

# Six Mile Post

The Student Voice

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## — News Briefs —

### ■ Counseling offered

Students who feel that they need help facing various challenges and important decisions can find a counseling service on the Central Campus. The Counseling and Career Services Office is located in the Administration Building at the end of the left hallway and deals with such issues as choosing a career or major; balancing school, work and/or family; managing stress; studying effectively; test anxiety and developing relationships. Students can make an appointment to talk to a counselor by calling Counseling and Career Services at 706-295-6336 or 800-332-2406. Regular office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### ■ Blood drive coming

This semester's blood drive will be held Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Solarium. The goal is to receive thirty units of blood. However, the college hopes to exceed this with the holidays approaching. Students are asked to pledge in advance by calling the Office of Student Life at (706) 295-6363 or by e-mailing Billy Bray, student volunteer coordinator, wbray00.fc.peachnet.edu.

For additional information contact Ashley Tull, director of student life, in the Office of Student Life.

### ■ Make a difference

On Saturday, October 23, students at Floyd College will have the opportunity to participate in the fourth Annual Make a Difference Day. According to Laura Bridges, "This year's projects are to beautify nursing homes and to collect donations for the humane society in an attempt to help rescue abandoned animals. Rome has the highest rate of unwanted animals."

Last year volunteers picked up trash from around the campus lake. The idea for Make a Difference Day originated from President Bush's Thousand Points of Light Foundation. For more information contact Laura Bridges or [www.MakeADifferenceDay.Com](http://www.MakeADifferenceDay.Com)

### ■ Report domestic abuse

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is defined as violence or threats of violence by family members, a person who lives with or has lived with you, your husband or wife, a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend, the father or mother of your child, your parents or a brother or sister. Anyone who is a victim of abuse or suspects that a neighbor or relative is a victim of domestic violence should contact local law enforcement or call the domestic violence hotline, 1-800-334-2836.

## Local student has leading role

Will Nix plays the starring role of Endecott in the Rome Little Theatre production of *Trick or Treat*.

By Matt Bowers  
Staff Writer

Will Nix, a Floyd College student, has a leading role in the Rome Little Theatre's upcoming production of *Trick or Treat*.

*Trick or Treat* is a Halloween comedy about a young couple, Johnathan and Hildegard Putnam, played by Jason G. Fordham and Kristina Wilder, who move into an old house, planning on turning it into a bed and breakfast.

The Putnams soon run out of money, and are faced with an even bigger problem when they discover that an old Puritan scarecrow by the name of Endecott haunts their house.

Endecott, played by Nix, has thus far been able to drive off all comers to "his" house, but the Putnams refuse to leave.

Nix said that he "accidentally" found the opportunity for audition in the Rome newspaper and decided to try out "on a whim." After missing the first audition because of some confusion, Nix said, "I showed up, and decided to let it all hang out." After yelling and stuttering a little, according to Nix, he waited nervously for the cast list to be announced.

Nix actually has a long history of work at the Rome Little Theatre. He has acted in children's productions of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Pinnocchio*, *Snow White and Beauty and the Beast*. Nix's last acting role before his present role as Endecott was five years ago.

Nix said, "I love it [acting]. I love the people I work with." He said acting is one of his "greatest joys." He described acting as "escapism," saying, "I get to be a bully." Nix stated that his goal in acting is to "Make them laugh, make them sing, make them smile, make them dance."

Another reason that Nix likes acting is the connection it gives him to the people that he works with. He said, "It gives me a chance to work with people on a personal level."

Despite the joy Nix gets from acting, he isn't looking to pursue a professional career in the acting industry. "I'm a realist," he stated. "I want to teach, and maybe do some journalism."

Nix also expressed an interest in directing plays in the future, "I'd like to direct to challenge people the way my directors have challenged me." Nix said that he would continue acting in future, but as a hobby.

Nix began acting in his early teens. "When I was 14, I didn't have anything better to do. I didn't like school, or any extracurricular activities. One day I saw the audition board, and decided to do it," he said.

Robin Williams is Nix's favorite actor. "I like him because of his range. He can be funny, he can be sad, and the next second he can be funny again."

Nix's other interests are writing and collecting various films, which he owns over 300 of. Nix is also the co-editor of FC's online webzine, FCBYTES.

*Trick or Treat* will be showing at the DeSoto Theatre complex. Opening night is Oct. 22, and the other play dates are Oct. 23, 24, and 29-31.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with an additional matinee performance on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Floyd College students can get their free tickets in the Office of Student Life by stopping by during regular office hours.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students, children and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the box office reserved or by calling the Rome Little Theatre at 295-7171. RLT is also on the web at [www.rlt.roman.net/feature.htm](http://www.rlt.roman.net/feature.htm).

Photo by James Barber

## News

# Floyd College's Central Campus hosts fifth annual Georgia Summit of Women and Girls

By Aimee Harmison  
Staff writer

Georgia's first lady, Marie Barnes, and Cobb County Fire Chief, Rebecca Delinger, were featured speakers in the opening session of the fifth annual Georgia Summit of Women and Girls held Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Lakeview Building.

Floyd College's president, Dr. Lynn Cundiff, and Dr. Alberta Johnson, associate professor of psychology and education, also spoke a few words at the conference which was hosted by the

Georgia Commission on Women, along with the Woman's Information Network and Floyd College.

After the morning speakers, the group of approximately 250 participants took part in breakout sessions of their choice.

Topics ranged from "Strategies to Win the Money Game" to "The Health Connection, from Girl to Womanhood" to "Putting Your Best Foot Forward, Promoting Yourself."

The session "Putting Your Best Foot Forward, Promoting Yourself" included facilitator Barbara Reece, District 11, Georgia House

of Representatives; Linda Wind, director of women's programs, Kennesaw State University; and Diane Rogers, secretary/treasurer, Georgia Commission on Women.

The main idea stressed by Wind was that women need to network more and that by networking—that is talking to people, connecting with others and promoting themselves—women not only impact their lives but also other's lives as well.

Setting goals is also a key element. "The goals," Wind stated, "need to be realistic 'smart goals.' They need to be specific, measurable, attainable and timebound."

She backed up her theory by saying, "It is a proven fact that if you write your goals down, look at them every day, and do not give up on them, you will achieve them."

Wind also stated that "women need to get out of their comfort zone and start making dreams happen."

She illustrated the main idea of the session by telling about some of the events in her own personal life.

Wind married early in her life, had a son, who is now 20 years old, and held a career in modeling, radio and television.

She said, "Twenty years ago when I was growing up and beginning to get out in the world, women were not very supportive of each other. Nowadays there are so many choices and plenty of support. The point is to get out there and be active."

Speaking after Wind was Rogers, who spoke of self-esteem

and how to build a healthy image of oneself.

She stated, "Happiness is not a reaction to; it is a state of being. First, you need to get yourself together and, next, realize your power."

Rogers went on to say that women need to avoid self-pity and low self-esteem. "We move in the direction of our thoughts," Rogers said, "and our way of thinking must be positive in order to move up in the world."

The Collegiate Roundtable was a primary event at the summit. Approximately 35 women from various colleges such as Floyd, Berry, Shorter and Georgia State University participated in the roundtable discussion led by Johnson, representing Floyd College; Dr. Emily Wright, Berry College; Dr. Mary Lou Frank, North Georgia College; and Jessica Jones, Georgia State University.

The roundtable gave all that participated a chance to stand up and voice their opinions about issues that were important to them.



Photo by Aimee Harmison

Diane Rogers speaks about increasing self-esteem during the "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" breakout session.

## Early registration for current students is Nov. 8

By Heather Palmer  
Staff Writer

The web opens for registration to current students on Monday, Nov. 8. The home page will soon feature the spring schedule.

Walk-in registration for undecided students will be Nov. 15-18 in W-116 on the Central Campus. No appointment is needed. Stu-

dents attending other campuses should make an appointment at the branch campus offices.

