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Floyd College - Rome, Georgia

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Professor receives Excellence Award

By Crystal Turner
Staff Writer

Dr. Margaret Davis, professor of math, recently became the first Floyd College faculty member to win the Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award.

This award is given to one teacher from a two-year college and one teacher from a four-year college.

The award ceremony was held March 13 in the Board of Regents building in Atlanta.

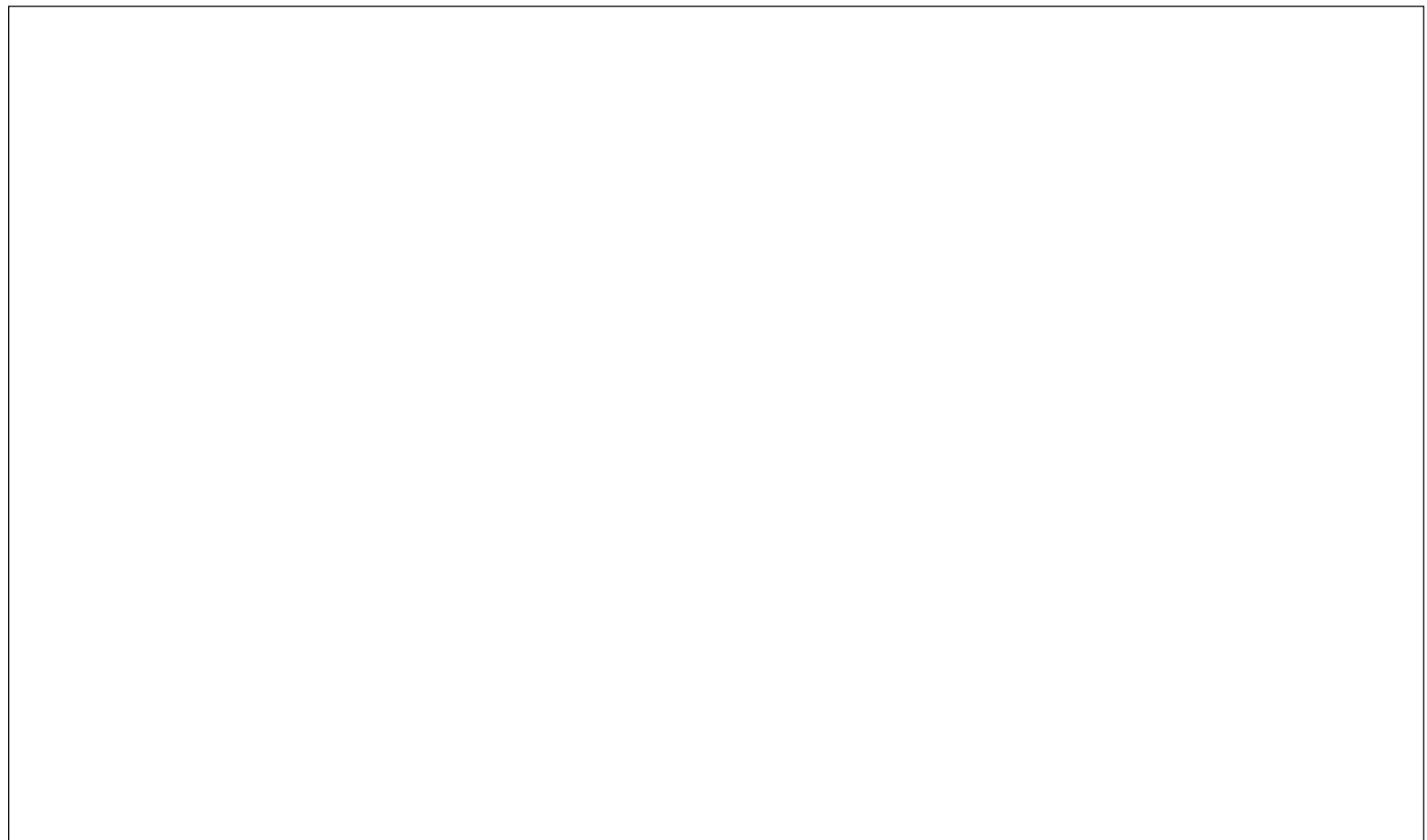
Davis expressed how shocked she was about winning the award. "There are so many other excellent teachers who were nominated that I couldn't believe I was selected," Davis said.

Davis was presented with a framed certificate and will receive a \$5000 award.

Davis has been teaching at Floyd College since 1971. She has contributed much time and dedication to the school over the years.

Davis attended Jacksonville State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree. She received her master's degree in math from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Long hours of driving to and from Birmingham weekly rewarded Davis with a Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

When Davis received her master's in 1970, new opportunities began to open up. Floyd College needed a math professor, and she applied for the job. Davis said, "Everyone was interested in the job. It took a lot of guts, and many



Dr. Davis receives the Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award from Board of Regents Chair Glenn White while Chancellor Stephen Portch looks on.

phone calls. I sent a resume and a transcript. There were over 150 applications for the job, and after my interview, I was chosen."

Davis is currently teaching calculus, decision math, foundations of number systems, college algebra and precalculus.

Davis stated, "I love teaching, and I cannot imagine anything else." Her favorite subject to teach

is statistics because it is very useful in everyday situations.

Once a year, Davis teaches a college experience course, which consists of study skills, time management and guidance on majors. Also, she sponsors the Baptist Student Union.

Davis, like most college students, did not realize she wanted to teach as a career. She started

as an engineering major, but hated engineering drawing, so she quickly changed her major.

Davis loves her job and her students. Davis commented, "What I get out of teaching is the 'I get it look,' and that is what I strive for."

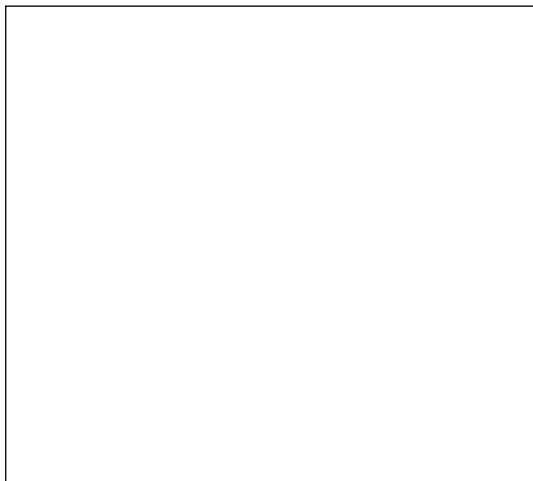
Julie Sanders, a student at Floyd stated, "Dr. Davis is very knowledgeable in her courses and

has a very quick-paced teaching ability. I liked her style because she made the work easy to understand."

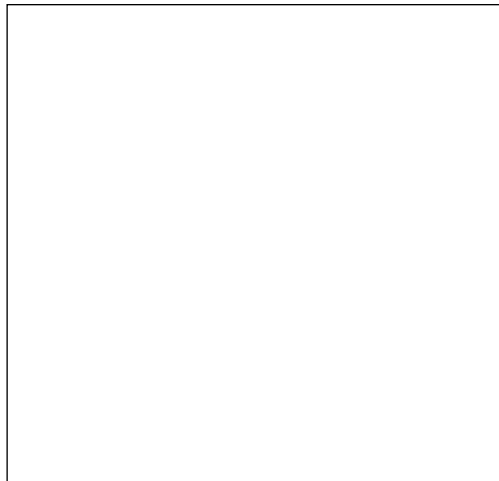
Richie Carnes explained how Davis taught thoroughly and didn't mind going back to explain something.

"She is the best math teacher I have ever had in my entire life," Carnes said.

Guest Photo



Bill Beeler Photo By Mike Parker



Lynn Mills Photo By Mike Parker

Original staff members Mills, Beeler to retire

By Mike Parker
Editor

Both Lynn Mills and Bill Beeler who have been with the college since it opened in 1970, are retiring April 1.

Mills, administrative secretary of the Physical Plant, said she has always liked the safe environment of Floyd College in addition to all the friends she has made.

After retirement, Mills plans to do

a lot of traveling with her husband.

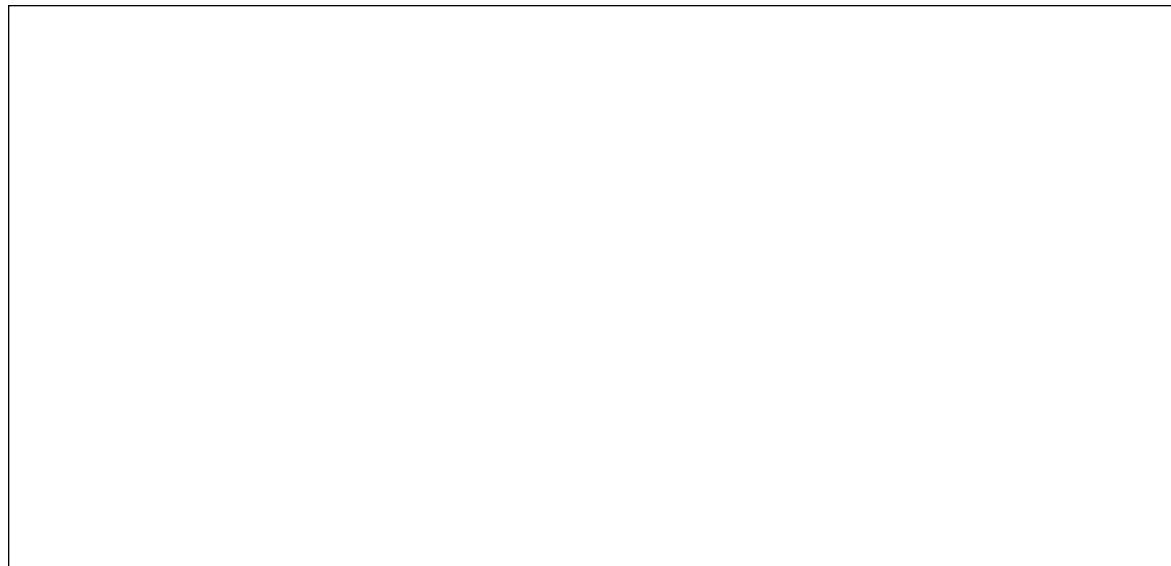
Beeler, AC mechanic, mentioned his fondness towards the people he worked with as well as Floyd College itself.

