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## Floyd College gets new president

By Mike Parker  
Editor

The wait for the new president of Floyd College is over. The Board of Regents and University System of Georgia Chancellor Stephen R. Portch named Dr. John Randolph Pierce, provost of the Lawrenceville campus of Georgia Perimeter College, president of Floyd College on April 18.

Pierce is to take office June 15, relieving Interim President Rob Watts.

"I am very excited about the opportunity and appointment. I'm really looking forward to this year," said Pierce.

Pierce says that he does not have any immediate plans to make changes to Floyd College: "The first thing I need to do is get up there and get to know the Floyd College community, students, faculty, etc. Also, I want to learn about the culture of the community."

Pierce has been provost of the Lawrenceville campus of Georgia Perimeter since 1996.

He has also served as the interim director of the

Gwinnett University System Center from 1994 to 1999.

Pierce began his University System career at Georgia State University, serving as a conference coordinator from 1973 to 1975 and went on to serve as a program developmental specialist for the College of Education from 1975 to 1977.

Pierce then went on to Georgia Perimeter College, serving as the business

campus administrative dean, a post he held until he accepted his current position of provost of the Lawrenceville campus.

"Randy is truly an outstanding product of the University System of Georgia, having earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees and having worked his entire professional career in the System," said Portch.

Pierce has also served on many committees dealing with issues such as grant processes, personnel searches, facilities, programming, master planning and academic program development.

He also has been active in his community, participating in volunteer activities with the Duluth Rotary Club, Duluth High School, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, the United Way and the American Heart Association.

Pierce served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves from 1969 to 1974.

He has a wife, Claire, and four children: Ashley Crowder, Maggie Pierce and Jay and Kap Yarbrough.

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- Dr. Pierce

manager for the community campus from 1977 to 1979. After this, Pierce held numerous administrative positions at all of Georgia Perimeter College's campuses, including continuing education coordinator, program director and registrar.

In 1988 he went on to become the Lawrenceville



New Floyd College president Dr. John Randolph Pierce

Guest Photo

## Secretary of State Cox to speak at graduation

By Colter Wallace  
Assistant Editor

Cathy Cox, Georgia's secretary of state, will be the commencement speaker at this year's graduation ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. in The Forum in downtown Rome.

Cox plans to focus her speech on civic responsibility/involvement throughout one's professional career, as well as election reform and the importance of citizens exercising their constitutional right to choose our nation's leaders.

The first woman elected secretary of state in Georgia, Cox

has an extensive background in law, journalism and public service.

She was born in Bainbridge, in southwest Georgia, where she attended public schools.

From Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, she earned an associate degree in agriculture, and she received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia.

After working as a newspaper reporter with *The Gainesville Times* and *The Post-Searchlight* in

Bainbridge, Cox entered Mercer University Law School, where she

was editor of the *Law Review* and graduated with honors.

From 1986 through 1995 Cox practiced law in Bainbridge and Atlanta. She has also served three years as assistant secretary of state. From 1993 to 1996 Cox served in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Cox has received numerous honors for her public service. She was named 1994 Conservation Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Wildlife Federation and in 1995 received

the Woman of Courage Award from the Woman's Policy Group.

The Mercer School of Law awarded her the 1999 Distinguished Alumna Award, and ABAC this year recognized her as its Outstanding Alumna.

For three years, *Georgia Trend Magazine* has designated her one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians.

The Georgia Commission on Women named her the 2000 Woman of the Year.

Cox was sworn in as secretary of state on Jan. 11, 1999. She won 133 of Georgia's 159 counties, receiving 57 percent of the votes cast in the November 1998 election.



Georgia's Secretary of State Cathy Cox

Guest Photo

## News

# Floyd College students to be honored at assembly

The 29th annual Floyd College Honors Assembly will be held on May 11 at 7 p.m. at The Forum in downtown Rome.

Ashley Tull, director of student life, will serve as the master of ceremonies. The organist will be Carolyn Walker.

Welcoming addresses by Lisa Berrien, SGA president, and Mr. Rob Watts, interim president of Floyd College, will begin the evening.

The Barbara Holden Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship Award will be presented to **Jennifer Payne** 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.

Jan King will present the Coosa Valley Home Health Agency "Excellence in Home Health Care" Award to **Sheila Frost**. This award is for a student who shows excellence in nursing and demonstrated interest in home health.

**Christine Nichols** will receive the Coosa Valley Home Health Agency "Lee Headrick" Outstanding Nursing Student in Geriatrics 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. This award is for a student who has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance and

dedication to nursing.

The Georgia Nurses Association 7th District "Excellence in Bedside Care" Award will be presented to **Gina Walters** by Vera Brock, MSN, 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.

**Corinthia Hughes** will receive the Redmond Regional Medical Center "Outstanding Nursing Student" Award. This award is given to a student nurse who demonstrates competent clinical performance and outstanding academic achievement. Laura Snow, RN, clinical coordinator, will present the award.

The Outstanding Achievement in Nursing Award will be presented by Dr. Barbara Rees, RN, DSN, professor of nursing education, to **Mandy L. Mathis**. 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 **Virginia "Jody" Puckett**. 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.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award will be presented by Wendy Linatoc, MPT, academic coordinator of clinical education in the PTA program. The recipient of this award is **Vir-**

**ginia "Jody" Puckett**. This award is in recognition for achieving the highest clinical achievement in the PTA Program.

Steve Burns, professor of social work, and Valeria Orr, president of the National Creative Society, will present the inductees to the 2001 National Creative Society. The inductees are **Anthony Arnold, Tammy Bartlett, Daniel Bell, Monica Chivers, Matt Crews, Matt Davis, Crystal Dean, Laterah Dunham, Jim Erale, Aimee Harmison, Matt Hayes, Megan Helton, Crystal Hightower, Eric Hopper, Angela Hoskins, Erica Johnson, Adrienne Jones, Jason Jones, Carissa King, Gina Lowery, Marie Morris, Mike Parker, Julie McKinley, Michael Packer, Jeremy Peppers, Danny Rampley, Serpentfoot, Adam Stanley, Adam Stepp, Jeremy Stewart, Justin Tippett, Elena Van Tubbergen, Colter Wallace, Crystal Weaver, Jonathan Weaver, Jeremy White, Matt Whiteside, and Mandy Wolfe.**

**Carrie Addis and Rita Robinson** are the recipients of the Dr. Melvin Perry 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 and Art Awards will be presented by Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English. The recipients of the Creative Writing Awards will be **Matt Hayes, Aimee Harmison, Eric Rose, Jonathan Weaver and Carrie Addis**. The Creative Art Awards will go to **Eric Dempsey, Yancy Crook and David Grigsby**.

The Journalism Award will be presented to **Mike Parker** by Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English/adviser of the *Six Mile Post*. This award is for newspaper staff members who have held leadership positions on the staff and have demonstrated exceptional journalistic achievement.

The Floyd College Leadership Award is for students who have shown the ability to initiate and complete projects and motivate others in extracurricular activities. **Lisa Berrien and Holly S. Ervine** 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

**Brijesh Patel and Elena Van Tubbergen**. 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 **Drusilla Fowler, Jeffrey Chandler, Cyndi Sanders, Brijesh Patel, Jane Everett, Casey Sims, Julianna Smith, Heather Palmer, Samantha Pierce, Rotricia Williams, Norma Murphy, Lisa Berrien and Jason Yates**. The presenter of these awards will be Ashley Tull, director of student life.

The Student Ambassadors Awards For Activity and Participation in campus and community activities will be presented by Linda Dyer, secretary of student development. The recipients are **Lisa Berrien, Ellenna S. Davenport, Zella E. Flemming, Donna N. Forshee, Paul M. Gilreath, Norma Murphy, Heather Palmer, Brijesh Patel, Samantha Pierce, Cyndi Sanders, Julianna Smith, Jeremy Stewart and Rotricia Williams**.

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 **Tim Adams, Lori Gorham Albert, Debra Arrington, Telena Barton, Dixie Bowman, Candace Bradshaw, Jennifer G. Brown, Brandi Cash, Sandra Cole, Jamie C. Cook, Jennifer L. Dennard, Holly S. Ervine, Jill Fowler, Shelia Frost, Fran Grier, Patrice Kelley, Brandon Knight, Lindsey Gentry, Sally Hall, Brian A. Horton, Cynthia Denair Lovinggood, Sonya Lesesne, Mandy Mathis, Debra Ann Mitchell, Amber Moore, Heather Palmer, Michael E. Parker, Brijesh Patel, Patricia A. Rizer, Eric Rittenhouse, Rita G. Robinson, Danielle Ross, Michael Adam Stanley, Kemberly R. Swanson, Cynthia Jane Sanders, Kathy Schilling, Allison E. Taylor, Connie Taylor, Dana West, Christy Williams, and Elena Van Tubbergen**.

The University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholars Award will be given to **Paul Gilreath** by Watts.

**Sharon R. Bradley, Stacy L. Clay, Donielle E. Dorsey, Angela L. Edwards, Sandra L. Jones, E. Laverne Lowe, Amy**

**B. Stamp, Maxine R. Taylor and Harriet A. Veasy** will all 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.

Greg Sumner, assistant professor of criminal justice, will present the Criminal Justice Honors Award to Robert Milian for his outstanding performance in the study of criminal justice.

Kemper 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. **Michael Adam Stanley** was chosen by vote of the English faculty to receive this award.

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Award will be presented also. 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 **LaDean Wise and Lisa Adams**.

Harnden will also present the Biology Award for outstanding performance in biology courses to **Brandi Leak**.

**Arthur William McCarver** will receive the Business Merit Award. This award is given to a business major who has completed 30 semester hours, maintained a 3.4 GPA and exhibits potential for success in the business environment.

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This award will be presented by Betty Nolen, professor of accounting.

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 **Jeremy K. Staton** by Nolen. This is awarded for the highest grade in accounting 2101 and 2102.

Dr. Harvey Moody, associate professor of chemistry, will present the Chemistry Award for outstanding ability and performance in higher level chemistry to **Paul Gilreath**.

The Berry College Transfer Scholarship Awards will be presented as well. This award is given to those who exemplify both academic excellence and good citizenship and who plan to attend Berry College.

Dr. Joan Lord, vice president for academic affairs, will be presenting the Graduation With Honors Awards. The Cum Laude students will graduate with a 3.50 to 3.69 GPA, the Magna Cum Laude 3.70 to 3.89 and the Summa Cum Laude 3.90 to 4.00.

