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Bartow Center plans underway

By Jeremy Stewart
Chief Staff Writer

A multi-million dollar Floyd College campus is being developed for construction in Cartersville.

The \$18.2 million project is slated to start construction no later than the beginning of 2003.

The building, encompassing three floors and an estimated 100,000 square feet, will be built on 54 acres near the Super Wal-Mart store close to I-75.

"One of the things an institution depends on is growth and change," stated Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College.

Pierce compared the development of the college to an individual or organization.

"I think if you look at the big picture, this institution has gone through a metamorphosis," he said.

The new Bartow Center (which it is currently being called) was proposed in 1997 to accommodate the increased growth that has occurred in Bartow and the surrounding counties.

The building now in development is slated for completion by the summer of 2004.

Both current campuses in Cartersville and North Metro Tech will be consolidated into the new center, which is expected to serve 1,500 students.

In the tradition of Floyd College, the center is to be a technology enhanced facility accord-



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, discusses details of the Bartow Center, which should be completed in the summer of 2004.

ing to Doug Webb, the director of the physical plant.

"To me, it's really more student oriented," said Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development.

According to Wills, half of Floyd College students go to the Cartersville and North Metro

campuses.

Wills stated that with the completion of the center "they (will) finally have a place that feels like a college."

The new building will feature a student services center and a bookstore with coffee shop along with classrooms, science labs and a vending area.

A prominent element of the facility will be a library that will encircle the main lobby and include study areas and possibly a fireplace and rooftop terrace.

The new design for the library comes from the fact that the days of libraries being silent are past as technological and communication skills become more important.

Another possibility for the new center is the use of wireless technology.

In order to support the new campus, Floyd College established the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation in January 1999.

The first priority of the foundation was to raise money for the Initial Endowment Campaign in

order to begin the project.

This meant that the college had to raise two percent of the projected budget, which is around \$380,000.

The foundation increased the goal to \$500,000 to help pay for what the state would not provide for, such as signs and scholarships.

The deadline for the endowment, set by the Board of Regents, was December 1999.

The foundation, with the help of the community and business leaders, raised the endowment required by the end of 1999 and an extra \$120,000 by the end of August 2001.

During that 20-month period, the foundation received two separate \$120,000 donations from anonymous donors.

Then, in November, a challenge donation was proposed for up to \$120,000.

Currently, the foundation has raised an estimated \$750,000 for the new Bartow Center.

Eight to 10 buildings are planned for the area surrounding the currently in-development

structure.

A second of which could be in place within a year of completion of the first, according to Pierce.

Pierce would also like to see Floyd College grow out to other areas of North Georgia including Cherokee County and North Cobb County.

Responding to a rumor that Floyd College would change its name to Bartow College due to the new campus, Wills said that any change would encompass all campuses but was not in the foreseeable future.

"I can't imagine that," said Judy Taylor, secretary of the Cartersville/Bartow Foundation, in response to the idea.

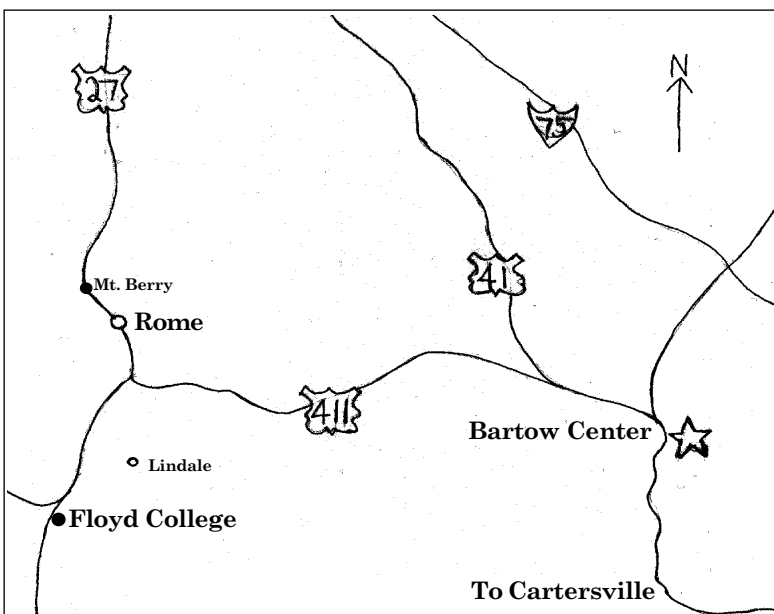
As for the college possibly becoming a four year institution, Pierce said that the idea was "more political than educational."

However, the need for four-year programs at Floyd College has not gone unnoticed.

According to Pierce, the State University of West Georgia and Southern Polytechnic University have agreed to bring four year Instructional Technology, Teacher Education and Nursing Programs to the new Bartow campus.

Bartow Center Quick Facts

- \$18.2 million
- 21 classrooms
- 2 science labs
- approximately 100,000 sq. ft.
- expected completion summer 2004



Inauguration celebration to involve FC students

By Nikki Wells
Staff Writer

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, will be officially installed in his position in an inauguration ceremony that will feature two weeks of student oriented activities.

An inauguration is generally held within a president's first year of office. Pierce became the president of FC on June 15, 2001.

For the inauguration, the Students Events Subcommittee composed of Phyllis Weatherly, director of counseling and career services, and two FC students, Jeremy Stewart and Teela Davis, chose a "meet the students" angle.

Pierce stated, "Certainly students are what we are all about, and I think the students should play a significant role in the inauguration."

Monday, April 1 will mark the beginning of the events to involve students in the inauguration. That night at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage

Hall, the Czech Folklore Show will be presented free of charge.

A Students Art Show will open in the Lakeview Gallery on Sunday, April 7, with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At Pierce's request, a special "Meet the President" session will take place in the Student Center on April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The annual Spring Fling, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the central campus, has also been scheduled to be part of the inauguration week's events.

The inauguration ceremony itself will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, April 12, in the Lakeview Building. A reception will follow.

Thomas Meredith, new chancellor of the University System of Georgia, will perform the installation ceremony. This will be one of Meredith's first campus appearances since taking office in January.

The pageantry of this ceremony comes, in part, from the



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Sandy Briscar (left), director of public relations, discusses the program for the invitation to the president's inauguration.

procession of FC faculty and delegates, usually presidents, from other colleges throughout the state.

During the procession, faculty and delegates will be dressed in formal academic attire.

The stripes adorning their long

black robes are representative of the highest degree the individual has received, whereas the colors in the hood represent the degree the individual holds.

Sandy Briscar, public relations director for FC, said, "We strongly encourage students to attend, to

show support for the new president and to meet the new chancellor of the University System."

The Floyd College Foundation and the Bartow College Foundation are paying for the ceremony and the events preceding and following the installation.

FC's annual Spring Fling festival is quickly approaching

By Eric Rose
Staff Writer

Spring Fling will be held at all Floyd College campuses beginning at the Central campus on April 10, and ending with the Haralson site on April 17. Spring fling is an outdoor festival held annually by the office of student life.

Festivities planned include a Mr. And Ms. Floyd College pageant, a cookout and caricatures drawn by cartoonist Steve Gibson.

There will also a town hall meeting of the SGA officer candidates, and SGA officer elections will begin.

Jeremy Stewart, SGA vice president of special events said, "we are looking into providing canoeing on Paris Lake and possibly a talent show."

According to Ashley Wood, director of student life, the event will have a luau theme. All student organizations are invited to participate.

The festival will be held adjacent to the pavilion beside Paris Lake. A stage will be erected, and music will be provided with help from the audio-visual department.

Brijesh Patel and Stewart are the SGA members responsible for planning the events.

Spring Fling is funded by the student activity fee, as well as donations from local businesses.

Spring Fling at the Cartersville campus will consist of free pizza and door prizes, accord-

ing to center director Carolyn Parks.

Lillian Long, administrative secretary for the Haralson site, said, "It's not nailed down yet. We're working the bugs out."

According to Long, possible activities include Ping-Pong and Pool tournaments (with prizes), as well as drawings and door prizes, and food provided by Subway. There will also be snacks and drinks, and possibly performances from bands. The time and length

of the festival at the Haralson site remains to be announced.

The festival will be held on the Central campus on April 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free pizza will be offered 5-5:30 p.m. for students taking night classes.