Beeler plans to stay busy by working on his property. He also plans to spend a lot of time with his grandchildren.

Beeler said he will "take life one day at a time and stay as healthy as possible."

News

Book group discusses *The Prince of Tides*



Sheila McCoy (far right) discusses items found in *The Prince of Tides*.

Photo by Adam Stanley

**By Adam Stanley
Staff Writer**

On Feb. 26, at noon, in the FC Solarium, Sheila McCoy, professor of foreign language, gave a book review of *The Prince of Tides*, a novel by best-selling author Pat Conroy.

McCoy approached many themes in *The Prince of Tides*. Family, food, the South and many other themes run throughout the

entire novel.

McCoy spoke for 45 minutes about the novel. There were about 25 people present. A discussion followed the review.

Conroy was born in Atlanta, Ga. He has written several other novels, including the critically acclaimed *The Lords of Discipline*, 1980, and *The Water is Wide*, 1972. He has won many awards, the latest of which was The Lotus Medal of Merit in Recognition of Outstanding Literary Achievement, in

1996.

Conroy's novels tend to be autobiographical. He writes about the South, where he grew up and has lived for most of his life.

Several people present at the book forum knew people who had been connected to Conroy in some way.

On March 22, Don Black, husband of Suzanne Black, assistant professor of psychology, will review *Testimonies*, by Patrick O'Brian.

Textbooks aren't exactly cheap these days

**By Adam Stanley
Staff Writer**

The rising price of textbooks is a major issue for college students. In the past few years, prices have increased at an excessive rate.

Bob Gilbert, director of auxiliary services at Floyd College, puts part of the blame on supplemental CD-ROMs and floppy disks that may be included with textbooks. There are also a few other factors that add to the high prices of textbooks.

"Sometimes it depends on the professor," Gilbert said. "Some textbooks are cheaper than others. If the professor chooses the higher priced book, then that's what we sell."

The Floyd College Bookstore is taking measures to ensure that the price of books is as low as possible.

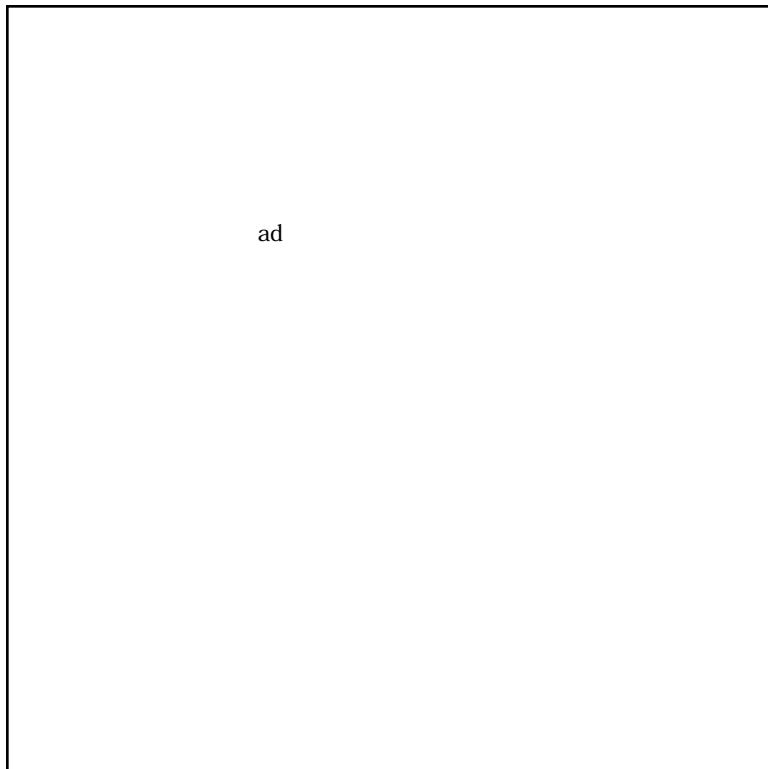
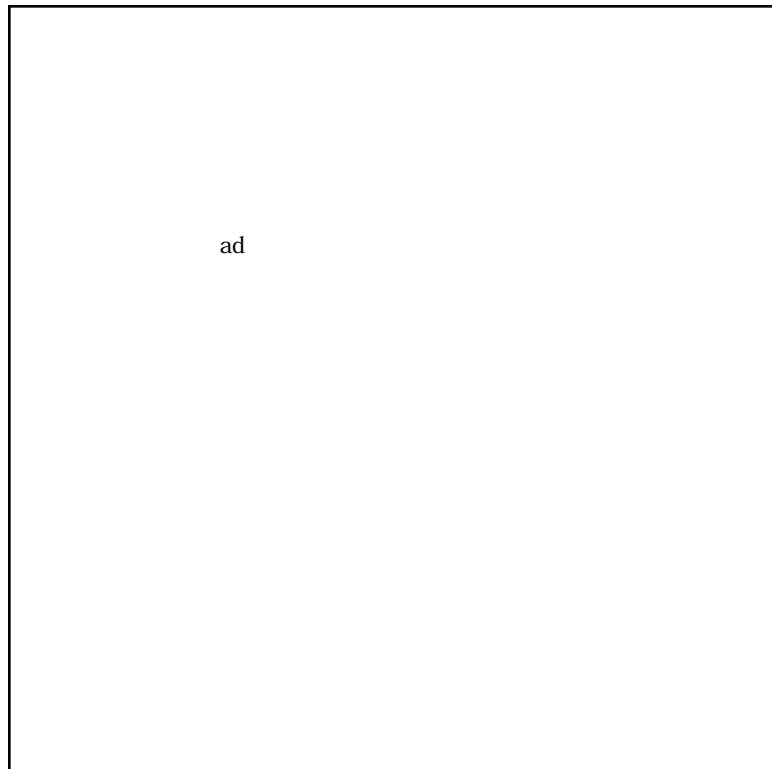
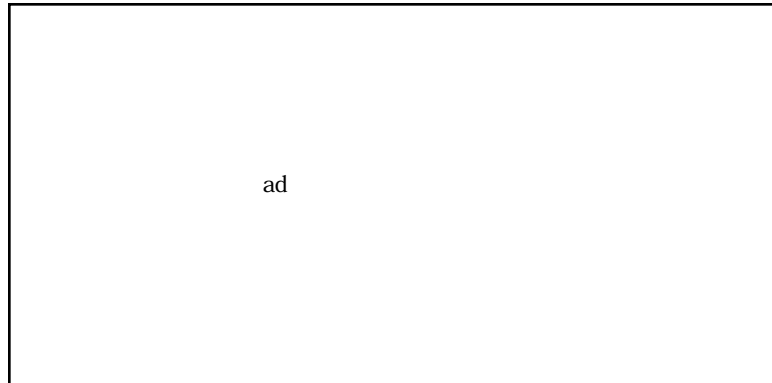
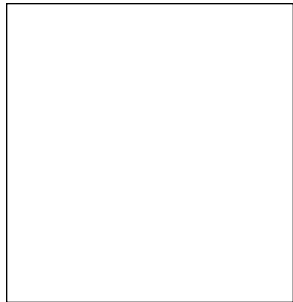
Gilbert said that the mark-up on textbooks is 17 percent, much lower than the markup on other items such as sweatshirts and backpacks.

"You don't have to buy our t-shirts, but you do have to buy our textbooks," Gilbert commented. Since textbooks are required and are an essential part of a student's education, then the prices are kept to a minimum.

A source from the Campus Bookstore at Berry College said that it marks up its textbooks 20-25 percent.

The salesperson at the Shorter College Bookstore said that her company doesn't allow her to comment on such matters.

Essentials of Sociology, (the basic textbook for Sociology 1101), sells for \$43.65 at the State University of West Georgia's Bookstore. The same book is priced \$48.75 in the Floyd College Bookstore.

