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— News Briefs —

■ Health Fair to take place

A campus health fair takes place April 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Lakeview Building Auditorium. The fair is being sponsored by the Office of Student Life. The fair will include a Red Cross Blood Drive, information booths, screenings by Nursing and Health Sciences students and faculty and much more. It is open to students and faculty and is also open to the general public. Admission is free.

■ Fall registration dates

Registration for Fall Semester begins Aug. 17. Plans are also underway to have early registration available on the web for returning students before the end of summer semester. The last day to register is Aug. 21, which is also the first day of classes and the last day to pay all fees owed to the Business Office.

■ PTK bookdrive results

Phi Theta Kappa's Floyd College Chapter concluded their first book drive on April 14. "The results were excellent!" said Elena VanTubbergen, co-adviser of PTK. "We are really excited about all of the support we received from our staff, faculty and students." About 1200 books were donated in all. The books will go to organizations like the Hospitality House and open door homes.

■ College cafeteria closing

The Floyd College full service cafeteria will be closing down effective May 8. Starting May 9 and continuing through Summer Semester, the cafeteria will operate as a convenient store. It will only be open 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

Beginning Fall Semester a short-order grill will be added to the convenience store. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders and grilled cheese sandwiches will be available. Hot breakfast services will no longer be available.

When the cafeteria changes over the bookstore will have more breakfast items, such as donuts and coffee. It will also carry more food items for the afternoons and evenings.

The cafeteria change is due to three years of financial loss, according to Patrick McCord, vice president for finance and administration. McCord expressed regret at having to close down the full service cafeteria but pointed out that all auxiliary services of the college, such as the cafeteria and the bookstore, must be self-sufficient according to the Board of Regents' policy.

■ Dr. Cundiff, break a leg!

Dr. Lynn Cundiff, Floyd College president, will star as Horace Vandergelder in the musical *Hello, Dolly!* to benefit the Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth, the Floyd College Foundation and the Rome Symphony Orchestra. Performances will take place May 4-6 at 8 p.m. and May 7 at 2 p.m. in the Rome City Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 and seniors. Call 295-6328 for information.

Dr. Judy Perdue says goodbye

By Sara Atkison
Staff writer

"Retirement" is the word that brings closure to a career and opens the door to a life of leisure. As students, retirement is a very long way away, but we are able to get an idea of what it will be like as people around us retire. By August of 2000 Dr. Judy Perdue, division chair for math, science and physical education, will be retiring from Floyd College.

At the time of her retirement, Perdue will have been with Floyd College for nine and a half years. After two and a half years as the library director at Floyd, Perdue became the division chair for math, science and physical education. With masters' degrees in library science and entomology, the study of insects, and a doctorate in entomology, she has been very qualified for the job. Before coming to Floyd College Perdue taught biology at East Georgia College.

Perdue said, "As division chair you have a lot of things that hit you every day." Her position includes handling faculty and student complaints, keeping the budget for the department balanced, attending meetings, making decisions regarding academics and even some teaching. Perdue commented, "This is a very people-oriented job."

"This has been an exciting time to be at Floyd College," Perdue said. During the time she has been division chair there have been many changes. The biggest change has been the laptop project. With it has come long distance learning classes over the web and many other technological advancements.

The year Perdue became division chair was the same year that the physical education department joined the math and science departments. Perdue noted that "this merging occurred very nicely." A few

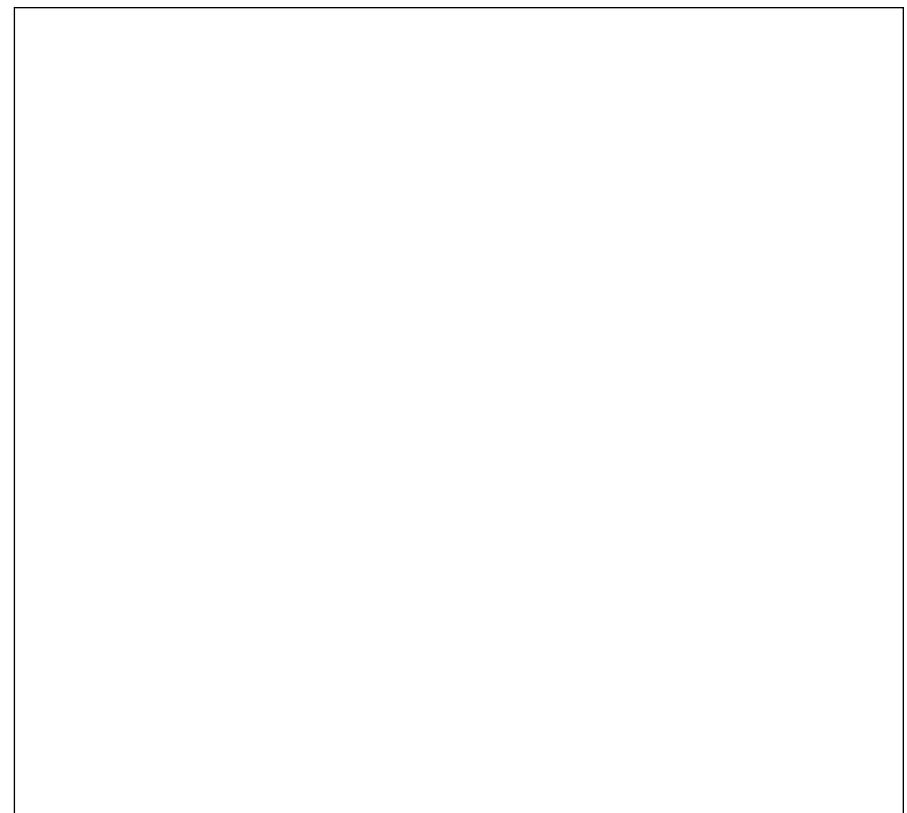


Photo by Heather Koon

Dr. Judy Perdue, division chair for math, science and physical education, is retiring from Floyd College.

years later learning support mathematics joined Perdue's division. "This made the transition for students coming from learning support math into other math courses very smooth," Perdue said.

With her retirement Perdue said, "I don't feel like I won't be working." She is considering teaching some biology classes and even being taught.

With a full-time job, Perdue has never had time to take any sort of music lessons, which she has always wanted to do and which retirement can

make possible. Of course she will be doing some traveling with her retired husband and possibly moving. Other plans include gardening, visiting her daughter and two grandsons and having her own butterfly garden.

The position vacancy form already hangs outside Perdue's office, since the process of finding someone else for the job will be very difficult. Floyd College can only hope to find someone with the skills, qualifications and dedication they have had over the past nine years, as they say goodbye to Dr. Judy Perdue.

Vice Chancellor Burriss to speak at college's 28th graduation ceremony

By W. Jason Yates
Staff Writer

Annie Hunt Burriss, assistant vice chancellor for development and economic services for the University System of Georgia, will be the commencement speaker at this year's graduation ceremony.

Burriss works to help coordinate the efforts of the University System and economic development in Georgia, including private industry, according to a spokes-

person for the Office of the President of Floyd College. This will be the first time she has spoken at a Floyd College commencement.

Those attending the 28th graduation ceremony will also see the first dental hygiene class receive their diplomas. Twelve dental hygiene majors will be graduating.

Also that day state representative Paul Smith (Democrat Rome) will receive the President's Award for Meritorious Service. Other awards will be pre-

sented to faculty.

Dr. Lynn Cundiff, president of Floyd College said about graduation, "This is one of my favorite times of the year. We get to be a part of history as we watch young men and women achieve their goals."

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. in the Forum located in downtown Rome.

There are 180 candidates for graduation, according to the Office of the President.

News

Floyd College students to be honored at assembly

The 28th annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held on May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Forum in downtown Rome. Dr. Ken Weatherman, associate professor of health and physical education, will serve as the master of ceremonies. The organist will be Carolyn Walker.

Welcoming addresses by Kerry Cox, SGA president, and Dr. Lynn Cundiff, president of Floyd College, will begin the evening.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Jamie Cook** by Charlotte House, president, Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary. This award is for a rising sophomore student nurse selected by the faculty on the basis of scholastic merit and the demonstrated potential for outstanding professional service as a registered nurse.

Kay Dixon, RN, home care coordinator, will present the Coosa Valley Home Health Agency "Excellence in Home Health Care" Award to **Darline Korson**. This award is for a student who shows excellence in nursing and demonstrated interest in home health.

Janice Anderson will receive the Coosa Valley Home Health Agency "Mather Payne" Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics Award. Mrs. Mather Payne will give the award. This award is for a student nurse who has demonstrated the ability to work with the aged patient and his or her family in the home and community.

The Floyd Medical Center "Greatest Dedication and Achievement in Nursing" Award will be presented to **Jill Buffington** by

Brenda Neighbors, RN, director of emergency care services. This award is for a student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and dedication to nursing.

The Georgia Nurses Association Seventh District "Excellence in Bedside Care" Award will be presented to **Sarah S. Pascoe** by Mary Shotwill Smith, RN, vice president, 7th District Georgia Nurses Association. The award is presented to a student who demonstrates the most concern for patients through nursing care.

Michael Brown will receive the Redmond Regional Medical Center "Outstanding Clinical and Academic Achievement" Award. This award is given to a student nurse who demonstrates competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement. Brenda Moore, RN, third floor nurse leader, will present the award.

The Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented by Dr. Barbara Rees, RN, DSN, professor of nursing education, to **Mary Pachinger**. The award is presented to the student with the highest cumulative and graduating average among nursing students.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Outstanding Academic Achievement Award will go to **Dimple Myrick**. The presenter of the award will be Robert McFarland, MPT, OCS, physical therapist assistant program director. The award goes to a student with the highest academic achievement in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Christine Miller will be the

recipient of the Physical Therapist Assistant Commitment to Learning Award. This award will be presented by McFarland and Wendy Linatoc, MPT, academic coordinator of clinical education in the PTA program. This award is presented to a student who demonstrates initiative and perseverance, goes beyond the requirements of the PTA Program, exhibits dedication to self-improvement, adapts well to the clinical environment and is active in PTA professional organizations.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award will be presented by Linatoc. The recipient of this award is **Suzanne Norton**. This award is in recognition for achieving the highest clinical achievement in the PTA Program.

The National Dental Hygiene Honor Society Sigma Phi Alpha award will be presented by Donna Miller, RDH, MS, professor of nursing education, division of health services. The recipient will be **Ginger Martin**. Also presented by Miller will be the Hufriedy Golden Scaler award. This award will be received by **Courtney Gribble**. Receiving the Preventive Dentistry Award will be **Allison Rogers**. This award is also presented by Miller.

Steve Burns, professor of social work, and Valeria Orr, president of the National Creative Society, will present the inductees to the 2000 National Creative Society. The inductees are **Dayna Aston, Sara Atkinson, Rhianna Bailey, Micky Beckman, William Benefield, Lauren Bentley, Amanda Black, Richard Bradley, Luke Bradshaw, Shon**

Brown, Courtney Carter, Sara Chesley, Christopher Crocker, Joey Davidson, Timberly Davis, Karrie Dentmon, Melissa Desrosier, Pam Ewers, Matthew Farmer, James Fudge, Laura Gosnold, Jeff Guy, Alice Harris, Kim Hatch, Lori Hensley, Sarah Hepler, Skye Kennedy, Brandon Knight, Heather Koon, Lillian Long, Nora Loveless, Andrea Marlin, Sue Marshall, Jonathan Meyers, Ethan Morris, Erica New, Brett Oren, Heather Palmer, William Peppers, Gary Popham, Matt Proctor, Suzanne Wood-Ramirez, Allison Shields, Adriana Silveria, Ann Sneed, Amanda Steetman, Maia Tomlinson, Norman Townsend, Heather Wallace, Susan Duke Waters, Alexa Webb, and Jason Yates.

Robin Benefield is the recipient of the American Association of University Professors Outstanding Future Educator Award. The award is presented to students who demonstrate an aptitude for and a commitment to excellence in teaching. The presenter of this award is Laura Musselwhite, associate professor of history.

The *Old Red Kimono* Creative Writing Awards will be presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate, assistant professor of English. The recipients of the Creative Writing Awards will be **Nora Loveless, Matthew Curry** and **Suzanne Wood-Ramirez**.

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have shown the ability to initiate and complete projects and motivate others in extracurricular activities. **Michael Brown** and **Wil Nix** will be receiving the award. Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development, will make the presentation.

The Floyd College Spirit Award will be presented to **Eric Dempsey** and **Sarah Pascoe**. This award is for students who have shown activity and cooperation in school and community projects. This award will also be presented by Wills.

The Student Government Association Awards will be presented to **Kerry Cox, Robin Bishop, Matt Bowers** and **Maia Tomlinson**. The presenter of this award will be Ashley Tull, director of student life.

The *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* Awards will be presented by Dr. Joan M. Lord, vice president for academic affairs. This award recognizes students for their service to the college and community and their academic average. The recipients are **Dalana Jane Allen,**

Matthew T. Bowers, Mike Brown, Sally R. Cochran, Jamie C. Cook, Kerry Cox, Kendra Cox, Carleen Crawford, Dawn M. Dillon, Sumer L. Fincher, Ressa B. Fuller, Joy Griffith, Jeff Guy, Brooklyn Hammonds, Sarah Hepler, Brian A. Horton, Kristina S. Lang, Marie A. Ledford, Sonya Lesesne, Martha Lowery, Nora Loveless, Denise M. Martin, Kierston Maxwell, Paula McMicken, Dimple Myrick, Wil Nix, Jr., Mary Pachinger, Sarah Pascoe, Danielle Ross, Tammy L. Rucker, Maia Tomlinson, E I e n a Van Tubbergen, and Rotricia Y. Williams.