Spring Fling will also be held on the other campuses, starting with the North Metro Tech campus on April 8, the Cartersville campus April 9 and 10, and finally the Haralson site on April 17.

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FC Majors Fair tentatively scheduled

By Brian S. Armstrong
Staff Writer

A Majors Fair has been tentatively scheduled by the Counseling and Career Services. According to Karen Pruett, career specialist, the fair will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

The Majors Fair will offer information to students as well as the local community about the programs of study offered at Floyd College.

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Czech music group Cilagos to perform at Heritage Hall

By Eric Rose
Staff Writer

The Czech music group Cilagos will perform at Floyd College as part of the official inauguration celebration for Dr. Randy Pierce.

This performance will be the first of eight shows during a state-wide tour of the University System of Georgia. The group will be in Georgia from April 1 to April 11.

The University System of Georgia is presenting the group as part of its program to heighten

awareness of the treatment of minorities in Eastern Europe, according to Dr. Dudley Salley, associate professor of economics and chair of the FC study abroad committee, who is in charge of planning the event in Rome.

The performance will include singing and dancing from the 10 members of the group. All are multitalented, and they will be performing Rumanian and Hungarian folk music and dances.

“They’ve play all over Europe; I’ve seen them before,” said Salley.

Salley said the performance will be a lively one--“It’s two hours

nonstop... one song after another.”

The show will be moderated by Dr. Stanislav Bohadlo, professor of Musicology at the University of Hradec Kralove.

Bohadlo is fluent in English and will provide basic background and cultural information on the group, as well as explain the meaning of the songs.

The show will be at the Heritage Hall auditorium on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

To find out more about Cilagos, visit www.jmc.cz/~stan/cilagos/.



Guest Photo

Czech Republic music group performs their routine.

Floyd College to offer ‘Creative Scheduling’ in the fall

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

There will be several new time slots available for classes in the fall semester.

The administration at Floyd College hopes that by offering classes at more varied times, the college will appeal to a different group of potential students.

The college plans to offer some classes at 7 a.m., some classes on Saturday and some once-a-week classes.

There will also be some half-

semester classes. The classes will run for seven and a half weeks.

For example, students will be able to take English 1101 and English 1102 in one semester.

The scheduling of seven week classes will allow students to take a full course load, but have the option of picking up more classes as the semester progresses.

It will also allow students to drop a class, but pick up another to remain on insurance or to remain full-time.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College is very supportive

of the seven-week classes. He said he believes the short classes will appeal to students.

Both part-time and full-time professors will teach the classes.

The classes will be offered at different times at different locations, and the scheduling will vary by division and location.

The administration is willing to try a variety of things to make the schedules work for the students.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, said, “We just want to see what works best

for students.”

Some faculty members at Floyd are skeptical of the changes.

One professor said, “the former administration tried this, and it failed miserably.”

Due to state budget cuts, faculty members will get less of a pay raise than expected.

This poses another issue for the administration to consider, getting professors to “volunteer” to teach classes at seven a.m., and on Saturdays.

There has been no mention of administrators entering the class-

room.

Recently, the University of Georgia implemented a program to place administrators in the classroom. The UGA decision was to fill a void of instructors due to the current hiring freeze.

Carson said she wants to keep her link to classroom. She feels the only way to know what goes on in the classroom is to keep in constant contact.

Pierce said that he feels more than confident that the new scheduling will benefit all at Floyd College.

Honors Assembly to be held April 18

The 30th annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium on the central campus.

At the assembly, students will receive awards for achievement, academic success and creative efforts.

In past years, awards have included *Old Red Kimono* writing and art awards, awards given in different disciplines (such as English, history, accounting, etc.) and a number of nursing awards.

Others traditionally recognized at the Honors Assembly are students who have been named to *Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* and honor graduates.

A few scholarships will likely be awarded to outstanding students in certain majors.

All Floyd College students and their guests are invited to attend.

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Pay-to-play plan proposed for FC pool and games

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

Game room participants should pay close attention to the following information. As of recently, the Student Government Association may be about to decide to charge students to play the games in the game room.

The game room budget, which is \$500 per year, is not enough to cover the costs of keeping the game room up-to-date. Being unable to re-felt the two pool tables twice a year, the SGA had to come up with an alternate plan to support the game room.

The decision is not yet final, but Ashley Wood, director of Student Life, believes that the pay-to-play system is the best option. She said that the SGA has explored many options, but they keep coming back to idea of a self-supporting game room.

The SGA plans to do business with B&S Music Company, the same company that runs Berry College's new game room. The company will replace Floyd College's old pool tables with two new regulation-sized tables. The charge for a game of pool would be about 75 cents.

B&S will also supply the col-

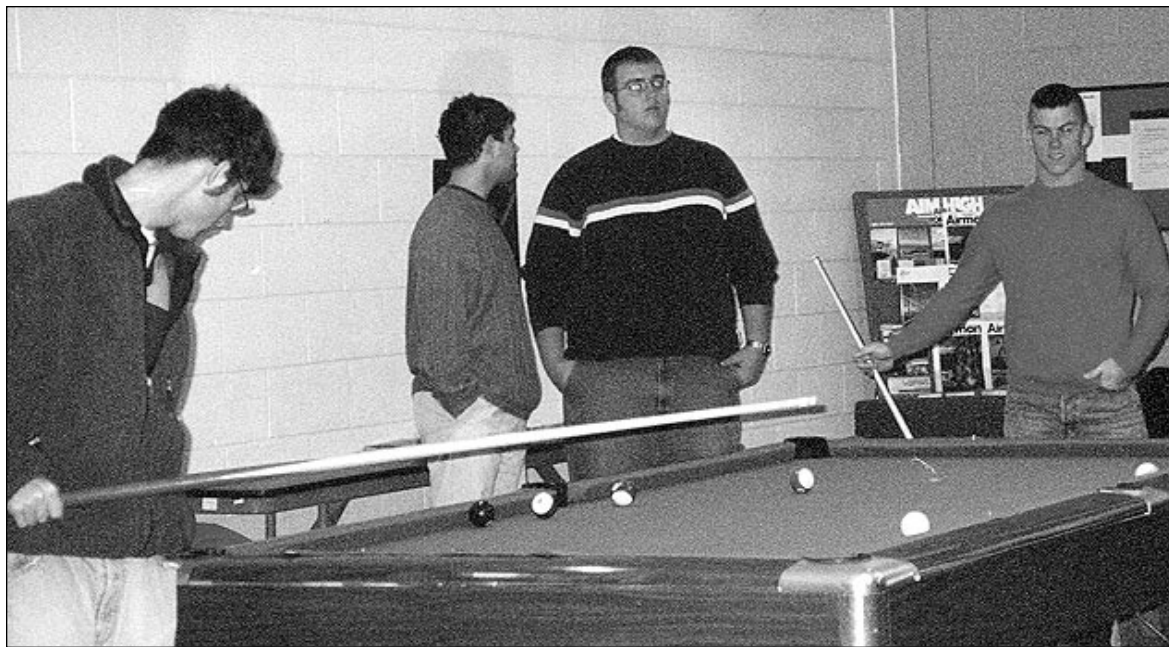


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Shane Porter (left) and Jon Ramirez (far right) shoot a game of pool while others look on.

lege with new games, such as electronic darts (the prices will vary depending on the game), and it will replace old video games with new and updated ones.

Other games such as air hockey and ping-pong will remain as they are.

B&S will split the money

earned from the new equipment with the SGA. That way, the SGA will have the money to use towards things such as cash prizes for different tournaments and to buy new supplies for the game room.

B&S has also agreed to host the tournaments.

If this change does occur, it will not happen until the fall semester of 2002.

At that time, the SGA would also sponsor a few "free pool" days during the semester.

***Editor's note: Please see editorial on page 9.**

SGA officers to be elected; constitution up for approval

By Bobby Moore
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association elections will run April 10-12.

Candidates for president, vice president of special events and vice president of public relations submitted official petitions with at least 50 student signatures to the Office of Student Life on or before March 25.

The elections will begin with a "town hall" meeting, where stu-

dents can hear and see the officer candidates.

The students will have a chance to question the candidates on various issues.

Once the meeting is over, students will have a chance to vote for the candidate they feel best represents the college.

The "town hall" meeting will be held during the Spring Fling festivities on April 10, in hopes of reaching many students.

