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Public and private sector scholarships available

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

Many students find that college is a very expensive, yet worthwhile investment.

Scholarships are one way to fund higher education. Scholarships can range from those such as the HOPE scholarship to many private sector scholarships.

The HOPE scholarship is a state-funded scholarship only available to the residents of Georgia. Students must be nominated by their high school counselor to receive HOPE, or students must earn 30+ hours at an accredited institution with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Individuals or companies that want to honor or do something in remembrance of someone often provide private sector scholarships. Many times, these scholarships are for research or study in a particular field.

However, there are several of these scholarships that are available for any major.

There are several ways to search for scholarships. One of the most popular and easiest ways is through an Internet search.

Floyd College offers a link to 10 separate FREE searches. To access these links go to the Floyd College homepage, click on the administration building, then financial aid. From there students will find a list of options covering all aspects of financing a college education.

Students should feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions they have regarding scholarships or any other types of education financing.

It is important for students to remember that many scholarship deadlines will come up during the next few months. Some deadlines are as early as Dec. 1, while others can be as late as July or even August. Usually, the earlier the application is turned in, the greater the chance of an award.

Organ donation touches Floyd College

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

Their goal is to raise awareness of organ donation.

Carla Patterson, instructor of English, and Susan Claxton, assistant professor, coordinator of human services and Waco campus director, are in the process of starting an organ donor awareness program, which will include not only Floyd College's Rome campus but also the campuses at Cartersville, Acworth and Waco.

The decision to start the organ donor awareness program emerged in August after Patterson lost her 17-year-old cousin. She had been awaiting a heart and lung transplant that did not come in time. After her health declined, she was taken off the list of potential recipients. Soon after, she passed away.

While attending the funeral of her cousin, Patterson came up with the idea of an awareness program. "At the funeral, when I asked her father the standard, 'What can I do?' question, he said, 'Make sure you are an organ donor.' I decided that I could do more than just that, and maybe help convince others of the need as well," Patterson said.

The next day Patterson contacted Claxton, who agreed to help in any way she could with the organ donor awareness program.

Claxton had her own experience with organ donation. Her 13-year-old daughter Felicia got sick in November 1994 with what was thought to be asthma or bronchitis.

Two days after Christmas of that same year, Claxton took her daughter to the doctor and found out that a virus had attacked Felicia's heart. She developed cardiomyopathy, which is an enlargement of the heart.

She was placed on the waiting list for a heart transplant two days later. During Felicia's long wait, Claxton noticed extreme changes in her daughter. "I watched as she rapidly went downhill to the point that she was unable to walk two feet without turning blue from the lack of oxygen and having heart irregularities," said Claxton.

After 38 long days, they received a call from the hospital; Felicia had a potential donor. On Feb. 2, 1995, she received her new heart.



Guest photo

Organ donors gave Felicia, left, more years with her father, Jeff; mother, Susan; and sister, Melissa.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Susan Claxton, who lost a daughter, stresses the importance of organ donation.

In 1998 Felicia's immune system attacked her new heart; she had to get a second transplant. Her mom remembers that time during Felicia's life. Claxton commented, "Felicia was a senior in high school, and she wanted so much to attend her senior prom and to graduate. Felicia received her heart one week before her senior year. She recovered and returned to high school. She made it to her senior prom, and she graduated with honors!"

Felicia moved out in September 1999. She worked at Wal-Mart and was planning to start Floyd College in the spring. On Nov. 9, 1999, Claxton rushed Felicia to the hospital with more heart problems. Felicia died four days later.

Claxton said, "I am so grateful that I had her in my life. She was and is an inspiration in my life. When she was 13 and was waiting for a heart, it was I who grew

impatient, but her words to me were 'Chill, Mom. God has to prepare the family to give the greatest gift, life.'"

Patterson and Claxton, along with Amelia Billingsley, professor of language arts, and Linda Corbin, extended learning secretary and Heritage Hall contact, are all united in the effort to make people aware of organ donations. They plan to make brochures and organ donor cards, which came from the Gift of Life Foundation, available to anyone interested.

Patterson says, "In light of the recent tragic events in our nation and the resulting urge in many Americans to do something to help, organ donation is an alternative to consider now, possibly more than ever."

She adds, "It is very important for those considering becoming an organ donor to not only make the decision to give the 'gift of life,' but

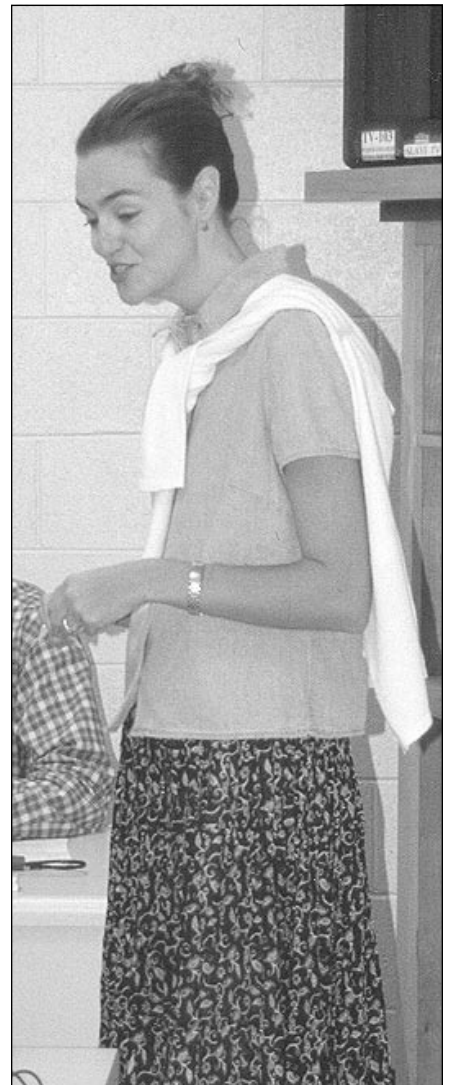


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Carla Patterson lost a loved one who was awaiting a transplant.

to also inform their family members of their decisions. If a person's next-of-kin does not consent to organ donation, a deceased's wishes will not be carried out.

Thus, simply signing a card and carrying it in a wallet is not good enough. Family members must be aware of these decisions as well."

According to the Gift of Life Foundation, there are currently over 79,000 men, women, young adults and children on the list for transplants.

The largest group waiting is from 18-49 years of age. Last year 6,000 people died due to the lack of organs. That's 16 people every day.

If anyone would like information on organ donation, please see Patterson, Claxton, Billingsley, or Corbin, or visit the Gift of Life Foundation's website at www.giftoflifefoundation.org.

New vice presidents come to Floyd

**By Brandon Kerr
Staff Writer**

Two new administrators have taken their place among the staff of Floyd College this year.

Dr. Virginia Carson and Karen Porter have taken over as vice president of academic affairs and vice president of finance, respectively.

Carson, who hails from Macon, was formerly dean for academic services at the Clarkston campus of Georgia Perimeter College.

She is now the chief academic office of Floyd College.

Carson says that she is looking forward to working with the staff at the college and feels that Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, and his administration are full of great ideas for the continuing development of the school.

"The strong new leadership and the college's history of success are important to its development as a multi-campus unit of the University System of Georgia," said Carson.

Carson's decisions will be directly observed in the classrooms

and in other areas of academic life in the form of curriculum and program policies and the overseeing of the instructional program.

Carson is also responsible for



Photo by Crystal Hightower
Dr. Virginia Carson

the quality of academic programs and protecting the transferability of courses.

For her first order of business at the college Carson said,

"I'm going to listen to students and faculty and work to continue the successful academic program here. I want to meet the folks at Floyd and am genuinely interested in putting names with faces."

Porter initially came to work for Floyd College in the capacity of comptroller in May 1998.

In her position as vice president of finance and administration, she is responsible for accounting services, procurement, public safety, plant operations, auxiliary services and other administrative decisions.

Porter says she is looking forward to her tenure and has been impressed with how well Pierce and the rest of the staff work together.

