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— News Briefs —

■ FC Book Forum

The next FC Book Forum will be held on Feb. 26 at noon in the FC Solarium. Sheila McCoy, professor of Spanish, will be discussing the best-selling novel *The Prince of Tides*, by Pat Conroy. In March, Don Black, the husband of Suzanne Black, professor of psychology, will be reviewing *Testimonies*, by Patrick O'Brian.

■ Eat More Food Week

Eating Disorder Awareness Week started on Feb. 12 and will continue through Feb. 19. Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa are the two major types of eating disorders. Eight million people in the United States suffer from eating disorders. Information about eating disorders and their prevention will be located in the student center through February.

■ Student Magazine

The Old Red Kimono, Floyd College's fine arts magazine, is accepting submissions of poetry, short fiction, photography and artwork for its annual spring edition.

Students and others may send their submissions to *The Old Red Kimono* Office c/o the division of social and cultural studies, P.O. Box 1864, Rome, GA 30162-1864. The name and address of the person making the submission must be included.

Questions may be directed to LaNelle Daniel and Dr. Nancy Applegate in the Social and Cultural Studies division (295-6300), Jeannie Cassity in the Tutorial Center (295-6371) or to Adam Stanley, student editor, in *The Old Red Kimono* Office, which is located in the Student Life Office suite (295-6363).

The deadline for submissions is March 10.

The anticipated publication date is April 15.

Floyd College professor passes away suddenly

By Mike Parker
Editor

Associate professor of political science, Dr. Melvin Perry died on Jan. 27, 2001, after a brief illness.

Perry died at the age of 50 due to cancer. He had not been feeling well during the fall semester and his sickness grew even worse during the beginning of this semester.

Before Perry came to Floyd College, he worked in hearing impaired programs from 1974 to 1981.

One program was at the Rehab Center for the Deaf and the other was with the Georgia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Perry started out his career at Floyd College as an associate professor of deaf education in April 1982. He resigned in 1985 to transfer to Eastern New Mexico University to head up the hearing impaired program.

After receiving his doctorate at the University of Georgia, Perry came back to Floyd College in fall 1991, where he started out as a part-time instructor. He became a full-time instructor in 1993, was granted tenure in 1996 and was promoted to associate professor in 1997.

Perry taught a multitude of classes at Floyd College including political science, psychology and Floyd College computer studies. He also helped develop and teach an interdisciplinary course in bioethics.

Dr. William Mugleston, chair of the social and cultural studies division, said that it was great to have a teacher so diverse and able to teach in multiple fields.

Mugleston went on to say that Perry was, "always willing to help." Mugleston commented that the help was not always just directed towards students, but faculty members as well.

Students say they came out of his class with a different perspective on things. An emotional Elena VanTubbergen, an education major who took three classes with Perry, attested to this fact by saying, "He always played the



Dr. Perry always welcomed students who dropped by his office.

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devil's advocate. He wanted you to analyze things."

VanTubbergen went on to say that Perry was "caring" and was a "man of integrity."

In honor of Perry, the Floyd College American Association of University Professors (AAUP) decided to rename the AAUP Future Educator Award. It will now be called the Dr. Melvin Perry AAUP

Future Educator Award. This award is given each year at the Honor's Assembly to a Floyd College student planning a career in teaching.

Floyd College is set to construct a memorial to Perry. This process is in the early stages. However, it is expected to include a cactus garden in honor of Perry's fondness for New Mexico.

Students, faculty and staff will all remember and miss Perry. As Mugleston explains, "There will never be another Melvin Perry."

See page 7 for more student remembrances of Dr. Perry

News

Keep an eye out for future issues of the *Six Mile Post*.

Future issue dates are...

-March 27

-April 24

Six Mile Post comes home from Macon with several awards

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

The Georgia College Press Association (GCPA) awarded the *Six Mile Post* the second place award for general excellence (the overall award for a newspaper).

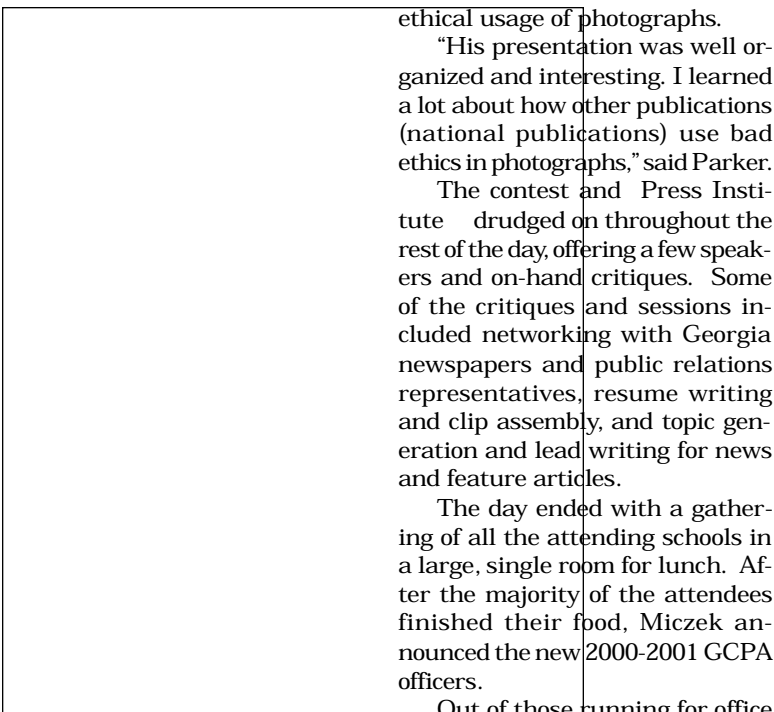
On Feb. 2 and 3, five members of the *Six Mile Post* along with the two advisors traveled to Macon, Ga. for the GCPA award ceremony at the Crown Plaza Hotel. These persons consisted of: Mike Parker, editor; Laterah Dunham, assistant editor; Colter Wallace, assistant editor; Jeremy Stewart, staff writer; Jason Yates, staff writer; Kristie Kemper, adviser and Fred Green, assistant adviser.

The staff left on Feb. 2, stayed the night in Macon and awoke the next morning to be at the convention at 8:15 a.m.

Also attending the competition were 20 other schools from all throughout the state of Georgia, a 30 percent increase from last year, and a cumulative of 455 contest entries, a 40 percent increase from last year.

The competition was split up into different divisions. The first division, Junior, is for those schools that only have two-year programs. The second, Senior, is for those schools that have four-year programs.

