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— News Briefs —

■ BAS attends conference

On April 14-16, Black Awareness Society members Tony Dean, Donnell Dammond and Elizabeth Kinnebrew attended the state Minority Advising Program Conference in Albany, Georgia. Albany State University, a member of Georgia's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, hosted the conference. The Floyd College representatives met with college students and staff from all over the state.

■ SMP positions available

Applications are now being accepted for paid and volunteer positions on the *Six Mile Post* newspaper staff for fall 1999-spring 2000.

Positions are available on both the print and online versions of the paper. Paid positions are for three print editors, one online editor, a business manager, and a chief photographer. Volunteer positions include writers (news, human interest, or sports), artists, graphic designers, ad salespeople, and staff photographers.

Previous experience is helpful but on-the-job-training is possible too.

Students may apply online by going to the Floyd College website, selecting the "Newsstand" in the lower left-hand corner, and selecting *Six Mile Post*, or by contacting the adviser, Dr. Kristie Kemper. Kemper's office is F-136 on the central campus, and her phone number is (706) 295-6300 or 1-800-332-2406. She may also be contacted by email at kkemper.

Positions won't be filled until sometime in the summer.



Ross makes nature presentation

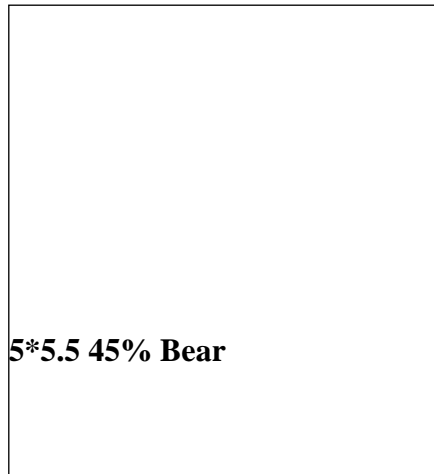
By Raye Lynn Berry
Assistant Editor

Henry David Thoreau once said, "Heaven is under our feet, as well as over our heads." This was the theme of Jack Winfield Ross' presentation when he spoke to an audience of about 50 on Floyd College's central campus, April 15.

Ross is a nature photographer as well as an inspirational speaker. He has traveled all over the country taking pictures and speaking at various locations.

His photographs have been featured all over the United States on magazines, posters, album covers and calendars. One of his most recent photographs of the endangered red wolf was featured in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brochure.

The basis of Ross' presentation was that "The wonder of the Creator's handiwork is absolutely everywhere." Ross combined his photos, various quotations and personal stories in an attempt to convince the audience to respect and appreciate nature.



5*5.5 45% Bear

Ross's work often shows animals in their natural habitat.

Ross began his presentation with a history of his work and life in the photography business.

He was in the music business in Nashville, Tenn., for 17 years before he "stumbled" into photographing the outdoors. He had gone on vacation out west and photographed the scenery. That is when he became hooked.

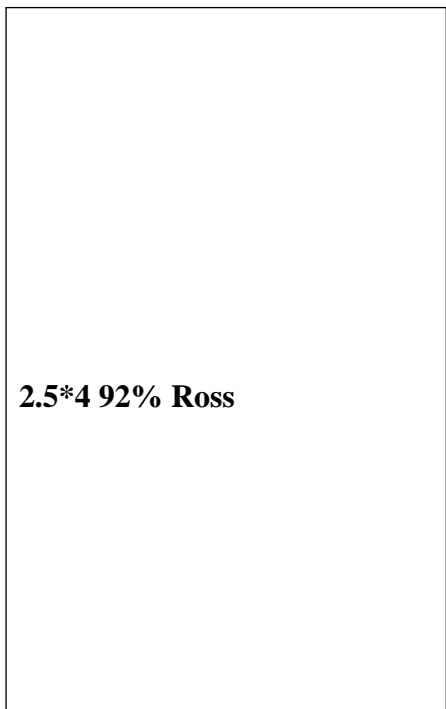
He then described various places that he had been throughout his travels and showed slides to match. He presented to the audience a collection of slides from weeds and animals to mountains and valleys. He described the location and the circumstances of each. Some of his photos are to be taken for face value, while some are meant to represent certain feelings or ideas.

Ross uses shadows, time of day, weather pattern, focus, light, and even infrared film to define certain textures and images in the photographs that he takes. Some of the pictures he takes are for certain assignments, so he has to get the photograph just right. He stated, "I always like to find a different perspective."

Ross said that some of the best photos that he takes are not even discovered until he gets them developed. He often encounters situations that were never planned, and he sometimes uses a type of camera setting that takes six shots every second. It leaves room for a lot of surprises later.

Towards the end of the presentation, Ross presented the audience with statistics on animals that are on the brink of being endangered or extinct. He also presented statistics on the massive growth of the human population.

Ross ended the presentation with more slides. But while the audience watched, he asked that the audience "... think about how precious all life is in



2.5*4 92% Ross

Photo by Robin Bishop

Ross smiles as he talks about nature at his presentation.

this world." He said, "I hope that you rededicate yourselves to preserving life for your children and your children's children."

Pam Burgess, an FC student, described the presentation as "very moving; very humbling."

Serena Chastain, another FC student, said, "The presentation made you aware of the world around you and that all aspects of nature should be preserved."

Ross is originally from Indiana. He has presented shows to audiences in various locations for over 35 years. He hopes to inspire and educate the audiences he entertains.

Dental students win awards

By James Armour
Staff Writer

Three Floyd College students have received scholarships from the Hinman Dental Society.

April Silvers, Courtney Gribble and Ginger Martin each received a \$750 Thomas P. Hinman Scholarship and were honored during a banquet held at the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.

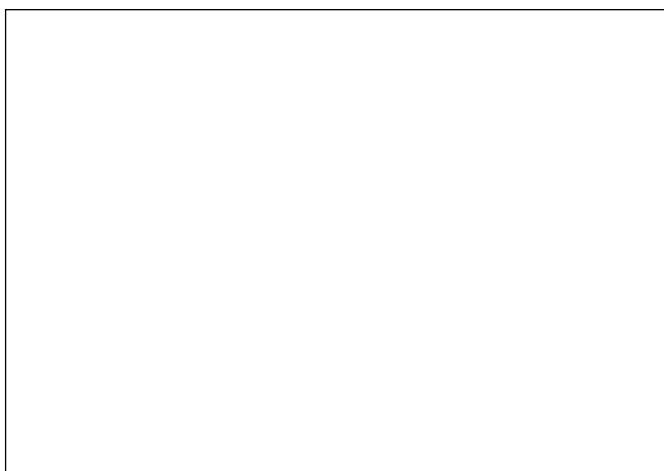
For the past 13 years, the Hinman Dental Society has given scholarships annually to dental hygiene schools with quality dental educational services.

One of the most prestigious, continu-

ing education meetings in the country, the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting, attracted over 23,000 dental professionals this year.

According to Earl W. Gunn, Jr., chairman-elect of the board of trustees, Silvers, Gribble and Martin, among others, received the awards because they were "... students who have demonstrated a drive for learning."

These students received their awards March 20 during the 87th annual Hinman meeting. The society recognized them for all the hard work they have done and looks "forward to the contributions that they will make to the profession in the years to come."



Guest Photo

From Left: April Silvers, Courtney Gribble and Ginger Martin are presented with their awards by dentist and trustee Dr. Gerrit C. Hagman.

News

Floyd College students to be honored at assembly

By **Raye Lynn Berry**
Assistant Editor

The 27th annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held on May 14 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 Paul Clayton, 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 **Jill Buffington** by Dorothy Stevens, 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.

Annette Lester, assistant administrator for clinical services, will present the Coosa Valley Home Health Agency "Excellence in Home Health Care" Award to **Charis Gallaty**. This award is for a student who shows excellence in nursing and demonstrated interest in home health.

Sandra Worthy 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 **Emily Tucker** by Kenna Baker, director of emergency care services. This award is for a student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and dedication to nursing.

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

Julia Tucker 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, third floor nurse leader, will present the award.

The Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented by Dr. Barbara Rees, professor of nursing education, to **Patricia Dabbs**. 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 **Tara Dempsey Brown**. The presenter of the award will be Robert McFarland, physical therapist assistant program director. The award goes to a student with the highest academic achievement in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Marcy Davis will be the recipient of the Physical Therapist Assistant Commitment to Learning Award. This award will be also presented by McFarland. 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 pre-

sented by Wendy Linatoc, academic coordinator of clinical education in the PTA program. The recipients of this award are **Tara Dempsey Brown** and **Melinda Ferguson**. They are recognized for achieving the highest clinical achievement in the PTA Program.

Steve Burns, professor of social work, and George Wallis, of the National Creative Society, will present the inductees to the 1999 National Creative Society. The inductees are **Khalid Al-Nouri, Milos Babic, Steven Bell, Raye Lynn Berry, Jon Boe, Matt Bowers, Matt Curry, Donnell Dammond, Shaun Dobbins, Kelly Doegg, Chad Embree, Roberto Escutia, Janet Farr, Peggy Gentry, Barrie Gibson, Ann Giles, Marcie Gore, Seth Hannah, Gloria Hammond, Jennifer Hardy, Denise Jacobs, Debbie Lavoie, Donna Lockridge, Stacie McEntyre, Brannon Millard, Bridget Moore, Terri Morgan, Jason Murphy, Todd Ollis, Chris Parker, Tabitha Proctor, Eric Rittenhouse, Allison Shields, Jonathan Silver, Nicole Sims, Ben Smith, Erica Snyder, Autumn Stewart, John Strain, Jennifer Wheeler and Megan Wilson.**

Nicole Blankenship and **Tracey Hagin** are the recipients 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.

George Gaddie, dean of admissions at Berry College, will present **Linda K. Haga, Mary Christine Oakes, Amy Dutton Tillery** and **Jamie Marie Fergerson** with the Berry College Transfer Scholarship Awards. These awards are given to students who exemplify both academic excellence and good citizen-

ship, and who plan to attend Berry College.

The *Old Red Kimono* Art and Creative Writing Awards will be presented by Nancy Applegate, assistant professor of English. The recipients of the art awards will be **Dennis Guerra, Jeff Guy** and **Eric Dempsey**. The recipients of the Creative Writing Awards will be **Barrie Gibson, Matthew Curry** and **Ann Giles**.

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have shown the ability to initiate and complete projects and motivate others in extracurricular activities. **Paul Clayton** and **Tony Dean** 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 **Candi Hubbard** and **Kelly Doegg**. 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 National Collegiate Student Government Awards will be presented to **Paul Clayton, Kerry Cox, Mya Smith, Jessica Griffey, Beth Ann Roach, Candace Crawford** and **Daniel Scarbrough**. 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 Lord, academic vice president. This award recognizes students for their service to the college and community and their academic average. The recipients are **Milos Babic, Raye Lynn Berry, Luke Bradshaw, Michael Brown, Pamela Jean Burgess, Brenda Jane Burrows, Raina Hiers Cagle, Patricia Marlina Cecil, Serena Davenport Chastain, Paul David Clayton, Janice Marie Cross, Patricia C. Dabbs, Donnell Dammond, Deanna Dawn Davis, Tony**

Dean, Summer Mashea DeFoor, Eric David Dempsey, Amy Michelle Driver, Jody Michelle Elrod, Janet Mary Farr, Peggy Darlene Gentry, Jessica Morrison Griffey, Rebecca Helena-Jeanne Grochmal, Jessica Starr Holtzclaw, Sherry Howard, Candi Telena Hubbard, Diana Raye Johnson, Brenda Gail Keaton, Elizabeth Leonetti Kinnebrew, Delb Ann Lavoie, Diandra Lane Mellon, Beth Anne Patterson, David Wade Pope, Casandra Irene Shedd, Johnathan William Silver, Mya Leigh Smith, Anita L. Stamps, Cathy Marie Testino, Stephanie Ann Thomas and Tony Lerone Whatley.

