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Readings tomorrow

The Library, along with The Writers' Collaborative and the Student Life Office, will be holding banned book readings on Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. See page 4.



Students learn in Wyoming

Over the summer, Billy Morris, geology professor, took 14 Floyd College students on a trip out West to learn geology outside the classroom and acquire two science credits. See page 9.



FC makes music videos

Many Floyd College students took the chance recently to make music videos free of charge. The event was sponsored by the Student Life Office. See page 8.

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Enrollment up average of 21% for all five FC campuses

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The halls of Floyd College are packed more tightly than ever. Enrollment has skyrocketed for the fall 2002 semester; the population of students at all five FC campuses has increased to almost 2,900 students.

This includes 1,501 at the Rome campus, 279 at Heritage Hall, 660 at Cartersville, 683 at North Metro, 180 at Waco and 34 via Georgia Globe.

Dr. Randy Pierce, president of Floyd College, said, "I feel like it is a combination of things ... part-time students are coming back, the economy, and the lowering of the technology fee." He added that he thought a lot of the students the college lost left because of the high technology fee.

In the past semesters the technology fee has been as high as \$300; it has now been lowered to \$50 this semester. This makes



Photo by Kristen Dees

A crowded student center is just another sign that enrollment has increased at Floyd College.

Floyd more affordable for part-time students since they are no longer required to lease a laptop.

New computer classrooms are

in place around the campus that alleviate the need for everyone to have a laptop computer. This is part of the new technology plan

initiated by Pierce.

"When the economy goes down, enrollment goes up," said Pierce. In the past year the

economy has been low. Many companies are laying off workers. The job market is unstable and many people have been forced out of work.

There are 21 percent more students on the average at all five campuses combined. The increase for each campus is as follows:

- Rome is up 21%
- Cartersville is up 27%
- North Metro Tech is up 14%
- Heritage hall is up 30%
- Waco is up 13%

Increased traffic is noticeable to anyone standing in the student center between classes. As a result, more students are spending time, and money, in the game room. More money spent in the game room means more money for student activities.

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FC, UWG partnership starts four-year program this fall; Southern Polytechnic State University to bring program in 2003

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Floyd College has received funds to partner with two state universities to offer two new four-year programs, one of which is already underway.

The programs are made possible through the University System of Georgia's (USG) \$1.9 million "Enhancing Access" special funding initiative, as recommended by Gov. Roy E. Barnes and approved by the Georgia General Assembly.

On Sept. 16 Floyd College and the State University of West Georgia (UWG) began an endeavor to offer a bachelor's degree in early childhood education on the central campus in Rome. The classes, which were delayed until Sept. 17 so that students could be con-

tacted and advised properly, began at junior level course work.

To be eligible, students needed to have completed their associate degree or core curriculum and be eligible for admission to the teacher education program at UWG.

Students who enter the new program at FC and follow the specified sequence of classes will graduate in May 2004 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Since more than 200 students at FC have identified early childhood education as their major, officials at both Floyd College and UWG collaborated to produce a successful proposal that was approved by the Board of Regents.

"The Board of Regents received 31 proposals for these non-traditional student grants," said Dr. Bettie Horne, administrative

associate for academic, student and faculty affairs at the Board of Regents. "The process was very competitive. Most proposals were very strong and addressed the critical shortages in education, information technology and nursing," she said.

Eleven of the 31 proposals were chosen to be funded and the West Georgia/Floyd College grant was for \$198,000.

This grant allows more access for non-traditional students to pursue a bachelor's degree and also helps two-year colleges to move into four-year programs without causing the University System to build more campuses.

The second program is scheduled to begin on the Floyd College Rome campus in the spring 2003 semester.

FC and Southern Polytechnic State University will be offering

a bachelor's degree in information technology. The grant funding this endeavor is also a part of the "Enhancing Access" special funding initiative, and is for a total of \$164,000.

A program leader will be working throughout the semester on both the FC and Southern Polytechnic campuses, making contacts, formulating the curriculum for the program and recruiting students.

Southern Polytechnic is expected to offer two classes in the Spring 2003 semester and then a full load of upper level information technology related courses the following fall semester. In all, the 11 grants awarded by the Board of Regents will allow 20 USG institutions to collaborate and extend their resources to parts of Georgia where students are under-served.

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Enrollment increase...

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The increased enrollment is painfully evident in the parking lots. The parking spaces are filled to a level that has not been seen in the past.

The lines in the bookstore are another place that the increase in student population is apparent.

Barbara Rogers, assistant auxiliary director, said, "More students are coming in for Charger Cards and Charger Card renewals. Also there has been increased usage of the copy machines and the VTS (value transfer station) machine."

Rae Moody, a sales associate in the bookstore, said, "There is more traffic in the bookstore. People are buying more pens, paper, medicine and drinks."

All of the money generated from the larger student body is

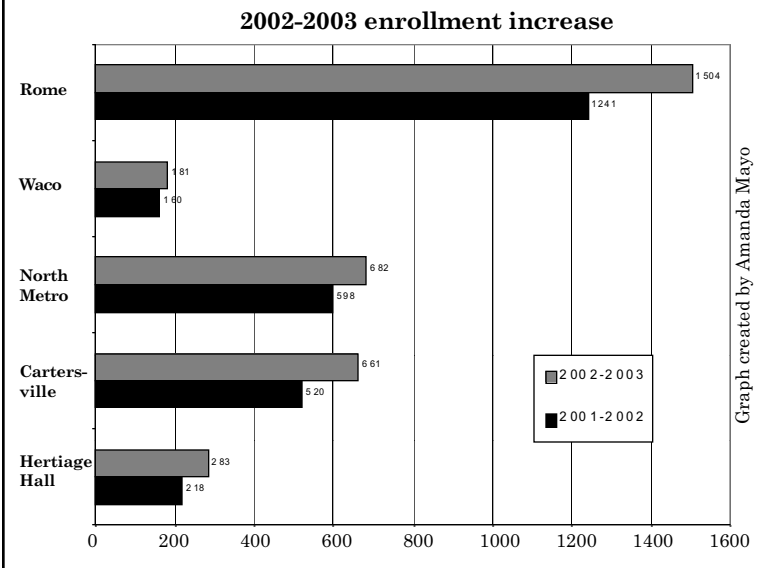
very helpful to the students that attend.