Only 45 people voted in last year's election, leaving the SGA to

think about offering students more ways to vote.

Students will continue to be able to vote online, and changes are being made to make the online voting faster and more secure.

Also, paper ballots will be available to students in the Student Center.

Voting will be open to all students and ballot boxes will be available on all campuses, but satellite campuses will focus on the online voting.

Also, the new SGA constitution, which was approved by the SGA on March 5, will now go to the administration for their approval.

Jeremy Stewart, SGA vice president of special events, said that the new constitution gives students more say.

The constitution was originally up for approval in November, but was rejected by the administration with certain changes being suggested.

The constitution was revised

and has now been submitted again with the suggested changes made.

Stewart said, "We (the SGA) passed the constitution, but the administration didn't. We all got together and made the necessary changes. I can't foresee any reason that they would not approve this one."

Students that have questions or concerns about the elections or the constitution should contact Ashley Wood, director of student life, at (706) 295-6363.

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The American Diabetes Association is currently holding the "Kiss a Pig" contest. Votes for FC's Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, can be placed in the Student Life Office and cost only \$1.

Student loans adversely affect credit if not repaid

By Adam Turner
Staff Writer

For many students, paying for school is never easy.

Student loans are one of the many options available to help with the cost of a college education.

Unlike grants and scholarships, loans must be repaid.

Failure to do so can have serious and lasting consequences.

Understanding the loan process makes it easier to avoid common pitfalls.

Student loans are divided into two categories, subsidized and unsubsidized.

While the loan recipient is in school, interest is being accrued on

the loan. Based on the amount of unmet need a student has, the government may pay this interest.

This type of loan is known as subsidized.

If the student does not qualify for a subsidized loan, he or she can receive an unsubsidized loan and will be responsible for paying this interest.

When a student is determined to be eligible, he or she is allowed to pick from one of six lending institutions.

There is no competitive interest rate between banks. The interest rate is mandated by the government, but may change from year to year.

After the student picks a lender, the application is sent to

the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA).

The GSFA will then review the application and issue the permission for the loan and the approved amount.

The maximum amount for freshmen is \$2,625 per year. Sophomores may borrow up to \$3,500.

Several factors determine eligibility for student loans.

Basic requirements for consideration are at least six hours enrollment per term and satisfactory academic progress.

All applicants will need an initial counseling session with a financial aid adviser to evaluate more specific criteria.

While private banks offer col-

lege loans, students may be better served by applying through the school.

In general, loans offered through school programs have a larger variety of repayment options.

Banks may also have a higher interest rate.

Regardless of the terms, lenders generally expect to begin receiving repayment six months after graduation or the last term attended for at least six hours.

Dropping out of school does not relieve the loan obligation.

A student failing to repay a loan will be placed into default status, which immediately disqualifies the student for future financial aid, including Pell grants

and HOPE benefits.

The default status is reflected on the student's credit report and allows the lender to garnish wages.

Being put into default status on a student loan is easily avoidable, however.

There are a variety of repayment options available, and the college offers different services for students who have trouble.

There are also a number of non-profit credit counseling agencies that can help with student loans or credit card debts.

The best way to stay out of trouble, according to Gail Campbell, financial aid counselor, is to "be smart and borrow conservatively."



Photo by Aimee Harmison

Six Mile Post staff members (from left) Nikki Wells, Jesse Bishop and Daniel Bell show awards received at the SRPI.

The *Six Mile Post* (SMP) staff won five awards in Savannah at the Southern Regional Press Institute (SRPI). The awards were for first place in both feature and sports writing, and second place for column/editorial writing, photography and web-page design. The SRPI was held Feb.27-March 1 at Savannah State University. Nikki Wells, staff writer; Jesse Bishop, editor; Daniel Bell, assistant editor; Aimee Harmison, former staff member; Kristie Kemper, adviser; and Fred Green, assistant adviser, represented the *SMP*.

Regents' exam to add math in Fall '02

By Brian S. Armstrong
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents is adding a quantitative skills portion to the Regents' exam, which will cover, science and social science.

A "pilot program" introducing the new section will begin fall semester of 2002.

Some students are worried about the new portion of the test. "Before, you only had to worry about writing; now you have to worry about math too," said Phuc Tran, a business administration student. He added, "It makes it scary."

Students need not worry, according to Brent Griffin, associate professor of mathematics/learning support. Griffin says the "pilot program" will not require students already enrolled in college to pass the test.

Current students will still be

under the testing guidelines that already exist.

The exam given to current students will be to set the standards of the new test.

A passing score will not be required for graduation until the summer of 2003.

"The current thinking is students should not be worried because the passing score will be set at a reasonable level, then adjusted based on test results," said Griffin.

The new portion of the test is planned to be a web based exam taken over the Internet.

Along with the test, there will be an online study guide to help students know what is expected of them.

Currently, students are required to take the Regent's exam after getting 30 credit hours.

The test must be completed before achieving 45 credit hours,

not including Learning Support courses.

The quantitative skills test will follow the same requirements of the current test with one exception.

Griffin said that the current plans are for students to complete Math 1111 or Math 1101 prior to taking the exam.

"Math is an important skills area, so we need to know how our students are doing," said Fred Green, associate professor of English.

The purpose of this test is to assess students' skills in major areas.

It will help people learn how to solve problems.

Griffin said a student might forget the skills of specific classes, but if that student can read, write, communicate and solve problems, then he or she has the skill necessary to succeed.

Meet the President

All students are invited to attend a "meet the president" session on Monday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center

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FC plans for the future of laptops

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

Many are beginning to wonder what the future holds for the “laptops versus computer labs” debate currently being held at Floyd College.

According to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of Academic Affairs, some classes will still require students to use laptops in class in fall semester of 2002, but

not nearly as many as do now. Because some classes will be requiring laptops, the college will still give students the opportunity to lease laptops for \$100 a semester, as well as provide students with the chance to purchase their own and make them compatible with Floyd College standards.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, said the issue is rooted in what students need to know. He said when considering

which classes will require in-class computer use and which will not, it all falls upon what the students need to learn and whether or not laptops are needed to learn it.

Carson said that there are three main goals for the future of the technology at Floyd: 1. Provide laptops to those students who need them. 2. Provide more computers in the classroom. 3. Provide students with more options.

Some would say that the current laptops aren’t in such good condition, and some students have even nicknamed them “crap-tops.” Although no upgrades are planned for these computers, Carson did say that the college has plans to buy more equipment based on input from teachers. That is, any equipment teachers need will be provided by the school.

For those students taking classes that don’t require laptops but do require computer use, Carson says there will be more computer clusters placed around campus. Pierce agreed with Carson, saying, “We don’t want computer labs. Rather, we want clusters where students can do work, research or check their email.”

There are going to be computer clusters located in places where students already are. Pierce says there are plans to put clusters in more “creative” places like the student center and more in the library. “We don’t want to go back to entire rooms used just for computer stations. We always want portable computing,” said Pierce.

Although most of the input for these decisions came from teachers, Carson said students were the main concern. “We get student input through the teachers. Students tell the teachers their



Photo by Daniel Bell

Laptops waiting to be used for parts pile up in the stock room of the help desk.

thoughts who, in turn, tell us,” she said.

The Internet Technology Project will continue to change as technology changes. According to Pierce, it is a “continuous quality improvement” project more than anything.

“One thing we don’t want to do again,” said Pierce, “is spend a huge amount of money on a project that will be obsolete just as soon as it is in place.”

The original laptop project was

started in 1997 by then Floyd College president, Dr. Lynn Cundiff.

Another idea currently being considered is to have “laptop carts” for each class that requires them. This keeps students from having to purchase computers and still provides them for the classes that require them. Although logical, some teachers seem to disagree, thinking the time required to set up the laptops and then shut them down again would seriously cut into class time.



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Taylor Maddox, micro computer hardware support specialist, repairs an Floyd College laptop at the help desk.

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Dr. Randy Pierce will be the speaker at the Phi Theta Kappa honor society induction ceremony. The event will take place on Friday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the Quiet Dining Room.

Students and community get involved in FC health fair



Photo by Crystal Hightower

The Blood Assurance bus was parked outside the Lakeview Building on the day of the health fair. A total of 25 units of blood were collected.



Photo by Sandy House

FC nursing students check blood pressures at the health fair.