The University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars Award will be given to **Patricia C. Dabbs** by Cundiff.

The Love Borchardt Memorial Scholarship Award, sponsored by the Alpha Nu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, will be given to **Jackie Knight**. The presenter will be announced.

Carol H. Crocker, Jacqueline W. Grandy, Kelli S. Livingston, Shirlee Ann Neal, Christy Nichole Pierce and Angelyn A. Stanley 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 **Will Bragg**, 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 **Janet Moon** for her outstanding

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Taylor to speak at graduation ceremony

By **Matt Bowers**
Editor

Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor will be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremonies to be held on May 15 at 10 a.m. at the Rome Forum complex.

Born in Georgia and raised in Albany, Ala., Taylor began his political career in 1987 as the

youngest member of the Georgia State Senate after graduating from Emory and the University of Georgia School of Law.

Taylor then went on to gain the position of Administrative Floor Leader under former governor Zell Miller. In this position, he introduced the governor's agenda in the legislature.

Highly publicized pieces of the agenda included the lottery-

funded HOPE scholarship and the statewide pre-K program.

He also introduced legislation that helped to put welfare recipients to work and to make for safer communities with the "Two Strikes, You're Out" program.

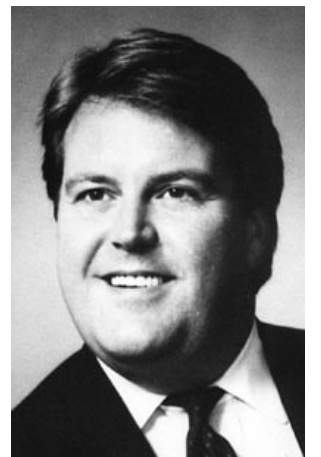
Taylor was named in the top 25 "Most Powerful and Influential Georgians" of 1998.

Two awards will also be pre-

sented during the ceremonies.

These awards are the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service, which will be awarded to Commissioner Clarence Brown of Bartow County, and the Faculty Award, the winner of which is kept confidential until the ceremonies.

This will be the fifth year in a row that the ceremonies have been held at the forum.



Guest photo
Mark Taylor

News

Honors Assembly

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performance in the study of criminal justice.

The Warren Akin IV Excellence in English Studies Award is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature and who has at least a 3.0 GPA **Regina Murphy** and **Pamela Burgess**, who were chosen by vote of the English faculty, will receive the award presented by Fred Green, associate professor of English.

Melanie Gravett will receive the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Award, presented by Peter DiLorenzo, assistant 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 Spanish Award is presented to **Elena Van Tubbergen** for her outstanding performance in Spanish. The award will be presented by Sheila McCoy, professor of French, Spanish and English.

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 **Patricia Rizer**.

Musselwhite will also present the Outstanding Achievement in History Award to **Paul Clayton**. This award is presented to a student who shows interest and potential in history and has at least a 3.0 grade point average. The recipient is chosen by vote of the history faculty.

Will Bragg and **Jarrold Barnes** are the recipients of the Richard O. Hays Physics Award. Koone will present the award, which is given to students with

outstanding performance in the physical sciences.

The award for Excellence in General Biology will be presented to **Donna Bell, Monica Ziegler** and **Catherine O'Shield** by Harnden.

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 **Raina Cagle** for achieving the highest grade in Accounting 2101 and 2102. The award will be presented by Betty Nolen, associate professor of accounting.

Raina Cagle and **Tabatha Proctor** will both receive the Business Merit Award. The award will be presented by Dr. Bruce Jones, associate professor of accounting.

The following honor graduates will be recognized by Elifson for obtaining grade point averages of at least 3.5 in courses required for graduation.

Cum Laude

Sharon Hamilton Arasmith, Dennis M. Busby, Renee M. Bailiff, Dennis N. Black, Lynn T. Brooks, Tara Brown, Sherry Gail Cook, Deanna Dawn Davis, Jessica Ann Dingle, Charis Alicia Gallaty, Terri Ann Giles, Harold E. Hawkins, Jr., Mae Hoskins, Diana Raye Johnson, Elizabeth L. Kinnebrew, Pamela Lannette Layton, Rise F. Lee, Jon R. Lively, Jodi Lynn Lockhart, Nguyen Kim Ly, Michele E. Mattos, Julie S. Neal, Lisa Ann Owens, Gwendolyn Perkins, Billijo Rush, Carl E. Sharp,

Justus Dean Sheldon, Shirley Ann Stafford, Lynn P. Tatum, Cathy Marie Testino and Ron Watson.

Magna Cum Laude

John W. Abbott, Deborah C. Beard, Raye Lynn Berry, Patricia A. Chapman, Michelle S. Garrison Jr., Lawanna J. Gurley, Rita S. Hardin, Bobbie Jo Lacey, Andrew Martin,

Tabitha B. Proctor, Heidi Hernandez Remy, Kathy Lyles Samples, Louis M. Siko, Thomas G. Smith, Jr., Angelyn A. Stanley, Kathryn G. Venable and John Wesley Vinyard, Jr.

Summa Cum Laude

Raina Hiers Cagle, Robin Whorton Chandler, Gregory A. Clark, Patricia C. Dabbs, Debra B. Donovan, Tracey

Helton Hagin, Patsy Haynes, Carol L. Howell Jones, Ron D. McDonald, Janet Lee Moon, Sharon Garner Rampley, Brett Adrian Senentz and Leah Jo Steele.

Note: The list of honor graduates was provided by the Admissions Office and was accurate at time of publication.

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Floyd College Students Drink Coca-Cola!

Editorials

A job well done

The end is near...for the Spring Semester at least. Graduation and transfers draw near for many students, while others of us are in for yet another bumpy ride here at Floyd College. Oftentimes there are negative comments published in this particular space, but once and awhile there are times when positive things have been done and people need to be thanked. This is one of those times.

Well, for one thing, we will unfortunately be seeing less of our Student Government Association president, Paul Clayton. Clayton has done his best to represent the students on several important issues such as laptop fees and a new smoking policy. He has been an extremely valuable and important person in this school, and he will be sorely missed come the Fall Semester.

Another person who has made a difference this past year at Floyd College is director of student life, Ashley Tull. Not only has Tull had a major part in just about every event that has been held at Floyd College, but he has also been a major help one-on-one with the students here. Tull is often kept busy by a hectic schedule, with no secretary to boot, but he seems to always find time to talk to a student. His advice is more often sound than not, and his ability to see things from a student's point of view is impeccable. I sincerely believe that Tull is one of the most intelligent investments this school has ever made. It will take a few more like Tull to get this college up to par where it needs to be.

There are also several groups that have made a difference. One such group is the SGA, who have sponsored blood drives as well as several other events in coalition with the Office of Student Life.

Another important and active group has been the Black Awareness Society, who have sponsored events such as the open house for the Diversity Center and Mike Glenn's presentation about Black History Month. These events have helped to enrich and enlighten all that attended them.

Finally, there is the hardworking staff of the *Six Mile Post*. All year long the writers and photographers, as well as the editors, of this paper have worked hard to keep students informed and represent their point of view.

There are several other groups and people that should be commended for their hard work and dedication to this college this year. So, if anyone at Floyd College can think of someone that wasn't in this editorial who needs to be thanked for what they have done, then do so. Thank them and tell them what a wonderful job they have done.

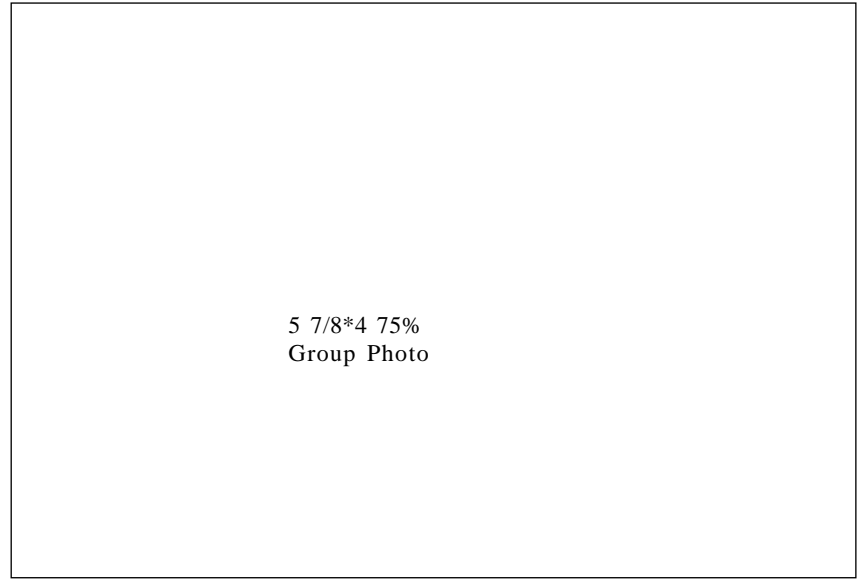
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The SMP thanks you for a great year



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Group Photo

Photo by Ashley Tull

The SMP staff gathers in its new offices for a group photograph.

To graduate, or not to graduate

Editor's Box

By Raye Lynn Berry
Assistant Editor

Graduation. That word was ringing in my ears for five months. I was so ready to make that step up on my ladder of success, if only to go on to another step and to another school. I was very proud of myself.

I have waited and tried for so long to accept my associate degree that took me six years, on and off, to complete. I wanted to have my family see me succeed in college, as I didn't do at my college before Floyd. It took me a long time to grow up and get to this stage in my life. I was ready to have something to show for it.

So, I took seven classes this semester in order to graduate. That, along with the *Six Mile Post* position, has taken up quite a bit of time and caused A LOT of stress. But, as determined as I was to graduate, I was going to succeed.

Then it was time for Spring Break! Time to relax and have a good time for once this semester, right? Not for me. The week of Spring Break is when I received my letter of despair. I opened the letter from Floyd College. The first page had "What to do for graduation." The second had what classes I needed to complete in order to graduate. As I expected, it listed "Spring 1999." But, under that, there was one more class, another

Humanities elective that I needed.

What was this about? I went to an adviser before I registered for this semester. I even had to go through another person to get permission to take seven classes! Why was I finding out about this now?

I tried to call for help, but, of course, the usual response was, "Try e-mailing, everybody is so busy." What happened to phones and quick answers? Anyway, back to my dilemma.