The University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars Award will be given to **Maia Tomlinson** by Cundiff.

Jennifer H. George, Clinton Dillard, Misty Parise, Martha Fletcher, Gwynne Fluharty, Wanda Clark, Felicia Bornes and **Gary F. Crook** will receive the American Sign Language Immersion Training Program for Interpreters Certificate of Completion Award. The presenter of the award will be Wendell Barnes, director, ASL Immersion Training Program for Interpreters.

The Mathematics Award will be presented to **Jerry Pilgrim**, by Dr. Neil Koone, assistant professor of physics. The award is for demonstrating outstanding potential in math.

Tim Dees, assistant professor of criminal justice, will present the Criminal Justice Honors Award to **Charles Knowles** for his outstanding performance in the study of criminal justice.

Applegate will present the Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in writing and interest in literature and who has at least a 3.0 GPA. **Wil Nix** and **Nora Loveless** were chosen by vote of the English faculty to receive this award.

Jason Mull will receive the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Award presented by Catherine King, associate professor of physical education. This award is given to a major or minor in health, physical education or recreation who is active in intramurals and HPER Club activities.

The Health Science Award is given to a student for outstanding performance in health science courses. Tom Harnden, assistant professor of biology, will present the award to **Thomas Jones** and **Pam McGinnis**.

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Honors Assembly *Continued from page 2*

The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPA's INC., Certificate of Excellence in the Study of Principles of Accounting Award will be presented to **Sabre Linahan** for achieving the highest grade in Accounting 2101 and 2102. The award will be presented by Betty Nolen, associate professor of accounting.

Cynthia Bowles will receive the Business Merit Award. The

award will be presented by Dr. Bruce Jones, associate professor of economics.

The Chemistry Award for outstanding ability and performance in higher level chemistry courses will be presented by Dr. Harvey Moody, assistant professor of physics. The recipients are **Daniel Parker** and **Jerry Pilgrim**.

Honor graduates with grade point averages of at least 3.5 in courses required for graduation will also be recognized during the Honors Assembly.

Floyd makes the top ten list for America's Most Wired schools

Floyd College has been ranked 9th in *YAHOO! Internet Life* magazine's list of America's Most Wired Colleges in the two-year college category.

All 3,631 open-enrollment accredited undergraduate two-year and four-year institutions in the United States were invited to participate in the survey.

In this year's survey nearly 1,300 schools from all 50 states contributed data about their network systems, Internet research projects and student Web services, as well as their plans for incorporating technology into all aspects

of campus life.

According to Sandy Briscar, Floyd College public information officer, Floyd College was the first two-year college in the country to require that all students lease laptop computers for use in and out of the classroom.

Other Georgia colleges to make the YAHOO! list are Georgia Tech, number 15 in the university category; Morehouse College, number 61, and Agnes Scott College, number 71, in the college category; and Shorter College, number 93 in the Baccalaureate II category.

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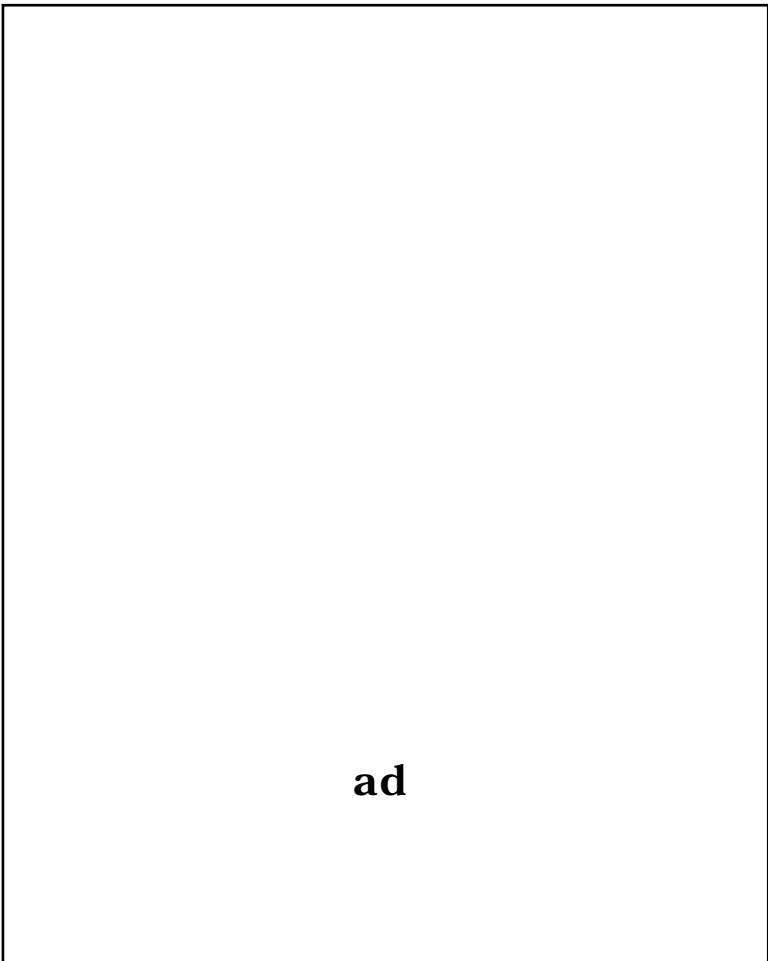
Who's Who selection

DaLana Jane Allen is majoring in nursing. She is on the Spring 2000 graduation committee and is a member of FANS, Psi Beta and Phi Theta Kappa.

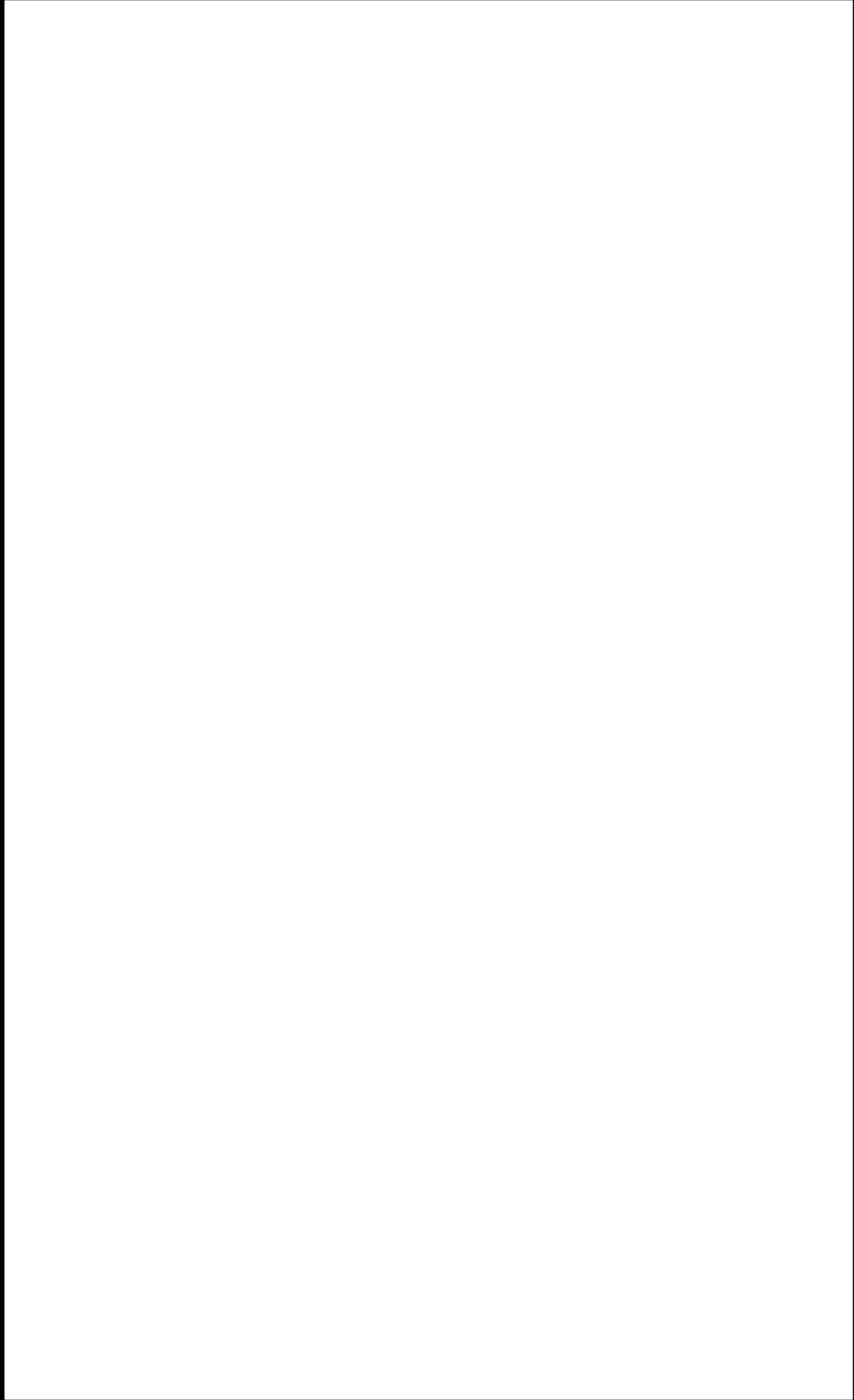
The editors wish to apologize to Allen, whose picture was unknowingly omitted in the *Who's Who* story appearing in the March 28 edition of the *Six Mile Post*.

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Floyd College Students Drink Coca-Cola!

Editorials

Consider the work-study option to earn some cash

Oftentimes college students find themselves scrambling for money to dish out towards their tuition after realizing that student loans and HOPE won't necessarily foot the entire bill. To make up for the difference, many sacrifice sleep and study time to work extensive hours. Students looking to earn cash through part-time work might be familiar with the college work-study option, and if not, then there is no better time to get acquainted with it than now.

Scores of students at Floyd College close the gap on their education expenses by filing papers for their English professor, repairing laptops or even tending the game room. Others choose to work in organizations such as *FC Bytes* or the *Six Mile Post*...hint hint... While the latter two are salaried positions and technically not considered work-study, all jobs at the college are open to everyone ranging from traditional students who want to do something other than twiddle their thumbs to non-traditional students who simply want to go to school full time and work a few hours a week.

When people hear the words work study, many envision weed eating the campus lawn or milking the cows for \$3.50 an hour. While some colleges offer those particular jobs, they do not, however, gyp students out of pay. Floyd College starts work study students out at \$6 an hour, and while it's not exactly a dream salary, it does contribute greatly towards gas, books and those ungodly charger card expenses.

There are many benefits to working on campus. The departments work flexibly around student schedules, there is no weekend work, hours don't run past 6 p.m. and, best of all, there is no commute between classes and work since it's all on one campus.

Students who are in need of a job during the semester, and don't already make \$12 an hour, should really consider looking into the work study option. It was established with none other than the college student in mind, so take advantage of it, and save some gas.

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Don't waste time; you may regret it

Editor's Box Matt Proctor Assistant Editor

The semester is at an end. How did this happen so fast? This leaves me quite disturbed. It seems to have begun only a little time ago.

The older we get it seems time speeds up. Time doesn't wait for us. It is always moving and will leave you quite stranded if you're not careful. It's like we have hooks in our mouths like fish. We're stuck in this situation.

When we are kids everything seems to move at a snail's pace. A day seems equivalent to a week. A week seems equivalent to a month. A month seems equivalent to a year. It seems there is always plenty of time. Time never runs out. There is time for everything, and it always drags on.

It is a sobering fact when you start to realize how much time speeds up the older you get. You start to realize there is not time for everything.

I get to witness my parents grow older and older as the ravages of time take hold of them. They seem to regret a lot. They could have been happier. It makes me quite unnerved.

You can do something about this. My whole point is you shouldn't waste too much time. When you do, it is sometimes like killing yourself. You should use your time how you want it, and do what you enjoy out of life. You have to remember this is your life. It doesn't last forever. You don't want to wake up one day and be 64 and realize how much you missed out

on and be filled with utter, painful regret over what could have been done.

When I turned 20, it was somewhat of a turning point. I was reminded of the Simon and Garfunkel song "Leaves that are green." It goes "And the leaves that are green turn to brown." I realized it's time to stop wasting time and use it how I want to.

Too many times people resign themselves to safety. They do this because this is the easy thing. They look upon their desires as some impossible painful thing and don't even try. There's no time for this.

You should immerse yourself in your dreams. People don't let themselves be enraptured by their dreams enough. It's a shame and a sham. Nothing is ridiculous. People should take more risks in their lives. You should risk your life for what you want.

All in all, remember you have control over what you do with your life. Time is ticking and tocking away. Do something with it before it is too late.

The Land Of Odd

By Matthew
 Curry

Bloody roadside crucifixes
 dot German countryside

A couple of years ago, when I was traveling in Germany, I saw something I'll never forget.

My tour group was winding through the mountains on a bus, headed to an ancient castle (I don't remember which one), and we passed rustic country homes, cows and piles of hay. The weather was kind that day, warm and sunny. But what caught me off-guard were all the crucifixes I started

noticing along the side of the road.

One was out in the middle of a field. One was on the edge of the road. Another stood under a nearby tree. It was as if they'd rained down out of the sky and gotten stuck in the ground, like tent stakes - a *very strange* sight. There were several of them, each about as tall as the average person, and all of them had a wooden Jesus on it, with the little fingers curled in, the eyes squeezed shut, the teeth bared and the head tilted back, facing skyward. Each wooden Jesus had tiny rivers of blood painted on its body, and red gashes in its abdomen.