The entire gathering of schools begins with president of the GCPA, Jason Miczek from Valdosta State University – *The Spectator*, introducing the officers and the organizers of the contest and Press Institute. He then began to explain the rules, regulations and activities that the day will hold. After that, Miczek in-



Laterah Dunham, assistant editor, and Mike Parker, editor, display three of the General Category Awards.

roduced the persons running for GCPA officers and Board positions. These persons included three *Six Mile Post* members: Laterah Dunham, running for Vice President; Jason Yates, running for Secretary; and Colter Wallace, running for Junior Board.

The first speaker was Bill Neville, representing Georgia Southern University, who spoke on the ethics of photojournalism. After explaining his presentation, he showed wide variety of slides and examples of national publications and local university publications showing good and bad

ethical usage of photographs.

"His presentation was well organized and interesting. I learned a lot about how other publications (national publications) use bad ethics in photographs," said Parker.

The contest and Press Institute drudged on throughout the rest of the day, offering a few speakers and on-hand critiques. Some of the critiques and sessions included networking with Georgia newspapers and public relations representatives, resume writing and clip assembly, and topic generation and lead writing for news and feature articles.

The day ended with a gathering of all the attending schools in a large, single room for lunch. After the majority of the attendees finished their food, Miczek announced the new 2000-2001 GCPA officers.

Out of those running for office from Floyd College, Wallace was the only one to be voted into office.

The Junior Board position includes such tasks as attending two meetings a year, writing two articles for the GCPA newsletter and organizing the contest and Press Institute for next year.

After the introduction of the new officers, Miczek began to announce the winners of each category, beginning with the individual awards and then going on to the generals awarding ending with the General Excellence Award.

The *Six Mile Post* brought home 10 different awards: Six general and four individual. These awards included: Best Column, 2nd place – Matthew Curry; Best Editorial or Feature Photograph, 3rd place – Heather Koon; Best News

Photograph, 2nd place – Heather Koon; Best Feature Story, 1st place – Laura Gosnold.

General awards won by the *Six Mile Post* were General Photography Excellence, 2nd place; Best Campus Community Service – Editorial Excellence, 1st place; Best Campus Community Service – Sports, 2nd place; Best Community Service – Feature, 1st place; Best Community Service – News, 3rd place and General Excellence, 2nd place.

"Our college can be proud of having a student newspaper that is consistently good semester after semester," said Green.

The contest and Press Institute ended with a meeting of the newly elected officers, an adviser meeting and a final critique.

With 10 awards in their possession, the *Six Mile Post* was ready to get back to work for their upcoming issue and furnish pieces of material that can be submitted into next year's competition.

Suspects apprehended in the murder of Floyd College Student

By Jason Yates
Staff Writer

Suspects have been arrested in the case of the murder of former Floyd College student Isaac Dawkins.

According to Sgt. Stanley Sutton from the Rome Police Department (RPD), both Joey Watkins, 20, and Mark Free, in his mid-20s were arrested and charged for the death of Dawkins. The men are from Rome.

Sutton said that on Jan. 11, 2000, at about 7 p.m. Dawkins was on his way home from school. At approximately 7:20 p.m. he was shot in the back of his head with a 9mm pistol. He then lost control of his

vehicle and flipped his truck. Dawkins died two hours later in the emergency room because of the wreck and the bullet wound.

The RPD then began an extensive investigation. The murder happened in the city, but the RPD asked the Floyd County Police Department (FCPD) to help. In this joint investigation the combined forces of RPD and FCPD were able to cover more area and more leads. In this case, Sutton was the head detective and helped coordinate the investigation with FCPD Assistant Chief Shiflett. According to Sutton, this was a very large case with over 100 people interviewed. This case was so big that RPD went to the states of Virginia,

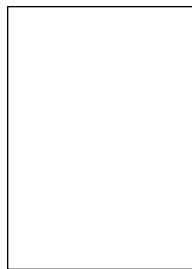
Alabama and Florida on several leads they were given.

Sutton said, "It took us almost 11 months to piece this puzzle together and get enough evidence to come to a conclusion on this case."

After the RPD had collected all the evidence, District Attorney Tami Colston said that they had more than enough evidence to charge Watkins and Free with the murder.

Sutton commented, "After D.A. Colston said that we had more than enough evidence, we went and got our warrant for arrest. We then arrested Watkins and Free and charged them with the Dawkins murder."

Watkins and Free attended bond hearings and were both denied bond according to Sutton. RPD said that both men will go to trial in either July or August.



Isaac Dawkins

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Future of laptops at FC will soon be decided

By Dixie L. Bowman
Staff Writer

Very few students took the time to voice their opinions on the future of the Instructional Technology (Laptop) Project at Floyd College.

No students showed up at the meeting for student input held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7.

Dr. Jimmy Barnes, chair of the Computer Committee, held the meeting to answer any questions students had and to solicit their opinions.

Barnes sent an email to all students about the meetings and the options that were being considered. He encouraged students to come to the meetings and to also email him with their opinions and thoughts.

"I was discouraged that more students didn't come, but I did receive around 100 replies to my email," said Barnes.

The president of Floyd College, Rob Watts, asked the Computer Committee to study computer usage. Barnes said, "He wants to know what the faculty and students think the direction of Floyd College should be."

The Computer Committee is debating several options for the future of laptop usage. The Committee will soon make a recommendation to Watts.

One question being considered is, "Is it feasible to require a laptop computer for students in courses that use the computer in class on a regular basis while allowing students in other courses to meet their computer requirement with either a laptop or a desktop computer at home?"

A second question being considered is, "Should Floyd College require all students to provide their own computer equipment or should the college continue to

lease computers to students who do not have a computer?"

Barnes explained, "The college still plans to lease computers to students that need them. The technology fee for the students would still stay the same. We are committed to not raising the fee. We are doing our best to make it go down. There will still be a small technology fee for the students who use their own equipment, though."

Floyd College still holds a debt of around \$1.5 million for the original purchase of the laptops. The college has asked the Georgia General Assembly for some help with this debt.

The technology fee paid by students helps with this debt, but also goes to maintain the computer network at the college.

The technology fee also helps pay the Internet Service Provider Roman Net.

Floyd plans to maintain Roman Net for the time being.

"These laptops are getting old and will have to be replaced in the future. One question is does the educational value of the laptops offset the cost? One thing we have learned so far is that many classes do not need the laptops," Barnes stated.

"We have also found that a large number of students would rather use their home computers. We still plan to lease the computers to students who do not have their own computers at home. I think classes that can and do use the laptops should continue to do so. The classes that can not or do not use the computers should not be made to," added Dr. Barnes.