It turns out, the letter was right. I picked out my schedule to best fit my needs, or so I thought. However, I overlooked one thing, the last number of the class sequence.

The thing is that after going through an adviser and one other person, it was never brought to my attention.

Steps are being made to see if this can be resolved since my family from Texas planned to be here and since on all of my college applications, I put that I will be graduating in May.

I personally know of two other students who are in the same dilemma that I am. So, it did not just happen to me.

I am not putting blame on anyone for these mistakes. I know that there are many students who go in and out of the advising office, and it is hard to keep track of

everyone. But, if this is the case, we need more advisers and scheduled times so the advisers could meet one-on-one with the students so their attention is on one student at a time.

I take full responsibility for my part of the problem. I had overlooked one small detail. But, I thought that the advisers were there to help find problems such as these.

I still don't know if I will be able to graduate or not, and graduation is less than a month away. I don't have anything to tell my family or my colleges. It seems that my problem is not as important to anyone else as it is to me. But, I guess that is expected.

If my family changes their plans and I do end up graduating, I won't have anyone there to see me walk across the stage.

If I don't graduate, I will have wasted an entire semester of headaches, late nights, stress and being an outright pain to be around. I could have split my schedule up into two semesters and been a much happier person. But, that's life here at Floyd College. You always have hidden costs and hidden problems that take forever to resolve.

If I do get to graduate, I have one piece of advice for all you students who are hoping to graduate. When picking a schedule, check it, check it again and check it a third time. Then, make sure your adviser checks it word for word and number to number. It will save you a lot of wasted time and headaches.

If I don't get to graduate, I will see you all, yet again, in the fall.

Opinions

THE LAND OF ODD

by
Matt
Curry

In a gas station, near my home, there's a very interesting condom machine in the restroom. Originally, it was the regular, standard deal: a white, metal box, with slots and cranks. Then, a few months ago, a message appeared on it. (I can't say what it was.) But later, someone else scratched in a response – and from there, it evolved into a kind of community bulletin board for degenerate sleaze bags and psychopaths. For example, there's a long, poorly-spelled argument about the Civil War, naughty suggestions about whose mother does what, and so on. And not only are there messages, but some business cards and phone numbers, too.

It's not just a mere source of latex bedtime toys anymore. Want to have a fight with someone? There's a name and number that can do the trick. Have strong feelings about rebel flags? You're sure to find a like-minded sympathizer on the condom machine! The

thing's just full of commerce, trade and discussion.

Most of what's on the condom machine isn't very intelligent, but I have come across some more reasonable opinions. Men's rooms are usually full of this "responsive graffiti." The restroom near "Lake Regulations" at FC's central campus is teeming with discussion. You can find a long string of advice about financial aid as well as which courses and professors you should avoid.

It makes for nice reading, but it's sad that many opinions go no further than the three-foot radius around the potty. Too often, people keep their opinions bottled up inside, or at least fail to do anything useful with them. I think this is true at Floyd College.

You could fill an entire bathroom with all the garbage the higher powers have put us through lately. The Charger Card, the exorbitant laptop fees, problems with the internet, etc. You can probably think of a few hundred yourself. But the good side of this is that we don't have to take this crap if we don't want to.

Example: Recently, FC had the bright idea of kicking all the students out of the Quiet Dining area and only letting people go in

with a reservation. But now, after all the bitching, complaining, and hell people put them through, we won back the dining room! And the neat part is, they don't even charge us a special fee for the chairs, tables or silverware.

This is what happens when people raise hell. They're heard. They're respected. They're responded to. So, next year, when many of you come back, and you're forced to sell your body on the street for laptop-money, don't. Let the administration know how you feel. Let them know you're pissed. We don't have to let this college financially sodomize us.

Many of you are leaving this year. Farewell and good luck. You will be missed here, in the land of the demented ducks and talking trash-cans. But you too should do all you can to prevent an administration from ripping you off.

Even though Floyd isn't a bad place, some things could be improved. If you're unhappy with something like a \$17 card that does absolutely nothing, for instance, or an expensive laptop that won't log on, it's not good to keep it to yourself. Don't let your complaints stop at the bathroom wall.

Goodbye. Thanks for reading. Give 'em hell.

Student Poll

What are your plans for summer '99?

"Lay out in the sun, work and go to Florida with my friends."

Jill Wells,
Cedartown

"Work, go to Florida twice, maybe three times and exercise hard."

Jill Hooper,
Cedartown

"Going to Florida, going to the lake and starting a new job."

Leslie Brown,
Cedartown

"Going to Florida, working and partying."

Damie Lumsden,
Cedartown

"Sleep; not work; and get ready to go off to school next fall."

Robi Ramey,
Cedartown

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I am responding to the editorial written in the last issue of the *Six Mile Post* regarding the e-mail downtime and the excessive charge for the laptops. While I do agree that the computers are a good idea, I am also opposed to the mandatory fee incurred. I have not spoken to one student that is in full compliance of the laptop and the outrageous fee imposed by Floyd College.

I understand that technical support is necessary and expenses for the laptops have to be covered. However, after being here for eight semesters, I will have paid approximately \$2,400 for a rental computer, if I do not attend any summer classes. If I were to purchase a laptop I would pay half as much and have free technical support. Where is all of the money going? Why do we not have an option to purchase a laptop and rent the Floyd College programming?

I was one of the students that had an assignment due during the e-mail downtime, but I was lucky enough to have a personal computer at home. I transferred my material to disk and e-mailed the information from my computer to my professor. This was only after I spent an hour on the phone, long distance, with the help desk!

My ending complaint is the fact that I am taking a 5 week summer clinical that is costing me \$150, but I have to pay my \$300 for the laptop. How crazy is this? My fees are more than my class! What's a college student to do? We are forced into renting these computers. I have asked everyone that I know if there is someone that we can express our concerns to, and the reply I get 100% of the time is "Tough; that is the price for attending Floyd College."

Sincerely,
Christine Miller

P.S. I am having to send this as an attachment from my home computer because my laptop is not working!

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Features

Faithful letter-writer bids Floyd farewell

By Shirley Sentell
Guest Writer

Dear Editor,

After nearly three years, I will graduate from Floyd College on May 15, and I have to say it has been an adventure. It hasn't always been easy, but it will always remain in my heart as one of the best times of my life.

When I started college with the intention of making some changes in my life, I had no idea how many changes there would be. By the time I had started my second year, I was introduced to the laptop, and though I was dragged into the computer age kicking and screaming, I have learned to love this little black box. Then came the transition from quarter system to semester. Boy, that was a change.

That first semester, I am here to say, lasted at least two years.

But my graduation and adventures aren't really what this letter is about. It's about how I will never think of Floyd College again as just a building. Because inside these buildings are some of the most caring and dedicated people I have ever met. And I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few things about them and to them.

First of all, I want to say thanks to my teachers, without whom I wouldn't have learned a darn thing. I want to thank these wonderful, gifted and dedicated people for answering my questions, for going out of their way for me, for allowing me to call them at home and for answering my emails. But, I want to thank them most of all for all of their words of encouragement, for not giving up on me and not allowing me to give up on myself. I would like to name all of you, but I am so afraid that I would leave one of you off the list,

and that would be so unfair. All of you have played a very important part in what has happened to me at FC, and for that, I am forever grateful.

I want to thank Ms. Cassity in the tutorial center for always being there for me when I was so very lost in the beginning. I want to thank the housekeeping crew for always having a smile and always saying a few kind words to me each and every day that I walked into the school. And I also want to say thanks to them for having the cleanest and neatest kept school that I have ever stepped into. What can I say? You are the best at what you do, and you have spoiled me forever on expecting all public restrooms to be so clean and well-kept.

I want to thank Glenda and the rest of the cafeteria staff for being so nice to me, for always making me feel welcome and for going out of their way to prepare something for me that was not

readily available on the counter. Thank you also for always asking me about how my schoolwork was going and about my family. You are the best.

I want to thank the security staff for always keeping a watch on the parking lots, for keeping things under control and for always being so friendly and helpful when I had to go out into the parking lots after dark. Way to go, guys!

I want to thank Elaine and Charlene, the two ladies out front, who always greeted me with smiles, asked me about my family and made me feel welcome at FC each and every day. I will miss you both so very much.

I want to thank Ms. Moody at the bookstore for always being so nice and kind to me and for helping me find what I didn't always know that I needed. Thank you; you are very special.

I want to thank Ms. Walker for being one of the best school advis-

ers that has ever existed. Thanks so much for putting up with me, sticking by me, and helping me find my way.

I want to thank all my fellow students for being so nice and polite to me and for accepting me for what I am. All of the students that I have met at FC are very nice and caring people. But it is the young students that I have met who have impressed me the most and restored my belief that our country has a bright, beautiful future.

There are so many of you, people that I have taken for granted, so often forgotten to thank for going that extra mile for me. I wish you all the very best that life has to offer, and again, FC, thanks for the ride.

Shirley Sentell

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Editor's note: Ms. Sentell has written letters to the editor for nearly every issue, this year.

Departing student tells FC thanks and goodbye

By Elton Freeman
Staff Writer

The Spring Semester is almost over, and a lot of students will be transferring either this Summer or Fall Semester. Today, I look back at Floyd College with memories of excitement, having fun, being informative, and learning. I have to give credit to each of my instructors before I transfer this summer.

Jack Sharp, Charles Blalock and Dr. Richard Trimble have all influenced me to do my best in mathematics.

I still remember taking notes in Sharp's class as fast as I could write. In fact, I usually had about two to three pages of notes after a two-hour class. I will never forget some of the jokes that Sharp would make just to keep the class

awake at 8 a.m. For example, Sharp would say, "Allllll righty then!" Actually, he got the quote from Jim Carey, but it did keep everyone awake and helped to promote concentration.

Blalock could make some great jokes, too. I now realize the potential gained in applying the math that I have learned.

The science department helps to bring light on the mysteries of science. Is there anything smaller than a quark or any way to fool Father Time? Yes, the answers to relativity and time travel can indeed be found. Science is fun and challenging. It can open new avenues to answer old problems, but it can also open more questions to phenomena that we cannot explain. Of course, challenging questions make science worth studying to every degree. Dr. Neil Koone and Dr. Harvey Moody both make the best out of science.

I still remember one quote that sticks with me to this day, "Whatever is above is the same as what

is below." The next day, I concluded that whatever is to the left is the same as what is to the right. I'll also remember Dr. Wang's computer programming class. I often daydream and wonder what it would be like to program the NASA space shuttle with a laptop or even daydream about reprogramming the *Starship Enterprise!* Hey, I think it could be done with some slight modifications. I also remember my very first computer course with Harriet Kiser, CL 090; that got me started with computer use.

Physical education is something that sticks with me to this day because I still try to stay in shape by working out and eating right. I think Catherine King gave me the idea of how important exercise really is.

I'll never forget my English instructors who helped me improve my writing skills. I found writing poems to be a great way to express your inner feelings and thoughts.

Of course, I also found that writing short stories could also give hints of the author's feelings, attitude and the main theme of the story. I guess that writing fiction has no boundaries or limits to what you can really do. You can write about anything that pops into your mind. All you need is an imagination, an eraser, a pack of pens and a pack of paper. Oh yeah, I almost forgot the thick dictionary that weighs close to ten pounds.