Eileen Walker, advising coordinator, recommends that students should make an appointment with an adviser no later than the second week of November

Registration for all returning students who did not attend Fall Semester will be Jan. 6, 2000.

Students who were new Fall Semester will receive an email notifying them of their adviser. Other students who do not know their advisers' names may come by W-116, call 802-5103 or send an email to the advising center at ewalker@mail.fc.peachnet.edu. This also applies to students who wish to change their program of study.

Opening session speakers were (from left) Dr. L. Cundiff, Dr. Dee Baldwin, M. Barnes, Nellie Duke and Rebecca Denlinger.

## Attention FC students!

Students in developmental studies courses are assigned to the learning support division; undecided students, post secondary option and general studies students are assigned to the advising center. Other students are assigned to the division that houses their program of study. Students who attend other campuses may be advised/registered there.

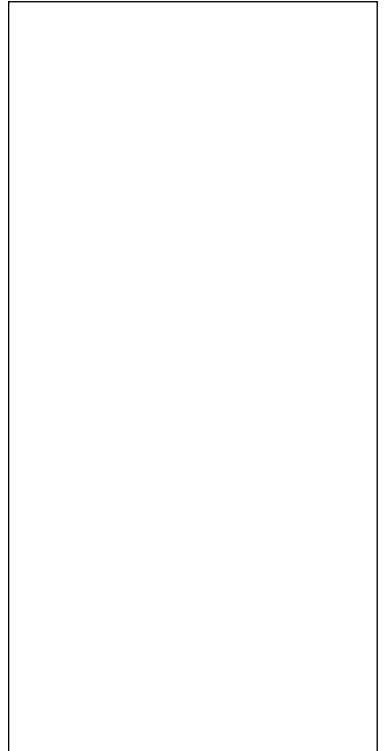
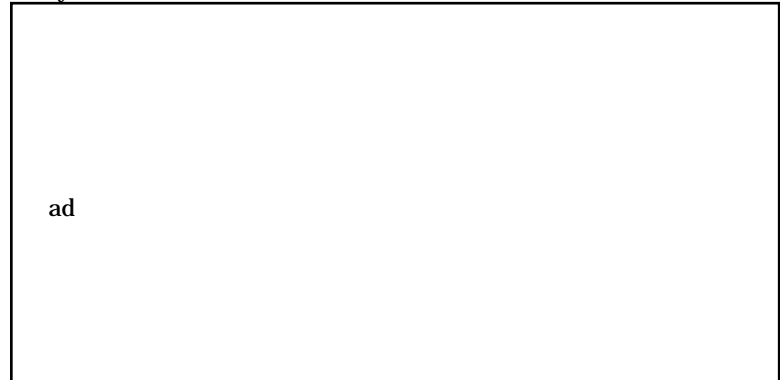
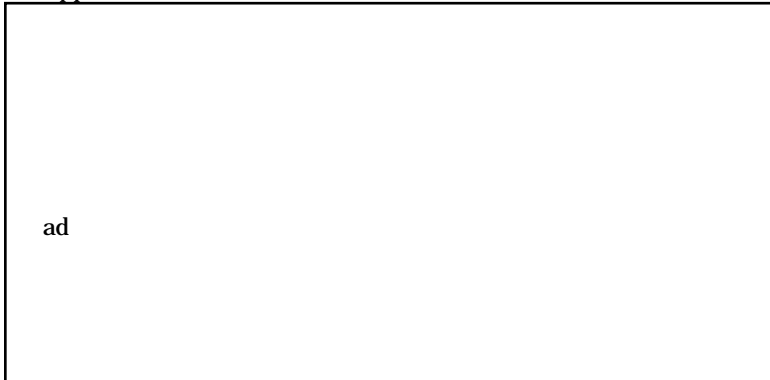


Photo by Aimee Harmison  
Georgia's first lady, Marie Barnes, discusses "What's New in Women's Health."

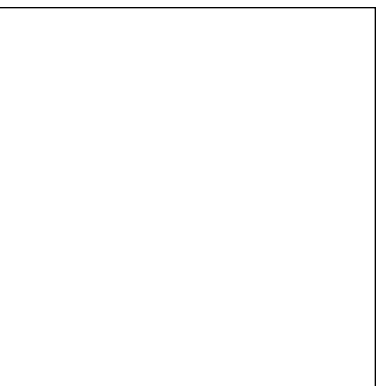


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**Attention FC students!**  
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE SIX MILE POST ON THE WEB AT...  
[WWW.FC-PEACH-NEEDU/SIXMILEPOST/MAIN2.HTML](http://WWW.FC-PEACH-NEEDU/SIXMILEPOST/MAIN2.HTML)

**News**

# Gerontology option now offered to Floyd College career students

**By Gary L. Popham  
Staff Writer**

The Associate of Science Degree in Human Services: Gerontology Option is now in place at Floyd College. Graduates will be offered the option of two separate tracks, a degree in the Basis Care track or in the Activities track.

The Basic Care track is designed to prepare graduates for mid-level supervision of aides in giving primary care to older patients in nursing homes, home health care situations, limited care facilities and day care settings. Graduates will be certified as nursing assistants.

The Activities track will emphasize physical education and age appropriate activities for the elderly.

In addition to coursework geared for specific needs of the elderly, general courses in English, science, psychology and math will be required.

Dr. Barbara Rees, director of the department of nursing, and Laura Bridges, assistant professor of psychology, developed the gerontology program for the human services department of Floyd College.

Rome and the surrounding area are experiencing an influx of older people according to Bridges. The four-seasons climate, the proximity of a major airport, the medical care available in Rome and Atlanta and a reasonable cost of living draw older Americans to

the area.

Rees, who has worked with the University of Georgia's Board of Regents to help formulate the educational requirements of persons who work with the elderly, emphasized the growing older population and the need for educated professionals to help meet the needs of aging people.

America is an aging society. The baby boomers of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s are getting older. The health of today's elderly is generally superior to that of previous generations, and this condition is likely to increase with better health care. Therefore, it is estimated that by 2025 one-third to one-fourth of our population will be 65 years old or older.

Gerontology is defined as the scientific study of old age. It emphasizes the social and behavioral aspects of aging. Old age is commonly defined as beginning at age 65. Gerontologists study how older people are treated in a society and how the elderly deal with the problems of aging.

For more information about the program, contact James McKeel, director of human services, or Bridges at (706) 295-6300 or Rees at (706) 295-6321.

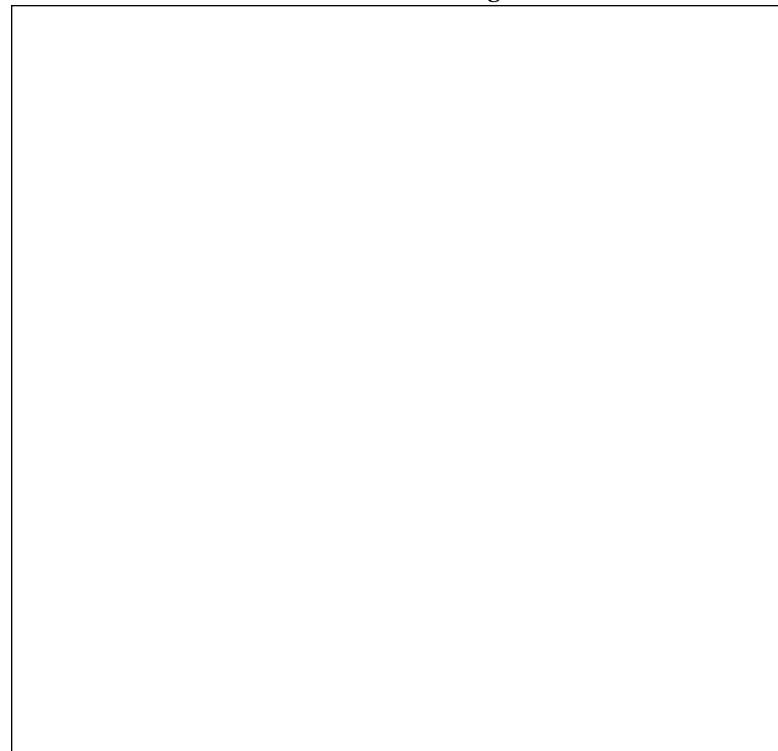


Photo contributed by Sandra Gosnold

**Residents of SunPointe Senior Living Center in Rome enjoy a small party. Floyd College students who are interested in the gerontology program may earn a degree in mid-level supervision or activities.**