Here in America, especially in this part of the country, most religious people fall into the category of Protestant. I totally respect different beliefs and walks of life, but, statistically speaking, the South

is loaded with Protestants, and most of us are familiar with just the cross. Crucifixes are a different story. I was raised Baptist, and, to be honest, the little bleeding Jesus figure makes me uncomfortable - those haunting eyes looking up, the head drooping to one side, miserable and deflated and the blood-soaked crown of thorns. Of all the ways to depict Jesus, that's the least uplifting one I can think of.

It seems awfully disheartening to wake up everyday with a bleeding, writhing figure above the bed. I'm not knocking Jesus, and I mean no disrespect toward Catholics, but doesn't that get depressing after a while?

But that's what I think about when I think of Germany. I think of little wooden Jesuses, dying along the side of the road.

Strike a pose; there's nothing to it vogue vogue vogue

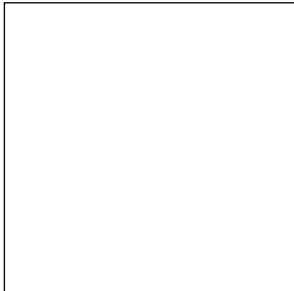
A few members of the SMP staff, representing Spring Semester's 26 total staff members, gather outside for a group photograph. The SMP staff wishes everyone a great summer.

Photo by Heather Koon

Opinions

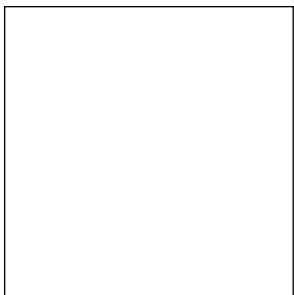
Student Poll

How do you plan to spend your summer vacation?



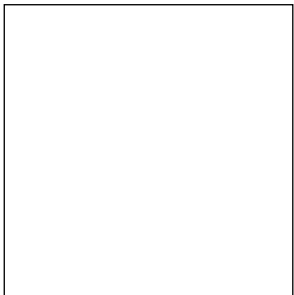
Casey Sims

"I plan on attending summer school here at Floyd College. I am going to work this summer too. I work in the Gap at Mount Berry Square Mall. As of right now, I am not sure if I will be traveling."



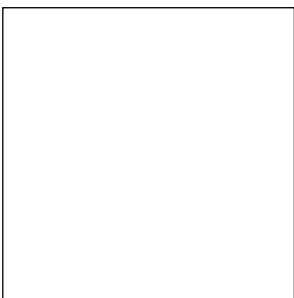
Jonathan Meyers

"I work every summer, so I plan on doing construction this summer. I am also in seminary, so I will be attending the summer semester there."



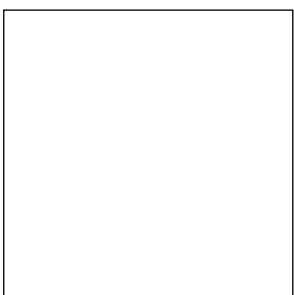
Nick Dooley

"I plan on working a lot this summer. I work at Lucky's Grocery Store in Menlo, Ga. I plan on going to Little River Canyon and to Six Flags. I plan on golfing a lot too."



Shalanda Long

"I hope to be traveling this summer. I want to go to Jamaica. It's just \$500 for a round trip ticket. I am also planning to move to Atlanta where I will attend the Art Institute of Atlanta. I want to major in culinary arts."



Adriana Silveira

"This summer I plan to go see my family in Brazil, and I am going to the beach. I plan on singing with my friends and having a good time. I am going to enjoy the Brazilian fall."

Photos by Heather Palmer

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
As a student presently enrolled in FCST, I think Floyd College Studies can be a very useful class to many students for a variety of reasons. Time-management, test anxiety, approaches to studying and inventories of learning skills are a few of the insightful areas covered in the classroom. All students will not find this helpful in improving his/her grades, but for the entering freshman who is weak in his/her study habits, this class could be really helpful. This class could also be helpful to the non-traditional student.

David Rampley
Rome Business Adm.

Dear Editor,
I am a second year PTA student. Although I will graduate this summer, I have a request that may be helpful to other students. Is there a possibility of childcare being offered on the premises? Most day cares do not offer part-time childcare, or if they do it is quite expensive. Do you know who would be the person to contact regarding childcare for parents during classes at Floyd College?

I would appreciate a response, in an attempt to inform other parents.

Thank you for your assistance.
Sincerely,
Deborah Womack

The department to contact would be the Office of the Vice President of Student Development at (706) 295-6335.

Laura Gosnold
Editor, Six Mile Post

Dear Editor,
I am writing as encouraged by Dr. Kincheloe. I have voiced my opinion about the laptops several times now, and I do believe it is starting to finally make a difference. Let me begin by explaining why I think the laptops are ineffective. The laptops are very outdated. Why are we using laptops that are four to five years old? Technology changes constantly, and we need machines that will be more efficient in speed, quality and productivity.

From personal experience, there are few positive remarks that I can make about the laptop. The INTERNET is good to use in class because it gives us the chance to find great sources on whatever topic we need for that class. I praise my political science teacher, Dr. Dwight Cassity, for using the Internet daily and giving us great presentations with Power Point.

However, the laptops are untrustworthy, and I have already

Dear Editor,
I would really like to thank Dr. Page for his response on the State Flag issue. It was accurate, fair and needed to settle a few falsehoods people have about the debate.

My problem is about a statement in the last issue, that when the flag was redesigned the segregation issue was already settled. This is so far from true.

The battle had just begun. Brown vs. the Board of Education may have been settled, but enforcement had yet to take place. Incidents as in Little Rock, Ark., where it took military force to desegregate the school, is proof enough the issue was far from over.

Our neighboring state Alabama, with its former, infamous Governor George Wallace, tried to keep its colleges and schools segregated for periods long after Brown. It is insulting to say the issue was dead in 1956 because it is not dead now.

Governments around the nation rezone schools and bus children around to "desegregate" the students. Let us keep in mind that this is not just a flag issue, but a matter of mind for us descendants of war heroes in the South.

Why so much over a piece of cloth?

Wil Nix
Editor,
FC BYTES

Dear Editor,
A very important issue to our society was briefly covered in the recent issue of the *Six Mile Post*. The love of money has overpowered the love of life and happiness. Many will argue that to obtain the ultimate happiness takes money. Sadly enough this is often true. When people are strained by their finances they are often unhappy which gives the a false belief in what brings about happiness. A lot of Americans work from pay check to pay check. Those that do not are usually college educated. Therefore we have all grown up believing that a degree equals money. This is becoming a false belief as well. As our population booms, so does college enrollment. Competition grows and the best come out on top. As our society changes, so does the belief of the ultimate happiness. There is absolutely nothing that can be done. It is what we have evolved to. Greedy, materialistic students and survival of the fittest or "richest" prevails.

Ashley Ledbetter

Dear Editor,
I would like to commend the Post for their follow up article on the GA Flag. It was in very good taste and I feel it was also appropriate.

Thanks for your hardwork.
Timberly Davis

-Thank you to everyone who sent in letters voicing their opinions!

-SMP Editors

had one crash completely on me earlier this semester.

I was in my political science class taking notes through the web page we use, and my laptop screen turned blue and said something like "Fatal Error". It was fatal enough to crash my computer, and I lost all of the notes I had on there. I had to take time out of my busy schedule to take the laptop and exchange it for another one.

On March 27, I was sitting in Dr. Kincheloe's class and was just trying to get into Outlook to check my mail, and the same blue screen popped up three or four times.

Another problem with the laptops is that they are too slow. My computer at home is almost 20 times faster than the laptops. I literally wait 5 minutes for the laptop to boot up to where I can even type in my password. My desktop at home boots in less than a minute and is super fast. Let me tell you by experience that a slow computer increases stress levels! Why not sell our current laptops

and charge a little more for MUCH faster laptops? I wouldn't mind paying an extra \$50 for it.

I appreciate the school listening to our concerns, but please take a more accurate survey next time. Survey ALL the students, not just a few. Make sure we all have filled it out and turned it in. Don't send it through email because you risk some students not getting it, losing it or deleting it.

I did not get the last survey, and I was told that the majority of the students love the laptops. If you think that it is true, then just come interview my English class, and you will find that it is definitely not true. Every day a different problem. A simple survey will prove to the school that we the students are unhappy and frustrated with the laptops. I am aware of the focus group, but I am too busy with 12 hours of school and my two jobs to be a part of it. I will provide my input as needed.

Thank you for your concern.
Jeremy Atkins

Features

Start making plans for summer

By Sara Chesley
Staff Writer

With summer vacation fast approaching, we all scramble for different ideas to occupy children, visiting relatives and even ourselves during vacation. The North Georgia area is rich in historical landmarks and fun-filled activities and festivals to help relieve those summertime blues!

One very popular festival, **The Renaissance Festival**, brings flocks of people from all over Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, as well as other southern states. Known for taking you back in time to the Renaissance Period, this festival highlights different areas of the past with food, games and art, as well as provides an opportunity to dress as people did in the Renaissance Era. The festival will be held in Fairburn, Ga., April 29–June 11. For more information, you may call the Office of Student Life at 706-295-6363 or 770-964-8575. The Office of Student Life has discounted tickets to the festival.

If you wish to move further north, the **Tennessee Aquarium**, located in Chattanooga, will dazzle you with information from the deep blue sea. Sometimes, you can get there in time for the shark feedings, and try to keep an eye out for those precious otters, located on the fresh water level. Make sure to concentrate your time on every level, or you might miss something! For more infor-

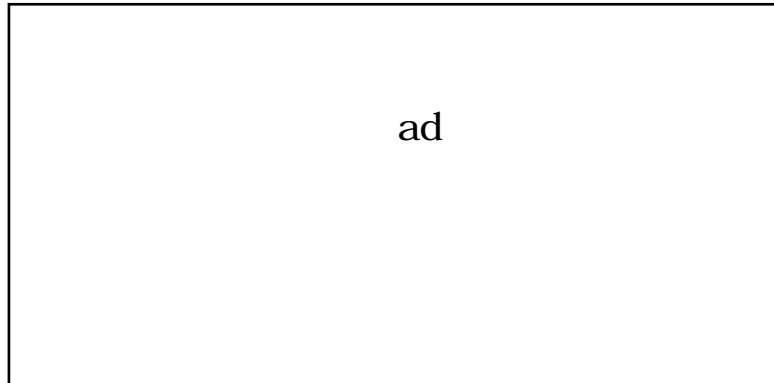
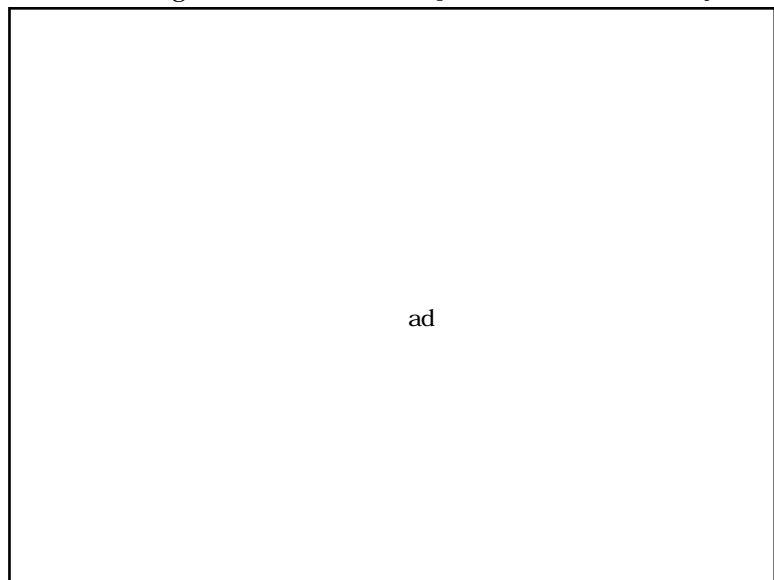
mation, you may call the Office of Student Life, or 1-800-262-0695, or visit www.tnaqua.org. The Office of Student Life also has discounted tickets for this attraction, and you won't have to stand in the ticket line at the aquarium.

For all you music lovers, take a look into the **Music Midtown Festival**, held May 5–7. Many different bands are highlighted at this festival by several radio stations, some of which are Star 94, 99X, and 96Rock. For more information, call (770) 643-8696.

The Etowah Indian Mounds, located in Cartersville, details the Etowah Indians and their history. The park is open Tuesday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sundays 2 p.m.–5:30 p.m. For more information, call (770) 387-3747.

For excitement in July, head to Stone Mountain Park for the **Fantastic Fourth Celebration**, July 1–July 5. Along with the crowd-pleasing Laser Show, this celebration will not only mark the first Fourth of July Celebration this millennium, but will also provide a wonderful opportunity for family fun! For more information, call (770) 498-5702.

There are several different activities, festivals and celebrations here in Georgia and the South, and the five described here only touch on some of the different areas of music, art and history. For more information on any of these listed above, and several others, visit www.festivals.com/~finder/mresultsdm?State=GA&Country=USA



Dr. Cook and Floyd students to 'study' in Greece

By Alexa Webb
Staff Writer

Since 1990, Dr. James Cook, professor of history and campus coordinator of international studies, has organized an annual Floyd College European Tour. This June, the tradition continues.

Cook, along with a group including several Floyd College students, faculty members and alumni, will set out to explore the wonderfully rich history and culture of Greece. The "Greek Splendor" tour is a nine-day trip highlighting such cities as Athens, the birthplace of modern democracy; Delphi, the sacred city of the ancient Greeks; and Olympia, home of the first Olympic Games.

The trip, arranged by Cultural Heritage Alliance, a company specializing in educational tours, includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation, hotels, two meals per day, professional tour guides, taxes and customs. "A trip like this is a great way to

begin study abroad," said Cook. "It is safe, supervised and reasonably priced."

