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Students selected for 'Who's Who' recognition

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"Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" has selected 52 Floyd College students to receive recognition this year.

Faculty and staff nominate students, and the Student Affairs Committee selects the "Who's Who" recipients from the pool of nominees.

The recipients for 2003-2004 are as follows:

Attecka Abdou, Jennifer Lynn Allen, Elizabeth Ard, Vickie J. Beckler, Linda Beuoy, Michael Bo Bowling, Joy L. Cash, William Russell Causey, Tracey Cawthon, Melody S. Connor, Monty Davis, Elizabeth Barbara Edwards, Melinda Fitts, Jennifer Franklin, Josh Grubb, Scotty Eugene Hancock, Aimee L. Harmison.

Jan Marie Hartness, Jesse Hatcher, Mitchell Hewell, Leah Honea, Sandy Gayle House, Julianna S. Hunt, Sonja Johnson, Lillian L. Long, Jessica Lovell.

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Linda Turpin, Elizabeth Wadsworth, Cassandra Watkins, Michael Charles Watson, and Brooke Nicole Worley.

New recycling loan fund developed to assist students in time of financial emergencies

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The Recycling/Emergency Loan Fund (R/ELF) is a new program designed to give students financial help when unexpected emergencies arise.

Money collected in the fund will be loaned out to students who have unexpected economic problems affecting their ability to get an education.

For example, the loan fund might help a student pay for a required textbook or for repairs to a disabled vehicle, according to Dr. Penny Wills, vice president for student development.

Wills said that since it is very hard to define the term "emergency," the amount of help a student gets will be determined on an individual basis.

Wayne Harrison, facilities inventory analyst, coordinates the campus recycling efforts. He expects the program will be a tremendous success and urges students to recycle all they can.

Ink jet cartridges, aluminum

cans, plastic bottles and old cell phones are some of the primary recyclables.

Other materials recycled on campus such as cardboard, leaves for compost, florescent bulbs and old batteries will not bring in money for the R/ELF program.

Any student who recycles at Rome Recycling Center can help the fund by requesting the money received be deposited in the Floyd College account.

If students take their recyclables elsewhere, they can deposit the money at Floyd College.

Wills said, "I very much believe in recycling, and I hope students will share in this enthusiasm."

Wills points out that student participation is crucial for the project to succeed.

Cicely McDaniel, a nursing



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Tom Davis, state worker (left), helps Wayne Harrison, facilities inventory analyst, unload boxes of newspapers at the Rome Recycling Center.

Proposed K-12 curriculum revisions affect Floyd College students

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Georgia's State Board of Education's proposed revisions in the K-12 curriculum will also affect future Floyd College students as well as current students who plan to be public school teachers.

Senior Vice Chancellor Dan Papp of the University System of Georgia stated in a recent memo, "A major revision of the current curriculum could have a substantial impact on the preparation of students entering the University system."

The new curriculum will cover English, reading, math and science.

One of the most controversial issues involved in the curriculum change was the proposal that the

word "evolution" be omitted in science textbooks.

Floyd College associate professor of geology Billy Morris said the proposal was "a ridiculous idea, laughable really, but nonetheless frightening because it was proposed by the leader of our K-12 public education system."

Morris feels that this proposed curriculum revision was even more disturbing since theories with no scientific evidence, such as intelligent design, are being included in public school science classes.

While Georgia's State School Superintendent Cathy Cox finally decided to include reference to "evolution," Morris points out her plan still omits the age of the Earth from the science curriculum.

Another controversy has

erupted over the newly proposed English curriculum.

One of the main issues is the proposed 25-book mandate for ninth grade students.

LaNelle Daniel, professor of English at Floyd College and a member of the Regents Advisory Committee on English, said, "It is a noble endeavor. The question is whether or not it can be implemented without extended preparation on the part of the teachers as well as the students."

Another issue in the new English curriculum is the importance of writing. Daniel said, "Composition would be an integral part of many activities. That is certainly a great idea. Again—the problem is implementation."

Daniel said, "I believe that the people behind this have the purest motives and aspire to great

ideals. They have conceived a plan that is sweeping in scope with very lofty goals." However, she is concerned about the practicality of the proposed curriculum, stating, "I question whether the state has the financial resources or the human resources to implement this plan on a statewide basis in the immediate future."

The State Advisory Committee on English's report to Papp commented that "considerable funding will be needed to reduce class size, increase teachers' salaries and buy books for libraries."

With the fear of the removal of the word "evolution" gone, Morris feels that current students and teachers of the sciences at Floyd College will not be hurt by the curriculum changes. Morris said, "I see no more difficulty ahead for (future) teachers than usual."

Red light cameras at Turner McCall now operational

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When the opportunity presented itself for a \$150,000 federal grant to improve the safety of Rome's traffic, Kirk Milam took it.

Milam, director of public works in Rome, in conjunction with the Rome Police Department, proposed the idea for traffic security cameras nearly four years ago.

According to Milam, information and technology was available for such a project but monetary means were not.

The cameras, manufactured by Redflex Traffic Systems of Scottsboro, Arizona, use sophisticated digital software to film motorists running red lights.

Both video and still shots are sent to a laboratory at the Redflex headquarters in Scottsboro to be reviewed for accuracy.

Film of any possible offenders is then sent to the police station in Rome, where a trained officer reviews the photographs one final time and decides whether or not the motorist in question has indeed run the light.

If so, a \$70 citation is issued by mail to the owner of the offending vehicle.

"The Turner McCall / Hicks Drive intersection was selected for the camera because of its large volume of traffic and significant



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Ted Ylauan, from the California office of Redflex Traffic Systems, installs one of the new traffic cameras at the Turner McCall / Hicks Drive intersection in Rome.

accident history," said Milam. "It's also one of the first intersections entering town, and people don't always slow down."

According to Major Travis Goss of the Rome Police Department, March, which is the first month of operation for the cameras, is a grace period for motorists; only warnings will be issued.

Beginning April 1, citations will be issued.

Initially, 50 to 60 citations a day are expected, Milam noted, but probability shows that once motorists become aware of the camera, the number should de-

cline and hopefully stabilize at less than 20 citations a day.

Motorists can contest their tickets.

However, said Milam, the Redflex cameras film violating vehicles before they enter the intersection during a red light and as they pass under the light; therefore, proof is evident and margin of error is very slim.

Bobby Vann, director of traffic and electric at Rome public works, stated that the cameras were planned to be in operation by the first of the year, but due to some technical difficulties, operation

had to be postponed. Redflex employees installed the system during February.

The cameras only monitor the Turner McCall passage while the light is red.

"That red light cycles approximately 600 times a day. When it does cycle red, somebody always runs it," said Goss.