Cum Laude graduates are **Audrey Elizabeth Williams, Brandee Kasey Thomas, Chad Pierce, Cindy Ann Burgener, Dana Lynn Phillips, Debra Ann Mitchell, Dennis Richard Hardin, Donielle Dorsey, Donna Marie Sanders, Heather Corinne West, Jennifer Leigh Dennard, Jennifer Susan Hillman Whatley, Judy**

**D. Phillips, Laura B. Hester, Miranda Kaye Adams, Sandra Cole, Shelia Frost, Sonya G. Lesesne, Stephen Patrick Black, Steve R. Galloway, Timothy John Bennett and Wendi Sewell.**

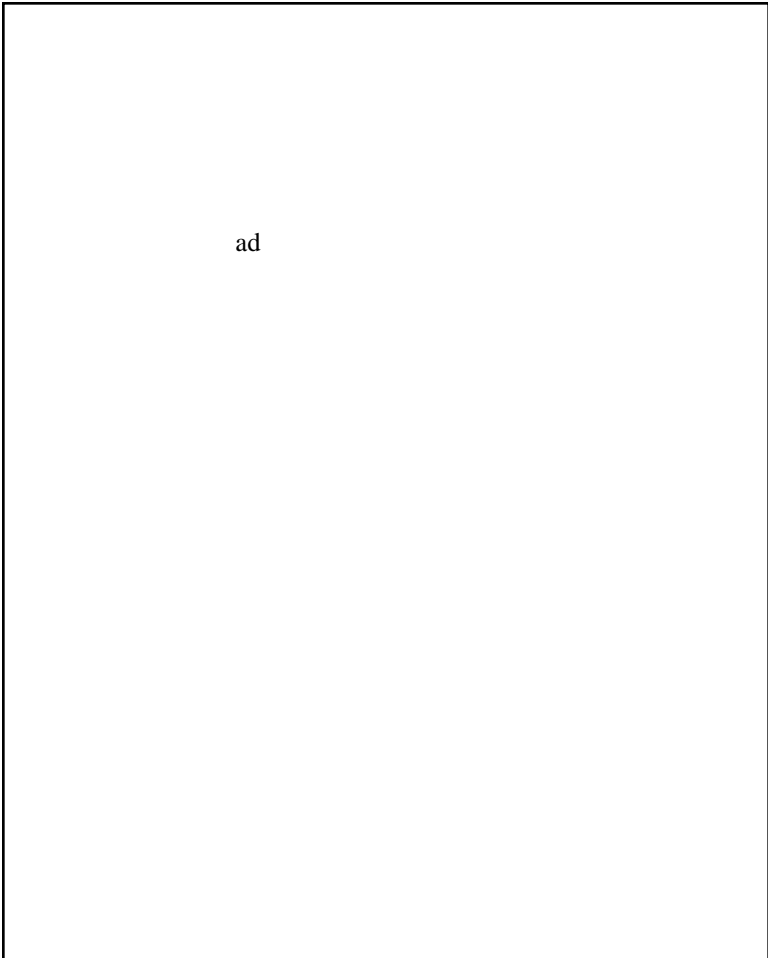
Magna Cum Laude graduates are **Amy Rebecca Baker, Andrea Atkins Sneed, Angela L. Alexander, Carmen R. Erwin, Carrie E. Addis, Crissy Beth Connor, Deborah K. Burnett, Donna Lynne Morrow, Heather Elizabeth Reddish, Israel David Free, Jennifer Leigh Wright, Jimmy C. Cason, Joey Robert Connell, Katherine Mitchell Couch, Kathryn G. Venable, Mandy Laine Mathis, Patricia B. Rizer, Renee L. Dittmer, Sherrin Denise Wattenbarger, Telena Jackson Barton, Thomas Lee Ward and Tony Stringfield.**

Summa Cum Laude graduates are **Arthur William McCarver, Jr., Brandi Lynne Leak, Elizabeth Anne Bowman, James N. Armour, Jr., Judy Faye Reider, Matthew T. Bowers, Pamela K. Ewers, Paul M. Gilreath, Richard H. Smith, Rodney L. Tidwell, Tina Marie De Filippo, Tonya Mulkey-Womack and Virginia J. Puckett.**

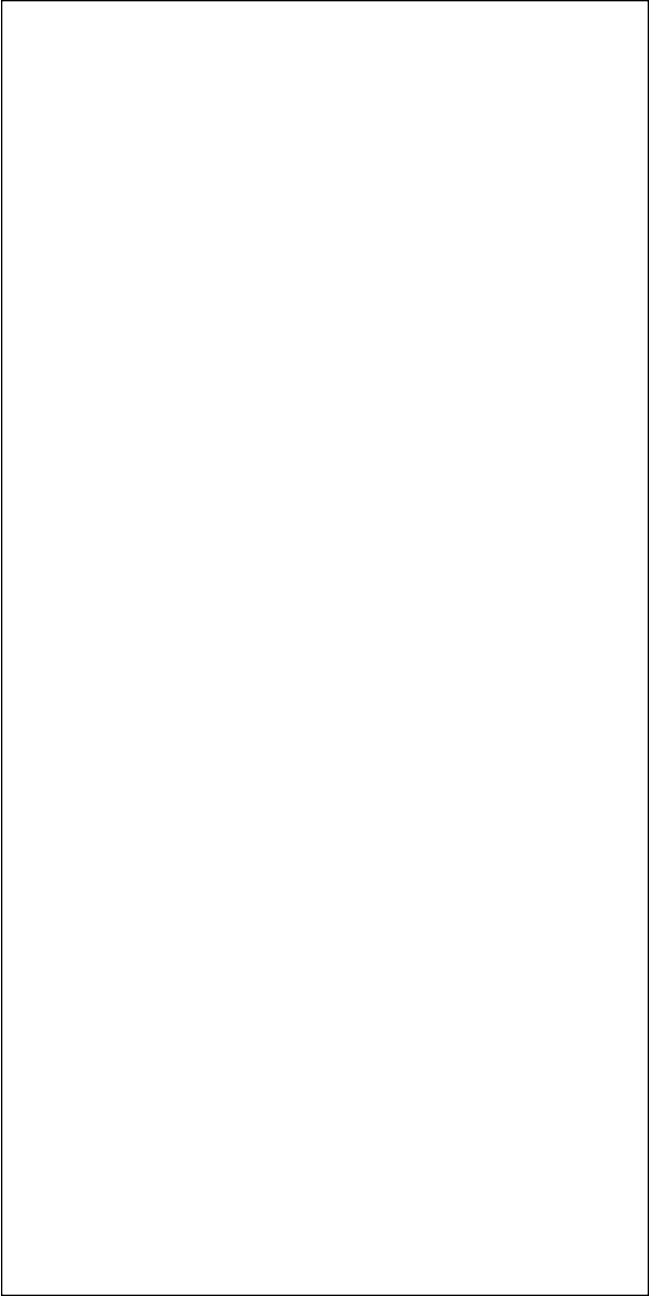
*Note: The list of graduates was provided by Office of Admissions and was accurate at the time of publication.*

### Ceremony dates

Nursing Pinning Ceremony - May 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Honors Night - May 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Graduation - May 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 All events will take place at The Forum in Rome.

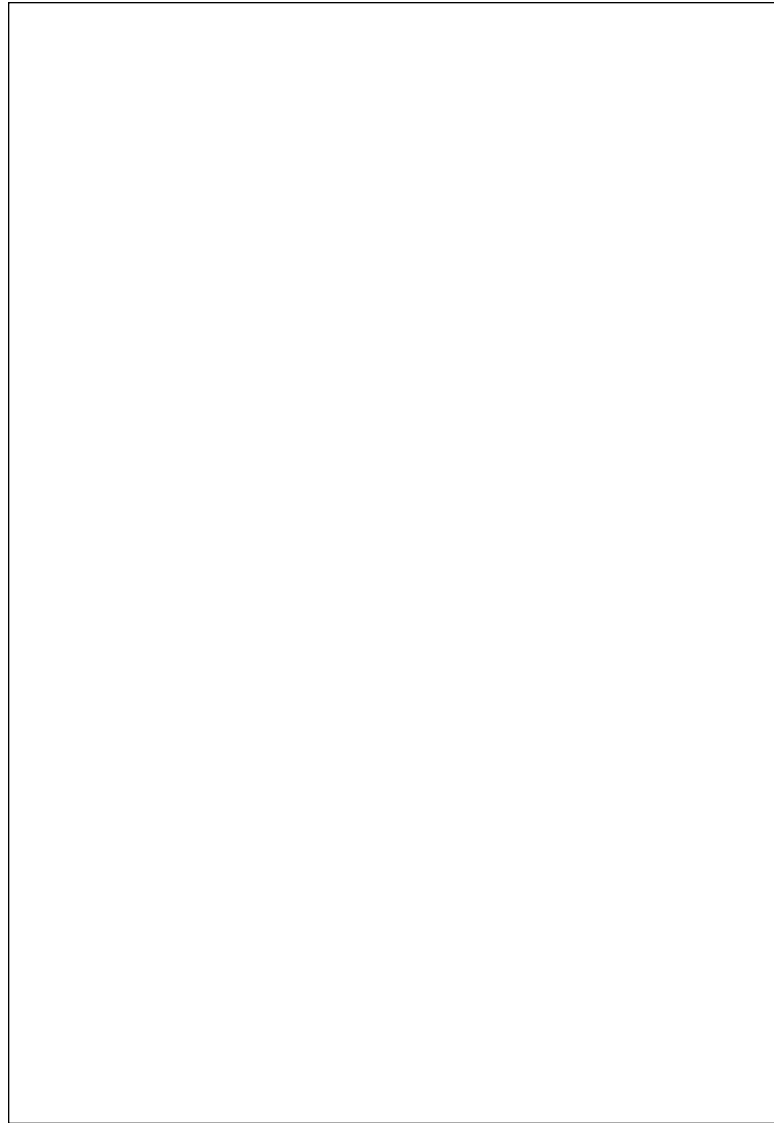


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## Rooftop to be worked on over the summer



struction will only minimally affect the other summer semester classes.

During summer semester, only lab classes will be held in the Walraven Building. Numerous measures will be taken to provide as little distraction and interruption as possible for the benefit of the students, Lord said.

All faculty offices will remain in use through the entirety of the construction. If problems occur, necessary accommodations for the faculty will be made, according to Lord.

During the summer, there are two large programs active on campus. One is the NYSP (National Youth Sports Program), which will hardly be affected by the construction since it is held in the Physical Education Building. The other, the PREP Program, will be greatly affected by the construction because it is usually held in the Walraven Building.

According to Lord, due to the construction of the roof, there will be no air conditioning in the building. For the students and faculty this will be uncomfortable, but tolerable. But for the computers and server hardware that are located in the building, the heat will be a problem. Since computers tend to run hot, if sufficient cooling is not provided, damage to the hardware of the computers and servers can result. For this reason, there will be a supplementary air system added to prevent damage.

Lord said the roofing project should be completed by fall semester. If the construction runs over at all, it will be for minimal changes and will not affect classes. In any case, it still will be completed by early September at the latest, according to Lord.

Photo by Heather Palmer

### Carpenter Barry Rogers inspects the Walraven rooftop.

By Colter Wallace  
Assistant Editor

Work will begin on the roof of the Walraven Building on approximately May 14, according to Doug Webb, director of the physi-

cal plant.

Construction of the new roof will not affect Maymester classes since no science classes are offered during Maymester.

According to Dr. Joan Lord, vice president of academic affairs, through careful planning the con-

## Famous author reviews her novel for the last book forum of the semester

By Jeremy Stewart  
Staff Writer

Author Mary Hood visited Floyd College on Monday, April 9 to talk about her novel *Familiar Heat* for the last book forum of the semester.

Despite car problems, Hood arrived at the main campus Solarium at 1:30 p.m. During the forum, the author talked not only about her book, but also on writing and how to get published.

Her book, *Familiar Heat*, focuses on a small, seaside community and the horrible events that plague one couple, including a loss of memory that encompasses the wife.

Hood stated that the amnesia plot line was derived from her own life. She was in an automobile accident once that caused her to forget all the events that happened the day of the crash.

Intrigued by what it would be like to "wake up a stranger in your own life," Hood added the in-

redient into her literary recipe.

The title, *Familiar Heat*, is taken from a line in Virgil's *Aeneid* when Venus comes to Vulcan to ask for weapons in order for her side to win the war.

Hood stated that the most important part of writing for her centers on knowledge. She added, "Enjoy what you know."

The author told an aspiring writer to "Read, read, read. Read everything. What's happening now. What happened then. What's going to happen."

Hood loved stories as a child and was inspired to write when she looked at the world and recognized stories that hadn't been told. She then proceeded to try and solve them in short stories.

