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News Briefs

SMP online receives national recognition

The *Six Mile Post* was selected as a finalist for the Online Pacemaker Award. The award, given by the Associated Collegiate Press, recognizes achievement in online college publishing.

The announcement was made in New Orleans, at the National College Media Convention held on Oct. 27.

Six Mile Post Editor-in-Chief Jesse Bishop said, "I think this is really a great achievement. Our staff works really hard to make the *SMP* a good publication, both in print and online."

Online Assistant Editor Charles Swearingner said, "It is great honor for the entire staff."

Students can access the online version of the *SMP* by keying in the URL www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost.

Other publications in the finalist category were *The Red and Black*, UGA's online paper, and *The Emory Wheel*, the online paper of Emory University.

Can-a-thon in progress

The 11 Alive Can-a-thon is being sponsored at Floyd College by the Employee Ambassadors. The collection will run through Dec. 6, and all food collected will be taken to the Forum on Dec. 7.

The food will be distributed around Rome, through the Salvation Army. Linda Dyer, secretary of student development, and Cheryl Baker, secretary of finance and administration, are heading up the drive.

Dyer said eight teams were formed to push the collection. The team that collects the most food will receive a small reception and a plaque.

"We just want to make it fun and help people out at the same time," Dyer said.

New Chancellor Named

Thomas C. Meredith has been named the new chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

Prior to attaining his new position, Meredith has served as the chancellor to the University System of Alabama and the president and a professor of education at Western Kentucky University.

He holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences and history from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a master's degree in education, administration and supervision from Western Kentucky University, and an educational doctorate in administration and supervision with an emphasis on higher education from the University of Mississippi.



Photo by Sandy House

Student Government Association officers and senators, from left, Jeremy Stewart, Samantha Pierce, Charles Swearingner, Jason Yates and Laterah Dunham discuss the newly proposed constitution.

SGA proposes new constitution

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

The Student Government Association is proposing changes to their constitution.

Jason Yates, president of SGA, said, "I had noticed that we could not accomplish what we needed to with the current constitution. ... We had to change the constitution so we could halfway reach some goals for the student body."

Yates said, "Over a year of research went into the new changes. I have wanted to change the constitution since I first became an officer in April of 2000." Yates and senator Jeff Chandler worked cooperatively on the research.

The proposed constitution was modeled after the constitutions of The Georgia Institute of Technology and The University of Georgia.

Yates said he chose to model those two because they are complete and benefit the college, something he says the current Floyd College SGA constitution lacks.

Ashley Wood, director of student life, said, "A constitution should 'work' for you and help your organization operate smoothly."

She also said that constitutional changes should not be taken lightly or made often, but they are needed to help organizations do the jobs they must in an ever-changing environment.

Some of the proposed changes are simple and effective, while others are quite lengthy and have a profound effect on the SGA.

One example of a relatively simple change is found in the addition of a new Article II, which deals with the organization of the SGA.

This article provides that the SGA

shall consist of two separate branches of government: the executive and the legislative branches.

According to Yates, the idea that Floyd College should have a bicameral legislature was "shot down" due to a lack of interest.

He went on to say, "I think we should have presented the first draft

tivity fees at Floyd; they are paid at West Georgia.

The feelings about the new constitution vary.

Wood said she has confidence the SGA officers will make good decisions.

Yates said, "I feel about 60 percent positive in our new constitution."

The *Six Mile Post* recently attempted to obtain a printed copy of the official procedure for adopting a new constitution; however, the only procedure for such action is defined in adding amendments to the current constitution.

Currently, any new amendments to the constitution must be approved by a quorum vote, which is 50 percent plus one, of the voting members of SGA. There is no mention of adopting an entirely new constitution.

Though it is not expressly stated in the current constitution, the precedent at Floyd College is to let the student body vote on the changes, according to Wood.

The SGA is currently working out a way for students to vote on the proposed constitution.

Students can view the current constitution and the proposed constitution in the online edition of the *Six Mile Post* at www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost.

Students may also go to the Office of Student Life to request printed copies of both constitutions.

Yates said that he encourages students to attend the SGA meetings, which are held every other Friday at noon in the student life conference room.

***Editor's note: Please see editorial on page 5.**

"We had to change the constitution so we could halfway reach some goals for the student body"

**-Jason Yates
SGA President**

of the constitution with the bicameral legislature to the students to decide, instead of having the adviser decide. After all, it is the students' constitution."

Among the other changes within Article II is the addition of a senator from the Accelerated Transfer Program (ATP) at West Georgia and students taking GLOBE classes.

Lynn Bacon, director of enrollment management, said the students in the ATP program do not pay student ac-

Students, faculty and staff walk to raise money for the American Heart Association



Photo by Bridgette Stewart

Members of Floyd's walk team get together for a quick picture.



Photo by Bridgette Stewart

Team members keep up the pace in the Heartwalk.

The Heartwalk took place on Saturday, Oct. 13. Floyd College students, faculty and staff who participated in the event are as follows: Gail Campbell, Harriett Kiser, Katie Kiser, Barbara Griffith, Jerry Smith, Catherine King, Sheila McCoy, Laura Morris, Lea Thomas-Smith, Samantha Pierce, Teresa Stewart, Bridgette Stewart,

Courtney Ollis, Kandace Edwards, Teela Davis, Wilma Maynard, Cathie Maynard, Heather Palmer and Jessica Jones.

Team members who did not walk, but collected money are Jesse Bishop, Renee Tumblin and Karen Porter.

The FC team raised \$1,803. The money raised will go to the American Heart Association.



Photo by Bridgette Stewart

FC's team joins many other members of the community to raise money for the American Heart Association.

Tips for transfer students

By Nikki Wells
Staff Writer

Students who plan to transfer from Floyd College to a four-year institution need to work closely with an adviser.

If a student does not know who his or her adviser is, the student needs to seek advisement from the Advisement Center in W-116, which is across from the help desk.

The main problem in transferring occurs when there is a change in major.

If a student has been studying in the area of general studies, problems exist when the student takes classes that will not fit when a major is declared at a four-year institution.

In addition, Floyd College cannot guarantee that all credits will transfer when transferring to a four-year private school, since private universities do not operate under the core-curriculum of the University system of Georgia.

The best tip for transfer students is to declare a major and to know what the institution he/she is transferring to requires for that particular major.

For further information on transferring, brochures are available in the Enrollment Management Office.

Students who plan to graduate in the spring of 2002 need to apply for graduation during this semester.

Several requirements must be met before graduation, but the two most important requirements consist of a Loan Exit Interview, which can be taken at www.mapping-your-future.org, and financial obligations should be cleared.

For a graduation checklist, check page 22 in the Floyd College scheduling booklet.

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Dental hygienists take top spot



Guest photo

From left, Crista Hill, Table Coordinator for the Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association (GDHA), and Cheryl Haynes, GDHA President, congratulate Penny Olinda and Ronda Wood, Floyd College dental hygiene students, on taking first place in the State Table Clinic competition at the GDHA Annual Meeting in Macon on Oct. 20. The name of the winning Table Clinic was "Why Are There Fights About Your Pearly Whites?"

Students must check SCORE for fall semester final grades

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

If students are planning to wait by the mailbox for their fall semester grades this year, they may be left out in the cold.

For the first time in Floyd College's history, students' grades will be available only on the school's student services and financial aid registration site, The SCORE.

The decision to have grades only accessible through SCORE was initiated by a request from the University System to cut down on the cost of paper.

However, the biggest influence on the change is the fact that Floyd College is one of the last public institutions in the state to go strictly web-based with grade retrieval.

With the old mailing system, grades had to be printed and prepared to be sent out. This process caused the reports to reach the students five to seven days after the end of the semester.

Now, with this new way to get their grades, students will be able to access their grades as soon as they are posted by their profes-

sors.

Marsha Welch, Floyd College registrar, believes that this quicker access will definitely benefit students.

The grade report available on the SCORE will show the student's name and address. This can allow students to print out an unofficial transcript in order to show proof to employers or receive reimbursement for tuition.

Advising Coordinator Eileen Walker, who uses the SCORE on a daily basis, believes this move toward relying more on the students is a good thing.

"I think the idea of students being able to look up information by themselves is great," Walker said.

In addition, this computerized report would save the college money by reducing the cost of paper, envelopes and postage. Also, wrong addresses would no longer be a problem.

What continues to be a problem is accessing the SCORE.

Jerry Gurley, management information specialist and BANNER database administrator, says that the biggest complaint that Computer Services gets from stu-

dents is not being able to remember their PIN number.

Donna Forshee, who works at the helpdesk, says that she hears the same thing all the time: "How do I get into this thing?"

To access The SCORE, go to the Floyd College homepage, www.fc.peachnet.edu, and choose either the text only or enhanced version of the homepage.

Then, for the enhanced version, click on the registration kiosk at the bottom left-hand corner or, for the text only version, under Information Centers on the left.

Next, under Online Web Access, click The SCORE-Secure Login.

At the log-in screen the students' user I.D. (Social Security Number) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) must be entered.

The PIN must be re-entered for verification. The menu screen will now appear.

Anyone having problems with a PIN can contact Computer Services or the helpdesk.

General advising questions can be directed to Walker at (706) 802-5103 or via email at advising@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

Technology fee: questions answered, prices compared

By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer

Some students around the Floyd College campus have been questioning the school's \$75 technology fee. They don't know what the \$75 is used for.

Director of help desk services, Jason McFry, stated that all of the colleges and universities in the State University System pay a technology fee.

The technology fee covers many different things. Approximately \$60 of the \$75 each student pays goes toward the Internet Service Provider (ISP) fee.

The remaining \$15 is used to keep up the college's technologi-

cal infrastructure, provide professors' with laptops and help pay for the computer clusters that are being installed on the campuses.

Karen Porter, vice president of finance and administration, provided a list of the institutions in the State University System and their technology fees.

Five institutions, including Floyd, charge a \$75 tech fee, 18 charge a \$38 fee, one with a \$36 fee, two with a \$35, six with \$25, one with \$24 and one with a \$10 fee.

Of all the institutions in the University System, Floyd College is the only institution that provides an ISP and a full service help desk.

Board of Regents gives refunds given to military students called into action

By Denise Collins
Business Manager

The tragic events of Sept. 11 and the subsequent military action have prompted the decision by the Board of Regents to change its refund policy regarding military active duty and reservist personnel. In support of those students called into action, the Board has ratified a provision for the total refund of tuition and other fees.

Karen Porter, vice president of finance for Floyd College, said, "I'm glad to see that the Board of Regents has modified this policy to be sympathetic to the situation."

To qualify for the refund, the student must present orders and officially withdraw from all classes. If students have any questions or need more information regarding this policy, they should check with the Registrar's Office.