Both Goss and Milam expressed the need for these cameras to improve traffic safety in intersections.

"The goal is not to get money but to improve safety."

- Kirk Milam, director of public works in Rome

"The goal is to get people to stop running red lights and to reduce accidents. The goal is not to get money but to improve safety," added Milam.

According to the RedFlex web site www.redflex.com.au, 260,000 accidents are caused each year by motorists running red lights, and around 750 of these accidents are fatal.

Rome has a two-year contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, which includes purchase cost of the cameras, installation and two years of maintenance.

After the contract runs out, the cameras are self-sustaining and will not draw additional funds

from the city's budget.

The revenue from citations will fund operation and maintenance.

According to Milam, Georgia State law prohibited the use of such cameras until 2001 and the passage of House Bill 678, which amended Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia.

Though operation is now legal, Georgia law restricts how the revenue is spent.

In addition to maintenance and operation of the cameras, money from the citations will be used for traffic safety expenses.

Revenue can also be used to purchase additional cameras in the future.

"Only one camera is in place in the Rome area as of yet," stated Milam, "but there are a lot of other intersections that could use them."

Savannah has had the Redflex red light camera system since October 2003.

Savannah now shares its software with Rome.

Other locations in Georgia that have similar camera systems include Marietta and Decatur.

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Pell grant money distributed late because of high enrollment

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It has taken longer than usual for students to receive their Pell grant money.

Wayne Jones, Floyd College comptroller, says the grants were sent out last week.

Jones says that the long amount of time it has taken for some to receive their money can be attributed to increased enrollment.

FC student Kelly Griffin claims to have received three different dates to expect her money. This wait has caused Griffin some financial difficulties.

However, Assistant Director of Financial Aid Kelly Gribble says, "No one should be given a specific date because not all checks are sent out at once and no one knows how long they will take to reach your mailbox."

The Financial Aid Office must follow strict federal guidelines, so it cannot release the money until all the mandated information has been gathered.

Attendance and withdrawals must be verified before the money is sent out because there has been a problem in the past with students not attending classes but still receiving their money.

Gribble says, "The checks were only mailed out one week late this year. If students want to avoid getting their money late, they can do their financial aid paperwork early."

Filling out the FAFSA by the priority deadline, which was March 1, would help speed up the process for students.

Jones said, "An increase in enrollment at other local schools like Kennesaw State forced them to cut off enrollment and sent the overflow to FC. This caused many students to apply to Floyd late in the process, which in turn put the financial aid process behind."

Student Crystal Dean, who recently received her check, says, "Money is always tight when you are a full-time student without a job. It would have been extremely helpful with gas money if I had gotten my check earlier."

To the students who desperately need their Pell money, Gribble says, "Some abuse the system and try to get as financial aid to live off of without working. These grants are intended to help students pay for an education."

Anyone with concerns about the financial aid process may direct questions to Gribble at kgribble@floyd.edu.

Program to be deactivated in December

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The American Sign Language Immersion Training Program for Interpreters (ASLITPI) will soon be deactivated due to low enrollment and the high cost of delivering it by distance learning.

The last classes will end in December 2004, with the last certificates awarded in May 2005.

Wendell Barnes, director of ASLITPI, explained that the program began in 1996 and received special funding from the University System of Georgia for the first three years. After those three years, however, the program was plagued by low enrollment and high cost.

Barnes explained that the ASLITPI is designed for those

students that are already fluent in sign language and who wish to obtain an interpreter certificate.

Although the enrollment is down, there are students who wish that the program could continue and are upset about its upcoming end.

One such student, Helen Keys, said, "I have completed ASL I and ASL II but will not be able to complete ASL III because of the deactivation, which means I will not receive my certificate."

Keys expressed these concerns to Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs, who stressed to Keys "that the college had to make the difficult decision of ending the program because of the low enrollment and the high cost." Carson also assured Keys that other interpreter programs are still available through Geor-



Wendell Barnes

gia Perimeter College in Clarkson and at Valdosta State University in Valdosta.

Keys commented that "for students who work full time, it would be difficult to travel all those miles to take and/or complete those programs."

'Project Graduation' returns to FC

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Phi Theta Kappa is participating in an international service program called "Project Graduation." The program is designed to help alleviate hunger and illiteracy by accepting donations of canned food and children's books.

April Radomski, a Phi Theta Kappa member who also works in the Career and Counseling Office, asks students to "please be on the lookout for boxes around the campuses."

These donation boxes will be appearing in the student life center around mid-March.

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Above: Katie Creamer reads "Madam and the Telephone Bill" by Langston Hughes during the Black History Month readings.

Right: Dr. William Mugleston reads from W.E.B DuBois in the student center during the readings on Feb. 23.

Marathon reading of African American works prompts much involvement from students, faculty and staff



Photo by Sam Chapman

Fun Flicks allows students to star in their own movie or music video

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Fun Flicks - Totally Interactive Video will be making its third return appearance at Floyd College's Rome Campus on Tuesday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students may select from a wide variety of scenes, costumes and props to make their own MTV-style lip-sync music video from a catalog of hundreds of popular and classic songs.

Students will also have the chance to make a "mini-movie" with the students starring in the lead role.

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Summer sessions provide a great way to get classes finished quickly

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Maymester and summer schedules allow students the flexibility to take courses and still have time for work or vacations.

Registration for Maymester and summer sessions opened March 1 and will continue through May 6.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible since many classes will fill quickly. Students can register online or on campus in the Advising Office.

Classes are arranged in a variety of ways in order to fit student schedules.

Maymester classes begin May 6 and run until May 26.

According to Marsha Welch, registrar, Maymester has been very popular with students over the last few years.

"It's a great way to finish courses you need in a very short amount of time," said Welch.

All materials must be covered in just two short weeks during Maymester, so, according to Dr. Soumitra Chattopadhyay, chair of math and science, the courses offered are carefully chosen by the faculty.

Due to the intensity, Welch recommends that students take a maximum of two courses during Maymester. Welch said, "This is a great opportunity for students, but they should be very careful to balance their classes, work schedules, home and family demands."

First Session classes, held from June 2 until June 29, and Second Session classes, from July 1 to July

28, run for four weeks each. Often sequences will be held back to back, such as Chemistry I and II or macro and micro economics.

Full Session lasts for eight weeks and is long enough to offer harder math and science courses, such as physics and calculus.

Any combination of Maymester and summer courses can make up a full class load.

According to Chattopadhyay, "Though summer courses may be more intense than those held in the spring and fall, students should definitely consider taking advantage of this opportunity to get ahead in their classes and move towards the completion of their degree."

Jesse Hatcher, undecided major from Rome, took political science from Stan Dawson, part-time political science instructor, last summer during the full session. He attended class on Tuesday and Thursday and felt that there was enough time to complete the required information. Hatcher said, "It was just like a normal class in the spring or fall."