*Interested  
in a  
career in  
education?*

**Then come to  
Education Career Day  
in the Student Center  
Oct. 21  
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Representatives from  
Jacksonville State  
University,  
Kennesaw State  
University, Shorter  
College, University of  
Georgia, the  
State University of West  
Georgia,  
Bartow County Schools,  
the YMCA, Sylvan  
Learning Center and the  
After School Tutorial  
Program  
will be in attendance.**

## PTA students celebrate in October

**By Laura Gosnold  
Editor**

October is National Physical Therapy Month. In recognition of the event, students in the physical therapy assistant program at Floyd College who plan to graduate in spring 2000 went to the Anheuser-Busch Company in Cartersville and gave the workers tips on how they can prevent injuries on the job.

This year's theme for Physical Therapy Month is Health in Balance, chosen by the American Physical Therapists Association (APTA). All students sported T-shirts stating the theme.

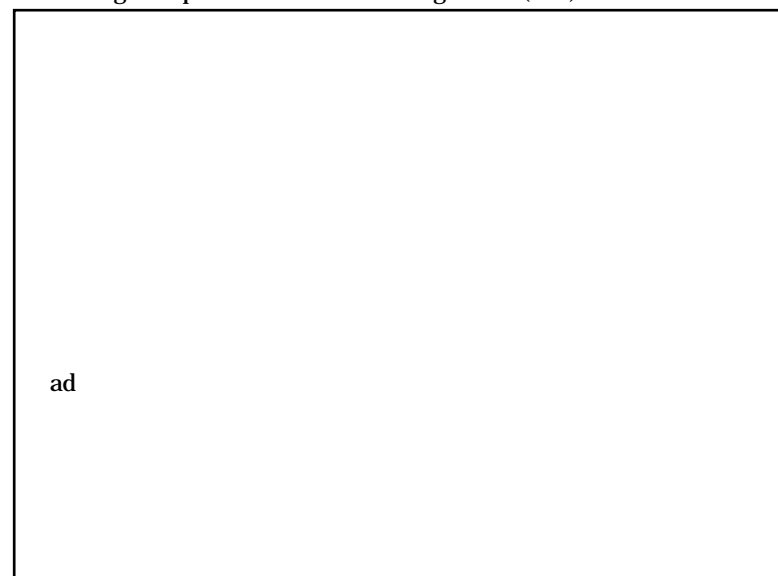
A number of other activities are also planned in celebration of Physical Therapy Month.

Brad Thuringer, vice presiding officer of the National Assembly of Physical Therapist Assistants, will speak in the Solarium on the Central Campus on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A question and answer session on the future of the PTA profession

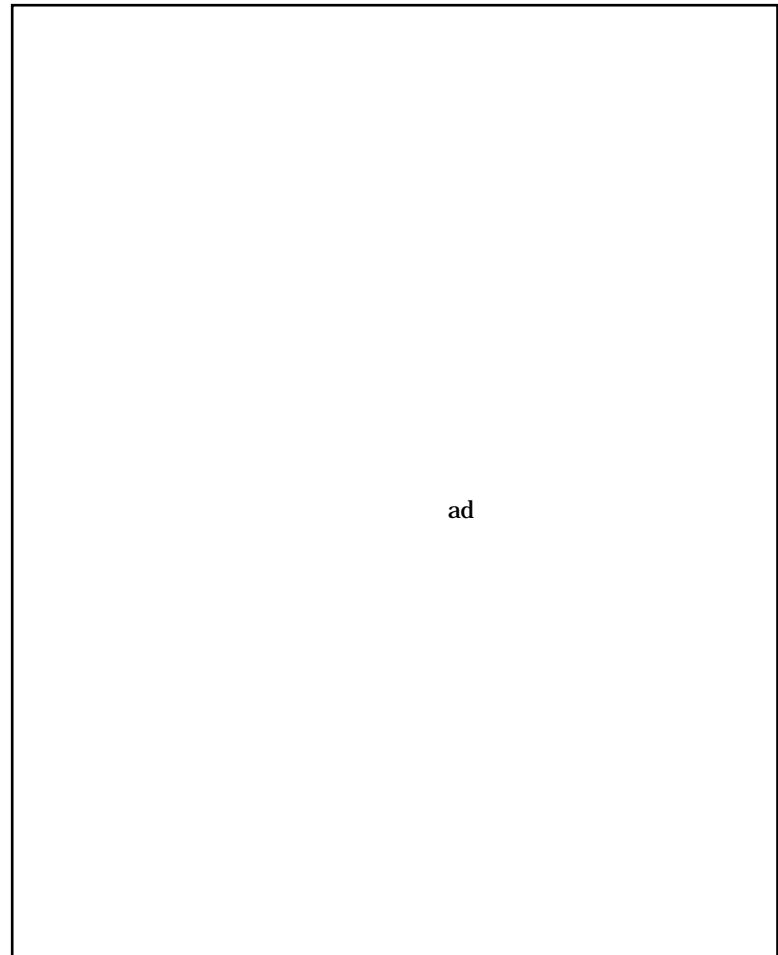
will be included. Lunch will be provided. Students, health care professionals and the general public are invited. Those planning to attend should call (706) 802-5017 or email [pta@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:pta@mail.fc.peachnet.edu) to confirm their attendance.

The physical therapy assistant department at Floyd College will be holding an open house Thurs-

day, Oct. 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The department is located on the second floor of Heritage Hall in downtown Rome. Students interested in the physical therapy assistant option are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Rob McFarland, assistant professor of physical therapy, at Heritage Hall (706)802-5017.



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## Editorials

# When do opinions become ridiculous?

**Most of the time people feel obligated for some reason to have an opinion on a subject that really does not affect them. Opinions on subjects are fine, but being opinionated for the sake of being opinionated is ridiculous. They go on and on about things they really don't know much about and feel obligated to choose a side and defend it.**

Even if people know about a certain subject or issue, is it really necessary to have an opinion on it unless it is directly or indirectly affecting them? Why must individuals feel obligated to choose a side? It's a waste of time.

It's just our American society. We are taught to have an opinion on everything. There always seems to be an issue to be concerned about in our media. We feel obligated to participate. People get caught up in frenzy. They lean this way or that because of their religion, family or friends. It just really isn't necessary.

It only becomes important for a person to have an opinion on something that really concerns or affects his or her life in some way. It is important to think before you commit to ideas.

In our society we are pressured to take a stand on issues that are not really going anywhere, such as gun control and abortion. Issues go in dizzying circles through the courts over and over, and they always seem to go nowhere. People take sides but do they really believe in the cause? People pretend to be involved.

Individuals in everyday conversation try to have opinions on subjects they really are just ignorant about. Don't people realize this makes them seem like idiots?

It is okay not to have an opinion.

# Could you spare a dime?

**Editor's Box**  
**Kelly Johnson**  
**Assistant Editor**



I was in the gas station the other day counting out my pennies nickels and dimes when the cashier asked me where I went to college. I asked her how she knew I was in college and she told me it was because I was broke.

***I have a mayonnaise jar that I put all my change into just so I can have a little money.***

I started to think about that stereotype of a "broke college student." Mostly about how true it is. There is so much in college that we have to spend our precious limited funds on that it leaves us flat

broke. It is really kind of pathetic how broke some of us really are.