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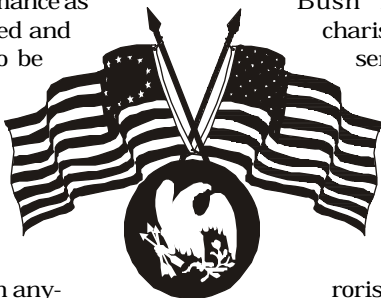
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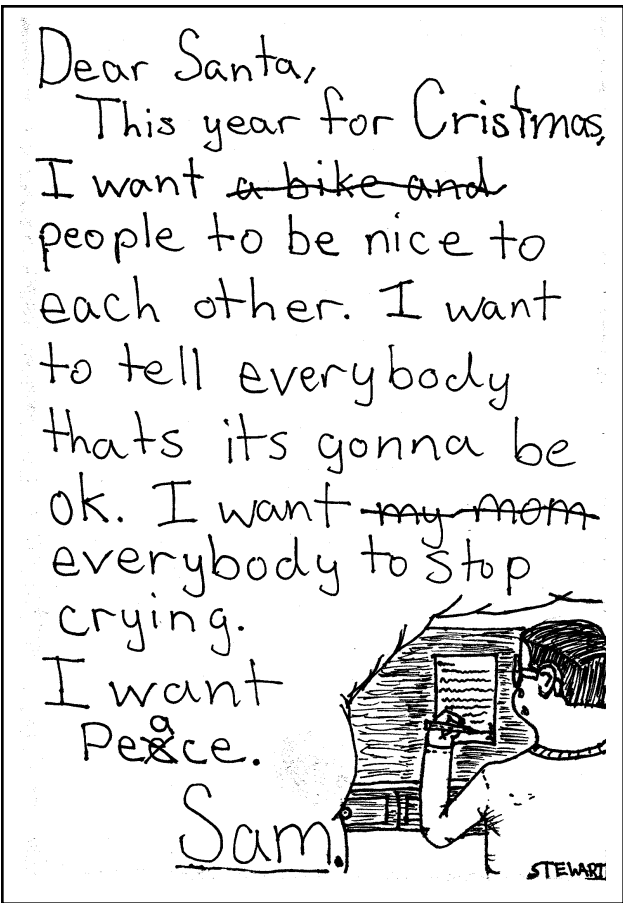
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New leaders needed

It appears that there is a great deal of disorganization in the SGA. There is no consistency among the officers and adviser on how to do things.

For example, the SGA is trying to get a new constitution passed.

Jason Yates, SGA president, said, "Due to the constitution only officers can vote."

Yet, Ashley Wood, director of student life, said that though the constitution does not expressly state that students get to vote, it is precedent to let the student body vote.

The *Six Mile Post* recently tried to get a copy of the official procedure for adopting a new constitution. There is not one available, anywhere.

There is no written procedure for adopting the governing document.

In all fairness, Wood has tried to do her very best since she arrived in August. She has tried to implement new activities, promote student involvement and generally improve the condition of the college.

Granted she, like everyone, has some things to work on, but overall, she has done very well.

One problem is why some members of the SGA view her as an adversary, rather than an adviser.

Among the things going on are petty name-calling, gossiping and an abundance of trash talking.

Every organization has its problems. This is a simple truth that everyone who has ever been involved with a club, group or other organization has noticed.

However, when Yates asked a reporter for the *Six Mile Post* to

observe the meetings, what the reporter discovered was a jumbled mess of inefficiency. The meeting itself was a mix of confusion, especially for the members.

Another question is why there seems to be such a problem with communication between the SGA officers and the adviser. The answer can be found by observing the behavior of some of the officers; there seems to be a power trip occurring.

Why the rush for a new constitution? Why not take the time, maybe a whole semester, to look over the old one, propose changes and get student input? What is so important in this new constitution?

More power for the SGA officers.

It seems that the new things in the constitution open the door for more control by the SGA president and officers.

The new constitution also contains a clause regarding University of West Georgia Accelerated Transfer students. They do not pay student activity fees at Floyd College. Why then are they included in our student government?

When asked about the research that went into the constitution, Yates said he did most of it himself. A reporter for the *SMP* went to one person in the Enrollment Management Office and got an answer to the question of what fees the University of West Georgia Accelerated Transfer Program students pay.

As noted in the news article on the front page of this issue, Lynn Bacon, chair of enrollment management, said UWGATP students do not pay the FC student activity fees. It did not require playing

phone tag, hunting for the information, or digging at all to get an answer.

How much research really went into this?

Some in the SGA office are so concerned with being "leaders," that they are forgetting to lead at all.

Other SGA officers are trying to do the jobs for which they were elected, but the lack of leadership is beginning to shadow any hope of progress.

Students, especially freshmen, should pay attention. In the spring students will have the chance to vote new officers into position. Students really need to look at the current situation and use it as an example of poor leadership.

After all, leadership in essence is the ability to lead others. The current SGA officers can't seem to stay on the same team, much less stay on the same page.

Students should look for someone who can be a leader and accept suggestions, take criticism and lead by example.

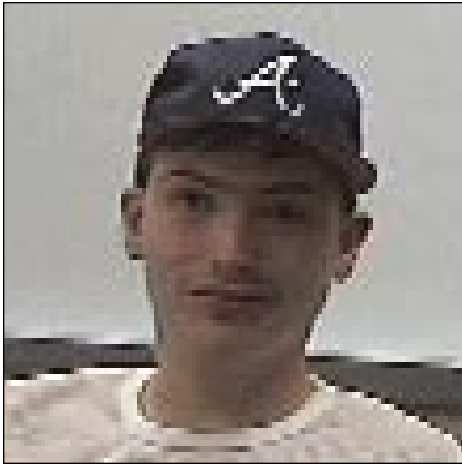
Students are urged to find a copy of the old constitution and compare it to the proposed new constitution.

If you find problems with it, make them known. You will have the opportunity to vote on this piece of legislation. You have the chance to change the future student life for incoming students.

Yates said, "...Students don't show enough interest and we (SGA officers) would waste valuable time and energy on the promotion of a new constitution."

Does that mean students aren't worth the time and energy to get their input? Sounds like a real leader.

Bourne with an Opinion



Jason Bourne
Staff Columnist

What freedom means to me

The day was May 25, 1787. Fifty-five delegates representing 12 states met at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation. Rhode Island opposed revising the Articles and sent no delegates. The end result of this Convention was a constitution for the United States of America that would later become the supreme law of the land in 1790, when Rhode Island finally ratified the Constitution on May 29.

One of the components of the Constitution of the United States was 27 amendments, 10 of which came to be forever known as the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights provided for specific freedoms granted to the citizens of America. Among the freedoms granted to the American people are the freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the right to keep and bear arms, but perhaps the greatest freedom we as Americans have is the freedom of speech.

Being in a wheelchair, there are certain powers I value greatly and will always treasure. One of these powers I will treasure greatly is the freedom of religion. I have had to overcome much hardship due to my handicap, and Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, has always been there to help me through these tough times. I know I can always go to him when I need him and he will always be there.

Another freedom I treasure greatly is the freedom to express my opinions about anything that is bothering me. Being in a wheelchair, I have to park in handicapped parking spaces and use a larger restroom stall than other people. When people illegally park in the handicapped spaces, I make my frustration known to my parents and have even written about it in my high school newspaper and in a previous issue of the *Six Mile Post*. However, when someone is using the handicapped restroom stall, I am a little more lenient because the other stalls may be occupied.

One of the freedoms I am privileged to have as an American citizen is the right to vote. I officially became eligible to vote last year and voted in the 2000 presidential election. I am proud to be able to vote because the person I elect to office has objectives that I agree with. These objectives may benefit the handicapped citizens of America.

Another freedom I feel privileged to have is the freedom to own a driver's license from the state of Georgia. I have been dependent on my parents and school buses to take me to different places, such as school, the doctor's office, restaurants and stores. With a driver's license, I can now drive myself to these various places.

Since the tragic events of September 11, I have treasured my freedoms even more than before the events happened. I can now go to sleep at night and know that President George W. Bush and his administration are working very hard to make sure that we as Americans are safe and that our freedoms are protected and will not be taken away from us.



Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

Editor's Box

Cell phone users need to show consideration

What is it with people and cell phones? I'm not talking about the fact that almost everyone in America owns one. I'm talking about how people use them.

When I have to make a call, I at least go out to my car or some place where I don't disturb everyone. For a while now, I have noticed that no matter where I go, I see people walking around stores just chatting away. They don't have a particular question to ask the person on the other

end of the phone. They are talking to them as if they are there in person.

If that's not bad enough, they talk as if they're addressing a crowd consisting of millions of people. Everyone in the entire store can hear them.

I'm not sure about the rest of the world, but I sure can live without knowing tiny details of a person's wonderfully interesting story, especially when I have no idea who the person is!

A majority of the citizens of the United States now have cell phones. It's about time that people

stop acting like they're all rich and powerful when they reach into that purse or pocket and pull out that cell phone.

If that's not the case and the person doesn't want to feel powerful and above others, then I don't know what's wrong. For what other reason would someone continuously talk extremely loudly on the phone to someone while out shopping? It doesn't make any sense at all.

Using cell phones for emergencies or to remind someone about something is fine. All I'm asking is just don't overdo it.

Letters to the Editor

An analysis of apathy

Dear Editor,

In your Oct. 16 edition of the SMP, you mentioned that “apathy is common at Floyd.” Then again, in thinking back to my freshman days at Kennesaw Junior College (an awfully long time ago since that school is now a major state university), apathy was also a problem then. And that was back in 1975!

I am sure that folks are constantly scratching their heads and wondering what they can do to remedy this seemingly intractable problem. In recent years, Floyd has sponsored some terrific cultural enrichment programs, concerts, films and what have you. I applaud these efforts and wish to see them continued.

In my opinion, we are doing everything we can. The problem is not with your Floyd College planners. Nor is it necessarily a problem exclusive to our students. The fact that more folks don’t take advantage of these programs is really just a social commentary about life on a typical American commuter campus. None of us *live* on campus. That is the main problem. If we live in a community, we partake of its events. If we don’t live there, we could care less. That was true of Kennesaw back in the ‘70s and it is true of Floyd today.

Having lived in a dorm at schools like Georgia Southern and West Georgia, I can also tell you that campus life at these colleges is definitely more vibrant. You have a huge traditional student population in

Statesboro and Carrollton. While many of these folks do go home to Atlanta on the weekends, a sizeable number elect to stay. For them, the school is their home. Hence, you see more interest in school-related events and a population with more leisure time on its hands.

Contrast college life at these schools with Floyd College and it’s a totally different story. Most of our students have jobs; many are non-traditional and that also means they have big-time family responsibilities. Even the “footloose and fancy-free” traditionals don’t hang out on campus, because they have part-time jobs and things to do at home. In the final analysis, *time is the real issue and time has become a precious commodity* in America.