All of the 21 percent of new students are required to pay technology and student activity fees.

This helps fund new things on campus such as the new computer classrooms, a new resurfaced trail around the lake and new student organizations, as well as previously existing clubs and organizations.

This new enrollment growth of the college is expected to continue with the completion of the new Bartow Center in the future.

This larger campus in Cartersville will be able to accommodate more students in that area. Currently the Cartersville campus is fairly small, leaving little room for growth.



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SGA plans for the future

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A new president takes the helm of the Student Government Association (SGA) this year. Along with the new president comes a new SGA staff, new goals and new objectives.

Amit Patel stepped up from being vice-president of special events after Samantha Pierce, who won the presidency last

spring, resigned from office over the summer.

The other SGA officers are Teela Davis, vice president of special events; Nikki Maxwell, vice president of public relations; and Kim Cornett, secretary and treasurer.

There are also two senator positions that will be appointed by the new SGA officers.

Applicants have applied for these positions already, and it is the job of the standing officers to choose whom they feel will best fill the position of senator.

"I want to be a great leader and accomplish my goals," said Patel. One of his main objectives is to get more students involved in campus activities.

"There always seem to be the same people involved in school activities," said Patel, who

added that "the new administration hopes to bring in new students who want to be involved and be a part of Floyd College."

One way the SGA is trying to reach more students is through the SGA website.

According to Patel the newly renovated SGA website will display the SGA constitution, as well as issues concerning students. In the future, SGA plans to have a forum on the website so that students may write to the student government and express their views and opinions on issues.

The website address is www.floyd.edu/campus/sga

All students attending Floyd College are automatically members of the Student Government Association through their Senate Representatives.

SGA encourages students to attend their meetings, which occur every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room in the Student Life Office.



Photo by Kristen Dees

Amit Patel takes over as president for the SGA this year.

'I just want students to know I am here for them' -- Sue Tarpley, director of student life

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There is a new face heading up the Student Life Office at Floyd College this fall.

Sue Tarpley will be serving as the new interim director of student life until a permanent director can be found.

Ashley Wood, who formally held the position of director of student life, resigned during the summer to take a job elsewhere.

Tarpley, who is originally from New York, received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Balawin-Wallace College in Ohio and a master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University.

Tarpley, a mother of two, said one of the main reasons she accepted the position was so she could spend more time with her children.

Her hours at the college coincide with her children's schedule, allowing her to spend the after-



Photo by Kristen Dees

Sue Tarpley (left), interim director of student life, meets with Kim Cornett, SGA secretary/treasurer, about SGA matters.

noons with her family.

Her previous experience includes working with the Student Life Offices at both Berry College and Shorter College.

Tarpley says this is "nothing new" to her. "I've done this before," she said.

One of the many things Tarpley hopes to accomplish

throughout the year is to help the students as much as she can.

"I just want the students to know that I am here for them," she said.

If anyone should need to contact Tarpley, her office is located inside the Student Life Office, or she can be reached at (706) 295-6363.

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Eight new faculty members join Floyd College

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The faculty of Floyd College welcomes eight new additions.

Brian Barr, assistant professor of art, will be heading and expanding the art program at FC.

Barr has a master of fine arts degree from the New York Academy of Art and a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Central Florida.

In the past, Barr has participated in worldwide art programs in various places including Los Angeles, Italy, Germany, Greece and Turkey.

Barr has seven years of experience in developing and displaying exhibits for university galleries. In addition, Barr's own works have been displayed in various art shows across the country.

He has also worked as a prop designer at Walt Disney World.

Jacqueline Cottle, instructor of psychology/human services, has a master's degree in counseling psychology and another in industrial/organizational psychology. She also has a bachelor of arts degree in English from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

In the past, Cottle has taught at two and four-year colleges in Texas and Massachusetts. She has also practiced as a counselor in a chronic pain management program.

Dr. Mark Knauss, associate professor of biological sciences, has been an adjunct biology instructor at FC for the past two semesters.

Knauss received his doctorate in biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and



Brian Barr



Marjorie Frazier



Maurice Wilson



Mark Knauss

a bachelor of science in biology from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture.

Most recently, Knauss served as a chair of the department of biology, psychology and sociology at "horter College. Knauss has two scholarly publications to his credit, and in 2000 received the "Shorter College Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership" award.

Kirby Swenson, temporary instructor of biology, has a master of science in biology and a bachelor of science in biology from Jacksonville State University.

Swenson taught introductory biology courses at Jacksonville State University before coming to FC.

Harisha Patel, instructor in nursing education, obtained her masters of nursing science in nursing administration from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

She received her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Most recently, Patel has worked as an assistant nurse manager for cardiovascular research at the University of Arkan-



Kirby Swenson



Jacqueline Cottle

sas for Medical Sciences and Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.

Marjorie Frazier, new assistant professor of nursing education, has a master of nursing degree in gerontology/mental health



Martin Hagerstrand



Harisha Patel

with a minor in nursing education from Emory University.

Frazier received an associate degree in nursing from Floyd College.

She was previously employed at FC as an instructor of nursing

in the associated degree program.