Some of my friends and I were talking about putting only twenty-five cents worth of gas in our cars. What an accomplishment. It really is a sad thing when you think about it. There are so many things that we do to try to escape having to pay while still having a good time. It's all because we are broke...flat broke.

Why is it that most of us are broke? It's not like we don't have jobs. There is so much that goes on while you're in college. You have the laptop fees and your tuition and your books. That is an arm and a leg right there. That is not the end of it, though. No, friends, you are not off the hook yet. Still

you have your gas money, car payments, insurance and sometimes rent.

All of that can really make every little penny count. I know it does for me. I have a mayonnaise jar that I put all my change into just so I can have a little money to buy myself some food between classes or to spend on the weekends. It just does not cut it, though. I never have any money.

It wasn't like this in high school. I cannot remember having to save for a week to savor the fine delicacy at the Waffle House or to be able to go get my share of American culture seeing a movie at the Dollar Theater.

So I don't know, maybe it's just me. Maybe I am one of the few that were predestined to be the stereotype. Or, maybe just maybe there is more truth to that little myth than anyone lets on. There should be some sort of college welfare established. I guess the only thing that I can do is keep on saving the pennies, and keep both of my jobs.

# Broaden your horizons by finding something worthwhile to do in Rome

**By Matt Bowers**  
**Staff writer**

"What is there to do in Rome?" This is a question that can often be heard on the streets of Rome, Georgia. When the weekend comes, many people who live in the Rome area hit the road to go to Atlanta, but there are many things to do right here in your backyard.

If you're interested in history or anything historical, there are plenty of museums the area. The Chieftain's Museum, located on Riverside Road, depicts the early history of Rome and Northwest Georgia. It contains Cherokee ar-

tifacts, dioramas and various rotating exhibits.

Another museum is the Oak Hill Museum, which depicts the life and work of Martha Berry, founder of Berry College. This facility is located on the Berry Campus.

If it's entertainment you're looking for, then there's plenty of that to go around in Rome. There are three movie theaters: Village Theaters on Turner McCall, Rome Cinemas on Shorter Avenue and the Village Theaters at Berry Square. For live entertainment, there is the Rome Little Theater, located at the historic DeSoto The-

ater on Broad Street.

For live music, you can catch well-known performers at the Forum or the Rome Civic Center. For smaller and local bands, there are shows at local restaurants like Schroeder's Deli, On the River and Buffalo's Café. For participatory music, many of these locations also hold Karaoke Nights. As far as eateries go, there are over 45 eat-in restaurants in the Greater Rome Area.

So, the next time that you say to yourself, "There's nothing to do in Rome," take a look around first. There are many things to do right here in town, if you just broaden your horizons.

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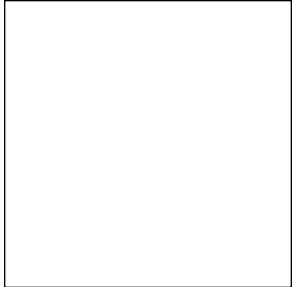
**Would you like to voice your opinion? Would you like to complain about something?**

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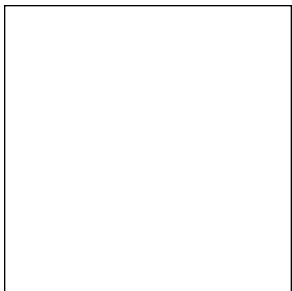
### Student Poll

What was your best Halloween experience?



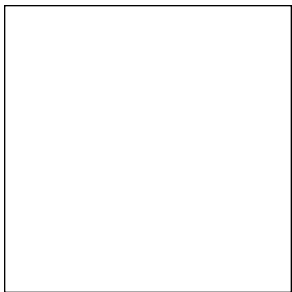
**Andrea Sneed**  
Psychology

"My favorite memory is trick or treating in our neighborhood in Charlotte. I was in middle school. My brother, sister and I would dress up and go around the neighborhood with our friends for hours. Back then it was safe and we had a ball."



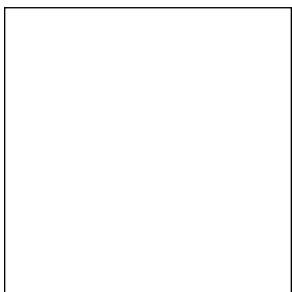
**Brad Malia**  
Business Administration

"My best Halloween experience was when I got to dress up as Rambo. I was the toughest kid on the block that night."



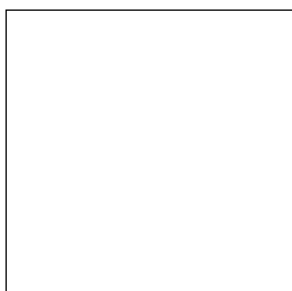
**Mary Lotero**  
Part-time instructor  
in Psychology

"On one trick or treat adventure I went to a well lit house and yelled trick or treat several times. I even knocked and rang the doorbell. Nobody answered, so I proceeded to take a bar of soap and soaked their windows. Guess who came to the door? Guess who got a bad verbal scolding? Guess who walked away with her head hanging."



**Robbie Milam**  
Law-Enforcement

"The best Halloween experience I've had? I wouldn't say theirs one that really that stands out. My best Halloween experience would have to be the whole experience of halloween through out childhood. Those were the days I spent the whole day just playing. I wish I could go back and be a kid again."



**Tracy Cowart**  
Physical Therapy

"My best Halloween was when I was eight years old. I didn't even go trick or treating. I played hide and go seek in the woods with flashlights."

### Please Recycle!!

November 15 is America Recycles Day. The United States Environmental Agency has joined forces with more than one hundred national and state organizations to promote recycling and buying recycled products. Please recycle and buy recycled products to make a difference in our environment.

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Photos by Alice Harris

# Arts

## High Museum college night gets rave reviews



Students take in all the sights at the High Museum's college night.

Photo by James Barber

**By Kelly Johnson**  
Assistant Editor

If you are into art and music, the High Museum of Art's college night was the place to be Sept. 23. There were hundreds of Georgia students in attendance, taking in the sights and sounds that surrounded them.

Among the exhibits were paintings from the Renaissance, sculptures from early America, images of the Civil Rights Move-

ment and many more.

The sights were great, and the atmosphere was really friendly and laid back. There were live bands and poetry readings for everyone to hear.

There was a good local turnout, and the transportation provided by the Office of Student Life was taken advantage of. Two vans from Floyd College took the trip down to the High, and the vans were filled to capacity.

Other students drove themselves to what would be a night of enjoying great works of art, wonderful music and moving poetry.

The only complaint was the cost of the refreshments. It was \$1.50 for a small cup of soda or juice and \$2 for a cookie.

In all, it was a great event that gave students an opportunity that most would not normally take. Extra credit was given in most cases as an incentive to attend.

## Film Fest offers classic horror

**By Heather Palmer**  
Staff Writer

The Film Festival continues with the *Bride of Frankenstein* and *The Haunting*.

*The Bride of Frankenstein* will be shown Oct. 19. *The Haunting* will be shown Oct. 28.

*The Bride of Frankenstein* (1935), directed by James Whale, is a Universal horror film in grand style. According to Danny Perry, author of *Film Fanatics*, the *Bride of Frankenstein* is right up there with *King Kong*. It is known more for its humor than horror. Even Mel Brooks, director of *Young Frankenstein* (1974), honored Whale's original by imitating the set of *Bride of Frankenstein*.

This film's stars are Boris Karloff as The Monster, Colin Clive as Dr. Henry Frankenstein, and Elsa Lanchester as Mary Shelley/The Monster's Bride.

There will be two showings of this film in W-218 on the Central Campus at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

*The Haunting* (1963) is the last film in the film festival. According to *MovieThing.com*, "*The Haunting* is definitely the finest haunted house film ever made."

Robert Wise, director, decided to film the movie in black and white even though color films were becoming common-place.