"The personalities meld very well together. Everyone's very cooperative, and I think we're all interested in the same things far as what we wish to accomplish for this institution," said Porter.

As to what those things are that the administration wishes to accomplish this year, Porter indicates that there will be somewhat of a step back from the high em-



Photo by Crystal Hightower
Karen Porter

phasis placed on the laptop project in recent years and more energy focused on some of the things that may have been neglected due to the project.

She said, "We hope ... that we'll be able to do a little more professional development, for one thing. We'd like to take this ITP project to the next phase and to be able to reduce the technology fee even more next year."

"So many of our resources have been geared toward the laptop project," said Porter, "that we needed to do some repairs and general maintenance around the campus. We're getting a new roof on the Walraven Building this year ... , doing some work on the computer services area ... , and the sign out front is getting a little bit of a facelift as well."

Another big concern of the current administration is the upcoming Bartow Center project.

"A lot of our long-range goals," said Porter, "revolve around the Bartow Center and getting it up and running, which will be a multi-year project. We just had a meeting the other day about getting the space over there, so we're all very excited about that."

Rome helps Georgia test new voting machine

**By Jeremy Stewart
Chief Staff Writer**

The Secretary of State's Office is planning to unveil a new way to vote, and Rome is going to play a crucial part.

On Nov. 6, Romans will be greeted at the polls not by the traditional optic-scan ballots, but by a computer screen.

These new voting machines, known as Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) equipment, are being tested in 13 cities statewide. They are designed to prevent any mistakes that may occur during an election.

Last November, the nation was subjected to a period of uncertainty as the state of Florida underwent scrutiny for its problems with its voting practices and poli-

cies. Florida's undervote, the difference between the total ballots cast and votes cast for the presidency, was 2.9 percent. The percentage for Georgia was 3.5 percent.

This prompted Secretary of State Cathy Cox to push for a resolution in the state legislature to insure that the chaos that transpired in Florida will not push northward.

The first stage of that resolution is the upcoming municipal elections in which the DRE machines will be utilized.

Six differently manufactured machines will be used. However, each of the cities selected to host this pilot project will use only one type of machine.

As voters leave the polls, a specially constructed exit poll created

by the University of Georgia will be given out in order to gather information about the machines



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used in each city. This information will be used by the Secretary of State's Office to choose which one machine to implement statewide.

Floyd College is becoming directly involved in this historic event.

A campaign, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will focus on the ways this project will help the voting process in Georgia.

This will culminate in a public demonstration at the main campus of the machine that is going to be used in the Rome elections.

*Editor's note: Jeremy Stewart is a member of the Secretary of State Advising Committee, which is currently focusing attention on voting procedures.

Advantages of the new voting machines

- Only one vote accepted per race
- A summary page at the end of the ballot
- Ability to correct any mistakes made before casting ballot
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Floyd College blood drive gathers more than expected

By Nikki Wells
Staff Writer

"I'm very impressed with the willingness of Floyd College students to give to those in need," said Ashley Wood, director of student life.

In the weeks following the Sept. 11 incident, Floyd College organized not one, but two blood drives.

Blood Assurance set one donating drive for Sept. 13.

The American Red Cross sponsored the second drive, a

preplanned event, on Sept. 17.

Blood Assurance obtained 20 units of blood, and the American Red Cross gathered 77, which is 47 units over Floyd College's initial Red Cross Blood Drive goal of 30 units.

The American Red Cross would have acquired more, but there was a shortage in supplies due to the large amounts of blood donated recently across the nation.

Woods said, "It was great to see the Red Cross shut down because we had too many donors."



Photo by Crystal hightower

Stephen Newman, right, was one many students who helped out with blood drive.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Dr. Penny Wills, left, and Dr. Randy Pierce show off American Red Cross tee-shirts.

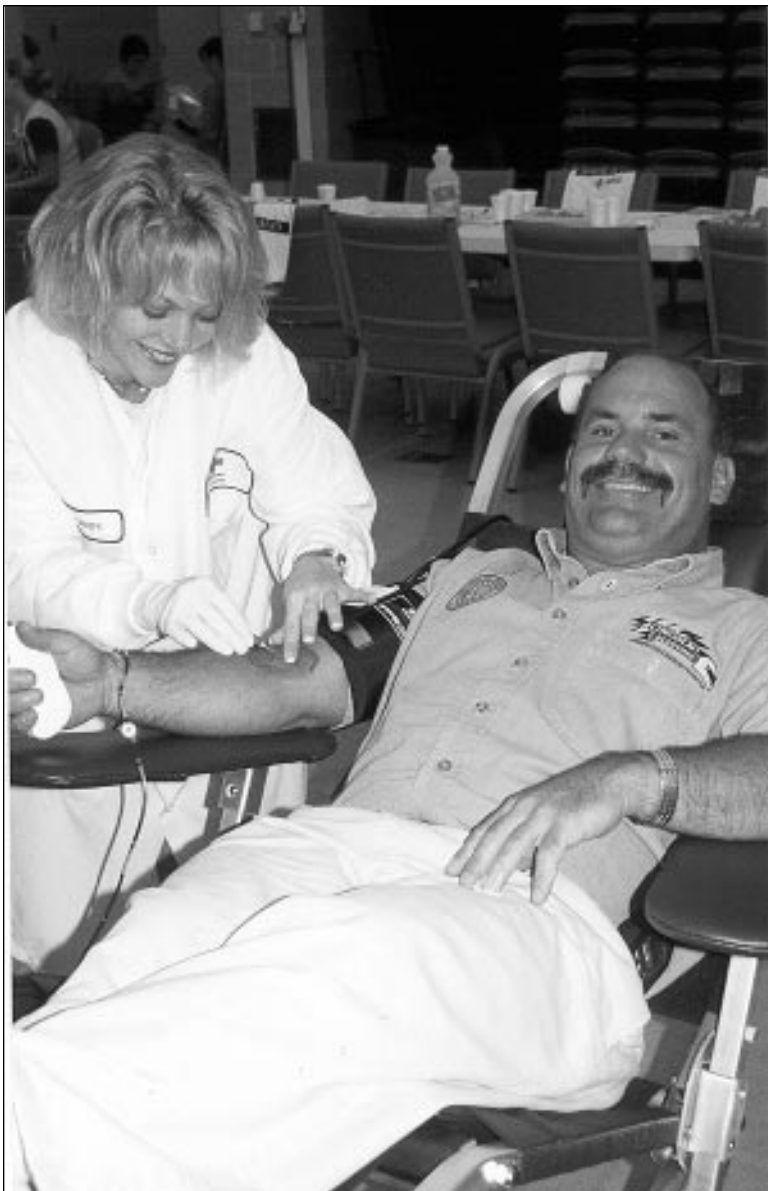


Photo by Crystal Hightower

People from the community turn out to give blood.

Minor league baseball coming to Rome?

By W. Jason Yates
Staff Writer

The Macon Braves minor league baseball team may be moving to Rome in 2003.

Rome hopes to score the team by passing a SPLOST, a special local option sales tax, during the Nov. 6 election, says TomTully, the assistant county manager. If this vote passes, then a new stadium would be constructed for the Braves in Rome.

The Department of Justice gave Floyd County permission to place the SPLOST on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Macon, which currently hosts the team, has reported losses over the last few years by keeping the team there. The Associated Press said that Macon has poured more than \$550,000 into renovations on the Luther Williams Stadium.

The Macon Braves do not seem to be satisfied. The *Macon Telegraph* said that the Macon Braves had asked for more than \$1 mil-

lion to continue the stadium renovation. That money would also go towards new concession stands, new dugouts and grandstand seating.

Macon Mayor Jack Ellis told his city council members that the \$1 million that the team had requested is "only a remote possibility."

Ellis isn't really sure how much of a benefit the team is to Macon, but he did say that his city loses over \$150,000 per year just on park maintenance.

The AP has also reported that Macon City Council President Anita Ponder has also been considering a SPLOST for her city. The revenue received from that tax would go towards renovations on the team's current home.