Actually, I think my English notebook weighs 19.5 pounds, but I always keep all of my notes for reviewing.

I remember my instructors Dr. Nancy Applegate, Dr. Pamela Kincheloe, Dr. Jo Anne Starnes, Frank Minor and Dr. Philip Dillard for the notes and proving that writing can be fun, exciting and imaginative.

I also look back at writing for the *Six-Mile Post* to be fun. I really liked the interviews, getting a chance to get someone's views or story, with various students and instructors around the college.

History is something that we should never forget. I still have the notes from Dr. Ralph Peters' and Dr. James Cook's classes. In a way, history often repeats itself but not in the same manner as before. I look back and remember the saying that "History must come together at some point."

I often look back at Jim McKeel's Psychology 201 class as a way to explain the science of human understanding. I still have many questions that are unanswered in this area. For instance, do dreams give future events to come? Is the mind really limitless? How can the mind be improved? I know that one day I'll find the answers and many more.

I really liked speaking other languages. I will remember Sheila McCoy's Spanish classes as being a way to learn a new culture. I hope to one day get a chance to go

to Europe and get to see new people and see what it is like to live in a different culture.

I also remember Dr. Margaret Davis, the Tutorial Center and the library folks who helped me to do my best.

Going from the past to the future, I look forward to studying more science and more science. I plan to go as far as I can in studying both physics and engineering, but I find that studying energy itself is unlimited. Who says that you stop learning when you get your bachelor's, master's or even a doctorate? The simple fact is there is too much knowledge to be gained from the universe to stop when you get your degree. The idea and concept of energy in the universe and the idea of becoming an inventor seem to thrill me to go further.

I am hoping that things will work out great at Georgia Tech. this fall. The university seems to have a good science and engineering program that will keep me studying hard for a maybe four, six or eight more years. I do have plans to join some science and math clubs, go to activities and even write more technical stuff.

Overall, I will miss the instructors of this school and the students here at Floyd College. It almost seems that a part of the Floyd College will be with me when I transfer. No matter where I go, I'll always remember the college where I started.

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News

FC students learn sexual assault awareness

By Bridget Moore
Staff Writer

Christi Sanders-Huskison, the program director of the Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, conducted panel discussions April 6 and 7 at the Floyd College central campus.

Students came to listen and discuss the issue of sexual assault during Sexual Awareness Week.

The Sexual Assault Center was formerly known as Rape Response of Rome.

"We changed our name because we wanted people to know that we weren't just available to help victims of rape, but we have resources for people who have been victims of many things, including attempted rape, child molestation and things like sexual harassment," Sanders-Huskison said. "All of these things are painful, and all of these things cause emotional problems."

Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted sexual activity that is forced upon another person against his/her will. It is the fastest growing violent crime in America.

According to FBI statistics, "One out of every 10 assaults is reported. Out of the cases that are reported and go to trial, only 3 percent of the attackers are convicted. Those that are convicted must serve at least 10 years in prison. However, 67 percent of convicted rapists rape again after being released. On average, a rapist will rape seven times before they are caught. One out of every three women and one out of every 10 men will be sexually assaulted in

their lifetime. One in four college women have either been raped or suffered attempted rape."

According to the National Crime Survey, 1.3 women in the United States are raped every minute. That equals 78 rapes each hour, 1872 rapes each day, 56,160 rapes each month, and 683,280 rapes each year.

Sanders-Huskison discussed many myths about rape at the panel discussions:

1 "A woman who gets raped deserves it." People may think that just because a woman wears a short skirt or flirts she actually deserved to get raped.

A comment such as this actually is irrelevant and takes the blame off the rapist.

Sanders-Huskison stated, "The fact is that somebody else chose to harm that person. That's the person who should be held accountable for their actions."

2. "If there is no weapon or injury, then it wasn't rape." Many women survive a rape without a scratch or a bruise, but the fact remains that they were raped.

A woman may not fight back because her attacker is much stronger than she, or he may have verbally or physically threatened her.

Also, it could be part of the plan. The attacker can use the fact the she isn't injured as his defense, saying, "Does she look like she's been raped?"

3. "A woman could prevent rape if she really wanted to." In 90 percent of all assaults,

threats are involved that cause women to not fight back.

Also, who wants to be raped, anyway?

4 "Rape is committed by crazy strangers." Seventy-five to 80 percent of all rape victims knew their attacker.

Most rapists are intelligent, manipulative people who plan their attack very carefully, and they are not going to let a potential victim think that they are in any kind of danger.

Fourteen percent of all victims of sexual assault called their attacker a close friend.

1. Know your limits and communicate them clearly.

2. Be assertive.

3. Get to know the person you're spending time with in a public setting.

4 Avoid being in isolated places.

5. Be aware of your surroundings. Always look for a way out.

6. Arrange your own transportation.

7. Trust your gut feeling. Don't worry about hurting someone's feelings if you have a bad instinct about them or the situation.

color, taste, or odor.

After ingesting the drug, the victim will be out cold for 8-24 hours. Afterwards, the victim will not be able to remember anything prior to taking the drug.

People the victim is with may just think that he/she might be drunk and may not be able to tell that the person has just been slipped the date-rape drug.

Friends should watch out for each other in such situations.

The panel was concluded with a brief introduction to the Clothesline Project.

Each shirt is a different color. Red and pink shirts represent rape and sexual assault. Yellow shirts represent battering. Blue and green shirts represent incest and child sexual abuse. White shirts represent those women who have died violently. The shirts are made in honor of the victims by family and friends.

These shirts are painted on during support groups.

Examples of these shirts hung around the Student Center.

One blue shirt said, "I hate his guts." A red shirt just had one word painted on it - "bad."

Sanders-Huskison commented on the shirts. She said, "It is a powerful example of the human process."

The Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia is located at 330 Turner McCall Blvd., Suite 200. The crisis line is (706) 802-0580. The office line is (706) 292-9024.

"All of these things are painful, and all of these things cause emotional problems."

- Christi Sander-Huskison, program director, Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia

During the panel discussion, prevention measures were also discussed.

However, Sanders-Huskison warned, "There is NO 100 percent guarantee. The only people who can totally prevent sexual assault are the perpetrators themselves."

The following prevention measures were discussed:

8. Look for warning signs, such as the other person always being angry or violent reactions.

9 Avoid abusing alcohol and avoid drug use.

10. Watch your drink! This is a major issue because of the date-rape drug, Rohipnol.

A Rohipnol tablet can be dropped into a drink and it will completely dissolve. There is no

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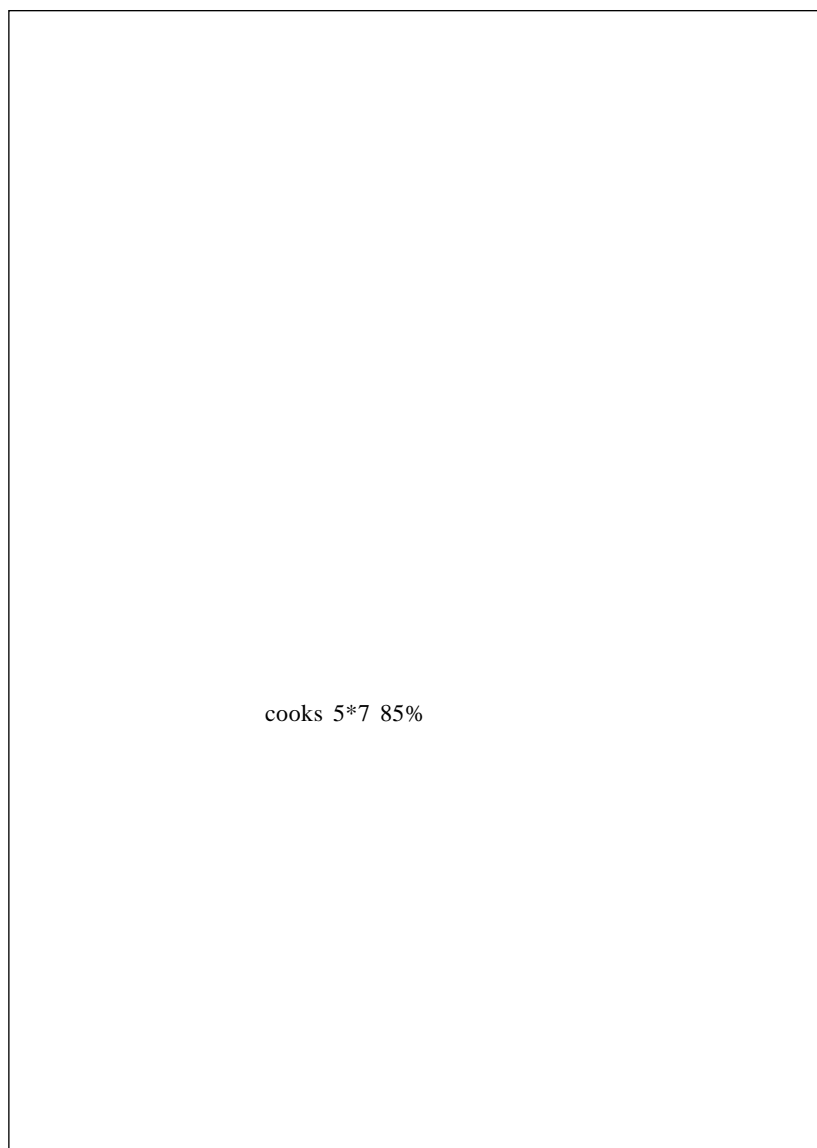
Are you a Non-Traditional student?

Are you strapped for cash for school?

Ten scholarships are now available exclusively for Non-Traditional students 25 years of age or older, getting very little other aid, and having a GPA of at least 3.0. Applications can be picked up in the Financial Aid Office. Deadline for the applications is

May 1.