Part of the problem is that we live more demanding lives. And part of it is that we don’t use what little time we do have more wisely. We are a nation of procrastinators; always waiting until the last minute to tackle assignments that should have been handled days earlier. The student who looks across the lawn at the concert going on might like to check it out. But he hasn’t done his homework either. He checks his watch. Maybe he’s got just enough time to squeeze the assignments in before the next class. Yeah, that settles it. Human Nature, 1 – Floyd, 0.

Larry Stephens
Assistant Librarian,
Haralson campus

Get in the habit!!

Dear Editor,

I am a non-traditional student at Floyd College, and I have ***Is-sues!*** I am sick and tired of students and staff here at Floyd College going to the restroom, doing what they need to do and leaving without washing their hands.

Did your mom and dad teach you to wash your hands after leaving the restroom? Well, my parents taught me, and I have taught my children.

Whether you’ve been sneezing, handling chicken or other raw poultry, meat, have been to the toilet, changed a diaper or are preparing to deliver a baby or do brain surgery, washing your hands and environs (such as your cutting board in the kitchen) is a most important way to prevent the spread of germs and infection.

In many of these situations, it is the most important preventative measure you can take. It is as simple as that. Each year, many cases of “tummy flu” or worse oc-



cur, often because hands and food implements aren’t washed often enough.

So, let’s all start out with good hand washing habits, because my family needs me to be strong and healthy.

Do ***I*** need to remind you after leaving the restroom?

Wendy Smith Linley
Human Services
Cartersville, GA

Student supporter of the Six Mile Post

Dear Editor,

This past issue of the *Six Mile Post* was the best one yet. This issue does a good job of keeping the Floyd College students informed on occurring events. The particular story about organ donors informed me that there are actually people at Floyd College that have lost precious loved ones. On a lighter note, I did not know that the Macon Braves might be coming to Rome. It would be neat to watch the Atlanta Braves’ farm team play. It would not cost as much to go see the *Rome* Braves as it would to go watch the Atlanta Braves. The *Six Mile Post* also has good coupons that college students could use everyday.

Mark Cody
Education
Cedartown, GA

Proud to be an FC student

Dear Editor,

I am very proud to be a part of a school like Floyd College, because they are so willing to help. Floyd has had two blood drives since the terrible incident on Sept. 11. I think it is wonderful that Floyd is helping out in this time of need, and I hope everyone continues to do so.

Stephanie Mullinax
Psychology
Rome, GA

Part of a caring college

Dear Editor,

The article on the blood drive showed that we, as a college, care about what happens in the world, and that we want to do all we can. I am very proud to go to a college with so many caring people. I hope to see more people get involved in the fight to save America.

Summar Heavin
Undecided
Summerville, GA

Students have other things to do

Dear Editor,

The article “Apathy common at Floyd College” stresses how students here are not involved with events that are planned. Many students cannot attend these events because of their class schedules. Another reason students do not attend events at night is because they have jobs, families or homework that needs to be done. If teachers would give extra credit, then attendance at these special events might increase.

Thanks,

Lori Starkey
Nursing
Lyerly, GA

Busy, busy, busy...

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed reading the *Six Mile Post*. The paper had some interesting articles, even the one on “Apathy Common at Floyd College”.

In my opinion, I don’t think students are not interested, but have jobs, are full-time students and have other things going on in their lives and just don’t have time to go to programs held at Floyd.

Maybe if students read the articles about what’s going on, maybe they will come to more activities. I know I will try to come to more activities being held at school.

Cicely McDaniel
Nursing
Lyerly, GA

United we stand



Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article “Bourne with an Opinion.” I agree with what he said. The terrorist acts against America did not weaken us as a nation. If anything, it brought us together and made a stronger nation. The events that happened on Sept. 11 will be remembered by everyone. It is a shame that it took an event like this to bring our nation together to pray.

Sincerely,

Lacey Starkey
Nursing
Lyerly, GA

Dear Editor,

I think the article, “Terrorist attacks have an affect on TV and movies,” is very interesting. Reading things like this makes me feel safe, because I know that the USA can overcome anything if we work together. Since the tragedy on Sept. 11, I realize how we got the name “United States of America,” because we are always there for each other in a time of need.

Lindsay Burger
Nursing
Cave Spring, GA

Tutorial center is 'extremely helpful'



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Jeannie Cassity, tutorial center coordinator, takes a break from helping students get ready for finals.

**By Crystal Turner
Staff Writer**

As the end of the semester draws near, students are looking for ways to bring their grades up.

The Floyd College Tutorial Center provides individual assistance in mathematics, English and reading.

Jeanie Cassity, tutorial center coordinator, and Andy Beamis, instructor, both work in the Tutorial Center to help students with any problems they may have.

It is the purpose of the Floyd College Tutorial Center to help students succeed in their curriculum and to help improve academic skills.

According to Beamis, "The Tutorial Center's primary purpose is to help students with difficulties, misunderstandings and to assist any student who is having trouble in their studies. It gives students an atmosphere where they can receive one-on-one instructions."

There are eight laptop stations where students can work on the computer.

Also, Novanet, a comprehensive computer tutorial, is loaded on the 10 stationary computers in the Center, and it provides practice in a wide variety of academic areas.

Blue Pencil is also loaded on the desktop computers and provides students with proofreading

practice in composition.

The Tutorial Center hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Monday and Thursday evenings 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If students cannot come during these hours, they can make an appointment with Cassity.

The Tutorial Center was started by faculty.

Most students who use this facility need help with schoolwork, but many just come to study.

Beamis said, "We average about 1300 students a term. It is very beneficial for students who



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Andy Beamis, right, helps student Shannon Tweedy.

need help and even for those who need a quiet place to study.

Michael Miramen, a student at Floyd College said, "The Tutorial Center has been extremely helpful and has helped me to maintain a passing grade in algebra."

Local charities raise money, donate time and goods to help those in need

**By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer**

Since the events of Sep. 11, we have seen an outpouring of charitable contributions. The events have impacted everyone in the nation including local chapters of non-profit organizations.

The Rome/Floyd County chapter of the American Red Cross has dispatched one volunteer to Washington, D.C., to train the people who would be manning the 1-800-GET-INFO hotline.

They have also dispatched four mental health disaster volunteers to ground zero in New York City.

Jean Lambert, executive director of the Rome/Floyd County chapter of the American Red Cross, would like to extend a "thank you" to all those in the local community for all of their help.

The Rome/Floyd Chapter, which serves Polk, Chattooga, Floyd, Dade, Walker and Catoosa Counties, has processed approximately \$190,000 for the American Red Cross Liberty Fund.

As always there is a need for volunteers.

Students would who like to train for a disaster relief team may call the Rome/Floyd chapter of the American Red Cross at 706-

291-6648.

All volunteers must be trained on the local level dealing with single family disasters first to establish protocol, before moving to larger disasters.

There is also a need for local chapter funding. To make a donation to the local chapter, make checks payable to the American Red Cross.

To send money to the relief efforts, make checks payable to the American Red Cross Liberty Fund.

As is protocol for any national disaster, all donations sent in during the weeks immediately follow-

ing the attacks were sent to the relief fund aiding the people of New York City and Washington, D.C.

Lambert said now that some time has passed, there needs to be a differentiation between the two funds. That way, people sending money to the local chapter or the relief efforts know their money is going to the right place. Donations can be sent to:

The American Red Cross
311 Tuner McCall Blvd.
Rome, GA 30161

Tony Neal, president of the

Rome chapter of the United Way, urges people to continue to give to national charities and non-profit organizations, but not to overlook the local organizations.

The United Way allocates money to 18 local human service organizations, including programs for seniors, the mentally handicapped, the YMCA, Boys and Girls clubs, Salvation Army, American Red Cross and domestic abuse shelters.

There is always a need for volunteers. Students can contact the United Way at (706) 291-9336.

Students can also contact the United Way on the web at www.unitedwayrome.com.

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Former FC student experiences the opportunity of a lifetime

**By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer**

***Editor's note:** Emily Brown, who was a student at Floyd College's North Tech Campus, obtained a scholarship to study in Germany.

Brown is now living in Jena, Thüringen and has written a letter to the *Six Mile Post* updating her experiences and events while in Germany.

"My journey started at the end of July when I traveled to Georgetown University for three days of intercultural seminars. We listened to guest speakers, participated in different activities and read various articles that were designed to make us more aware of our own culture as Americans, in order to recognize differences in German culture.

"On the third day, the 59 other participants of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange and myself attended a breakfast ceremony with members of Congress in honor of their continued support of the program. Directly after that, we took off for Germany.

"After a grueling ten and a half-hours on the plane, we arrived safely in Frankfurt, then boarded the bus for another two-hour commute to Cologne. Cologne was absolutely fabulous. The city was huge, and there was always plenty to do.

"I attended an intensive language course at the Carl Duisberg

Center, which lasted for two months. The lessons were very helpful, and I learned quite a lot in this short period of time.

"The language school also arranged excursions for us, which included visits to historical sights, castles, pubs, West-Deutsche Rundfunk (TV station), Bayer



Guest photo
Emily Brown enjoys sightseeing.

Pharmeceticals and the former capital of West Germany, Bonn.

"I stayed with a little old lady in Köln (Cologne), who was incredibly sweet and had some really interesting stories to tell about her experience during WWII. My room was huge, and I had my own bathroom and kitchen. I couldn't have asked for a better arrangement. And to think that none of it cost me a penny!!!!

"Approximately three weeks ago I moved to Jena, Thüringen. I will live here until January and study International Business Communications at the Friedrich-Schiller Universität. Classes will, of course, be taught in German. My tuition is paid by the scholarship organization, Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft, as are my living arrangements in a Pension near the University and 500 Deutsch Marks (\$250) per month for food and entertainment.

"Jena is considerably smaller than Köln, but very cute and authentic. It doesn't draw much tourism, so to see another American, or English-speaking person, is quite rare. My student ID allows me free use of the train to many cities in Thüringen, so I do a lot of exploring. I recently purchased a cheap used bike, which I ride everywhere. No, I don't really miss my car. It's kind of nice not having to worry about who is going to drive home after a night of partying, and the exercise is nice as well.

"So this has been my experience thus far, and what an experience it has been. Don't be fooled though; not everything has run so smoothly. It's been really tough getting through the little details in a foreign language, but every day I become more confident and somehow manage to get by.

"In January, I move to Erfurt, the capital of Thüringen, to start my internship at the Landesentwicklungsgesellschaft, or Land Development Organization. What challenges await me there...I'm not completely sure yet, but I'll be sure to keep you updated when the time comes. Until then...Tschüss!!"