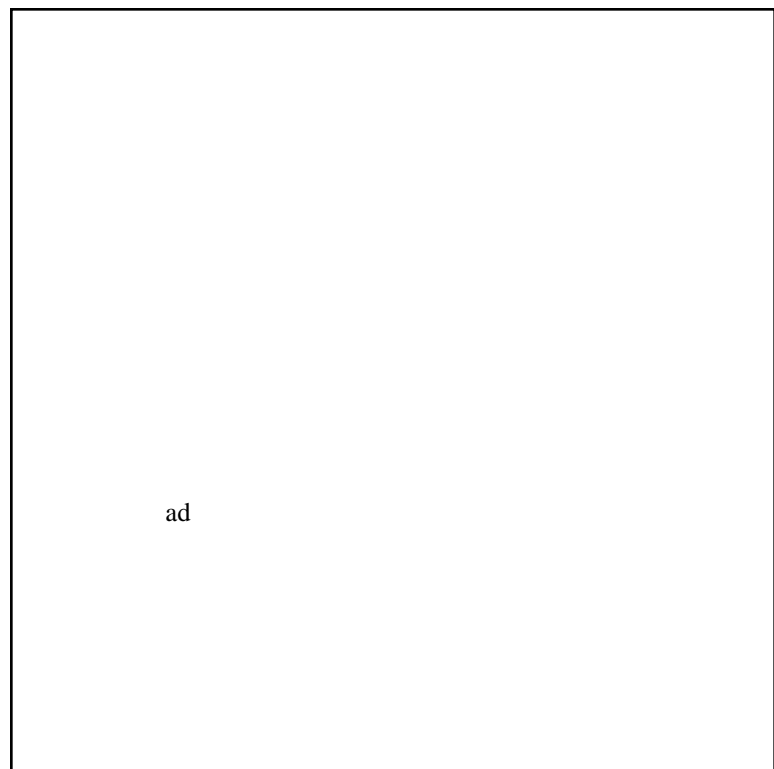
Hood said that she had no particular favorite author but that Shakespeare and Chaucer are her favorite "language slingers." She also admits to loving Hemingway and Woolf.

Hood went on to say, "Every book that I read inspires me one way or another."

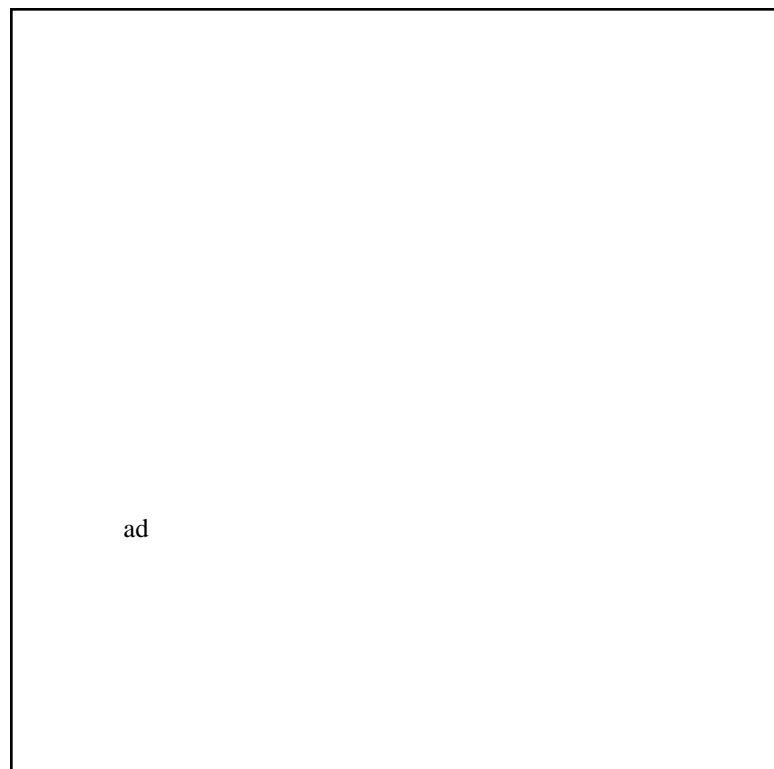


Photo by Crystal Hightower

### Students and faculty await author Mary Hood in the Solarium.



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According to Questia Media, Inc., 75 percent of college procrastinators make 3.0 GPA or higher.

Note: 300 college students enrolled full-time at two- or four-year colleges were polled.

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## Floyd College group takes the annual Alabama Shakespeare Festival trip

By Laterah Dunham  
Assistant Editor

A group of 51 people took part in the annual Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) trip to Montgomery, Ala. sponsored by Floyd College on April 7 and 8.

For 16 years, students and non-students have been going on the college's trip to Montgomery for a weekend filled with theater and fellowship.

On Saturday evening the group went to see *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. This play was performed on the Festival

Stage. The Festival Stage has seating for approximately 750 people. It is more of a formal setting.

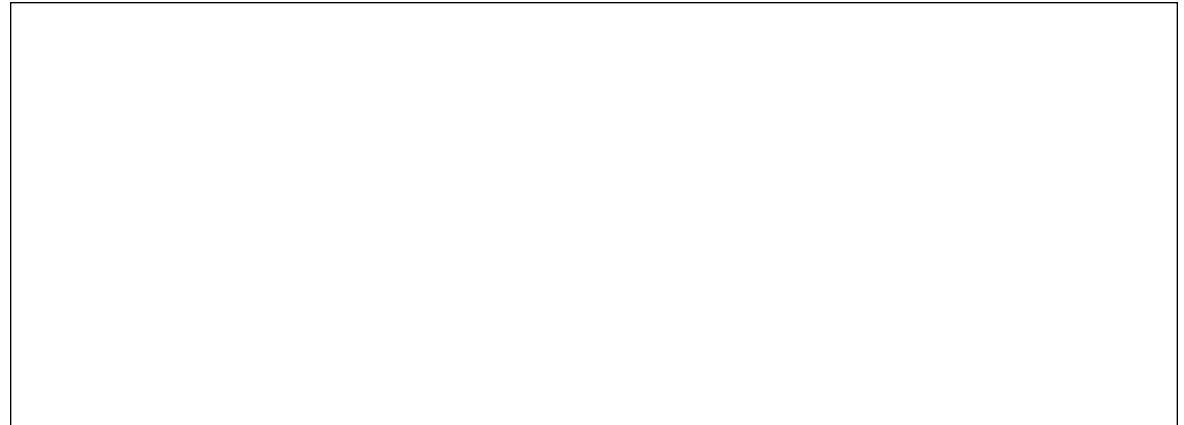
"It was the best Shakespearean play that I have ever seen," said Jason Yates, a sophomore political science and computer science major at Floyd College.

On Sunday afternoon, the group took a tour of the \$21 million theater complex. The tour began in the lobby and ended by the Shakespeare's Garden. The group was led into the Festival Stage and the Octagon and through the costume area.

The Octagon is an eight-sided theater. The audience sits on three sides of the stage. The stage is floor level and allows the audience to become more personally involved with the actors. The Octagon only seats 250 people.

In the Shakespeare Garden, there is a beautiful array of herbs and flowers. Every plant in the garden has been mentioned in a Shakespearean play. There is also a small stage with a straw roof that is built to last over 100 years.

The entire grounds of Blount Cultural Park, where the ASF is located,



Guest Photo

**The Alabama Shakespeare Festival group gathers for a picture while stopping for dinner on the way home.**

consist of around 300 acres. There are the theater complex and an art museum on the grounds. A large lake is in front of the theatre complex. There are fish, turtles and ducks that are residents at the park. Also there is a pair of black swans and their young that reside by the lake.

There is a very interesting story behind the two swans. The Royal Shakespeare Theater (RST) in England has several pairs of black swans. The Blount Cultural Park has done its best to model itself after England. The last things needed were a few black swans. The RST was called on the telephone, and ASF inquired about purchasing two of their black swans. The swans happened to belong to the Queen, and unfortunately none of her property can be sold.

The next step was to find out

where the Queen got her swans. It turned out that there was a swan farm in Montgomery approximately 15 miles down the road from the park that supplied the Queen with black swans.

There are also several statues on the grounds at Blount Cultural Park. There is a statue of Puck from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by William Shakespeare, in a grove of trees by the entrance. Another statue is entitled "The Puddle Jumpers." This statue is of six children jumping in the air and is only held up by three legs. Also there is a statue of a burnt tree with several children helping an abandoned kitten.

The group also went to see the play *Relative Values* by Noel Coward on Sunday afternoon in the Octagon theater. Several people that went were able to sit on the

front row at this performance and really seemed to enjoy it.

"In the play *Relative Values* family status was an issue but today it is not," said Norma Murphy, a sophomore early childhood education major.

Todd Gallagher, a senior transient student from Armstrong majoring in political science, said, "It was a really good trip. I liked *Relative Values* much better than *Julius Caesar*."

Just about everyone that went had a wonderful time and had really positive things to say about the trip. "It was great!" said Hung Vo, a freshman at Floyd College.

"It was an enjoyable trip. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is an incredible place and the actors did an excellent job in both plays," Doug Wright, a sophomore business major from Rockmart, commented.

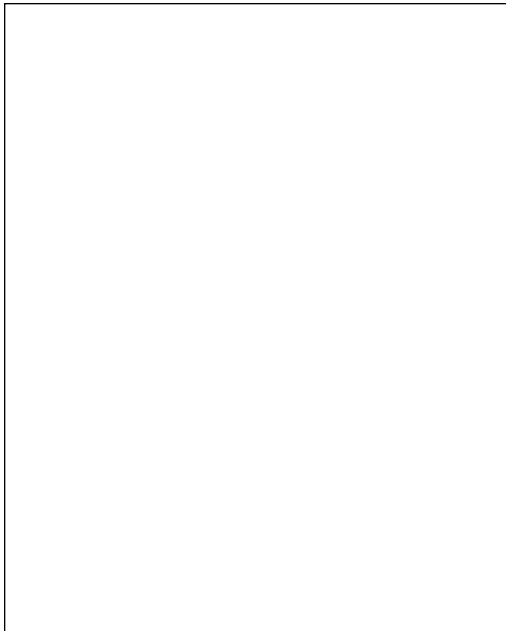


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**Statue in Blount Cultural Park of boys trying to help an abandoned kitten.**