Any changes that will be made will be implemented soon. "Hopefully we will have the changes in place by Fall Semester 2001. We may be able to apply the changes by Summer Semester, but that has not been decided yet," said Barnes.

New state flag to arrive soon

By Ashley Murray
Staff Writer

On Jan. 29, the Senate decided to make a huge change in the state's history. After 45 years, Georgia now has a new flag. The flag controversy has been creating chaos in Georgia's government for quite sometime.

Senators, unlike the members of the House, were able to hear from their area residents. Since the bill passed so quickly through the House, many people didn't have a chance to contact their representative.

Since the Senators were able to take the weekend off before they had to vote, people had much more of an opportunity to call and voice their opinions.

Sen. Bill Stevens, from Cherokee County commented on *11 Alive News*, "This is the most volatile issue I've ever seen."

Stevens also noted that based on emails and phone calls he received the ratio of people in his district who didn't want to change the flag was 8:1.

Many of the senators knew that their vote in the matter could

greatly affect their chance of re-election, so it was a critical decision.

After three and a half hours of debates from both sides the Senate finally voted. In order to be approved, the bill needed 29 votes. When the vote tally was in, the bill had passed 34 to 22, five more votes than needed.

Now that the flag has been approved, it is the hope that this debate will finally be resolved. There has been such a long lasting dispute over the topic, but many people, such as Sen. Charles Walker of Augusta, believe that we've resolved the "last remaining issue dividing the state."

According to Sandy Briscar, the director of public information at Floyd College, the old flag will still fly for a few more weeks. The State has not been able to make very many as of yet. Floyd College will be among the first to receive a flag since all public institutions receive the first shipment.

Editor's note: Some of the information for this article came from 11 Alive News.

File Photo
Georgia's old state flag will not be seen outside of Floyd College for much longer.

Spring will be here two weeks early since the groundhog did not see its shadow

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Spring Schedule of Events

- February is Black History month
- Regents' Test sign-up deadline: Feb. 23, Assessment Center (library)
- Health Fair: Feb. 28
- Last day to withdraw from classes: Feb. 28
- Institutional SAT: March 5, 6 p.m., Lakeview
- Regents' Test: March 20, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Lakeview
- Spring Fling 2001: Rome Campus- March 21, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Cartersville-April 12; Waco-April 6; NorthMetro-TBA. The Rome Campus Spring Fling will be held in the Tower Courtyard. There will be a live band, a cartoon artist and frozen concoctions.

Should social security numbers be used as college I.D. numbers?

By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer

Floyd College, like other colleges in the University System, uses the students' social security number as a means of identification.

According to Board of Regents' policy 402.0305, "Students applying for admission to an institution of the University System of Georgia must furnish their social security numbers on the printed application form. The social security number will provide permanent and lasting identification of each student."

Federal law mandates the use of student social security numbers for financial aid.

The University System was following that law when it provided for the use of social security numbers as identification numbers.

Marsha Welch, Floyd College registrar, said that she enforces the use of paper shredders whenever an I.D. number must be

printed.

She is adamant about protecting a student's rights when it comes to his or her social security numbers.

Students are not the only ones affected by the I.D. numbers. Each employee of the University System must also provide a social security number for I.D. purposes.

Welch said that workshops were recently held at Floyd College regarding student privacy and the protection of records.

Brochures on student privacy issues are available in the Admissions Office.

Shirley Childers, associate registrar at the University of Georgia, mentioned that the numbers are suppressed both in real and virtual space whenever possible.

Childers also stated that a study was completed a few years ago to test the feasibility of using something other than social security numbers for student identification.

The study showed that the change would be unfeasible at the time.

"We know this will come back to haunt us," commented Childers. She feels that while no changes are happening now, they are coming.

The University System of Georgia is not alone in the troubles related to I.D. numbers. Several other colleges share the concerns of changing the numbers.

According to the *Daily Egyptian*, the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale student paper in 1996, many printouts containing student I.D. numbers (social security numbers) were found in a dumpster behind the human resources department.

The printouts were destroyed and the entire department cautioned against such a mishap again.

As far as Floyd is concerned, Welch is determined to make sure everyone understands the importance of privacy.

She says, "I do think it (the identification number) will change soon."

Until then she plans to make sure no mishaps occur.

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Online registration for Maymester begins soon

Floyd College's second annual Maymester session starts on May 10 with web registration for this and other summer sessions beginning on March 1.

Maymester is a mini-mester offered between the end of Spring Semester and the start of the traditional summer sessions.

It gives students the opportunity to take one or two classes at an accelerated pace. Maymester classes may be taken alone or with any combination of first, second or full session summer classes.

The first Maymester, in summer 2000, was "very successful," according to Marsha Welch, registrar.

"Students were very encouraging with their comments about classes. Everything was positive," Welch said.

Welch pointed out that Maymester is a "great way to pick up extra class hours."

According to Welch the policy related to the technology fee will probably be the same as it was last year. For students taking only Maymester classes or classes in either the first or the second summer session, the \$300 fee is cut in half.

Or students may take Maymester classes and any combination of summer session classes with the regular \$300 fee. Courses taken in Maymester and the other summer sessions are combined to determine the student's semester course load.

Maymester classes on the central campus include COMM 1100, FCCS 1100, CRJU 1100, ENGL 2111, HIST 2111, PHED 1020, POLS 1101 and PSYC 1101. HIST 2112 is being offered on the Cartersville Campus. On the

North Metro Tech campus the Maymester classes are FCCS 1100, ENGL 1102 and POLS 1101.

Dr. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, who taught ENGL 2111 during last year's Maymester session, said, "I really enjoyed the Maymester format, and I think the students liked being able to concentrate on just one or two classes. We all worked hard, but we had fun doing it."

Kemper cautioned, however, that Maymester is not for everyone. She said, "Students may need two or three hours a day for homework in some classes, and not everyone can set aside that much time every day."

Most Maymester classes meet for three hours and 10 minutes Monday-Friday. Maymester runs May 10-30, with Memorial Day off. The first summer session is June 4-July 2. Second session is July 3-Aug. 2, with July 4 off. The full session lasts from June 4 to Aug. 2.

"I enjoy teaching Maymester and summer classes," Kemper said. "Things are a little more laid back in the summer, and the different sessions give students a chance to get a few classes out of the way and still have quite a bit of summer vacation."

Students interested in Maymester and other summer classes should consult their academic advisers and the Financial Aid Office for answers to specific questions about Maymester and the other summer sessions.