*The Haunting* is not about horrifying events. It explores what happens when our imaginations get the best of us. Humans are adaptable to scary situations they can face head on. It is the unknown that makes *The Haunting* a truly haunting experience. This film will be shown at 11:30 a.m. in W-218 on the Central Campus. Heritage Hall will have a showing at 8p.m. on Centre Stage.

Admission is free for all Floyd students and faculty and \$1 for the general public.

The Rome Area History Museum presents

### Hallowed Hauntings

Oct 29. from 7 to 9 p.m. at the History Museum on Broad Street. The Seven Tellers will be there telling Halloween stories. For more information, contact Sonya Noble at 706 235-8051.

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next edition of  
the Six Mile  
Post!  
The holiday  
edition  
arrives Nov.  
16.

## Features

# THE LAND OF ODD

by  
Matthew  
Curry

## Fish Bait

At my former place of employment, I mixed paint for a variety of cranky people and had to wear a ridiculous vest that made me look like one of Santa's elves. It probably wouldn't be a good idea to give the name of the store I worked in since lawsuits are always a hassle. But there are plenty of places that offer on-site paint-mixing services, so I don't think I'm giving too much away. Most of these places also require their employees to wear silly red vests, too, so I don't think I'm be-

ing too obvious there, either.

As annoying as some customers can be, I did run into an interesting one, toward the end of my three-month stint. He was an older man, of some foreign ethnicity, but I couldn't really place where he was from. He was short and boxy, with an olive complexion, and several dignified wrinkles on his face. He had salt-and-pepper hair and eyes the color of storm clouds.

I was shaking a can of paint, in a machine, for him. When I popped the lid off the can, the contents were curdled like old milk. Heart y chunks of the stuff bobbed around like icebergs.

The old man frowned. "No, no," he said.

At first, I thought he was going to blame the faulty product on me and rake me over the coals. But he didn't. He was one of the few customers with enough brain cells

to understand that I was not responsible for the whole company just because I happened to be behind the counter. Instead, the old man leaned forward, secretively, and motioned for me to do the same. He reminded me of a spy, maybe a secret informant in a movie.

His whispered, in a peculiar accent, "How long you work here?" I said, "About three months."

The man said, "Dey pay you bad money here, no?"

I said, "Oh yeah, it sucks."

"Diz place, it give you money like bait for a feesh. No good, no good."

I nodded, admiring his analogy. What he lacked in the English language, he made up for in

wisdom. And then he said, "You want to know how you make good money?"

At this point, I had no idea where the conversation was going. I thought he was about to hire me

to assassinate somebody. I braced my hands on the counter and stared intently at him. But instead, he said, "Go to Home Depot, no? Home Depot pay you good."

I nodded again. From there, the old man and I started chatting about life, Home Depot and fish bait. We talked for a long time; the conversation was an unusual surprise.

Finally he gave me a warm handshake and disappeared into a forest of detergent boxes and chalk-guns. I've never seen him since.

Whoever he was, I thought he made a good point about the fish bait. A lot of big franchises prey on college students.

They know we're desperate for whatever we can get, so they often toss us breadcrumbs from their greedy, corporate feast. It's not easy scraping up pennies for gas money, working a ridiculous number of jobs and chasing after an education, all at the same time.

So if you're stuck in a pathetic job, set your sights higher. Granted, you may not find the perfect job in one phone call, but keep searching. You should never let anybody screw you with "feesh bait."

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## Features

# Mothers juggle school, family and career

By Sara Chesley  
Staff Writer

When my boss asked me to baby sit her three kids, Mitchell, who is 15; Sunnie, 10; and Colton, 7 for five days while she and her husband traveled to a convention, I thought to myself "Hey, it's some easy money, right? I can do it!"

She confirmed my acceptance with an "Are you sure? I mean, with school and work? Are you sure you can do it?" My response? "Diann, I'm positive! It will be fun! I'll get to be a mom for five days! It won't be too hard."

I am positive that at this point any mother reading this is laughing.

The kids were absolutely wonderful during those five days! They were all so helpful! But I went into this experience guessing that since they were all well above diaper age, they would be fairly independent. I was right in that the kids were okay for getting their homework done without having to be reminded too many times, and they were good about getting ready for bed without too many problems.

They weren't argumen-

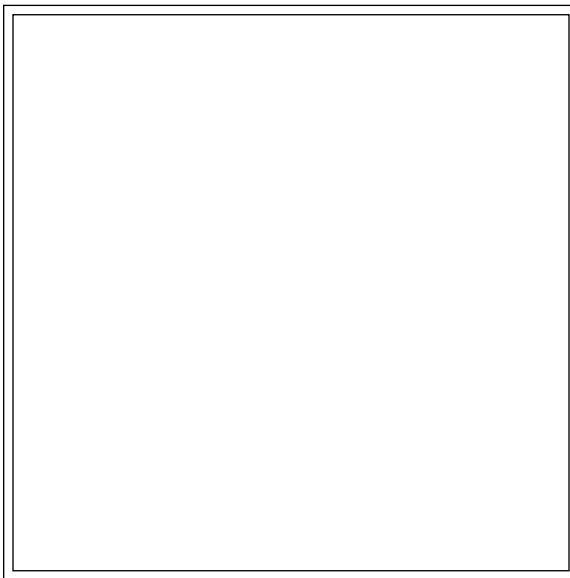
tative with me and rarely were argumentative with each other. I'm sure that a lot of this had to do with a couple of weeks of preparation from their parents on how "Mom and Dad will be gone for a little while, so Sara will be staying with y'all while we're gone. So, please, please, please be on your best behavior!"

However, I soon began to understand some of the stories I had heard from mothers in my classes about studying with the flashlight while sitting in the room with their little ones, attempting to console them from night scares of under-the-bed monsters or ghosts.

I began to see just how neat it was to read a bedtime story, say bedtime prayers and see kids that I had gotten up and fed breakfast to that morning fall asleep, looking like little angels.

And I also found the *true* definition of tired. Going to school full-time, working and then coming home to yet another full time

job of three kids, three dogs, supper, stories about how someone at



school said a bad word, studying spelling words, reading notes from the teacher, listening to a first grader read his story to me, helping a fifth grader with homework even I considered hard, helping a freshman in high school through algebra, history, and English homework, then bedtimes for them, then worrying about my homework. Oh geez...

Over the next five days, I found a whole new respect for

mothers period. Mothers who work, mothers who go to school and mothers who do both.

I truly do not know how the college student mothers do it day to day. I know that it is obviously because of their love for their children. In order to perhaps make a better life financially for their children, they are returning to school in order to increase their education so that they can get a better or higher paying job. Perhaps they are fulfilling a dream to become a teacher or a nurse or a psychologist. Perhaps they are just finally taking some well-deserved time to do what they want to do.

Cindy Bowles, a business major at Floyd College and mother to Erin, 19, who is also a student here at Floyd, and Becky, 16, a student at Cass High School, said that the reason she returned is there is finally time since her girls are older now. She decided to return to school for "self improvement." She said, "I got married really young, and then I had kids. They were the priority, but once they got into high school, it [attending college] became something I wanted to do.

According to Bowles, the hard-

est part of being a mother and a student is "Juggling the responsibility. What was really tough was being a mom, going to school, and working full time. Because you are a businesswoman, a wife, a mother *and* a student. You seize any extra time.

"If I do find myself [with a conflict], like if I have a parent-teacher conference, but I have a class at the same time, I just tell my professor that I have a prior commitment. The children come first, but they are very supportive, and my husband is very supportive. Sometimes you find women whose husbands and families aren't very supportive, but I am very lucky because my girls and my husband have all been so very supportive."

Bowles is happy with her decision to return to school. "Yes! Yes! Yes, I am!" she said. "I'll graduate this year and then go on to a four-year institution. At times, it would have been really easy to have just quit. But I am very glad that I didn't! It's not an easy thing to do. If it was, everyone would do it."