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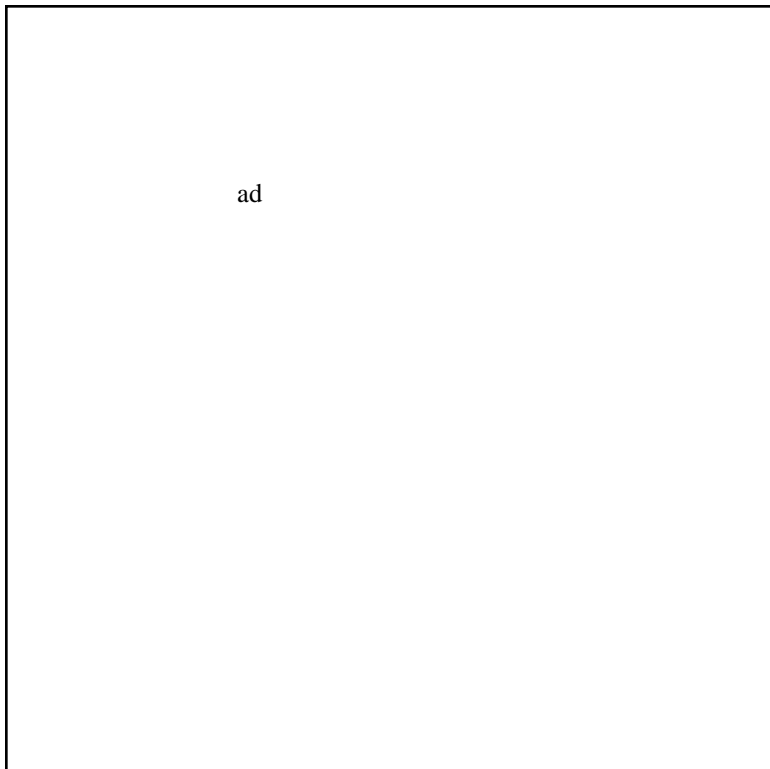
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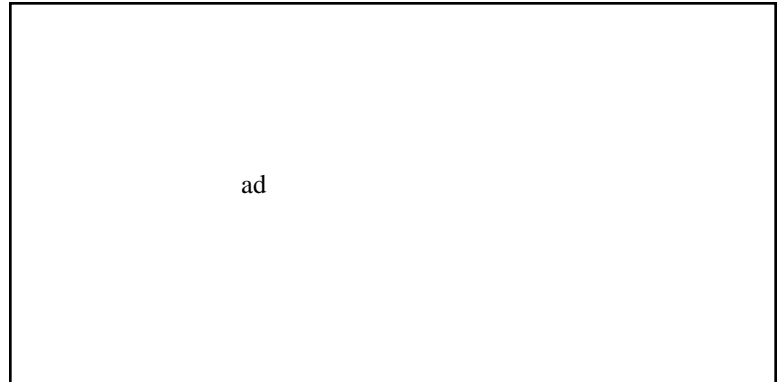
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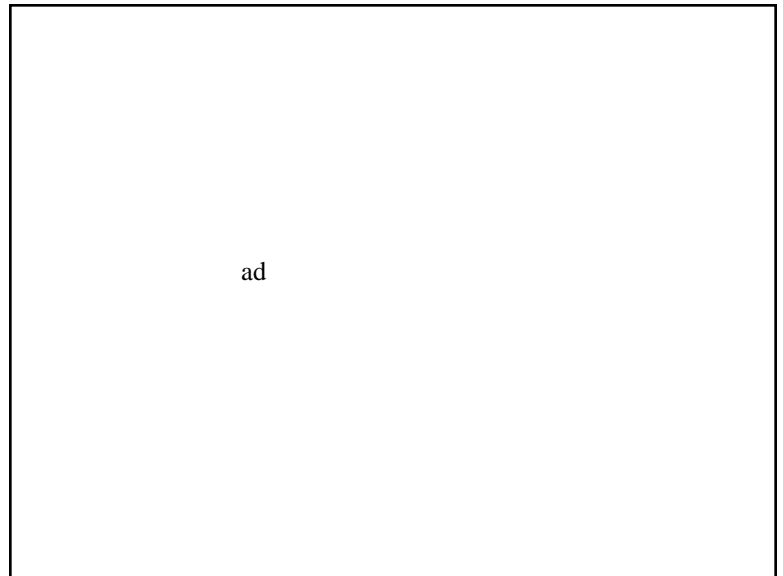
Don't forget to sign up for Maymester. Last day to sign up is May 9 and classes begin May 10.



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# Floyd College gives Student Achievement Awards

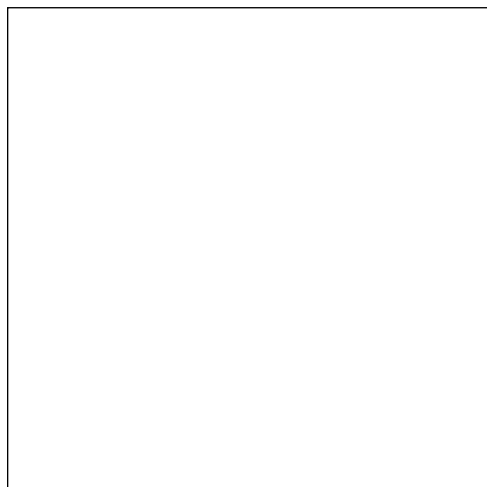
By Jesse Bishop  
Staff Writer

Nine awards were given at the annual Floyd College Student Achievement Awards ceremony held in the student center on April 17.

FC Bytes won the award for Organization of the Year. Jon Hershey, adviser and associate professor of English, accepted the award.

Winning the award for Most Improved Organization, was the Student Government Association. Norma Murphy, vice president of public relations, accepted.

Individual awards were pre-



Pierce accepts her mother's award from Yates.

sented to the following members of the Student Government Association for Outstanding Service: Lisa Berrien, president; Jason Yates, vice president of special events; Norma Murphy, vice president of public relations; and Rotricia Williams, secretary-treasurer.

Also receiving plaques were Gail Bentley, secretary of student life, for Support of Student Life, and LaNelle Daniel, associate professor of English, for Support of Student Life. Daniel's daughter, Samantha

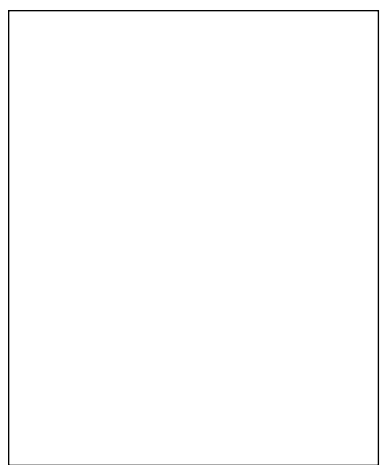
Pierce, accepted her award.

Ashley Tull, director of student life, opened the ceremony and presented most of the awards. Yates, newly elected SGA president, presented the awards to Bentley and Daniel.

The Achievement Awards were first offered three years ago as a way to bolster student involvement.

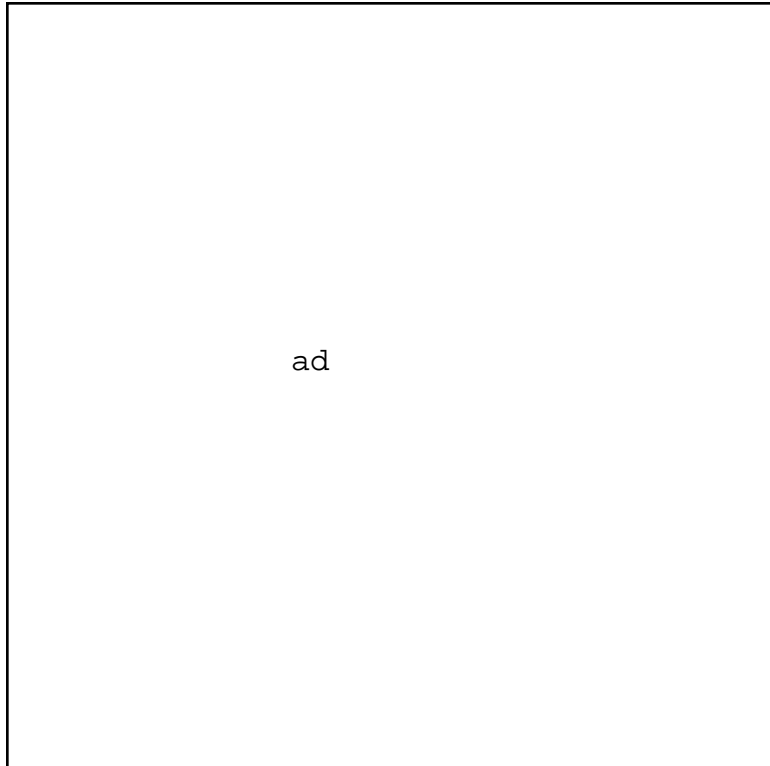
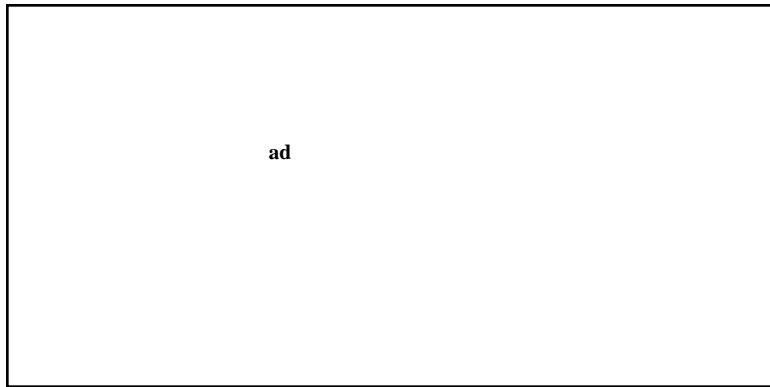
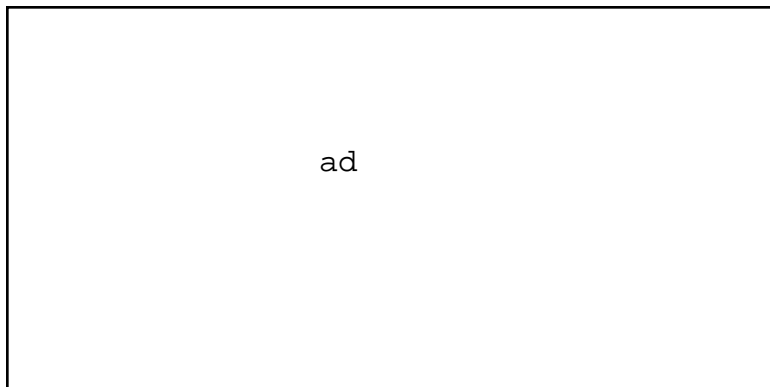
All recipients appeared proud of their accomplishments, especially Bentley, who blushed at the resounding ovation she received.

A reception followed the awards ceremony.



Photos by Heather Palmer

Ashley Tull presents awards at the ceremony.



## Lower fees part of laptop transition; committee working on final details

By Jeremy Stewart  
Staff Writer

Reduced technology fees and changes in the requirements for on-campus computer access are part of the new technology transition program at Floyd College.

On March 22, 133 votes of the faculty and staff were counted, and the results concluded that a transition plan would be put into effect by a vote of 129 in support.

Under the current Instructional Technology Program (ITP), students are required to pay a \$300 technology fee and have a laptop for all classes.

Among the highlights of the transition proposal is a plan to encourage students to obtain their own laptop, though the college will still have some laptops to lease. There will also be an increase in the number of on-campus locations at which a student can gain access to e-mail and a reduction in the current technology fee.

Rob Watts, interim president of Floyd College, said that the ITP

will become more flexible as a result of the decision.

Regarding the technology fee reduction, the president stated, "We have to get that off the backs of the students." The new fee will be around \$75 per semester.

Watts presented the proposition to the faculty and staff in order to gain their opinion on the subject. After holding a series of forums with faculty, staff and students, the Computer Committee, headed by Jimmy Barnes, associate professor of developmental math and computer science, compiled the ITP transition plan to present to the president of the college.

Watts said that the laptop forums were "extremely helpful" and thanks the Computer Committee for an outstanding job.

Watts emphasized the fact that the main goal for the laptop forums was to try to get as much feedback from everybody as possible. "We wanted a wide range of opinion," he said.

Watts believes that the college

should "move forward and not abandon the [ITP] project."

He agrees with the results of a survey of the faculty and staff showing that the ITP has enhanced both the students' understanding of technology and their educational experience.

Watts also goes along with many that say the laptops are very helpful in all communication. He said, "This technology is a way that students communicate with both faculty and other students."

According to Watts, the new fee and details should be known before the end of April, and the college will initiate a full-fledged publicity campaign announcing the changes to those on campus and in the community.

An ITP Transition Team has been established in order to work through the many remaining uncertainties of the plan.

Dr. Soumitra Chattopadhyay, chair of the division of science, math department and physical education will serve as chair of the team.

## Dental students receive scholarship



Guest Photo

Linn Madden (right), Pam McGinnis (center) and Amanda Robles (left), dental hygiene students, have received scholarships from the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society. The awards were presented by Dr. Gerrit Hagman at the 89th annual Thomas Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta on March 17. The awards are based on academic performance and need. The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society promotes education in the dental profession.

# News

## New student government officers selected for upcoming year

By Laterah Dunham  
Assistant Editor

Jason Yates is the newly elected president of the student government association. Vice president of special events is Jeremy Stewart, and vice president of public relations is Brijesh Patel.

The results of the April 4-5 election were announced on April 10 by Ashley Tull, director of student life. Voting was by email and a total of 45 votes were cast.

All the new officers are excited about their new positions and cannot wait to begin working together next year.