Ponder did say that that was just an idea, though, and didn't know if her fellow city council members would vote with her on that idea. Ponder also said that fixing the stadium is part of the city's master plan but doesn't

know if the plan will keep the team in Macon.

Ponder wants the Macon and Bibb County governments to come together and discuss ways of keeping the Braves there and the possibility of their own SPLOST. She hopes a solution will be found and ironed out quickly so the team will stay. Ponder was quoted by the AP as saying, "While Floyd County is trying to bring the Braves, or whoever, we're stepping up to the plate to keep them here."

The opinions of college students here are scattered throughout the spectrum.

Corey Rosenberg said, "We don't want no Braves in Rome. I don't like baseball." Norma Murphy commented, "It's unnecessary because of the money. The taxes are already high enough."

"Yes, they should come to Rome," Graham Duke said. Samantha Pierce stated, "They should come to Rome. It will get the community involved in more things."

Devry Ad

Apathy common at Floyd College

At colleges across the country, students participate in an array of activities.

One college that seems to lack this student participation is Floyd College. There is only a small group of students who actively participate in the events here.

There are usually the same four or five students partaking in each and every event.

One would think that students planning to transfer would become active in the “college life.” Yet, at Floyd College, that doesn’t seem to be the case.

Studies show that the more active students are, the better their chances are of getting good grades and getting into more prestigious universities.

Many major universities look for students that will get involved with at least one organization. This shows that the students care about the environment in which they are being educated.

Could it be students aren’t

given the opportunity to get involved, or are they just apathetic?

Many students go to the game room before, after and sometimes during classes. Amazingly, the Office of Student Life is right next door.

Many students go into the office to get equipment to use in the game room; however, very few, if any, notice the hum of activity that the office generates.

The Student Government Association plans many events to entertain students and get them involved in the college experience.

The director of student life, Ashley Wood, works very hard to get interesting people to perform at the college.

Many of these are great acts. But students never seem to show interest.

Some of the past entertainers have been featured at colleges nationwide. Then these people come to Floyd College and have audiences ranging in

size from five to 10 people, depending on how many club officers are around. This is an insult to these people.

It would lead one to think that the students at Floyd College are lazy, inconsiderate or possibly just plain dumb.

Students often complain about the cost of college, part of which is called a “student activity fee.”

Yet many students do not capitalize on the use of this fee.

For students to whine about money, and then **not** to take advantage of shows that they have paid for is both ironic and frivolous.

Students should speak up and perk up. They should show some school spirit or at least a little respect for the efforts that go into making Floyd College a fun place to learn.

The next time an artist, comedian or band is performing, please just pretend to be interested.

You might find you are actually enjoying yourself.

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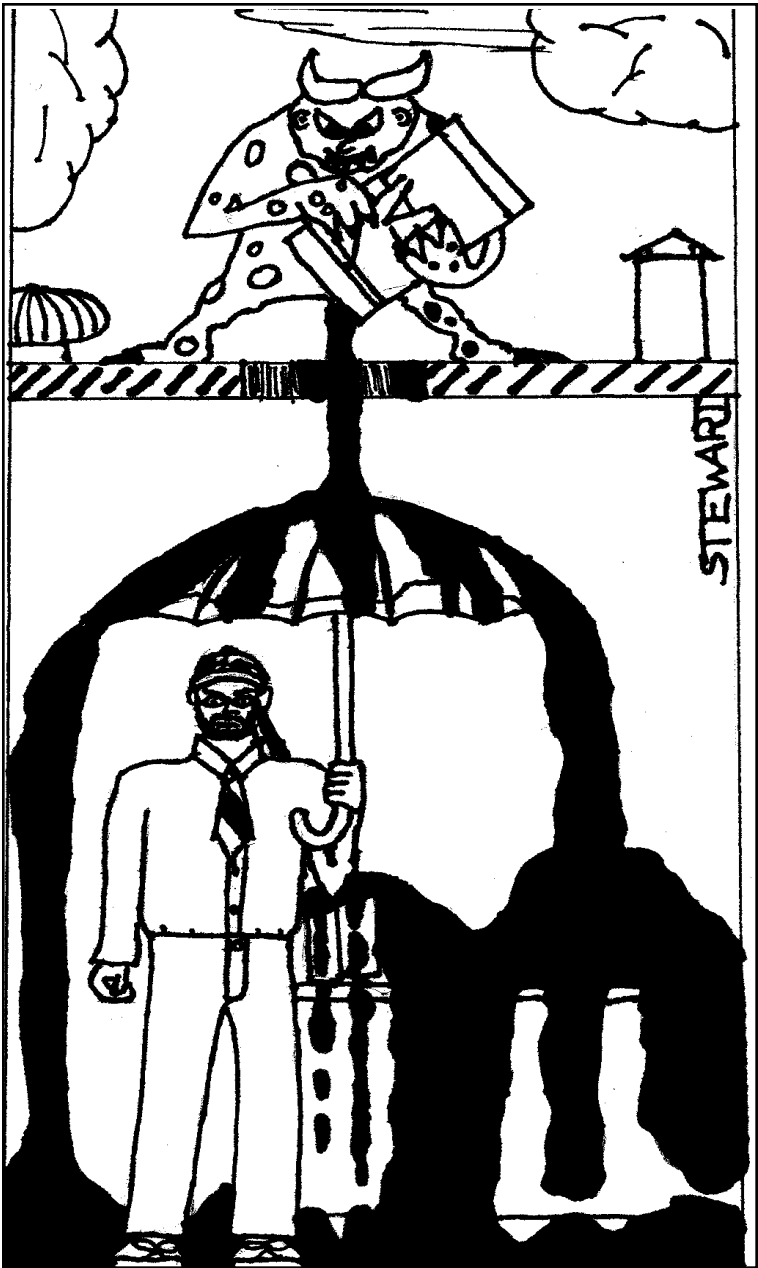
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Is it just me, or is the inside of the W-Building starting to fall apart? You may or may not have noticed all the damage being done to the offices of teachers in said building, but it’s there.

As we have already reported, Billy Morris’ office was destroyed by tar that leaked through the ceiling.

And not too long ago, Associate Professor of English Jon Hershey was forced to pack up and leave his office after four offices around him flooded. He was advised to leave while he still could.

Hershey said that his end of the hallway (and the hallway itself) was “assaulted by rain and falling ceiling tiles.”

That part of the building is really a sad sight. There are buckets everywhere, fans blowing and plastic tarps over everything in an attempt to battle what I like to call, the Roof Goblin!

What is the Roof Goblin, you

Editor’s Box
Attack of the Roof Goblin!

ask? By Roof Goblin, I am not referring to the people you see walking around on top of the roof during the day. No, those hard-working men are doing a fine job. I am talking about the creature responsible for the destruction to the interior of the Walraven Building.

You see, much like the goblin that lived under your bed and messed your room up after you spent hours cleaning it, he comes out and wreaks havoc on the roof when everyone leaves at night. His sole purpose is to cause trouble for students and teachers who are unfortunate enough to have a class or office in the W-Building.

Although I haven’t seen him personally, I know he’s out there. It makes perfect sense if you stop and think about it.

What else could explain all the damage being done on the inside while the outside is being fixed? The Roof Goblin! Why do you think that it is taking the men repairing the roof such a long time? The Roof Goblin!

You see, not only does the Roof Goblin knock down ceiling tiles

and punch holes in the roof, but he also pours down tar and messes up everything the repairmen have worked so hard to fix. The Roof Goblin is responsible for all the roof-associated problems! Why, if I didn’t know better, I would think that he also makes it rain just to flood the building.

I’m sure that there are skeptics out there who don’t believe me. I am sure some of you think that the problems are to be blamed on the men doing the work on the roof. But, you are wrong, my friend. Those are caring, hard-working men who are just trying to do their jobs.

If it had not been for the Roof Goblin, then they would have finished months ago and would already be on to a roof somewhere else.