Emily Brown

Student awarded study-abroad scholarship

**By Jeremy Stewart
Chief Staff Writer**

Freshman Nathan Tucker has been awarded a Rotary Club International Study Abroad Scholarship worth approximately \$10,000.

This is the first time a student sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rome-Seven Hills has won this distinction, according to Dr. Dudley Salley, coordinator for the Study Abroad Committee at Floyd College.

Tucker was presented the scholarship after completing numerous essays and attending an interview.

The award will allow Tucker to study in Mexico for three months while meeting with business leaders.

Tucker was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by the Floyd College Study Abroad Committee due to his capability



Guest photo
Nathan Tucker

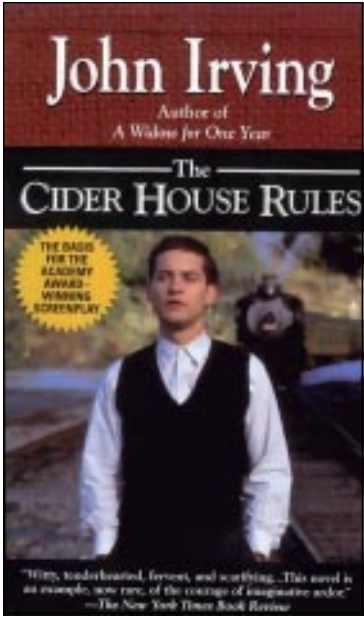
to speak fluent Spanish.

This type of scholarship is known as a cultural scholarship. Tucker received one of two such scholarships awarded in the state of Georgia.

Rotary Clubs are civic clubs that are comprised of community business leaders and heads of organizations that believe in international understanding.

Book forum scheduled

The final book forum of the semester will feature *The Cider House Rules*, by John Irving. Shelia McCoy, professor of French/Spanish/English, will be the presenter. The forum will take place in the solarium on Nov. 15, at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Did you know???

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Ford Gittings and Kane



Photo by Jesse Bishop

Tabana Jabeen, a student from Pakistan, talks about Sept. 11 and her feelings on the recent actions.

Student from Pakistan talks about recent terrorists' events

By Rachel Smith
Staff Writer

"Islam is a religion of peace," said Tabana Jabeen, a native of Pakistan, and a Floyd College student.

Jabeen has been living in the United States for four years. She has also lived in Saudi Arabia, where there is no such thing as religious freedom.

"All religious practices outside of Islam are forbidden in public," she states. "They even have religious police."

Originally from Pakistan, Jabeen knows, on a personal level, the effects of America's war with Middle Eastern terrorists.

When the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked, she was on vacation in Sweden with her family.

At first, her family was deeply concerned with their safety. "My father wouldn't even let me wear my scarf," she said. Jabeen wears the traditional headdress of Islam as a symbol of respect for her faith.

She says, "It is my choice to wear the scarf. Other women in my family do not."

Jabeen has great concerns for her home country of Pakistan. "It is going to make everyone's lives so difficult, not just for Pakistani Muslims, but for Muslims everywhere in the world."

Already, several people connected with Islam and those having similar physical characteristics associated with the Middle East (yet not having connections to the Muslim faith), have been injured or killed.

Several mosques all over the world, having no association with the Taliban, have been damaged or destroyed in retaliation for the attacks on Sept. 11.

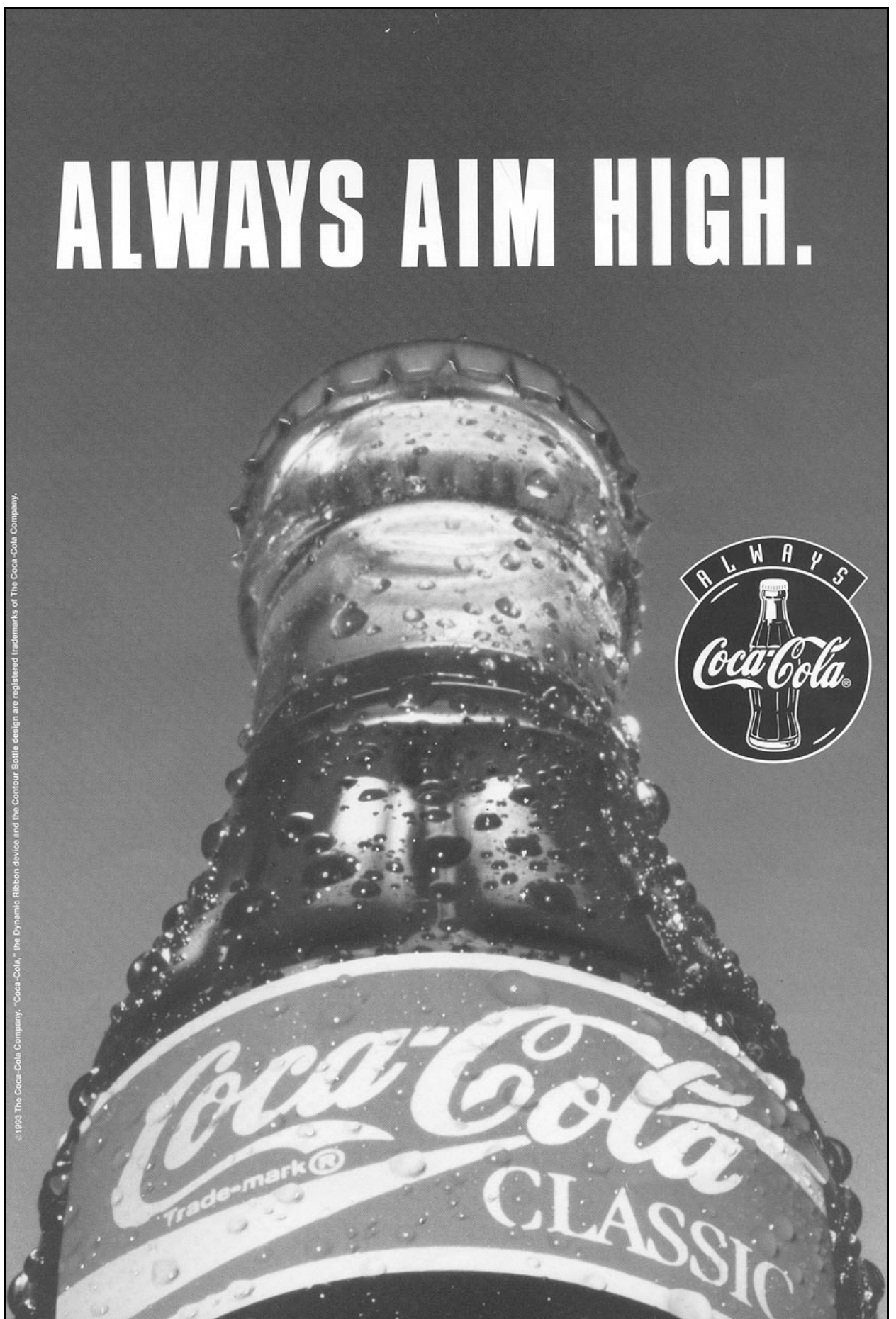
Jabeen explained how her mother, who works in the United States and Pakistan, recently returned there on extended business. She expressed her concern for her mother's safety.

Jabeen said, "If Pakistan sides with the Taliban, then the U.S. and its allies will consider Pakistan an enemy and it will be very difficult for her to come home, and she will be in danger. If Pakistan sides with the U.S., civil war will be inevitable due to the amount of Afghan refugees that live in the Northern part of Pakistan, and the Taliban will consider Pakistan an enemy. It's war either way."

Though she feels that the mass-media does not aid the plight of peaceful Muslims, Jabeen feels that, in the United States, there have been no hostilities directed toward her or members of her family since the incidents of Sept. 11.

She argues against Osama Bin Ladin's philosophy, saying, "A jihad is not an excuse to kill someone or force your religion on someone else, but it is a way of protecting your people against religious persecution. That is all."

Singer/songwriter Doug Wood will be performing at Floyd College. Wood will perform in the student center on Nov. 29, from 11 a.m. until noon. All students are welcome and the show is free.



Floyd College students drink Coca-Cola



A cartoon by
Brandon Kerr



Original art-
work by Jeremy
Stewart, Daniel
Bell and Jesse
Bishop.

Season's Greetings



Holidays at a glance

By Jeremy Stewart
Chief Staff Writer

During this time of the year, many people turn thought to the holidays. But not everybody celebrates for the same reason.

*Information about the various holidays was taken from Microsoft's Encarta Encyclopedia.

Christmas

The overall meaning of Christmas is simple; to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. However, do you know how the celebration of Christmas first began?

The general belief is that the Christian celebration originated in the fourth century as a substitute for the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, which usually fell on Dec. 25 on the ancient Julian calendar.

This festival, created by the Romans to honor their god of agriculture, Saturn, was titled Saturnalia.

During Saturnalia, feasts were held, all business and warfare were postponed and gifts were exchanged.

By allowing Romans and those who followed the Roman religion to continue their festival while simultaneously celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Christians hoped to attract pagans to their religion.

Hanukkah

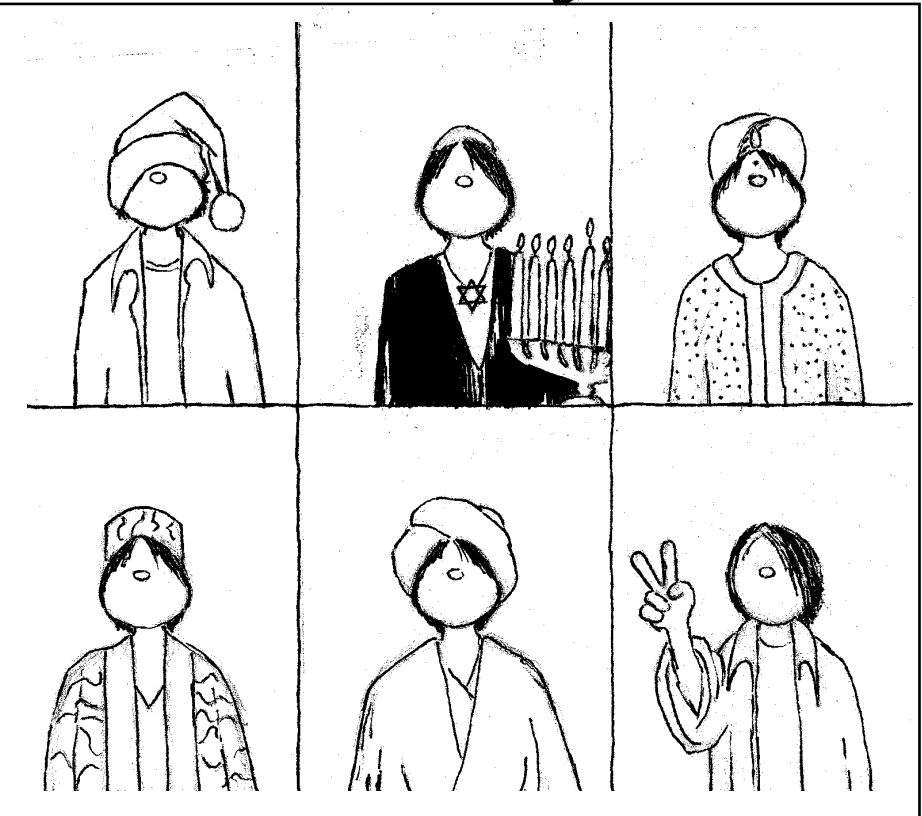
Hanukkah goes by many different names: Chanukah, Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication and Feast of the Maccabees.