So, for those of you reading this, go out and pat a mother or a father who goes to school on the back. Give them some well overdue praise!

## Learn how to recognize and avoid those telemarketing scams

Matthew Proctor  
Assistant Editor

Some travel opportunities sold over the phone, Internet, or fax are legitimate, but many are scams that defraud and consumers out of millions of dollars every month.

Usually telemarketing scams originate with skilled salespeople who have had years of experience selling dubious products and services over the phone. These sale pitches may sound legitimate but often are not.

A promising dream vacation is presented that the consumers could pay dearly for if they don't use common sense and steps to protect themselves.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are many tricks of the trade. Oral misrepresentation is a very common trap. A "deal" is usually promised that the salesperson can't even deliver. One won't know it until the money is gone.

Another common method

these scam artists use is high pressure. They will often say they need an immediate commitment and the offer is not available much longer. Questions and concerns are answered with vague assurances.

Club membership and low vacation rates are pitched. They seem reasonable and are designed to appeal to anyone looking for a get-away.

Some companies will agree to send a written confirmation. It usually bears little resemblance to the offer the consumer on the phone accepted. Additional terms, conditions and costs are included.

The word "offer" often is a clue to unknown charges. The salesperson may ask for credit card numbers to bill a personal account for the travel package.

Once the consumer pays the amount, he or she will receive the so-called package. This will include instructions for making the trip reservation requests. The requests will include another fee.

Many offers require the consumer to pay upgrade costs to re-

ceive what was promised in the package, such as cruises, dates and accommodations. Port charges, hotel taxes or service fees are also required on other offers.

New charges are being added each step. The dream of a bargain trip may never materialize because of hidden costs and reservation difficulties.

There are many ways for consumers to protect themselves.

It is very important to investigate travel packages before investing any money into them. It always pays to be wary of "great deals" and low priced offers. There are very few legitimate businesses that can afford to offer products and services of real value at substantially lower costs than other companies' prices.

The consumer should never let himself or herself be pressured into buying anything. A legitimate business will not expect someone to make snap decisions. It is important to always ask detailed questions. Consumers should find out what the

price covers and what it does not. They should ask if they are any additional charges. They should check out the names of hotels, airports, airlines and restaurants included in the package.

Consumers should contact these businesses to verify arrangements and reservations. They should also always ask about cancellation policies and refunds. If questions are not answered, it is very likely the offer is not legitimate.

When consumers decide to buy, precautions must be taken. They should get all the information in writing before agreeing to anything. They should make sure the written information reflects the information they have already been told, and they should never buy part of the package separate from the rest. If the deal turns out not to be what was expected, it might be difficult to get money back.

Consumers should never give credit card numbers over the phone unless they know the company. An easy way scam operators work is getting an account num-

ber and charging that account. They may try to deceive the consumer into believing they need the number for verification purposes.

Also it isn't a good idea to send money by messenger or overnight mail. Scam artists will ask that a check or money be sent immediately. When paying with these methods, the consumer loses his or her right to dispute fraudulent charges under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

Consumers may contact organizations to see if complaints have been lodged against the companies. It is a common practice for scam companies to change their name often. If the consumer has any doubts about the credentials of the package and company, he or she should say no.

The governor's office has a consumer affairs division that deals with consumer protection issues. Its toll free complaint number is 1-800-869-1123. The American Society of Travel agents can be found at [www.astanet.com](http://www.astanet.com). For more information and complaint forms, go to the Federal trade commission Website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).



## News/Features



Photo by James Barber  
Wendell Barnes reads *Lolita* by Vladimir Nobokov.

# Banned books reading held

By Laura Gosnold  
Editor

Since 1981 the United States has recognized the end of September and the beginning of October as Banned Books Week. Banned books include those that have been removed from public institutions, such as schools and libraries, at some point in time.

According to Debbie Holmes, head librarian, the process of banning a book consists of several stages. First, someone has to file a complaint about the book. Second, the American Library Association, American Bookstore Association, American Publishers Association and several other organizations evaluate the book and decide whether or not it is appropriate to have in certain public institutions. All the while the Library of Congress supports these organizations and their decisions.

The majority of banning takes place in schools having grades K-

12. A parent might complain to a teacher or principal about their child reading a particular book, whether it be one filled with violence, profane language, or sex. All it takes is one to complain to a principal and head librarian to take the book off the shelf.

Books such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* were temporarily banned from middle and high schools in Eden Valley, Minn., because of its use of "damn" and "whore lady" in the novel. Others, such as *Bridge to Terabithia*, have more or less been challenged dozens of times because they contain profanity. (Source: Doyle, Robert P. 1996 *Banned Books Resource Guide*. Chicago: American Library Association, 1996.)

Thursday, Sept. 30, Floyd College held its second annual Banned Books Read-In. Students, faculty and staff gathered in the student center on the Central Campus to read aloud from their favorite banned book in 10 minute

time slots. Banned Books T-shirts were sold for \$9. The entire event lasted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Several participants included Laura Musselwhite reading from *Decameron*, Lorrie Allen reading from *Hamlet*, Matt Curry reading from *Slaughterhouse-Five* and Dr. Kristie Kemper reading from *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

The event had more participants and listeners than last year and, according to Holmes, was a success. "We had to turn down readers towards the end because we ran out of time slots. I love having someone read to me. Knowing that a person read a book because they were intrigued at the Read-In makes my day," stated Holmes.

If you would like to learn more about the books read at the recent Read-in and why they were banned, please visit FC's banned book website at [www.fc.peachnet.edu/library/banned/index.htm](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/library/banned/index.htm).

# Why would someone want to ban a book anyway?



Debbie Holmes  
Floyd College Librarian  
Guest writer

Thirty books from the great modern books selected by the Modern Library last year have been banned at one time or another. *Ulysses* by James Joyce and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck are among them.

You can count on John Steinbeck appearing on the frequently challenged book list each year. Maya Angelou and Alice Walker are usually there too.

Why do people want ideas banned?

Sex, religion and politics are a few reasons. Who wants to ban these ideas? People from the right, people from the left, men, women, Baptists, Unitarians and Catholics. Anyone can get worked up about an issue.

Last year, I joked with someone that if I would ban a book, it would be the *Goosebumps* series by R. L. Stine. If you don't know about *Goosebumps*, these are scary stories about monsters. My kids loved them.

It is no longer a joke. R. L.

Stine is one of the most frequently challenged authors. Now, defending *Goosebumps* is not my passion. But I do defend it. Why? I defend *Goosebumps* because *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou are banned and challenged on the same list.

Celebrating Banned Books Week is a way to discover all kinds of books and some surprises.

Laura Musselwhite read Boccaccio's *Decameron* to us. Who

would have known that it would have been so funny?

And every year I find something that I want to read again or for the first time. This year one of them is *Bastard Out of Carolina* by Dorothy Allison. Steve Head read it to us. And maybe some Shakespeare.

I would encourage you to find one to read too. Our First Amendment rights are very fragile. Exercise your First Amendment right and read a book that has been challenged or banned.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Alice H. Harris  
Staff Writer

"I'm afraid it's cancer." Four words spoken... A fear washes over a young woman who sits in her doctor's office and listens to these words that only the ones that have heard them before her can relate to. She slowly turns to her doctor and says, "You're wrong. I'm too young. This doesn't happen to someone my age...."

According to the National Breast Cancer Organization one out of eight women who live beyond the age of 85 will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women accounting for one out of three diagnoses. This year alone 176,300 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and more than 43,700

people will die from this disease. Breast cancer is the single leading cause of cancer deaths for women 20-59 years of age.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, during which many efforts will be made to increase the public awareness.

Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer. Linda McGee, department head of nursing for Georgia State University, states, "Women have to get to know their own bodies. By the time a girl starts to develop, she should be taught to give herself regular breast examinations." McGee says that women need to learn the warning signs and listen to what their bodies tell them.