In addition to bargain prices and personal enrichment, the "Greek Splendor" tour also offers students the opportunity to earn academic credit. Those interested in participating in the trip as a part of an independent study course can earn three credit hours for History 1121 (the first half of World Civilization). Students taking the tour for credit are responsible for completing several as-

signments and will be required to keep a journal of their experiences in Greece.

Unfortunately, the registration deadline for this year's trip has come and gone. However, anyone interested in next year's tour—a 14 day-trip to England and the Scottish Highlands—is encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. For more information on these and other travel opportunities, contact Cook by phone at (706) 295-6300 or at jcook@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

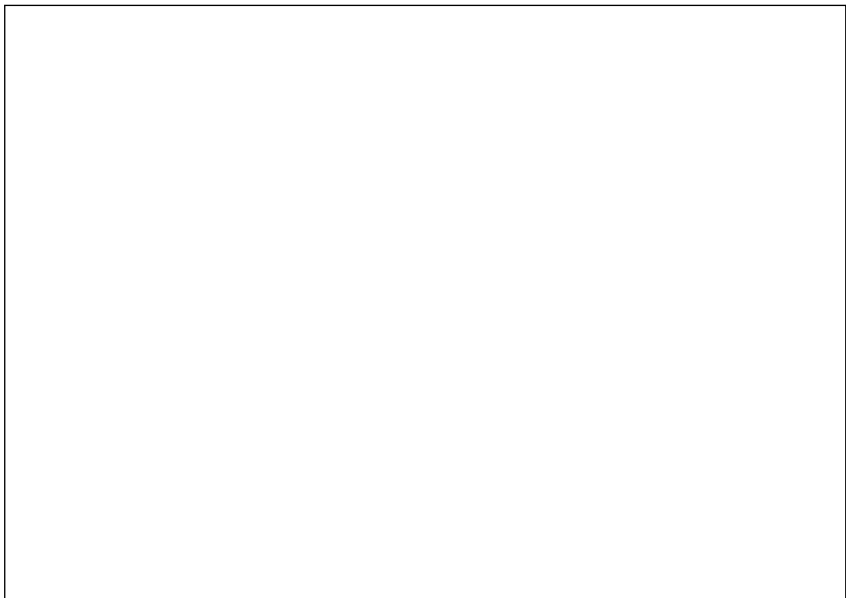


Photo by Dr. James Cook
Apollo's temple at Delphi, as seen during the 1996 tour, is only one of the many sites that Dr. Cook and his group will explore.

In sadness, we say farewell to one of our own

By Laura Gosnold
Editor

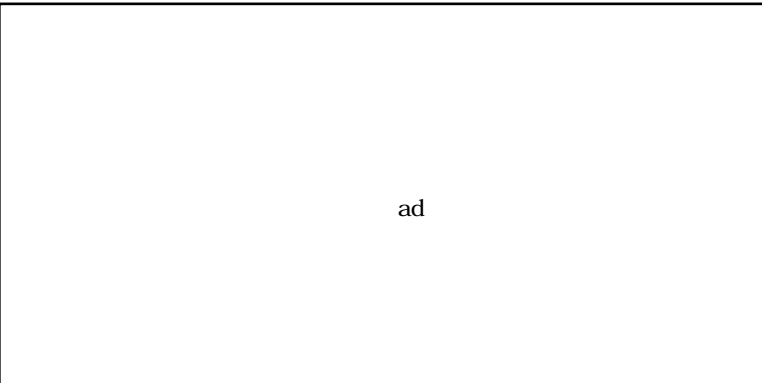
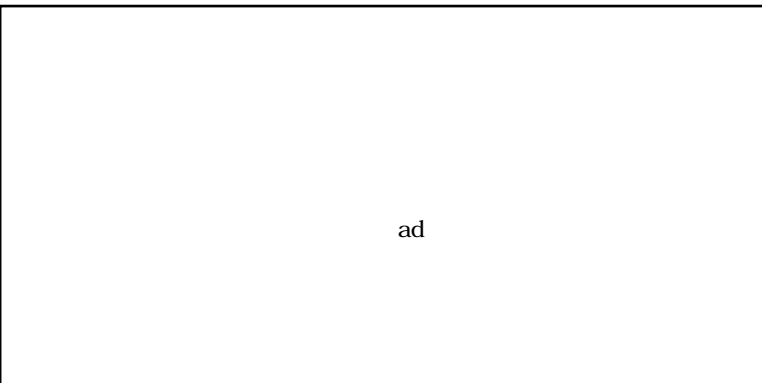
It is with deepest sorrow, that Floyd College has lost another student. Marsha Lynn Dodson, 52, of Rome

died Saturday, April 15, of natural causes.

Dodson attended Floyd College as an education major and was planning to graduate this spring with an Associate of Science. She also worked as a substi-

tute teacher and attended North Broad Baptist Church in Rome.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Dodson; mother and stepfather; a son, Joey Dodson; a daughter, Stephanie Hart; and two grandchildren.



The Six Mile Post is now accepting applications for both paid and volunteer positions for the Fall Semester.

Contact Dr. Kemper at **1-800-332-2406** or **706-295-6300.**

Features

American Psycho lives up to name

By Matt Proctor
Assistant Editor

American Psycho by Bret Easton Ellis is a disturbing satirical journey into the dark plasticity of American commercialism.

The controversial novel has been called pure trash by some, but others have called it a great piece of literature. The novel has now been made into a major motion picture film.

The novel is about the adventures and disintegration of Patrick Bateman, a rich Wall Street yuppie broker in the late eighties. He is rich and gets everything he wants. He is self-obsessed. Superficiality is an understatement.

Whole chapters are devoted to him talking about how chic his apartment is. There are even whole chapters devoted to soulless, over-produced, eighties music by the likes of Genesis, Whitney Houston and Huey Lewis and the News.

This is not all there is about Patrick Bateman, though. On the side he murders people for the sole purpose of his pleasure. The need to kill eventually takes over his whole life. He tends to murder people at random. His victims include a little boy in a zoo, prostitutes and the homeless.

The book is very graphic. He shaves peoples faces off. He bites women's nipples off. He fills someone's hands full of nails with

a nail gun. It is the author's intent to make the reader feel revolted when reading these passages. This is a very effective way to drive the message of the book.

At the end everything takes on a spiraling surreal quality. Bateman is drinking his own urine and playing with the dead bodies. He confesses to his yuppie buddies, but they seem to think it is some sort of marvelous joke. Others tend to mishear him. He tells one woman he is a mass murderer and executioner, but she thinks he says he is a merger and aquisitioner (reference to his job). That no one would believe him was the most disturbing part of the novel.

At the end he is still at large. He tends to accept that this is who he is, and this is what he's doing with his life, and there is nothing wrong with it.

The book as a whole is a commentary on American society. America is about punishment and rewards, not empathy. Bateman has no empathy for anyone. At one point he slashes a homeless man's face open and comments he has nothing in common with him.

Bateman only cares about what socks match what suit or how to wear a tie correctly. Human life is no concern for him. Commercialism has left him without a soul.

Everything has become unreal

to him because of the maze of materialistic society he is lost in. People are objects. This is why he can kill and why it doesn't bother him.

The book also makes a link between violence and sex. This is one reason why many have been upset over it.

American Psycho is not without humor, though. Bateman is an absurd character. He is very funny sometimes and has a good sense of humor.

This book is one readers can pick up and easily become enraptured with. The book is supposed to fill readers with horror, so they realize there is something wrong with this society.

If you are headed outdoors or looking for money for school, there's a web site for you

By Alexa Webb
Staff Writer

GORP (Great Outdoors Recreation Pages) www.gorp.com

A site with a little something for the adventurer in everyone, GORP is jam packed with seemingly infinite information on everything from snow sports to international travel to favorite campfire recipes.

Since its creation in 1995, the site has been named Best Outdoor

Recreation Site by both *Fodor's Travel* and *The New York Times*.

GORP offers hundreds of articles as well as expert advice on outdoor sports, environmental issues and travel. Maps and photographs are plentiful. Trips can be researched, planned and booked through the site.

The Outdoor Destination Guide locates parks, beaches and other attractions around the world. Guidebooks, sports gear and gifts can be purchased through GORP's online catalogue.

For those less experienced in the world of outdoor adventure, the site invites them to "Ask an

Expert." Message boards encourage readers to share ideas, concerns and experiences with one another. GORP also addresses the concerns of disabled adventurers, travelers with pets and families with young children.

News and links concerning outdoors clubs, wildlife associations and volunteer and employment opportunities are also provided.

GORP is a very thorough and well-maintained site. It is attractive, well organized and very informative. It is, in fact, almost too informative. With so much to offer, this is a site that requires time

and patience in order to truly appreciate all that it has.

FinAid www.finaid.org

Students with questions about financial aid need not be in the dark any longer. FinAid, a free, public service site dedicated to educating students and their parents about their financial aid options, is here to help.

New York Daily News declared FinAid "the hottest site on the Internet for financial aid tips."

FinAid has also earned high praise from groups such as the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the American Institute for Public Service.

Created in 1994 by renowned financial aid and college planning expert Mark Kantrowitz, the site introduces various types of student loans. It examines the similarities and differences between them and stresses the responsibilities involved in borrowing money.

The site includes links to several free scholarship databases. These allow students to search through lists of scholarships and to determine which they might qualify for. FinAid also offers tips on how to avoid scholarship scams.

Information about financial aid for students interested in military careers and for veterans and their dependents is available as well.

Financial aid applications can be obtained from this site. Staff advisers are available for questions or concerns requiring personalized help, and a glossary of financial aid terminology is provided.

FinAid is not just for undergraduates. Graduate students will also find a wealth of information here. Likewise, tips on saving for college might prove quite valuable for parents of younger children.

FinAid is a comprehensive, reliable and informative resource for anyone interested in learning more about financial resources for students.

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This year's Spring Fling at the Central Campus was held March 28 behind the Walraven Building. For entertainment an inflatable Twister was set up along with a bungee run, inflatable slide, obstacle course and a football run. Drinks, food and door prizes were also given away.



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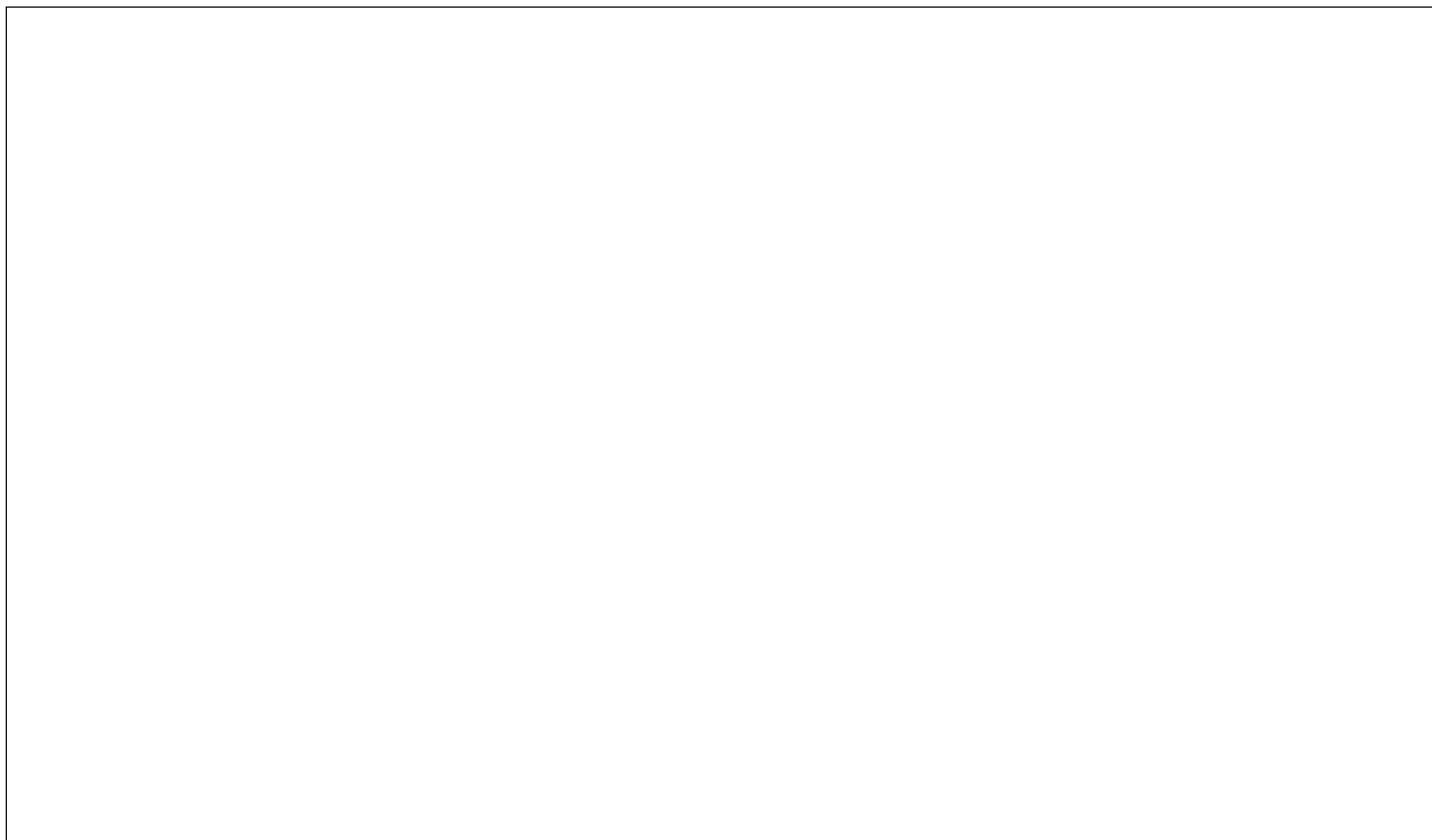