Frazier's work experience was at Northwest Geriatrics Aging and Memory Clinic.

Dr. Maurice Wilson, assistant professor of mathematics, comes to FC from Middle Tennessee State University, where he held the position of assistant professor of developmental mathematics.

Wilson received his doctorate from the University of Tennessee and his master of science in mathematics from Tennessee State University.

Wilson has six years experience teaching college level mathematics, including developmental courses.

Martin A. Hagerstrand, temporary instructor of mathematics, received his master of education in secondary education from the State University of West Georgia.

His bachelor of science in mathematics was received at Berry College.

Hagerstrand attended the Community College of the Air Force, where he received an associate of applied science in electrical power systems.

He has been an adjunct mathematics/learning support faculty member at FC since 2000.

Office of Academic Support relocated during remodeling

The Division of Academic Support Office has been temporarily relocated to the Advising Center because of remodeling.

Emails and phone calls to the Academic Support Office will be forwarded to the Advising Center.

Dr. Tim Floyd, chair of academic support, expects the relocation to last until the first week in October.

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New computer classrooms aid learning



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Students work in the new computer classrooms which cost Floyd College an estimated \$375,000. The computers were added to several classrooms over the summer.

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This summer during the semester break, new computers were installed in 10 Floyd College classrooms, replacing the need for students to bring laptops to all their classes.

These computer classrooms are part of a new program designed to enhance curriculum that had previously required students to lease laptops.

The Gateway workstations are more suited to a classroom environment, according to those interviewed. "These computers stay here, they're protected, and there's no damage to them," said LaNelle Daniel, associate professor of English, who teaches English 1101 and 1102 in a computer equipped classroom.

Each room also has a printer that each computer is networked to. This allows students to print their work in class, which is something they were unable to do be-

fore.

According to Steve Head, an assistant librarian who teaches Floyd College Computer Studies, "The student computers work much faster now and the technical problems are fewer." Head said that the new classrooms make teaching FCCS much easier.

All English 0099, 1101 and 1102 classes, some math classes, and many computer classes are taught in the new rooms.

Daniel said one advantage to the setup is that the computers are reset at night so that if they are reconfigured during the day, they will return to default settings the following day.

Another advantage to the new computer classrooms is that the professors are provided with a workstation, which contains the same software as the students'. Under the previous system, professors sometimes had different software than their students.

"These machines all have the latest suite of Microsoft products on them," said Jeff Patty, chief in-

formation officer.

Many professors also had trouble using laptops with the overhead projectors. "We adjusted by providing the teacher's station in each of these classrooms," said Patty. "Instructors can login to these machines and use the latest software, and project it using the overhead projectors while in class," he said.

Thomas Ayer, student, remarked, "It's easy because the Internet that Floyd College provides makes it easy to get most of your work and study guides online."

Student Evelyn Joseph said, "I can send email and do some searching. I'm learning little by little."

Students using the computers log onto the Floyd College network, and are able to use the Internet, as well as their Floyd account.

Students without home computers are able to do their out-of-class assignments on computers located in the library computer lab

and the tutorial center.

According to Karen Porter, vice president of business and finance, the cost for the project was roughly \$375,000. The funds came mostly from technology fees, as well as the increase in enrollment. A total of 264 computers, 10 network printers and 10 laptops were bought.

The new computer rooms have lowered technology fees for students by saving them from having to lease laptops. "It's cheaper and better," said student Monisha Smith.

The new computer classrooms are the third phase of the Information Technology Program (ITP). The ITP began with the initial purchase of laptops and the building and installation of the campus-wide network.

"Our curriculum is permeated with technology," said Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs. "We replaced all the equipment so students can get the benefit of the newest equipment," she said.

News Briefs

Banned book reading

The Library, in collaboration with the Student Life Office and The Writer's Collaborative, will be holding this year's annual banned book reading as part of National Banned Book Week on Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student center. Excerpts will be read from books which have been banned in public libraries. "Harry Potter" and "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be among them.

Reading Schedule:

- 11 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. - Steve Head - "Angels in America"
- 11:10 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. - Dana Pergem - "Our Bodies Ourselves"
- 11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Gail Bentley - "Dr. Seuss"
- 11:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. - Jon Hershey
- 11:40 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. - Sheila McCoy - The Bible
- 11:50 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Kristie Kemper - "Harry Potter"
- 12 p.m. - 12:10 p.m. - LaNelle Daniel - "Run with the Horsemen"
- 12:10 p.m. - 12:20 p.m. - Laura Musselwhite - "The Decameron"
- 12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Lynn Bacon - "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- 12:30 p.m. - 12:40 p.m. - Jeannie Blakely - "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
- 12:40 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. - Wendell Barnes - "Lolita"
- 12:50 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Susan Claxton - "The Jungle"
- 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - The Writers' Collaborative

New Bartow Campus

Ground was broken on July 17 for Floyd College's Bartow County campus. Among those attending the ceremony were Chancellor of the University System of Georgia Dr. Thomas Meredith, Chair of the Board of Regents Joe Frank Harris and Floyd College President Dr. Randy Pierce. This new campus will be located on state Highway 20 across from the Walmart shopping center in Cartersville. "The Cartersville community is strategic to the future of the college," said Pierce. This new campus is expected to open in 2004.

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New group focuses on the needs of many non-traditional students at Cartersville campus

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A group for non-traditional students has been started on the Cartersville Campus.

Lucinda Baker, assistant professor of political science at Floyd College, created the Non-Traditional Students Group out of a personal desire to help.

"I went back to school after a 16-year absence. By that time, I was a single mother of three children. There were no groups of this kind where I went to school, and I had to wing it," Baker said.