Wendy Shapiro, director of financial aid, says that students receiving financial aid should check with her office as soon as possible to see what aid may be available for these sessions.

Highway 411/27 bridges under construction; no end in the near future

By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer

Students who travel to FC on Highway 411/27 south have to allow extra time because of bridge construction between the city of Rome and the college.

The reconstruction of the bridge is forcing southbound and northbound traffic to share a two-lane bridge on the northbound side.

Glenn Brown, assistant area engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation, said that it is not possible to set forth

an exact date for the completion of the project due to weather concerns and complications that were found after the reconstruction started.

There are two bridges that are in need of repair, one bridge on the southbound side and another on the northbound side. Both bridges are going to have the concrete road surface replaced.

The Department of Transportation is also widening the roads so that they will meet current standards.

The project will cost around \$2.5 million.

College stages virtual and real fire drills

By Crystal Turner
Staff Writer

Every college in the University System of Georgia is subject to fire drills. They are required to ensure the students' safety.

However, some students have never participated in the drills nor have been informed of them.

Director of public relations, Sandy Briscar, stated, "Yes, we are required by the state to have a minimum of two drills a year.

One of those can be a virtual drill, which is done on-line."

The virtual drill shows an escape plan for students to follow along with other fire safety information.

It is administered through an email.

Briscar also mentioned that the actual drills usually take place at various times. "It is a huge distraction for students during class," Briscar said.

The drills usually take place after morning classes when there

are fewer students on campus.

Briscar also said, "Escape plans are posted in every classroom."

At the beginning of the semester, each instructor is supposed to point out the escape plan in the classroom.

During an actual fire drill, all students, faculty and staff must evacuate the premises.

According to Briscar, there are building coordinators in every building to ensure complete evacuation.

Artwork by Susan Waters

"I will never understand those humans. They hear a loud noise and then run around like chickens with their heads cut off."

SPRING BREAK

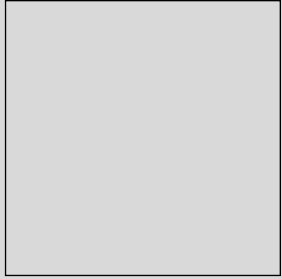
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Editorials

Editor's Box

Don't murder the innocent!



Laterah Dunham
Assistant Editor

Anyway that the American public looks at it, murder is wrong. To kill anyone for not doing anything wrong is cruel and should not be allowed. Murders are committed every day, and sometimes people are put in jail for life and others are not even convicted. Some people are not even looked at as murderers even though they just committed a murder.

I am talking about the fact that many abortions are done every day. Nothing has been done to stop these people. But now there is a man in our govern-

ment that disagrees with abortion. He is a very smart man and we should respect him greatly.

Let's face the facts here- ABORTION is WRONG! Abortion is the murder of an innocent human being. Many doctors would say that a baby is not living until birth. If this is so, then tell me how a non-living being can have a heart and a brain? How can it have a backbone and fingers, toes, eyes, a nose? How can a non-living organism have a nervous system and a digestive tract? It is not possible, yet unborn babies develop all of these traits before birth. These traits begin to develop at the moment of conception. The moment the sperm and the egg join together a new living being has been created.

How can someone murder an innocent being that has not had the chance to open his or her eyes to the world? The zygote, the embryo, the baby, has done nothing to anyone that could be considered harmful or even half way deserving of murder. If anyone can find one thing that a baby has done

wrong while in the mother's womb, please let me know.

When a woman becomes pregnant, God has planned something special for that child's life. God has a plan for everyone whether we realize it or not. When we murder an unborn child, we murder God's plan. We murder God's hope.

That baby that is in that woman's womb may grow up to develop the cure for AIDS or for diabetes. That child may be a future president of the United States of America. Nobody knows what is in store for that unborn baby.

If the woman does not want the child, she can give it up for adoption so that someone who wants a child but is physically unable to have one, can. If that woman is not mentally and emotionally ready for a child, what is she doing getting pregnant? There is such a thing as birth control, and abortion is not in that category.

There are many girls in this country of high school age, and possibly younger, that are getting

pregnant and getting abortions so their parents will not find out. These girls are not emotionally, physically or mentally ready for a baby, much less for the act of sexual intercourse. Why are they getting pregnant? If they are going to engage in sexual activity, should they not be talking about it with their parents and being educated on the best ways to prevent an unwanted pregnancy?

If the mother's or the baby's life is threatened, is that not an excuse for an abortion? No, it is not. God knows what He is doing when He allows a woman to become pregnant. There is a reason that He is putting her and her family through a trial such as this. One of them will survive, and there is a possibility that both will if it is God's will.

What about rape? A woman should be allowed an abortion then, right? Again, no, she should not. That baby has a place in this world. Many women say that baby is a reminder of the rape and that they will grow to hate that baby because of what it reminds them

of. Well, that baby is also half of them. Do they hate what is a part of themselves because of something that they could not have prevented? Rape is not the woman's fault, ever. Why should the baby pay the price of a man's crime? That innocent child should not have to pay any price for anyone.

Why are the doctors and women involved in these abortions not convicted of horrible murders? When other people murder someone innocent, they are convicted of murder and even sentenced to death in some cases. Are they not guilty of the same thing as these doctors and potential mothers?

The plain truth of the matter is that abortion is cold-blooded murder. Is it not our own country that has the policy that everyone is innocent until proven guilty? Have these babies that are murdered every day been proven guilty of something? Then technically, they are innocent and are not deserving of murder. Live and let live.

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Students need more cultural activities

When students think of extracurricular activities, they often think of sports. But what about cultural activities such as theater, band and chorus? Are sports supposed to be the only activities at Floyd College that students can participate in as a group?

Floyd College did, at one time, have a chorus class and an instrumental ensemble class. But because of low turnouts, time and continuity problems the classes were removed from the college course list.

If members of the faculty and staff could get behind a

group of students who were enthusiastic about these activities, a class would not be needed.

A drama club or campus chorus could be organized and perhaps perform a show each semester. Any of these activities could include both students, faculty and staff.

In addition to providing an outlet for students' creativity, these activities could have a tremendous impact on the students' attitude toward the col-

lege and their relationships with other students and faculty.

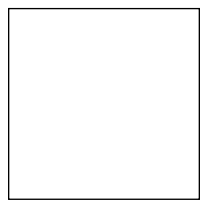
With the growth that Floyd College has experienced in the last few years, cultural events such as these could do nothing more than develop further this school's reputation and recognition.