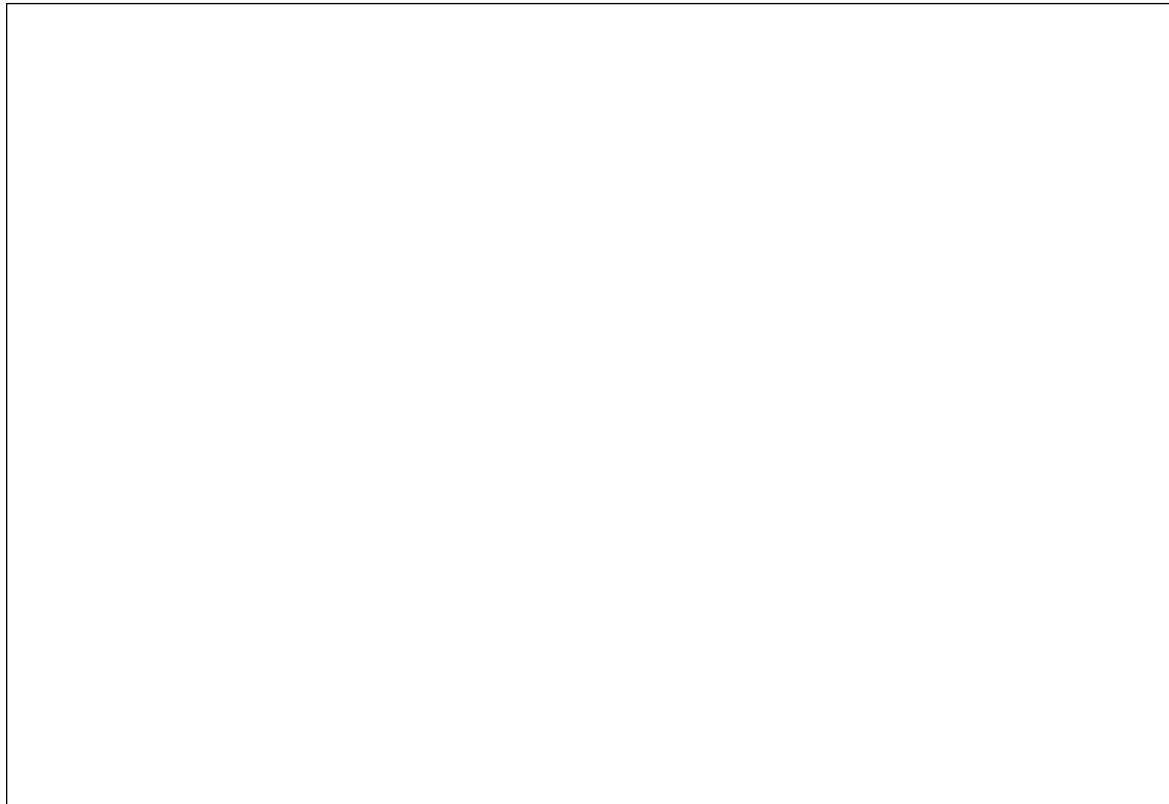


Books, books, and more books

The next and final book forum of the semester will be at noon in the Solarium on April 9. The forum will be about the book *Familiar Heat*, by Mary Hood. Hosting the forum is the author herself, Mary Hood. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited.

News

Whose vehicle's next?



Security guard G.T. Howard doesn't let anyone get by easily.

Photo By Heather Palmer

By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer

Despite the multitude of parking spaces, Floyd College faculty and students sometimes commit parking violations.

Harvey Bynum, head of security, says that the most common offense occurs when people park in reserved spaces.

Bynum said the college issues

75-200 parking tickets each semester. The number depends on those who use the parking lots. The use of faculty reserved spaces by non-faculty members is the biggest infraction the security department sees.

The tickets issued for parking in a reserved space are accompa-

nied by a \$10 fine. The use of handicapped spaces without the proper decal or document costs a state mandated \$100.

Bynum said that everyone at the college is subject to the parking regulations and that both faculty and students "can and do receive tickets."

Coverision has great effect on Floyd College's budget

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

Since the conversion from a quarter program to a semester program, many aspects of Floyd College have changed. Of those areas affected, the school's budget has suffered significantly.

The budget for Floyd College is based on two factors. The funds the school receives from state appropriations depends on the enrollment from the preceding years, and there is a two-year lag in funding.

As the college switched over to a semester program in fall of 1998, the way enrollment was recorded was changed also.

As a result of the change, the average enrollment dropped tremendously.

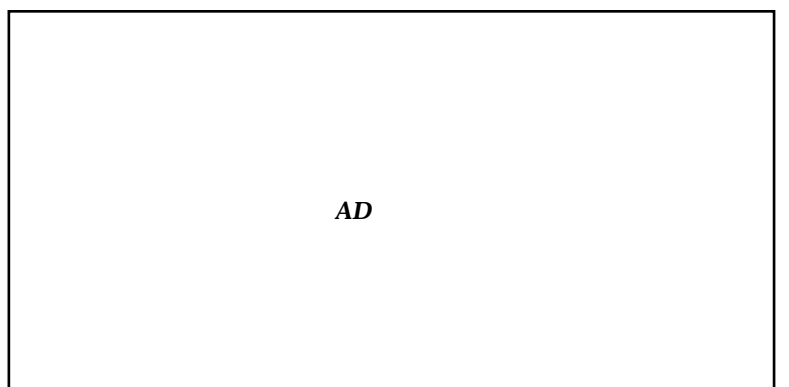
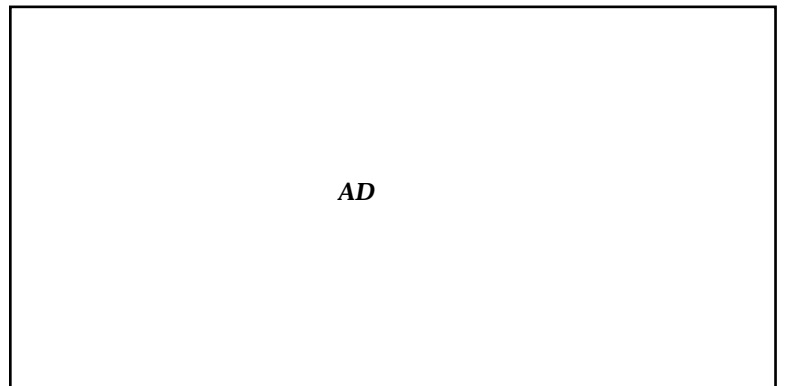
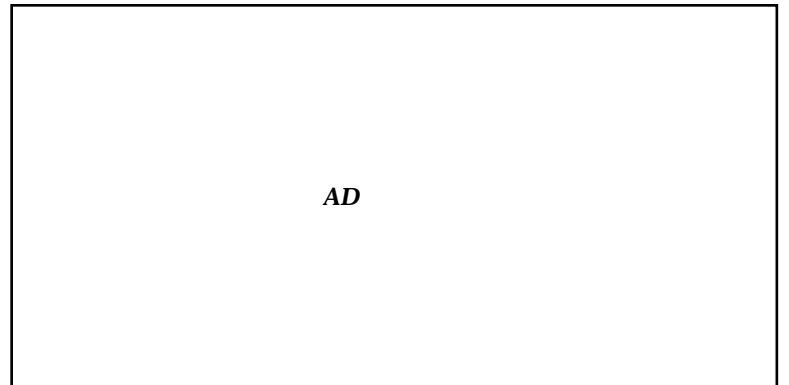
The 2000 fiscal year budget, which spans July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2000, was \$18,551,793. After examination of the enrollment for the first year Floyd College was on a semester program, the budget was cut by almost 1.5 million dollars.

Thus the budget for the 2001 fiscal year, from July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, was \$16,842,445.

As for teachers' salaries, the average pay for a full-time teacher for the college was \$42,657 in the 2000 fiscal year. This amount increased to \$43,413 for the 2001 fiscal year.

The president of the college's salary is usually supplemented by housing and subsistence allowances. In the 2000 fiscal year, this came to a total of \$110,891 plus a \$29,250 allowance.

However, since there is currently an interim president position instead of a regular president, there is no allowance. The position's compensation is \$10,833 per month in office.



Check out these new books in the FC library.

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by Catherine Coulter

Edge of Danger
by Jack Higgins

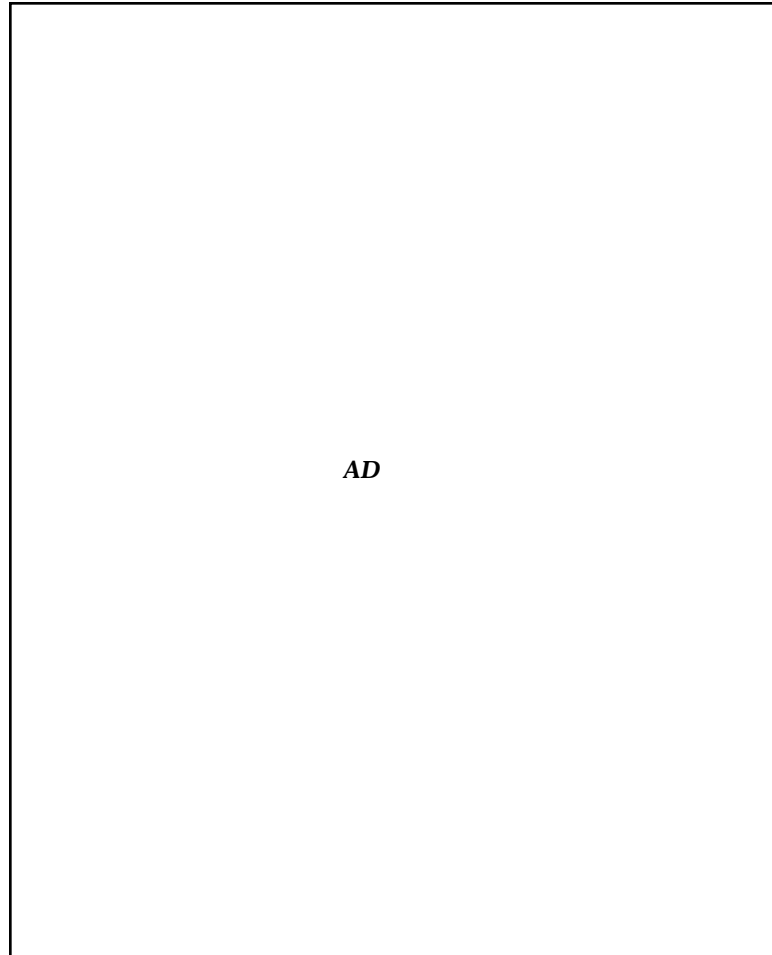
The Program
by Stephen Walsh White

The Mangus
by John Fowler

Independence Day
by Richard Ford

Familiar Heat
by Mary Hood

Carolina Moon
by Jill McCorkle



News

Too late to withdraw from classes ... unless

The last day to withdraw from classes was Feb. 27, but it is still possible to withdraw without academic penalty. To do this, you must be able to prove that your withdrawal is due to a hardship. Also, a written statement and documentation must be submitted with the form to be reviewed by Dr. Joan Lord, vice president of academic affairs. A possibility of receiving an "F" in a course is not considered a hardship.