"The school has a technical definition of a non-traditional student and that is any student 25 years of age or older," said Baker, "but anyone is welcome to attend our functions."

Baker, whose office is located at the Cartersville campus, says she sees a particular place for the group there.

"I think the Cartersville campus has a lot of non-traditional students, by any definition. We try to be supportive of single mothers by not discouraging the presence of their children. Sometimes it may be difficult or simply incon-

venient to secure a babysitter," she said.

Baker initiated the group in Spring Semester 2002. Meetings featured guest speakers who spoke on such topics as study habits, child care and time management. Over the summer, the group stayed in contact through picnics and other gatherings.

"Besides being a student group, it serves as a social outlet for those students who don't or can't go out every weekend. They meet people in similar situations and maybe feel more encouraged," Baker said.

"My vision for the group," she continued, "is that, while the group grows, the people in it will stay connected throughout their schooling and after entering the workforce-a network of people."

The Non-Traditional Students Group is an informal group not affiliated with Floyd College or the University System of Georgia. There are currently 10 members. The first meeting for the Fall Semester has not yet been scheduled.

For more information or to be added to the e-mailing list, contact Lucinda Baker at lbaker@floyd.edu.

Writers wanted for new club

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An attraction to all aspiring writers and to those who just enjoy writing as a hobby is the newly formed club called The Writers' Collaborative.

Several students and Dr. Jon Hershey, adviser and associate professor of English, started the club this summer.

According to the club president, Eric Rose, the intent of the club is "for writers to have an outlet to meet other writers and to discuss and critique each other's writings."

The Writers' Collaborative intends to help writers find a way to do such things as get their works published and copyrighted.

The club has not set a definite time for meetings. The plan is that once all members have joined, the club as a whole will find a time that best fits the schedule of everyone involved. While attendance at the meetings is not mandatory to be a member, it is greatly encouraged. The Writers' Collaborative will be hosting a series of



Photo by Kristen Dees

Members of The Writers' Collaborative (from left) Daniel Bell, President Eric Rose, Matt Sunrich and Vice President Brian Armstrong have a discussion in the student life office.

events throughout the school year. Not only does the club plan to hold on-campus poetry readings, but it also intends to have a series of coffeehouse-style events held in the peaceful environment of the Solarium.

Debbie Holmes, director of library services, is helping The Writers' Collaborative to resume Floyd College's participation in Banned Book Week. On Sept. 25 faculty and staff will read aloud selections from books that have

been censored or banned in various places. Readers will read chosen passages from various books of their choice. Books that have been read in the past include "Huckleberry Finn," "The Diary of Anne Frank" and The Bible. If you would like to join the club, or have any questions, email the club adviser at Jhershey@hermes.floyd.edu. Also you may talk to Rose or Brian Armstrong, vice president and Aimee Harmison, treasurer.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance joins the list of new student organizations at FC this semester

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One of the new clubs on campus this fall is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance of Floyd College.

According to Steve Head, faculty adviser, the club was "started as an effort to provide the gay and lesbian students with a place to meet, to give them a group to feel a part of and to address the lingering prejudices and misconcep-

tions about the gay and lesbian community."

President and club founder, Dustin Neighbors, said, "We plan on doing a lot of awareness events, community outreach in Rome and the surrounding areas, as well as in Atlanta."

This year's officers will include Tanya Johnson, vice president of student relations, and Taracha McCain, vice president of awareness.

Adam Tibetts will be serving as secretary/treasurer.

"Dustin has really done everything. He founded the organization and has been the one spreading the word," said Head.

The next meeting will be Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Diversity Center, located in the Walraven Building.

Students who are interested in more information and/or joining the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance of Floyd College may contact Neighbors by emailing him at dneig00@floyd.edu.

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Editor’s Box

Out with the old, in with the new

Out with the old and in with the new, I say. For instance, out with our beloved former editor, Jesse Bishop, and in with me. We also have a new front-page design for your viewing pleasure.

Out with everyone’s former favorite beverage brand, Coca-Cola, and in with Pepsi and all their fine products. Maybe this is a personal grudge since Coca-Cola chose to stop advertising with us after 20 years, but I can voice my opinion as I please because I am the one in charge.

With the start of this new era, that’s what I’m calling my run as editor-in-chief at the *Six Mile Post*, comes a lot of new additions to the college.

First of all, enrollment has increased somewhat drastically, and this can be seen in the hallways and in the parking lot. But you already knew that because you read the story on the front page.

Eight new teachers have been added to the Floyd College starting line-up. Again, you already knew that too, because you read the story on page 3.

(You aren’t just reading my editorial, right?)

There are a few new clubs for students to join, a new campus slowly in the process of construction in Cartersville and a new show featuring Jon Hershey (newly titled “Dr. Hershey”), associate professor of English, on FCTV entitled “Arts Café.”

We have a new Student Government Association president, as well as other newly decided offices, and a new student life director. Both of those stories are on page 2.

Floyd College is overflowing with new students, most of whom are probably in the first year of college. Hang in there guys; it’s not that bad.

The president of the college is still new also. Dr. Randy Pierce was just inaugurated this past April. So that makes this his first official year.

Out with the old standard issue laptops and in with the new and improved computer classrooms. Most people lovingly referred to the old laptops as “crap-tops,” and now finding a use for the thousands of old computers is a new task.

Rome has a new baseball stadium that is supposed to be finished and welcoming fans by next

spring. That means we’ll have baseball, in minor league fashion, even if the pros ever decide on a work stoppage again. If they do cause a work stoppage anytime in the future, I believe that would be the fifth strike in Major League Baseball history. Now, I thought the rules of baseball were this: Three strikes and you’re out!