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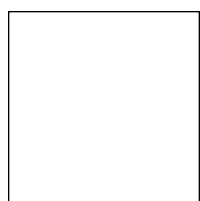
Student Poll

What will students remember most about Dr. Melvin Perry, associate professor of political science, who recently passed away? (See story on page 1.)



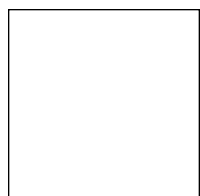
Paul Gilreath
Biology

I will remember how nice Mr. Perry was. He was also very helpful. If anyone had a question or a problem, he would do what he could to assist them.



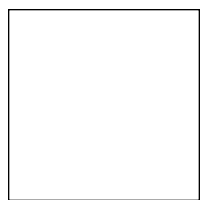
Danny Rampley
General Education

I will remember his humor. He had a good sense of humor. He was a very nice man as well.



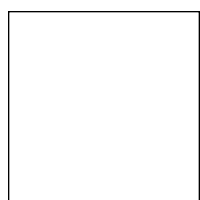
Jessica Mosely
Early Childhood Education

I thought he was very smart. He taught me a lot about the government. He made learning about Political Science interesting.



Brent Walker
Business Management

I will remember him as a gentleman. He was someone that I looked up to and he helped me out a lot.



Kristi Karakos
Communications

I will always remember our class discussions. They were always very controversial. He always made you think.

Photos by Heather Palmer

Driving curfews for teenagers?

By Mike Parker
Editor

Do you find teenage driving to be a problem? Well, regardless, the people in the legislature do, and a committee recently passed a proposal that deals specifically with teenage driving.

These changes proposed could be good but just as easily could turn out to be bad. Some of these changes will only affect the Atlanta area, but others changes carry weight in the whole state of Georgia.

The first one we'll deal with is the six hours of supervised night driving required to get a license. This law could turn out to be pretty good.

I know when I first started driving, nighttime driving sucked – especially when I didn't know the area. But in the end, six hours is not really going to teach a kid how to drive at night.

The second law proposed with

this bill is the two driving curfews for 16 and 17-year-olds, which are 10 p.m. and 12 a.m., respectively. This law is set to affect only the Atlanta area, but it is still mind-boggling.

According to Governor Roy Barnes, if this law is passed there will be no exception including school or religion. I don't know what religion means after 10 p.m., but this seems to be violating certain rights – maybe a little thing called the First Amendment. If a 16-year-old has freedom of religion, then shouldn't he/she have the freedom to participate at 10 p.m. without his/her parents driving?

Another problem with this is there will be no exceptions for school either. Throughout my years in high school, and all the sports I played, football, basketball and baseball, the bus never once made it back to the school from an away game before 10 p.m. So, what is 16-year-old Johnny

Sports supposed to do when he gets back to school too late to drive home? "Hey Mom, can you come pick me up. Oh, yeah, bring Dad with you to pick up my car so I can drive to school in the morning."

The last thing I'll mention is a law that is supposedly already in effect in the state of Georgia. Drivers under the age of 18 can only have one non-related passenger in the car while they are driving. I understand it, but does anybody follow it, or in this case, know about it?

I think the majority of these proposals will slip through the legislature, but they will get swept under the rug.

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Get off those cell phones!

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

Don't you hate when little noises bother you in class? Don't you hate when the smallest of things comes about and makes you misunderstand some key piece of information that is going to be on your next test? Then let's do something about it.

Every day, there are thousands of cellular phones that go off during class. Usually these cell phones go off during a lecture or a test or at some other important time where one doesn't need a distraction.

Sometimes it seems as if 75 percent of Floyd College students own a cellular phone. And about half of them bring their phones to classes.

To bring a cell phone to class is perfectly fine, but the majority of students who bring their cell phones to class leave the sound on.

All cellular phones now have the option to turn off the

ringer, so there should not be any reason not to turn the sound off.

Some of the newer models are coming equipped with a vibrating option, which is also great. But, to leave on the ringer and for others to be trying to keep a clear train of thought only to be rudely inter-

rupted by a musical tune that comes from a phone is uncanny.

Cellular phones and pagers can be very useful devices. But, while using them, remember to respect those around you who have already turned theirs off so it would not distract you.

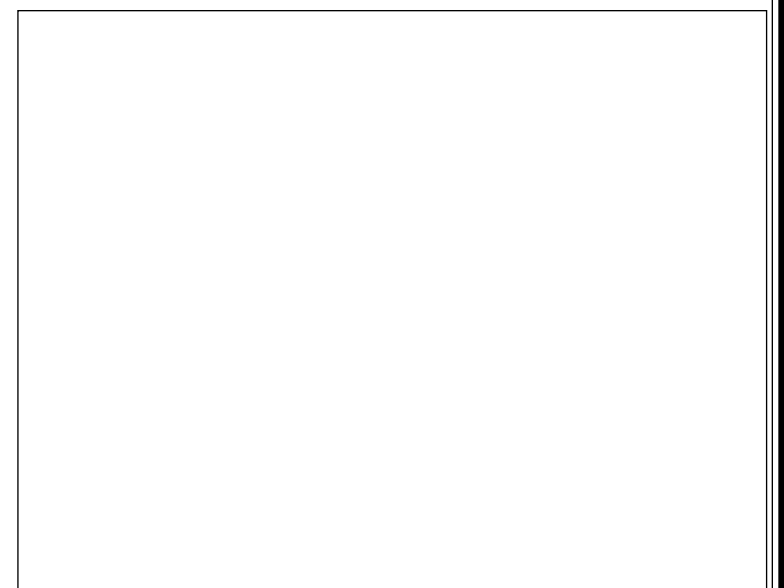


Photo by Mike Parker
"I pity the fool who don't turn off his cell phone!"

Features

Are high school students ready for college?

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

College students these days are not ready for college when they graduate high school.

But this is not entirely their fault. Some students believe that their high school teachers had not prepared them for the workload of college.

Courtney Gravett, a nursing student from Summerville, said that she was ready for the college experience, but wished her teachers had assigned more homework. She sees college as "more of a your-benefit atmosphere" where it is up to you to perform research and study harder outside of class.

Learning Support Chair Dr. Tim Floyd believes that any outside support from family and friends is vital to success in college. This is especially important in an environment where homework does not have to be assigned.

Floyd also considers the fact that college is not the number

one priority for high school students and that many college students are the first in their families to attend a post secondary school.

Some students blamed their lack of preparation on the low academic standards of high school. Floyd College professors seemed to agree.

Laura Musselwhite, assistant professor of history, thinks that a change in the academic programs at high schools is needed, but should be "a change that comes from the top".

Professor Musselwhite knows that if a change is to be made in the way teachers teach it has to be established by the state Department of Education.