Members of the community and Floyd College students attended the health fair in the Lakeview Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Many groups and organizations attended the event and set up exhibits dealing with their particular area of health. Free food and blood pressure checks, as well as a blood drive were at the health fair.



Photo by Sandy House

Floyd County Police Department officers (from left) Jerome Poole, Jeff Richerson and Mark Wallace share information about safety and drug awareness.

Who's sleeping in your bed?

By Denise Collins
Business Manager

People should find out as much as they can about their partner's sexual history.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the Human Papilloma Virus, or HPV, is estimated to infect about 50 percent of sexually active people. And, there's no cure.

HPV is the virus that causes genital warts. This virus is passed through sexual contact, and many don't even know that they are infected. A person can be infected, but symptoms may not show up for months, or, in some cases, never.

In women, the warts may be visible in the vaginal area.

Only a Pap Smear can detect the abnormal cells on the cervix. If present, and not treated properly, some strains of this virus can lead to cervical cancer.

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection that infects about four million people a year in the United States. Georgia has one of the highest rates of

infection. Floyd County reported 304 cases in 2000.

Many times, there are no symptoms in men or women. Therefore, this bacteria continues to be spread. It is recommended by healthcare providers that people be tested even if they've only had one sexual partner.

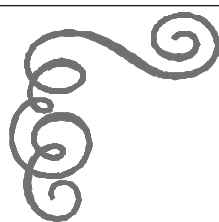
If left untreated, many complications can arise. Permanent damage to reproductive organs may be the result.

Many women think that a Pap Smear detects sexually transmitted infections, when in fact, specific tests are needed. It is a good idea to be honest with the health care provider about previous partners.

Marilyn Ringstaff of the Teen Plus Center in Rome says, "I highly recommend partner testing. Don't ever assume."

Teen Plus offers STD testing as well as birth control services and education for men and women. Fees are based on income.

For more information on STDs, see your health care provider, or visit the Teen Plus web site at www.geocities.com/teenplus



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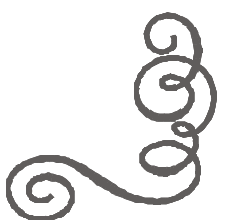
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Flaming butt-can stinks up college

With the cold weather subsiding, it is time for the smokers of Floyd College to move the flaming butt-can away from the doors.

There is nothing more pleasing than to pass through a cloud of cancer each morning before class. Yeah, right.

If people want to smoke, more power to them.

Why should the rest of the campus suffer?

There is always a group standing just outside the entrance to the F-Wing puffing their lungs away, all the while making the morning hike to classes unbearable for the rest of us.

Even when the smokers aren't out, the giant outdoor ashtrays sit there stinking up the doorways.

Smokers have the right to kill themselves, but it is the encroachment upon the non-smokers lives that is the issue.

Non-smokers choose not to smoke, for whatever reason, and that is their choice.

Yet, thousands are subjected to the cancer clouds each day as they pass in and out of doorways.

Legislation has been passed to prohibit smoking indoors in most public areas.

It seems now that legislation should be passed at Floyd College to prohibit

smoking from polluting doorways and side-walks.

Another common scenario is when a smoker takes that last alveoli killing draw, then meanders down the hall expelling the carcinogens out for the non-smoking world to deal with.

Those people should be fined for such health hazard activities.

The administration should take a stronger stance on the location of stink-butt stations. Move them away from doors and entrances.

Make smoking an inconvenience to the smokers, instead of inconveniencing the ones who have to smell their wretched fumes.

Protect the lungs of the students who don't smoke by having fines issued when people repeatedly enter the buildings exhaling their pungent haze.

Students who oppose the disgusting habits of others should speak up.

If a person chooses to pollute his or her own lungs, that is one thing, but if, in the process, he or she does harm to others, it is a different matter.

Students and the administration should work to keep the flaming butt-can away from doors and the cancer cloud out of the air in public places.

Editor's Box

State needs educators, not new roads



Jesse Bishop
Editor

I am all out of reasons to believe that sane officials run the State of Georgia.

They are abandoning the children of the people that put them in office.

They have, once again, cut the state's education budget. This means that teachers and professors all across the state will not receive raises in the amount anticipated, which are much deserved.

This is a major problem. Educators deserve every penny they receive and then some.

Rather than spend money on making sure that Georgia's students are well educated, the legislators prefer to spend money on unneeded roads and other ridiculous, unnecessary projects.

The instructors at Floyd are, for the majority, very hard working, reliable, caring individuals. The majority of them have earned a raise.

It is our civic duty as students to speak up for the faculty here at Floyd. Many of us owe these people dearly, for a number of reasons.

The administration should hear

our voices as students, as well.

The Presidential Inauguration for Dr. Randy Pierce will take place on April 12. The money raised for this celebration shows what a community can do when it comes together in support of a good cause.

I would venture to think that the community of Rome would be more than willing to speak up for its college educators and support annual raises.

I feel it is a sad, sad day when less significant things are given priority over education.

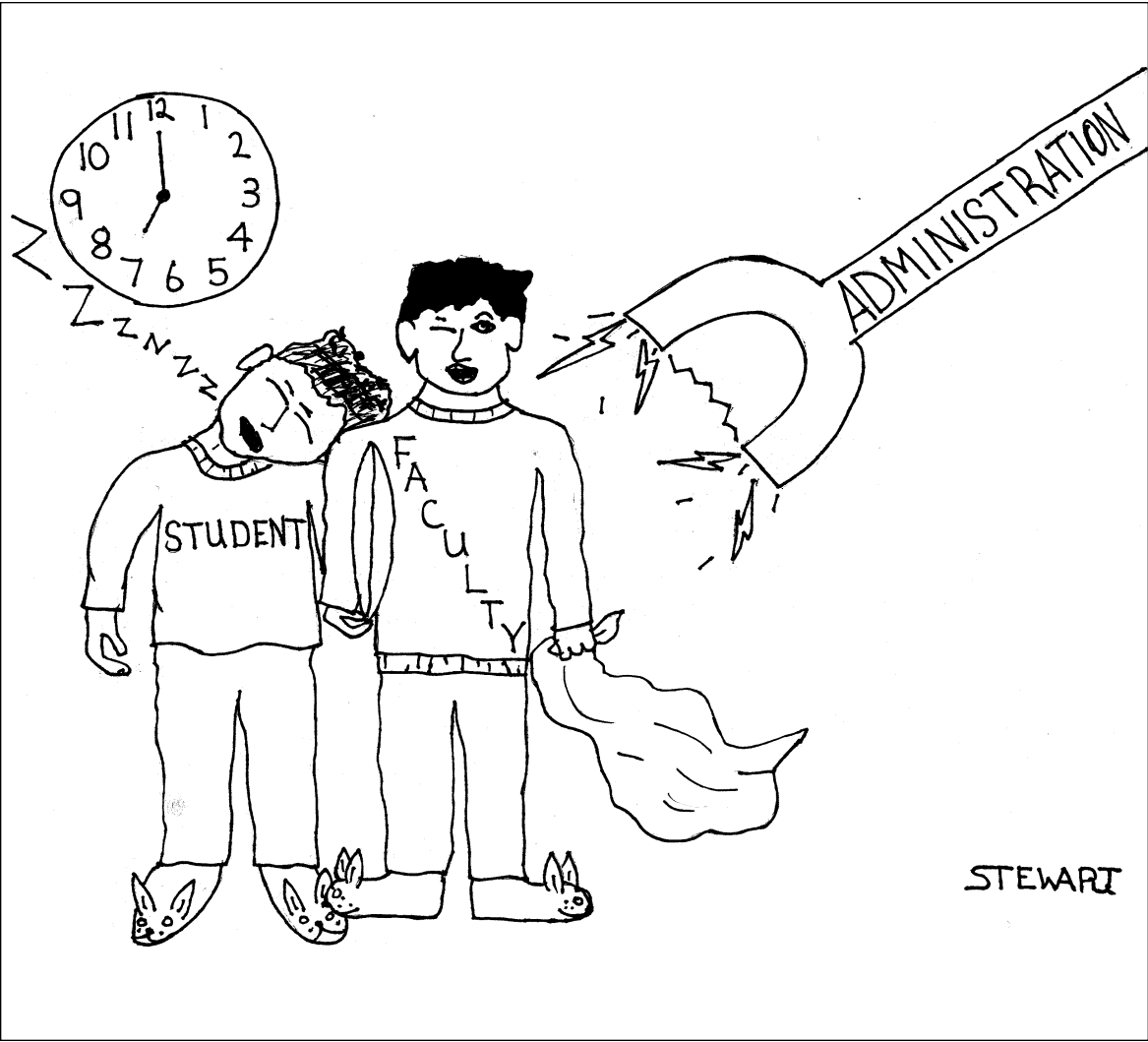
However, our generation has the chance to change this. There is a way to support those who have educated all of us.