Another big issue is the new four-year programs that are beginning at Floyd College. That means students can now earn a bachelor’s degree right here at FC.

Since Floyd was originally Floyd Junior College, I suppose it won’t be too long before the name of the school is changed to Floyd University. That’s right, soon we will be good old F.U.!

With so many new things happening and so much going on, sometimes it’s hard to keep up. That’s why we’re here. If ever you have a question about anything college-related, or anything not college-related for that matter, email the *Six Mile Post* at 6Mpost@floyd.edu. Even if you just need to complain about something, we’re here for you.

But for now I am off to study some old history for my new Western Civilization class.

Don’t take Rome for granted; it’s not as dull as most students think

“There’s nothing to do in Rome!” is the cry that is so often echoed from the mouths of our city’s livelier residents. And while we’ve all suffered in the throes of boredom and repeated this mantra ourselves, perhaps the malcontent and the jaded of us should take a minute to ask ourselves what, exactly, we’re all looking for.

What’s the majority opinion of a pastime? Is it a business-funded institution where we spend our money to in return be given back some form of generic entertainment? If that’s the case, then we already have a mall, bowling alleys, clubs and certainly anything else any of our immediate neighbors have.

Soon, we’ll have a minor-league baseball team, a Starbucks, a Barnes & Noble and loads of other corporate dandies moving in.

So what’s the dilemma here? Perhaps our perpetual state of boredom stems not from the fact that there’s “nothing to do,” but because we’re not making an effort to occupy ourselves in a fulfilling way. Are we really this empty, this powerless to create, this afraid of ourselves?

Of course we aren’t.

So, if you aren’t happy with your environment, make an effort to change it and support others that do the same.

We simply have to be more active! More creative! We’re no Athens, but we have a relatively active music and arts scene.

It’s obvious that the potential is here, but places like Rikki Moon’s and Down to Earth have lived and died in the blink of an eye. If we don’t want culture to die in Rome, then we have to make an effort to support it.

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A cartoon by Nicole Terry

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Six Mile Poll

How do you feel about the response by Americans since the September 11 attacks?



I feel that the attacks have forged a strong bond between all Americans that will never be broken. America's patriotism has also been shown on a broader scale.

Matt Bentley
General Studies



I'm really sorry for the families who lost loved ones, but I'm sick of hearing about it.

Samantha Pierce
English



The attacks stank, but it brought us closer together as a country.

Danny House
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Honestly, I think that it's been a wake-up call for America.

Brittany Snow
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Campaigning, mud-slinging and debating are what politics are all about. Recently I had the privilege of experiencing this firsthand.

I was invited to be a panelist in the 11th District Republican Congressional Run-off debate between Cecil Staton and Phil Gingrey, held Aug. 27. I was probably the youngest person that was voluntarily there.

It was a run-off debate to decide which Republican candidate would go up against Democrat Roger Kahn for the recently created 11th District congressional seat.

My generation is not concerned with politics when really we have every reason to be. It is our future that today's politics are dealing with.

As Republican politician Staton said, "Social Security is actually just a bunch of IOU's that your generation is unfortunately going to have to deal with."

I believe that we are able to vote at age 18 because that is when politics begin to apply to us. Money out of my paycheck goes to

Lack of interest in politics, weakness for today's youth

the government every two weeks. I have to file taxes every year just like my parents do.

Voting is about choosing the candidate that I would feel comfortable about putting my life in his hands, because that is exactly what I am doing. And by not voting, someone else is in charge of whose hands my life goes into.

My generation's lack of interest in politics will be our downfall.

First of all, I learned a little bit about the candidates. Republican leader Gingrey has served two terms in the Georgia State Senate. Gingrey completed his medical training at The Medical College of Georgia and then moved to Marietta, where he set up a pro-life OB-GYN practice. In the past 26 years he has delivered over 5,200 babies.

Gingrey believes the paramount duty of the federal government is to protect the citizens in our homeland.

"We have seen the rekindling of patriotism in America. This new flame must not be diminished lest opposing ideologies snuff it out. As your congressman I will never flinch from my duty in maintaining our country's readiness necessary to protect us all and raise high the banner of freedom," said Gingrey in response to last year's attack on the World Trade Center.

He sounds great, doesn't he? The only sound I hear coming from Gingrey is the sound of money jingling in his pocket.

Judging by the multiple post cards and flyers he gives out, his values are not the only thing he is riding on. Gingrey is also the first to throw mud in any debate, which is what most people apparently look for in a politician.

The other candidate is political newcomer Staton. He won my vote for many reasons. Staton was raised much like I was, with a mom and dad who worked long hours to make ends meet. He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, and then he became an ordained minister.

Staton is pro-life and opposes euthanasia. His interests are in giving children a better education and protecting Second Amendment Rights.

In response to cutting taxes Staton said, "The liberals are wrong; families are not undertaxed. I will fight to cut taxes for American families while balancing the federal budget and cutting government red tape."

While I personally would like to have seen Staton elected into Congress, the race really was not about who I liked best, but it was about which Republican candidate could beat Democrat Kahn. Staton, being a newborn politician, did not look promising in that arena.

But, according to the election on Sept. 10, that won't matter because Gingrey will face Kahn for the 11th district congressional seat.

Letter to the Editor

9-11 has terrible effect on everyone

Dear Editor,

Sept. 11, 2001, was one of the worst days of my life.

On Sept. 11 two airplanes collided with the World Trade Center in New York City; I was devastated by this tragic incident. I kept thinking, "How could something like this happen."

Later on I found out that a group of terrorists by the name of Al-Quada were behind it. I was hurt when I found out they were Muslims thinking that this was some kind of Jihad.