She is astounded when students do not know certain facts that they should be familiar with, such as geography, people, and different cultures.

Ms. Musselwhite believes it is not the way teachers perform their jobs, but in the way they give tests and are forced to make students learn. Most stu-

dents in her classes have no interest in learning, instead of the love of learning that should be programmed into every person.

Dr. Fred Green, associate professor of English, feels the same way about the language arts side of the subject.

Mr. Green believes that high schools do not require as much writing as they should. He said that many of his students have never written an essay before enrollment in his classes.

Green wishes that high schools would work more closely with colleges in order to regulate expectations for their students.

Tutorial Center Coordinator Jeannie Cassity believes that the implementation of bridge programs and a tutorial center in high schools would greatly increase the number of students who are prepared for college.

A bridge program is an abbreviated college course that is given to prospective college students the summer before their enrollment.

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Features

Dr. Abatan returns to Nigerian homeland

By M. Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

Returning to her homeland of Nigeria for the first time in almost 10 years, Dr. Adetutu Abatan, assistant professor of English, found many things have changed.

In her two-week trip, which began Dec. 8, Abatan visited her home town of Lagos, where her mother lives, and Abeokute, which is about an hour from Lagos.

"Actually, what took me there was my father-in-law was sick. He had a stroke. I just combined two things. I got to see other relatives. I saw my mom," Abatan said.

Abatan's mother visited her daughter in the United States in 1998. It had been over two years since they last saw each other.

Lagos, where Abatan grew up, is the commercial center and main seaport of Nigeria, and was formerly the capital of Nigeria until a new capital, Abuja, was built in the center of the country.

She went to high school near Lagos in the late 1960s, when Nigeria suffered through a three-year-long civil war.

Abatan said, "I was in ... a

boarding school just north of Lagos. It (the war) didn't affect those of us in the west. We knew there was a war going on but most of the fighting was in the east."

Looking at the Nigeria today, Abatan finds that "the economy is not doing too good," contrary to the Nigeria she grew up in.

"You have a few people who are rich, and then you have the masses," she said.

The Nigerian unit of currency, the naria, has plunged in value. In 1971, one naria was worth two American dollars. Now, one dollar is worth 100 naria.

"Salaries have not really gone up much, but the cost of living has jumped up tremendously. They (the Nigerians) are struggling to do the best they can," Abatan said.

There is also a crisis in the Ogoniland, where locals have been conducting an ongoing conflict with the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company.

Abatan explained what was really happening: "The people who live in the area where the oil is produced, in the delta of the Niger River, had a raw deal. Because, before oil became the mainstay of



Dr. Adetutu Abatan (left) visits with her family during a recent trip to Nigeria

Guest Photo

Nigeria's economy, most of the people were fisherman or farmers, but pollution has killed all the fish. Their villages have not been developed, so now they are attacking the oil companies."

Abatan left Nigeria in 1981 to

attend graduate school at Virginia Tech, where her husband had an appointment as a visiting professor.

"It sounded like a good opportunity to get my master's," she said.

But one of the main reasons Abatan and her husband felt it was time to leave Nigeria was the forced imposition of the Muslim legal code, Sharia, on the northern parts of the country.

She attended college in Zaria, where militant Islamic groups were staging frequent attacks on Christians.

"There was a time when the Muslims burned all the churches in the town. The country is supposed to be secular. The government is not supposed to favor one

religion over another, but what generally happens is whoever the ruler of the country is at a particular time will try to impose his religion on the people," she said.

Abatan is now an American citizen, but her ties to Nigeria are still very much intact.

"We consider ourselves Nigerian-Americans," she said.

Abatan will be speaking about Nigeria in the Tower View Dining Room on the central campus on Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. For information contact Laura Musselwhite, associate professor of history, at 295-6300.

Abatan is in her second year of teaching at Floyd College. She has taught courses at the North Metro and Cartersville campuses, as well as the central campus.

Speed detection devices inaccurate

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

For most people, driving has become a state-of-mind, a zone that one goes into when getting behind the wheel of a vehicle. After one starts his or her car and pulls off, he or she begins to concentrate on driving and the driving environment.

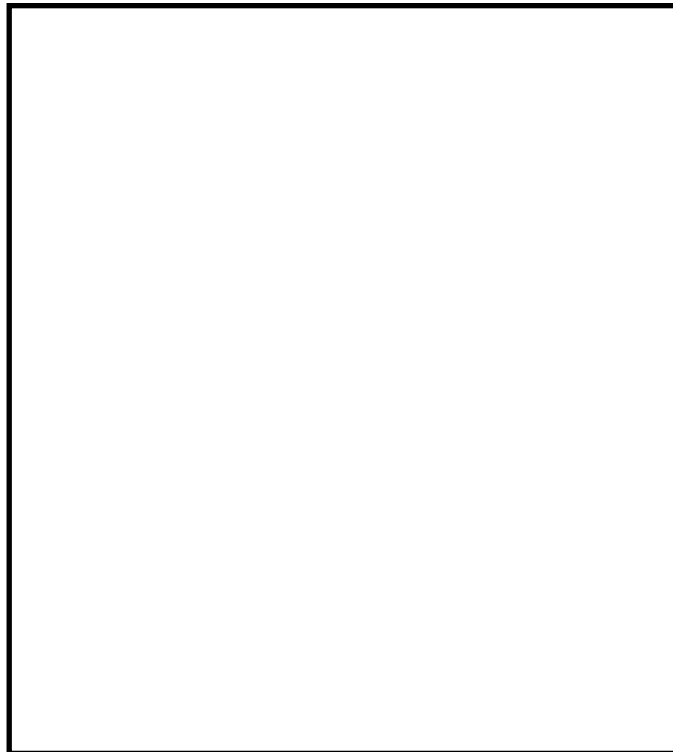
One piece of that environment is a crudely constructed contraption that is designed and built, by the police, to slow drivers down.

The device holds a wide assortment of electronics that when put together and charged up will detect and display the speed of moving vehicles on the highway. And, when a vehicle is moving too rapidly for the speed limit, the numbers on the detector will flash.

Now, while this seems like a great idea to some people (mainly the police department, trying to be all clever and place the device right next to the roads in an unexpected position), someone must have forgotten to research and test the device out more thoroughly.

Here is the catch. On two-lane roads where cars can drive side-by-side, this detector will only detect the vehicle nearest to it. And, with it supposedly gathering data for the police department, the problem throws off the data, making it inaccurate.