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What happens to students at FC when they get caught cheating?

By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer

Expulsion is one of the many disciplinary actions that can result from a student cheating.

According to the online Floyd College Student Handbook, student cheating is listed as plagiarism, buying or selling papers or assignments, or help outside the established guidelines of a particular class.

If a student is suspected of cheating, the instructor making the accusation must submit a form in writing to the Office of Student Life. From there, Ashley Tull, director of student life, notifies the student of the charge against him.

The student can either accept the charges brought forth or can request a hearing. The hearing can be either administrative or a panel hearing.

The administrative hearing is held in the presence of a neutral

administrator, someone from another department than the one the instructor is in. The student has the opportunity to plead the innocence of his case. The administrator makes a decision as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Students have the option to request a panel hearing. The panel consists of three faculty members chosen by the Office of Student Life. The guidelines are the same as for an administrative hearing.

Cheating is a much more serious infraction in college than it is in high school. Tull said, "It's serious business and the stakes are higher in college."

He emphasizes the fact that cheating can and does have very serious repercussions. Any convictions of cheating go on the student's permanent disciplinary records.

While it is easier to cheat and get a little extra help with the use of technology, Tull mentioned that it is also a lot easier to get caught.

Artwork by Susan Waters
I thought you said we could use a cheat sheet.

Student Government positions to be filled in April elections

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

The spring Student Government Association elections, to be held Wednesday, April 4 and April 5, will be for the top three positions in the Floyd College student government.

These positions are president, vice president of special events and vice president of public relations.

Anyone can run for office since the only qualifications are that the hopeful candidates fill out a petition stating why they would like to be in a certain office, have a GPA of at least 2.5 and have acquired at least 24 credits.

The term of office is summer 2001 through spring 2002.

In the past, the SGA elections have not gotten as much attention as they should from the entire student body. Students who do care about the college have partici-

pated, but those students who come and go do not see the benefit of the SGA.

Many ways have been suggested to improve the perception of the elections and voter turnout. E-mail ballots and paper ballots on all campuses are some of the choices that have been brought up.

Candidates' petitions had to be turned in to the Student Life Office by March 21. The approved candidates will have until April 4 to campaign.

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Pick up your certificate if you made dean's list

If you were on the dean's list for the fall semester you can pick up your certificate. The certificates are located as follows (depending on your zipcode):

- Rome campus - VP for Academic Affairs Office
- North Metro site - Administrative Office
- Cartersville campus - Administrative Office
- Haralson site - Administrative Office

News

Students represent Floyd College at regional conference

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

Three members of the *Six Mile Post* staff participated in the 50th annual Southern Regional Press Institute hosted by Savannah State University Feb. 28-March 2.

Representing the *Six Mile Post* were Laterah Dunham and Colter Wallace, assistant editors, and Jeremy Stewart, staff writer.

Keynote speakers at the Press Institute included Vele Keyta Y. Redding, president of Status Symbol Publishing and editor of *PROUD* magazine, and Yvonne Shinhoster Lamb, director of training for the newsroom for *The Washington Post*.

Among the workshops offered were ones on sports writing, scriptwriting, editorial cartooning, the recording industry and photography careers.

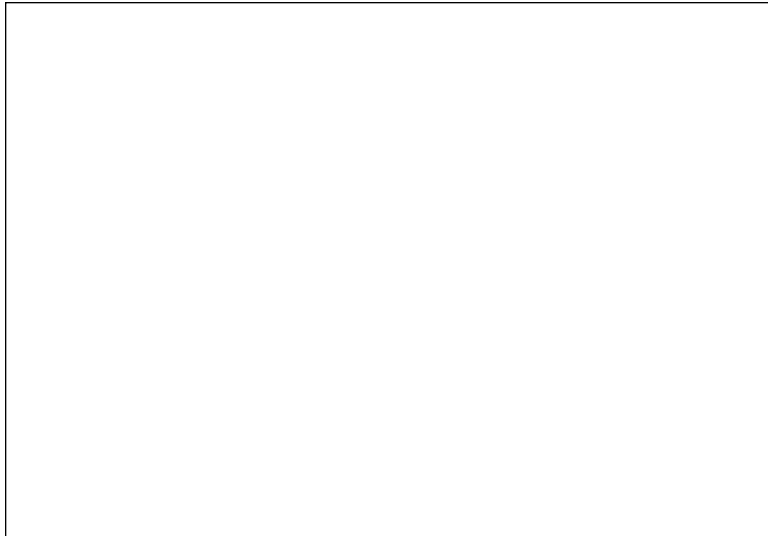
The Press Institute concluded with an awards ceremony. Awards were given in the following categories

for newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine: four-year college, two-year college, high school, middle school and elementary school.

The *Six Mile Post* came home with second place overall in the newspaper division, and second

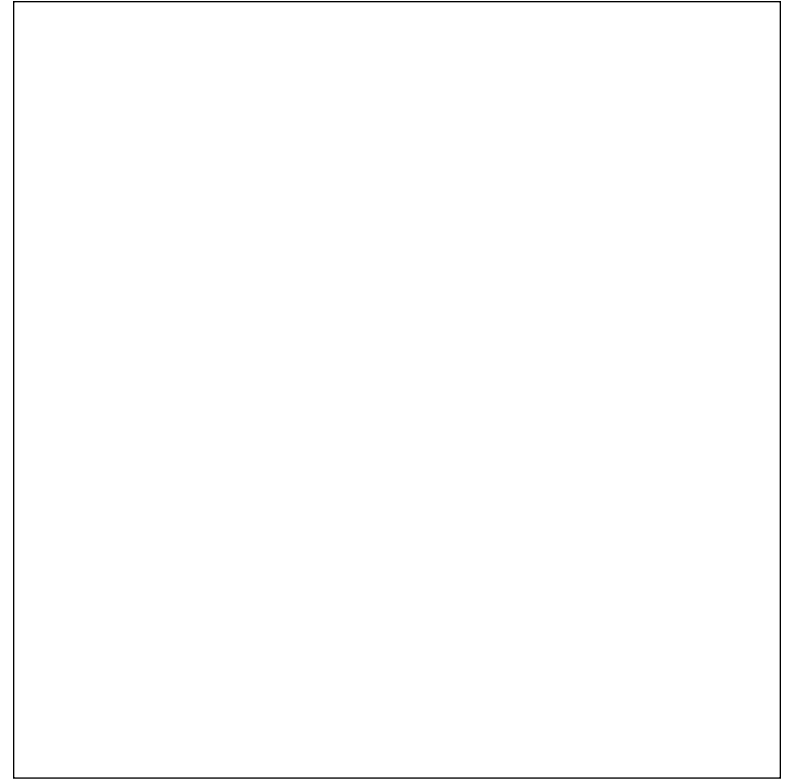
place for Feature Writing for an article on Turner Field by Adam Stanley.

The SMP also received honorable mention for web page design. Since there was only one two-year college entry in this category, no real competition could be held.



Photos by Colter Wallace

Vele Keyta Y. Redding delivers the opening address.



Mark Streeter, *Savannah Morning News* cartoonist, gives a workshop on editorial cartoons.