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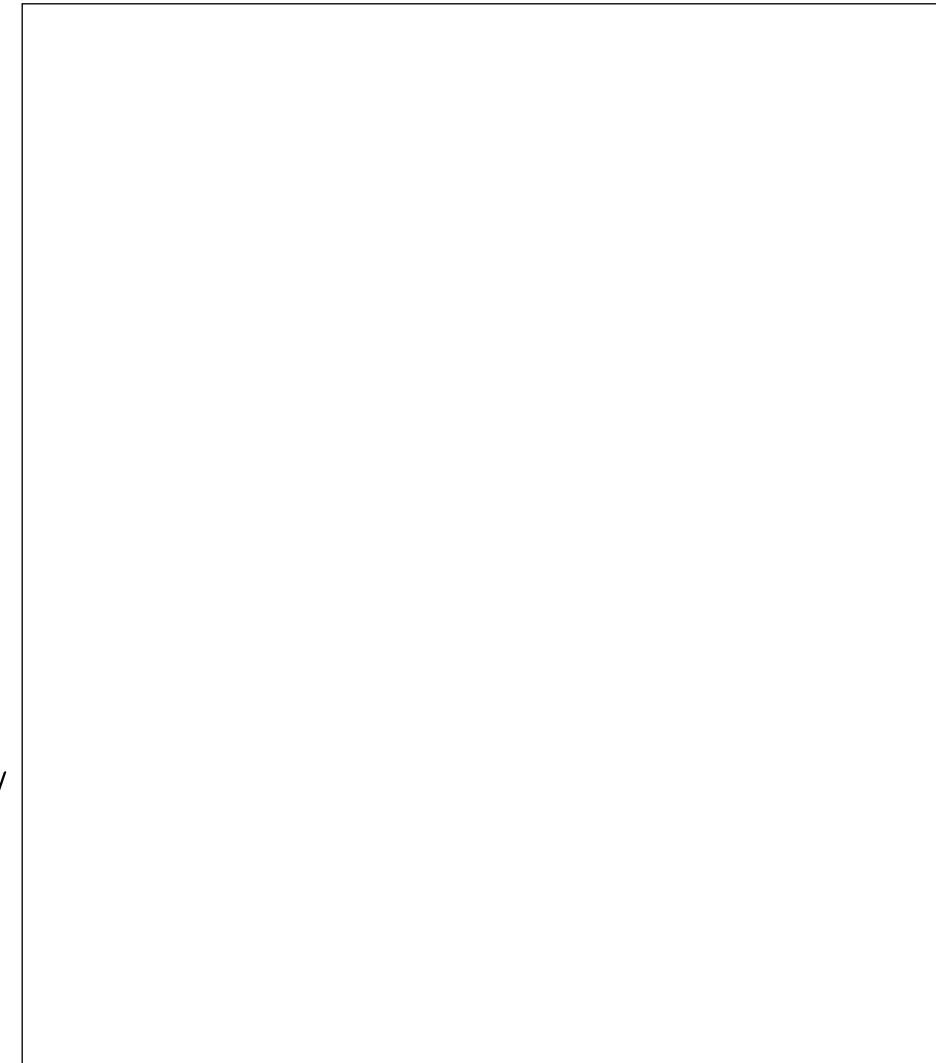


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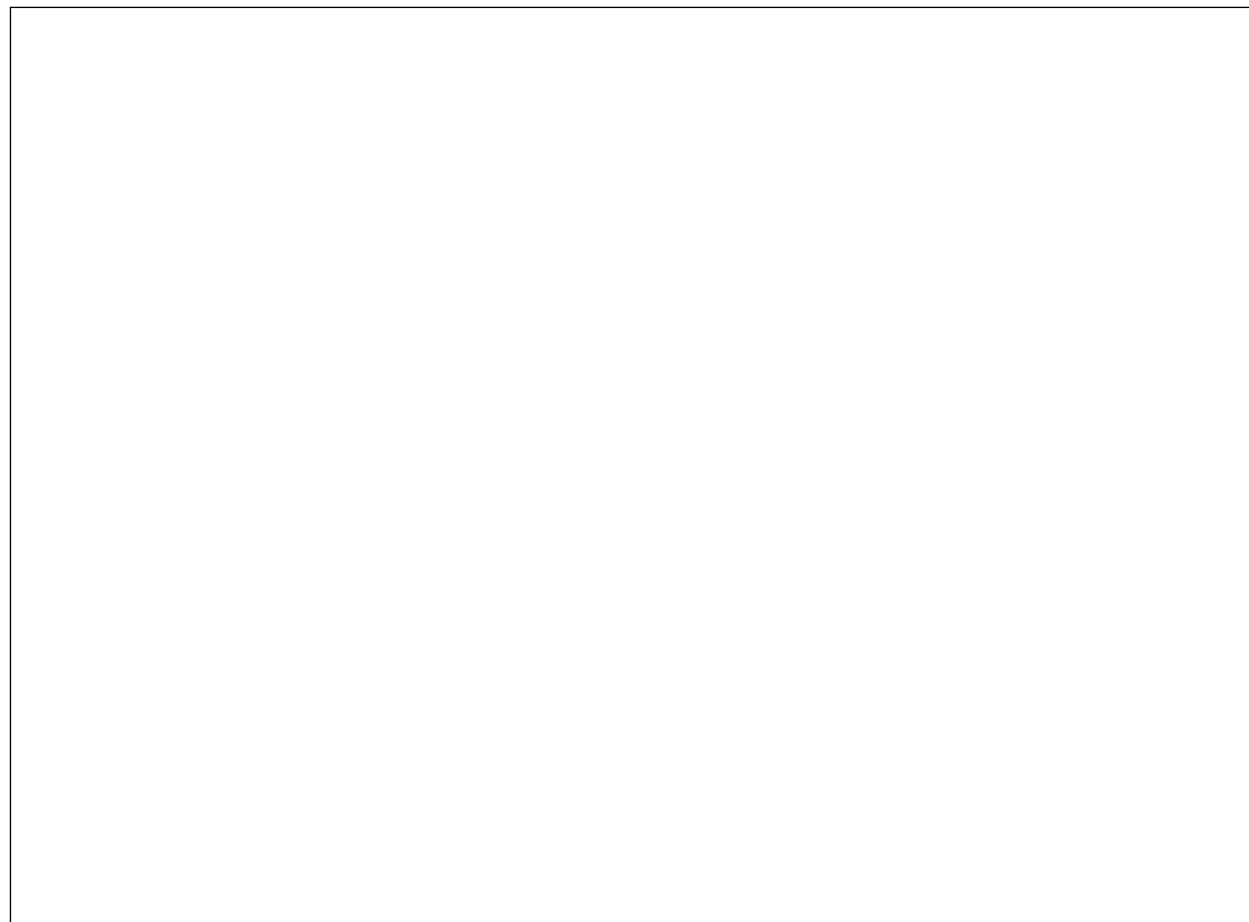


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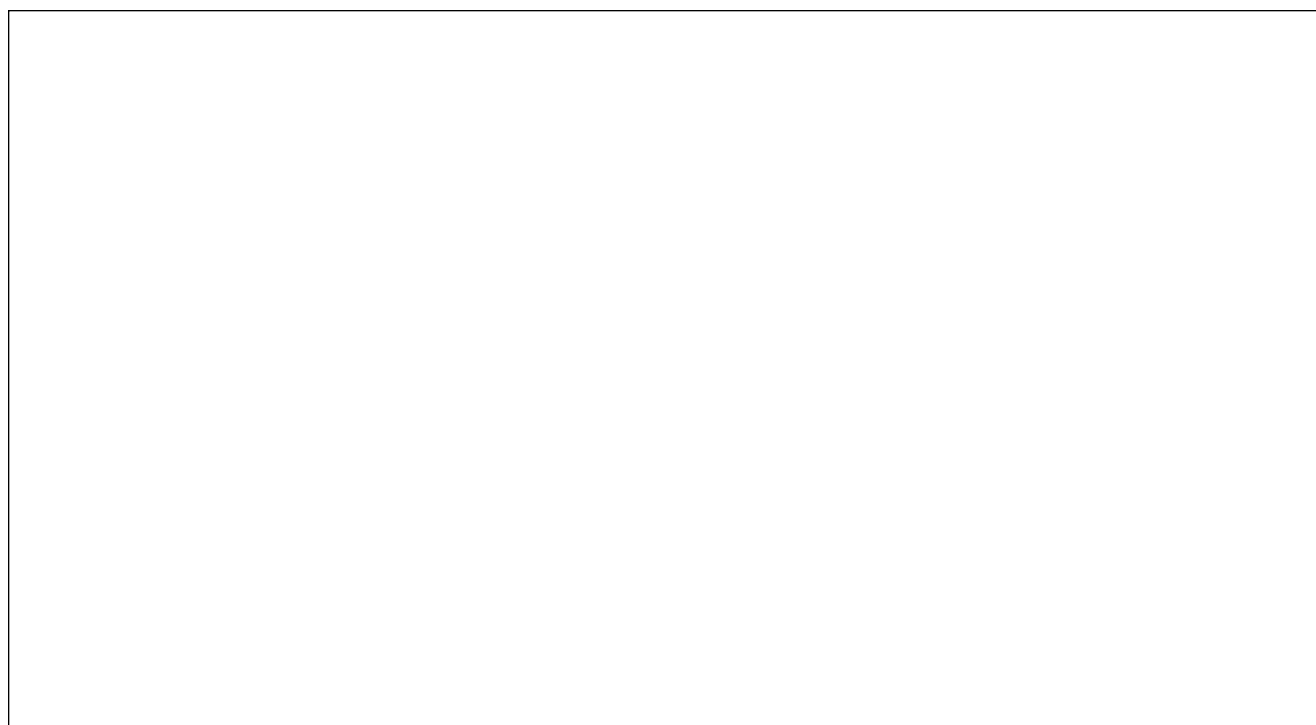


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Top left, Missy Harner, a Cedartown resident majoring in early childhood education, enjoys free food with friends.

Top center, Brian Johnston, left, goes for the kill as Chris Carnes cuts him down from behind.

Top right, Kelli Puckett feels the breeze as she glides down the inflatable slide.

Bottom left, Mitch McAfee, left, an eighth grade student at Rome Middle School and Brian Johnston, a computer science student at Floyd, battle for the 50 yard line as Billy Bray, service learning coordinator at FC, referees.

Bottom center, Matthew Goss, left, and Jason Yates challenge each other's flexibility on the jumbo Twister.

Bottom right, Chris Carnes, a computer science major from Rome, collects points as he charges for the 50.

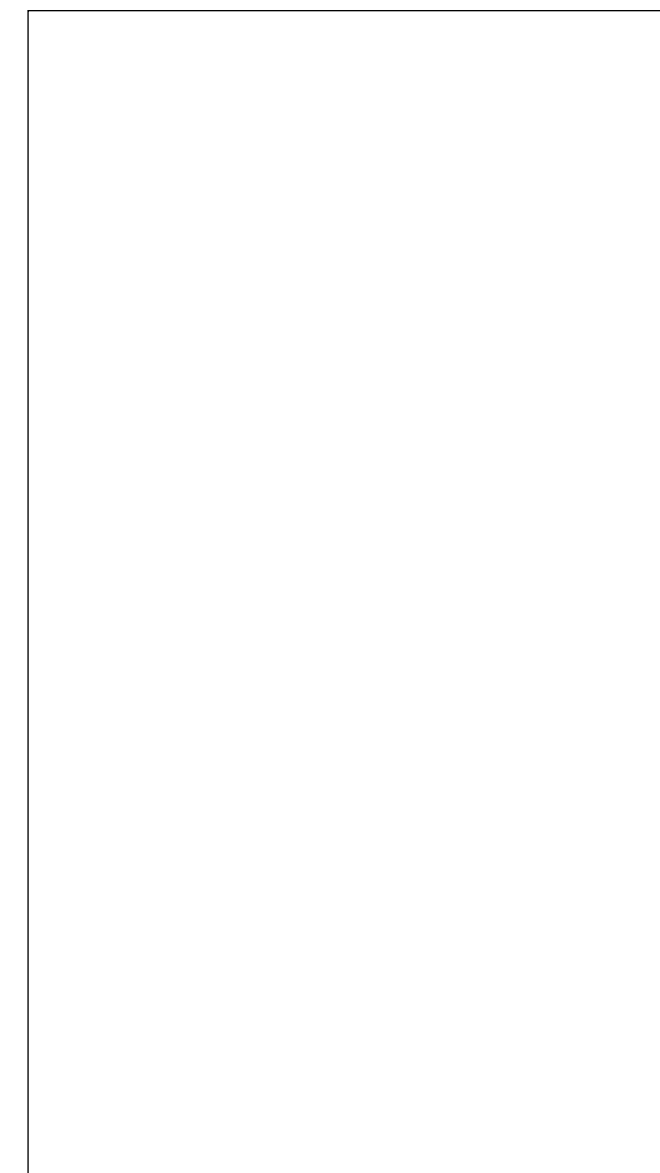


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News

Floyd College's own, Dr. Lord, is leading the eCore initiative

By Joey Davidson
Assistant Editor

Education, or more precisely, how to get one, is changing. The State Board of Regents is preparing to take the University System of Georgia into the hi-tech future. The initial push will be with a program called eCore.

E C o r e will be a totally online experience. According to Dr. Joan McCarty Lord, vice president of academic affairs, not only will the classes be online, but also "registration and financial aid." In essence, it will now be possible to complete an associate degree in the comfort of home.