I went to school the next day and everybody was looking at me funny. They all thought that I had something to do with it. I was even more hurt when people looked at me and said, "Look there goes Bin Laden."

I just ignored them and thought, "Why did this have to happen to me?" I thought about all the families and friends that were affected by this tragic incident. I realized that everything could change in a matter of minutes.

I hope that nothing like this ever occurs anywhere in the world again, because it doesn't just affect one person, it affects the whole world.

This was one of the worst days of my life and I pray that something like this never happens again.

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I was surfing the Internet on Memorial Day and came across OnlineBartow.com and decided to read the news from across the state.

I came across one news story that really enraged me. The story was about a school in Gwinnett County named Berkmar High School that would not allow a disabled student to walk across the stage at graduation.

The student was paralyzed from the waist down due to a car

Bourne with an opinion

Student denied equal rights because of physical disabilities

accident several years ago and learned to walk by using a walker.

The student said that she was told it would take too long for her to walk across the stage and that the graduation ceremony was already too long. The school claimed that the decision had nothing to do with time.

I believe that the school is prejudiced against disabled students.

Before I go any further, I have to say that at my graduation from Woodland High School in May 2000, the stage was equipped with ramps at each end and I was allowed to roll across the stage and receive my diploma. That was one of the proudest moments of my life to say the least.

I believe without any shadow

of a doubt that if a person completes all of the requirements for graduation then he or she should be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony with the rest of the class.

The school in Gwinnett County is taking away one of the rights of a student, in my opinion. The people who made this stupid decision should thank God that they are able to walk and are not in a wheelchair or on a walker.

I would just like to know how these people, who took away a student's right to take part in the graduation ceremonies, would feel if they were in the same position as the student and their right to participate, after all of the hard work, was taken away.

Rome Little Theater-a stage of history

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"All the world is a stage and the men and women merely players" wrote William Shakespeare, and this rings true for many Romans who are active participants in productions put on by Rome Little Theater (RLT), which recently celebrated its 20th year located at the Historic DeSoto Theater in Downtown Rome.

The DeSoto was opened in 1929, as the South's first "talking" movie house. The theater was outfitted with the finest sound and picture equipment of its time.

The theatrical group, Rome Little Theatre, was formed in 1933, but was homeless for a long time, performing plays at Shorter College, East Rome High School and in the Old Courthouse. In 1957, RLT began leasing the

Maple Street Theater. Threat of demolition to the Maple Street site made the RLT homeless once more. The RLT found its new home in 1981, when the Lam Company put the DeSoto up for sale. RLT has been working on a major renovation to restore the DeSoto to its original splendor and often offers free events to the public, allowing donations to be made to the restoration fund.

The RLT continues to offer an extensive selection of plays each season. The 2002-2003 season opened with a musical version of the play "Camelot," depicting the torrid love triangle between King Arthur, Guenevere and Sir Lancelot.

Next up this year is murder mystery entitled "Design For Murder." When a young maid is killed, everyone among the Granger household and friends are held as suspects. The climax finds the

woman of the house home alone and the murderer ready to strike again.

Information concerning upcoming shows such as "It's a Wonderful Life," "Jack and the Giant," "Damn Yankees" and the seasoned comedy "Faith County" will be available at a later date.

The RLT is a community theater open to every one. Auditions for upcoming events are listed in the newspaper, announced on the radio and put on the marquee located in front of the theater.

RLT schedule for 2002 fall semester:

"Design For Murder" Oct. 18-27
"It's A Wonderful Life" Dec. 6-15

Go to the Student Life Office for discounts on RLT tickets. (Dates and tickets are limited.)



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Savannah Ruth (fourth for left on front row) with the cast of the June 2002 production of "The Curious Savage" is active in Rome Little Theater.



Photo by Kristen Dees

Al Miller (left) in wig performs with Tnarmik Patel during this year's Fun Flicks.

Student Center jams with Fun Flicks



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Shawna Smith danced her way onto the green screen.

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Students earn two geology semester credits exploring outdoor Wyoming

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Students desiring a new and interesting way to earn credits toward their degree took the chance to do so during the summer as Billy Morris, associate professor of geology, took 14 students on a geological journey into Wyoming as an alternative to a traditional two-semester science sequence.

This year's trip occurred during June and lasted two weeks. Prior to heading west, Morris met with the group and presented specific key points about the trip as well as an introduction to the science of geology.

The itinerary for the trip included five days in Casper, Wyo.,

a brief stay in Cody, Wyo., and visit to Yellowstone National Park, and the Grand Teton National Park.

Students studied basic mineralogy, volcanism, geothermics and glaciers while digging up fossils, hiking and observing geology at its source.

Students participating in this year's trip were Amy Brooks, Anna Wade, Brandon Nichols, Courtney Ollis, Dennis Cash, Elizabeth Walker, Julie Armstrong, Patrick Hilburn, Rebecca Brown, Samantha Pierce, Kim Cornett and Stephen Lee.

"I really had a lot of fun," said Pierce. "I really recommend this course to anyone who is interested. I would do it again if given the chance."

Morris said that Floyd College is not the only institution in the

area that uses fieldwork as credit for degree requirements. Shorter College and the State University of West Georgia both have similar programs, but theirs are directed towards science majors in their third and fourth years of education.

Because of the popularity of this trip and the limited number of slots, students who are interested are encouraged to inquire and register early.

Morris will have information about the next year's trip at his website, <http://gaia.fc.peachnet.edu/wy2003>, in the coming months.

Exercise prior to the trip is highly recommended by Morris. Many of the locations on the trip are at an elevation of 5,000 feet, or greater, above sea level.



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After a long hike Brandon Nichols rests just below the summit of Little Teton, at an elevation of approximately 1,500 feet.