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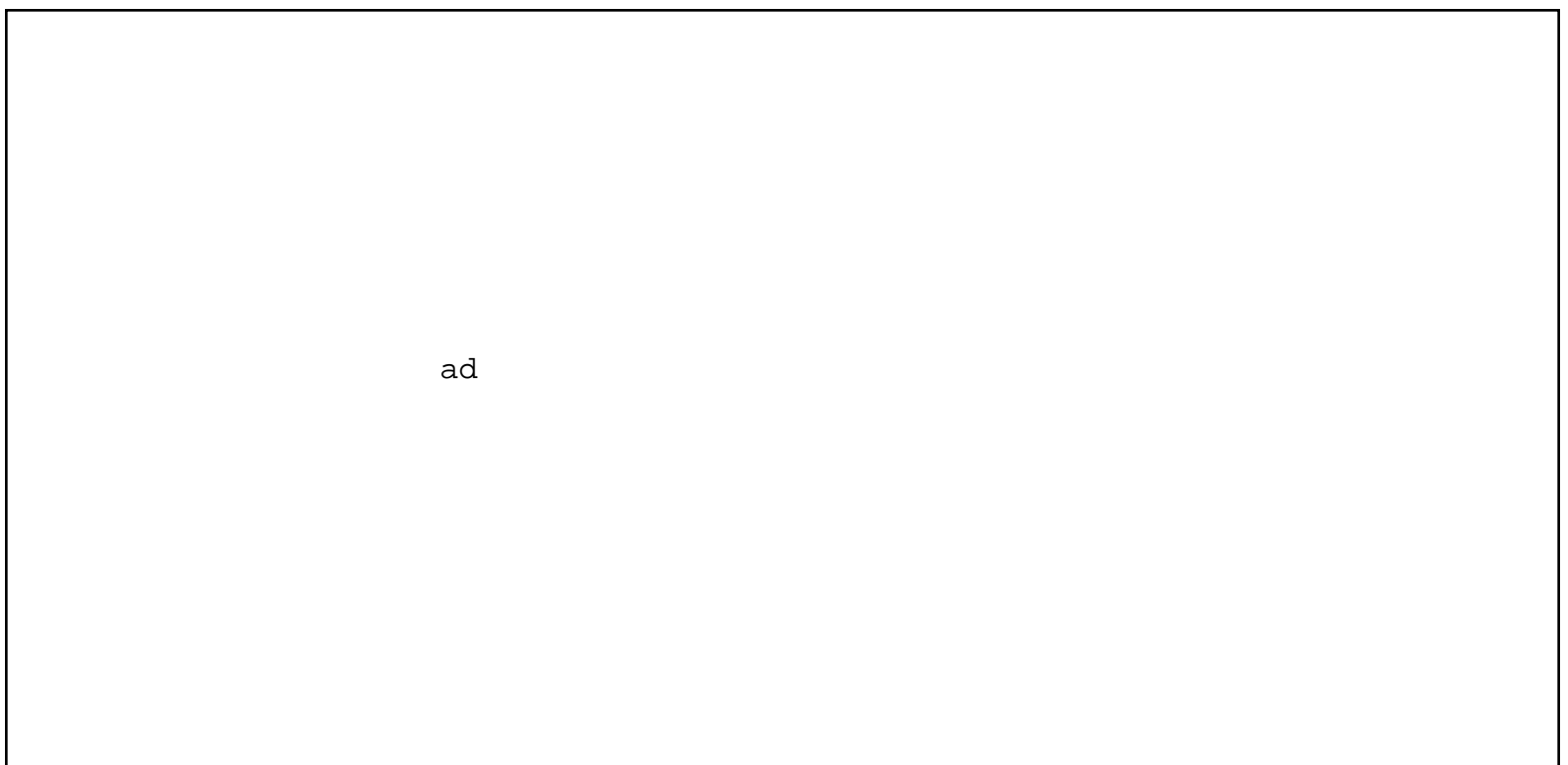
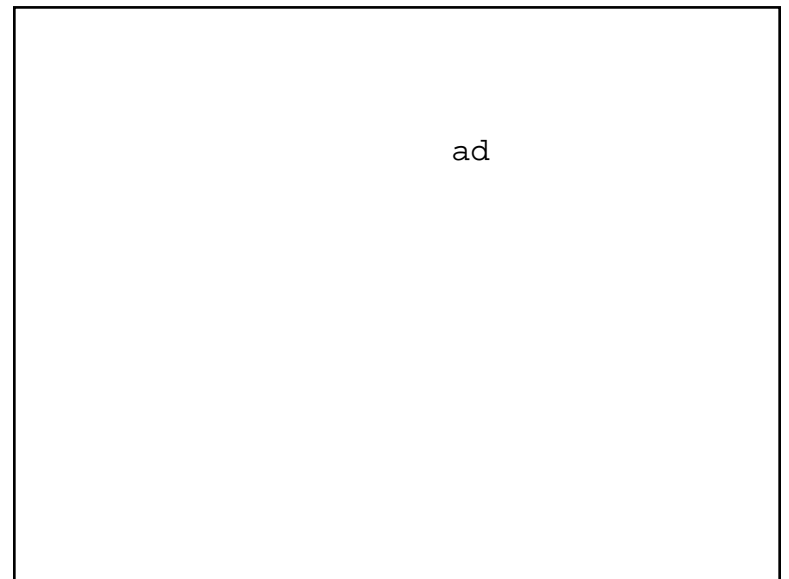
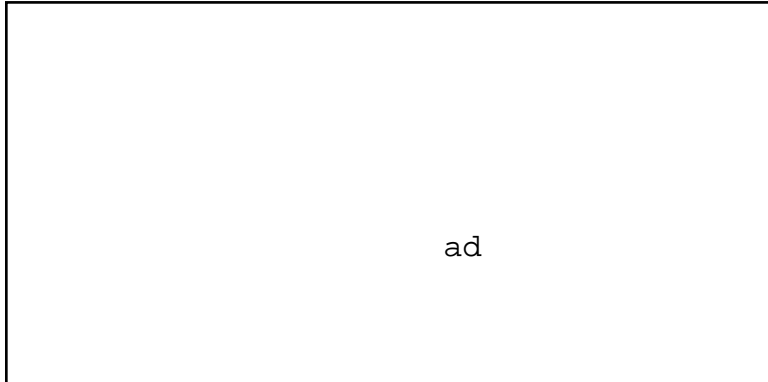


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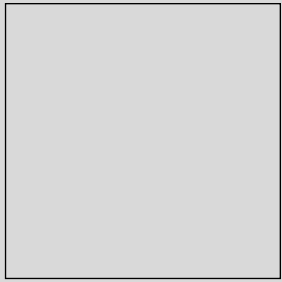
The last day to apply for Floyd College Scholarships is April 1.



Editorials

Editor's Box

What you talkin' about Mr. Drummond about women playing sports?



Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

What is a man's sport? Does the term "man's" even apply to anything anymore? For most it does not, but to the few who have truly experienced it, they know that it is another ballgame.

Since the creation of football, wrestling and hockey, men have truly dominated the sexes in brute force. These sports require 110 percent and not giving the other team a chance; players hit hard and fast, attempting to keep the commanding lead.

With the popularity of football increasing worldwide each year, watching it weekend after

weekend throughout the season and into the playoffs, coaches are pressured to mold their teams into the best and most feared team in the entire league. With this in mind, coaches extend practices and create new and more body-demanding exercises for their players to use.

This push in conditioning and personal fitness that is preparing a player for the upcoming season is extremely hard on the body.

Wrestling is not as focused on mass and multiple abilities, but on a specific weight range and conditioning for that weight. The demand for abilities centers on certain moves.

Hockey, having random accounts of physical contact and the occasional fist fight, is also demanding of physical conditioning. This sport, however, requires willpower and the toughness to withstand a fall on the ice, or hit on the body by a stick or puck and the always amusing cheek against

the glass.

The majority of the United States' population of women seems to believe that they are as tough as men. They have completely forgotten that they have not truly experienced the extreme of a "man's sport." This assumption that women are manifesting is a pinhead away from being a fibbed fable.

The average anatomy of a woman's body is mainly geared towards the sports of gymnastics, softball, volleyball, cheerleading and figure skating. These sports attempting to get women's rights higher on the map of the professional world is fine, but when women continue to say that they are better than men in sports, that is when men begin to be flustered with this useless jargon.

Another comeback women try to use to enforce their defense is "We out-number you in population," which is true; but it has no relevance whatsoever. The num-

ber of women is far greater than men, but women forget that there is a little thing called "guerrilla warfare." This power is great in itself and, when amplified with the combined brute strength of men over women, and applied to sports, adds an overwhelming degree of toughness, agility and strength. Women's skills compared to men's have great qualities that allow them to accomplish some feats better than men, and, with this, women have exaggerated greatly their overall abilities compared to men.

Having now totally bashed the female population, I think women need to climb down from the top of the mountain of arrogance they stand upon and get a reality check. Woven within the concrete word "sports," one will find that the basis of the word is from "man" and will be that way for years to come. The gratitude that women give men for men's accomplishments is sports needs to be higher than the

current level, which is near "nada."

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Give students good advising instead of good cookies

It's a student's first semester at college and he/she has no idea what to do or what to expect. Luckily, Floyd College has a freshman orientation, which has a sole purpose of getting that student ready for the first day of class. But is that really the most important reason behind the orientation?

Orientation is really a chance for the college to make a good first impression. Think of it like this. The college is a business, and the student is a customer.

If Floyd College makes a good impression on the student, then that student will be more likely to continue his or her education here, or, in other words, the student will remain a customer.

All sorts of expensive elaborate methods are used to make a good first impression, including handing out free gifts, such

as key chains or pens with the school's logo on them, or feeding the students a few snacks and drinks.

But, the most important ingredient in the recipe of a good impression is the often-overlooked advising session, in which the new student is advised on what classes to take for a specific degree or transfer program. The most important thing a college can do is provide competent faculty advisers. The adviser not only needs to know about the subject he/she teaches, but everything about what classes would be the best to take, including knowing what courses are transferable to the student's future school of choice.

Obviously, on orientation day there are many, many students that need to get signed up for class, so it is understandable that an adviser would

need to be in a hurry to get through all of the students. But this leads to students ending up with the wrong class. For example, a student might end up being in a class that he or she is not ready for. When that happens, the student then has to change classes and get new books.

Anyone who has ever stood in the bookstore line during the first two weeks of the semester knows one time is more than enough.

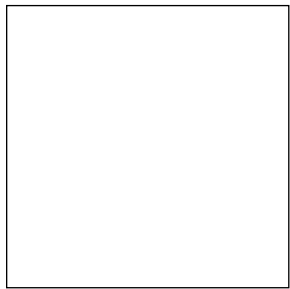
Also, when a student has to change a class because of inadequate advising, he/she misses out on the first, second and sometimes even third day of the class transferred into.

This, in turn, makes the student fall behind and in some cases creates a situation in which the student makes a bad first impression on the instructor.

Opinions

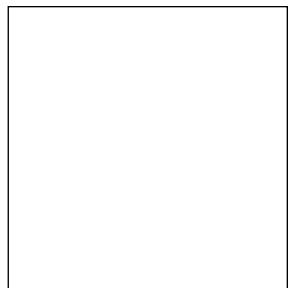
Student Poll

Do you think Spring Break was too early? Why or why not?