Another catch is related to intimidation. Without intimidation or some kind of enforcement, this device is just another piece of junk on the side of the road. Most people



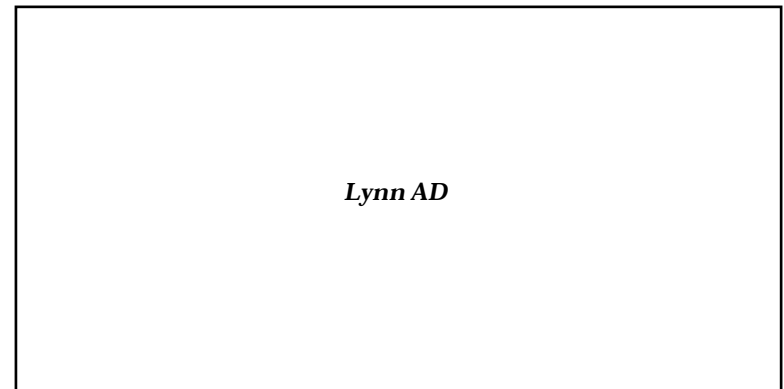
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just use it as a way to have fun.

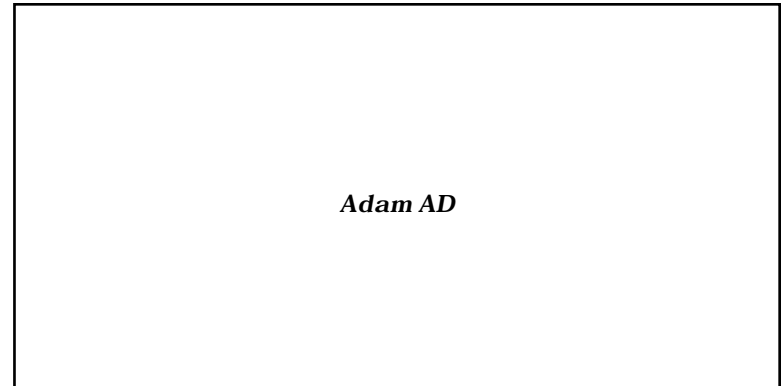
"Some days when driving to the main campus for classes, I will see one on the opposite side of the road over on Highway 27 near the bridge that is being worked on. And when I leave the campus to head for home, I will hit the gas to see how high the num-

bers on the display will go," says one Floyd College student.

Each day tons of garbage are thrown out onto roads. And these pieces of equipment just sitting out beside the roads only add more trash and clutter to the environment.



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Features

The Eiffel Tower isn't the only thing in France

By Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

At the Sunset Jazz Club, located at 60 rue des Lombards in Paris, you can buy a *billet* (ticket) for 100 francs (13 American dollars). Descend the stairs and it's like walking into a ceramic cave. The walls and ceiling are covered in black and white checkered tile. There's hardly enough space to move in the smoke, but the bar serves fair-priced, Stella beer on tap, and good cheap French wine by the bottle. The band, on any given night, will be among the best jazz groups in Europe.

From the stairs, you can hear the band, already exploding, detonating lunatic jazz licks. It is a quintet. The pianist hovers over a Roland keyboard. The lanky guitarist cradles a black Telecaster, and the bassist rocks a double bass as if he were dancing with a beautiful woman. The drummer whisks his brush sticks up

and down, striking the snare, gently slapping the ride cymbal. And in the center is the leader, a short-haired man in a blue silk dress-shirt, sitting on a stool, playing the accordion.

His name is Marc Berthoumieux, one of the leading jazz musicians in France.

He began playing the accordion at the age of six, and was already playing in a band by 12. He has composed a number of pieces that have been used as theme music for French TV documentaries. Playing clubs in Paris, Belgium, Switzerland and Africa, Berthoumieux has performed alongside jazz artists like Johnny Hallyday, Rene Aubry and Harry Belefonte.

He started his professional career playing Parisian jazz clubs, like the Sunset, with the Louis Winsberg quartet.

Berthoumieux's discography includes two albums he has recorded with Winsberg, *Petits Deja* and *La Danse du Vent*. And in 1998 he performed on the album *Les 3 Tenors*, recorded live in Paris, with Plácido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti.