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The group hikes up the snow field in the Garnet Canyon on approach to Little Teton.



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Morris admires the view near the peak.



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Taking a break from the snowy mountains (from left) Anna Wade, Courtney Ollis, Samantha Pierce, Amy Brooks and Kim Cornett put on their sunscreen and swimsuits hoping to catch some rays at the Alcova Reservoir, south of Casper.

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Romanek’s ‘One Hour Photo’ certainly worthy of exposure

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Robin Williams’ movies typically adhere to a certain expectation. It’s usually a safe assumption that the acting will be over the top and the audience will come away from the movie with some kind of syrupy family message. Ten minutes into director Mark Romanek’s “One Hour Photo,” it becomes obvious that this is a very different experience.

In this Sundance Film Festival entry, Robin Williams plays the role of Sy Parrish, a lonely photo processor working the one hour photo center of SavMart (this film’s depressingly dead-on interpretation of your common “X-Mart” corporation).

Through several years of developing the family photos of Will (Michael Vartan) and Nina Yorkin (Connie Nielson) and their son Jake (Dylan Smith), Parrish develops an unhealthy obsession with the family. To his starving mind, the Yorkins become the quintessential picture, quite literally, of everything he wants to be.

As the first half of the film rolls on, it becomes increasingly clear just how consuming Sy’s obsession is. It is when Williams’ character opts to slip out of reality to fantasize about having a role in the Yorkins’ personal lives as

“Uncle Sy,” that viewers realize his obsession has gone completely past the boundaries of being a mere voyeuristic interest.

The Yorkins become Sy’s sur-



Photo courtesy imdb.com

Sy checks his smile.

rogate family in a secret relationship that exists only in his head.

From there, Williams’ character’s actions begin to spiral further into absurdity as circumstance and the discovery of a dark secret about the Yorkins causes Sy’s “life” to fall down around him.

“One Hour Photo” is a departure from the stereotypical Robin Williams lead. Williams plays Sy with absolute seriousness and mannerisms that could be called relatively subtle but are anything but underplayed.

It is easy to forget that this is the same man who was once Jack and the voice of Aladdin’s genie. Forget Mrs. Doubtfire; this is the kind of transformation that, coming from Robin Williams, is truly impressive.

Jeff Cronenweth’s cinematography is beautiful. The film’s por-

trayal of some of the lowest, and creepiest, points of the human condition could be called artistic, but it never feels blatantly artsy, nor does it feel like the film is using symbolism just for the sake of appearing deeper than it really is.

“Stylistic” and “atmospheric” would be the words to use. One can feel the sterile, almost antiseptic environment of the SavMart.

Good acting and an incredibly effective musical score by Trent Reznor push the film into the realm of greatness.

“One Hour Photo” is a perfect example of how a relatively limited project can eclipse mainstream cinema in almost every department, sans sucking up millions at the box office.

“One Hour Photo” will be opening Oct. 14 at Mount Berry Cinemas.

Rock band The Vines: not Nirvana, but not bad

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Some people have compared the Vines to the likes of Nirvana, judging the band solely by their song “Get Free,” which has been blasted from various radio stations for most of the summer.

It’s true that the Vines’ lead singer does have a voice that sometimes sounds eerily like Nirvana’s Kurt Cobain’s, especially on the previously mentioned song, but this is only because he is screaming the lyrics so that it is hard to understand the words.

And it’s also true that the band presents a garage-band look as well as sound. Furthermore, at the recent MTV Video Music Awards band members did proceed to smash their equipment at the end of their set in true Nirvana fashion.

But Nirvana they are not.

On the Vines’ recently released album *Highly Evolved*, they sound more like the other bands that started gaining fame over the summer. They share their sound with bands such as the White Stripes, the Hives and the Strokes.

There is one more band that the Vines could be compared to, and that is the Beatles. On



“Highly Evolved” is available most anywhere music is sold.

songs like “Mary Jane” and “Homesick,” the Vines have a sound that’s more mellow and relaxing, just like the huge British band of yore.

This Australian band, which came from humble beginnings (the four members met while working at an Australian McDonalds), also develops the white-washed punk sounds of the early 90s on the tracks “In the Jungle” and “Highly Evolved.”

Despite the fact that they are often confused with several other bands currently churning out catchy beats and generic lyrics, the Vines just might have what it takes to outlast the pack.

Only time will tell whether or not they are unique enough for the music driven youth of today.

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OSL to begin video series

The Office of Student Life will begin a series of videotaped speakers with Gary Tuerack, on Oct. 2. Tuerack will speak on the topic of “Discover the Secrets of the World’s Most Successful People.” This program will run from noon - 1:50 p.m. in the Solarium.

This is the first of seven speakers in this videotaped leadership series that will be presented throughout the year.

Tennessee Aquarium/I-MAX discount tickets

The Office of Student Life has Tennessee Aquarium/I-Max combo discount tickets for sale Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Adult tickets - \$15.50
Child tickets - \$9.25

‘The Arts Cafe’ displays locals on FCTV

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There’s a new addition to the FCTV lineup. “The Arts Café” is a new weekly program showcasing local Rome-area artists. Floyd College English professor Dr. Jon Hershey and Allen Bell, director of the Rome Council for the Arts, host the show. Hershey’s face should be recognizable as the host of the long running “A Novel Approach.”

A few of the earlier episodes had student co-hosts.

“The idea started when we began to think about the broad range of artists in and around the Rome area,” Hershey says. “We wanted to give them the opportunity to share their work with a new audience.”

The show’s guests will cover a very wide spectrum of artists, and not necessarily just those involved in the visual arts. Musicians, writers, painters and storytellers can be seen on the show.