Hanukkah is Hebrew for "dedication," which makes sense since it is the celebration of the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem.

In 165 BC, Judas Maccabee recaptured Jerusalem after it had been occupied by the Syrians, who worshipped Zeus Olympius. He then purged the temple and replaced the desecrated altar.

The festivities of the rededication lasted eight days. And, miraculously, with only one container of olive oil to be found, the quantity burned for the entire festival.

Today, a principal part of the Jewish holiday is to light one candle the first night of Hanukkah, two the second night of Hanukkah and so on until a special eight-branched candelabrum, a menorah, is complete.



A small budget doesn't mean 'cheap' gifts

By Rachel Smith
Staff Writer

What is more tedious than studying for Fall Semester exams?

It's finding the perfect little something for those special people on the Christmas list and maintaining a college student's budget.

Here are a few helpful hints that may make this endeavor somewhat easier.

For those with children:

For children from 0-1 year: *Teethable Tunes Snuggle Buddy* is part teether, part security blanket and is brightly colored for a small child's enjoyment. It sells at \$9. For more information call First Years at 1-800-533-6708.

For children 1-2 years: *Teach Me Puppis* has buttoning, zipping, buckling, and lacing features to stimulate a toddler's hand-eye coordination. It sells at \$18. More information is available from Gund at 1-800-448-4863.

For children 2-3 years: *Flashbugs* are colorful critters that have a light sensor which responds to a flashlight, enabling the critter to follow your young child. *Flashbugs* sell at \$17 each and are from SilverLit Toys. More information can be had at 1-800-707-1159.

For children 4-5: *Harold and the Purple Crayon* game sells at \$20 and is based on the popular children's book. This game builds your child's storytelling capabilities and contributes to his or her memory and sequencing skills.

For children 6-7: *Transformers* can be found at almost any discount or department store, and the new model, consisting of ball and socket joints, is easier for a child to operate. They usually sell for about \$20. More information is available from Hasbro 1-800-327-8264.

For children 8+: *Wizard's Workshop Mystical Magic Set* sells at \$10 and is sure to please any

child. It is a fully equipped magic kit and is sold by Cadaco. For more information, call 1-800-621-5426.

For those older people on the Christmas list who are single, some good ideas include gift certificates to movie theatres or art galleries. Two exhibits will be at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta until Jan. 6. The exhibits featured are *Winslow Homer and the Critics: Forging a National Art in the 1870's*, and *Monet: a View from the River*. Regular admission is \$15 and student admission is \$12. More information on these events can be found at www.high.org.

For the man in one's life, tickets to a sporting event make a great gift.

For the woman in one's life, a gift certificate from her favorite boutique or department store is a good idea.

However, people vary, and it's always good to consider the individual's interests and passions.

Kwanzaa

Translated into "first fruits" in Swahili, Kwanzaa is a celebration of family, community and culture observed by African Americans and African communities throughout the world.

Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26 and continues for seven days through Jan. 1 and takes a cue from ancient African first-fruit harvest celebrations.

Although the holiday compares to the tribal rituals of the past, the modern day celebration was not founded until 1966.

That is when Maulana Karenga, an African American scholar and activist, developed the Kwanzaa of today around the fundamental activities associated with the ancient celebrations.

These activities include: the ingathering of family, friends and community; reverence for the creator and creation; and recommitment to the highest cultural ideals of the African community.

The centerpiece of the festival is the lighting of the *mishumaa*, or seven candles, of Kwanzaa. Each candle is lit for each of the *Nguzo Saba*, or seven principles, that govern one's life.

Navartri and Diwali

As part of the Hindu religion, the holiday of Navartri praises the goddess Amba-maa.

Navartri is a nine-day long period of fasting.

All members of the family wear traditional dress. Females dress up more than males in these outfits.

A traditional dance, called garba, is performed at the beginning of the celebration and is mostly performed by women; however men do join in as well.

During garba, participants clap and move in a circle around a picture, or idol, of Amba-maa.

After garba, a dance called raas is performed. In this ritual, members gather in pairs and dance with sticks, called dandiya.

After raas is performed, there is the aarti. This is where family members gather around the representation of the goddess and praise it. Wick candles are utilized during the aarti.

This year, Navartri was from Oct. 17 through Oct. 26.

Diwali is in November and is comparable to New Year's Eve celebrations.

Ramadan

The Koran, the holy teachings of the Islamic religion, ordains this holy month of fasting for all adult Muslims to observe during the ninth month of the Islamic year.

Because of the differences between the Islamic and Gregorian calendar, the starting date of Ramadan changes each time. This year, the month long cleansing begins on Nov. 16.

Observed so that believers "may cultivate piety," the fast was designated for the particular month during which Muhammad received the first of the Koran's revelations.

Forbidden to eat, drink or smoke from sunup to sundown, Muslims offer special prayers and recite long passages of the Koran each night before retiring.

During the night between the 26 and 27 days of Ramadan, God is to determine the course of the world for the next year. This is called the Night of Determination.

The day following the end of Ramadan is called the Fast-Breaking and is a day of prayers and festivities.

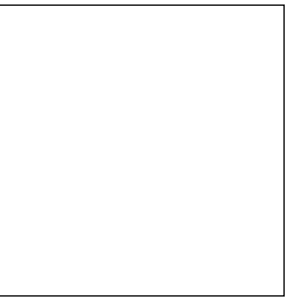
Student Poll

What are your plans for the holidays?



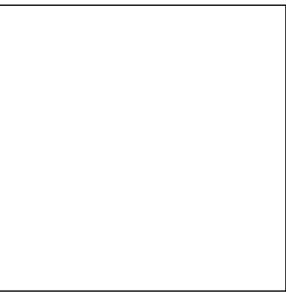
Matt Searels
Summerville, GA
Undecided

"I'm going to eat and watch football."



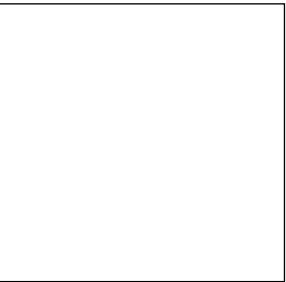
Candice Booth
Rome, GA
Biology

"I plan to be with family and to go shopping."



John Baldes
Washington, D.C.
Pharmacy

"I'm going to sleep."



Gene Hooper
Lindale, GA
Undecided

"I'm going to grandmother's house to eat and sleep."

Floyd student chronicles recent study-abroad trip to Mexico

By Mary Hernandez
Guest Writer/
Photographer

What would you say to a trip to the breathtaking mountains of southern Mexico with a two-week stay in the charming colonial city of Oaxaca?

And, best of all, you win three hours of nursing credits! Well, students can take such a course from Kennesaw State. This course is offered each spring for two weeks in May.

Let me tell you about my experience!

I took the class along with eleven students from Kennesaw State University. Each student was assigned to a family who supplied us with room and board. Our Mexican "families" taught us so much about the language, culture, and customs and were always happy to help us out in anyway. ...

Our schedule ran from Monday through Friday. We had clinical days in the Civil Hospital, which is a government hospital run for those who cannot afford medical insurance. We began each morning at 9 a.m. and worked through until 2 p.m. At 2 p.m., we all went to our "Oaxacan" homes for lunch. At 4 p.m., we all met at the "Zocalo" for our Spanish class. The "Zocalo" is the main plaza in the center of town surrounded by open-air restaurants. We were taught Spanish by a teacher from the University of Oaxaca while we sipped our cappuccino at one of the sidewalk restaurants.

Weekends were more loosely organized, but who would travel

to Oaxaca and not see the many ruins, cathedrals, convents and market places?

These tours are paid for with your tuition and are part of the class. We visited the breathtaking ancient ruins of the Zapotecs, Monte Alban.

Monte Alban is about seven miles outside of the city of Oaxaca, overlooking it. It is a mountaintop that the ancients have leveled off and built as a temple. From the four lookouts facing north, south, east, and west where they pre-

"But, the most important lesson learned was a small glimpse into the lives of those in a far away land."

dicted the change of seasons and guided their people.

Later that day we stopped in a "campestre" (open-air) restaurant for an exquisite lunch and spent the afternoon shopping .

We went to see and hear the local "curandera." She is the healer in that area. It was very interesting to hear her views on sickness and cures; she gave us a quick lesson on the local herbs used to cure illnesses.

All of the new sights, sounds, and flavors were very interesting and exciting, but by far, the most important part of the class was learning about the indigenous people.

Seeing first hand the diffi-

culty of their lives, the deprivation and hardship gave all of us a better understanding of what they go through on a day-to-day basis.

These are the people, which nurses or any healthcare personnel will encounter in Georgia, trying to make a better living for themselves and their families.

Not only do we not understand their language, but we cannot possibly begin to understand the deprived lives they live in their homeland, much less comprehend the way they see the world around them.

The question that our instructor asked each one of us was, "How could the trip to Oaxaca make us better nurses here in Georgia?" What could we possible learn in a poor hospital that was so strapped for supplies that the paper towels used to dry our hands were counted out on a daily basis?

The answers were many, we saw the doctors and nurses working long hours, improvising in ways we would never have dreamed of, making the very best use of every assessment skill they had.

But, the most important lesson learned was a small glimpse into the lives of those in a far away land. Those who are now making their way to my homeland with the hope of building a stable home for their families.

I began to understand a way of life and by God's grace I will keep learning, because I will encounter this way of life right here in Georgia.

It is my hope and prayer that I will be better able to attend to the Hispanic population in this state.



A local "curandera" performs alternative medicine on a young boy.



Mary Hernandez, second from right, with her host "family."



The hospital team and Hernandez, third from left, await another long day at the clinic.



Hernandez, left, on the job with a local hospital worker.

Toys for Tots help provide a little happiness

By Adam Turner
Staff Writer

It's the time of year to start thinking about Christmas and to begin wondering where you are going to get the extra money to buy all those gifts for friends and family.

For some families in the Rome and Floyd County area, however, those gifts may not come. That's where Toys for Tots comes into the picture.