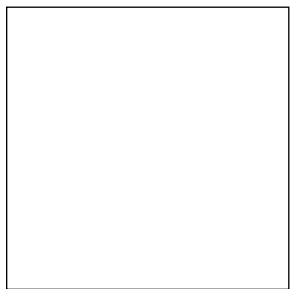
Austin Gattenby
Undecided

"Yes, I think it was too early. The other schools were not out, so there was not any girls around."



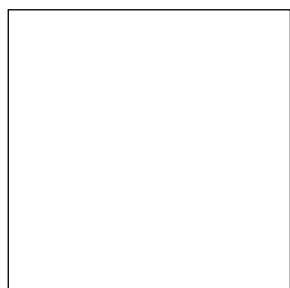
Jimmy Felkel
Undecided

"Yes, I thought it came too early. It was too cold, and I couldn't party."



Cindy Sanders
Psychology

"It was too early. All the other schools are not having their spring break until April, but it makes sense that we have Spring Break and then come back to finals right away."



Julianna Smith
Pre PTA

"Yes, in general it was. It wasn't warm enough, but for me, it was right on time."

Dubya's been coming up with some radical ideas

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

It has been two months since our 43rd president, George W. Bush, took office, and two words have summed up the start of his administration: "Iraq" and "taxes".

Almost as if to finish what his father began ten years ago, the President gave his first executive order on Feb. 16 to bomb many strategically chosen targets around Baghdad, Iraq. Included in these targets were buildings housing radar equipment and other attack-aiding instruments.

This seems to be just Dubya's way of telling the world that he knows where Iraq is.

However, the Bush administration has said that these attacks have been going on for quite some time. In fact, more of these raids have taken place since the one on Feb. 16.

Then, to make good on one of his campaign promises, President Bush unveiled his \$1.6 trillion tax-cut.

The plan, as it is now, includes reducing the number of tax brackets from five to four, thus lowering rates to somewhere between 10 percent and 33 percent and raising the child tax credit from \$500 per child to \$1000 per child.

What does this mean for you? Well, not much. That is unless you file jointly with your spouse, have two kids and make at least \$60,000 a year.

Let's analyze, shall we. According to research conducted by *Newsweek* magazine, a family filing jointly with two kids and a yearly income of \$20,000 will save \$168 under the President's plan. Roughly three weeks worth of groceries, if you are lucky.

If the head of the household is the sole filer and has one child and a yearly income of \$20,000 the savings would be around \$600. Think of it as what you will.

However, the "Bush model family" (the "unless" I described earlier) will save \$1600 on their taxes under the Bush plan.

But, as with all things political, compromise must take place before anything is final.

On March 8, The House of Representatives passed President Bush's tax plan by a vote of 230-198. The bill is now being debated in the split party Senate.

Republican leaders in Congress have said that they plan to have a final draft ready by July 4. So maybe America will have something extra to celebrate this Independence Day.

Whatever you think of Bush's first two months as President, don't be too quick to judge. Many preceding chiefs have run through the opening gates like a rabbit only to turn into a tortoise a quarter of the way through.

Of course, the tortoise did win the race.

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Features

From principal to student

By Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

Jody Puckett, former principal of Armuchee High School, is now a student in the physical therapist assistant program at Floyd College.

"I've always had a passion for learning anything there was to learn about the human body," Puckett said. "I read in the paper that Floyd College offered a physical therapist assistant program. I really, really enjoyed my career in education. I didn't see how you could top that."

Puckett taught biology at Coosa High School for 20 years, starting in 1967. She later served as the assistant principal of

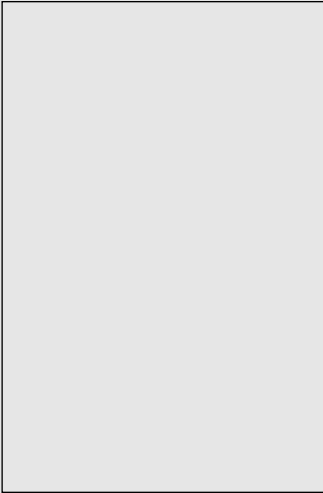
Coosa Middle School. A few years later she was hired as the assistant principal of Coosa High School. In the late 1980s Puckett was appointed principal of Armuchee High School, where she served for seven years.

Puckett said that what appealed to her about a career in physical therapy was that she wanted to try something out of education where she would still be in contact with people and feel like she was providing a service that's helpful to people.

"I just hope this career will be as fulfilling

as my first," Puckett said, smiling.

Puckett will graduate from the two-year physical therapist assistant program in May.



Jody Puckett

What things did the book carry

By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer

The compilation of short stories *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien, is an eye-opening book about the impact of the Vietnam War.

After reading the title story, "The Things They Carried," for an English class, I was pulled in by the harsh reality of the Vietnam War that O'Brien provides. His description of the war is one that grabbed me from the first few paragraphs. The stories are not about the greatness of humanity.

O'Brien's perspective on the war and the stories that follow are not meant to be uplifting. The stories are grim and seem very real. While O'Brien uses his own personal experience as a Vietnam veteran to produce his stories, he does make sure the reader is aware of the line between reality and fiction.

Using a core group of characters, O'Brien vividly illustrates the impact the war had on those involved. One such story is of a young woman who is the picturesque all-American girl. She ar-

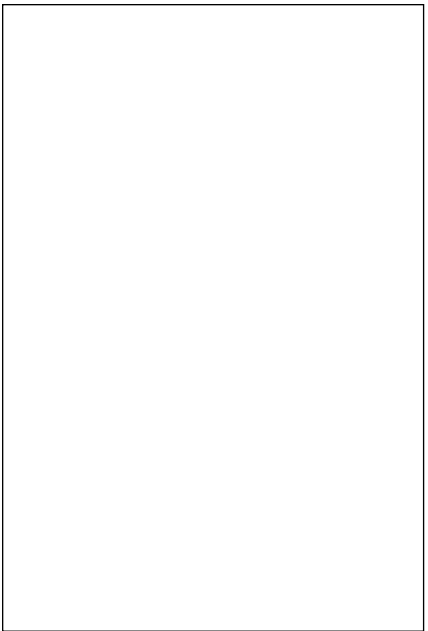
rives in Vietnam to meet her boyfriend through an expensive, elaborate scheme. She soon learns of the awful things about the war, yet she becomes one of those awful things—a killer without a conscience.

This book has a gripping style. Bouncing from story to story, the characters all have some input.

Some live normal lives during and after the war, some are killed in action and some just feel dead emotionally.

These stories have a sense of intrigue and make the reader want more. In a time when the Vietnam War is just a topic in a high school history class, O'Brien allows people to get a feel for the harsh reality of what happened to those who served in the war.

This book allowed me to feel the things that the soldiers felt. From the feeling of loss to a feeling of envying those who were no longer fighting, the stories relay each emotion. The stories are remarkable in the sense that they



do not capture the human spirit of kindness, but still leave the reader with a feeling of respect for those who served.

This book is one that could be read over and over, gaining new appreciation each time. O'Brien does an excellent job conveying the way the war played on emotions.

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Features

Visit the Tutorial Center for help with those tough classes

By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer

Did you know that Floyd College has a tutorial center? The Floyd College Tutorial Center is located in the library.

What exactly is the tutorial center, you might ask? The Center provides free individual help to Floyd College students that may be having difficulties with math, English and/or reading.

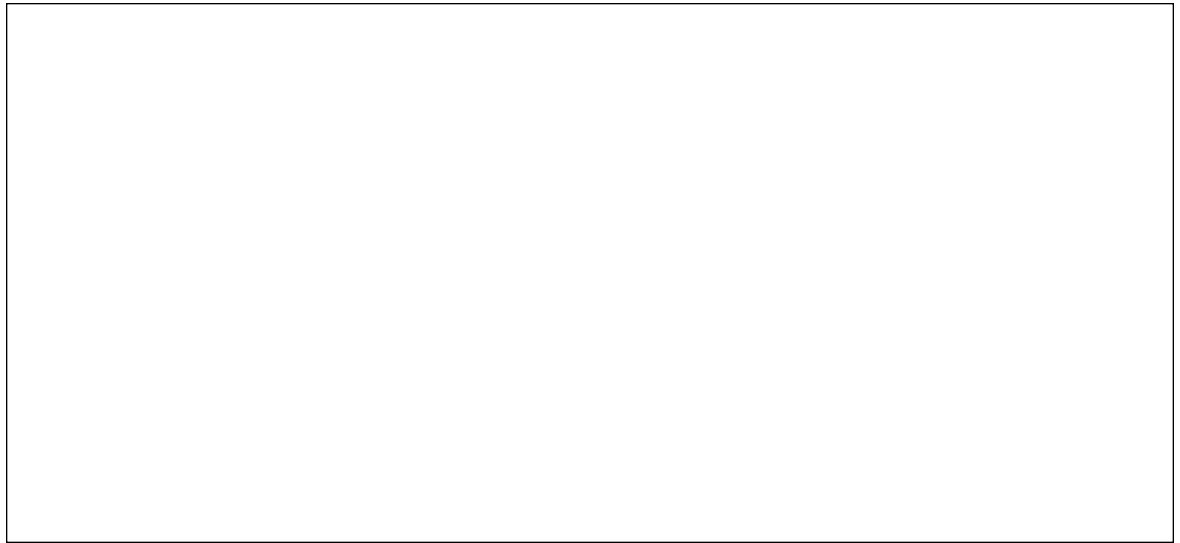
Math tutoring covers all subjects through trigonometry. English covers 0097, 0099 and 1101, but help is also available to students in other higher-level English classes and usually deals

with papers and essays.