Women find most irregularities themselves, but most women do not even know what to look for or how to give themselves a self-

examination and most who do know, don't do a self exam on a regular basis.

Some of the common signs to look for when performing self-examinations are a lump or thickening in the breast or under the arm, clear or bloody discharge from the nipple, inverted nipple, dimpling on the breast skin resembling the texture of an orange, painful or burning urination and changes in the contours of the breast, such as one being higher than the other.

Cancer detected in the early stages is often treated with surgery that can save the breast. The Five-year survival rate after the treatment for localized breast cancer is 98 percent.

To find more information on breast cancer or to answer any questions go to [www.y-me.org](http://www.y-me.org).

### Campus Crime Report

The Floyd College crime statistics are being provided in compliance with Title IV regulations. The following crimes are ones known by the administration and reported to law enforcement agencies.

The Central Campus had one theft in the 1998-1999 school year. In the 1997-1998 school year there was one assault as

well as two regular thefts and one car theft.

In the last two years Heritage Hall, Cartersville Center and the North Metro Tech Campus have had no crimes reported.

The Haralson Campus had no crimes reported in the 1998-1999 school year. In the previous year one attempted break-in was reported.

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## News/Features

# Are you in debt because you're addicted to plastic?

**By Laura Gosnold  
Editor**

More and more college students are gaining access to credit cards, but if students don't take full responsibility for their cards, they could be paying more than what was originally intended. And one can't exactly say "charge" it when that monthly credit card bill comes in.

"Credit card companies typically pitch their services as offering financial independence, and

they freely give cards to students who have little or no income," says Robert D. Manning, professor of sociology, in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Credit card companies work their magic by telling students they have been pre-approved for a Gold Card, which according to the Federal Trade Commission, means all a person has to give is written or verbal consent, regardless of prior bankruptcies, bad credit or job status.

By this time most people are hooked, but they don't stop there.

Not only will some credit card companies make their client's first month interest free but also lure them in with a free gift.

Three months have passed, and the student is wondering why he or she owes an extra \$100. All of a sudden this card isn't as simple as it seems.

Apparently, a second payment of \$1500 was one day late, and an interest rate of 17 percent on top of a \$25 late fee has completely drained the card holder's account.

Given this situation, many people decide they will just work

overtime this month, use the card only for gas and pay for the last two bills together.

This is not a good idea.

Thirty-one days have now passed, and even though only a mere \$40 for gas was added to the charges on the card, the bill has now doubled.

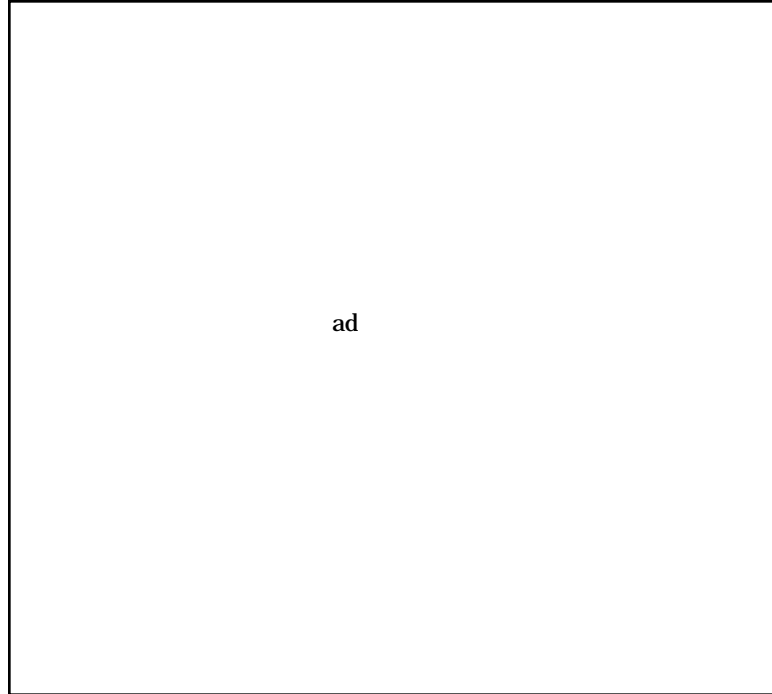
So what went wrong? It seems this bill has another charge of 17 percent interest, a \$25 fee for ignoring the previous bill and a \$50 penalty for being over thirty days late.

The key to having a credit card

is understanding how to use it, and many people do this successfully. Monitoring your spending and making payments on time will result in good credit.

However, if students choose to be ignorant with the plastic and make charges they know they can't pay, then it will eventually come back to haunt them.

Banks will not give out loans to those who have been irresponsible, and businesses can and will take debtors to small claims court and sue them for all they are worth.



**The  
Bishop  
Observatory**

**Open House  
Nov. 15  
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

*Floyd College astronomy students will demonstrate the use of medium-sized telescopes and astronomy software. Saturn and Jupiter should be visible.*

*Everyone is welcome to attend. In the event of poor viewing conditions, the open house will be postponed to Nov. 29. For more information please contact Neil Koone at [nkoone@hermes.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:nkoone@hermes.fc.peachnet.edu).*

## Microsoft Certification classes offered

**By Gwen Tolbert  
Staff writer**

Floyd College is Rome's only authorized Microsoft Certified Testing Center. The iTech Training Center, which is part of the department of continuing education, offers testing for the Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) certification in Word, Excel, Access and/or PowerPoint and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certification.

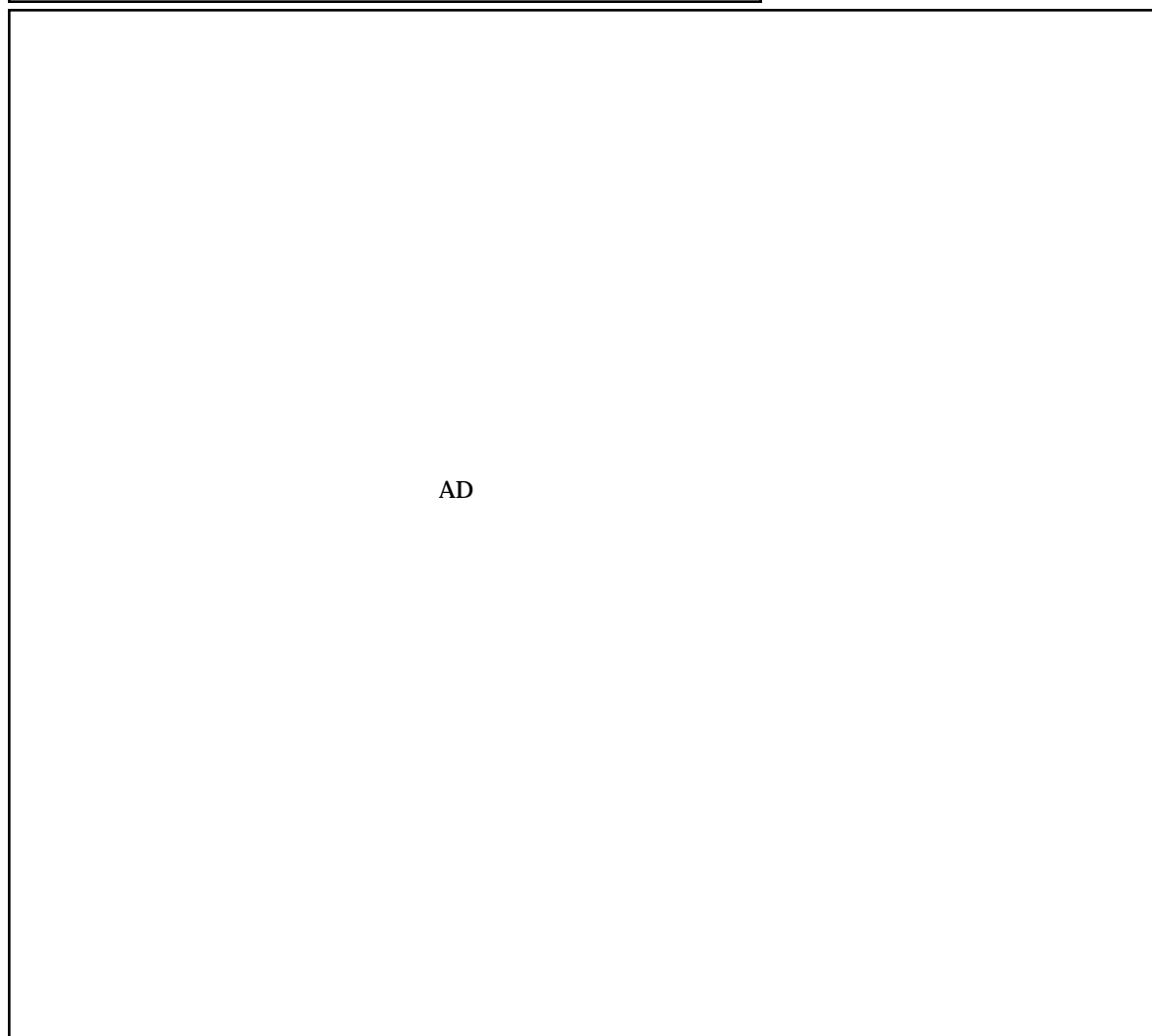
Classes to help prepare for MOUS testing and MCSE certification are available. Classes may be taken in a classroom setting or