Jina Ford, marketing and management major from Cave Spring, took anatomy and physiology and English 1101 over the Full Session last summer.

Although she thought the anatomy and physiology teacher was wonderful, she didn't feel there was enough time to adequately cover the course material.

She said, "Don't take complex science or math courses! The time span is too compact. But I do recommend taking something simpler, like English."

Travelin' Max to host talent show at this year's Spring Fling

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The main event of this year's annual Spring Fling will be a student talent show sponsored by the Student Engagement Council.

This year's event on the Rome Campus is planned for Monday, April 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard area outside the student center.

The entertainer Travelin' Max will be hosting the talent show as well as performing for the students.

Max is a beach party entertainer who sings, jokes and gets the entire crowd involved.

Students interested in signing up for the talent show can do so in the Office of Student Life.

All sorts of talents are welcome, and John Spranza, director of student life, can provide those who wish to participate with a list of guidelines for the talent acts.

Several inflatable games will be available for the students' enjoyment and a free BBQ lunch will also be provided.

The SEC is still working on the "theme" title for the event.

SMP takes first place

The "Six Mile Post" won first place in the newspaper competition for two-year colleges and second place in feature writing at this year's Southern Regional Press Institute in Savannah.

The competition was based on issues published during the 2003-2004 school year and judged by the staff of the "Savannah Morning News."

Accepting the awards at the recognition luncheon was Sam Chapman, "Six Mile Post" editor.

Other staff members attending were Lindy Dugger, assistant editor, and Ken Caruthers, chief photographer. Adviser Dr. Kristie Kemper and Assistant Adviser, Fred Green also attended.

The theme for the 53rd annual Press Institute, "Media Ethics for the New Century," was brought out during numerous workshops and presentations.

Don R. Hecker of the "New York Times" addressed the opening session, and Dr. Karen Brown Dunlap, president of the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., spoke at the luncheon.

This year's event was held Feb. 26-27 on the campus of Savannah State University.

Welch says goodbye after 14 years at FC



Photo by Josh Grubb

Marsha Welch has answered many student questions from her office over the past 14 years.

Marsha Welch, registrar, will be retiring March 31 after 14 years at Floyd College.

She has worked as the registrar since 1996.

After she retires, she says she would like to travel, babysit, play

bridge, read and have fun.

She also said what she has enjoyed most about her job is the FC family, making contacts within the University System and being able to help guide students in their academic progress.

College participates in emergency preparedness

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Local and state law enforcement and Coosa Valley emergency personnel, including local firefighters, nurses, doctors, public relations personnel and FC security met recently in the Lakeview Building to practice emergency preparedness.

This "Table Top" exercise was the second in a series of meetings to discuss and plan the actions that would be needed to deal with such things as a nuclear, biological or chemical attack in the Northwest Georgia area. This particular meeting focused on a pandemic flu outbreak.

According to Howard Brooks, head of FC security, the meeting participants went through a timeline of the flu spreading from China to the United States to Atlanta over an eight-week period and how the Centers for Disease Control would respond.

Brooks said this or any other large-scale emergency would fall under FEMA and one man, the Crises Site Manager, would be put

in charge over the entire operation.

After being told the scenario, participants divided up into groups to discuss their duties in the emergency.

Each group had to solve its own logistics and personnel problems for the emergency.

Brooks said Floyd College could be one of the places where the CDC could dispatch the National Pharmacy Push Package.

This is a package made up of seven tractor trailer trucks filled with emergency gear for any type of attack.

"For this reason all FC security personal are trained at the Rome campus to be able to assist FEMA and the CDC," Brooks said.

Floyd College has its own communication system, including 15 radios, central antenna and a generator in case of loss of power.

Brooks said the CDC could have the trucks deployed to anywhere in the nation in 48 hours.

The third "Table Top" meeting will consist of the supervisors from each department, and they will participate in a walk-through of a real emergency.

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In his 2.4 trillion dollar budget for 2004, President Bush proposed increases in military spending by 7 percent and domestic security spending by 10 percent.

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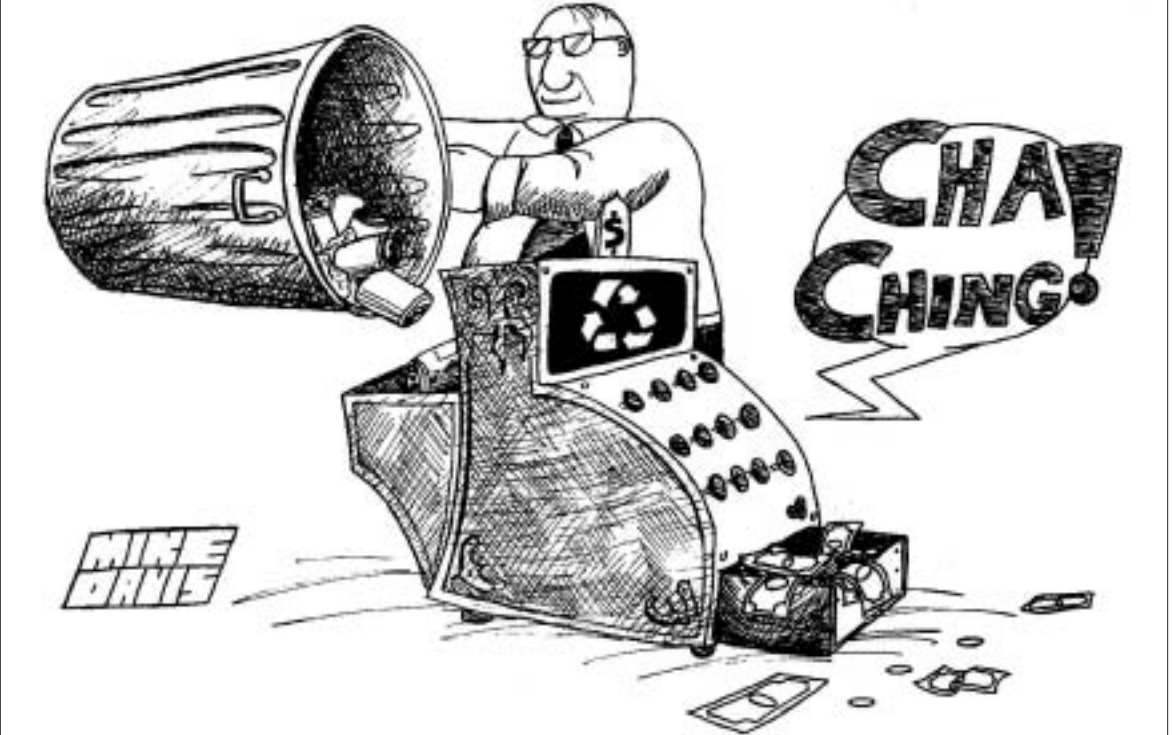
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You have to give to receive

Once again everyone is hearing about all of the State budget cuts that continually affect our daily lives.