Started in 1947 by Marine Major Bill Hendricks, Toys for Tots has been providing toys to the children of needy families for over half a century. The Marine Corps officially adopted the program in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide project. It has grown in size over the years and has even reached out internationally on three occasions.

Numerous celebrities have shown their support for the cause, from Bob Hope to Clint Eastwood. The New York Yankees brought professional athletes into the cause in 1962 by hosting the first "bring a toy" game against the Washington Senators.

Here in Rome, the focus is a little more localized. All donations are distributed in the Rome and Floyd County area.

The Rome Marines have participated in the program for around twenty years. Over the years, the support of the community has grown to near overwhelming proportions.

"In the past, Rome and Floyd County have been very generous.

be held on Dec. 12 at the Holiday Inn, tends to be the biggest fundraiser for the annual program.

Local bands Captain Soularcat and The Strange are combining to play a "bring a toy" show at the River's Edge Tavern on Dec. 6.

The Health Department helps with donations and the Housing Authority oversees the applicant screening process. Several other

president Tommy Bollen said, "We're just normal people. We may look a little different, but we still have a heart and want to help those that may not be able to help themselves."

Rome and Floyd County police officers volunteer their time to this function as well by providing a police escort and, in some cases, actually riding in the run.

The amount of community

Seely. "We could always use extra help. There's always a job that we can put someone on." Seely expressed a particular need for Spanish-speaking volunteers, as some of the families the Marines assist do not speak very much English.

In conjunction with Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army holds an annual food drive. After families receive the toys for their children,

they are taken into a separate facility inside the Marine armory and given the fixings for an excellent Christmas dinner. The families receive vegetables, pumpkin pie and a turkey or a ham.

Volunteers are needed to help with this distribution as well.

Having toys at Christmas should be a part of every child's life. There are plenty of opportunities to help, whether making donations, volunteering or simply attending some of the activities that are being organized to support the Marines' efforts.

Anyone interested in making a donation should call (706) 234-1030 and follow the prompts to speak with the Toys for Tots representative.

The Marines request that any donated toys be new and unwrapped.



In all the places that I have been stationed, I haven't seen the type of community involvement that I have seen here," said Gunnery Sergeant Art Seely of the local Marine armory.

Local merchants lend their support by donating items to be auctioned off at the annual Toys For Tots auction held by Rome radio station K-98. This auction, to

groups have turned out to lend their support including the Freedom Seekers Motorcycle Club.

The Freedom Seekers will hold the 3rd Annual Cedar Creek Toy Run on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Rolator Park in Cave Spring. All motorcyclists are welcome and the group will begin the ride to Rome at 1 p.m.

Of the benefit, former club vice

support is indeed appreciated by the Marines.

However, despite all the work of these various groups, more help is still needed. Volunteers are still needed to assist the Marines, especially on Dec. 15, which is distribution day.

"We had over five hundred families moving through this area on distribution day last year," said

Floyd College participates in Make a Difference Day



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Shelia McCoy, Professor of French/Spanish/English, volunteers at the Open Door Home for Make a Difference Day. McCoy was only one of many to lend a helping hand.

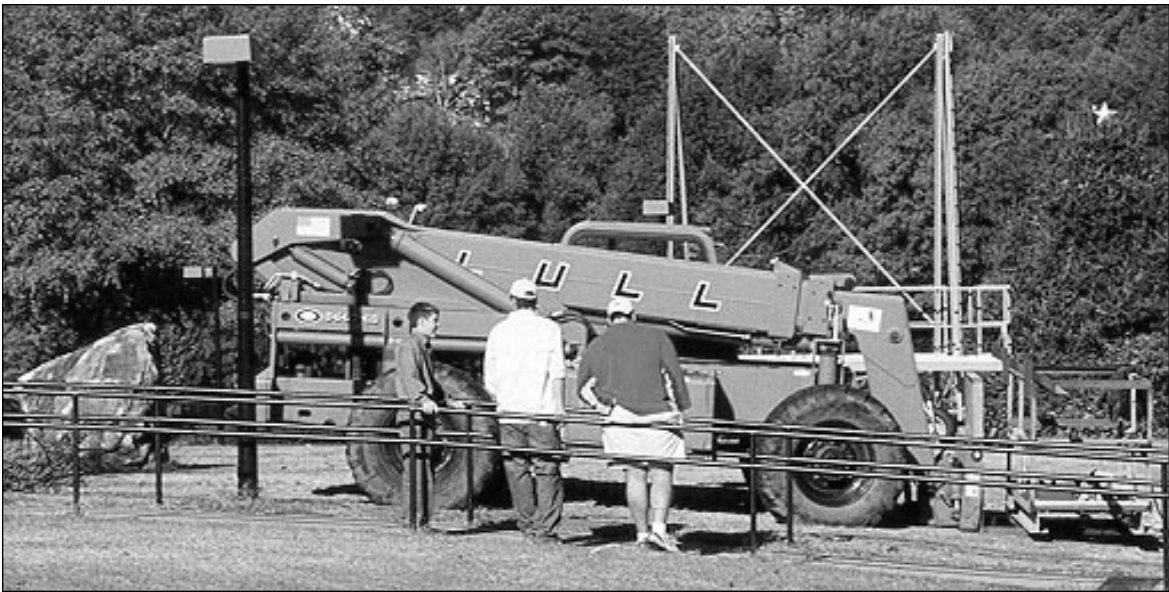
Comedian Mark Anthony will be performing Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in the student center. Check him out!

Another busy day in the

A photo essay by Daniel Bell, Assistant Editor



The Floyd College tower serves as a landmark for the school.



Students standing outside the Walraven building can't help but see the ongoing construction.



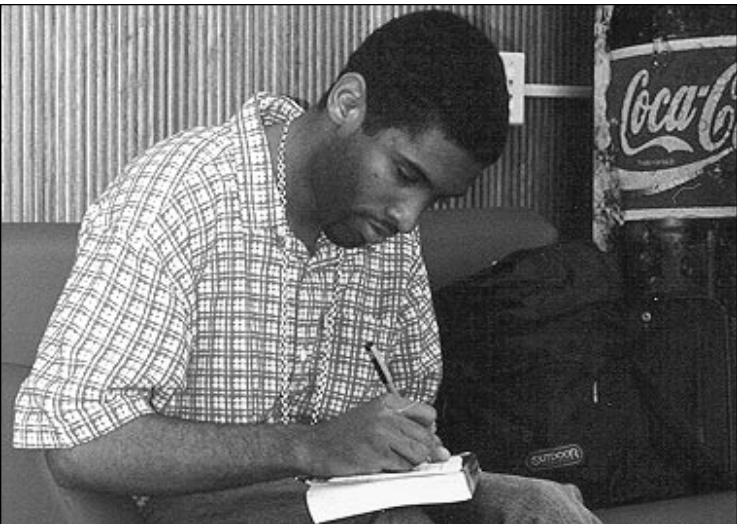
Meagan Edmonds takes the time to look over her notes.



Lauren Wetzel, left, reads the newspaper while Christin Gonzales reads material for class.



Students sit down and relax in the student center while others make their way to class.



Nakia Brinson studies and takes notes.



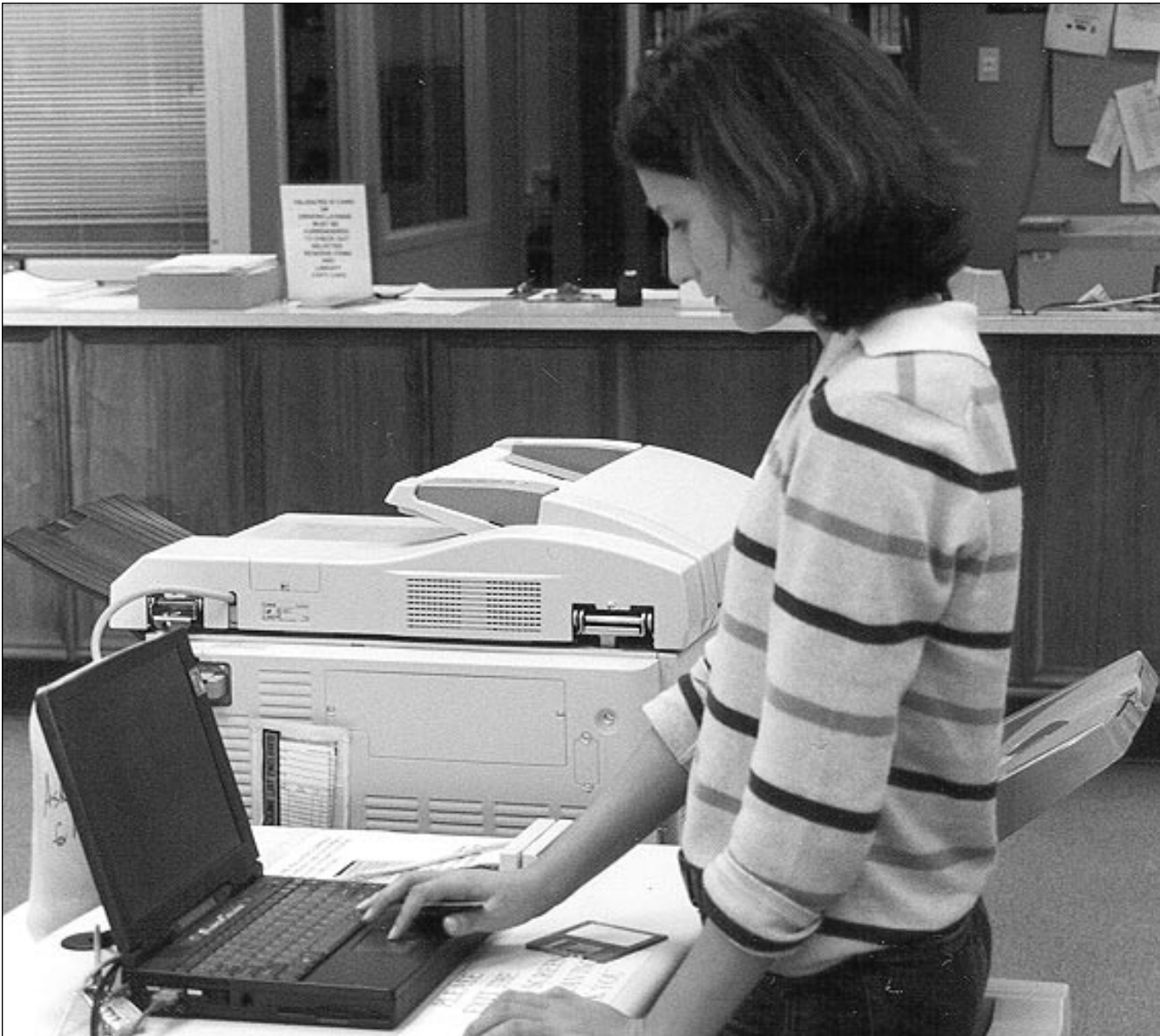
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life of Floyd College



Ashley Gresham uses the laptop to print a research paper.



