexcusable lack of places to study, considering the fact that there are three colleges in town. Although, it is true that there are places in theory that college students may study, these places do not fit well with many college students' busy schedules.

The library is the logical option for many students, but many people work late, and the Rome-Floyd County Library, as well as the Floyd College Library, close early during the week and have very limited weekend hours. The hours just do not work for many

working students.

Lack of late hours is also the problem with places like Shells Tales and Kaleido Sno. Both places say that they have tried before to stay open late, but because of lack of advertising or lack of student interest, it did not pay off to stay open.

Another logical place to study is at home. However, often this is not a very wise choice. There are a lot of distractions at home: laundry, dishes, television, people, etc.

So where can the dutiful students prepare for tests and complete assignments?

Well, one can always visit the aforementioned places, or drive

down to Barrett Parkway and take advantage of the various coffee shops and bookstores that keep late hours.

But when desperate times call for desperate measures, one can always resort to the ever-popular Waffle House for a night of smoke-filled learning.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

The local Waffle Houses makes for a good study spot.

Words of wisdom for all students that plan on transferring

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Many students have spent their time here at Floyd College preparing to move on. In the spirit of that motif, I have some words of wisdom for all students planning to transfer.

For those students that do not know me, I am a former FC student now attending the State University of West Georgia (UWG), but I am also taking a class here at FC as a transient student. I can offer insight into the transfer process and, hopefully, ease some of the inevitable headaches that come with moving to a new school.

After a student has chosen a school to transfer to, the first step in easing the transition is to meet the department chair. This will be the person students will turn to throughout their collegiate careers. Also, get to know some of the other faculty members, but more importantly, get to know the adviser.

I can't tell you how essential getting to know people is. Keep this in mind: It's not what you know, but who you know. This statement is probably the most truthful phrase I have ever heard.

Now, the second thing in transferring to a new school is to have fun. This is college.

Look around; there are many people who are not enjoying themselves. Don't be one of those people. Have fun, become active in the campus community and make friends that can help with the transition.

It does not matter where a student transfers to; every time at every new place is an adventure. Treat it that way. Of the people I know, the most successful are members of different campus organizations, such as the newspaper, SGA and various awareness groups. These things matter, and they will help with the changing lifestyle that students will encounter. Trust me on this one; the lifestyle of every transfer student will change.

FC is a great place, but it is small. Many of the four-year schools around the Southeast are much larger. Be prepared for this increase in students and decrease in one-on-one time with professors.

This leads in to my third and final point. Students should make sure they are mentally prepared for the change. The change from a two-year college to four-year university is a tough one, but it is well worth the time and effort it requires.

Students should remember to get their names out and about in their respective fields, to prepare mentally for the upcoming changes, but above all else, have fun with the new experience.

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'Darkness Falls' along with audience interest

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Tales of the tooth fairy have been around for years, but never before has there been a story like the one in the movie 'Darkness Falls.'

Normally, a child is excited to lose a tooth and put it under their pillow and wake up the next morning with a shiny new quarter knowing that he or she has been visited by the tooth fairy. But in the town of Darkness Falls a visit from the tooth fairy could mean death.

For 150 years the town of Darkness Falls has been haunted by the ghost of Matilda, a kindly old woman killed for a crime she didn't even commit.

Now, every time a child loses his or her last tooth, she comes for him or her and if the child peeks and sees her in the dark, the child pays with his or her life.

Haunted by this horrible legend, Kyle (Chaney Kley) saw the face of the tooth fairy as a child and has lived his life by staying out of the dark and out of Darkness Falls.

But when Michael (Lee Cormie), younger brother of Kyle's childhood sweetheart Caitlin (Emma Caulfield), starts living the same unwanted haunted lifestyle, he returns to Darkness Falls to try to save Michael and the movie turns into a very predictable, unsatisfying horror film which should not even be classified as horror. The unintentionally campy script is more like comedy.

With actors like Kley and Caulfield the movie was doomed from the beginning.

Halfhearted performances



Photo courtesy of imdb.com

The 'Tooth Fairy' unmasked - the only scary thing about this film is the poor screenwriting.

were put in by both actors in a disappointing effort to turn a childhood fantasy into a teen/adult horror film.

Those who are bored out of their minds and scare extremely easily should go see this movie. Otherwise, don't waste the money.

Moore's latest hits bullseye

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In the latest offering from Michael Moore, 'Stupid White Men', he manages to pick on just about everybody using humor and investigative research. "Stupid White Men," of course, refers to the leaders of these United States.

Moore is known for his controversial TV shows and documentaries 'The Awful Truth' and 'Roger and Me.' This book follows the in-your-face journalism that has made him very unpopular among politicians.