The State wants to cut out school programs such as music and art that in many cases are just as important to some students as the academic classes.

These classes allow a venue for student expression and in many instances, help students in their academic classes as well. For example, those involved in music classes have been shown to do better in their math classes.

Along with dropping these classes from the curriculum, there is also talk of increasing the academic load in the schools. Included in this is the thought of no longer having a technical program in the high schools.

This could be very dangerous because there are those people who are just not academically inclined and have no intentions of



Editor's Box
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going to college. Technical programs provide them many opportunities such as job placement programs and experience that allow them to get the job they desire.

Without these programs there would undoubtedly be an increased number of dropouts and fail outs in our school systems.

People everywhere are always complaining about tax increases, but if something is not done, there will be no money left to fund these very important programs for our next generation.

Sure, it is nice to have low taxes, but we can't let our future suffer because we don't want to

give a few extra dollars to help Georgia's students. The State does a lot of wonderful things, like the HOPE scholarship, but we can't expect our government officials to run the state as we would like it to be run without offering any help.

There are many elections coming up this year in the fall, and it is in our best interest now to address these curriculum changes for future generations.

So, the next time that you hear a candidate say "no new taxes," think before you vote and ask yourself what you are giving up in return.

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Through My Eyes

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An epiphany occurs when a person's consciousness is expanded from the realization and understanding of a new concept that changes one's thought processes forever.

A movie I saw recently had this very effect on me. The movie was the "Butterfly Effect," starring Ashton Kutcher. The director uses deep and disturbing material to instill the underlying concept into the consciousness of the viewer.

In the movie, the main character has the power to go back into time to change his actions and turn the future into a different outcome.

The interesting part was that he had no control over the resulting outcome. Each trip led to a new reality with some good and some bad effects resulting from his new actions and decisions.

Everyone has events that they would like to go back and change so that the future result would be a different outcome.

After watching this movie, I drove home deep in thought about my own past actions, what I could have done differently and how it would have affected my future.

If I hadn't dropped out of school years ago, I could have a high paying job, a nice house and a fancy car. If I had been there for my brother more during his troubled times, maybe we would have more of a relationship right now. If I had appreciated my one true love more, she might not have slipped through my fingers and married someone else.

On the other hand, just as the movie points out, different actions don't always turn the end results into something more favorable.

If I had made the changes in the past that I just spoke about, I could very well hate my job or be divorced with two kids and high child support payments.

Events, past and present, help mold us into who we are. It is common sense that every action causes a reaction. What we are not being taught is that we might not see the lasting effects of our actions for many years to come.

The message is that we have the power, through our current actions, to change and control feelings from past decisions as well

as shape and control the future.

This universal truth is even stated in a well-known quotation: "God grant me the ability to ac-

"Everyone has events that they would like to go back and change..."

cept what I can not change, the courage to change what I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Like many people, I carry the heavy burden of past poor decisions through negative thoughts and feelings. No more. I can't change the past. I can't get lost years or lost loves back, but I can change my feelings about those events.

I am now working on things I can change. I am back in school, and I am working on my new relationship with my brother. I am proud to say, slowly but surely, we are becoming closer.

I know this is not an easy concept. Most people would rather not think about the past or look to the future. It takes courage to change. All they have to focus on is the long-term positive effect of new current actions.

Sometimes, people don't take these actions because they can't see how small baby steps, taken day after day, will propel them towards success. They are also afraid of failure. Don't be. I say fail your way to success. I once tried to quit smoking and failed. I tried again and failed. I tried over a hundred times and failed. But you know what, I eventually succeeded. I failed my way to success.

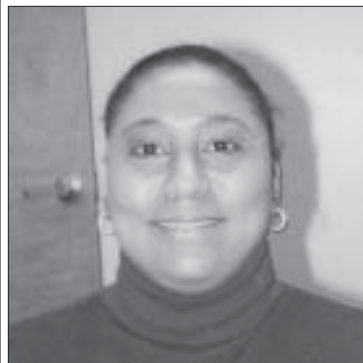
This process can be used with any relationship, problem or goal. The secret is to find a strong trigger, emotional or physical, to help get started.

We all have the power, through our current daily actions, to reshape negative feeling or change the outcome of past events as well as use these same actions to help shape and control our futures.

The benefits that come from the peace of mind from doing so will be priceless. All we have to do is have the courage to get started.

SIX MILE POLL

Is it a good idea for the state of Georgia to save money by removing art and music programs from the schools? Why or why not?



Johnnie Benson
Cartersville Campus
Nursing Major

"No. The music program that school systems provide for our children is priceless. It has been proven that playing music to an infant stimulates their intellectual development."



Jay Scott
Cartersville Campus
Business Major

"Personally I don't believe it's a good idea to remove arts from schools. Most schools draw more students and more money by offering performing arts to students."



Briar Evans
Cartersville Campus
Nursing Major

"No. It is proven that the more extracurricular activities that a student is involved in, the least likely that person is to be involved with drugs."



Debbi Clay
Cartersville Campus
Business Management Major

"No. These programs provide more balance to the students' curriculum. It adds a measure of culture to their education."



Kim Mathison
Cartersville Campus
Undeclared Major

"No. I believe this gives them a broader view in the end. It's not always about math and science. I think it makes them round."



Trevor Burwell
Cartersville Campus
Undeclared Major

"I feel this is a horrible idea. It's my experience that the youth of today use art and music as their gateway to the world and to express themselves."

Online SIX MILE POLL Results

"Are you in favor of the cloning of human cells for medical research?"

YES - 51%
NO - 49%

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Today heading out to my car after class, I was almost hit by a pickup truck. The driver was looking right at me and kept right on driving. I was surprised that the driver didn't slow down at all. I was shaken to be honest.

I have not seen any signs or painted crosswalks around the Rome campus parking lot. This is

a vital safety issue. Drivers need to be aware of people walking to and from the parking lots. Pedestrians need to be aware of enrolling at Floyd College; we will have more and more drivers.

Let's make an effort to look out for each other!

Belinda S. Hughes
Business Major
Rome, Georgia

Preacher and painter—that's Frank Murphy

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"Seeing the lights come on when they (the students) realize that God has called them for a purpose. When they realize that, it is exciting."

This is what campus minister Frank Murphy said is the most rewarding part of being a minister.

Murphy had been a youth minister in Rome for 18 years before becoming the campus minister at Floyd and Berry Colleges.