Roof work continues on the Walraven Building.



Heath Burge explains himself to Alison Green.



Hillary Munro works hard.



Many students attend the Rome campus of Floyd College daily.



Students make their way to class.

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Floyd College students go to prison

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

The introduction to criminal justice class, taught by Greg Sumner, recently visited Hays State Prison, located in Summerville, Ga. The prison houses people convicted of many different crimes. Inmates range from drugs dealers to serial killers.

Hays State Prison houses 1,800 inmates, and approximately 535 officers are employed there. It is also the home of one of the GBI crime labs.

There are three different areas of the prison, and the inmates are put into the area for which they are best suited.

One area is boot camp. It is located outside, and the only shelter the inmates have, during summer and winter, is tall, white tents that are not enclosed. Underneath each tent is a long wooden platform on which about 20 or more inmates keep a limited number of necessities, including a military-style cot that they unfold each night to sleep on.

Each boot camp lasts 90 days,

and during this period, inmates spend a lot of their time doing work detail at the prison, as well as in places around the Summerville and Rome area.

around 50 inmates per room, and the sets of triple bunk beds are spaced tightly together. According to one prison official, in this area people steal from each other, and

two inmates.

The first inmate was in prison because, while on drugs, he attacked two police officers when they tried to arrest him. He had started taking drugs when he was young and continued to take them throughout high school and later even though he had many opportunities to change.

He attended Mercer University for a while and had plans to become a pharmacist. He tried to attend a number of drug rehabs, but would eventually feel as though he did not need them anymore.

He only has 18 months left in prison. He said that the worst part of prison is loneliness. When his 10-year-old daughter visits him in prison, he said he is always embarrassed. His decision to change his bad ways occurred after he hit the two police officers and was sitting in the police station.

The worst crime one can commit, according to this inmate, is child molestation. It's the kind of crime that even other inmates look down on.

The other inmate, in prison for child molestation, said that the worst part of prison is not one particular thing, but everything. He said that inmates have no freedom and can't do things when they feel like it.

An officer who talked to the criminal justice class said that prisoners just get basic medical treatment. He also said that when most prisoners finally get out of prison, they will have contracted a disease, the three most common types being hepatitis C, tuberculosis and AIDS.

The next area is the main part of the prison. It is where inmates are housed who have committed the most heinous crimes, such as rape and murder. Due to a problem in the main part of the prison, the criminal justice class was unable to go in.

Every semester, Sumner takes his introduction to criminal justice class to Hays State Prison. He said, "The book provides an excellent opportunity for academic enrichment. A tour of a maximum security prison provides for reality."



Criminal Justice students wrap up a day at the local prison.

Photo by Greg Sumner

Inmates are not allowed to have any visitors, and no phone calls are to be made. However, inmates do have the opportunity to earn a GED.

The next area is called the annex. It is located indoors. There are

each inmate must learn to be strong. They get up at 4 a.m. and work all day until 4 p.m. These inmates can also get a GED if they choose to do so.

The criminal justice class then had the opportunity to talk with

Club Spotlight: Members of Alpha Delta, local chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association, obtain experience while contributing to the surrounding community

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

It's called the American Criminal Justice Association, and the members of this group are working hard to make a difference in the community, while learning and having fun in the process.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the national association, has been around since 1937. Only recently has Floyd College become involved. Since the creation of Alpha Delta, the local chapter, in the spring of 2001, interest is rising and the club's membership is steadily increasing.

One of the main focuses of the club is to participate in fund-raisers. The present fund-raiser is for the Heart of the Community Foundation, a non-profit organization associated with Redmond Regional Medical Center. They partnered together to make the Heart of the Community Guest

House, a free "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill Redmond patients. Currently, an engraved brick-paved walkway leading to the house is being made.

The members of the Criminal Justice Association are working hard to sell bricks to people in the community. The bricks can be engraved with the donor's name, or it can be in memory, or in honor, of someone. Each brick costs \$50 and Alpha Delta members pledged to raise \$500. The proceeds raised will go to support construction of the Heart of the Community Guest House.

The Alpha Delta members also take time to learn and have fun. They are now in the process of planning a trip to the Rome Police Department's firing range and maybe even a trip to see death row at Jackson State Prison. The trips are not only meant to be fun, but educational as well.

Greg Sumner, associate professor of criminal justice and adviser of the Criminal Justice Association, talked about the planned trip to the firing range. He said, "They [the members of Alpha Delta] get exposure to trained officers who are firearm instructors, who've been doing it for years."

Sumner went on to say that the officers will have the opportunity to come out and talk to the students about the safety of firearms, why police officers carry them, statistics about how often they may be used, how officers are attacked and the usefulness of them.

He also stated, "They get to talk to them about the academic sides of it as well, so it's not just going out there and shooting rounds, and when they do, it's done in a productive manner."

Sumner also said that prospective employers want to know what other organizations a person was



Photo by Kim Cornett

Greg Sumner, adviser (left), and Robert Milam, president of Alpha Delta, are active in making a difference in the community.

involved in during college.

He said, "They want to know that not only that you have a degree, but were you active? Did you play a key role within your school when you were there?"

Robert Milam, the president of Alpha Delta, added that being a member of this organization will serve him for many years down the road.

The vice-president of Alpha Delta is Devon Yarbough, the sec-

retary is Katrice Otting and the treasurer is Elleena Davenport.

The group meets twice per semester. The upcoming meeting will be on Nov. 14 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on the main campus in room F-130.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can pick up an application from the criminal justice bulletin board in the hall near room F-130. Applications can be turned in to Sumner in his office, F-135.

'Students have a voice...'-- Jeff Chandler

By Adam Turner
Staff Writer

Anyone can complain and point out things that are wrong within a system. It takes a different type of person to actively work to bring about changes. Student Senator Jeff Chandler is that different type of person.

Jeff Chandler feels that most students misunderstand the role of the student government. Seeking to bring a new understanding of his office to the student body, Chandler has opened his door and his ear to the problems and concerns of students and is utilizing his position to address the problems that all students face.

"Students have a voice other than their own," said Chandler referring to his unique take on the office of student body senator.

So far, response to Chandler's invitation has been steady and his success encouraging. He has addressed a variety of issues, from

student printer and charger card malfunctions, to advising on grade appeals.

If he cannot solve a student's problem himself, he can become a liaison to the faculty and staff on behalf of the student, ensuring that the proper channels are utilized.

A former Marine, Chandler received a wealth of leadership training during the time he served. Of all the traits that make up a good leader, Chandler places the most value on tact.

He seeks to address all complaints in a professional manner, so as not to hinder the efforts of students seeking his help.

Acting as a liaison provides Chandler with the opportunity to work towards solutions without experiencing the personal frustration and anger that sometimes occurs when students seek to solve problems themselves.

This is not to say that Chandler has an easy job. "I want to set

the standard for what is expected from this point on by being seen, heard and leading by example," Chandler said. "The students and faculty need to know that students are capable of and desire to be a part of the decision making process of Floyd College."

As Chandler works towards the establishment of a better learning environment, he is quick to point out that he is not working alone.

"Certainly this is not a one person project. It involves the SGA officers and the senators on the other campuses as well," he said. He went on to add that the student government as a whole is in the process of working on a new constitution to better serve the needs of the students.

Jeff Chandler's office is located in F-107 in the student life office. His office hours vary, but students may leave a message or simply send him an email at jchan01@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.



Photo by Sandy House

Jeff Chandler serves as student senator for Floyd College.



Photo by Sandy House

Billy Morris stands next to The Rock outside W-Building.

The Rock has actual uses for geology and physics classes at Floyd College

By W. Jason Yates
Staff Writer

The rock outside the Walraven Building has become a campus landmark.

Billy Morris, associate professor of geology, had the rock placed in its current spot in 1998. According to Morris, the rock is a 300 million-year-old fossiliferous limestone. This places the rock in the Mississippian time period.

Several of Dr. Mark Pergrem's physics classes have tried to cal-

culate the weight of the rock. Most of the calculations say the rock is slightly above 1,000 pounds.

The rock was donated to the college by Florida Rock Quarry, said Morris.

Morris commented that he had the rock brought to campus for two main reasons. The first reason was for demonstration use in his geology classes. The second reason so that Pergrem's physics classes could use mass calculation on the volume and weight of the rock.

Education and Psychology career day will be Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student center.

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Fitness lab available to students and staff

By Eric Rose
Staff writer

Tired of using phony infomercial fitness products? Floyd College offers a free fitness center for its students, faculty and staff.

Usage permits are also available to alumni and retirees.

The fitness lab offers all the equipment necessary for a complete upper and lower body workout.

Some examples of equipment that can be found in the fitness lab include a treadmill, a lifecycle, a stair-master, hand weights, bench weight machines and squat-racks. The fitness lab also offers a locker room, a television,

a stereo and a shower with free towels.

The lab shares these facilities, and most of the equipment, with the gymnasium.

David Mathis and Bridget Stewart supervise the lab; there are also several student assis-

tants. Printed instructions are available to demonstrate the use of the machines, and instructors are usually nearby to help with workout routines and fitness plans.

The physical education instructors can also be contacted at (706) 295-6353 to answer questions regarding the fitness center.

The fitness lab is located adjacent to the gymnasium in the Physical Education Complex and has its own lighted entrance for night visits, which faces toward the W-Building.

The fitness lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fitness lab is not open on Saturday and Sunday.



Photo by Sandy House
A weight bench sits unused in fitness center.



Photo by Jesse Bishop
Treadmills are open for student and faculty use.



Photo by Jesse Bishop
Fitness bikes are just one example of equipment available.

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Intramural flag football season well underway

By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer

The sound of cheering and shirts ripping can be heard on the soccer field behind Floyd College every Thursday around 1:30 p.m. The 2001 flag football season has begun and will continue through Nov. 15.

The games are played every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and on Nov. 15 the top two teams will play for the flag football championship at 1:30 p.m. The members of the championship team will receive T-shirts to serve as trophies.

Five teams signed up for the tournament.

These teams include the Bombers, the Young Guns, the Underdawgs, the Bearcats and

Baptist Student Union (BSU).

The Bombers consist of Mark Middleton, Luke Sheffield, Brian Dudley, Brett Smith, Jason Ford, Jarrett Grey, Trina Bright, Steven Brannon and Janette DeCosta.

The Young Guns are Tommy Oswald, Will Stansell, Trevor Flow, Jeremy Flow, Jeremy Carter, Joey Harris, Daniel Dunagan, Jeremiah Brock and Amanda Duke.

The Underdawgs are Tim Smith, Matt Nasworthy, Mathew Crowder, Kevin Jones, Brooke Worley, Eric Minter, J.T. Edenfield, Ricky Robinson and Mathew Cantrell.