online.

According to Dr. Bruce Jones, chair of the division of business and continuing education, the Microsoft program is being offered to help provide more skilled workers for the growing information technology field.

Becky Hicks, computer program specialist, provides the MOUS training, while Craig Auter, program developer, is responsible for the MCSE training.

More information on testing and classes is available from iTech secretary Anna Burnley at (706) 802-5304 or through email at [www.fc.peachnet.edu/ce](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/ce).



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# News

## Club News

### ASAP

Last month Nihay Gunay, ASAP adviser, left Floyd College to take a full-time position teaching psychology. ASAP has been temporarily suspended until someone can take Gunay's place as adviser. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Counseling and Career Services at (706)295-6336.

### BAS

The Black Awareness Society (BAS) is co-sponsoring the trip to see the play *JITNEY* at the Alliance Oct. 24. They are also planning a trip later this semester to the campuses of Morehouse and

Spelman. BAS is also selling candy through October. The first BAS open pool tournament is being organized to take place in November.

### BSU

This month the Baptist Student Union will have guest speakers during their meetings. The speakers are missionaries who traveled to foreign countries during this past summer. The BSU meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. in W202. For more information please contact BSU adviser, Dr. Margaret Davis, at Mdavis@fc.peachnet.edu.

### FANS

The Floyd Association of Nursing Students (FANS) elected club officers at their meeting held Sept. 20. They are Sarah Pascoe, president; Jennifer Dennard, vice-president; Bobbie Fuller, treasurer; and Brooke Hammonds, secretary.

### NURSES

The Freshman Nursing Class has announced the following officers for the 1999-2000 academic year: president, Christine Nichols; vice-president, Brian Horton; secretary/treasurer, Cindy Ferguson; reporter, Allison Owens. Officers for the sophomore

class include president, Mike Brown; vice-president, Karen Bradshaw; secretary/treasurer, Dana Mosley; and reporter/public relations, Mary Pachinger.

**Call 295-6363 for club information.**

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## Sports

# Floyd celebrates twenty years of skiing

By Christopher Crocker  
Staff Writer

Jan. 2 through 6, 2000, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of the skiing/snowboarding course offered by the division of science, math, and physical education.

The course is primarily designed to provide academic credit as a PHED elective (PHED 1420: beginning skiing/snowboarding and PHED 1421: intermediate skiing/snowboarding). However, the course is also available for

non-credit students, faculty, staff and friends on a public service basis.

Dr. Kenneth E. Weatherman, professor of physical education, who is in charge of the skiing/snowboarding course, stated, "We wouldn't have done this for twenty years if it wasn't a good course."

The course involves five sessions of skiing/snowboarding in the North Carolina mountains. There are two options available.

Option number one of the trip is the Learning Adventure. This

incorporates five sessions of Skiing/Snowboarding (one night, four days). The French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mountain will provide unlimited instruction.

Students will need skis, boots, poles and/or snowboards/boots. The equipment will add \$33 to the total cost of the course.

The second option is the Multi-Mountain. It involves five sessions of skiing: one night and two days at Appalachian Ski Mountain, one day at Sugar Mountain and one day at Ski Beech.

The French-Swiss Ski College will again be providing instruction at Appalachian Ski Mountain.

If students use their own equipment, the cost is reduced by \$10. If students have their own snowboard and boots, they pay the same price skiers do.

Students needing equipment will pay an additional \$33.

Other costs of the course include slope tickets, lodging for four nights, and text.

Four people per room will be \$249 each, three per room \$261, two \$291, one \$397, and if students provide their own housing, the cost will be \$185.

There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit required, which is due by the Dec. 4 registration deadline.

**For more information on receiving course credit, contact Weatherman at (706)295-6353 or email [kweather@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:kweather@mail.fc.peachnet.edu)**

Photo contributed by K. Weatherman

Students cheer after successfully conquering the mountain on a previous ski trip to North Carolina.

Photo contributed by K. Weatherman

The brave and fearless leader of the ski course, Dr. Kenneth Weatherman, struts his stuff on the slopes of North Carolina during a previous trip.

## SPORTS COMMENTARY

Christopher Crocker  
Staff Writer

What better way to unwind from stressful classes than to engage in competition with friends and complete strangers? Who better to engage in competition with than friends and complete strangers here at Floyd College? Those and many other questions have been answered- intramural sports have begun.

Three-on-three basketball, a perfect display of skill and a possible future multi-million dollar

deal with Nike, is presently shooting a hoop near you. The games take place in the gym, and each is a perfect balance of sweat, blood, and intensity. Procrastination got your tongue? Not a problem. Floyd College has made it easy for you. Although the season comes to a close on Nov. 8, you can still sign up in the Physical Education Office located on the Central Campus.

Whether you have two friends

## Intramural sports for everyone

who dribble better than a baby and are looking for fierce competition or you're new to the area and looking to meet people through your impressive behind-the-back pass, we-want-you. So come one, come all and show your undying Floyd College spirit by signing up for three-on-three basketball today.

Supposing, hypothetically of course, that basketball just ain't your game (puns definitely intended), did you really think that we'd leave you out? There are other sports of the intramural kind for you, flag football, for example. Grab a pair of shorts, an old T-shirt you're not afraid of wearing again and the face you were saving for the ex-boyfriend or girlfriend that accidentally wrecked your car and take it to the

soccer field. Games are going on now, and for the layman, flag football sure ain't checkers.

The flags are designed for the anti-tacklers among us. They are worn around the waist, and the defense tries to pull them off instead of the arm. Be wary, however; football is not for the faint of heart. That being said, you can still sign up for the games, IFYOU DARE! Just walk to the Physical Education Office, and put down your name. The season will most likely end Nov. 9.

For those who need more choices Floyd supplies them. Tae-Bo and the Walk/Run Club have begun and are open for participation. Simply sign up in the Physical Education Office, and you are on your way. Hearts pumping high and fat burning fast are merely

incentives. Enjoyment is the main goal. Time is a factor however; Tae-Bo, taking place in the back of the fitness lab, and the Walk/Run Club end on Nov. 18 and 21, respectively.

All of these sports and a table-tennis tournament beginning Oct. 25 thrown in to boot will not be without reward. Trophies and awards are offered at the fall banquet on Nov. 23 in the gym lobby.

Best of all, these events are totally free.

What are you waiting for? There has never been a better time to participate in intramural sports than right now...except for maybe right now. So sign up for your favorite, or come and watch your favorite at Floyd College today.