Yates, a sophomore political science and computer science major, who received 23 votes said, "I want to thank all the students, those who voted for me and those

who did not. I am just glad to see the Student Life Office area.

that students care about those who serve as SGA officers. I am very excited to be able to serve the students, and I look forward to implementing all my ideas. I would also like to thank Norma Murphy and Colter Wallace [candidates for SGA president] for a good clean competition."

Yates encouraged students with concerns or suggestions to email him at wyate00 or come by his office in

"As of now I have named Samantha Pierce as my secretary for next year. I appreciate all of

the volunteers for the position.

Thanks again for voting and I look forward to serving you this next year. God bless," Yates said.

Stewart, a freshman who received 13 votes, said, "Serving the public has always been an influence on my moral standings. Being elected as vice president of

special events is an honor that I will uphold with the greatest commitment. For those of who voted

for me, I will try to live up to your expectations. For those of you who did not, I hope you will allow me to serve in this office with passion and caring."

Patel, a sophomore majoring in computer science who received 12 votes, had this to say: "I would like to thank all the students for electing me. I would like to repay them by doing the job that I have been appointed to properly with full commitment and dedication. I am really looking forward to working with Jason and Jeremy, and I think we will make a great team and be a good representation of the student body. I would like to thank everyone again for electing me."

The three new officers are already starting to come up with new and fresh ideas for next year.

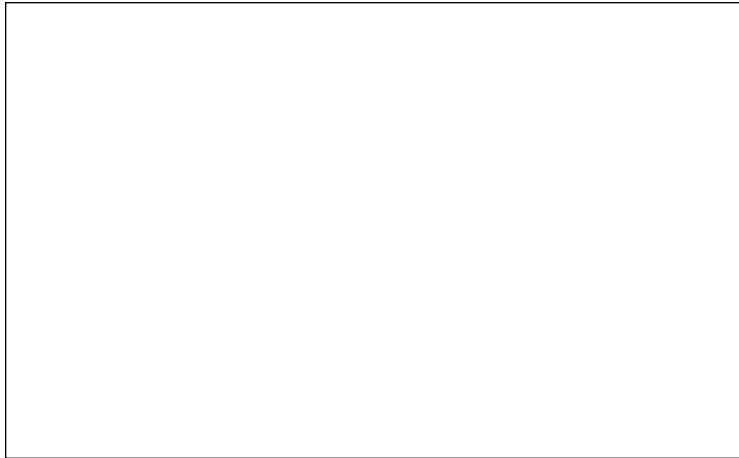


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Newly elected officers Patel(from left), Yates and Stewart

## Breakfast is served once again

By Jesse Bishop  
Staff Writer

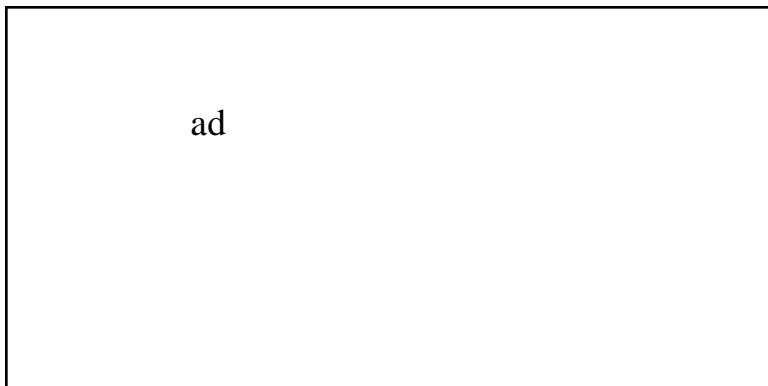
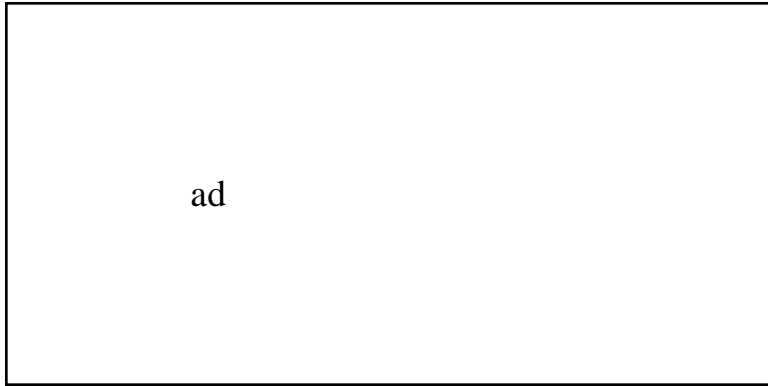
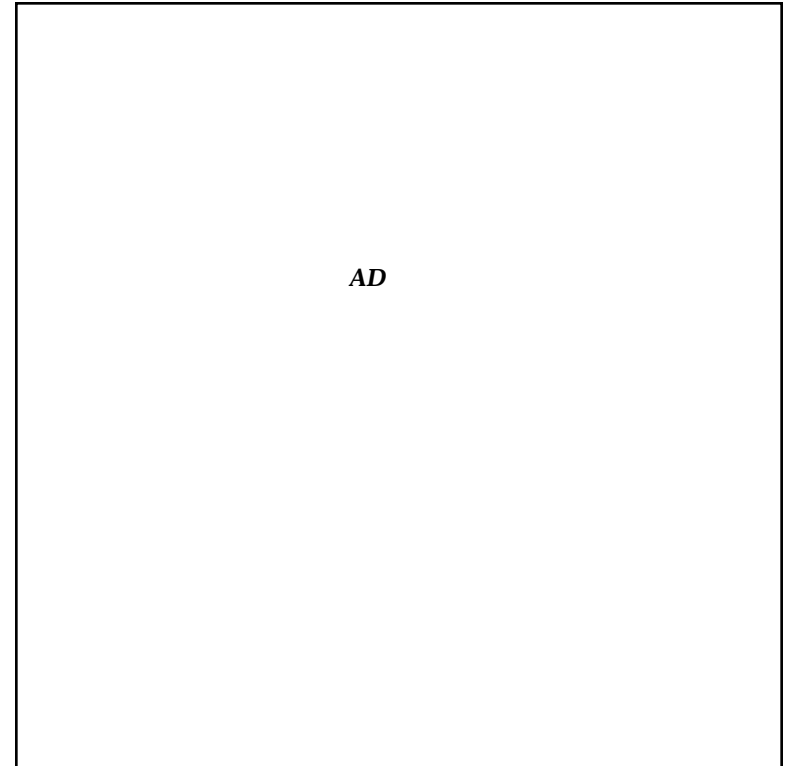
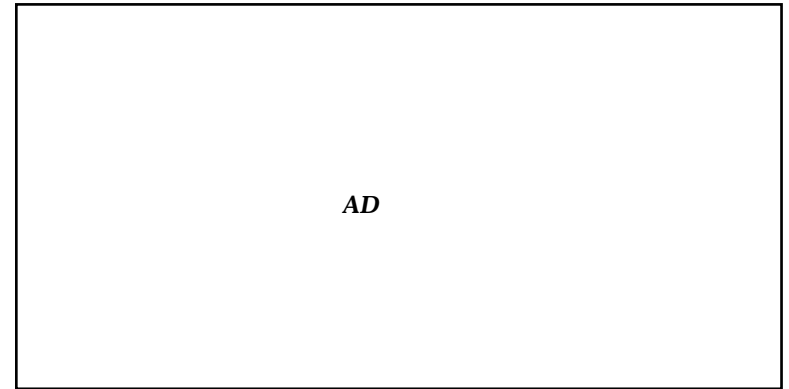
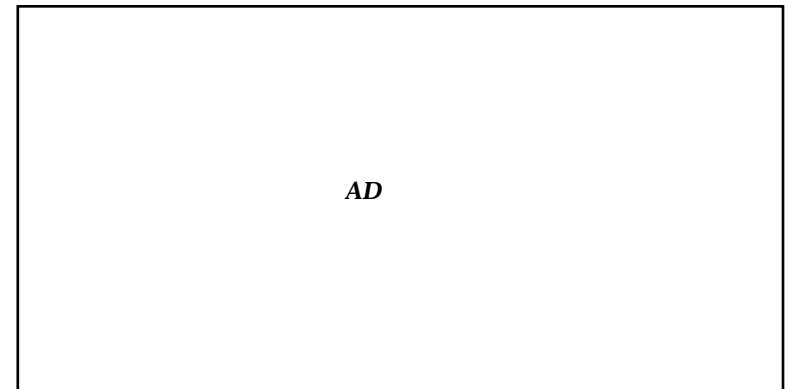
The Floyd College cafeteria is now offering breakfast. The hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Bob Gilbert, the director of auxiliary services, this is just a trial run. If students have a positive response to the idea, it could become a permanent fixture at the college.

Gilbert said, "We will lose a little money in order to provide the service for the students."

The cafeteria is serving grab-and-go foods, things such as biscuits with bacon, eggs and sausage as well as more items of that nature. There may also be a breakfast bar in the future.

Any particular items students want can be requested. If the item is popular, it could become a main menu item.



The next institutional S.A.T. will be given on May 14 at 6 p.m. in the Lakeview Building in room I-133. Registration deadline is April 27, but applications will be accepted until all 45 tests have been reserved. Registration forms are available in the Admissions Office, Assessment Center, Accounting Services and any of the branch campuses' offices.

## Editorials

# Editors' Roundtable

Many things are controversial in this world, especially nowadays with all the new technology breaking the surface. What is the definition of privacy when it comes to electronic information? What falls under freedom of speech when it comes to the electronic sources?

The Internet has been around for sometime now, but, in all actuality, it is still fairly new to the world. The main problem with governing the Internet is the fact that it is international. But, should things that are explicit in content be put on the Internet for anyone to view?

The three editors of the *Six Mile Post* address this issue in a roundtable discussion.

**Mike:** Okay, we all know what is viewable out there on the Internet, and anyone with access to a computer is able to view just about anything they want to. Let's take a hypothetical situation, for example. A seven-year-old boy comes home from school and boots up his computer, logs on to the Internet and goes to a search engine. He types in the name of a female celebrity only to find the search results come back with this female's name with the word "nude" or "naked" after it. The seven-year-old is now one click away from viewing pornographic material. Do you think it's right for the young boy to be able to access this kind of material? Do you think the government should mandate what is viewable on the Internet?

**Laterah:** No. At that age the

parents need to be aware of what is going on with their children. They need to monitor what their child can and cannot look at over the Internet. I also think the government should make it where it is harder for the young audiences to access pornography.

**Colter:** I think the government should just stay out of it because pornography is an art. The human body is a thing of beauty. If one wants to view it, let them view it. If one wants to display their bodies to be viewed, let them show their stuff.

**Laterah:** Yes, the human body is a thing of beauty, but it should not be used as it is for pornography. Hardcore pornography is crude and shows the body being used in wrong ways. The art you are referring to such as the paintings and sculptures in museums are not as bad as the hardcore things that are out there.

**Mike:** Well, my problem is not that the pornography exists on the internet. I have a problem with the fact that anybody can look it up and view it. And I agree that the government should find a way to make it harder to view pornography. Something just doesn't add up about the fact that when you go to the store you have to show proof of age, or at least should have to, but on the Internet all you have

to do is press a button.

**Colter:** I hate people who are anti-porn. These people tend to be uptight and anal about everything. This is a new generation, and the people should adjust to the changing world. Why is it that the world is still stuck in the past? Sure, disco came back, but there is still Abercrombie & Fitch.

**Mike:** Yes, I somewhat agree, but I would rather say the prover-

they are not driven by hormones. Most males are.