So, I say, blame not the men that are so diligently working on our new roof. Nay, blame the true culprit. Blame the little devil that is responsible for the leaking tar, flooded hallways, falling tiles and destroyed offices. Blame the Roof Goblin!

Letters to the Editor

Bookstore workers need some understanding

Dear Editor,
I understand how a student could become frustrated when having to deal with unenthusiastic employees of the bookstore. However, I do not approve of the method you used to voice your opinion. I believe you should have thought of the feelings of the people you wrote about. It is best to be understanding of others and not assume their jobs are as we imagine them to be.
Lucy Wansley
PSO Student
Rome, GA

Editorial hits the mark

Dear Editor,
Your essay on the crisis at the bookstore was right on the money. You have said what is on everybody else's mind. I think you are right about the crappy attitude and the slowness in the workers. Maybe they do need to go off and train to be a bookstore clerk. Who knows, they might learn something. The paper is also great to read. I read both your columns, as well as the column about improved school enrollment. The writers on your staff have a great way of putting material together. The paper also keeps the students, as well as anybody else who reads it, up to date with the current news at Floyd College. I look forward to reading the next issue.
Mark Cody
Middle Grades Education
Cedartown, GA

More roof woes

Dear Editor,
I am writing you to give my opinion on the roof construction inconveniences. I agree with the students who wrote that they were totally distracted in class with all of the noise. It would be really hard to listen to your teacher with loud noises on top of the roof. I know the workers are just doing their job, but maybe they should change the time they work on the roof. I am also sorry to hear about Billy Morris's belongings getting ruined. This is all a mess right now, but in the end it will all be done and we will have a new roof. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Amy Cochran
Nursing
Calhoun, GA

Dr. Pierce has best job on campus!?!?!?

Dear Editor,
The article by Jeremy Stewart, "Dr. Pierce Begins To Settle In," was very interesting. It helped me to understand things that are happening within our college. It also answered some of my questions about the future. I know this is the first job Dr. Pierce has had outside of Metro Atlanta.

Also, I am proud to know that Dr. Pierce wants to make Floyd the best two-year college around. He knows he must do that by establishing a new framework for the administration.

I feel that starting with the administration is the first step to success. The administrators are the ones who communicate with the outside people. Not only do they communicate with one another, but students and parents as well. They are very important and make a difference at our school. A school's fee is, most of the time, the determining factor of how many students will enroll in a particular college. I think it is necessary for fee adjustments to be seriously considered. Many students would like the technology fee to be lowered. Most classes do not insist on the use of laptops.

Therefore, why are students being charged? I particularly enjoy morning to early afternoon classes best. Having most of my classes in the morning helps me to get my day started earlier, and it helps me to study in the afternoons more than at night.

If having afternoon classes will make Floyd a better college, then it should be done. Morning classes definitely need to be kept. I appreciate Dr. Pierce's time and effort to make Floyd College a better place for everyone. If Dr. Pierce is really having a blast, then he has the best job around, a job in which one can have fun, but still gain success. This article has challenged me to learn more about my school, and I plan to do just that.

Cherish Williamson
Early Childhood Education
Armuchee, GA

Floyd College gets fruity

Dear Editor,
I'm confused. As I was walking around campus the other day I just happened to walk by the bell tower. I saw a watermelon patch. What the heck? Why does our school have a watermelon patch in the middle of campus? Who planted it? Can just anybody pick a watermelon or what? Did a faculty or student plant it? I think it's a cool thing to have it planted on cam-



Photo by Daniel Bell

One of the watermelons located in the bell tower courtyard. pus, but it looks ugly and decrepit. It looks, to me, like it's an eyesore. It would look better if it were planted elsewhere on campus, not in the center court of the bell tower. I'm the SGA President and I still can't find out who planted it. I was just wondering if you could inform the students and myself on why it is there. Any help is appreciated.

God bless America,
Jason Yates
SGA President

Administrator points out strengths of FC-West Ga. Accelerated Transfer Program

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to the editorial published in the last issue of the *Six Mile Post* regarding Floyd College Students who attend classes at the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton. ... This semester, fall 2002, is the final year of phasing in new admissions standards for all University System of Georgia schools. As a system, we have all seen admissions standards rise dramatically since fall 1997, and all schools have struggled with how to serve those students who might have met previous admissions criteria, but cannot get into the college of their choice under today's more rigid requirements. Fortunately, the two-year schools like Floyd have maintained the most flexibility and the lowest of these new, higher standards so we have been able to serve many students who no longer qualify to begin college at a four-year school. With the above in mind, a pilot program was devised to serve students who applied to West Georgia but did not meet their current standards for admission. These are students who might not, otherwise, consider Floyd College as an option. And because the goal of these students is to complete a bachelor's degree program at West Georgia, the pilot was designed to provide these new Floyd College students with an early introduction to the West Georgia campus for an easy transition later, as well as a special incentive for success—early transfer. Students interested in the Accelerated Transfer Program (ATP) were referred to Floyd College by West Georgia's Office of Admissions. All their application materials had to be meticulously processed just as any other Floyd College student, and they had to meet the exact same admissions requirements as any other Floyd student. They are certainly not "leftovers"! Many of those interested in the ATP pilot did *not* meet our admissions standards and, thus, were denied admission to Floyd College. But for those who did, a new and very beneficial program was born. Here are some ATP highlights:
· Accelerated Transfer Program students

take their classes on the campus of West Georgia to become acclimated to that campus as they will be spending several years there as future West Georgia students. ... It really **IS** good for relations and connections! This kind of partnership allows many students to meet their educational goals without as many roadblocks while two institutions of higher education act cooperatively and without thought of selfishly vying for student numbers. (Sure, we'd love to have every student stay here and get their 60 hours and an associate's degree, but that goal is not in everyone's plan.) ATP students are **real** Floyd College students. They have been admitted and tested and oriented with Floyd College like any other student with their credentials. ... The tuition ATP students pay is what helps pay Floyd College professors, thus Floyd College professors go to West Georgia to teach Floyd College classes. ATP students have the opportunity to transfer to West Georgia before reaching the 30-semester hour mark, after completing all Learning Support and CPC deficiency makeup coursework as well as mandatory FCST and FCCS classes. ATP students are removed from the ATP program if they do not pass each and every class. ... So you see, this Accelerated Transfer Program between Floyd College and West Georgia has some wonderful advantages as well as some stiffer rules and policies. Some students who were initially interested in the ATP pilot elected not to participate. Others who learned of the pilot too late were sorry they could not participate. It is hard to serve everyone and to meet each and every individual's specific needs, but the Accelerated Transfer Program is one attempt that is proving to be a huge hit and very beneficial to those involved. I hope this clears up many of your concerns. Sincerely,
C. Lynn Bacon
Chair, Enrollment Management

Vegetarians seek healthier lifestyle and animal rights

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

The central campus has several restaurants within minutes that offer a variety of burgers, sandwiches and tacos to suit the taste of many students.

However there are some students that do not have such an abundance of quick meals.

These are the vegetarians, a small but growing group of students, faculty and staff.

Among the vegetarians here at Floyd College is Jeannie Blakely, assistant librarian and technical services consultant. Blakely says that she has been a vegetarian for about seven or eight years.

She is what is called an "ovo-lacto" vegetarian, which means that she eats egg and dairy products.

Blakely said that she became a vegetarian for a combination of reasons, namely for environmental and health reasons. She said that large amounts of forests are being destroyed to create grazing lands for cattle and for processing

plants. "Cutting the demand for meat is just one of the everyday things people can do to help the environment," said Blakely.

Mark Pergrem, instructor of physics, said that his reasons for becoming a vegetarian were for the animals and his health.

"Growing up on a small farm, the animals were treated well, whereas on a large factory farm the conditions are deplorable," Pergrem said. He also mentioned that a vegetarian diet was healthier, if people watch what they eat.

He said it is important to make sure that people get the necessary nutrients and vitamins, no matter what diet they choose.