There are several elections coming up in the fall.

It is up to us to put officials in office that will support our educators and not support pork-barrel legislation.

After all, I for one would rather have money spent on quality education, as opposed to a road that won't be finished until I have my doctorate.

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‘Little old bitties’ prefer etiquette to snipe huntin’



Julianna Smith
Staff Writer
Guest Columnist

Growing up in the South presents many challenges and much humor. Being a Southern female adds an interesting twist to the situation.

Being from a very rural area in Georgia, Tallapoosa, I have found that at times my background and county of residence has been the butt of more than one joke in my life. I am learning to take this in stride. I realize things such as my dialect and home-grown sayings are the qualities that make me who I am.

When I examine the culture

from which I come, I find it is that culture which prevents my life from ever being dull. Where else in the world would one hear phrases like “a cathead biscuit” and “madder than an old wet hen”?

One part of my culture that I enjoy the most is the games we play, most of which are unorganized and are simply made up to pass time. Activities such as “snipe huntin’” are a rite of passage.

My fondest memories come from a summer I spent on the farm of my friend’s grandparents.

That was a summer to remember. Even chores were fun. One of our jobs was to keep the possums out of the hen house.

The only thing for this rag-tag group of hick kids to do was to go possum hunting!

Now, that is a story that I will save for another time.

That summer we built a go-cart, which never worked quite right.

The motor wouldn’t run so we proceeded to tie the go-cart on to the back bumper of one of the farm trucks and ride it around the pasture.

I realize that this was not the most brilliant plan, but it sure was

fun.

All things considered, I think what I love most about growing up in a rural area is I feel I have the perfect mix of lady and tomboy.

I can bass fish, wrestle, spit and roughhouse with the best of the boys.

Yet, I also know how to strut my stuff in a pair of heels with my hair and face all dolled up ready to greet the world as a woman.

The ideas of how a woman should act in a “polite society” have not disappeared.

The little old bitties of my hometown made sure that I understood how to act and what to say.

I even had one lady show me a two-hour video on etiquette because she wanted to soften my image so that I would not “embarrass myself in public.”

Though I rarely show these traits, I have them and call upon them from time to time. I owe my “cultured” side to the never ending persistence of this one lady.

I have come to truly appreciate all of the parts of my culture; the good, the bad and the ugly, because they have made me the woman that I am today.

Save the game room

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

The SGA is at it again. Now, on top of messing with the constitution, they are trying to mess with the game room.

As of right now, students have the freedom to go hang out and relax and shoot a game of pool free of charge.

Notice that little “F” word in there: Free. To a college student, anything free, regardless of what it is, is a great thing.

You would be hard pressed to find a time when someone is not in the game room playing pool.

But the SGA is about to start making us pay (the horror!) to play the games.

If people have to pay 75 cents to play a game of pool, I think fewer people will be playing, and if they’re not killing time in the game room, then they might just go home.

Apparently the budget has been cut again, and they just don’t have enough money to meet the cost of upkeep.

The SGA is talking about sponsoring “free pool” days sometimes as to give back to the students. Right, giveback to the students what was already theirs to begin with.

I don’t know about everyone else, but going to college isn’t cheap. Remember that overdone poor, starving college student image?

So, to me, and the others out there living on Ramen noodles, taking away the last free thing we have is a crime.

Some might say that paying 75 cents to play pool is not a big deal.

But, when you consider that with that same 75 cents you could purchase three packages of Ramen noodles or a can of chicken noodle soup, that 75 cents is now tonight’s supper.

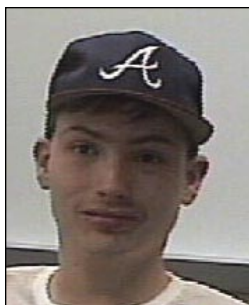
But I can, however, see the problem the SGA is having. They have to continue to provide quality entertainment at a very affordable price (read “free”).

Maybe instead of charging for every single game, they could clue in the game room users as to the problem they’re having and ask for their advice.

I am willing to bet that if they held a “save the game room” drive, people would chip in a little bit of money to the cause.

If people were to understand that they may have to pay every time, they would have no problem donating a little more now.

Bourne with an Opinion



Jason Bourne
Staff Columnist

I was turning right into Floyd College’s Cartersville Campus on Feb. 19 around 5:30 p.m., and someone clipped my back bumper.

I had to swing a little wide to make the turn because of poles right at the entrance and because I drive a full-size, extended-roof van.

As soon as the person hit me, I stopped and looked behind me because I knew I had gotten hit.

I pulled on into the parking lot because I didn’t want to cause a bigger accident.

Luckily, the driver that hit me pulled in behind me and made sure I was okay.

When the police arrived on

the scene, we explained what happened.

We told different stories, so no one was cited for the accident.

The damage was minimal, but, still, it was an accident and had to be reported.

Since it happened I have been thinking about how the person could have hit me.

Did he not see me with my blinker on, trying to turn? Was he in a big hurry for an appointment?

I don’t think so.

The main reason I believe he hit me is because he was following too close.

I firmly believe that if he had been a safe distance from me (at least 50 feet) he would have had plenty of stopping time.

I have seen many accidents on the interstates during my life and

I will be willing to bet that 50–75 percent of them happened because someone was following too close.

Also, I have seen many near accidents involving people talking on cell phones.

Why do people talk on cell phones while driving?

I believe that they are just talking to friends and family members passing the time.

I believe that cell phones in vehicles should be used for only two reasons.

First, if someone is going to be late for an appointment or work, then I say it’s okay to use a cell phone.

Secondly, if it is an absolute emergency, like a wreck, then a person should use the cell phone to call the police and family members to let them know what hap-

pened.

So based on this information, what can we all learn from this?

First, we can learn to not get in a rush when we are going somewhere because the place is not going anywhere.

Second, we can learn that some vehicles have to swing wide to make turns.

Third, we can learn that cellular phones are a big distraction while driving and should only be used when absolutely necessary.

But, the most important lesson we all should take from this is to not follow too closely behind the vehicle in front of us.

If we will all slow down and look out for our fellow drivers, we can make the world a much safer place.

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Darlington Lacrosse Schedule

March		April		May	
26, 4:30 p.m.	St. Francis	3, 4:30 p.m.	Westminster	1, TBA	First Round Play-offs
28, 4:30 p.m.	Cenntenial	5, 4:30 p.m.	Milton	4, TBA	Semi-Finals
		12, 5 p.m.	Pace	8, TBA	Finals
		16, 5 p.m.	Walton		
		18, 6 p.m.	Roswell		
		24, 5 p.m.	Holy Innocents		

Darlington lacrosse is oldest in state

By Adam Turner
Staff Writer

It has been known as “Baggataway” to the Iroquois and “the little brother of war” to the Cherokee. It originated on this continent as a means for native inhabitants to train for war and is now called the fastest game on two feet.

The game is lacrosse, and presently it is the fastest growing sport in the state of Georgia.

A result of this amazing growth is the sanctioning of the sport by the Georgia High School Association this year. Up until the sanctioning, most teams played at the club level, run by students with little help from the athletic department.

The city of Rome has the longest history of high school lacrosse in the state thanks to the Darlington School.

Darlington fielded the first high school team in Georgia in the spring of 1990. The team did not win a single game and jokingly crowned themselves state champions by default at the end of their first season.

From these humble beginnings, the Darlington program has emerged as one of the premier teams in the southeast, posting an actual state championship title in 1999.

Although the team was technically at the club level, the athletic department has been very supportive of the program through the years.

Darlington alumni have gone on to play for such prestigious programs as those of Roanoke College and the Naval Academy and, under the guidance of head coach Tim Foote; the team is showing no signs of slowing down.

“We have a good mix of young and old. The boys are working hard and looking forward to the season,” said Foote after a long team practice.