Lord, who is also the chair of the eCore academic coordinating committee, indicated that eCore is intended to allow the non-traditional student a viable alternative

to the traditional classroom. However, it is not restricted to the non-traditional student. The traditional student who might not be able to take a certain course otherwise can also utilize it.

The core of required freshman and sophomore classes will be offered. This will be a core that is basically generic. That is, not like the core of the traditional student

"The eCore program is slated to be online by the Fall 2000 semester," according to Lord. She also said, "Initially there will be five participating institutions in the program, of which Floyd College will be one." Among those involved in the program from Floyd College are Dr. Rob Page, Dr. Dwight Cassity, Jon Hershey and Steve Head.

The cost for learning online is slightly higher than for the traditional class. A three or four credit hour class comes in at \$100 per credit hour, although, this price does include all the cost of the class. So, as Lord pointed out, "When the costs of other fees {parking, technology, etc.} are considered, the costs are very comparable to the traditional student."

The eCore program is only the beginning of what the Regents hope is ahead for the University System.

The GLOBE (Global Learning Online for Business and Education) initiative has plans in the near future for offering four-year degrees online. Lord indicated that the initial degrees offered

would concentrate on what are considered critical areas in the state. These include business/com-

The only apparent drawback of eCore would be for those who need learning support. Lord said "In the

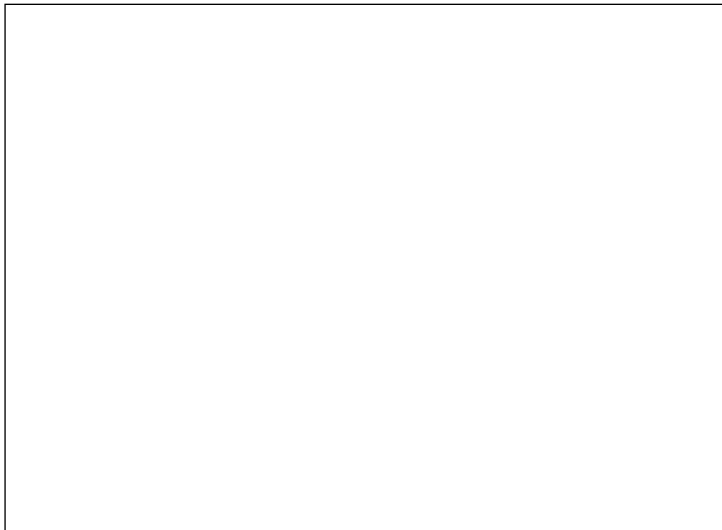


Photo by Heather Koone

Floyd professors Jon Hershey (left) and Dr. Rob Page are hard at work on their part in the upcoming eCore initiative.

that offers more options. However, this does not mean that the eCore program is any less effective. In fact, because it is instituted by the University System, it is recognized at all 34 state schools.

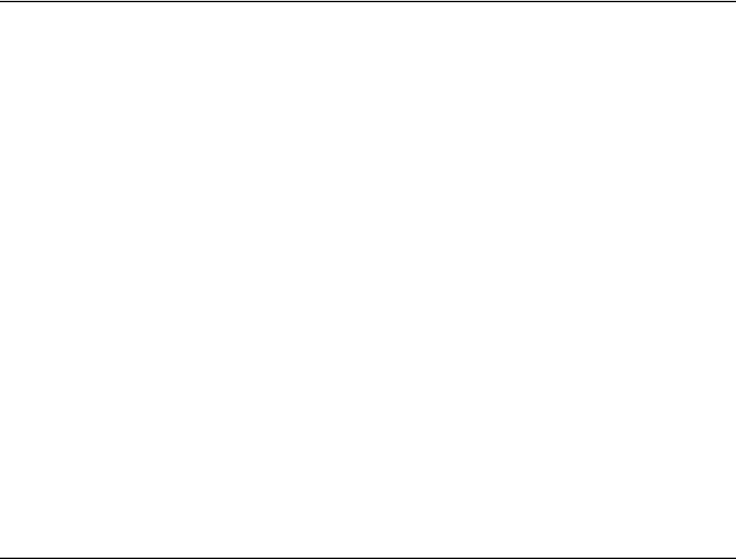


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Dr. Joan McCarty Lord, vice president for academic affairs for Floyd College, is also the chair of the eCore academic coordinating committee for the state.

puters, electrical engineering/computers and special education.

There are also plans to expand the web-based courses to complement video that will be offered on GPTV (Georgia Public Television).

GLOBE will be limited to a 20-student class size at first. It will also have an 800 number, printed material and utilize GALILEO. The students will have periodic contact with the instructor of the class.

beginning there would be no support classes offered."

This means the student coming in with deficiencies will have no choice but to go to the campus where learning support classes are offered. But, once the deficiencies have been satisfied the student can go totally online.

According to Lord, it will be more convenient than ever to complete the university system's required core classes.

Laptop late fee to become stricter with end of semester

By Alexa Webb
Staff Writer

Students are being urged to return their laptops on time at the end of this semester. Those who don't might just find themselves owing hundreds of dollars in late fees.

Until now, those who failed to return their computers on time were subject to a \$25 fine. Since that didn't prove to be particularly effective in convincing students of the importance of returning their machines promptly, Floyd College officials have decided to enact a stricter late fee policy. It will go into effect at the end of this semester.

With the exception of those who have already registered and paid for the summer semester, students are required to return their laptops by the last day of finals. Anyone returning his or her computer one to three busi-

ness days late will be charged \$25. Those returning machines four to seven days late will be charged \$100. Eight to 12 days will be \$200. Thirteen to 18 days will be \$300. Anything more than 18 days overdue will be turned over to a collection agency.

According to Patrick McCord, vice president of finance and administration, "The vast majority of our students are very, very good about returning their machines promptly. Unfortunately, those few who don't are making it increasingly difficult to see that we have enough laptops on hand. We are serious about getting these machines back."

McCord emphasized that this new policy is not intended to be a moneymaker for the school. Officials simply felt that something needed to be done to encourage students to be more responsible and cooperative in this matter.

Waco student, Maia Tomlinson, has been chosen as The Regents' Scholar for Floyd

By Daryl Whitton
Staff Writer

Maia Tomlinson has been chosen as The Regents' Scholar to represent Floyd College.

She attends Floyd College at the Waco Campus. She is majoring in political science and has a 4.0 grade point average.

She is a non-traditional student who chose to return to school when her husband was transferred to Georgia with his job. This

has enabled her to get the educa-



Maia Tomlinson

tion she has always wanted.

Tomlinson believes people can do what they want if they stop talking about it and just do it.

She believes school is for anyone saying, "It's never too late to start."

Tomlinson would like to thank her husband who encouraged her to return to school. "He has given me the greatest gift, education," she said.

Tomlinson plans to attend law school after she completes her bachelor degree.

All of us at the SMP want to thank you for taking the time to read, and for your participation in, the paper this year. Have a safe summer.

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The FC student government has newly elected officials

By Skye Kennedy
Staff Writer

Floyd College's Student Government Association has a newly elected president. Lisa Berrien received 93 of all votes cast in the election on April 5, while her opponent, Adriana Silveria, received 57 votes.

All but 18 of the votes were cast online.

Both candidates had highly visible campaign posters all over campus.

Berrien is currently working as a student employee in the Office of Financial Aid, and she has been dealing with a diverse group of people in the community since she was employed at a local restaurant in 1995.

"I have learned to deal with people who are angry and have bad attitudes," said Berrien. "I feel that through my experiences, I can deal with the student body and how they may feel about certain things."

As far as plans and goals for the future of the Floyd College student body go, Berrien has many

ideas she hopes to implement.

"I hope to adhere to the students' needs and help them out in any way I can," said Berrien. "I want to be a strong voice for my peers. I also want to encourage students (and let them know) that getting involved in extracurricular activities can be fun and rewarding."

Current SGA president Kerry Cox, who will remain in office through the end of the semester, said, "I think the SGA elections went very well. I feel that both candidates would have made excellent presidents, but the students have spoken. We hope through this that more students will be involved in student government and involved in more of the student body on all campuses."

Running unopposed were Jason Yates for vice president of special events and Norma Murphy for vice president of public relations.

The position of secretary-treasurer is an appointed position. Rotricia Williams has been appointed to that office.

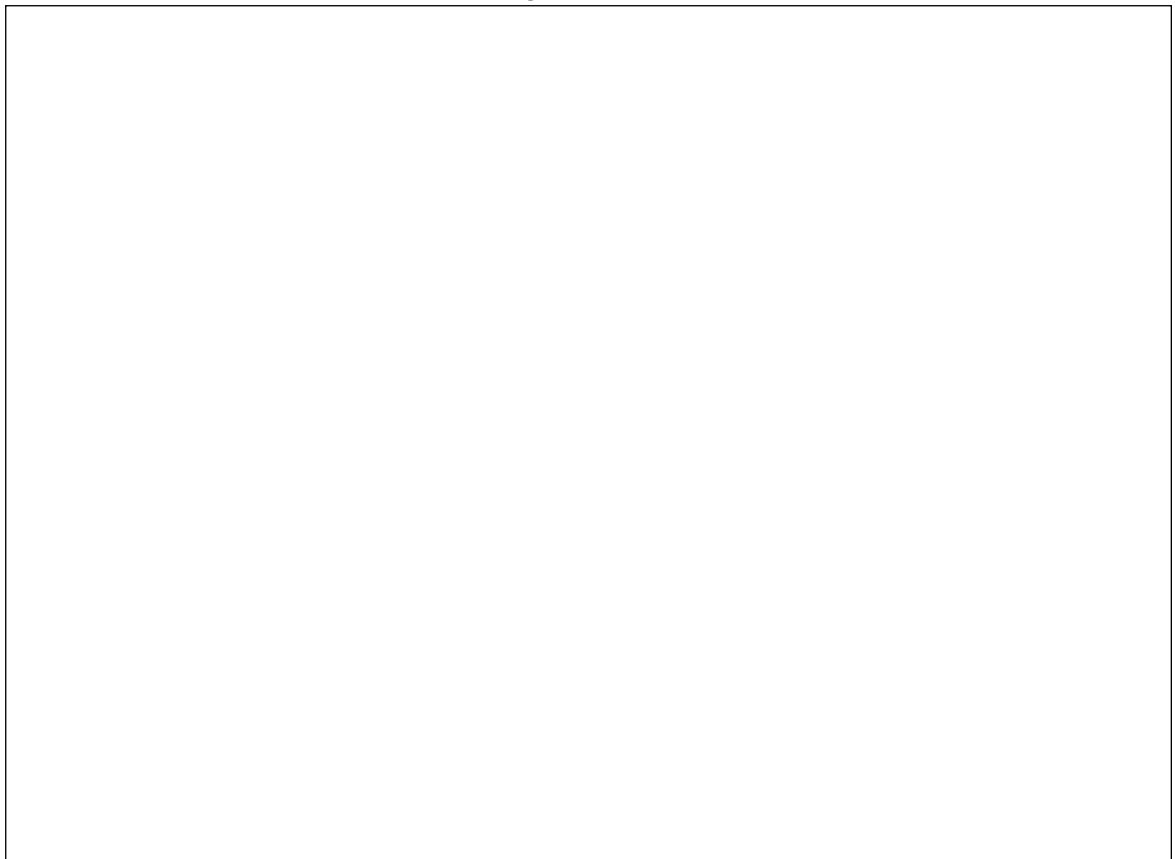


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Newly elected SGA officers are (from left) Norma Murphy, vice president of public relations; Jason Yates, vice president of special events; and Lisa Berrien, president.

Household hazardous waste collection day leading to promote a safe local environment

According to information provided by the Rome/Floyd County Recycling Center, "Hazardous household wastes are products present in the home that have chemical properties with the potential to harm people or the environment." This includes such common items as car batteries, pesticides, bleach, oven cleaner and fertilizers. These potentially dangerous products must be disposed of safely and legally.

Residents are encouraged to do this by collecting any hazardous waste they might have and simply dropping it off at the fairgrounds. According to Wayne Harrison, facilities coordinator with Floyd College plant operations, the trash will then be handed over to hazardous waste professionals and will be recycled. "At that point," explains Harrison, "it's just as harmless as water."

Commercial waste will not be accepted nor will ammunition,

asbestos, explosives, compressed gasses, radioactive material or biomedical waste. Organizers are asking that any waste dropped off at the fair grounds be in its original container with the original label. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

Acceptable items include: aerosol cans, batteries, alcohol, insecticides, cleaning solvents, gasoline, paint, paint thinner, pool chemicals, tires and varnish. For a complete list, residents can contact the Rome/Floyd County Recycling Center. Questionable items must be cleared by the recycling center or by Georgia Public Health before they will be accepted.

According to Harrison, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been in the planning stages for "the better part of a year." A large committee made up of representatives from local colleges, hospitals, businesses, civic

organizations and various branches of the local government has been at work for months organizing the event.

Marta Turner, former Floyd College student and director of the Rome/Floyd County Recycling Center, made several trips in order to research similar events being held around the Southeast, noting what worked and what didn't.

"We'd like to see this become something bigger than a one-time event," says Harrison, "but that depends on what kind of success we have."

Organizers are still in need of volunteers and donations. Volunteers will be required to attend a safety training course before the event. Positions available include greeters, paint and oil pourers and refreshment service.

For more information concerning Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, contact Turner at the Rome/Floyd County Recycling Center at (706) 291-5266 or at rfrecycl@1.roman.net.

Did you Know?

- Aerosols spray tiny particles that you inhale into your lungs.
- One gallon of motor oil can contaminate the taste of one million gallons of water.