Pergrem became a vegetarian many years ago, so long ago in fact, he can't really remember exactly when he became a vegetarian. He did say that it was sometime around his sophomore year of college.

Pergrem said, "I didn't cook a lot. It wasn't that I disliked cooking; I just didn't do it." He went on

to say this gradually eased him into the vegetarian lifestyle.

Pergrem is also an "ovo-lacto" vegetarian.

When asked about his favorite recipe for vegetarian dishes, he simply replied, "Vegetarians experiment a lot."

Some options for the dietary requirements of protein are things like tofu, soybeans, garden burgers and peanut butter, all of which contain protein.

Kim Cornett, a student at Floyd College, is a "new" vegetarian.

She said she became a vegetarian about five months ago. "I feel it is not a necessary option of my diet; not everyone has to eat meat to survive," Cornett said.

Cornett also expressed her concern for the treatment of animals on large farms and in slaughterhouses.

She went on to say that being a vegetarian is much healthier because "eating meat your whole life is not necessarily healthy, especially when it comes to things like high cholesterol levels."



Photo by Daniel Bell

Jeannie Blakely offers student Keon Flemister tabouli, a vegetarian entree.

Some common issues among vegetarians are health and animal treatment. While some vegetarians are extremely passionate about the boycott of meat and meat products, many just want to live a healthier life.

Pergrem, also an adviser to the Floyd College Vegetarian Society,

said that he hopes to have an informal, but regular meeting at least once a month. This would be a meeting where everyone, vegetarians and meat-eaters alike, could go out to dinner and experience a vegetarian meal, thus raising awareness of the options available.

Charger card can be used as debit card at Floyd College and as discount card at area businesses

By Daniel Bell
Assistant Editor

Many students do not realize that their Floyd College Charger card is not only an official school I.D., but a debit card and a discount card, too.

Students can put money on their accounts and then use their Charger cards at snack and drink machines and in the bookstore. Unlike with a debit card, the

money may not be withdrawn; it must be spent on campus.

Students may also use their Charger cards to receive discounts at various places around Rome, Cartersville, Acworth, Bremen and Tallapoosa.

A few of the places offering discounts in Rome include Arby's, Mt. Berry Square Theaters, Rack Room Shoes, Rome Health Spa and Floyd County Lanes.

In Cartersville, discounts can

be received at Schlotzsky's Deli, Gold's Gym and Gondolier's Pizza, among others.

Acworth students may use their cards at Casa Mi Pizza Greek Italian Restaurant.

Radio Shack, Angela's Florist and Autosure in Bremen are some of the area businesses giving discounts to Floyd College students.

Students in Tallapoosa may receive discounts by presenting their I.D. cards at participating

merchants, such as Marie's Ice Cream Parlor, Cook's Jewelry, Sports Arcade and Pawn Shop and the Herb Shop.

Students who have lost their Charger card can have it replaced by paying a \$5 replacement fee the first time and \$10 each additional time.

For a complete list of places to receive discounts, go to: www.fc.peachnet.edu/datacard/datacard.htm.

Nursing News

New Officers

The freshman and sophomore nursing classes have new officers for the 2001-02 school year.

Freshman nursing class officers are Bonnie Brewster, president; Lisa Holbrook, vice president; Mistee Graham, secretary; Michelle Lamb, treasurer; and Gina Hulsey, public relations officer.

Sophomore nursing class officers are Jennifer Payne, president; Anna Tierce, vice president; Candice Bradshaw, secretary; T.J. Jones, treasurer; Debra Arrington, public relations officer.

Yard Sale

The freshman nursing class will be holding a HUGE yard sale at Heritage Hall on Oct. 20. The yard sale will start at 8 a.m. and will end at noon. There will also be a raffle for a DVD player. Tickets for the raffle will be \$1. All the money raised will go to the nursing class.

Anyone wishing to donate items contact Mistee Graham, class secretary, at (706) 235-8636 or via email at mmch00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

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Club Spotlights: Baptist Student Union



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BSU VP Steve Roberson and adviser Frank Murphy hang publicity banner in student center.

By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer

There are a number of signs around school about BSU, but what is BSU? BSU stands for Baptist Student Union.

Anyone who wants to worship and fellowship with other believers is welcome to attend. The BSU meets every Tuesday and Thursday in room F-130 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday there is a music worship service with music supplied by Steve Roberson and John Smith, and there is a guest

speaker. At the Thursday meeting there is lunch and Bible study.

The BSU also has local and non-local mission projects. Some of the local mission projects include taking up donations for food and clothing pantries. There is a spring mission project that will be announced later.

There are also two conferences that are held each year. The fall conference was held in Dalton, the second weekend in October, with groups there from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina. This conference will be held the second weekend in October.

There is also a spring conference that is only for BSU groups from the state of Georgia, which will be held in Atlanta.

Frank Murphy, one of the group's advisers, said the group has two goals, to reach out to all Floyd College campuses and let them know what BSU is all about and "to help students to grow in their faith." For more information about BSU, students can contact Murphy at 706-234-2199; Dr. Margaret Davis, faculty adviser of BSU, at 295-6306; or email the BSU at floydBSU@hotmail.com.

Ambassadors

By Eric Rose
Staff Writer

The Ambassadors are a very small, unique and prestigious club.

They are centered on service to Floyd College and the community of Rome.

They host tours of the school for visitors, represent the school at college fairs, help with recruitment and participate in community service projects.

The Ambassadors are also the link between students and the Floyd College administration.

Members build leadership skills, make and develop important personal contacts and build school pride.

The club meets every other Thursday in the Tower Dining Room from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to discuss the calendar of upcoming events and sometimes to listen to guest speakers on topics such as leadership, representation and conduct.

The goal of the Ambassadors is to present Floyd College to the community, develop how Floyd College is represented in the community and build leadership and pride among members.

The Ambassadors recently participated in the Heart Walk, the Probe Fair and a fundraiser for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Upcoming events for the club include several holiday and school related events, providing valet parking for the Floyd College Foundation Monte Carlo Gala, assisting with the Rome Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in November and attending a leadership conference next spring.

All students who meet the membership criteria and have attended Floyd for at least six semester hours may apply for mem-



Photo by Renee Tumblin

Ambassadors raise money to send to New York.

bership in the Ambassadors; however, the club is selective because membership is elite.

Membership in the Ambassadors is closed for the semester, but will reopen for next semester.

Anyone interested in membership in the Ambassadors may contact the club's adviser, Renee Tumblin, in the Admissions Office at (706) 295-6339.