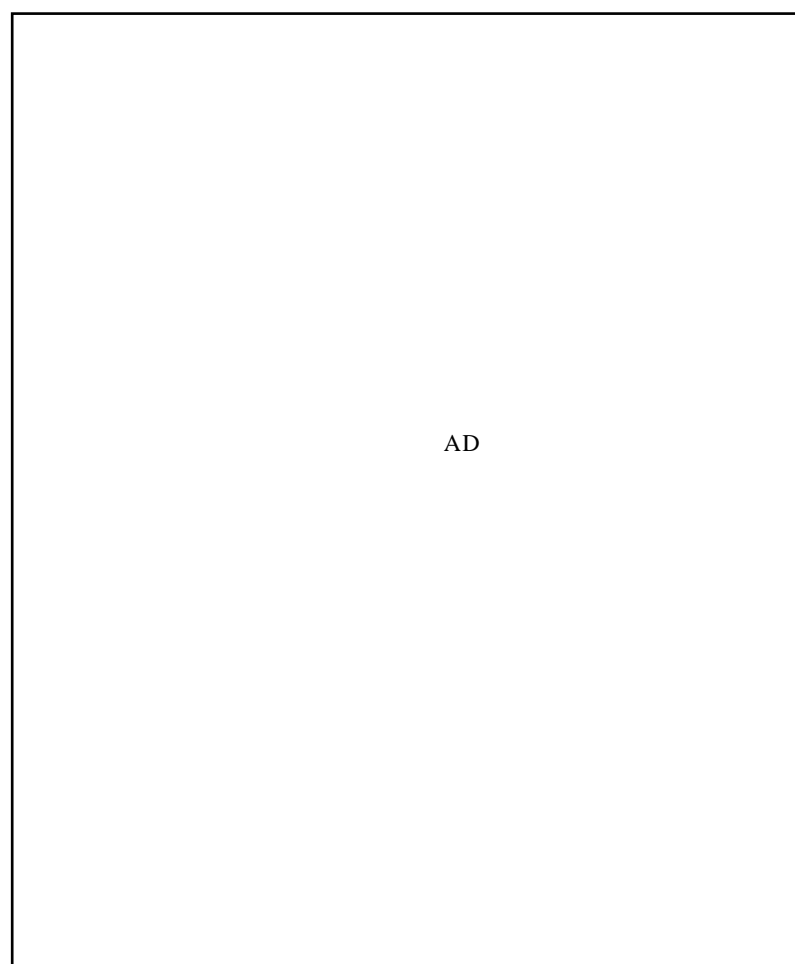
Floyd College students celebrate 'Spring Fling '99'



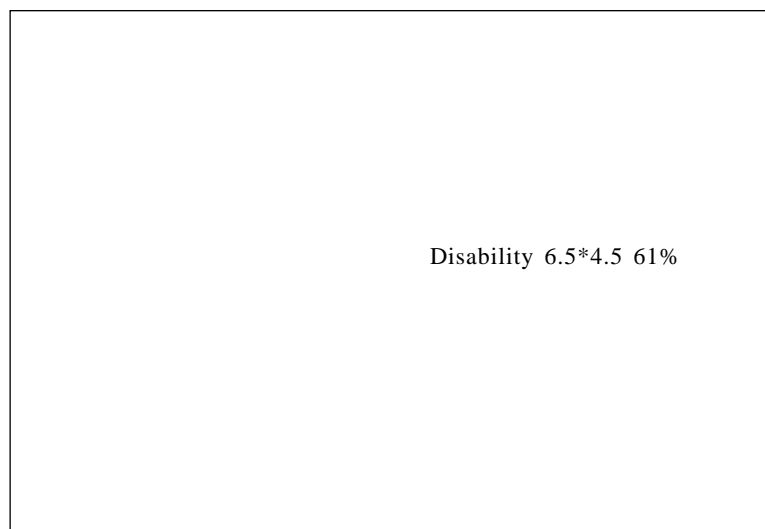
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Photo by Valerie Gilbert

Professors Brent Griffin (left) and Tom Harnden share a laugh at the Cartersville Spring Fling.



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Photo by Robin Bishop

Students from the Georgia School for the Deaf enjoy the event.

Central campus

By Matt Bowers
Editor

Even though the theme of this year's Spring Fling, or Tower Hour, was "No Fooling," there was still plenty of fun and activity to be found when this annual event was held on April 1, at Floyd College's central campus.

Although the event had to be held in the gym due to an overcast sky and possible rain, the various games and entertainment helped to keep the event fun, despite any obstacles.

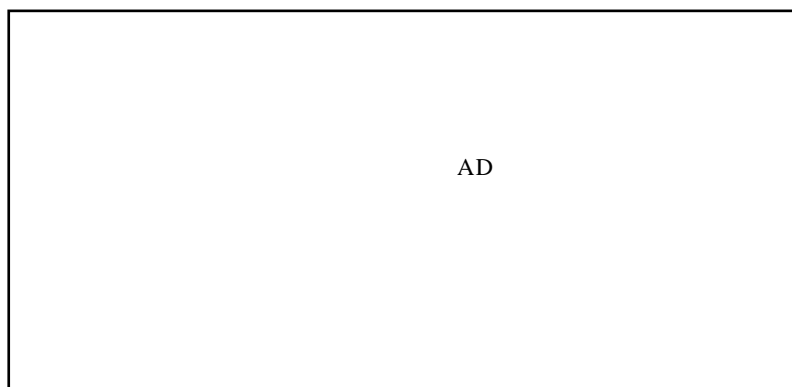
And speaking of obstacles, an obstacle course was just one of many large attractions provided by a company called Interactive Attractions, which is based out of Atlanta. Other games provided by the company included a large boxing ring where participants used padded, oversized gloves; a bungee run; and a jousting arena, where two competitors attempted to knock each other off opposing pedestals with big *Q-Tip*-like sticks.

The live entertainment included Floyd College faculty and students such as comedian and student Chris Parker and associate professor of history and musician Ralph Peters. A local band from Cedartown named Fracture also performed.

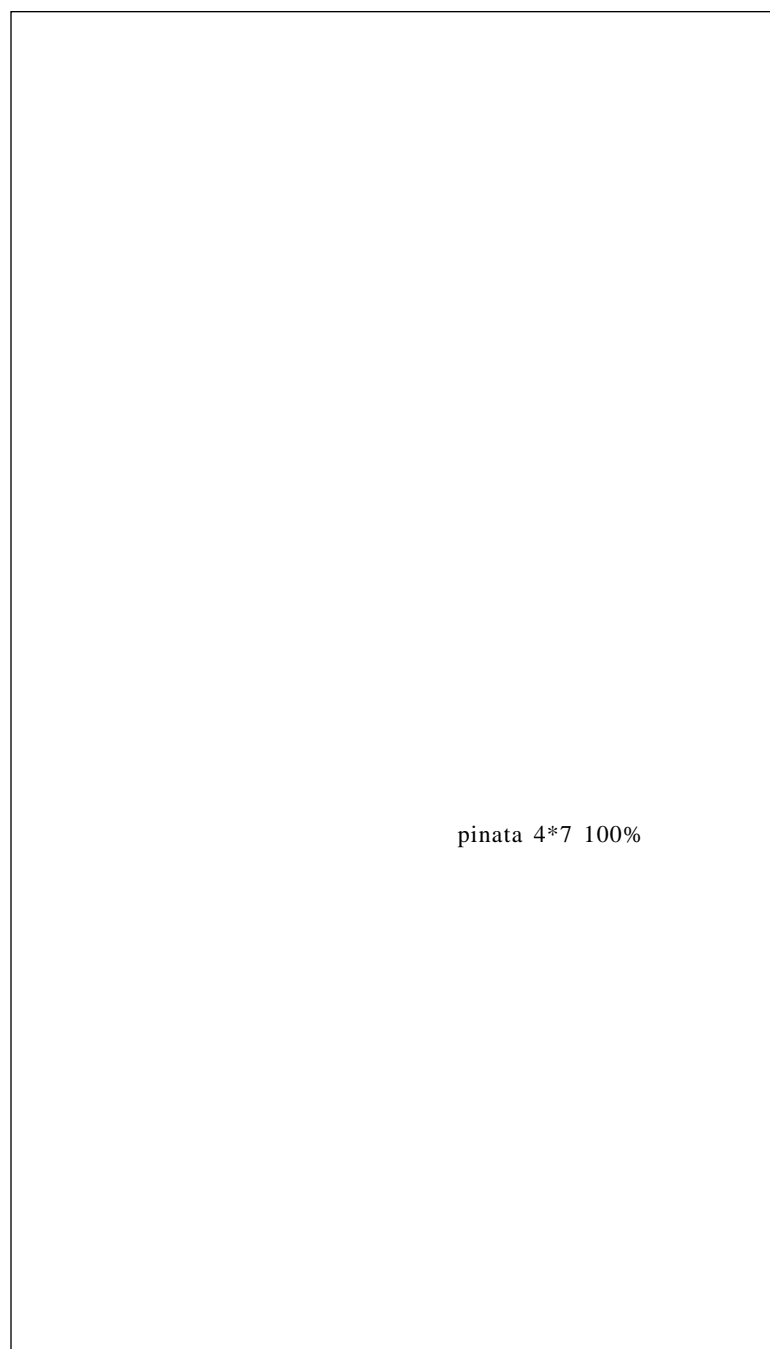
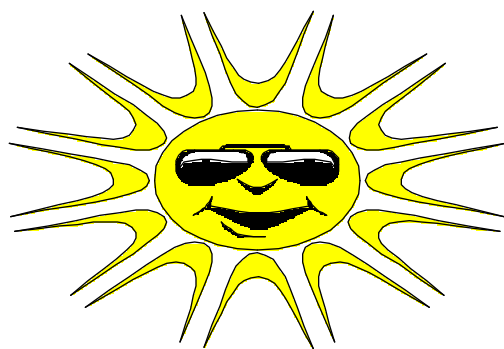
The main attraction of the entertainment portion of the event was comedian Carey Long, who lives in California and has appeared on such shows as *Star Search* and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Adam Ellis, a Floyd College student, ran the sound and tech equipment during the various performances.

There was free pizza, ice cream payed for by the Office of Student Life and drinks provided by Coc-Cola for the attendees of Spring Fling. T-shirts were also on sale, and any student who wishes to buy one of these shirts can still do so in the Office of Student Life for \$7.

FC student Andrea Wilman summed up the event by saying, "Big, inflatable toys for the simple-minded college student; you can't get any better than that."



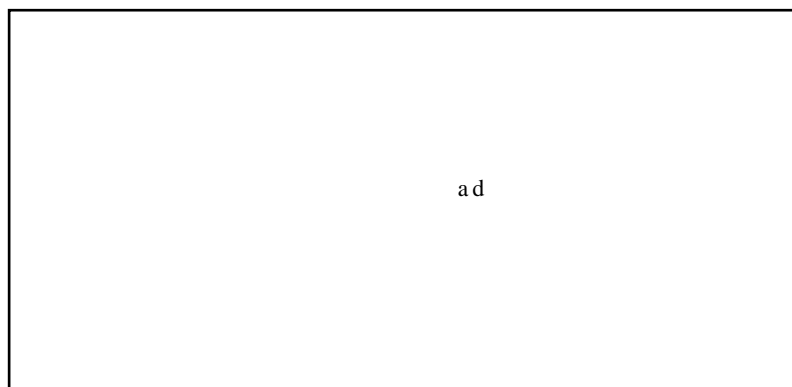
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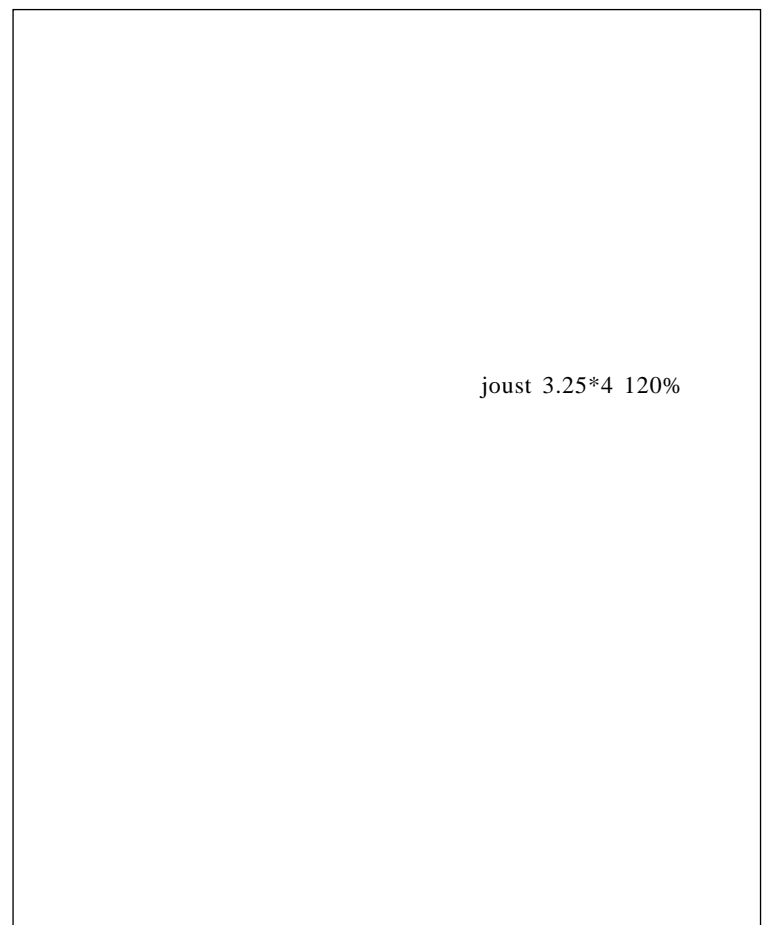
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Photo by Valerie Gilbert

Brandon Burgener, seven, takes a whack at a pinata at the Cartersville campus.