With chapters entitled "Dear George," "Kill whitey," "Idiot nation," and "We're number one!" this book is sure to upset a few more political types. Despite this, the novel has been named to the *New York Times* best seller list.

With these kinds of titles readers are able to get a pretty good idea of what this book speaks of.

One of the main issues dealt with in this book is the election of 2001. The research and writing that Moore has done on this subject definitely raise questions. His in-depth investigating paints a clear picture of a Republican conspiracy.

In the first chapter, Moore calls for NATO to liberate the American people. "The thief-in-chief," as he refers to George W. Bush, has

"taken power and was not voted in," Moore writes to NATO.

"We are under siege. We are the United States Government in Exile...send in the Marines. Launch the SCUD missiles... we need U.N. observers, U.N. troops, U.N. resolutions! We need Jimmy Carter!" he writes.

The ridiculing is not limited to only the current administration. The Democrats get their fair share of shaming.

Another chapter that deals with a hot topic is "Kill whitey." In this chapter Moore points out the hypocritical actions of the white people in this nation.

He says white Americans cover up their racism with things such as "diversity seminars," and "Equal opportunity employers" and phrases such as "using the 'N' word."

"Stupid White Men" is laced with helpful "clip and carry" sections that are intended to help people who aren't aware of the issues.

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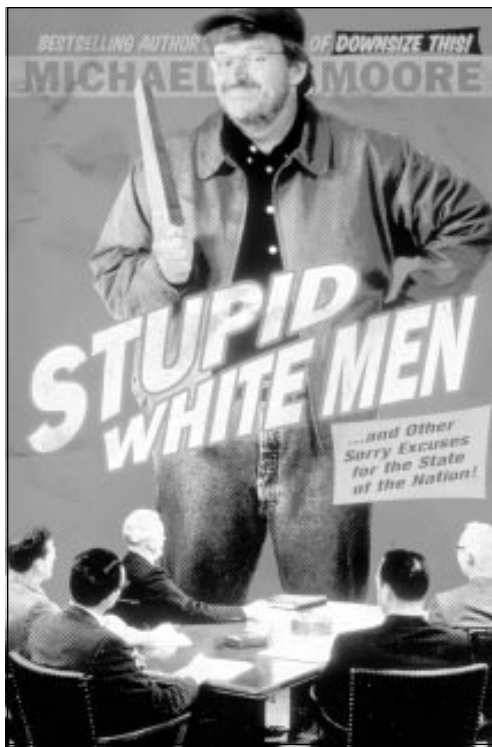


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clude: "Things the south was right about," "How to use less gas," "How to trick nature into making more men" and "Are you a potential school shooter?" among others.

This book is a satirical view of the politics that are leading this country and many other issues Americans have been forced to deal with. No one is safe in this book. It is an in-your-face piece of journalistic genius.



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Sports

5-on-5 basketball underway; team to play at the YMCA

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Every Thursday at 2 and 3 p.m. there are 5-on-5 basketball games in the Floyd College Gym.

The rules for the games are the same as the Georgia High School Association Rules.

The games were planned to begin on Jan. 23, but were pushed back to Jan. 30. Anyone can go and watch these games and cheer on the players or a favorite team.

On Feb. 6 Faculty and Staff defeated the Mob Squad 65-56, and And 1 was defeated by the Six Mile Ducks 60-71.

Not only is there basketball at FC; there is more basketball at the YMCA.