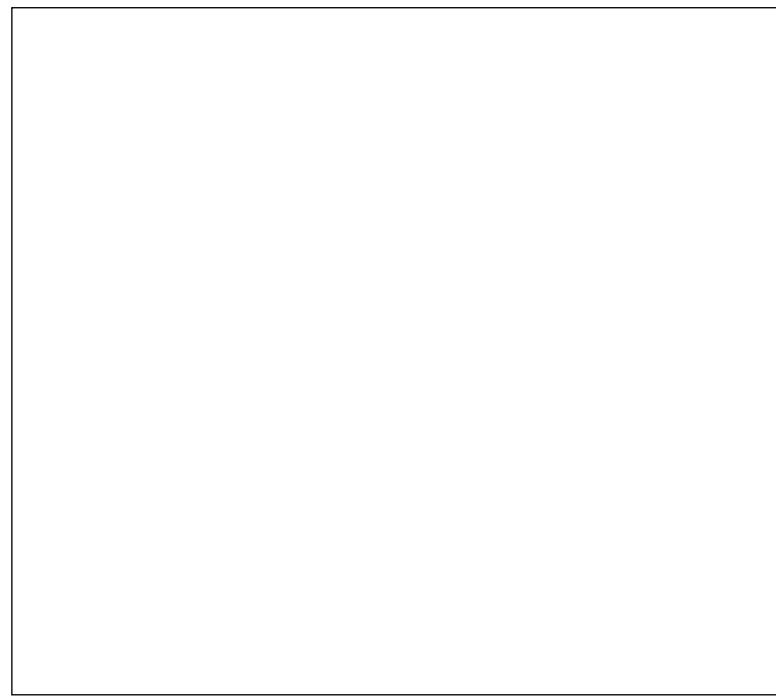


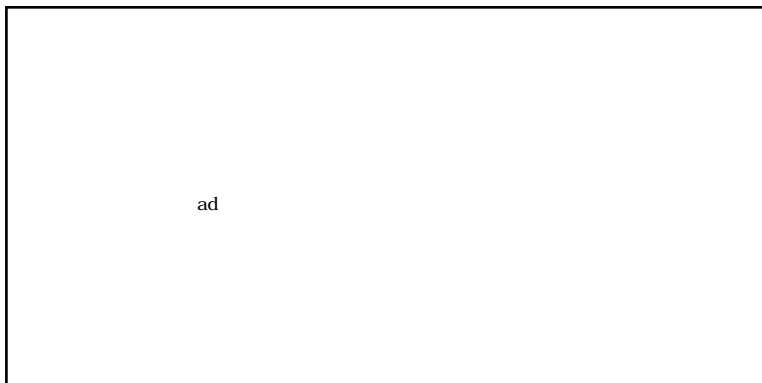
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Marta Turner, manager of the Rome/Floyd Recycling Center, demonstrates recycling.

By Alexa Webb
Staff writer

Floyd County will be holding its first ever Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May

6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coosa Valley Fair Grounds. The event, sponsored by the Rome/Floyd County Recycling Center and Georgia Public Health, is free to all residents of Floyd County.



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News

Information for students looking to transfer

By Heather Palmer
Staff Writer

Marsha Welch, registrar at Floyd College, says that the top three universities that most FC students transfer to are Kennesaw,

West Georgia, and Georgia State. Anyone that has an associate degree can transfer to any school in the University System of Georgia.

Welch stated, "If a student completes any area of the core then they are guaranteed to take that

completed core with them." However, changing majors may cause students to have to take more classes once they transfer.

Anyone having a hard time transferring, should contact the Academic Affairs Office. There is also information in the career center.

Rep. Brooks speaks on the central campus

By Timberly Davis
Staff Writer

The audience listened intently as state representative Tyrone Brooks addressed the issues of human rights, the Confederate Flag and the importance of voting during his visit to the central campus on March 30.

Brooks is a civil rights worker and a long-time member of the Georgia House of Representatives.

Concerning the Confederate emblem on the Georgia flag, he suggested that citizens come together and design a flag that represents everyone, or raise the pre-'56 flag.

The current flag was adopted by an all white male legislature in 1956. In order to show support for segregation policies, officials created their own flag, sending a message to Washington to protest integration.

Brooks gave no indication that he felt the current flag should be destroyed. He pointed out that no matter if individuals agree or disagree with the cause that the Confederate army was fighting for, the men died for what they believed in, and that should be respected.

Brooks also voiced his concerns that Georgians are not taking the census seriously. He explained to his listeners that states

with the most accurate counts get the most money. In his speech, Brooks made it clear that if individuals don't vote, no one will respect them when it comes to making decisions in the legislature.

Brooks also offered a possible solution to some of the violence in homes and schools. The method Brooks suggested could bring about a healthier climate among today's youth. He advises Americans to take a look at history and go back to some of the old ways of raising children and families. He feels that the "old ways" are what have instilled in him such a strong sense of values.

Brooks also stressed his point that the face of America is changing, and before long there will be a new number one minority. Brooks wants to challenge legislators, judges, teachers and all of society's leaders to face the problems that deal with poverty and equitable distribution of wealth.

Brooks feels that it is important for an individual to stand up for what he or she believes in. He encourages young people to join an organization of choice and support a cause.

Brooks wants Americans to accept that we are a "multifaceted, diverse society" and to realize that "there is strength in our diversity."

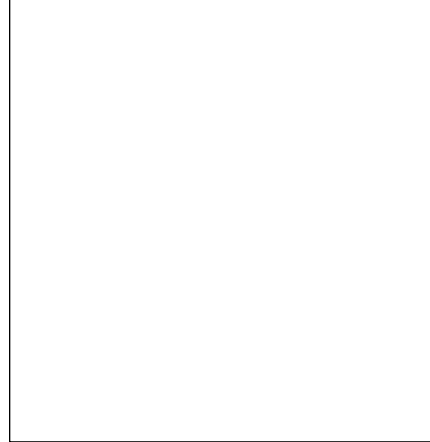


Photo by Heather Koon
Tyrone Brooks refers to a Six Mile Post article about the 2000 Census during his recent visit.

Nurse pinning to be held

By Gary Popham
Staff Writer

The Floyd College Nursing Pinning Ceremony will be held May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Forum.

Forty-four student nurses will receive their pins and become professional nurses. They will receive the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing on May 12. After taking and passing the NCLX exam, the new nurses will become registered nurses (RNs).

According to Rebecca Maddox, assistant professor of nursing, the pinning ceremony is almost as important to nurses as the graduation ceremony. The pinning ceremony is the first time the new nurses are allowed to wear their

uniforms. Prior to this time, they were required to wear uniforms that distinguished them as students.

American nurses look to Florence Nightingale, an English nurse during the Crimean War, as the founder of their profession. As part of the pinning ceremony, a Nightingale lamp lighting is held, followed by the reciting of the International Nursing Pledge.

Maddox says that the pinning ceremony can be quite a moving and emotional time for many of the participants.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the ceremony. It may also be seen on FCTV.

For more information contact Maddox at (706) 295-6321.

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Tips for those dreadful finals

By Erika Petry
Staff Writer

Most students have real fears and concerns about final exams as the end of the semester approaches. Although the idea of finishing one's current courses and either starting new ones or maybe taking a vacation is exciting, the inevitable final exams cast a cloud of doubt over a student's last couple of weeks in a class. But with years of experience in the classroom, both learning and teaching, Floyd College faculty and students have a few suggestions about methods of studying for that last dreaded exam.

Dr. Michael Windelspecht, assistant professor of biology, notes that "Its been proven that the biological impact of stress makes people forget things, so it is important for people to relax. Most finals are comprehensive; therefore students should try to review the material, not relearn the entire course."

Dr. Rob Page, assistant professor of history, feels that organization is the key. He suggests that students, "...try to consolidate material into one set of notes. Make

an organized set of notes specifically for the final. But most of all, study hard."

Carolyn Parks, coordinator for the Cartersville Campus, suggests that students should "study every day and do not cram." A conscientious student should "study twice as long as you are in class."

Katherine Gomis, a Floyd College graduate who has continued her studies at Kennesaw State University, suggests, "Don't wait until the last minute to study; also I find that notecards are extremely helpful."

Environment is also a key factor when it comes to studying. Administrative Secretary Kathy Ford believes the key to success is to "study in a quiet room with no distractions."

Dr. Pam Kincheloe, assistant professor of English, suggests that literature students take notes all throughout the semester, and composition students should know how to structure different types of essays *before* the test. She also feels that study groups can be extremely helpful for reinforcing ideas and understanding concepts.

Most professors agree that a good night's sleep and a breakfast

high in protein and some form of caffeine can give you an added edge.

Students also have some suggestions for professors regarding final exams. Gomis suggests that professors "make finals an option. If a student is happy with their grade after the last test, let *them* decide if they want to take the final or not."

Education major Jennifer Crump feels that "Your grade is weighed so heavily on the final that it puts too much stress on you."

Miranda Adams adds, "They should be more spread out. I have five classes, which means that I will have two or three finals in one day, and that is too much pressure."

Obviously, finals are not the favorite college activity of most students, but, as they are a requirement of most classes, it would be wise for students to follow the tips given by their professors. While the format of a final may vary from teacher to teacher, disciplined study habits and relaxation techniques should take some of the pressure off students as the end of the semester approaches.

Annual fine arts magazine available free to students

By Daryl Whitton
Staff Writer

The new issue of *Old Red Kimono* is scheduled to arrive from the printer by the week of April 24. A reception is planned that week for students and faculty. For more information contact Jeff Mack or Dr. Nancy Applegate in the social and cultural studies division at 706-295-6300.

The *Old Red Kimono* contains both literary and art work submitted by Floyd College students and faculty, as well as outside contributors. The reception will feature readings from selected passages. The *Old Red Kimono* is free to students and faculty.

The *Old Red Kimono* was started in the winter quarter of 1972 by now retired Professor Ken Anderson. Anderson created the magazine for his creative writing class to publish their works.

The *ORK* is one of the oldest published magazines of its kind. In the beginning the magazine was published every quarter, but due to funding and other problems the magazine began to be published annually, as it is now.

The *Old Red Kimono* magazine has faced a number of hardships other than financial. There is always censorship that has to be dealt with. In one particular issue a one-act play was published that had a man placing his hand on a woman's thigh. In the 1970s that was considered controversial. Other works dealt with graphic reality, and this was also fought for, and most of the time all stories were published.

Anderson, Jon Hershey, Mack, David Mott and Applegate have all served as faculty advisers. This year's editor is Kelly Haas Doegg.

"The art work in this issue should be wonderful," said Applegate. Applegate said she was very thankful to Hershey's creative writing class for their works that will be printed in this issue.

Features

An inside view of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival

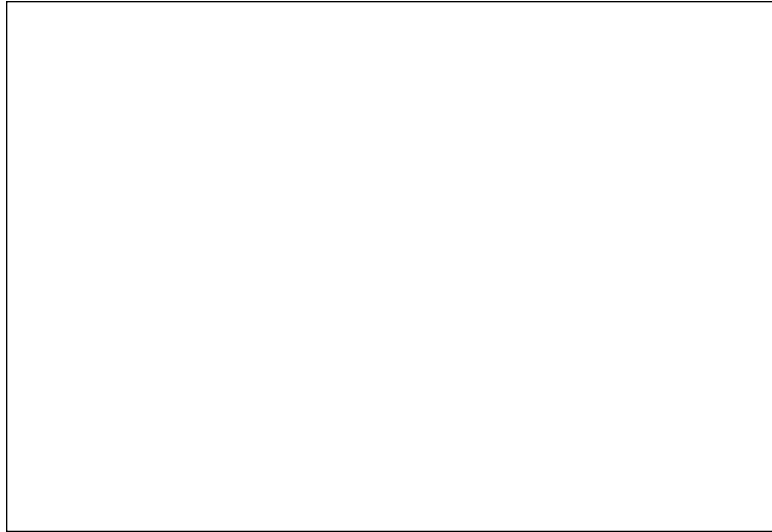


Photo by Kristie Kemper

The backstage tour guide demonstrates wig-making techniques in the ASF costume shop.

A trip diary

By Meagan Farrow & Whitney Kellett
Guest Writers

Editor's note: A sell-out group of 55 took part in Floyd College's annual weekend trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival April 8-9. This was the college's 15th trip to the festival in Montgomery. Here is an in-

side view of the trip from two of the students who participated.

This year's trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival was very successful. We left Floyd College Saturday morning and began our journey to Montgomery, Ala. Once we arrived at the festival, we had a question and answer session with some of the actors from *The Comedy of Errors*.

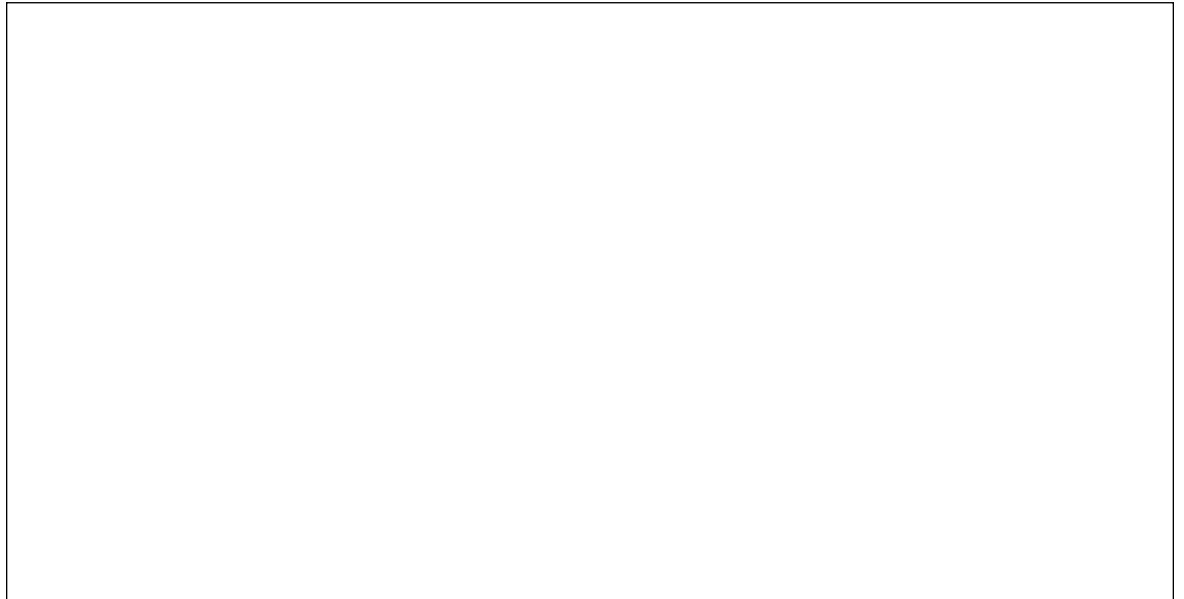


Photo by Kristie Kemper

Some of the ASF trip members gathers for a photo in front of the theatre complex.