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Photo by Matt Bowers

Beth Ann Roach and Candi Hubbard duke it out while others look on.

Cartersville campus

By Valerie Gilbert
Staff Writer

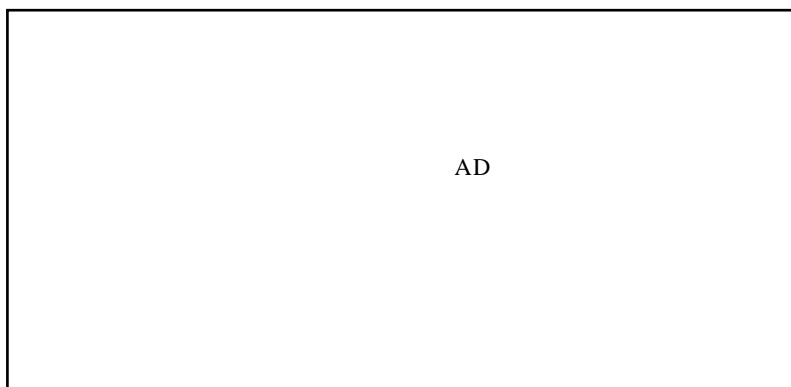
The Floyd College Cartersville campus held its annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 14.

Faculty, students, friends and family participated in an afternoon filled with food and games. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by chefs Tom Harnden, assistant professor of biology, and Brent Griffin, assistant professor of mathematics.

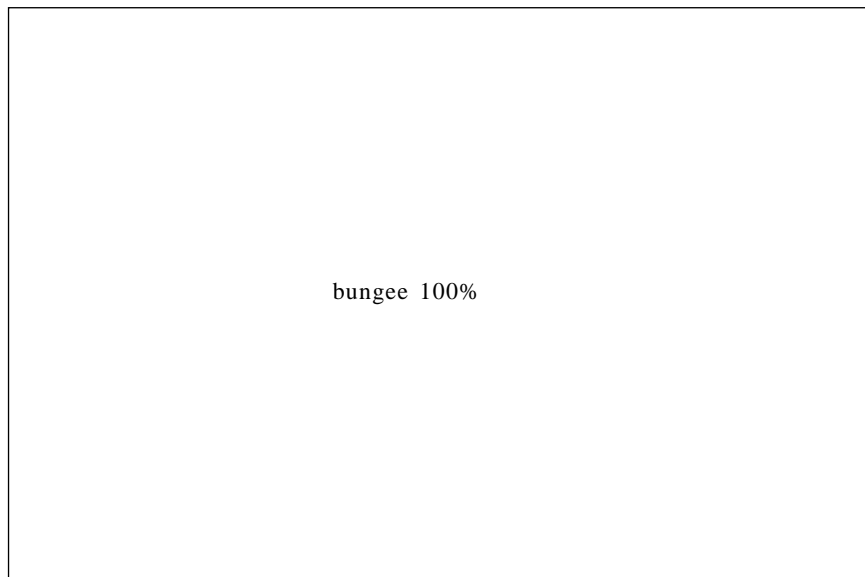
Games included horseshoes, badminton and a piñata contest. Local D.J. Tony Stringfield provided a varied selection of music. Students were also able to test their singing ability with a session of karaoke.

Student Katrina Mallory said, "The event was fun and better than last year's."

Carolyn Parks, director of the Cartersville campus, said she thought the Spring Fling was a hit and many people stayed right to the end. When asked how she thought the turnout compared to last year's, Parks said that though they didn't have a head count, she thought it was comparable to last year's event.

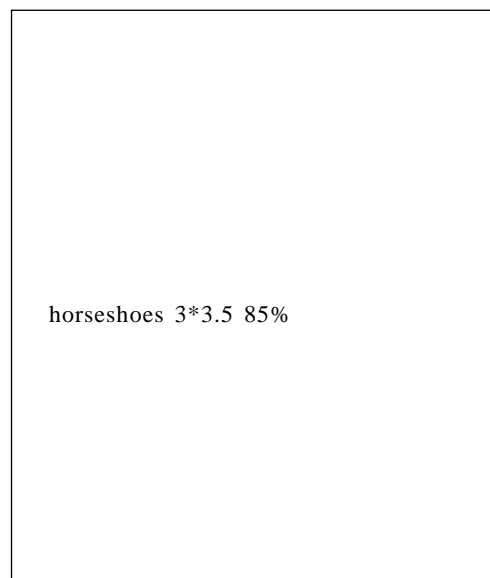


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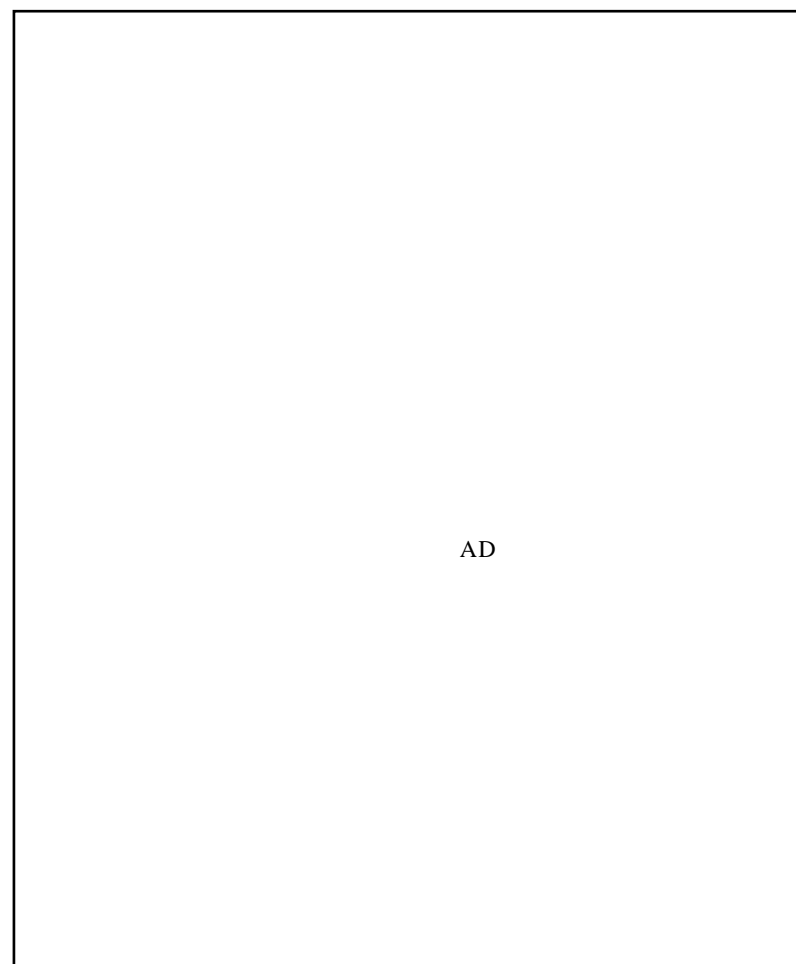


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Photo by Valerie Gilbert

ABOVE: Nicole Blankenship (left) and Bridgett Moore make a run while attached to bungee cords at the central campus.

LEFT: Chris Latam (left) and Darnell Jackson try their luck at a game of horseshoes.



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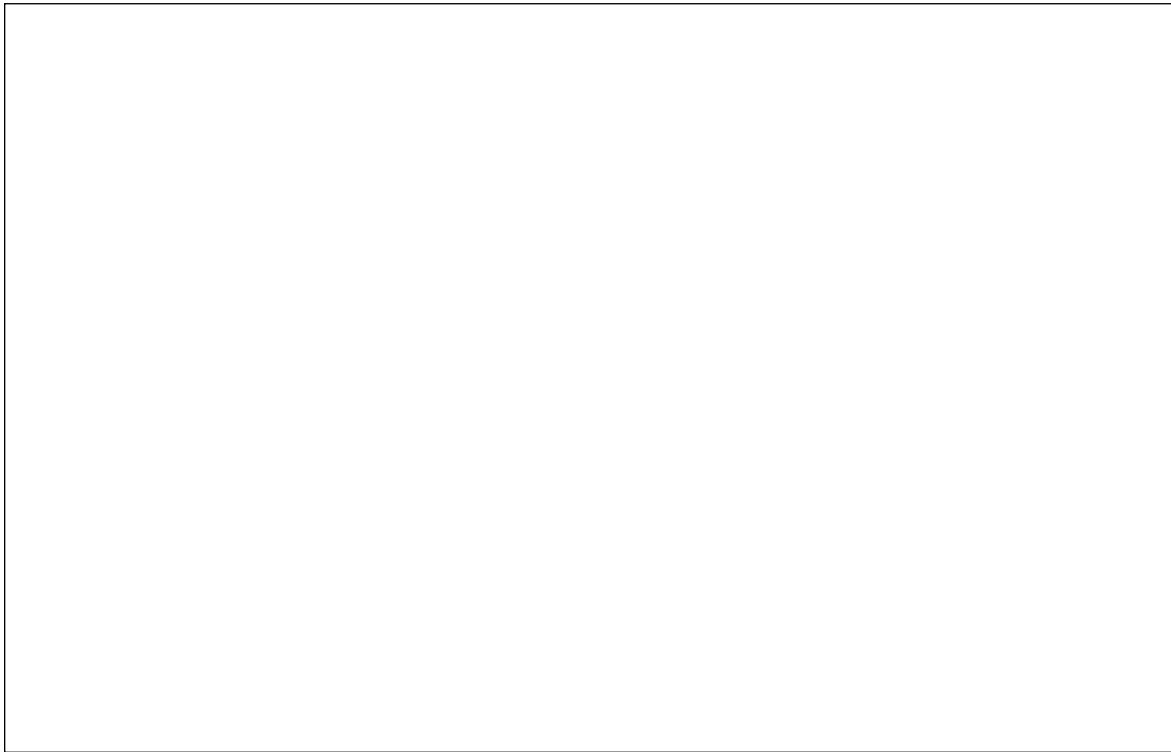


Photo by Robin Bishop

Charlie Blalock, night administrator and math professor, will soon move into the ministry.