The Tutorial Center also provides practice for the Compass exam and Regents' Tests.

Jeanie Cassity directs the Tutorial Center and Kelly Shane and Andy Bemis assist her. Peer tutors include Joy McWhorter, Amit Patel and Shamina Tate.

Central campus Tutorial Center hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday evenings 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings 5:30 to 8:00p.m. North Metro hours are Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3p.m., and Cartersville hours are on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students at the Haralson campus can call the Tutorial Center at 706-295-6371.



Andy Bemis (right), tutorial center assistant, helps student Stacy Bristol. Photo by Crystal Hightower

FCTV stays busy broadcasting educational programs

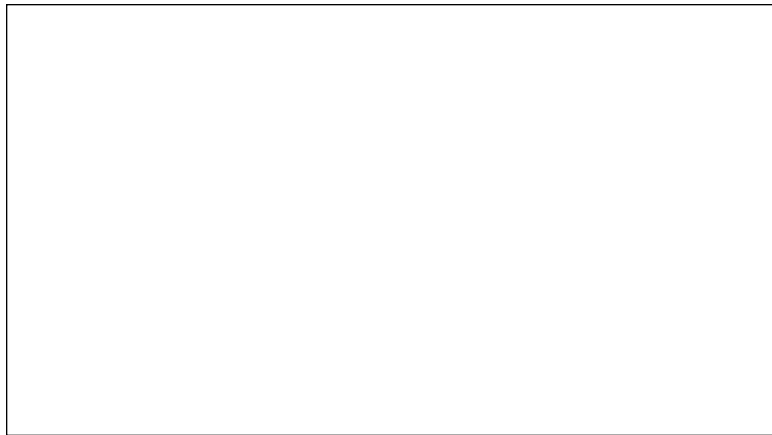


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Jeff Brown (left) and Robbie Nash work behind the scenes.

Mike Parker
Editor

Since fall semester 1994, Floyd College has had its own television station, Floyd College Television (FCTV).

FCTV broadcasts live and re-

corded self-produced college credit classes with Floyd College professors.

Other educational shows are broadcast as well, such as foreign language instruction for children, NASA events and classical performance arts videos.

There are currently four mem-

bers on the staff of FCTV with an occasional student assistant when they can find one.

FCTV is a non-commercial station and is funded by tuition costs and the University System of Georgia.

Carla Patterson, director of extended learning, explains that the station benefits students who do not have the time or means to attend regular scheduled classes.

"We've removed time and place as barriers to a quality education," Patterson says.

Floyd County via Comcast Cable and Polk County via Charter Cable are the two counties in which people are able to watch FCTV.

FCTV is starting a new television program this spring called *YES - The Success Show*. Hosted by Dr. Tim Floyd, chair of learning support, this show will feature student interviews.

Need somewhere on campus to relax?

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

At the main campus, there is a comfy place located right beside the cafeteria and the Student Life Office, the Floyd College solarium.

Here at the solarium can be found a big screen television, a VCR, a number of tables and

chairs and a couch to relax on. The entire room has ample space, and the entertainment center is decorated with awards.

But, even though this sounds like a key hangout spot, most of the time this room lies vacant with not a soul in sight. The majority of other students are either in the game room or in the cafeteria.



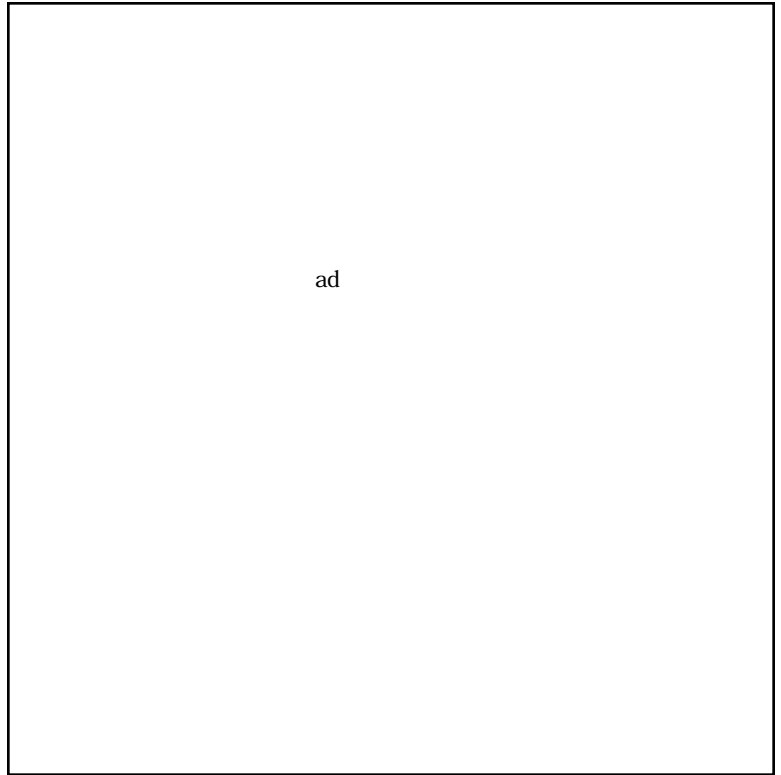
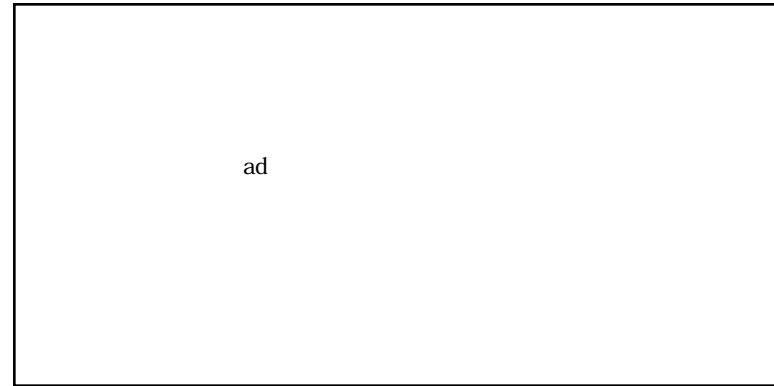
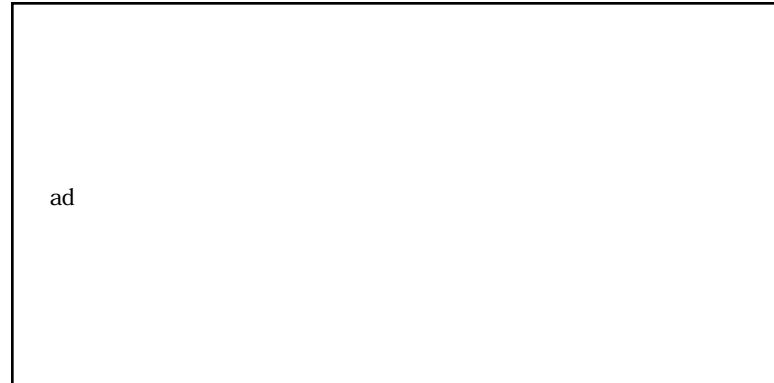
Students relax in Solarium.

Photo by Heather Palmer

To find out more about FCTV go to www.fc.peachnet.edu/extendedlearning/fctv.htm

On the website you can find:

- a broadcast schedule
- a station overview
- a list of staff members



Features

Did you know???

According to *PARADE* magazine, occupations generally requiring an associate degree are projected to grow 31 percent faster than all other jobs requiring other degrees or training over the 1998-2008 period.

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Floyd College Students drink Coca-Cola

Who's ringing those bells?

By Jason Yates
Staff Writer

Ten minutes before the hour, the air around Floyd College's main campus is sometimes filled with the sounds of the carillon chimes from the Tower, the centerpiece of the campus.

Media services coordinator Randall McFry said that the chimes were installed in 1993. Former Floyd College President Dr. Lynn Cundiff had them purchased in March 1993. They were installed one month later. At the time the President's Office was in charge of the programming and playing of the chimes.

By the summer of 2000 problems had developed with the amplifier. Since the President's Office could not fix the problem, it as-

signed responsibility for the chimes to the audio/visual department in fall semester 2000 according to McFry.

McFry said that the reason the chimes play 10 minutes before the hour is just "to add a little to the college environment." The chimes have different themes from popular music to patriotic songs to Christmas carols.

The chimes are outdated electronics and would be very costly to replace, McFry said. He said that the system is very cumbersome and difficult to program and play.

He mentioned that a faculty member complained last month that the chimes were too loud and were interfering with students during a test in the W-Building, but he has never had a student complain about the chimes.

Photo by Heather Palmer

The Bell Tower stands tall in the center of the Rome campus.

Keep an eye out for the next and final edition of the semester of the *Six Mile Post* on April 24.

Entertainment

The Force will be with you-always...

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

Twenty-four years ago, on less than 200 screens across America, a little movie known as *Star Wars* debuted.

Less than a week later, it was the biggest movie of all time, and still is.

Many of you probably are familiar with or at least have heard of the adventures of Luke, Leia and the gang, and their struggle against Darth Vader and the Galactic Empire. But now, the story is expanding, and *Star Wars* will never be the same.

When a new chapter in the *Star Wars* saga was introduced two years ago, talk of Jedi and the Force reigned supreme in pop culture once again, just as it had in 1977. However, that was just the beginning for the future of *Star Wars*.