A cartoon by
Brandon Kerr

The new relaxed feel of the Floyd student center

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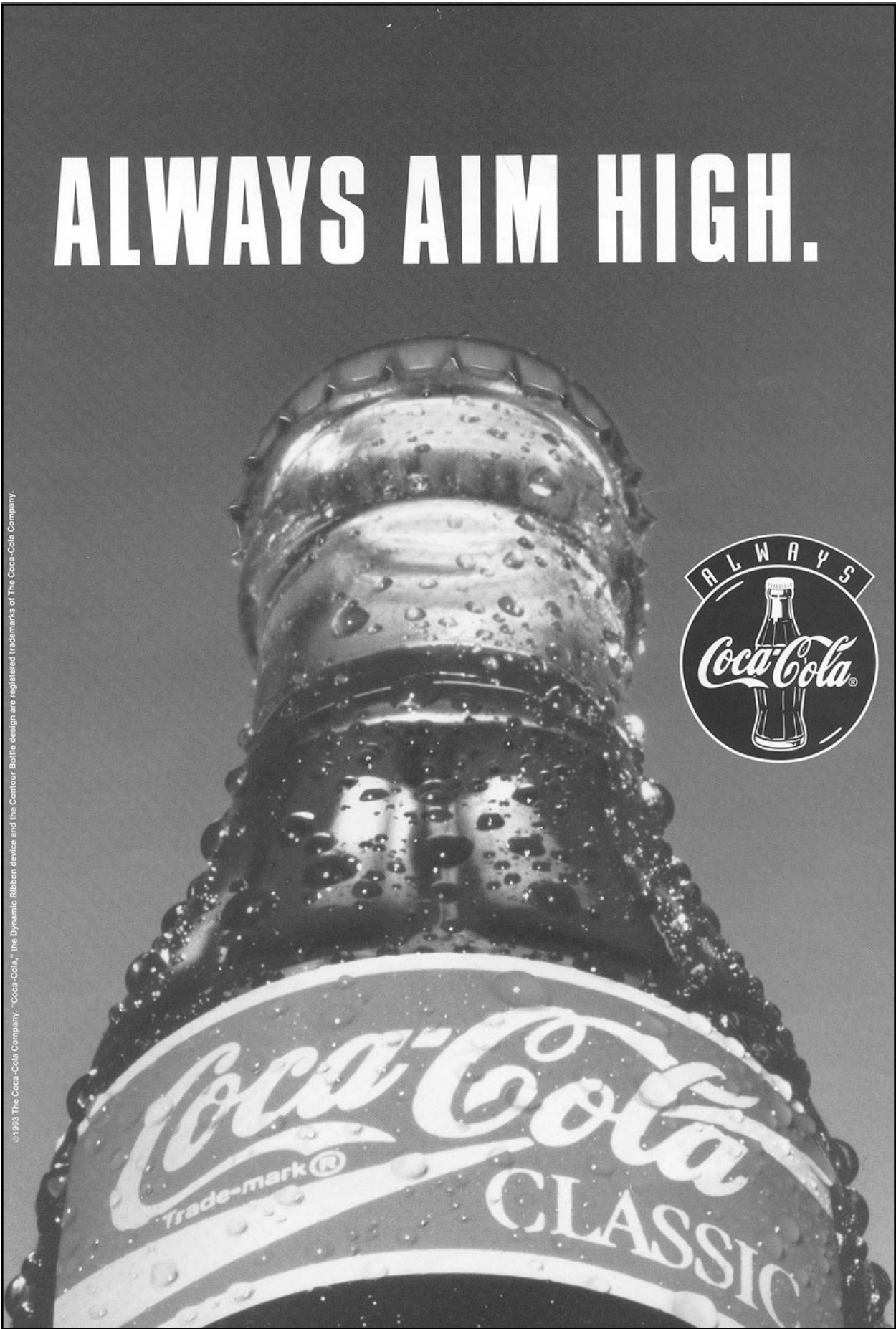
Wall offers outlet for feelings

The Wall of Hope, located just outside the solarium, was set up for students, faculty and staff to share their hopes, comments and concerns about the Sept. 11 attack.

“It is time for all people and religions of the world to unite!...” **Jon Speak**

“We will not punish a man because he hath offended, but that he may offend no more...” **Greg Sumner**

Photo by Jesse Bishop



Floyd College students drink Coca-Cola

Bourne with an Opinion



Jason Bourne
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, the World Trade Center towers in New York City were hit by two American flights out of Boston, on their way to California.

The flights were hijacked by 10 men, five on each flight, just after takeoff and crashed into the 110 story buildings around 9 a.m.

The hijackers were of middle eastern descent and are believed to have ties to terrorist threat Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden planned attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993 and is also a suspect in the U.S. Embassy bombings.

The planes hit the WTC towers just 18 minutes apart.

I heard about the attacks just after I got to school from Carolyn Parks, the director of the Cartersville Campus.

There was a television on in a classroom that was airing the terror, and just after I entered the classroom to see the damage to the first tower, a plane hit the second tower.

After I got home, around noon, I turned on the television and heard that a third plane hit the Pentagon.

Later in the day, I heard that a fourth plane crashed in a field outside Pittsburg, Pa.

While I was watching the sickening events unfold, I was asking myself, “How could such a thing happen to this country?”

One of the biggest reasons these things may have taken place is jealousy.

The United States of America is the most powerful and the richest country in the world, and the country or countries that performed these acts of war may have acted out of jealousy because they do not have the money and weaponry that the United States has.

Whatever the motives of the terrorists were, they had better realize what they have done. They have “awakened a sleeping giant.”

The terrorists had better get ready for the biggest war against terrorism this world has ever seen.

Throughout this tragedy, there have been many heroes.

The people of New York and Washington are heroes because they were putting their lives on the line to recover innocent lives of those that were buried under the rubble.

The passengers aboard the flight that crashed in Pennsylvania are heroes without question because they overtook the terrorists and crashed the plane in a field so that the plane would not hit another building and kill more innocent people.

Sure it is sad that the plane crashed in a field and killed the people on board, but at least the passengers and the pilots stopped the terrorists.

What were the terrorists trying to prove to America?

Were they trying to say, “You may be the strongest country in the world, but you are still weak in some areas”?

I’ve got news for the terrorists.

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It is ironic that the planes that crashed were American and United flights.

It is ironic because the terrorists were trying to say we are not united, but we are showing them we are UNITED.

We are showing them that America is united and will fight for what is right.

God Bless America!

‘To realize one’s destiny is a person’s only obligation’--from *The Alchemist*

By Jesse Bishop
Editor

Every so often a story is written that has the potential to shape lives.

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho is one such novel.

Coelho tells the illustrious tale of a young man named Santiago. In the development of the story the author provides plenty of introspection into Santiago’s soul.

The author gives a vivid description of a young man who thinks he has it all together.

Yet, when Santiago has a recurring dream, he begins to wonder what it means. As he sets out to find what his dream represents, he will begin a journey that is gripping, enlightening and moving.

The young Santiago is a shepherd by trade because he loves to travel. He takes his flock of sheep all across Spain. For Santiago this is a wonderful job; he gets to see the world, experience new and exciting things and live each day as an adventure.

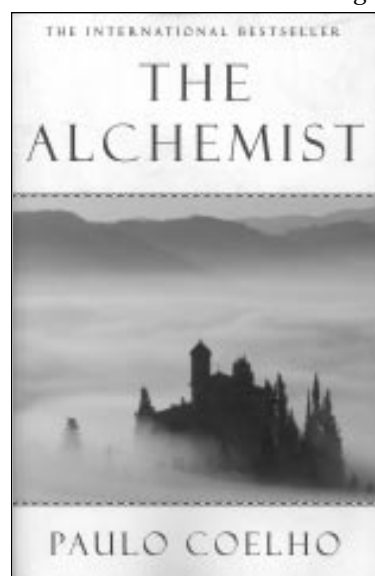
It is during the return to a city where he met a girl that Santiago has his recurring dream. Just before

reaching the girl’s city, he stops at a small town to get “freshened up.”

While there the young man goes to a gypsy to have his dream interpreted. She tells him of a great fortune he is to find and the long journey he must take.

Since Santiago is a shepherd and has little money, the gypsy makes him promise to give her one-tenth of his fortune.

This book is one that college



students can relate to, since it deals with a struggling young adult searching for his purpose and place in life.

Santiago goes through many ups and downs, realizing that life is about chasing one’s dream and destiny. He makes great sacrifices along his trek.

In a time where money is a principal factor in deciding upon a career, this book offers a refreshing depiction of someone who is brave enough to risk everything he owns and believes in to find his “personal legend.”

The journey that Santiago takes, both physically and emotionally, is one that will stir the hearts of readers. This book is a heartwarming tale of courage, persistence and hope.

The characters that the young Santiago encounters are all equally intriguing. Each one has his or her own significant impact upon Santiago’s life, just as many of the people young college students meet will have a profound effect on them.

Coelho’s efforts should surely make this an instant classic to all who read it.



Photo by Daniel Bell

Raindrops fallin’ on our heads..

Trash cans in W-Building hall prevent flooding during roof construction.