The level of play across the state has grown extremely competitive and the team practices for two hours or more after school every day.

There are 25 teams in the league this year, and that number is expected to double by the beginning of next season.

According to Foote, lacrosse at the Darlington School looks very promising this year. “This is the most talented team we have had since I have been here,” said Foote, “We have excellent senior leadership this year. Jeff Hortman, Ben McElrath, Robert Sturdivant, and Andy Babcock are all outstanding as players and leaders of the team.”

Lacrosse is not often seen in the South, but its popularity in the North is unparalleled. It is growing in Georgia and will soon rival the more established programs of high school and collegiate sports.

Lacrosse is played on a field similar in size to a football field but slightly larger. Players use a stick with a small net on the end to move the ball up and down the field and score goals.

The players wear an array of protective equipment, from helmets to thick, padded gloves. The sport is full contact and spectators can expect a lot of big hits.

Lacrosse players move the ball in the air as much as possible but the strategy of moving the ball is very similar to moving the puck in hockey.

Each team has 10 players on the field at a time, three offensive players, or attackmen, three defensive players, three midfielders, who play both offense and defense, and a goalie.

Games generally last for about an hour and a half.

The Darlington team will play several home games this season.

These games will take place on Darlington’s campus, located at 1014 Cave Spring Road.

The lacrosse field is next to the baseball field and is visible from Cave Spring Road. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Any questions may be directed to the Darlington Athletic Office at (706) 236-0403.



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Floyd College students drink Coca-Cola

‘I’ve always seen every skill as a tool..’ -- Nathan Tucker

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

Some may know him as the “piano guy” because he often plays the piano in the Student Center. What most people do not know is that he has been taking lessons from his grandmother and a friend from Mexico only since Dec. 24, 2001.

On the outside, 20-year-old Nathan Tucker may seem like an average college student, but with a closer look, he is way more than just average.

“I’ve just got ambition, and with ambition I can do anything,” said Tucker.

He is not only a fast learner, but also a strong leader. He is the present praise and worship leader for BSU. Every Tuesday from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Tucker plays the

guitar and sings praise songs for the congregated group of BSU members and new visitors.

Tucker, having a talent in music, decided to combine that with his strong belief in religion. God has been the largest motivation in Tucker’s life, along with his parents and grandparents.

He is also currently a member of a Spanish church called La Primera Iglesia Bautista, where he serves as one of the main vocalists and leaders of the newly formed praise and worship group.

Tucker is also an athlete, participating in Floyd College’s recently formed soccer team. On the field during the game and even on the sidelines during breaks, Tucker is going over plays and giving advice to his team members.

Formerly, Tucker was involved in the rodeo where he was a calf

roper. Having an arena at his house, he had the perfect place to practice.

Tucker said, “I think it’s good to be involved. It keeps you learning and keeps you on the edge of what’s happening in the world and what’s happening with society. It gives you a better understanding of how to relate to people, different cultures and different environments.”

Last year, Tucker was awarded a Rotary Club International Study Abroad Scholarship worth approximately \$10,000, which will allow him to represent the state of Georgia when he travels to Spain for three months in the fall of 2002.

In the process of applying for the scholarship, Tucker had to fill out approximately 20 pages of information, write an autobiography

and go to an interview in Atlanta. He was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by the Floyd College Study Abroad Committee due to his ability to speak the Spanish language fluently. Assistance for the scholarship came from Dr. Dudley Salley, coordinator for the Study Abroad Committee at Floyd College, Martin Rhiner from the Rotary Club and Kay Gardner from Berry College.

After this semester, Tucker plans to transfer to Berry College, where he will major in Spanish and minor in either music or education.

After college, he wants to become a Spanish teacher, soccer coach or both.

In the future, he has an interest in becoming involved in international trade, music ministry or missionary work.

Tucker believes that he always had talents for the numerous things he does, and he had to work to build the skill he has today.

He also feels that ambition and just having interests have played a strong part in his involvement in so many things. He said, “I’ve always seen every skill as a tool in my tool kit.”

Tucker believes that getting involved in things spices people’s lives and makes life “more rich.” He added, “The point is to have enjoyment in life.”

Tucker thinks that everyone should be involved in something. Here is his advice to people everywhere: “The best thing is not to ever burn out. Follow what you have in your heart and don’t set yourself any limits at all. Just go with what the ambition is in your heart.”



Tucker plays the piano in the Student Center between classes.

Photo by Daniel Bell



Tucker (left) shows off his skills while participating in an FC soccer game.

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FC students star in music videos

The Office of Student Life sponsored “Fun Flicks” on Feb. 20. Students were given the chance to sing and dance in front of a green-screen. Then their images were combined with computer generated images to make one-of-a-kind music videos to take home. The service was paid for out of the student activity fee.



Would-be stars dance together. TV monitors allow others to watch the video in progress and cheer their classmates on.

Photo by Sandy House



Photo by Crystal Hightower
Micha Davis (left) and Ricky Lofton dance to the song “Bootylicious.”



Photo by Sandy House
Tanya Johnson, in a provided costume, dances solo in front of the green-screen in her own music video.

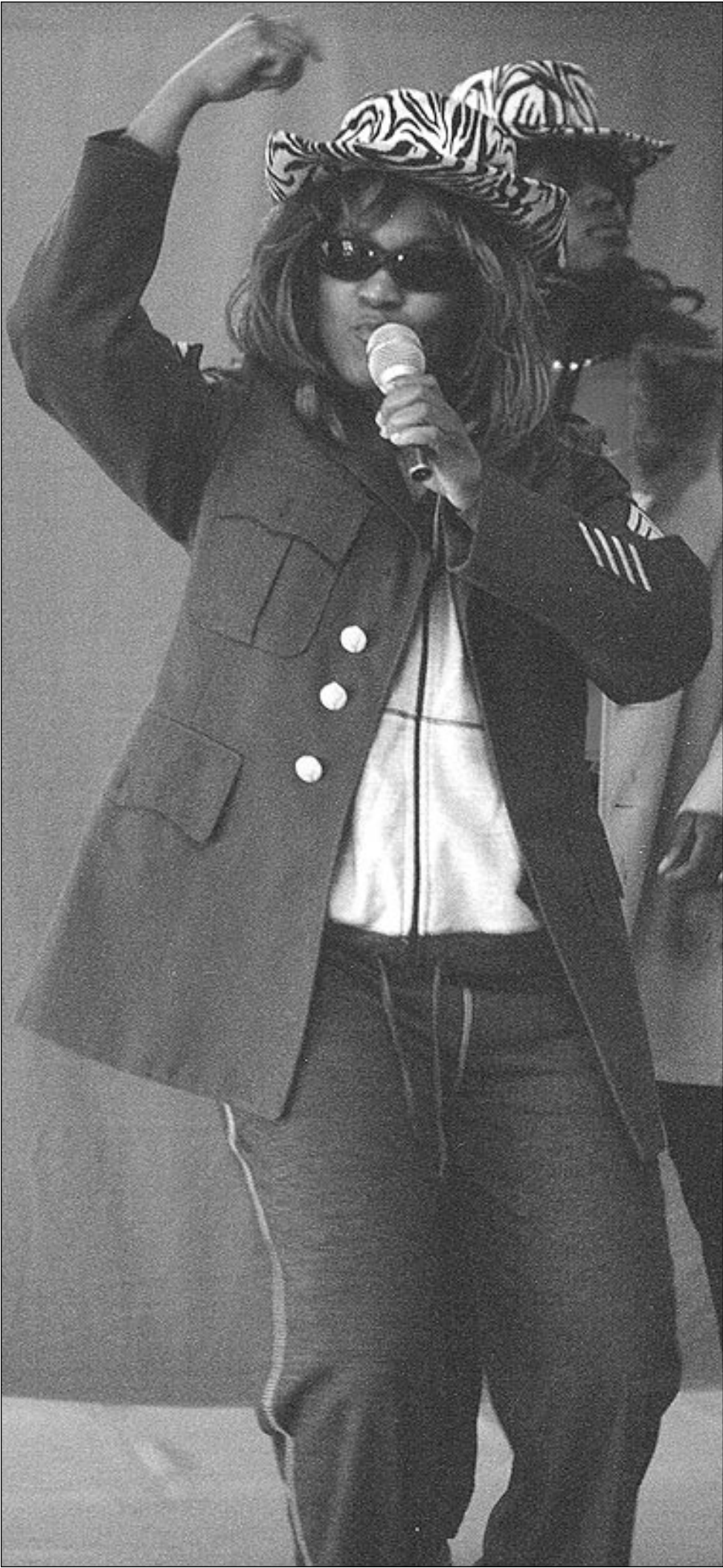


Photo by Crystal Hightower
With mircophone in hand, Stephanie Goodgame sings and dances in her own music video that she can look back upon for years to come. Student Life plans on holding “Fun Flicks” again in the fall.