That evening we enjoyed one of Shakespeare's tragedies, *King Lear*. The costuming really contributed to the entire effect of the play and made the audience feel the way that Shakespeare intended the play to be presented.

The group spent the night at a local hotel, the Baymont Inn.

We returned to ASF the following morning for a backstage tour. The tour really enlightened us as

to the work it takes to go into a live performance. For instance, it takes at least 40 hours to make one actor's wig, and the wig generally lasts only three months.

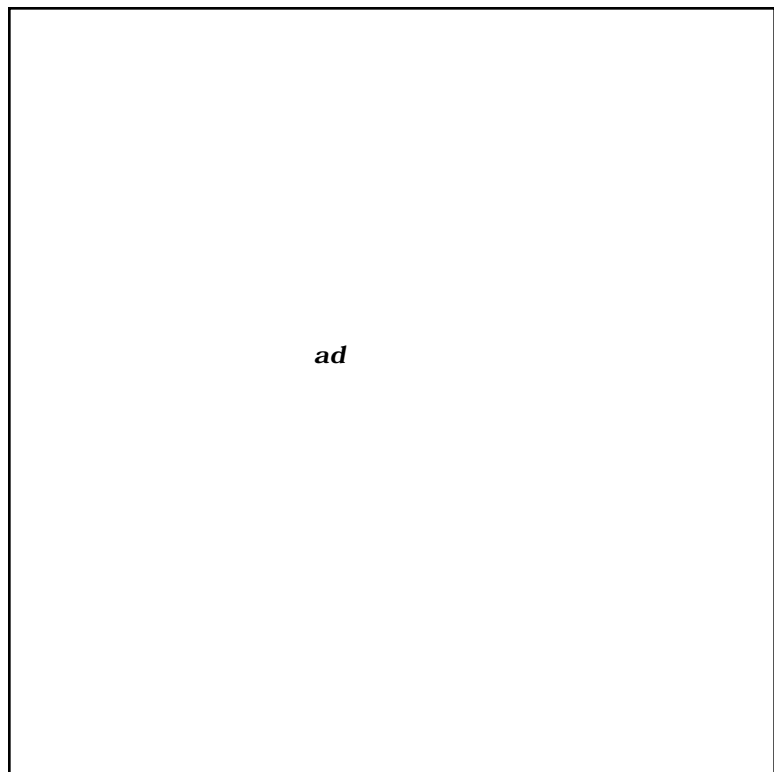
After the backstage tour, we enjoyed a catered picnic lunch on the ASF grounds, which were structured to resemble those of the original Shakespearean Theater in England.

We then saw Shakespeare's

The Comedy of Errors. This play was more modern in costuming and setting. The language was unchanged; however, with the other changes it was easier for the audience to identify with it.

After it was over, we came back to good ol' Floyd College.

Special thanks go to Dr. Dillard, the "Candy Man," who made everyone's trip a much "sweeter" one.



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Why are math courses required even for non-math majors?

By Mike Parker
Guest Writer

Most students at Floyd College are required to take at least one course of mathematics, and many of them wonder why.

The General Education Committee of the University System of Georgia governs Floyd College's course requirements. Each of the 34 colleges under the University System of Georgia has a representative of each course of study. For instance, Dr. Margaret Davis, professor of math, is the representative of the Floyd College math department. These representatives give input and suggestions to the General Education Committee about what courses to require, but ultimately the General Education Committee decides.

Different majors require more math courses than others do. For example, according to the *Floyd College Catalog*, to transfer to a university, chemistry majors are required to take Calculus I as well as its prerequisites. Furthermore, chemistry majors are required to take two more advanced math courses of their choice. In compari-

son, English majors can fulfill mathematical requirements by taking a course called Mathematical Modeling. This course is basically a simpler form of College Algebra.

It is obvious that chemists use math in their career, and therefore the advanced mathematical requirements are understandable. But, is one math course sufficient for a non-math based major such as English?

Non-math majors like English do not need specific equations and formulas taught in math courses. However, Dr. Pamela Kincheloe, an assistant professor of English at Floyd College, believes that math skills get people to use the other side of their brain. Kincheloe says, "When you analyze a poem, a short story, or even a piece of your own writing, you need to switch into a different, logical mode."

Other Floyd College professors share the same feeling about the need for math. Dr. Dwight Cassity, a political science professor, says, "Math and its emphasis upon order, rationality, and its theoretical precepts help students regardless of what major field they end up in."

Davis believes a Liberal Arts Math course would be beneficial to non-math majors. This type of course would emphasize the history of mathematics and the critical mathematical thinkers.

The thoughts of students are not far from those of the wiser, more experienced professors. Students admit the difficulty of math, but at the same time agree that math is needed for logical thinking.

Jeremy Large, a geology major at Floyd College, is currently taking Calculus I. Large says, "The math skills may not apply to the major, but any knowledge is useful."

Another aspect of the math requirements is focused on the student that decides to change his/her major. Dr. James Cook, a professor of history at Floyd College, believes many students are undecided about what they want to study.

Cook thinks students should be predisposed to all subject matter. "It is advantageous for students to be exposed to many different disciplines so that they can make informed career choices," Cook says.

Sports

Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble tees off for 20th year

By Laura Gosnold
Editor

Jeremy Holland, Eric Proffitt, Robbie Silver and Jason Yates won the 20th annual Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble with a score of 65.

The scramble took place Friday, April 14 at BEAA Country Club near Floyd College.

Team 1 took second place with a score of 67 and included Charles Blalock, Laura Gosnold, Rick Gosnold and Jason McFry.

First and second place winners each took home a bag of prizes, including several packs of golf balls, tees, booklets, a utility brush and gloves.

Robbie Nash took home an umbrella donated by the FC Bookstore for hitting the ball closest to the pin at the second hole.

Janie Broome won a chipping net for hitting closest to the pin on hole seven. And Casey Dewitt also won a chipping net for hitting the longest drive.

Another drawing was held to give away extra prize bags.

Jack Sharp also donated several prizes that were given away

to participants.

Joe Parris won a golf teaching CD, Dan Knowles won two bookends, Tim Hadaway and Dr. Tom Berry won drink holders, and Dr. Ken Weatherman and Dr. David McCorkle won G tools.

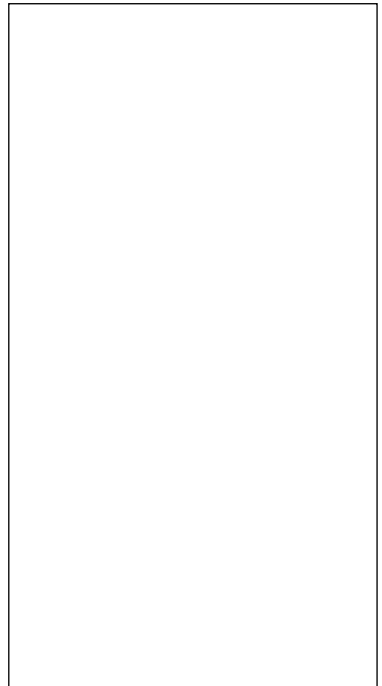
This year's scramble consisted of seven teams playing 18 holes of golf.

Other participants included Steve Wright, Don Black, Wesley Clayton, Forrest McKelvey, Dr. Lynn Cundiff, Gwen Barber, Billy Bray, Don Briscar, Steve Burns, Chuck VanTubbergen and Bob Gilbert

While the event is a 20-year tradition, it hasn't always been named after the late Dr. Wesley Walraven.

Walraven was a former vice president of academic affairs at Floyd College and was an avid golfer. When Walraven died several years ago, a formal day was set aside, and the scramble was then named after him.

Just before tee off, Dr. David McCorkle, first president of Floyd College, hit the ceremonial first ball, and presented it and a plaque to Walraven's wife.



Photos by Laura Gosnold

Left, Charles Blalock, math professor at Floyd College, chips the ball to the green during the 20th annual golf scramble.

Center, Jason McFry helps his team finish second as he taps the ball in for a birdie.

Above, Rick Gosnold follows through on his second shot as the ball falls near the pin.

Season ends for basketball teams and walk/run club as Spring Semester comes to a close

By Skye Kennedy
Staff Writer

As Spring Semester at Floyd College comes to a close, so does another season of intramural competition. So now, it's time to

announce the winners.

For men's five-on-five basketball, The Wizards came in first place. This team consists of students Shane Porter, Ches Ely, Matthew Cantrell, Charles Henderson, Keon Fleminster and

Matt Goss. This year's Most Valuable Player award for men's basketball goes to Charles

Henderson.

In women's basketball, students Kandace Edwards, Christie McKenzie, Candace Wiggly, Laura Gosnold and Carla Wessell competed in games that were mostly held at Shorter College. Carla

Wessell was awarded the Most Valuable Player honor.

For the Walk-run Club, Jacob Bussey has logged in the most miles, about 300. Bussey also accomplished this feat last semester.

Don't wait for the morning news to hit the stands; search the web to find the latest in sports

By Ben West
Guest Writer

In my research for the best sports information website, I searched many and found that there are some very good sites as well as some that are just plain terrible.

If a person would like a variety of sports and up-to-date happenings, I found two websites that are head and heels above the rest.

The first is www.cnnsi.com. This website has links to all sports. Whether it be baseball, football, basketball, hockey, golf, tennis, soccer or motor sports, this site has it all.

It is very up-to-date, and minutes after games are finished, the results are usually up.

In case something cannot be

found, it also has a place to email questions to. This is an excellent top-notch site.

The second website I found was www.espn.com. This site also has all sports one could imagine, and it is updated regularly, but it has its unique qualities also.

It has a place to vote for the ESPY awards that are given out annually by ESPN.

It also has a trivia quiz so people can test their knowledge of sports and a chat room where fans can get together and chat about any sports they choose to discuss.

If a person has a question about a specific team, I would recommend that he or she go to that team's website, but for the latest up-to-date scores and happenings in the world of sports, I suggest these two sites.

Give Blood

Floyd College will be holding the last blood drive of the semester on April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lakeview Building. The event is part of the campus health fair and is open to the public.

Graduates

Congratulations to Floyd College Class of 2000

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Tammy Giansante
Andrea Diane Gibson
Kathy R Hightower
Marjeana Lynn Hightower
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Katrina Denise Mallory
Melody Jo Anne Mann
James Willard Parker
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Barbara Jane Price
Josh Ray
Jodie C Ross
Barbara L Schroeder
Stephanie Craft Sheppard
Rebecca Simpson
Monica Southern
Donna Stuart
Mary T Studdards
Melissa Leachman Taylor
Joseph Alan Williams
Connie Roger Wood
Alson Carl Worley

Associate of Science

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Kelly Michele Amos
Christy Lynn Anderson
Christopher L Austin
Robin Michelle Benefield
Cynthia J Bowles
Larry Lucas Bradshaw, Jr.
Richard Lewis Breese
Norman Lee Brock, Jr.
Crystal Mae Bruce
Idris Mohamed Buke
Brian Bullock
Peter L Case
Wendy Casey
Sara Elizabeth Chesley
Tara Denise Chupp
Paul D Clayton
Jerry Jason Coffman
Sylvia Dawn Cook
Kerry L Cox
David Allen Cramer
Michele Liddle Crowe
Aloua Olivia Davis
Joseph Davidson
Debra Lynn Day
Summer Mashea DeFoor
Virginia E Dutto

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Calvin R Echols
Joshua T Erickson
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Carla Suzanne Ezelle
Janet M Farr
Joni D Ferguson
Tara Cain Flory
Tara L Garrison
Ryan Grogan
Kim D Hatch
Michael John Hendon
Janet L Holcombe
Sherry Howard
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Farrah Starr Morris
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Erica D New
Mary A Pannell
E V M Zelle Parkinson
Shital Patel Price
Shane J Sewell
Ellen R Sharp
Justus Dean Sheldon
Joyce A Shepherd
Joey Singleton
Evelyn L Smith
Rebecca Ann Smith
Starla Kaye Smith
Velvet Kasi Smith
Erica Lark Snyder
Adrienne Pepper Stovall
Amanda M Taylor
Amy Dutton Tillery
Maia E Tomlinson
Ryan Torrence
Bryan Scott Waddell
Jeremy Ryan Wade

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Jennifer Ann White
Wilma Faye White
Daniel Williams
Elizabeth Marie Williams
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Jacalyn C Yarborough
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Deborah Tara Womack

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Paul Morgan Lowe

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Jeri Dawn Barber Houston
Misty Dawn James
Linda Darnell Langley
Daniel J Lucking

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