The chance for Murphy to be a college minister came about when the search committee he was on approached him with the opportunity. Murphy said that he had wanted to work in the college student ministry so that he could have the chance to work with a more mature group of students.

This also opened the door for Murphy to pursue another passion in his life, art.

Because the job was only part time, he was able to focus more on his art, which would also be important to him financially. Murphy said that he has been a practicing artist, "not a professional artist," for 25 years.

Murphy stated that he became interested in art as a child when his favorite subject matter was

cowboys. As he grew older, he began to draw many different kinds of people.

He didn't start painting until after he graduated from college, where he had originally been an art major. However, he graduated with a degree in physical education because the school that he attended did not focus on the realistic style of art that he was interested in.

Murphy draws some of his artistic inspiration from artists like Rembrandt and Michelangelo. "Rembrandt's use of light and dark wow's me," said Murphy. "When I go to art galleries it makes me want to paint. When I see a Rembrandt it makes me want to quit." Murphy said that he is amazed at Michelangelo's knowledge of anatomy in the time that he lived but is more impressed with his sculpture than his paintings.

The influence of Rembrandt is evident in Murphy's painting "Ruth and Boaz" that can be seen hanging in the Office of Student Life.

The painting is a depiction of the biblical story where Ruth lies at the feet of Boaz and he admits his kinsmanship to her and marries her to fulfill his duty. Murphy uses a lamp as the sole source of light in this painting, illuminating the faces of Ruth and Boaz while other details fade into the darkness. And like Rembrandt, Murphy's paintings often have a story to tell.



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Frank Murphy

Working to get an education

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Floyd College has a wide variety of students with a wide variety of jobs. In one class you could be sitting next to a police officer, a chef, a homemaker, a real estate appraiser or a bartender.

Some students choose to devote their time completely to their studies and the occasional party, while other students must balance classes and a career.

Nicole Marion, a political science major from Bayshore, N.Y., is a police officer for the city of Rome.

Marion is out in the community fulfilling her dream. "It is what I have always wanted to do. I like helping people and enforcing the law," she said.

While this is her dream job, being a student adds to her stress level. "I do the best I can," Marion said. "It's difficult. Some days I have to miss school because of

court or I have to leave class early...but it's worth it."

For some people balancing work and school is not as difficult.

For Christina Kurimski, work and school go together very well. Kurimski, a middle education major from Cedartown, is a supply specialist and truck driver for the United States Army Reserve. She says, "It is not hard to juggle both since my military obligation is only one weekend per month and two weeks per year." This also leaves plenty of time for Kurimski to take care of her children, ages four, eight and 10.

Being on active duty was exciting for Kurimski, who now sees much less action. The reserves work in an equally exciting way during war, and "have great education opportunities if the person is able to use them right away." While some loathe leaving their covers in the morning, Kurimski says, "I love my job. It gives me pride in myself and my country."



Nicole Marion



Christina Kurimski

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College is a mother and son act for Lisa and Eric

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Lisa Worley and Eric Worley are individually typical Floyd College students. Both are studious, hard working and serious about being successful. But Lisa and Eric have more than that in common. They are mother and son.

Eric, the youngest of Lisa's three children, graduated from Adairsville High School in 2002 and played football for the University of North Alabama last year. After a year of football, frat parties, dorm life and other distractions, Eric decided it was time to reevaluate his educational and career goals.

He switched his focus from athletic to academic and decided that Floyd College was better suited to his academic and career needs.

A General Studies major, Eric will be transferring to Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta next fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Eric currently works for Larry Dixon Construction and plans to continue construction design after graduation.

"I wish that I had come to Floyd College to begin with because there aren't so many distractions. UNA was kind of a shock. I think everyone should live at home the first few years. It's just so much easier, and you don't have other hassles," asserts Eric. "Floyd was just the right fit for me."

When Eric left home last year, Lisa began to reevaluate what she wanted to do with the rest of her

life. Like many other women, she married soon after high school graduation and since then has been a devoted wife and mother for the past 23 years. She and her husband own a family restaurant, Old Hickory House, in Calhoun, but Lisa decided that the timing was right to pursue her own dream of becoming a nurse.

Last year she enrolled in and attended Coosa Valley Tech, taking prerequisite courses for the LPN program, but realized that her career goals exceeded the scope of the LPN licensure and made the logical progression to Floyd College to obtain her RN licensure. She hopes to enter the clinical sequence this fall, and after graduation plans to transfer to a BSN program to specialize in cardiac care.

Lisa says that she and Eric have always been very close and that she is very proud of him. She is happy to have him back at home but admits that she had not planned for them to be at the same school at the same time.

According to Lisa, Eric has always been very independent and is so smart, especially in math, and sometimes they study together or, rather, simultaneously. However, she says that she is more methodical and consistent about



Photo by Ken Caruthers

Lisa and Eric Worley share time by the Floyd College lake

daily study habits and Eric's learning style is more cramming before tests, which seems to work well for him.

Lisa's biggest support and greatest encouragement comes from Eric. He says, "I think it's great that she's going to school. Some people ask me if it's weird, and I tell them not at all. I'm proud of her for going back to school after being out so long. It was a brave thing to do. She's really smart and can do anything she wants to do. I think it's great that she wants to do it."

"The best part of going to school with Eric is that we get to spend more quality time together and it has brought us closer together," Lisa said. Both mother and son agree that Floyd College is the right fit for both of their academic needs and career goals.

Lisa and Eric Worley, mother and son, a traditional and a non-traditional student, both enriching their lives with Floyd College.

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Dr. Davis retiring but plans to return to FC to teach part-time

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Margaret S. Davis, professor of mathematics, will be retiring this May after teaching for 36 years, 33 of which were at Floyd College.

After receiving her B.S. in Math and Education from Jacksonville State University, Davis began her teaching career at Cherokee County High School in Alabama in 1968.

After teaching for a year, Davis went back to school and received her M.S. in Mathematics from the University of Alabama. After receiving her masters Davis taught at Trion High School for two years before coming to FC in 1971.

While at FC, Davis drove to the University of Alabama Birmingham at least two days a week for many years to receive her Ph. D. in 1995 in biostatistics in which she wrote over 120 computer programs.

During her teaching career she has been published in JADA in March 1995, named to Who's Who

Among Teachers in America in 1996, won the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award and the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty award.

Since Davis has been at FC, she has taught every math subject that has been offered and has witnessed numerous changes in the school and the students.

As for the school, Davis has seen a huge change in technologies and in resources for disabled students. "In 1971 nobody who was disabled would come to FC, but now there are more opportunities for disabled students," said Davis.

Davis has also seen FC go from teaching two-year programs to offering some four-year programs from the State University of West Georgia and Southern Polytechnic State University. Davis said, "I'm really excited about the four-year programs and would like to see more four-year programs offered at FC."