DVD strikes back

By Jeremy Stewart
Chief Staff Writer

Writer/director Kevin Smith recently released his final live-action film starring Jay and Silent Bob to DVD.

In the words of Jay, the plot of *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* goes something like this: “We came to Hollywood, I fell in love, we stole a monkey, we got shot at and I got punched in the (expletive deleted) nuts by a guy named Cock-Knocker!”

The plot, however loose it may be, isn’t the focus of this fun fare-well to two of the director’s signature characters.

The reason this movie was made was for the fans of Smith’s View Askew films, the production company that Smith owns.

If *Jay and Silent Bob* was the director’s love letter to the fans, the DVD was the stamp on the envelope.

The Basics

The picture is shown on a ratio of 2.35:1, which means it looks pretty darn good.

The clarity is superb, and the transfer is enhanced in case people have a wide screen television.

The “Special DVD Mix” of the sound is excellent, but it doesn’t portray the full potential of Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound since most of the film is propelled by dialogue.

The few moments where the surround speakers are used provide a superb side dish to the film.

The Commentary

If you’ve ever experienced any of Smith’s past DVD commentaries, this one won’t disappoint you.

Featuring Smith, Jay himself, Jason Mewes and *Jay and Silent*

Bob producer Scott Mosier, the comments range from the regular on-the-set stories to praise for Mewes’ performance.

Overall, it’s a great commentary that informs and entertains, which is a rare mix these days.

Deleted Scenes

A highlight of any View Askew disc is the deleted scenes.

And with 42 of them, *Jay and Silent Bob* doesn’t lack the quantity or the quality.

The scenes included on the two-disc set are hilarious and add perfect side notes to the film proper.

Plus, Kevin Smith and guests introduce each piece.

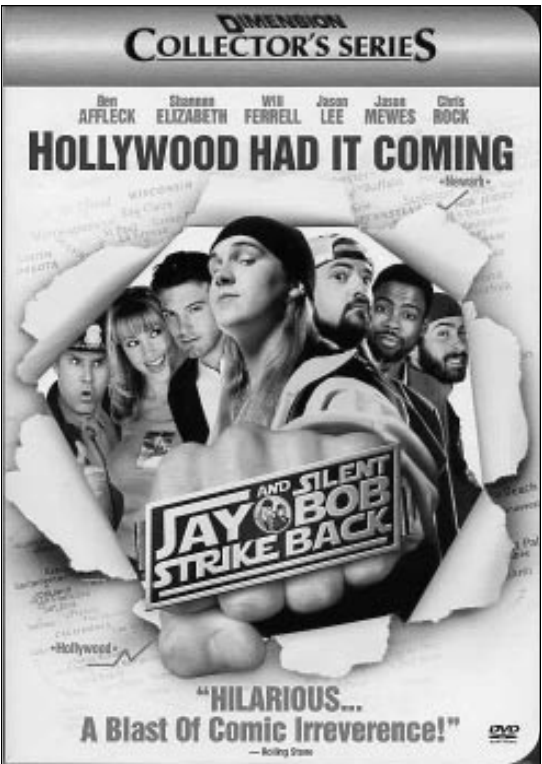
Some of the extra footage includes more inside jokes and connections to other Kevin Smith films.

...And even more!

Besides the above mentioned extras, the set is jam packed with anything and everything you could ever want from a DVD.

The seven-minute gag reel is pretty extensive considering the standard fare for outtakes. And none of it is forced fodder for wasting time.

The features include an 11-minute behind-the-scenes docu-



DVD cover courtesy of Dimension Home Video
Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back DVD was released on Feb. 26 and has 42 deleted scenes and commentary from the director.

mentary and the Comedy Central special on the flick.

Internet trailers, TV spots, cast and crew filmographies, storyboards and still galleries presenting production stills and poster concepts also inhabit the second disc.

And, if music is your thing, music videos by Afroman and Stroke 9 accompany two selections focusing on Morris Day and the Time.

At the end of the day, *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* is the ultimate DVD for any View Askew fan and might even bring a few new people into the club.

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Hollywood pokes fun at sex with new movie

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

With the recent flow of war-themed movies, such as *Black Hawk Down*, *We Were Soldiers* and *Hart's War*, and with the current "war on terrorism," now is a fine time for America to sit back, relax and have a good, hearty laugh.

40 Days and 40 Nights, starring Josh Hartnett (*Pearl Harbor*, *Black Hawk Down*), provides just such a laugh.

40 Days and 40 Nights is a quirky film about something that almost everyone can relate to: sex.

After losing the love of his life, Matt, played by Hartnett, begins a series of emotionless, one-night-stands to try to forget about her. But he soon learns that she has gotten engaged, and Matt turns to his brother, a priest, for help.

Matt's brother convinces him to give up sex, or any form of sexual contact with a woman and self-gratification, for Lent, a period of 40 days just before Easter in which religious people may chose to give up something of meaning to them as an act of penance.

Everyone that knows Matt thinks that there is no way he can

pull it off, and his coworkers even start a website/betting pool predicting when he will give in.

Everything is going perfectly for Matt until he meets Erica, played by Shannyn Sossamon (*A Knight's Tale*). Because their relationship isn't based on sex, Matt and Erica hit it off in a whole new way that Matt is not accustomed to.

Before long Erica becomes frustrated because Matt hasn't told her of his vow, and she begins to wonder why he hasn't tried to establish a physical relationship with her.

Soon enough she learns of the vow and is very angry that he wasn't honest from the beginning.

40 Days and 40 Nights is a love story that guys and girls both will enjoy because of all the raunchy sexual humor and the sweet relationship that Erica and Matt develop.

The movie has an "R" rating and with good reason. This movie is intended for adults and has a good deal of nudity, strong language and sexual situations, as well as some crude humor.

Although not likely to be nominated for any major awards, *40 Days and 40 Nights* is a much-

needed comedy that anyone who has ever dated can relate to.

Hartnett and Sossamon seem to have a great on-screen chemis-

try and both provide individual performances that fit their characters perfectly.

While the two leading

characters give the movie a romantic feel, the supporting cast provide much of the adult-aimed humor.



Josh Hartnett and Shannyn Sossamon costar in the new movie, *40 Days and 40 Nights*, in which Hartnett's character makes a vow to give up sex for Lent. Photo courtesy of www.miramax.com.

Techno-garbage-remixes assail music industry

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

With each passing year there are several new musicians initiated into the world of entertainment.

The less established musicians fade out of sight.

The artists with real genius continue to pound out amazing albums.

Unfortunately, another group feels the need to release records while they should be working. This group has become ever popular though. They are the "remixers." A heinous group whose sole objective is to remix their songs. Mind you, songs that are only a few months old.

Artists like Aerosmith, the Dave Matthews Band and U2 keep churning out songs with real lyrics, lyrics with statements about life and the world.

Yet, J-Lo has danced and rump-shook her way into a record deal and is now remixing each and every song she puts out. Granted,

without the help of Ja Rule, her album sales would be a flop.

Another band to recently assail the world with a sampling of trash is Limp Bizkit. Bizkit released *New Old Songs* just a few weeks ago. I purchased the album, and I immediately wanted a refund. This was a band that started out in Jacksonville, FL.

As a native of Jacksonville, I saw many shows before they ever signed a major label. Imagine the horror I felt when my ears were attacked by this new music, music that can only be described as passive-aggressive-techno-garbage.

The point is this: do we really feel the need to have two or three different variations of one song? My answer is no.

The one album that I can honestly say that did not nauseate me, was *Deconstructed* by Bush. Their remix of hits was the first of its kind. Of course, that could lead one to think that maybe they started this atrocious trend in music.

I would offer readers my in-

sight into the top five worst remixes of the year, but, alas, I could never begin to narrow them down to just five.