Auxiliary Services News



The Virtual Bookstore continues to evolve as we build a bridge into the future. The in-house operation has been well received as our customers have shown that they prefer this kind of click-and-mortar operation.. The Bookstore is on the Floyd College web page under the Bookstore building, just click on *Online Books* then on *Accept* after reading the information. You may order with Visa, Mastercard or financial aid. You will be allowed to charge books on financial aid up to the amount of your remaining aid after tuition and fees have been deducted. We can not disburse financial aid before the first day of class but you can save time by placing your order early. We will process the order and ship it on the earliest day that aid can be disbursed. Shipping charges will remain a flat \$5.00 per order. We are constantly looking for the best cost and service in shipping. If we can negotiate lower shipping costs, the savings will be passed along to the customer. If you wish to write a check, your order will be taken and shipped as soon as we receive the check. You may also use your Charger Card if you have sufficient funds on your card. We have had several requests to deliver books to the off-campus sites rather than ship them. We do not have the personnel to do this on all orders although we may choose that method if it is necessary for the timely delivery of books.

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Terrorist attacks have effect on TV and movies

By Kim Cornett
Assistant Editor

Hollywood has been changing the story lines of movies and TV shows since the tragedy on Sept. 11.

The industry is doing everything it can in order to make the tragic events a little less painful for the citizens of the United States. Many upcoming movies include something about terrorism or the Twin Towers.

"It represents capitalism. It represents freedom. It represents everything America is about. And to bring those two buildings down would bring America to its knees." This dialogue from a Jackie Chan movie called *Nosebleed* was written two years ago. In the script, a window washer uncovers a terrorist plot to blow up the World Trade Center. As of now, this movie will not be made.

Collateral Damage, an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie, is about a firefighter who loses his family in a building explosion and goes after Colombian terrorists. The posters for this movie are being re-

moved, and the release date has been changed.

A bomb is sneaked onto a plane in a Tim Allen comedy called *Big Trouble*. Disney delayed the opening of the movie.

Some movies do not even have a story line dealing with terrorism or the Twin Towers, but Hollywood still gets nervous when even a glimpse of the towers shows up in



movies or posters. Some studios are even removing the towers in movie posters, such as the poster for the movie *Sideways of New York*. The background shows a silhouette of the towers. The same situation applies to the posters for the new movie *Spider-Man*. Many other movies are changing story lines and scenes, and in some

cases movies are just not being made.

Movies are not the only thing being changed. Television has also been highly affected by this tragedy.

Talk show hosts had an extremely difficult job when they returned to TV after the tragedy. The always funny and joke-telling guys were for once serious and sincere. Anchorman Dan Rather, who was a guest on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, unexpectedly broke down in tears over all the lost lives.

Other talk show hosts taking special measures to cope with the tragedy were Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien, Jon Stewart and Rosie O'Donnell.

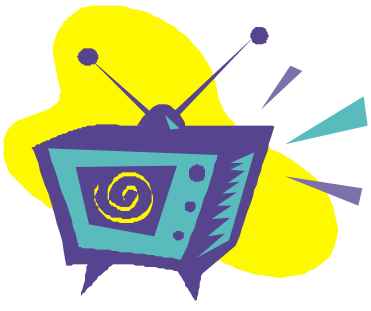
For example, *Late Night With Conan O'Brien* is using a curtain to hide the Manhattan backdrop until a new one can be built.

The Agency, a new CBS show about the world of the CIA, plans to launch with a different show due to the premiere's story line. The episode was going to be about an attempt to blow up a London department store by a group of people devoted to Osama bin

Laden, who is the main suspect in the World Trade Center disaster.

Fox's CIA drama, *24*, as well as ABC's new show *Alias* is not planning to make any changes to the story line.

Shows that include shots of the World Trade Center-NBC's *Law & Order: SVU* and the WB's upcoming *Off Centre*-are being reedited. NBC's *The West Wing* did some-



thing completely different compared to all the other shows. Instead of airing the season premiere on the scheduled date, the show decided to postpone it and make a special episode dealing with terrorism.

The focus of this episode was a group of high school juniors and seniors who were visiting the

White House. They had the opportunity to have questions about terrorism and how the United States will deal with it answered by the members of the White House staff.

The 53rd Primetime Emmy Awards was originally scheduled for Sept. 16, but was rescheduled for Oct. 7. It was later canceled again, and no rescheduled date has been announced.

The tragedy event brought the stars of Hollywood together in a two-hour live telethon in which music and movies stars worked together to raise money for the relief effort.

Some movie stars, such as Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Tom Cruise, hosted the telethon while other stars like Brad Pitt, Sylvester Stallone and James Woods answered the phones to take donations.

This tragic event not only brought the citizens of the United States together but Hollywood as well.

***Editor's note:** Some specific details for this article came from the Sept. 28 issue of *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

'Bigger Day Out' rocks Atlanta

By Nikki Wells
Staff Writer

Three stages showcasing over 30 bands make for an extravaganza of musical talent.

The annual "Big Day Out" expanded this year from a one-day event into the "Bigger Day Out," which lasted two days, Sept. 21-22.

This time around the newly named Hi Fi Buys Amphitheater, formally known as Lakewood, in Atlanta was the venue of choice by host radio station 99X.

Hi Fi Buys Amphitheatre held an array of talents that truly did "rock the house."

On the main stage 311, 3 Doors Down and Collective Soul, as well as others, set the show.

At one point, the lead singer

from Collective Soul screamed into his mike to seek justice rather than discriminating against others.

This message was in reference to the racism running rampant due to the recent tragedies in New York and Washington, D.C.

At the Living Loud stage artists such as Godsmack, Sevendust and Alien Ant Farm moved the crowd into a frenzy resulting in mosh pits and crowd surfing.

Alien Ant Farm, during their set, smashed a guitar onstage and granted permission for their fans to get their music for free by burning CDs.

The Locals Only stage featured bands hoping to receive their break by performing what could be either the beginning of the end or the first step towards

their career.

Some locals were passing out free CDs hoping to get their music to a portion of listeners who possibly would become their fan base. El Caminos, Injected, and Minus were among these bands eagerly waiting for their chance to shine.

Games were placed around the venue close to the Living Loud stage. There was a "spin the wheel" type of game, in which if the pointer landed on the word "prize," then a spectator would receive a sample of Clean and Clear face wipes.

Many people also attempted rock climbing, struggling to beat two competitors to the top.

Tents of those sponsoring the event as well as other games also littered the lot.

Solarium events rescheduled

By Jason Yates
Staff Writer

"Solarium Series" evening events are not working as planned.

According to Ashley Wood, director of student life, the night events just weren't working.

After a poor attendance by students and faculty at Cary Long's comedy performance, most of the scheduled night events for the rest of semester were changed to day events.

Long was not able to perform as scheduled on Sept. 13 because of the World Trade Center tragedy. He was in Canada when the FAA ordered all planes to be grounded.

He performed at Floyd College on Sept. 26 before a very

small audience.

Del Suggs' performance on Oct. 11 was moved to 11 a.m.

He also offered a leadership training class at 3 p.m. the same day.

The two events of the "Solarium Series" that have not happened yet are appearances by comedian Mark Anthony and musician Doug Wood. Anthony's performance is set for Nov. 14 and Wood's for Nov. 29.

Wood said that she will try to work with the remaining performers to set them up for daytime performances.

Right now, Wood says, "I'm just trying to get a feel for the dates and times that are good for the students. It seems that lunchtime events work well in the student center."

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Local bands forge distinct sound

By Brandon Kerr
Staff Writer

It's Friday night in the courtyard of Schroeder's Deli in downtown Rome. The crowd slowly trickles in to see tonight's featured band, *The Strange*, with Sean Smith from Chattanooga.

The occasional abrupt strum of a guitar or misplaced cymbal crash can be heard, marking the traditional pre-show setup. A psychedelic array of colored lights washes over the trees framing Schroeder's outdoor stage as the stage director tests the effects for the upcoming show.

Meanwhile, Bella searches the courtyard for scraps. Bella is a dog, a sort of unofficial mascot for *The Strange*.

The crowd comes in slowly at first, but by the time the first notes are struck, there is a fair sized crowd of 70 or 80 waiting to be entertained.

This is the kind of scene that is becoming increasingly familiar at many of the clubs and bars lining the main stretch of downtown Rome.