Blalock prepares to move on to new work

By Elton Freeman
Staff writer

Charles Blalock, associate professor of developmental mathematics, who has taught at Floyd since 1973 and will be retiring July 31, looks back at his years at Floyd College as a special event in his life.

Blalock has instructed several of the math courses. He has instructed such courses as developmental mathematics, Calculus I and trigonometry. Before Floyd College, he had some experience as chair of the math department at Pepperell High School and had a teaching career with gifted middle school students.

Blalock is also the night administrator at FC. He keeps an eye out for emergency situations such as a tornado warning.

He recalls some very interesting points about his career that he enjoyed and will miss. For instance, Blalock said, "Getting a golf group together was a memorable event. I remember Dr. McCorkle, Dr. Walraven and Dr. Sharp playing golf."

He also said, "I remember the fun it was in the developmental department back when Richard Trimble was chair."

Blalock said that what he likes about Floyd College is "the professionalism of the staff and the atmosphere we have at the college."

Blalock said, "Diversity [in teaching] helps those students who learn differently." He uses visual, audio and demonstrating the use of formulas so the student can find the approach that best fits his or her learning skills.

He said, "The most important reward in teaching is seeing your students who were deficient in math moving up and making better grades. I see them now taking the upper level courses like Calculus III and higher."

Blalock will be moving into the field of ministry. He was called to preach in September 1998. He plans to counsel and to teach the word of God to those who need it.

The results are in

By Nicole Blankenship
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 15, the Floyd College student body voted on the 1999-2000 academic year student government executive offices.

President is Kerry Cox, vice president for special events is Robin Bishop, and vice president for public relations is Matt Bowers. By constitution, the president was allowed to fill the position of secretary/treasurer by appointment. Cox chose Theresa

Sweat.

A total of 125 students cast votes; 105 students voted in the traditional way, and 20 students voted online. According to Ashley Tull, director of student life, Cox received 59 percent of the vote. The other candidates were unopposed.

For the upcoming school year, the new SGA officials will be looking for senators and volunteers to help with the Student Government Association. If interested, stop by the Office of Student Life for more information.



Photo by Robin Bishop

Not just another day in the gym

Annette Foster, Laura Morris and Paulette Jordan learn to kick butt in Tae Bo class.

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Want to write for SMP next year? Contact Dr. Kemper at 295-6300.

Features

Shelton bids goodbye to Floyd College



Photo by Robin Bishop

The longest employed staff member of Floyd College, Jerry Shelton, reflects on his career.

By Matt Curry
Assistant Editor

Jerry Shelton, professor of physical education, is retiring this year.

Born in Lincoln, Tenn., Shelton attended college at Berry in 1954 and graduated in 1958. Shelton came to Floyd College July 1, 1970, when it opened. "As I retire, I'm the oldest, in terms of service," Shelton said.

He began as assistant professor of physical education. In 1976, he moved up to associate professor of physical education. He be-

came professor of physical education in 1982.

His administrative positions include chair of division of health, physical education and recreation, director of institutional effectiveness and planning and assistant to the president.

Shelton organized and worked at length with the high school basketball tournaments hosted by Floyd College. "We have a reputation here of conducting the best basketball tournament in the state. No other college or university comes close to equaling our involvement in that, during that

period of time. There's no other college, private or public, that comes close."

Shelton said, "We've been doing it for 16 years, for 240 dates, and we've conducted 810 games during that period of time. Two hundred and forty dates, and a total of 810 tournament games."

"One of the highlights of my career was the fact that I was selected as a national adviser for the National Youth Sports Program by the NCAA," he said. "We were considered the best instructional program for several years." For eight summers, he was given the oppor-

tunity to travel around the country and evaluate schools.

Shelton also likes to remember his personal experiences.

Before his career at FC began, Shelton had a fluke scrape with the New Orleans Mafia.

In the sixties, Shelton sold a car. "The car was a bad one ... I traded it," he said. "State law demanded that they take the tag off before they sell it to somebody else, but they didn't do it." After this, the car was sold. "What happened was, that it transported some people that were involved in criminal activities in Chattanooga. So there were two women who were running some kind of a scam operation ... related to prostitution." And they owned Shelton's old car.

"So what happened was that two guys who were members of the New Orleans Mafia were in Chattanooga ... to organize some Mafia activities. But they ran into these women and went to a hotel room."

The two prostitutes knocked the men out, stole their money and fled in the car - which bore Shelton's old tag. The two Mafia members, who had noted the tag earlier, later traced the car back to Shelton.

"They assumed that these women were working for me. One day I received a letter from New Orleans. It was a letter threatening my life for what happened in Chattanooga," Shelton said.

After roughly eight months of struggling with the FBI, the New Orleans sheriff and other investi-

gators, the situation was finally cleared up.

Since then, Shelton's advice to people has been, "Always take the tag off of your car before you sell it."

Aside from his work in the physical education program, Shelton has also committed much of his time to rescuing and nurturing small animals.

"I underwent a change in my life as early as 1968. I became concerned with the plight of small animals. Mostly dogs and cats." Shelton says this may be because he credits a German Shepherd for saving his life.

The incident occurred in 1969. Shelton was visiting friends in Georgia, when he himself lived in Virginia. "I was going to go home and my wife was going to stay with [the friends]," he said.

At roughly 1 a.m., he got on I-285 and his car stopped. With him was his German Shepherd, Jagady. Shelton got out, with the dog, and walked to a house for help. He convinced the person living there to call a friend of his for a lift.

Shelton and Jagady then returned to the car to wait. He said, "This car came up behind me and stopped. I could see the images of three people in there. I saw two of them get out and start walking up to the vehicle."

Shelton saw that they had an object with them, but couldn't tell what it was. "They came up and got right up close to the car, and that dog raised up, and boy, he let it out. And it startled them. They just stopped.

And I said, 'If ya'll come any further, my dog and I will kill you!'"

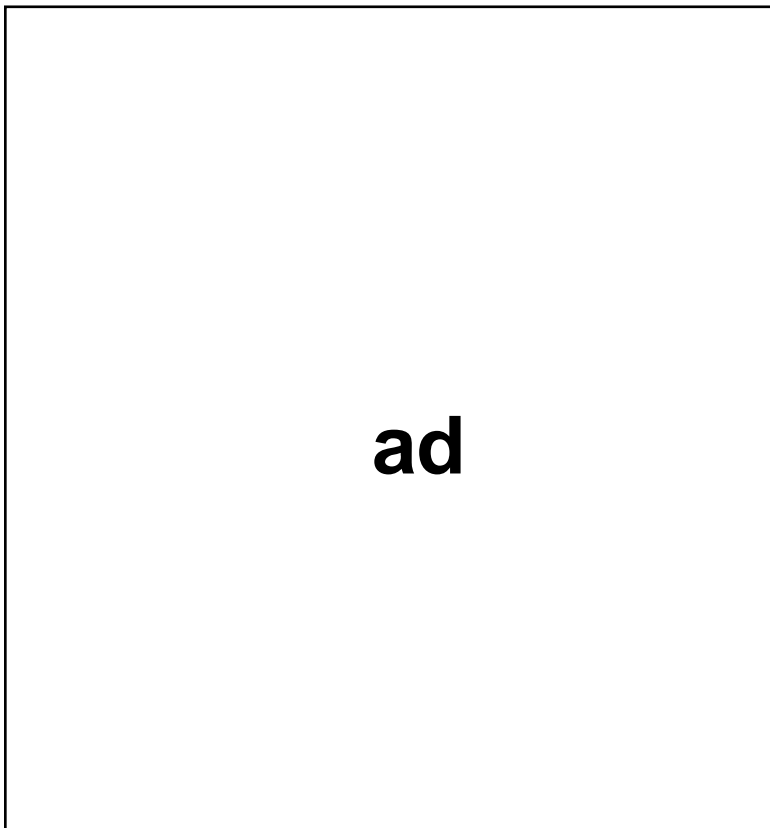
At this point, with the dog barking, the two men hesitated. Soon, they drove away.

After that, Shelton said, "I took to rescuing abandoned, thrown-out, discarded dogs and cats. At this point, since 1970, I estimate that I have cared for or rescued 400 to 450 dogs and cats."

Shelton carefully uses cages to lure stray animals in and takes them to animal shelters, or often nurtures them back to health, himself. This is a cause he has dedicated himself to since 1969.

After developing Floyd's physical education program, and working with many other programs over the years, what does Shelton plan to do in his retirement? He would like to continue square dancing with his wife, a hobby he has had for several years.

He also plans to re-landscape his yard.



Features/News

Alabama Shakespeare Festival proves to be a hit



Guest photo

Some of the group from Floyd College gather in front of the ASF Theatre Complex.

By **Matt Bowers**
Editor

Students and faculty from Floyd College attended the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, Ala., April 10 and 11.

Fifty-three people went on the trip including Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, Ashley Tull, director of student life, Dr. Jo Anne

Starnes, a retired FC professor, Dr. Tim Floyd, director of institutional effectiveness and his wife and Dr. Philip Dillard and his wife. The others attending were FC students from various campuses as well as a few citizens from the Rome area.

The trip began at 8 a.m. at Floyd College's central campus, where the attendees met and left

for Montgomery on a chartered bus and a Floyd College van. The group arrived in the early afternoon at the hotel where they would be staying.

After a short break and a quick change of clothes, it was off to dinner at O'Charley's and then to the Festival to watch Shakespeare's *As You Like It* on the Festival Stage.

After the play, the group made the short trip back to the hotel to rest up for a long day to come.

The next morning, after packing up, the group went back to the Festival grounds for lunch and a grand tour of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Grounds.

The tour consisted of both the Festival Stage and the Octagon Stage as well as a behind the scenes look at the prop and scenery room behind the Octagon Stage, the costume shop and other locations.

The tour guide stopped at each location, told the group a little about the place and then opened the floor for questions.

After the tour, the FC group gathered at the Octagon Stage to watch J.B. Priestly's comedy *When We Are Married*.

This play was a humorous piece about three married couples that find out on their Silver Wedding Anniversary that they were never really married at all since the priest that "married" them was not properly qualified.

FC students could be seen at many points throughout the play laughing at the situational and physical comedy of this piece.

After the play, the group gathered for a group photo before setting off for another long bus ride, this one heading back to the Floyd College central campus. They arrived back at the campus, generally exhausted by the bus ride, yet

feeling enriched by the experience.

"The trip is pretty worthwhile when you consider that it includes transportation, lodging and four tickets for various events," Tull said. He added, "For me, the most exciting thing was getting to know more of the students better."