**Mike:** Ha, I am not going to argue about that, but I think just about everybody is disturbed by a seven-year-old looking at pornography. But, why? At what age is it not disturbing? I would venture out on a limb and say that most young males see their first form of pornography somewhere between 10-13 years old if not earlier. So, when you say it is disturbing that is only because you have been brought up believing that. You have been raised by a society that makes the rules. And one of those rules is a seven-year-old should not be able to look at pornography. Is there a specific reason for this rule? If you think about it, isn't it

disturbing for a 19, 25 or 30-year-old to view it?

**Laterah:** Children are naturally curious. And these children can see pornography and become curious about what they see. These young kids go and experiment with each other and do not understand the consequences of their actions.

**Mike:** So, children are too impressionable at that age? I would have to say that everybody is impressionable at any age. If they weren't we wouldn't have commer-

cial and ads everywhere. Since you mentioned the experimental nature of the young kids, what age should it be ok to have sex? I know a lot of kids get their "Birds and the Bees" discussion, if they get it at all, somewhere around nine or 10 years. And some sex education is taught in middle school.

**Colter:** I think when both parties are ready and when they are mature in mind and realize the outcome of their happenings, then they should be able to have sex.

**Mike:** Yeah, but how do you know if you are mature in mind? When I was 15 I thought I was mature. And now I realize that I was not mature. Right now, at age 21 I think that I am mature, but I can guarantee you when I am 25 I will think differently.

**Laterah:** Personally, I believe that sex should be saved for marriage. I have been taught and raised to believe that your virginity is a special gift from God meant only for your spouse.

**Mike:** You see, there you go with the "I was raised and taught" phrase. All the rules and ways of thinking have been implanted in you. Maybe it's a good thing or maybe it's a bad thing.

**Laterah:** I think you are right. It is the way you have been raised and the situations you have been exposed to that determine what you believe as right or wrong.

**Colter:** Oh, sorry. I was looking at Britney Spears on my laptop.



Colter(left), Mike and Laterah having roundtable

cial, "If you don't like it, don't look at it."

**Colter:** Yeah, but people should keep an open mind and leave everything open as an option. For example, instead of saying, "I do not like porn," they should say, "I have no interest in porn."

**Laterah:** Well, there is just something about a seven-year-old looking at pornography that is disturbing. Maybe this is because I am female. Most females have no interest in pornography because

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## Why not vote; is it going to kill you?

Recently, the Student Government Association (SGA) election was held. The positions to be filled were president, vice president for special events and vice president for public relations. Most students apparently didn't even know about it, or worse yet, didn't care.

After the votes were counted, a total of 45 different students out of a student body of approximately 2000 voted in the election. That is about 2.3 percent.

This low percentage is downright scary. It doesn't say much about the student body at all. Is this college filled with a bunch of "who cares" kind of people?

Was the election not publicized enough? There were only about a million posters tacked up all over the school. Some of you even took the liberty of "redesigning" some of the candidates' pictures. There were even a bunch of emails sent out asking students to vote.

Was voting too inconvenient? It's not like the voting required a voter's registration card.

There wasn't even a line to stand in.

It must have been hard to boot up your computer, visit a web-site and send an email. How much easier could it have been?

This is your school we are talking about. These decisions affect what activities go on at the college. The SGA officers plan the events that go on all school year such as the entertainers that come, the annual, ever so popular Spring Fling and other similar events. The SGA aren't just pawns of the school administrators.

So, next time you have a complaint or want to change something about the college, keep it to yourself, unless of course you were one of the 2.3 percent that voted.



## Opinions

# Student Poll

## Why are college students being tested on reading and writing?

By Laterah Dunham  
Assistant Editor

Every year students are required to take the Regents' Test. And every year students pass the Regents' Test. And after they pass the Regents' Test, they complain about having to take the Regents' Test. Why shouldn't they complain?

There are two parts to the Regents' Test. There is a reading comprehension and an essay writing part to the test. Reading and writing are basic skills that everyone should have learned while in high school if not earlier. A student is normally not admitted into college if he or she does not have these basic two skills. So why, after students are admitted into college and are halfway done, do they have to be tested on these two very basic skills?

Hypothetical situation—a student comes to college. This student takes English 1101 and English 1102 and passes. This student is

then required to take the Regents' Test. This student takes the test and passes. Nothing more is said, and the student goes on his or her way.

But, if the student does not take the test because he or she does not think of it as necessary and goes on to take courses such as British literature and American literature and passes with flying colors, the student is then required to take remedial courses after having already taken and passed both compositions and several literature courses. Is this right? No, it is not. It is a waste of the student's time to take the test, and if he or she does not take it, then a semester of school is wasted taking remedial courses that the student does not need.

Students must take the remedial courses if they fail the test. If a student passes one part yet fails the other, then he or she is only required to take remedial courses related to the part that was failed. Unless the student registers for

these courses, he or she is not allowed to take any other courses. However, the student may take other courses along with these remedial courses. The courses do not count towards the student's GPA.

If the Regents' Test is going to be required of all students, then why does it only test reading and writing? Why is not math involved in the process? Math is just as important in a college student's career as reading and writing. Are those not the "three R's" that have been taught since kindergarten? "Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic" have been instilled in the brains of young children and have followed them to college. When, all of a sudden, does the math part not count?

This glaring omission underscores the inadequacy of as well as the lack of necessity for the Regents' Test. It is time the Regents trusted the professors to teach and the students to learn. It is time to get rid of the Regents' Test.

Do you think that the professors prepare students for exams?

"I think a big part of test preparation has to fall on the students' shoulders. FC professors for the majority of the time do a good job. I have found if you just ask, they'll help you out."

Aimee Harmison  
Journalism

"Most teachers try to make it so the students can pass the class and not have to take it again."

Doug Holden  
Computer Science

"It depends on the subject and who the teacher is. I would say that most of the time my professors have not."

Marie Morris  
Early Childhood Education

"On the average, I would say yes. However, I would really say it is up to the students to prepare themselves. The professors that I have do their part."

Jamie Fisher  
Undecided

"Yes, because most of my professors review extensively before the test."

Tammy Bartlett  
English

### Response to *FC Bytes*' article on Dale Earnhardt's death

By Jason Yates  
Staff Writer

Most students know about the *Six Mile Post*, but some don't know that the College has two other literary publications: the *Old Red Kimono* and *FC Bytes*.

The *Old Red Kimono* is for poems and art and *FC Bytes* is an online only publication of the students. I really appreciate both of these productions for the flair that they present.

After looking all over the

Floyd College homepage for a year, I finally found the minute newsstand and checked out *FC Bytes*.

As a sports fanatic I immediately gravitated towards the story by Rob Brown titled "Dale Earnhardt's Last Lap." It was the story about the horrible crash at the 2001 Daytona 500 that took the life of the second greatest race car driver ever, second only to Richard Petty.

I was glad to see that Brown thinks that Earnhardt won the

race, not physically but spiritually. By losing his life on the race-track he gained an eternal home in heaven. Instead of the checkered flag sweeping through the air above him as he crossed the finish line, the Lord opened his arms to Dale to welcome him home.

Earnhardt, Sr., was an awesome racer and will be sorely missed. I'm glad to see that the *FC Bytes* gave him a story. God bless you, Dale, your family and racecar fans everywhere!

We, the editors of the *Six Mile Post*, would like to thank our readers for their support and contributions this past year.

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## Opinions

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Is there total anarchy in this public institution? It would seem that within these walls of Floyd College, students have lost their rights given to them by the Bill of Rights.

How can this be? In the realm of school commencement and related ceremonies, students' right to free speech has been silenced by the Floyd College administration.

I cite the nursing program as an example. The nursing faculty has reiterated to the students that the pinning ceremony is their (the students) ceremony. The students may pick music, meal menu and the order of speakers during the ceremony. These items when decided upon by the graduating class then have to be approved by the faculty.

This approval came into question this month. It seems that a few of the faculty did not approve of one musical selection that the class agreed they wanted played during the pinning ceremony. Censorship comes to mind at this point.

As president of the graduating nursing class, I was asked to approach Floyd College administration for a ruling on using a song with a one-line reference to "Jesus, our Lord." The administration cited separation of

church and state as their answer to not allowing this musical selection. It seems to me that the Supreme Court ruled that school administrators can only prohibit protected speech by students, even at their own commencement exercises, when it "materially and substantially interferes with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school" (Tinker, 393 U.S. 503,509(1969)).

Under the First Amendment, we (even students) are guaranteed that expression is not to be subjected to censorship because it contains a religious perspective.

I received an answer via a nursing instructor from the Floyd College lawyers to just edit out the line in question. Is this school going actually going to tell students to break copyright laws and in the same breath refute the Supreme Court ruling just to put the students down like children who have asked for a cookie with their morning snack? Apparently this is exactly what they intended.

We have agreed to the school's request due to the time constraints as the pinning ceremony and graduation are close upon us. This battle may be lost for the moment, but the war is far from over.

Brian Johnson,  
Floyd College Student  
Nursing Class 2001

Dear Editor,

I am a journalism student here at Floyd College, and I also have a fond interest in music.

My purpose in writing this letter is to inform FC students, faculty and staff of the Acoustic Cafe. The Acoustic Cafe is a great opportunity to hear original acoustic music by local Rome area song writers.

Also, the weekly regular performers are always looking for and encouraging new singer/songwriters to come and debut their talents. The music performed does not specifically have to be original; cover songs are allowed.

The Acoustic Cafe operates most every Wednesday night and runs from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Aimee Leigh Harmison  
Student

Dear Editor,

I am writing to comment on the article "Who's ringing those bells?" by Jason Yates, which was on page 10 of the March 27, 2001, edition of the *Six Mile Post*. Many students, including myself, have often been interrupted in class by these chimes, only leading me to wonder of their origin. This article was very informative on the subject and beneficial to both the faculty and students of Floyd College. I enjoyed this article and would like to thank the staff of the *Six Mile Post* for providing the information. Once again thanks and please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Joel Moss  
Business Major  
Calhoun, GA

Dear Editor,

We feel that the *Six Mile Post* may be neglecting interests of the students at Floyd College. While your stories are very informative and appreciated, they are mostly geared toward the faculty and staff. We would like for you to search for what the students want in the paper be it through e-mail or written suggestions. Our personal opinion is that we would like to see a more leisurely approach to at least part of the paper. This section could include things such as an entertainment column, crossword puzzles or brain teasers, a comic strip, possibly an advice column and horoscopes. Keep in mind that these are only suggestions but we would like for you to seriously consider them.

Bored College  
Students

# When does courage become recklessness?

By Alma Jacobs  
Guest Writer

Is there a difference between courage and recklessness?

When comparing the dictionary meanings of the words "courage" and "recklessness", they appear to have nothing in common. Courage is defined as "the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear or difficulty."

Recklessness, on the other hand, refers to a person who "is careless of consequences."

Although the definitions of these two words offer no apparent relationship between them, the following examples show the very thin line between what is considered courageous behavior and what is considered reckless behavior.

The news recently aired a story about a fireman who risked his life in order to save three innocent children who were trapped inside their burning home. The fire was extraordinarily hot and the firemen were using every resource available just to keep the flames from spreading. Everyone could hear the children's painful and terrified screams, yet only one person was willing to step up to the challenge and risk his own life to try to save them.

Unfortunately, the fireman's efforts came too late to save any of the children. The fireman suffered second and third degree burns in his attempt to save the trapped children. Was this fireman courageous, or were his actions reckless? The fireman showed that he was able to withstand danger, fear and difficulty. He also showed that he held no concern for his own life; he was careless of the consequences his actions may have brought upon himself.

I once heard the story of a pregnant woman who swam into a river to save a drowning boy. The river was filled with snakes, and its current was often swift and strong. The little boy was only three years old and had jumped into the river after his tricycle rolled in. He was immediately swept away by the river's swift

current. Many people gathered on the bank of the river. The police arrived and did all that they could to save the drowning child. Everyone stood on the edge of the river, helpless and scared. Suddenly, a large pregnant woman was seen swimming towards the helpless child. She reached the child, wrapped her arms around his limp body and began the long swim back to the shore; still no one came to aid her. Her swimming became slower, her exhaustion began to show and still no one came to her aid. Finally, she reached the shore. This unlikely hero risked not only her life, but also the life of her unborn baby in order to do something that even the police considered an impossible challenge. Was she being reckless or should she be hailed a hero for her courageous behavior?