Past guests include many recognizable faces, such as Rome High School art teacher Chris Hodges and current and former



Photo by Daniel Bell

Jon Hershey stands in front of a painting by Frank Murphy, one of the many guests on “The ArtsCafe.”

Floyd faculty members Ralph Peters and Mike Burton. Campus minister and local artist Frank Murphy will be a guest on the show Oct 1. Student co-hosts Micha Davis and Ira Gonzalez assisted Hershey on this particular episode. The show’s 15 episodes were taped between late spring and early summer of this year. It began airing Aug. 20 and will run weekly until Nov. 26.

The original list of potential guests far exceeded the 15 that will be seen. Hershey, who has long worked with the Rome Area Council for the Arts, said, “If there’s positive response, we will consider doing more episodes.” New episodes of “the Arts Café” are aired on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and then repeated the following Sunday evening at 8 p.m. on FCTV, Channel 95 (on local cable programming).

Hardcore Anger Management Tour hits Hifi Buys Amphitheater

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The Anger Management Tour, starring Marshall Mathers, aka Eminem, and other big-name artists, recently hit the Hifi Buys Amphitheater in Atlanta.

On Sept. 4 the X-cutioners opened the show with Xzibit, Ludacris and Papa Roach following.

As for the headliner himself, Eminem began with a video tribute to the critics of his music. Mathers welcomed his audience to The Eminem Show by editing clips of his critics to say just that: Welcome to the Eminem Show.

Presented on three oversized prompters set onstage, critics were seen speaking on the crass nature of Mathers’ music and its effect on the youth of America. Most would agree that some of Eminem’s material is harsh and uncalled for, but there are numerous lyrics that many can easily identify with.



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Eminem performs Sept. 4.

On this note, Mathers began his set with the song “Square Dance” from his new album. He performed such hits from “The Marshall Mathers LP” as “Stan” and “The Way I Am.” He even took fans back to the late 90s with the “Slim Shady LP” and performed a few hits from that album. Along with D12 on such songs as “Purple Pills,” Mathers performed an excellent show ending with “My Dad’s Gone Crazy.” Such a performance by such an outspoken performer is not something anyone in attendance will soon forget.

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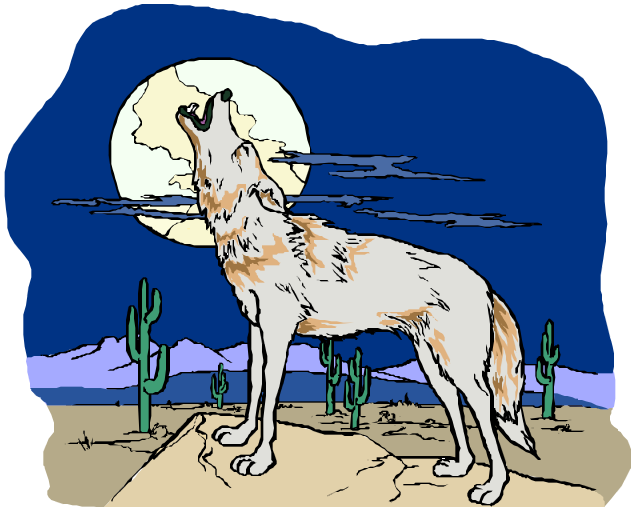
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Earn an hour of credit skiing the North Carolina slopes

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The annual Floyd College skiing and snowboarding trip will provide an opportunity for students to earn an hour of credit for Spring Semester 2003.

The trip, which has traditionally taken place in January, has been moved to Dec. 15-19 this year.

Dr. Ken Weatherman of the physical education department said, "We have been offering this program since 1980, and there has always been a lot of interest from students. We average around 40 students every year."

Weatherman said, "Students from other colleges are also welcome to attend because the credit has always transferred without trouble."

Credit is being offered for ei-

ther PHED1420 (Beginning Skiing and Snowboarding) or PHED1421 (Intermediate Skiing and Snowboarding).

This opportunity is also available for non-credit students, faculty, staff, family and friends. Non-students will be required to pay a \$25 continuing education fee in addition to the regular fees.

The group will be hitting the slopes near the Blowing Rock Re-

sort area near Boone, N.C.

The cost for the trip will include instruction, a textbook, lift tickets, lodging and ski equipment. The price varies according to the number of people per room. A non-refundable deposit must be paid by the Dec. 2 registration date.

For more information, contact Weatherman at 706-395-6353 or kweather@floyd.edu.



Intramural sports get underway with 3-on-3 basketball, FIT program and more

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When school seems to have stressed students to the point of insanity, Floyd College once again brings excitement to college life with intramural sports.

This semester, Floyd College is offering co-ed football, ultimate Frisbee, a tennis tournament, the Turkey Day Walk or Run, 3-on-3 basketball and the Fitness Incentive Team program.

Co-ed football will begin on Oct. 10 and last until Nov. 7. Football will be played on the soccer field on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The newest sport added to the intramural sports program is ultimate Frisbee. This exhilarating sport starts on Oct. 9 and will end in Nov. 6. The brand new sport will be played on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. on the soccer field.

Floyd College will also be hosting a tennis tournament beginning on Oct. 2. Sign-ups for tennis will end on Sept. 27.

The Turkey Day Walk or

Run is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m. Registration for the Turkey Day Walk or Run will begin at noon at the pavilion by the college lake on the day of the event.

Play for 3-on-3 basketball and the FIT program have already begun. Basketball will last until Nov. 5, and is being played on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The FIT program will end on Nov. 3.

David Mathis, intramural coordinator, said, "Any student still wanting to participate may contact the physical education department at (706)295-6353, and we will be happy to add you to a team or program."

For any additional information, you may also check out the intramural website at www.floyd.edu/intramurals.



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