The trip was cosponsored by the Office of Student Life through Odyssey Travel Program, which is funded through the Student Activity Fee and the Social and Cultural Studies Department.

Students who went on the trip had to pay an additional \$65 to \$102 depending on the number of people residing in their particular hotel room. Overall the average cost of the trip per student was \$75 to \$80 per person.

Kemper was the main organizer of the trip and has done so for the past 14 years. She said, "I really enjoyed the whole trip. I thought the plays and events were very good. However, I especially enjoyed getting to interact with students that I don't normally see and watching them meet and enjoy the festivities."

Plans for the ASF trip for next year should be ready sometime during the later half of the upcoming Fall Semester. Students that are interested can surf over to the ASF webpage at www.asf.net or visit the Office of Student Life once more information is released.

'Maymester' delayed for one more year

By **Katrice Sewell**
Staff Writer

The May session classes have been delayed until next year.

The "Maymester" was set to be a short session of classes concentrated into one month. The classes were scheduled anywhere from two to three hours long, Monday through Thursday.

"Maymester" was put off due to decisions about funding it. The state finances every semester at Floyd differently. The faculty is paid on a nine-month pay scale during the Fall and Spring Semesters. Payroll for summer session is done differently.

The state auditor had a difficult time deciding whether or not

the "Maymester" should be included in the Spring Semester funds or added to summer sessions.

When a decision was reached to attach "Maymester" to the spring session, Floyd College was in the process of registration for Spring Semester.

After many discussions, Dr. Joan Lord, vice president for academics, along with the division chairs, decided to wait until next year to start "Maymester."

For the students who were planning to attend "Maymester," the same classes will be offered during the first and second session of the summer.

Lord said, "We do plan to have one next year."

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Entertainment

Reviews for the eyes and ears

By Clint Frasier
Staff Writer

Movies

Matrix

I have been waiting for a movie like this to come out for some time now. The plot is wonderful. The viewer actually has to pay attention and think to really get the entire point and all the little details thrown in. Imagine that, having to think during a movie.

This one is filled with special effects, as everyone has seen on the previews. It will also make you think about the world around you.

Music

Eminem

Just about everyone has heard the "Slim Shady" song by Eminem. It reams of a luring beat with psy-

chotic lyrics describing the life of a young man growing up in a dysfunctional family.

The rest of the album is awesome. He keeps the craziness and wackiness throughout the entire album. Songs of drugs and insanity make the listener crave more and more. I could listen to this one all day. It is wonderful!

Dr. Dre is the man responsible for harnessing this young talent and taking him to the next level.

Events

Woodstock '99

This is going to be one of the cultural events of a lifetime.

It will consist of traveling to New York to spend three days in a field with hundreds of thousands of other people while listening to every type of music known to mankind.

Many of you are telling yourselves that you can not go. Why? What in the hell is stopping you?

Are you not able to get on a bus or a plane or maybe in your own car and travel to another city to have an experience of a lifetime? Don't set limitations for yourself. Go for it! Who knows, it might change your life.

Tickets are about \$150. I know this is a little steep, but it is nothing compared to the experience you will have.

If you would like more information on what bands are playing, go to any search site and type in "Woodstock '99," but to be honest there is no reason for this. If you go you will enjoy. Please...GO!

Rockfest '99

Sugar Ray, The New Radicals, Live, The Offspring, SilverChair, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Everlast and a few others will be appearing at this event. It is happening at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

If you need directions, go to the 99X website. It should be easy to find from that point. I'll see you there.

American History X; **'beneficial to the viewer'**

By Donovan Cox
Staff Writer

The video *American History X* is among the best releases to videocassette in the last few months.

This film was made as a documentary-type introspective into the life of fictional skinhead, Derek Vinyard, who is played by Edward Norton.

The plot of the movie focuses around what Derek did as a skinhead and the prices he pays for his actions.

Derek is the protégé of the biggest distributor of hate propaganda in his community. He encompasses the lifestyle of a skinhead and creates a name for himself. He soon becomes the ringleader of the white power community.

His rise to power and notoriety all ends when he murders two African Americans and goes to prison. Derek gets out after a while and works to save his younger brother, Danny, played by Edward Furlong, from repeating his mistakes.

This movie is one that embraces no certain idea or social group. *American History X* shows how morally and culturally wrong racism is, whether white or black. The movie actually makes the viewer question his/her own beliefs and thoughts when determining his/her actions towards another race.

The movie features excellent acting. Norton got a nomination for best actor. There is a lot of action in the movie, which keeps it edgy with some graphic violence and sex.

Viewers may be educated while watching this movie, not just entertained. When a movie can accomplish that, it is always beneficial to the viewer.

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Sports

Youth Sports Program to be hosted by Floyd College

By Aimee Harmison
Staff Writer

Floyd College, along with 189 other colleges and universities countrywide, will host The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) this summer.

Floyd College will hold the "camp-like" program June 14-July 23. This nationally recognized program is sponsored by the NCAA and The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

NYSP is a program that gives underprivileged children, ages 10-16, a chance to get involved in summer sports as well as to learn about drug education, math and science.

The camp has been in operation for 31 years, and Floyd College has hosted this camp for 27 years. The camp this year will offer such sports as swimming, golf, tennis, canoeing and basketball. Transportation to and from

the camp will be available. Each day the children will be provided with a snack in the morning and also a U.S.D.A approved hot lunch.

David Mathis, Floyd College physical education instructor and project administrator for the program here at Floyd, stated, "Last year our program met 95 out of 95 evaluation points and received 49 enhancement points." Mathis runs this program seriously and enthusiastically. He said, "We met all our guidelines this past summer."

FC faculty, together with student volunteers, are instructors in the program.

There is no fee for NYSP; however, children who wish to attend must meet the financial guidelines set forth by the sponsors of this event.

Anyone who has questions pertaining to NYSP may contact Mathis at 295-6353.

FC students help out with annual Special Olympics

By Nicole Blankenship
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On Tuesday, April 13, four Floyd College students assisted in the Floyd County Special Olympics.

Sophomores Scott Henderson, Jason Mull, Brandon Patch and Nicole Blankenship spent the day at Pepperell High School helping students in the special education department as they took part in the annual games.

After the "Parade of Athletes," Blankenship sang the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies.

Henderson, Mull and Patch were given the responsibility to make sure that four special education students were at the right station at the time of their competitions.

Each student participated in two or three events and received ribbons if they placed first, second or third in the proper event.

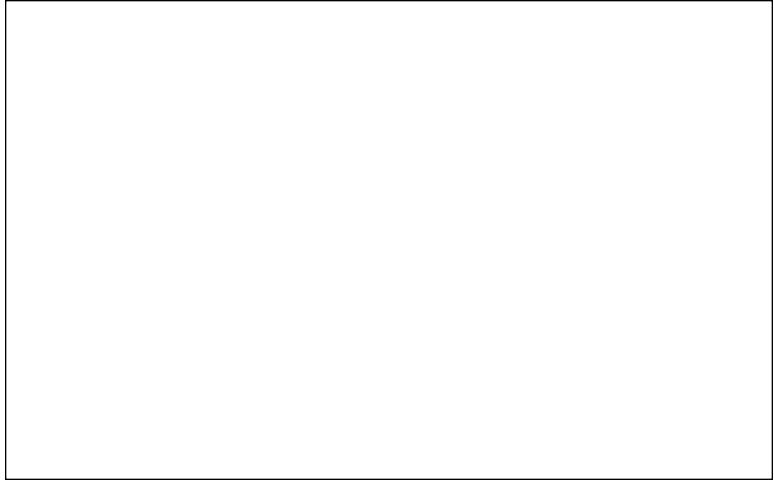


Photo by Nicole Blankenship

Scott Henderson and Brandon Patch (back row, from left) and Jason Mull (far right) take a break from activities.

Beginning in the early 1960s, the Special Olympics has been an annual event in Floyd County. Special education students come from all schools in the Rome City and Floyd County school systems to compete in such events as the 50-meter dash, wheelchair race, 100-meter dash, softball throw,

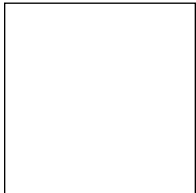
long jump and relay.

Patch stated that he did not realize how often we take for granted that we can just "go outside and run any time we want to, whereas some of those students can not." According to Patch, "The whole event was so much fun. It was a really good experience."

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Health

Health Column



By **Pete
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Taking Charge

Many of us have aspirations of looking fit, feeling fit and projecting fit. If I were to survey Floyd College, I could almost guarantee greater than 95 percent of the campus wants to look fit (not emaciated) and trim. Yet, many of us try to accomplish unrealistic goals, trying to become someone we are not, and end up hating exercise and negating good eating habits.

Our body size and structure reflects not only our eating and exercise habits, but also our genetics. The role this latter factor plays in determining body composition seems to vary greatly between individuals.

Body composition is the relative percentage of body fat versus lean tissue (muscle, bone, organs, etc.) We are all born with a cer-

menting the principles of a safe and effective eating and exercise program.

Each of us is given a specific number of fat cells and muscle fibers to work with. Even if you have a genetic predisposition to gaining fat, the way you live is what ultimately determines whether you become fat. Genes clearly play a role, but they certainly don't determine what you're going to have for dinner or how often you exercise. Chances are, if you're living an unhealthy lifestyle, you'll become fat and unhealthy.

All of us can't be thin. But every single one of us can be healthy. By focusing on what you're eating and how much you're exercising, you'll be able to achieve optimum health and fitness, even though you may not achieve society's ideal of thinness.

Accepting yourself does not mean that you're hopeless and that it's okay to do nothing. It means that you feel good and care about yourself and that you want to be the very best you can be, regardless of your genetics and regardless of society's standards.

Developing a healthy, positive

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-Dilorenzo

tain body type inherited by our parents. Although hardly anyone is a pure body type, there are three different applicable categories: ectomorphs, mesomorphs and endomorphs.

Ectomorphs have a light build with slight muscular development. They are usually tall and thin with small frames and narrow hips and shoulders. Mesomorphs have a husky, muscular build. They often have broad shoulders, and their weight is concentrated in the upper body, making them look compact or stocky. A heavy rounded build with shoulders usually narrower than their hips characterizes endomorphs. They have a round, soft appearance and are more often overweight or obese.

When we understand and appreciate our bodies, we are able to work with them, not against them. Although many of us are a combination of two body types, we cannot become what we are not. However, everyone can improve their appearance and his/her health and performance levels by imple-

image of yourself is the first critical factor in your fitness success. Having a strong sense of self-worth provides the basis for making rational and affirming decisions about your health.

Frequently, jealousy can cause unfit people to have prejudice against fit people because of their habits and looks. If an unfit person develops the same sense of self-worth and fitness habits as a fit person, that person has begun a healthy lifestyle. Please note however, I do not infer that an unfit person has to run the same distance as a fit person to be considered healthy (remember, work with what you have), but the unfit person has to be determined to exercise habitually like the fit person to be considered healthy.

Finally, discover and accept your body type, and take the steps to reach your full potential. Each of us has a contribution to make to this world and others, why cut it short with unhealthy behaviors?

Good luck!

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