A student opening gunfire on his fellow classmates is a fear that no one wants to even consider as a possibility. This fear became a sudden and terrifying reality for the students and teachers at Col umbine High School. The day screamed death, murder and terror, yet amid the confusion a hero was found. Many teachers and students were trapped inside a single classroom, and one of the gunmen was walking down the hallway towards them. One teacher risked his own life to help others escape from the building and reach safety. His efforts saved many students, but he himself was unable to reach safety in time.

Students who were with him at the time of his death remember him telling them to "tell my girls I love them." The teacher had four young daughters who are now left without a father. Was his behavior courageous or was this simply a thoughtless act of recklessness?

After reading these stories a person is now able to see just how thin the line of difference between courage and recklessness really is. In each of the above-mentioned situations the heroes were putting themselves at risk.

They were being reckless, yet their actions showed their courage. In truth, without recklessness there would be no courage.

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## Spring Fling

# Another year of fun!



Photo by Heather Palmer

**Patchouli rocks Floyd College.**



Photo by Heather Palmer

**Susan Caldwell(center) and Judy Spurgeon(right) grab some pizza during activities.**



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**T.J. waits patiently while Norma Murphy makes him a drink.**



Photo by Heather Palmer

**Steve Gipson uses his talent to create caricatures to entertain Floyd students.**



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**Some of Patchoulis merchandise is on display as the band plays.**

## Features

# Floyd Student receives scholarship for German Schooling

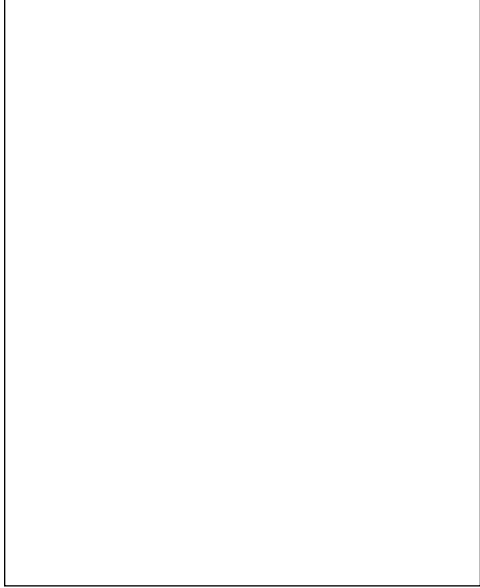


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NMT campus student **Emily Brown**

By **Ashley Murray**  
Staff Writer

Emily Brown, a sophomore at Floyd College's North Metro Tech campus, is currently preparing for a year of study in Germany. She will be immersed in a new lifestyle as a result of the scholarship she has received.

Dr. Dudley Salley, associate professor of economics, recommended that Brown apply for the scholarship to Germany. As a result of a lengthy application process, recommendations and well-written essays, she is now preparing for her trip abroad.

Beginning in July, Brown will fly to Washington, D.C., for a series of seminars and orientations. Then, on the first of August she will be on her way to language school in Cologne, Germany.

After two months, she will move to her "permanent" residence, which she hopes will be Berlin. Once she has settled in, she will be attending a German University for four months to study business. When that phase is complete, she will then begin her internship for the rest of the year.

Brown will receive round-trip airfare to Germany as well as the

cost of hotel stay during the seminars. She will get rent while staying with a host family for six months. The last six months she will reside in an apartment, and then she will receive \$200 a month to help offset those rent costs.

Brown is quite excited about her trip and hopes to gain many things from her journey. She's been interested in German culture for quite some time, since she found some old German diaries from an ancestor. "I want to return speaking fluent German, being familiar with their standard business operations and the role that Germany plays in our economy," said Brown.

After growing up in Ohio, Emily and her family chose to take up residence in Kennesaw 14 years ago. Attending North Cobb High School, she was generally seen as a non-conformist. Although her peers didn't always accept her individuality, she never faltered in her ways. She explained, "I was not in the least bit concerned with what people were wearing, who was dating who, and who was driving what. I did my own thing and was often looked

down on for it. I received a lot of flak for being an individual and my tendencies to think outside the box, but was still assertive in expressing my point of view."

She's also very dedicated to her work. Since the age of 15, she has been employed which has taught her a new respect for independence and self-sufficiency. Her fuel in life appears to be founded within her determination for success.

Once she graduated from high school, Emily wasn't sure what she wanted in life. After a short time,

she decided to enroll in a language school in Munich, Germany. During her three months stay she was able to live with a host family to learn about German culture. Most importantly, though, she was able to learn about herself and what she wanted to do in life.

Returning home, she chose to register for a full-time schedule at Floyd College. Her intended major has remained international business, with a minor in the German language. This decision is responsible for the opportunity that she has now received.

### Other FC Study Abroad Program participants

Mary Hernandez is a nursing student that is going to Oaxaca, Mexico, for a nursing practicum May 12-27. She along with 11 other students from Northwest Georgia will be working in a local hospital in Oaxaca. Each student will stay with a family in the community and will work from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. every day.

There is also a group of eight students going to England and Scotland with Dr. Jim Cook, professor of history (retired), during the summer semester for HIST 1122 Western Civilization credit. They will be leaving July 10 and returning July 23. These students are Erin Lambert of Marietta, Berkley Chapman of Powder Springs, Jennifer Williams of Kennesaw, Charlie Ganka of Woodstock, Jessie Maddox of Rome, Lindsay Twilley of Rome, Sara Rice of Rome and Tonya Jennings of Cedartown.

## Features

# Ashley Tull is leaving to get his Ph.D.

By Adam Stanley  
Staff Writer

Ashley Tull, director of Student Life, will be leaving Floyd College this summer to pursue his Doctorate in Higher Education at Florida State University.

Tull has been at Floyd College since July 1998, when Dr. Penny Wills, the vice president of student development, hired him.

"I look forward to the challenge ahead, but will miss my work at Floyd College and in the state of Georgia," Tull said.

Tull received his bachelor's degree in 1994 and his master's degree in 1995, from the University of Southern Mississippi. He then worked two years for Golden Key, a National Honor Society, based in Atlanta. Tull worked at Middle Georgia College as the Di-

rector of Student Activities until coming to Floyd in 1998.

"There are personal and professional reasons for my decision to continue my education at this time," Tull explained. He and his wife, Michelle, would like to start a family, but first he would like to finish the rest of his education. Also, he feels this is his time, since most doctoral work in Student Affairs requires five to six years of work experience.

Tull will be working in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office as the program and development assistant while he attends Florida State.

Tull says he chose Florida State because it "offers a great program in Higher Education and Student Affairs that is recognized nationally for its faculty and the way in which it prepares its stu-

dents professionally."

"My wife, Michelle, and our two dogs, will miss Georgia, but we will look ahead to relocating and could someday end up back in Georgia," Tull said. "I appreciate the opportunities that I have had to develop professionally at Floyd College and to make friends with some great folks. I would especially like to thank Dr. Penny Wills for serving as my supervisor and mentor in my work in student development at Floyd."

Although there will be jobs in between, Tull said that his long-term career goal is to advance to the position of vice president of student affairs.

"In all, it could take three years to finish up and get my Ph.D.," Tull said.

An informal search has begun to select Tull's replacement.

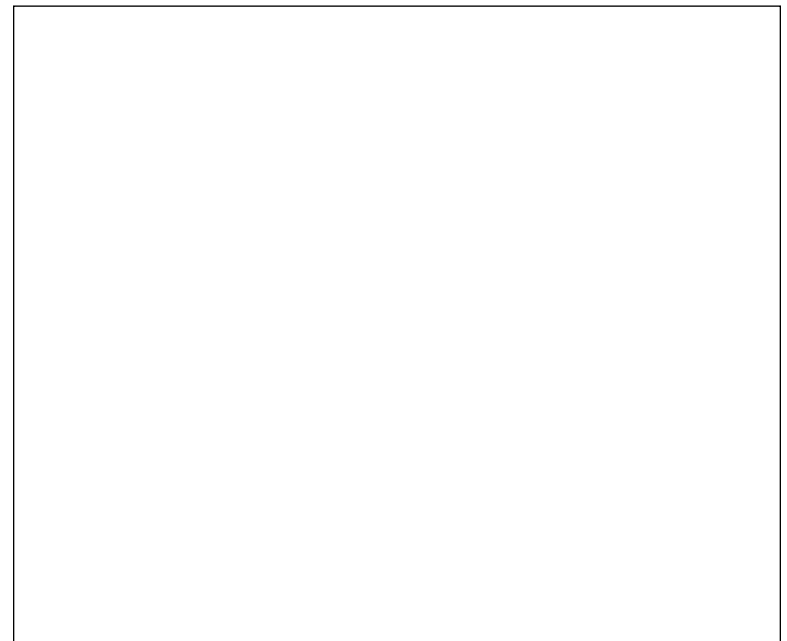


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**Ashley Tull is getting everything ready for his departure.**

## State provides low-cost health insurance for Georgia kids

By Julianna Smith  
Staff Writer

Peachcare Healthcare for children is a means for low income Georgia families who cannot afford private insurance and do not qualify for Medicaid to have health insurance for their children.

The program was instituted as a result of the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Applications for Peachcare can be picked up at local Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) centers across the state.

All applications are then sent to Atlanta for approval. The applications are approved on a strictly income basis.

For example a family of four can qualify if they make \$2,942 or less a month and for a family of three \$2,440 a month. There is a \$15 per month per family premium, and this is the maximum amount that can be charged each month. There is no premium for children under the age of 5.

For more information contact Diane Ray, Floyd County DFACS Economics Support Programs director at 706-802-5742 or call 1-877-GAPeach.

## The Cyber Clinic contest winner gives the clinic a new name and new look

Michael Douglas, a freshman from Rome, won the Cyber Clinic Advisory Board "Name the Cyber Clinic" contest.

Douglas won \$50 cash and a t-shirt from the Office of Student Life, with his entry, CybeRx Clinic.

His design gives the clinic a more "medical" logo with the Rx recognizable to most as being a symbol associated with medical

care.

The Cyber Clinic was designed as a method for delivering health related information to students through the use of technology.

All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to access the webpage to learn more about their personal health. The Cyber Clinic can be accessed at the following web address [www.fc.peachnet.edu/cyberclinic](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/cyberclinic).

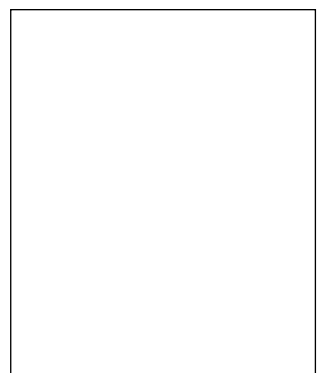


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**Michael Douglas and his logo (below).**



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## Features

# Veteran professors are retiring

### Berry to spend more time practicing law

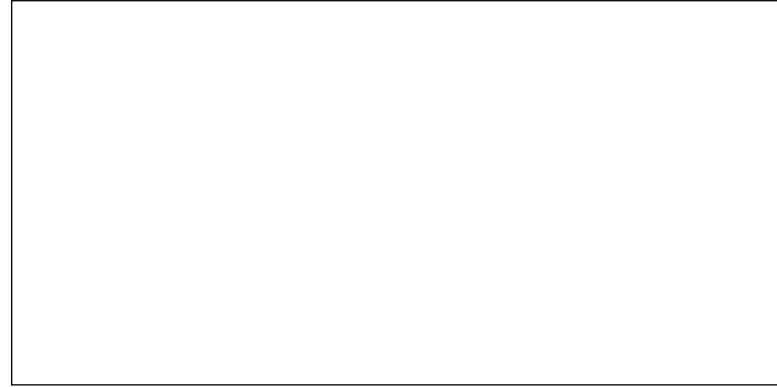


Photo by Crystal Hightower

### Dr. Thomas Berry grades papers in his office in W-Building.

**By Crystal Turner  
Staff Writer**

This will be the last year Dr. Thomas Berry, professor of business administration, will be at Floyd College. The time has come for him to retire and move on to new experiences.