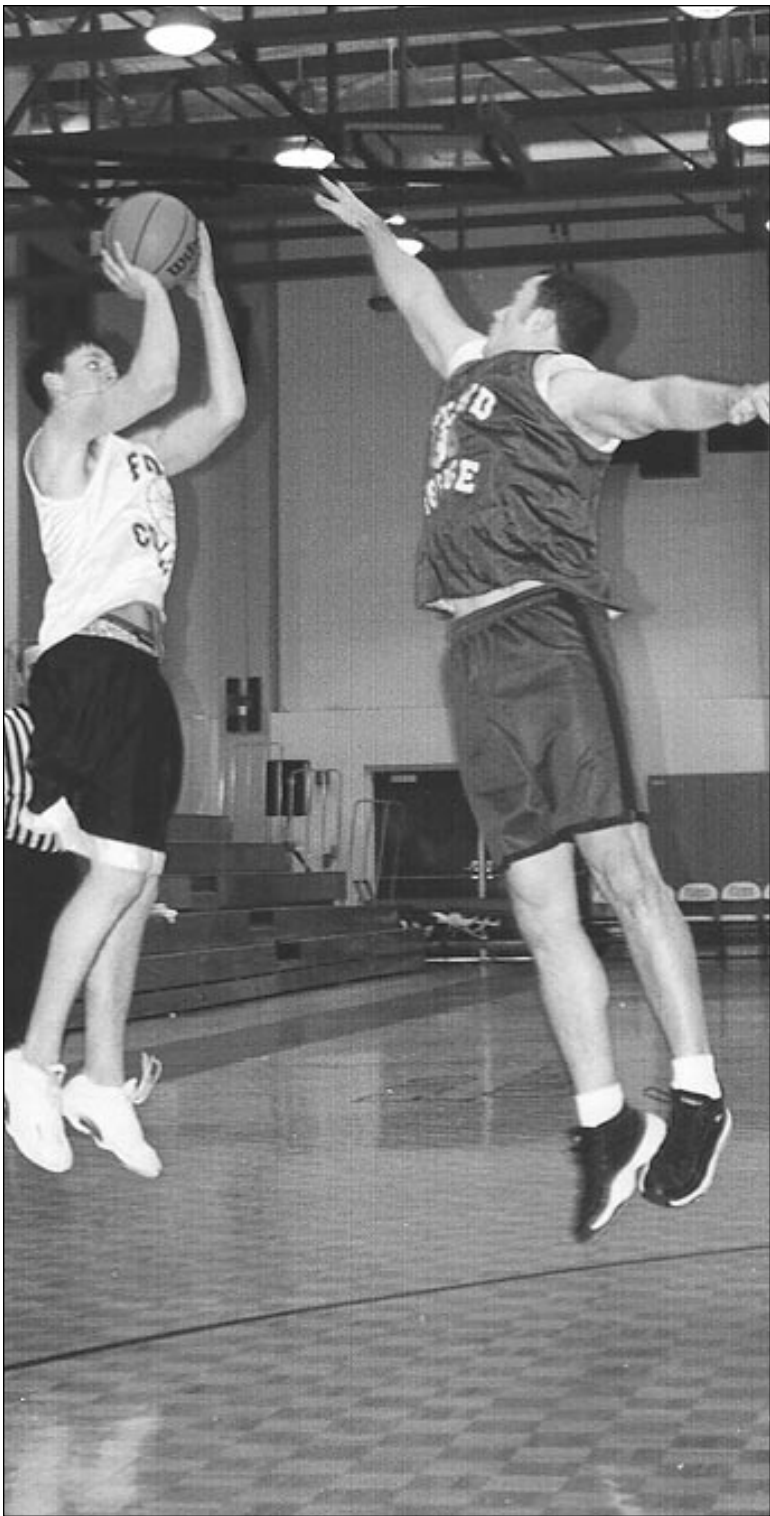
A team from Floyd College plays every Monday or Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the YMCA.

The team is made up of anyone who wanted to participate.

At press time the team had a record of 3-3.

The team participates in the A-League of the YMCA. This league is considered to be the hardest of all the leagues at the YMCA.

David Mathis, intramural director, committed on the team by saying, "It gives the players a good opportunity for outside play."



Nathan Clonts fires a shot from 3-point-range while Seth Ingram tries to block.



Donte Pinkard attempts to slam dunk two points in recent 5-on-5 intramural basketball action.

Spring Sports

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The first pitch of coed softball will be thrown March 12 at 1:30 p.m. on the softball field behind the tennis courts.

Sign-ups for softball began Feb. 10 and will go through March 7. Games will be played every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Anyone looking for some competition or just to have some fun should consider signing up.

Soccer kicks off Wednesday, March 1. This is only the second semester this sport has been offered at Floyd College. Practice will be held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. on the soccer field below the volleyball courts. David Mathis, intramural director, hopes to put together a coed or all men's or all women's team to compete in the YMCA league.

As a reminder for FIT Program participants, miles and/or workouts must be reported to Bridgette Stewart, physical education assistant, by 3 p.m. the following Monday for the week they are logging in.

The Fitness Clinic date and time has yet to be determined. This session will help the participants learn how the FIT program works and how to log mileage for credit.

Coed beach volleyball will begin in the coming spring months. Sign-ups began Feb. 10 and will run through March 7. Game dates and times will be announced at a later time.

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- Faculty and Staff (Team 1): Seth Ingram, Barry Greeson, Jason McFry, Kyenon Hammond, Mark Tanner, Maruice Wilson, Phillip Eaker and Lucas Lu
- The Mob Squad (Team 2): Brett Smith, Charles Hill, Donte Pinkard, Nathan Clonts, Ryan Lloyd, Eric Minter and Brandon Moore
- Six Mile Ducks (Team 3): Tim Smith, Jarrett Gray, Dayne Styles, Eric Cheatwood and Mack Roling
- And 1 (Team 4): Sean Deveau, Sammy Harris, Gary Sheats, Cory Robinson, Rusty Daniels and Titus Smith

Up-coming schedule

Feb. 20	1 vs. 4 2 p.m.
	2 vs. 3 3 p.m.
March 6	1 vs. 2 2 p.m.
	3 vs. 4 3 p.m.