For the students, Davis notes how in the 70's the college saw many veterans from the Vietnam War and in 80's everybody seemed to want to get a degree in business.

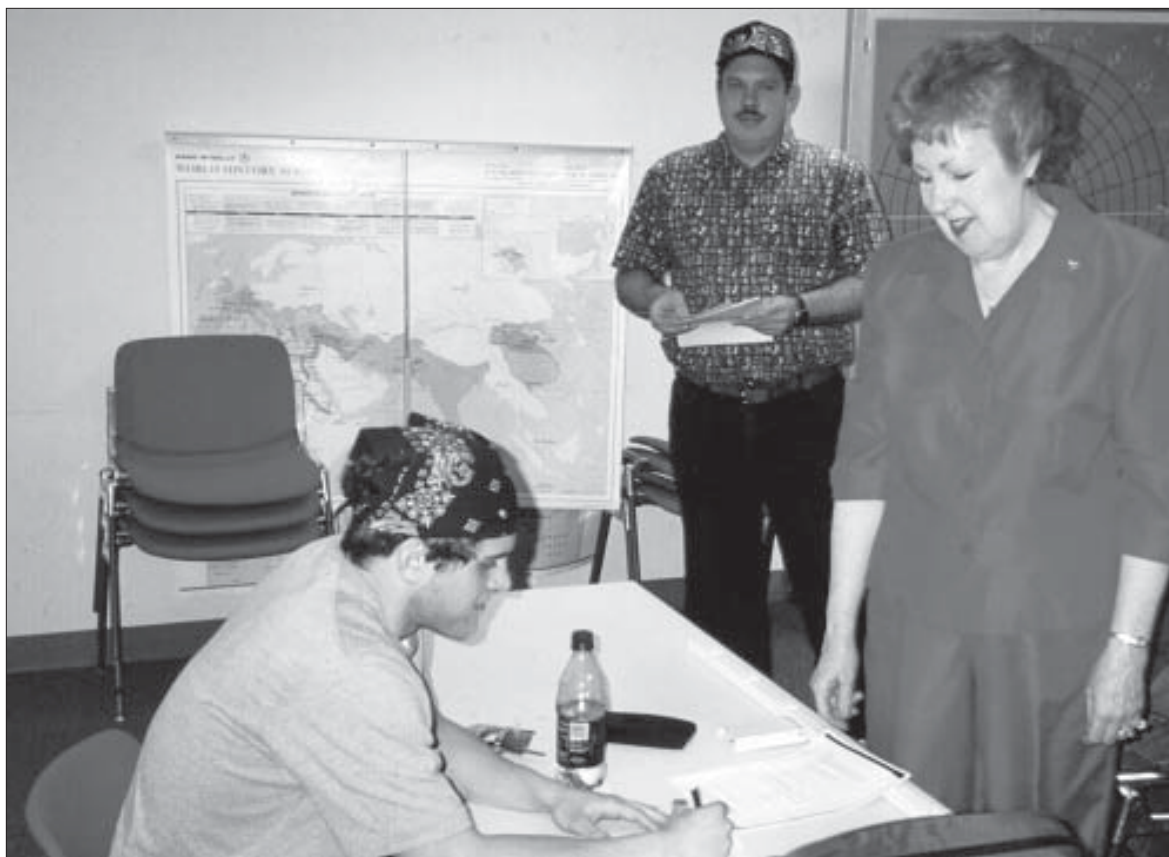


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Dr. Margaret Davis answers a question from student Chris Cox (left) in her Calculus IV class as Jonathan Jarrel looks on.

Since the early 90's, Davis has noticed that many students have turned to "helping" degrees like teaching and nursing.

When asked what she will miss the most about teaching

Davis said, "I'll miss my friends that teach here the most."

For the future of the math department Brent Griffin will take over Davis' role as math coordinator.

As for the future for Davis, she doesn't plan to be away from teaching for too long. She is planning on retiring and then returning to FC to teach part-time in the fall after taking the summer off.

A feast for the senses



The Joy of Not Cooking

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The first thing that comes to mind when you see the word "fast food" is without a doubt a burger joint: greasy, fatty food with little or no texture or taste contrast, rammed down the throat with a super-size sugar rush.

Well, Panera Bread Company is here to tell you that your quick meal doesn't have to be like that at all. Newly opened in the River Bend Shopping Center in Rome, Panera is a great example of good food fast.

Panera offers a vast selection of delicious sandwiches on fresh baked bread, hearty soups in their famous sourdough bread bowls

and tasty and satisfying salads.

If you find that everything looks too good to choose, Panera offers a "you pick two" option, where you can choose from a variety of half-sandwiches, soups and salads for around six dollars.

A prime example of that combination would be half a Smokehouse Turkey Panini, an earthy combination of smoked turkey breast, smoked cheddar cheese and smokehouse bacon with a dried tomato-ale mustard grilled on Panera's special Artisan Three-Cheese Bread, served with a bowl of French onion soup: a flavorful soup made with sweet onions—caramelized and simmered in beef broth.

A trip to Panera would simply not be complete without some fresh baked goods. You can purchase rounds of sourdough, flats of herbed focaccia and baguettes of crusty French bread.

Panera provides a feast for the senses. The restaurant's warm décor and fireplace comfort the eye, the scent of bread and coffee call to you from the moment you enter and the tastes leave you feeling satisfied.



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GHSA state tourney benefits FC

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Crowds flocked to the Floyd College gym Feb. 27 - 28 and March 1 to cheer on their teams in the GHSA Class A State basketball tournament.

Hosting the annual Christmas and State high school basketball tournaments is a win-win situation for Floyd College.