Berry is one of the original teachers of Floyd College. He has been here since 1970. Berry was the first business teacher and the first business director.

He was also the first chair of the division of business from 1979 to 1993.

Berry teaches a variety of courses including economics, legal environment of business and also some career business courses. These include introduction to business, human resource management, history of American business, small business management, principles of management and business ethics.

Along with his teaching, Berry also assisted as co-founder of the Northwest Georgia Police

Academy and was the first director, which included writing a grant, presenting a proposal and securing the funding. This is the accomplishment he is most proud of.

Berry is also a part-time lawyer, and he plans to continue this career after this year. Despite his busy schedule, Berry still makes time for mediation for the U.S. postal service. He does this twice a month for third shift. Basically, it is court ordered mediation for the 7th judicial circuit. Berry has an eighty percent settlement rate.

Berry very much enjoyed his experience at Floyd College. "I loved it!" said Berry.

The students are what Berry enjoys. "Things have changed over the years, such as off-site campuses and also on campus facilities," Berry said.

Although he has spent much time and hard work devoting himself to his job and students, Berry stated, "I think I am going to miss teaching, but it is time for a change."

### McKeel will miss hard-working students

**By Crystal Turner  
Staff Writer**

Jim McKeel, professor of psychology and coordinator of human services, has been teaching a variety of courses at Floyd College for 29 years.

He has helped Floyd become the school it is today. McKeel will be retiring at the end of this school year.

McKeel has taught many courses over the years. Some of them include general psychology, abnormal psychology, applied psychology, theories of personality

and behavior analysis.

McKeel commented, "It's been a great experience here at Floyd. There is a good atmosphere and great faculty, staff and students."

McKeel enjoys the academic environment most about Floyd, being around hard-working students and faculty.

When McKeel retires this year, he plans to relax for a few months and do "vacation-like things." He said, "Later, I plan to go back to work, at least part time."

The one accomplishment that McKeel is most proud of occurred in 1973 when he organized the Human Services Program.

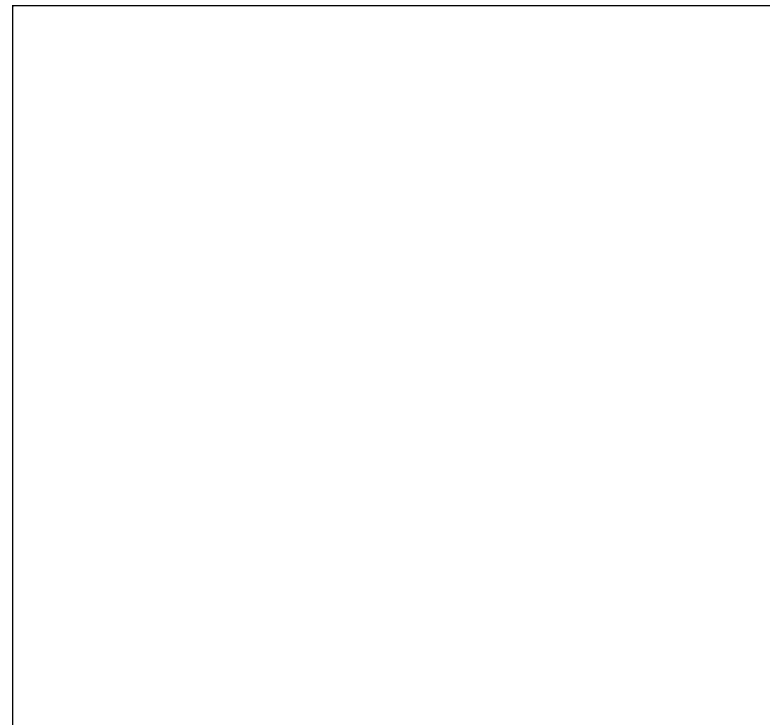


Photo by Heather Palmer

### Professor McKeel copies handouts for class.

## Get ready for summer classes now

**By Colter Wallace  
Assistant Editor**

For those of you who are interested in the upcoming summer sessions, here is some information that might help you out.

You can register for classes now online through SCORE.

This year, the last registration day for Maymester is May 9. Classes begin on May 10. Classes will only be offered at the central campus, Cartersville campus and the North Metro campus. The classes that will be offered consist of human communications, criminal justice, American government, English 1102, American history, CPR and first aid, FC Computer Studies, world literature, American history II and general psychology.

Classes for Maymester end May 29, with exams on May 30.

Now, if Maymester is not your thing, then the other summer sessions offer some more options.

One can opt to take any combination of First Session, Second Session, or Full Session classes.

For Full Session, the final registration day is May 31, and classes begin June 4. Classes that are available include the basic classes offered during the fall and spring semesters. Classes for Full Session end July 31, and finals occur on Aug. 1 and 2.

First Session registration also ends May 31 and classes also begin June 4. Classes available include basic classes also for the central campus, but are very minimal on the other campuses. Classes for First Session end June 28, and finals occur July 2.

Second Session registration ends June 28, and classes begin on July 3. Classes for Second Session are even more limited than for First Session, with only one class offered at branch campuses, but the central campus still has numerous classes available. Classes for Second Session end July 31, and exams take place on Aug. 1 and 2.

All-in-all, there are numerous classes offered over the course of the next few months, allowing students the opportunity to get ahead in their college careers and not totally waste a summer.

## Sports

# Students and faculty team up to compete in the Wesley Walraven golf scramble

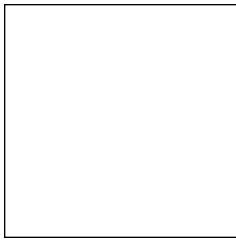
By Jesse Bishop  
Staff Writer

The foursome of Don Briscar, Chuck Brendle, Robbie Dooley and Jesse Bishop won the Floyd College Wesley Walraven Golf Scramble at BEAA Golf Course on April 6.

The tournament is held annually in honor of Walraven, former vice president of academic affairs at Floyd College, for the things he did at the college and for his love of golf.

The winning team shot five under par.

Playing best-ball format, the foursome utilized each member's strengths to pull together a very successful round of golf. Don Briscar, husband of Sandy Briscar, Floyd College's public information officer, was on fire on the greens. Getting to the greens, Brendle, Dooley and Bishop split the rotation of used shots.



Wesley Walraven

The group came out strong, going to two under par on the first two holes but

stumbled, falling to only one under after nine holes.

But with the pressure on from the threesome of Tom Warren, Matt Kerce and Jason McFry, the four rallied to finish the last five holes with four birdies and a par.

The Warren, Kerce, McFry threesome kept the pressure on until the last hole, where a par led to a second-place finish.

For their efforts, the first-place team received a gift bag consisting of golf balls, a golf towel, tees, a spike tool and the ever-popular Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education and tournament organizer, said, "He

(Walraven) was a real friend to the students and to the game of golf."

With perfect weather, the event was heralded a success by Weatherman. The tournament had 23 contestants, both faculty and students. However, the students did outnumber the faculty by about 15 to 8.

Weatherman said this was a smaller turnout than last year, but that it was still great to have so many people participating.

The match was a four-man scramble, with the exception of one three-man team. There was also one female playing in this year's match, Jennifer McAllister. Winning the individual compe-

titions for "closest to the pin," were Bob Gilbert, on hole five, and Charles Blalock, on hole two. Gilbert received a set of head covers and Blalock received an umbrella for winning.

Also winning an individual prize was Matt Kerce, student, who won an umbrella for the longest drive.

According to Chuck Swearingen, student and first-time scrambler, the tournament was fun. He said, "I think everyone had a real good time. It was nice to play and relax. The weather was great."

Weatherman has high hopes that next year's tournament will be an even bigger success.

## Pulp Sports

### Sports Commentary

By Mike Parker  
Editor

And it came to pass on the first day of the second week, God became bored and said, "Let there be gatherings of men who watch other men compete in events which display their physical attributes." It was so. God saw this and it was good.

Then God said, "Let there be seats all around an arena for the gathering men so they may sit down and rest while other men compete." It was so. God saw this and it was good.

After the passing of two months, God noticed the gathering men becoming weary and only coming to the events to rest in the seats. God saw this and it was not good. So God said, "Let there be a beverage for consumption at these events to raise the men's morale and create an overwhelming catharsis for the men." It was so. God saw this and it was good.

Well, at least it has been good for the most part. Fans are the biggest part of sports, whether the players agree with it or not. The

fans pay the players' salaries, cheer the team on and occasionally let their players know that they are not too happy with them. Normally, that's not a problem. Fans just love to boo and yell out, "You suck!" The majority of the time, the negative comments and booing are toward the visiting team. There is no problem with fans wanting to give their team an edge, but when does it go too far?

There have been a few different altercations between players and fans over the years. And all altercations have been started by the fan in some way or another. Most of the time the altercation happens because the fan just doesn't like the other team or a specific player on the other team. Other times it's a case of the fan just being obnoxious.

I guess the top-notch example of a player being hated by fans is the notorious name of John Rucker. I mean this guy was and probably still is to some degree taking some heat. He is probably booed more and yelled at more after his racial and minority comments, but even before all that,

Rucker said in his interviews that he was constantly getting yelled at, and having things thrown at him. So, really, the John Rucker we know was made by the fans who hated him just because he could come in the ninth inning and shut down their team.

What about when the fans actually physically interact with the players? Just a few weeks ago, in the NHL, a player was sent to the penalty box for a 2 minute minor. Upon his arrival a fan was yelling at him from behind the penalty box and apparently said something to upset the player because the player started squirting the fan with his water bottle. The fan jumped over the glass head first into the penalty box. The player squirted the fan a little more and the fan was held back by security officers. Okay, first of all, even though hockey players aren't exactly the classiest people in the world, they still need to realize that a fan is just a fan. Secondly, how dumb does the fan have to be to jump over into the penalty box at a hockey player that has layers of padding on and probably fights

every other day, not to mention that this player is probably very nasty considering he is in the penalty box in the first place.

You know, I can see how fans get emotional and make outbursts at players and teams. I think it is certainly acceptable to a certain degree to boo and tell the players just how you feel. I think if the fan resorts to racial or minority slurs or something along that line, then it is unacceptable. Basically, fans should only make comments about the game. It is certainly not acceptable for fans to start physical confrontations with players no matter what the situation.

Now, after all these altercations and the player involved is standing in front of reporters answering why he got in a fight with a fan, it never fails; the player will almost always say something along the lines of, "This is where I work, I didn't go to his work and harass him." You know, that is not where they work. It is where they play. Saying, "Work ball," does not start the beginning of each baseball game.

These guys probably work

hard during practice, but no matter how hard they work at it, it is still fun and shouldn't be considered a job.

If the player considers it a job, they shouldn't be playing, or should I say working, anymore.

The Six Mile Post staff hopes you have a relaxing summer.

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## Graduates

# Congratulations to Floyd College Class of 2001

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 Sara E. Baker  
 Stephanie Kenna Baker  
 Diana Lynn Bearden  
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 Ellesser Berrien  
 Stephen Patrick Black  
 Nathan Blanton  
 Jeffrey Lee Bloodworth Jr  
 Elizabeth Anne Bomar  
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 Carmen Yvette Brisker  
 Brian Bullock  
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 Dennis Richard Hardin  
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 LaGrethia Kindred  
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 Brandi Lynne Leak  
 Kristi M. Lemming  
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 Brannon Dean Millard  
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