In a time when the pendulum of pop culture has taken a decided swing toward the mass-produced teen pop end of the spectrum, it can often be harder to find venues that feature live bands and original songwriting.

College students from the

Rome area who value such forms will commonly drive to Buckhead or Athens to get their fix. However, in doing so, they may be overlooking a small, but ever-growing enclave of local musicians who are slowly developing their own unique sound.

The Strange is one of the area's more popular bands, and having amassed a small but steady following, they consider Friday night to be a "slow" gig.

"We probably average about 150 to 200 a show," says Paul Cantrell, frontman and lyricist for *The Strange*. "I mean, that's not huge, but for a town this size it's not bad."

Having played the bars and clubs of downtown for almost two years now, the members of *The Strange* are probably well qualified to comment on the state of the Rome music scene. "I think it's getting [a scene]," said Cantrell. "I think it had one before. For a while people didn't really have anything to go out for. We're trying to get people to come out and get familiar with songs they haven't heard from the radio," he said.

Rome, just as any other town with a high concentration of college students, probably has the potential to become a hotbed of musical interest. Seth Turner, who plays guitar and writes most of the music for *The Strange*, feels that Rome is in a unique position to

offer up its own distinct sound to the world of music.

"I think it's sort of organic," said Turner. "I attribute it to being off the interstate. Things can sit here and steep a little longer, and it's given us the time to sort of develop this sound. It's not like Buckhead, where every five feet you have somebody playing and it's kind of like a meat market, just making noise."

The Strange is, of course, not the only band to find a receptive audience in Rome. Another very popular band in the area, which is closely connected to *The Strange*, is *Captain Soulercat*.

Captain Soulercat is also a frequent attraction in many of the clubs in downtown.

Others that have found success in the area and can be seen at the various venues downtown are *Dysfunction Junction*, *Casper Houser*, *Bert Reynolds Holocaust*, *Scattered Smothered Covered* and *Renee Nixon*.

"We're all kind of in it together," explains Turner. "Sometimes we have a little rivalry and we're all kind of pushing each other and everything, but all the time it's sort of a constructive thing."

Some bands from the Rome area have even gone on to achieve more success in the music industry. *Sloppy Meateaters* has been signed to a major label and has



Photo by Sandy House

Schroeder's is a popular venue for local artists.

gone on to tour nationwide.

So what would it take to see Rome experience the type of music explosion that has taken place in such places as Athens or Seattle?

"It would take an *R.E.M.*," says Cantrell; "It would take *the* band to really get people coming out and supporting the scene."

Turner, however, takes a slightly different approach. "Yeah, I think it could happen, definitely. I mean it's a big town and it's a center of activity for several different counties. But it's gonna take every one networking together and being supportive of it. I mean

if people want it and the music is supported, I don't see why it couldn't happen," he said.

Of course Rome is not quite as large, nor does it have quite as big a crowd, as places like Athens or Buckhead. However, today's music industry is unpredictable and full of stories of previously unknown areas producing the next "big thing" to hit pop culture. And with a small but talented group of local artists drawing in ever growing crowds while forging their own distinctive sound, it isn't unimaginable that Rome could be a source, at least in part, of the next wave to hit music culture.

Top 10 reasons to visit the tutorial center

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6.) If you think binomial is a sexual preference.

5.) If you think Walt Whitman makes chocolates.

4.) If you think A Midsummer Night's Dream is a skin-a-max film.

3.) If you think Oedipus Rex was a dinosaur.

2.) If you think Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Cheech and Chong's real names.

1.) If you think Longfellow is... well... never mind.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Denise Collins
Business Manager

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This sometimes-fatal disease

knows no racial or economic boundaries; it can affect mothers, sisters and daughters.

The idea behind the spotlight on breast cancer is to make everyone more aware of the disease and

to stress early detection.

The Board of Sponsors for this campaign states, "In 2001, an estimated 192,000 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United

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The Office of Counseling and Career Services will be sponsoring an event relating to this disease on Oct. 16.

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Intramural basketball begins with tournament

By Brooke Worley
Staff Writer

Fall 2001 3-on-3 Basketball opened up with a pre-season tip-off tournament. The tournament was held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, and, like all the up-coming games, started at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.

The Wizards won the pre-season tip-off tournament. Six teams signed up for the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: Faculty/Staff, Killers, No-Gooders, Ballers, Wizards and Chargers.

The Faculty/Staff team members are Seth Ingram, Jason McFry, Barry Greeson and Vic Rockhill.

The Killers are Greco Styles, Dayne Styles, Bret Smith and Mike Cooper.

The No-Gooders are Tim

Smith, Matt Nasworthy, Brandon Knight, Luke Sheffield and Rich Parlow.

The Ballers consist of Corey Ware, Hershel Strickland, Matt Crowley and Dre Borders.

The Wizards have Trevor Flow, Ches Ely, Jarrett Grey and Mathew Cantrell.

Keon Flemister, Austin Gattenby, Blake Owens, Chris Adams and Chris Alred are the Chargers.

The 3-on-3 basketball games were played on Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9, and will be played on Oct. 16, and 23. Three games have been played each day, with the first beginning at 1:30 p.m., the second at 2 p.m., and the third at 2:30 p.m..

On Oct. 30, a tournament will be held to decide the overall win-

ner. The winning team will receive shirts for each of the team members.

In other intramural sports the Fit Program is averaging around 150 participants a week. The Fit Program began Sept. 10, and will continue through Nov. 11.

The tennis tournament began play on Oct. 8. The tennis tournament allows anyone from a beginner to an advanced player to participate and play others who have the same experience. At the end of the tournament trophies will be given to the winner of each category.

Flag Football began Oct. 11, and is played on the soccer field every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. through Nov. 8. There are currently four teams signed up to play.



Photo by Crystal Hightower

Faculty/Staff take on the Wizards in intramural basketball.

Ski trip planned for spring semester; students can receive credit on slopes

By Crystal Turner
Staff Writer

"If any student ever wants to learn to snow ski, they will never have a better opportunity," said Dr. Kenneth Weatherman, professor of physical education.

Weatherman will be offering a skiing/snowboarding course for both credit and non-credit students, which will take place Dec. 31-Jan. 4. Faculty, staff and friends are all welcome to participate.

This will be Weatherman's 22nd consecutive year doing this trip. This course is designed to provide academic credit as an elective in the physical education program. Several students who took this

course last year said that they definitely enjoyed the trip.

Weatherman said, "We started the program in 1980, primarily to increase the variety of activity courses within physical education.

Snow skiing through French-Swiss Ski College gave us the opportunity to affiliate with an outstanding ski program that understood the academic goals and objectives of our physical education program."

The course consists of five sessions of either snowboarding or skiing and four days and one night at Appalachian Ski Mountain, in Boone, N.C.

All students will have unlimited instructions with the French-

Swiss Ski College.

The course includes all equipment for both skiing and snowboarding, slope tickets, lodging for four nights and a text. The cost of the trip does not include meals or transportation, but it is suggested that students carpool.



Students will be required to read the text and take a test over the material.

According to Weatherman, "Three two-hour workshops will be conducted in December prior to departure. Attendance at the workshops is mandatory for all credit students."

The last day to register is Friday, Nov. 30. A \$75 non-refundable fee is due on this date.

Students may enroll for academic credit by registering for PHED 1420, beginning skiing/snowboarding, or PHED 1421, intermediate skiing/snowboarding.

Credit will be offered for Spring Semester 2002. Sign up is in the Physical Education Office

or the Office of Science and Math. Weatherman can be contacted in the PHED division at (706) 295-6353 or by email at kweather@fc.mail.peachnet.edu.

The prices vary between \$200 and \$300 depending on the number of students in each room.

Weatherman seems to be exited about this year's trip and concluded, "I have high expectations again this year for our trip. We drive up to Boone on Dec. 31 and will ski that evening. There will be a fireworks display that evening on the mountain as part of the first night's activities. What a nice way to see the New Year in!"

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