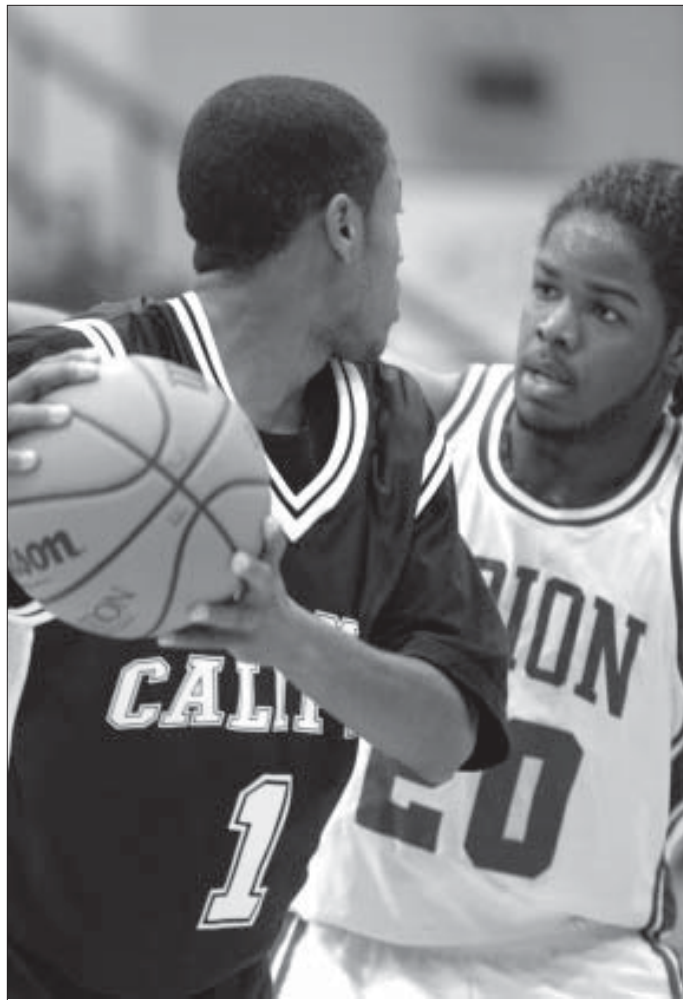
"The tournaments are like a two fold for Floyd College," said David Mathis, director of the tournaments and FC intramural coordinator. Not only is hosting the tournaments a way to recruit high school students, but the funds from the tournaments are donated to the Floyd College Foundation.

Each year the college's part of the proceeds from the tournament is contracted at one set price. This year the set price is 20 percent of ticket sales.

The money Floyd College receives from ticket revenue goes towards general scholarships for non-traditional students.

The Floyd College Non-traditional Scholarship is awarded bi-annually. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be 25 years of age before Aug. 1 and must also have a GPA of 3.0 or greater.

Scholarship recipients are required to work as program volunteers under Judy Taylor, advancement officer at Floyd College, at least eight hours during the basketball tournaments to show appreciation for the scholarships



ABOVE: George McCutchins of Trion (right) guards Mikal Abdullah of M.D. Mohammed. TOP RIGHT: Tamekia Vinson of Social Circle (left) and Beth Turner of Bowdon go for the ball. BOTTOM RIGHT: Sterling Brown of Landmark Christian reacts after missing a shot.



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Sloppy Joes just can't catch a break as intramural play continues

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The Sloppy Joes just can't seem to clinch another victory.

They faced the Dream Team Part II in the first game on Feb. 24. Throughout the game they showed signs of giving up, but they still managed to keep the game close in the end, holding the Dream Team II's Charles Hill to only 11 points.

Hill, a computer major, said, "The only reason I scored 11 points was because I was in a car wreck and injured my shooting hand." The Sloppy Joes didn't buy that excuse. They said they just kept Hill from scoring his usual.

Hill's teammate Dayne Styles, physical therapist major, added, "The team isn't playing like we used to, but when playoffs come we will play better." Styles scored 13 points.

Leading scorers for the Sloppy Joes were Travis Harris with 8 points and Mack Rolling and Stephen Mink with 7 each.

Dream Team Part II captured their fourth victory over the Sloppy Joes, 31-25.

Following that game the Pacers took on the Sloppy Joes.

Although the Sloppy Joes are on a losing streak, they still continue to put up a fight. Neal Ragsdale, the key player for the Sloppy Joes, tried to keep his team in the game, but his effort wasn't good enough.

The Pacers were just too much for them and appeared to be somewhat in shape. The Pacers outran every team on the court and played extremely well together.

At the half the score was 21-20.

Ragsdale, a physical education major, said, "We can't win; we always find a way to beat ourselves. It is really aggravating."

Brandon Buford, red hot player for the Pacers, had 25 and teammate Ric Osbourne contributed 10.

As for the Sloppy Joes, Mink had 11 and Harris had 14.

The final score was 39-46 with the Pacers taking home the "W".

Standings as of March 2
 Pacers 5-1
 Dream Team Part II 4-4
 Sloppy Joes 2-6

they receive.

"The amount of money that Floyd College receives depends on

how successful the local teams are, the more local teams the better the turn out," said Karen Porter, vice president of finance and administration.

To help keep the cost of hosting the basketball tournaments down, Floyd College faculty and staff volunteer to help with the events.

In the past, the Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Club sponsored the concession area. Now the teams' booster clubs run concessions. All the money each club receives goes to that particular club. According to Mathis, each booster club will rotate sponsors in the concession area to make it fair for each club.



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College offers free fitness lab

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Touching All Bases

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A few weeks ago, I finally decided that I need to start exercising.

I know that exercise will make me feel better and will benefit my health in the long run, but as an average college student I had to ask two questions.

The first question was when will I have time? This question often arises, but I always find the time for things that are important.

The second, more pressing question was how much will it cost? College students are not always known for making much money or saving, so this was a potential stumbling block in my quest for fitness.

I decided to call the local YMCA to answer that question. I was told that I could get a 3 month student membership for \$80 or I could sign up for a one year membership for \$325.

Those may not be outrageous prices to some, but to me that is more than I have to spend. It is already very expensive to be me without the addition of another bill.

Defeated by my empty pockets, I suddenly remembered that my brother had a weight bench in our storage shed.

Unfortunately, the bench is seemingly intended for very short people. I have no problem at all with short people, but they can keep their exercise equipment because it is not going to help me at all.

Also, I had better not risk bumping anything against the new wallpaper in my family's den. I know I am supposed to be careful while exercising, but accidents will happen and, as my second question insinuates, I cannot afford to be run out of my house.

A friend having the same dilemma showed me the weight room at a local college, and it was not very impressive to me at all. I guess private colleges only update their weight rooms every other decade. I quickly decided that I needed a different option.

Finally, I found my last glimmering ray of hope. I remembered the Floyd College fitness lab which I visited when I took PHED 1010.

The fitness lab had everything I needed: weights, exercise machines and treadmills. It also answered my two questions because

I have plenty of spare time on campus and the fitness lab is free for all students, staff, faculty and alumni.

I realize that people who know more about exercise equipment than I do probably think that places like the YMCA are better, but I doubt they can find enough superior equipment to justify spending \$325.

The FC fitness lab is accessible, it has nice equipment and, more importantly, it is free if you have a student ID.

Also, the fitness lab is open Monday through Friday, allowing students to plan a five-day workout routine.

My only problem now is that I am out of excuses. This semester is the perfect time to keep up my exercise plan so I will not wear myself out riding my bicycle around the West Georgia campus next fall.

I highly recommend the fitness lab to all students, especially those of us who do not want to spend our pizza money at the YMCA.