The Bearcats are Dewayne Metcalf, Corey Ware, Keon Flemister, Jason Yates, Al Miller, Chris Alred, Amid Patel, Brijesh Patel, Dre Borders, Kandace

Edwards and Ogechi Onu.

BSU consists of Vic Rockhill, Danny Clements, Brian Hollingsworth, Steve Davenport, Mitchell Hewell, Cory McAdams, Jon Smith, Natalie Groce, Steve Roberson, Mary Thomas and Beau Swafford.

On Nov. 1 the Bombers were defeated by the Bearcats at 1:30 p.m.

BSU took a loss at the hands of the Underdogs at 2:30 p.m. The Young Guns had a bye.

As of Nov. 7 the Underdogs and the Young Guns were both undefeated with three wins and no losses apiece.

BSU and the Bearcats both had records of one win and two losses.

The Bombers had no wins and four losses.



Photo by Daniel Bell

Cory McAdams kicks the ball to the other team while his teammate Mitchell Hewell looks on.

Sports banquet planned to honor the exceptional performances of the fall intramural athletes

By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer

The intramural sports banquet will be held Nov. 29 at noon in the gym lobby on Floyd College's central campus.

At the banquet, t-shirts will be awarded to the winning teams of the 3-on-3-basketball tournament, volleyball tournament and flag football tournament.

The top four winners of the

tennis tournament will each be given a t-shirt also. The categories of the winners will be men's advanced, men's beginners, women's advanced and women's beginners.

The male and female winners from the Turkey Day Walk/ Run will each receive a \$25 gift certificate from Hickory Hams.

Participants in the Fit Program will be honored too. Everyone who reached their goals will receive t-shirts.



Photo by Daniel Bell

Mark Middleton looks for room while Danny Clements gives chase.

Atlanta Braves' farm team will begin play as the Rome Braves in 2003

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

The vote is in and the SLOST tax was passed, which means that the Macon Braves are on their way to becoming the Rome Braves.

A bigger voter turnout than expected yielded a vote in favor of the tax with only a 1 percent mar-

gin. The final vote was 7,163 for and 7,021 against.

The sales tax, which will be raised a penny Jan. 1, 2002, is expected to yield about \$15 million over a 15 month period.

This money will be used to build a brand new minor league baseball stadium where the Class A Rome Braves will play their

home games.

Construction on the new facility will begin before January.

The first pitch for the new stadium is scheduled for April 2003.

***Editor's note:** Some of the details for this story came from the Nov. 7 issue of the *Rome News Tribune*.

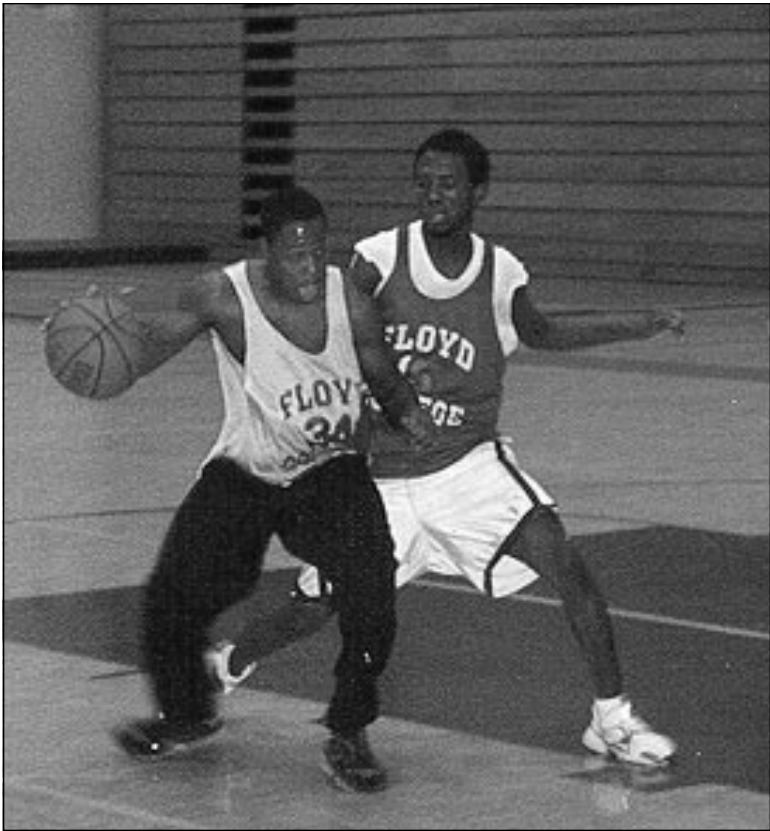


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Keon Flemister tries to drive in against Greco Styles.

Turkey Day Walk/run scheduled

By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer

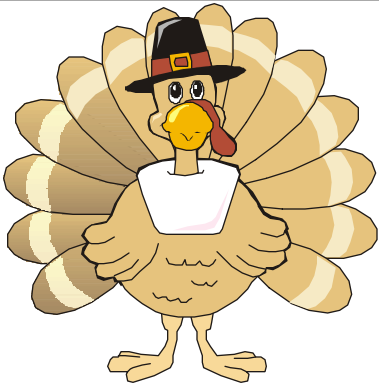
The Turkey Day Walk/ Run will be held Nov. 18 down by the lake behind Floyd College. It will start at 1 p.m.

Each participant must estimate how long it will take him

or her to walk around the lake one time.

All watches and stopwatches will be taken up before the event begins.

The male and female closest to their estimated time will each receive a \$25 gift certificate from Hickory Hams.



Lenny’s latest, his greatest?

**By Jesse Bishop
Editor**

What would someone call a fresh new mix of beats, a rhythmic six-string and lyrics that touch every sense in the human body?

Lenny, that is what people would call it. It is the latest from rocker Lenny Kravitz.

Quite possibly, it is his best work yet.

One thing the new album, released Oct. 30, has going for it is the clever blend of old school guitar and lyrics, and the new use of mixing in exceptional beats.

Lenny features lyrics that are very reminiscent of the early albums. Where in the first couple of albums there was a sense of searching, this new effort brings back the search.

Only this time he has honed the hunt; Kravitz is looking for love.

Kravitz has often featured the power ballad as a staple of his albums. The song “Stillness of Heart,” is one his best love ballads.

The fifth track, “Believe in Me,” uses mixing and beats in a very ingenious way. Listeners are hooked by the flow of the soft vocals and rhythmic hits.

The lyrics from this new work are incredibly original, in a time when originality seems to be like small pox, all but eradicated. One example of the “Kravitz-esque” lyrics comes in the final track, where he encourages everyone to get high. To get high on love, that is.

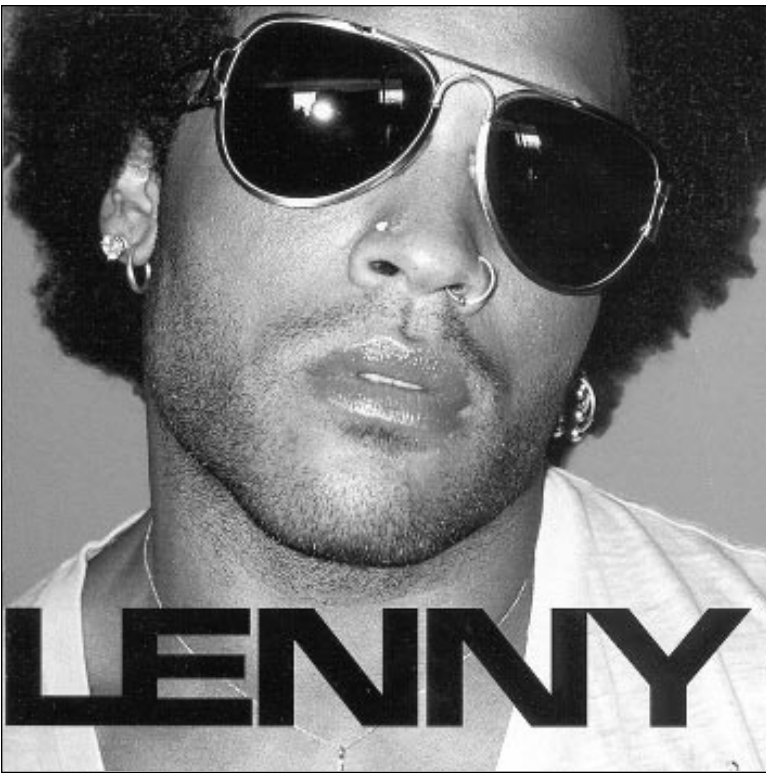
The album has a great mix of rocking jams and smooth love songs. Kravitz uses an array of chords and melodies to either pump the listener up or mellow them out.

Kravitz has done a marvelous job with the new album.

Anyone who has ever heard a

Kravitz song will find something on this CD just for his or her tastes. It is quite refreshing to see an artist turn out a truly original work that uses mixing and rocking.

- Other Albums by Kravitz:
- 5
 - Are You Gonna Go My Way?
 - Circus
 - Greatest Hits
 - Let Love Rule
 - Mama Said



The movie *From Hell* is heaven sent



**By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor**

“One day men will say that I gave birth to the 20th century.” This is the chilling comment of Jack the Ripper, the legendary slasher from 19th-centruy London and the main character in the newly released movie *From Hell*.

Directed by Allen and Albert Hughes (*Menace II Society*, *American Pimp*), *From Hell* puts an entirely new twist on the already twisted tale of Jack the Ripper.

Johnny Depp (*Sleepy Hollow*, *Edward Scissorhands*) plays Inspector Fred Abberline, who is investigating the murders, and Heather Graham (*Killing Me Softly*, *Austin Powers: the Spy who Shagged Me*) takes on the role of Mary Kelly, a prostitute whose friends are one by one becoming Ripper’s victims.

From Hell relates the well-know story of Jack the Ripper with a brand-new twist.

Inspector Abberline has the ability to see the victims before they are killed. Although this does not help him to prevent the murders, it does provide insight into the identity of the murderer.

Piece by piece, murder after murder, Abberline, with the help of Mary Kelly, begins to put the puzzle together until he discovers the true culprit. Although the real Ripper was never caught or iden-

tified, *From Hell* pins the killings on a historical figure that even had ties to the British Crown.

Depp and Graham turn in wonderful performances in a movie that is sure to rank well with the horror-loving crowd. The directors earned the “R” rating, sparing no expense in the blood and gore department, which only adds to the serial killer story.

Big name stars and an incredibly frightening story line make *From Hell* a must-see movie event. Being released just weeks before Halloween only added to the horror film attraction.



Heather Graham and Johnny Depp in the movie *From Hell*. Photo courtesy of www.fromhellmovie.com.