Covers are great if done with some appreciation for the artist's originality, but remixes are a nasty trend in music that shows the artist has no faith in the original song.

Artists should unite and stop this revolting movement.

Fans should let artists know how they feel and show appreciation for original music.

To have three different versions of a song doesn't make it better, it only drives home the point of how bad the original was.

Artists who work hard to put out good music should be offended at the laziness of these artists releasing remixes.

Fans should boycott albums that don't feature new or "best of" works.

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Waiting for weights? David Mathis to the rescue!



Mike Cooper

By Mike Cooper
Staff Writer
Guest Columnist

Changes will be coming soon to the Floyd College weight room. There have been several request brought to my attention about the equipment in the FC weight room. Some weightlifters wanted heavier dumbbells, still others wanted a back hyper machine, and others wanted a Smith machine or more treadmills. The answer I received from David Mathis, director of intramurals,

was “yes and no.” It appears that the FC weight room will be seeing the requested dumbbells and back hyper machine, but the Smith machine and new treadmills will not make it this semester. The reason is cost. Both the dumbbells and back hyper machine are relatively inexpensive. However, a treadmills will cost the college about \$4,000 apiece. Mathis said, “I would love to have more treadmills or a Smith machine (a multi-purpose machine used to work many parts of

the body), but items like that we have to buy one a year.” Maybe at the beginning of next year one of these two machines will be in the FC weight room for the using. I believe that the weightlifters will be pleased with the new accommodations. However, to make room for the new back hyper machine, the other back machine must go. I feel that once the weight lifters get use to the back hyper machine, they will like it better. The back hyper machine works with a persons own body weight

instead of a pulley system. Lifters will find that the back hyper machine will give them the results they want faster than the other machine would. Mathis said that if anyone wants to make a request about the weight room, he will consider it as long as it is good for “the whole.” He was very eager to comply with the new demands and really wants everyone to have the equipment needed for a good workout. I was impressed how easy it was to get things done, Mathis really wants to help the students out.

Team ABCD continues to dominate

By Mike Cooper
Staff Writer

The basketball season dribbles on, and some teams have found their groove, while others are struggling. In the first game on Feb. 26, team ABCD, still undefeated, had a heyday as they cruised to a 65-41 victory over the Faculty/Staff. Team ABCD was led by Nathan Clonts, who had an impressive 29 points, and by teammate Dayne Stiles with 13 points. The Faculty/Staff team was lead by Brady DeLong, who was hot with 13 points, and by veteran Barry Greeson, who sank 11 points. In the second match-up, the No-Gooders scraped by the Wizards with a 51-48 win. The No-Gooders were led by Brandon Knight, who posted 19 points,

and teammate Jarrett Gray, who had 10 points. The Wizards were led by Shane Porter, who put down 22 points, and by Dre Borders, who scored 13 points. Team ABCD is leading the other teams with an undefeated season of 4-0. According to David Mathis, director of intramurals, Team ABCD is the number one seed heading into the season ending tournament. The tournament format is double elimination, so each team still has a shot at taking the first place honors. The No-Gooders assume the second seed with a respectable record of 3-1, the only loss coming to team ABCD. The Wizards and Faculty/Staff have struggled so far this season with records of 1-3 and 0-4, respectively. The tournament tips off April 2 and will run until April 16. All games will be played in the gym.

Ceremony to honor Steve Burns at annual Walraven golf tournament

By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer

The annual Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble will be dedicated to Steve Burns this year. Burns was a professor at FC for almost 25 years until his death in December 2001. He played in all the tournaments over the past 22 years, according to Dr. Ken Weatherman, tournament director and professor of physical education. Weatherman said there will be a short ceremony before the tee-off in memory of Burns. The tournament, which is a scramble format, is scheduled for April 19, at 1 p.m. Teams for the tournament are selected so that each team will consist of students and faculty or

staff, and each team will be equal in terms of skill level. Weatherman said that players are welcome to sign up, but not in teams, and the sign-up deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. He said this was to ensure that every team has an equal chance of winning. Teams will be chosen by the tournament coordinator, so that everyone has a chance of winning. The teams will play a scramble. Each member of the team gets one shot off the tee; the best shot is used and each member gets one shot from that point. The team continues in this fashion until one of the team members “hole out.” Prizes for the tournament will be awarded to the team with the lowest score and to the team with the second lowest score. Individu-

als can receive prizes for the “long drive contest” and the “closest to the hole.” Weatherman also stated, “We also usually have some retired employees play with us in this tournament.” The tournament is named for Dr. Wesley Walraven, former vice-president of Academic Affairs at Floyd College. Weatherman said, “Dr. Walraven was an avid golfer and a friend of everyone who knew him. He was especially close to the students.” The scramble will be held at the BEAA Golf Course, located about 3 miles from the campus off of Eden Valley Road. The cost of the tournament is \$12 if the golfer walks and \$20 if the golfer rides a golf cart.

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FC soccer alive and kicking once again

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

For the first time in years Floyd College has intramural soccer.

Students have been playing intramural soccer on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. and on Sundays in the men's YMCA league.

Rob McFarland, director of physical therapy, serves as coach and sometimes player for the team and encourages anyone interested in playing to come out.

"Skill level or experience doesn't matter. You can't love soccer without playing the first time," he said.

McFarland did say, however, that the more experienced players will get more playing time in the Sunday games because the teams they compete against have been together for years and are very good.

Although Floyd's team is yet to win a game, they have given a good showing considering the short time they have played together. There were only two team practices before the first game.

There have also been a few games in which not enough people were present at a game to have a full team, yet they played anyway.

Participates so far have been Daniel Bell, Jesse Bishop, Jonathan Fulton, Marco Galvan, Jose Galvan, Nathan Tucker (who

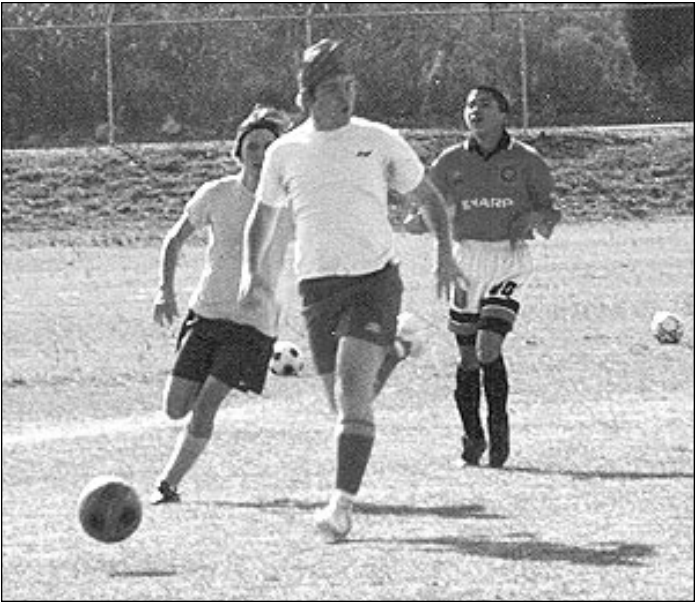


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Chris Price runs up field with the ball in a league game.

serves as team captain), Graham Duke, Leon Escutia, Brijesh Patel, Amit Patel, Austin Gattenby, George Barron, Joe Patel, Henry Ikwuezunma, James Schroeder, Chris Price, Justin Pollard, Jon Ramirez, Brian Foster and Adam Turner.

Floyd will be playing in the YMCA league until the end of May, and games are played at the YMCA fields. Weekday practices are held at the FC soccer field. Anyone interested in playing should contact McFarland at (706) 802-5017 or just show up ready to play at the weekday practices.

Floyd College will play soccer:

April 14, 3 p.m. vs. Deportivo Salama

April 21, 1 p.m. vs. Gondolier's

April 28, 3 p.m. vs. San Luis

May 5, 1 p.m. vs. Berry College

May 12, 3 p.m. vs. Las Chivas

There will be a play-off for the top 8 teams at the end of the regular season.

The FC Lady Chargers basketball team will travel to Dalton March 28 to play Dalton State College in a 5 p.m. game.

Floyd's guys' team, which will be made up of players from the intramural teams, will play at 6:30 p.m.

Floyd College will play Dalton again at home on a date to be announced.

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