25th annual golf scramble open to current, former students and faculty/staff

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The 25th annual Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble will be held at the BEAA golf course on Friday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m.

"The tournament is named after Dr. Wesley Walraven, Floyd College's first academic vice president. Dr. Walraven was an avid golfer and supporter of FC students," said Dr. Ken Weatherman, the tournament's administrator and professor of physical education.

The tournament is open to all current and former students, faculty and staff, and has an entry fee of \$12.50 to walk or \$21 to ride. Fees are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

The tournament has a four-man scramble format, meaning only the best shot off the tee will be counted, allowing novice golfers to compete.

Once the best shot is determined, each team member will get one shot from that point.

The team continues in this fashion until one of the team's members "hole out."

Teams will be constructed with a mixture of students, faculty and staff by Weatherman in an attempt to form evenly matched teams. Participants can only sign up individually, not as teams.

First and second place teams, the player with the longest drive and the player whose shot is closest to the hole receive prizes.

"Prizes are items of golf equip-

ment, like balls, gloves, tees, umbrellas and utilities. They are bought from a budget, so the tournament fees represent only the cost of our golfers playing at BEAA," Weatherman said.

The BEAA golf course is located approximately three miles from the Floyd College Campus in Rome on Eden Valley Road. From the Rome Campus, drive north towards Rome until you reach the second traffic light. Turn right and go across the railroad tracks. The first driveway to the left is BEAA.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Walraven Golf Scramble or wanting to sign up for the event can contact Weatherman at kweather@floyd.edu.



File Photo

Dr. Ken Weatherman lines up his putt during last year's tournament.

Intramural Basketball Team Roster

Sloppy Joes

Mack Rolling
 Stephen Mink
 Neal Ragsdale
 Andrew Flores
 Sterling Peace
 Travis Harris

Pacers

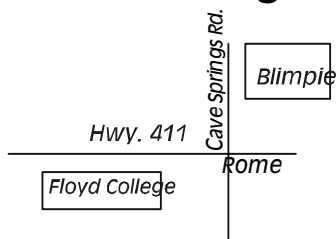
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Jonathan Twilley (left) deals blackjack to student Charles Hill.

Students gamble for prizes at the 'Psychedelic Casino'

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At the "Psychedelic Casino" in the Lakeview building on Wed., Feb. 18, students listened to the sweet sound of Jimi Hendrix while

gambling for prizes. Stephen Mansfield, a general studies major, said, "It's better than nothing, too bad it ain't real money." Mitchell Hewell, a physical education major said, "I never thought I would do so good in poker. Now, I am ready for Vegas."

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Márquez's novel creates a 'land of mystery'

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Book Review

"One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel García Márquez is a delicate blend of whimsy drama, passion and humor.

This story, probably García Márquez's most famous work, follows the lives, loves and tragedies of the Buendía family. The story's timeline spans six generations and over one hundred years in the make-believe town of Macondo.

Jose Arcadio Buendía and his wife, Ursula, founded the town of Macondo after getting lost on a trek towards the sea. Macondo began as a wonderful settlement, filled with the songs of thousands of caged birds, where everyone was under 30 and no one had ever died. Together Buendía and his wife have three children, Aureliano Buendía, José Arcadio and Amaranta. They and their descendants occupy the town.

The characters throughout the

novel all share similar names. Márquez illustrates that even though time passes, reality repeats itself. Aureliano has 18 sons named Aureliano with 18 different women. García Márquez never makes any special attempt to distinguish the same-named characters. By doing this he shows that everyone in this family is one-and-the-same while appearing extremely different in character.

García Márquez's female characters are all written beautifully.

Ursula helps found the town, raise a very extended family and maintains a house for over 100 years.

Amaranta never marries, survives horrible burns and carries on a secret love affair with her nephew.

Remedios the Beauty, who contains more grace and power in her body than any human should, magically transcends up into heaven after being bored by the world.

Pilar Ternera, a mother and the town prostitute, is a clairvoyant that predicts many ways to

help the Buendía family.

Many incredible and "magic" events take place in "One Hundred Years of Solitude." Ghosts, gypsies, scientists and strange storms add to the miraculous plot of this novel. At times the content does get risqué describing intimate encounters among many couples, including incest, bestiality and a Catholic priest with a preference for young men. If one looks past the grim lives lived by these characters, one will see a truly compelling story.

William Kennedy of "The New York Times," said that "One Hundred Years of Solitude," is the first piece of literature since the Book of Genesis that should be required reading for the entire human race."

The novel seems to pick up after the Book of Genesis, in Macondo, and go from there with bizarre twists and turns. Through all of the loves, wars, sacrifices, desire and death experienced by the Buendía family, García Márquez constructs an amazing land of mystery and enchantment.

'Brazil' takes the viewer on an adventurous journey that puts the film in a class of its own

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Movie Review

"Brazil" is a dark dystopian odyssey that is quite possibly the most controversial film of our time.

Director Terry Gilliam ("Time Bandits," "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"), takes his viewers on a dark yet comedic adventure through an Orwellian society in which the main character Sam, played by Jonathan Pryce ("Pirates Of The Caribbean"), hopelessly struggles to overcome conformity.

The beautiful sets, costumes and props provide a wonderful

sense of atmosphere, putting the film in class all its own. The soundtrack is as colorful and epic as the movie itself.

I recommend purchasing the three-disc DVD Criterion Edition of the film that contains a documentary by film critic Jack Mathews that explores the "Battle of Brazil," which chronicles the making of the film and Gilliam's own battle with the studio to keep his film in its original version.

Overall, I really enjoyed this movie. Hollywood just doesn't produce them like they used to.

This film is rated R for violence and sexual content.

I give "Brazil" on DVD 5 out of 5.

For more info on "Brazil" or Terry Gilliam, check out www.imdb.com.

Movie scores a 'perfect' 2

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A motley group of teenagers decide to steal answers to the SAT.

Directed by Bryan Robbins ("Varsity Blues") and starring Scarlett Johansson ("Lost in Translation"), "The Perfect Score" tries to pay homage to films such as "Saint Elmo's Fire" and "The Breakfast Club". Unfortunately, it was a failed attempt.

The film is filled with stereotypes aimed at teenage audiences.

A cheesy script complements the generic and predictable plot. Not only was the acting robotic but the transition between scenes was choppy. I lost interest halfway through the film.

To top it off, the ending of the movie felt like a Disney after school special, jam packed with politically correct morals.

Why Hollywood keeps producing mindless drivel remains a mystery to me. The whole film seems like a marketing ploy.

Overall, I really disliked this film. I felt like I wasted two hours of my life. If you get a chance to go to the movies sometime soon, I would recommend passing this one up. I give "The Perfect Score" a less than perfect 2 out of 5.



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