Now, a new movie is in production, and the hype that accompanied *Episode I: The Phantom Menace* is growing to greater heights.

With *Episode I*, we saw the young Darth Vader, Anakin

Skywalker, leave his mother and accept his destiny as a Jedi Knight. In *Episode II*, Anakin is the teenage apprentice to Obi-Wan Kenobi, learning the ways of the Force and striving to prove the Jedi Council wrong.

Padmé returns as she and Anakin begin to form a relationship. Seems like that "Are you an angel?" line from *The Phantom Menace* worked.

But all is not well in the *Star Wars* universe. Senator Palpatine is now Supreme Chancellor Palpatine and will continue to grow powerful and corrupt until he ultimately becomes the Emperor that we see in *Return of the Jedi*.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Let me give you a rundown of what you can expect to see in *Episode II* when it is released in May 2002.

Generally speaking, this movie will be much darker than *Episode I* for the simple fact that Anakin, now 19, will be slowly but subtly turning to the Dark Side of the Force.

There will be plenty of action along with romance to balance it

out as the connection between Anakin and Padmé grows stronger and a new evil presents itself to the Jedi.

Returning characters such as Jar Jar Binks, Mace Windu, C-3PO and R2-D2 will help move the story along as will Yoda, Chancellor Palpatine and Darth Sidious.

New faces will no doubt inhabit the next installment as we are introduced to characters like Count Dooku, Aurra Sing, and Jango Fett, Boba Fett's father.

Younger versions of familiar faces will appear also since the

movie is to take place 30 years before the events of the first *Star Wars* movie. Of these, Uncle Owen's and Aunt Beru's early days will be captured as well as a very young Boba Fett.

There is no official word from Lucasfilm on what the general story will encompass, but the pictures of filming that have been released look promising.

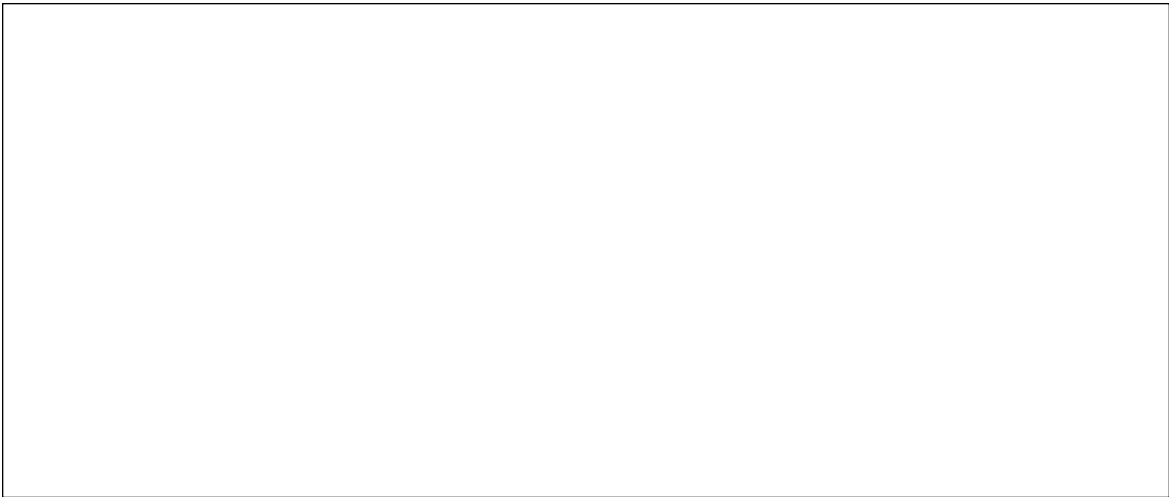
Promising enough to say that *Episode II* could easily surpass *The Phantom Menace* when it comes to story quality.

But wait! That's not all! To fin-

ish both the prequel trilogy and the *Star Wars* saga itself, *Episode III* will be produced and then released in May 2005.

Nothing specific is known about *Episode III* except for the simple fact that Anakin will fully succumb to the Dark Side and transform into the Dark Lord of the Sith that we all love to hate.

So as you can see, *Star Wars* is here to stay. It's amazing that a story that was first introduced to the world 24 years ago is still around today and has a lot more to offer.



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Sports

Basketball team comes out on top

By Heather Palmer
Staff Writer

For the first time, Floyd College and Chattahoochee Tech competed in an extramural basketball game on Saturday, March 17, in the Floyd College gym.

Approximately 30 people showed up to watch.

In the first quarter, Chattahoochee was winning with a score of 24, while Floyd stayed close with a score of 23. Floyd managed to pull ahead, leading by 45 to 40 at the end of the second quarter. At the end of the third quarter Floyd led 66 to 54, and finally Floyd came out victorious, winning the game 85 to 70.

Floyd's team was made up of Brittanica Allen, Chez Ely, Patrick Collum, Matt Nasworthy, Austin Gattenby, Corey Ware, Tico Martin, Brandon Knight and Dre Borders.

Photo by Heather Palmer

Tico Martin looks for an open teammate while being defended.

The Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble

When: April 6, 12:30 p.m.
Where: BEAA golf course
Who: You!

The golf scramble will consist of 18 holes as well as a long-drive competition and a closest-to-the-pin competition. First and second place winners in all competitions will receive prizes. Cost is \$22 if riding and \$12 if walking. If interested in participating please obtain a registration form in either the Office of Student Life or the Office of Physical Education. The deadline to submit the registration form is Thursday, April 5, at 5 p.m., since teams will be constructed that evening.

For further information contact Dr. Ken Weatherman at kweather@mail.fc.peachnet.edu or at 706-295-6353.

Pulp Sports

Sports Commentary

By Mike Parker
Editor

Okay, major league baseball fans, dust off those gloves and get ready to shag some homerun balls and foul balls because spring training is underway right now and the regular season is approaching quickly.

This year's season is as promising as the last few were. I admit, it took a while for baseball to get back on its feet after the strike in 94 but ever since the McGwire-Sosa homerun contest a couple of years ago, baseball is back and better than ever.

So what's new? Well, we all know about Alex Rodriguez transferring to the Texas Rangers and getting that headline deal. And another big trade sent Manny Ramirez to the Boston Red Sox this off-season. Recently, Gary Sheffield's name has popped up in numerous trade deals, but my guess is he will stay a Los Angeles Dodger for the rest of his career.

Of course, there have been many other trades and signings in the league, and there should be quite a few more this pre-season. But enough about all these teams from Boston and New York true Georgians want to hear about their beloved Braves.

After losing out to the New

York Mets in the Division Series, the Braves have made some minor adjustments and are continuing to do so. Remember Reggie Sanders in left field, who probably had the worst year of his life last year? Well, he is gone, and from his numbers put up last year, I don't think he will be missed all that much. But sadly enough, Andres Galarraga is now with the Texas Rangers, and last year's other first baseman, Wally Joyner, declined his option to return.

Everybody else you know and love is still on the team.

Andruw Jones, who makes center field look like a walk in the park, is getting wiser and more experienced at the plate. I look for him to have a break out season in the batter's box.

Our good old trusty third baseman, Chipper Jones, is back too, leaving behind that elbow problem that was nagging him in the post-season. This guy is truly one of the all-time greats even if you are not a Braves fan. What more can you say about the Braves' franchise player?

Infielder Quilvio Veras is back from his injury last year and should help the Braves out this year as will right fielder Brian Jordan.

My personal favorite, Rafael Furcal, the one who impressed the nation with his lightning quick speed and cannon arm, is also

back this year. Did you really think the Braves were gonna give up a kid that is under 20 years old and talented enough to be in the starting lineup in the playoffs? He had an awesome rookie year, and will only get better.

One of the biggest reasons the Braves struggled last year was their pitching. Guys like Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine got the job done, but when Terry Mullholland is expected to go six or seven innings against the Mets, the Braves get in big trouble. Thankfully, John Smoltz is back from surgery, ready to join the rotation and looks to be just fine.

Finally, this "situation" that John Rocker got himself into seems to be over with, but how has it affected his pitching? He never really seemed to have it last year. He hasn't looked too spectacular in spring training either. Hopefully, he can work the kinks out, oil up his parts and go back to the way he used to dominate the ninth inning. If he doesn't, though, Bobby Cox has another closer named Kerry Lightenberg that is ready to get the call.

I look for the Braves to win the NL East again this year and, provided all of the pitching staff stays healthy, we should be watching them in October again. Maybe, just maybe they will get another crack at the Yanks in the World Series.

Floyd College not a rookie when it comes to sports

Jason Yates
Staff Writer

Intramural and extramural sports have a long history at Floyd College and there has even been an attempt to establish intercollegiate sports.

According to David Mathis, lab coordinator for the HPER department, the college began to play intramurals in the early 1970s.

In the mid 1970s Floyd College began to play Dalton College in extramurals (intramurals played between students of two or more colleges) in basketball, flag football and softball. In the late 1980s the interest in extramurals between the two colleges died out.

Dr. Lynn Cundiff, who took the position of Floyd College president in November 1992, looked into the possibility of intercollegiate sports. He appointed a Blue Ribbon Panel of people from the college and the community who studied the issue for a year.

According to Sandy Briscar, public information officer, the idea was dropped because there were no other colleges to compete against.

The college then turned again to extramural sports, hosting a sports festival in April 1996 in which nine two-year colleges competed in men's and women's basketball, tennis, volleyball and bowling.

There were extramural competitions in softball, tennis and basketball in following years.

There were also extramural competitions in golf.

In the past year Floyd College has taken on Chattahoochee Tech, Atlanta Metro and Dalton in basketball.