His new live al-

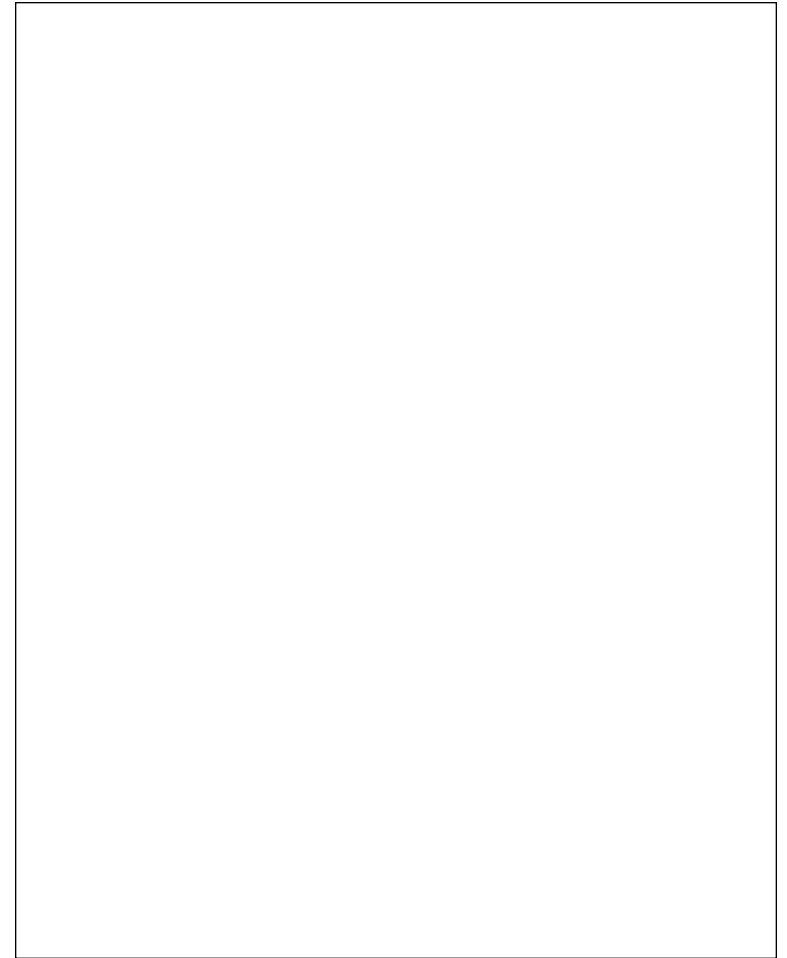


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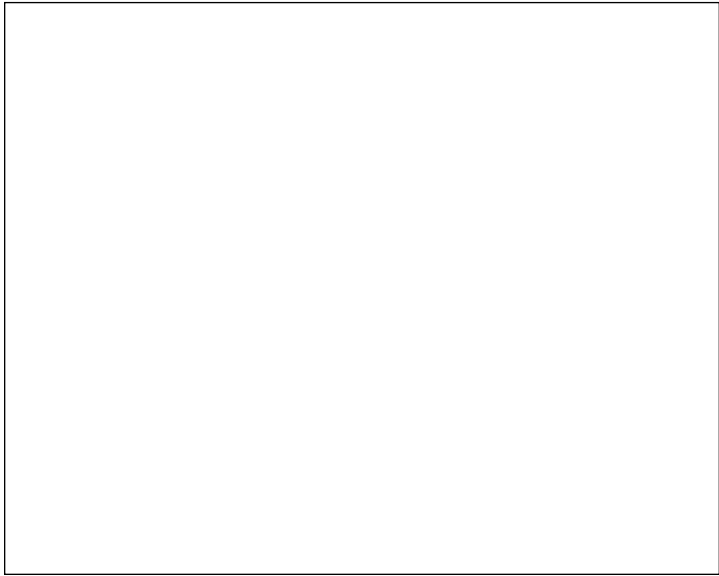


Photo By Adam Stanley

Berthoumieux performs at 60 rue des Lombards in Paris.



His shirt soaked with sweat, Marc Berthoumieux takes a breather after a performance.

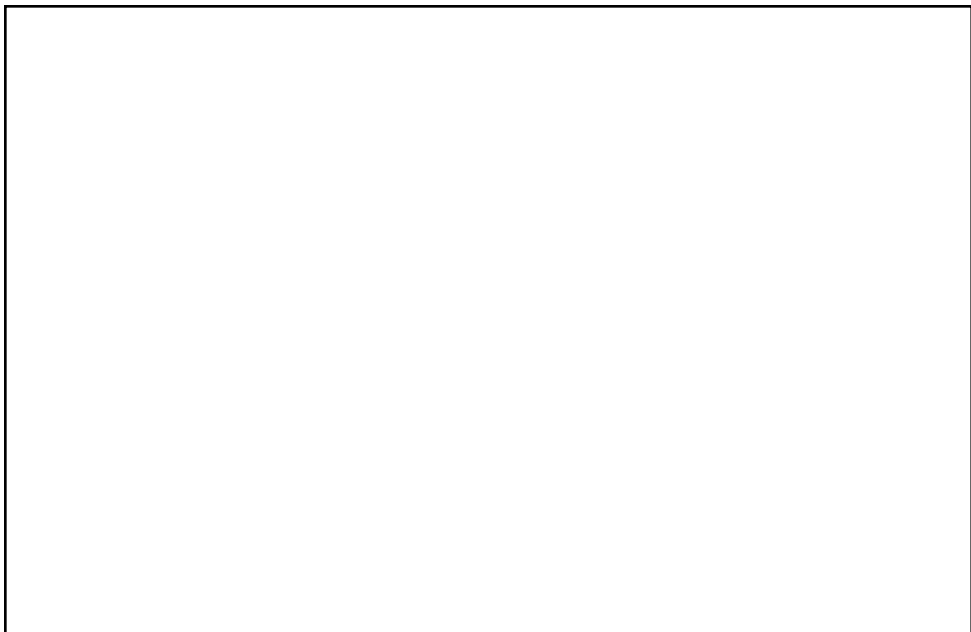
bum, *Les Couleurs D'ici*, is due out in October of this year.

Framed portraits of great jazz pioneers like John Coltrane and Billy Holiday hang on the walls over the knee-high tables that look like drums. People sit in red velvet chairs and listen to the band.

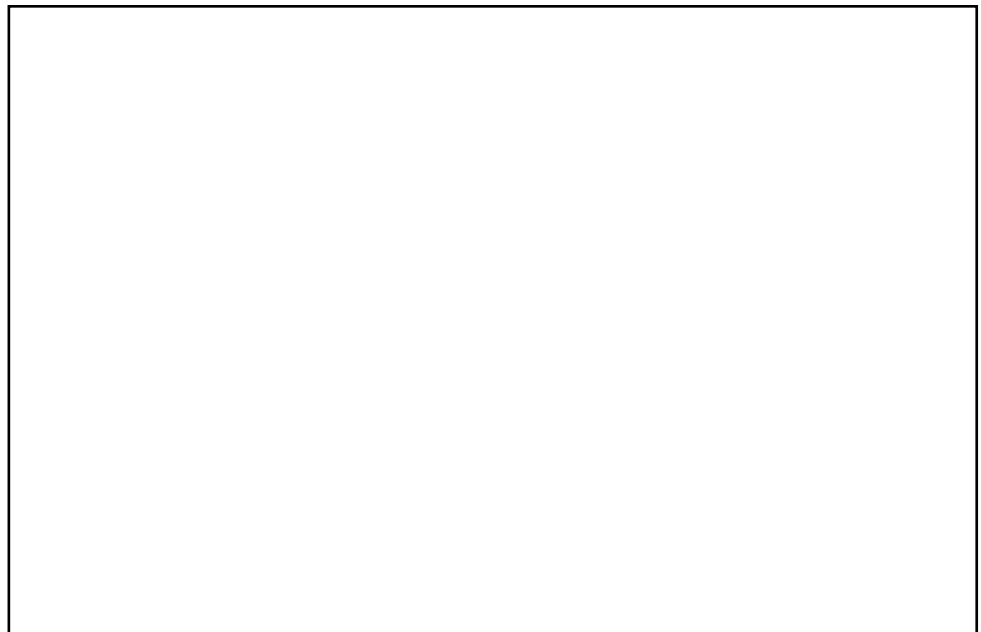
The music goes on until 3 a.m. When the Marc Berthoumieux Quintet play their last note, the crowd erupts

with applause. They could have played all night and no one would have left; the music was as hypnotic as a snake charmer's hypodermic melody. It entered the bloodstream directly through the ears and subdued the soul, and, like sleep, you could never get enough.

Editor's Note: Adam Stanley recently traveled to Paris.



Sunset Jazz Club provides a casual atmosphere for locals. Photo By Adam Stanley



No time for work and every bit of time for fun and music! Photo By Adam Stanley

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Answer: A cantaloupe



Crossword Puzzle

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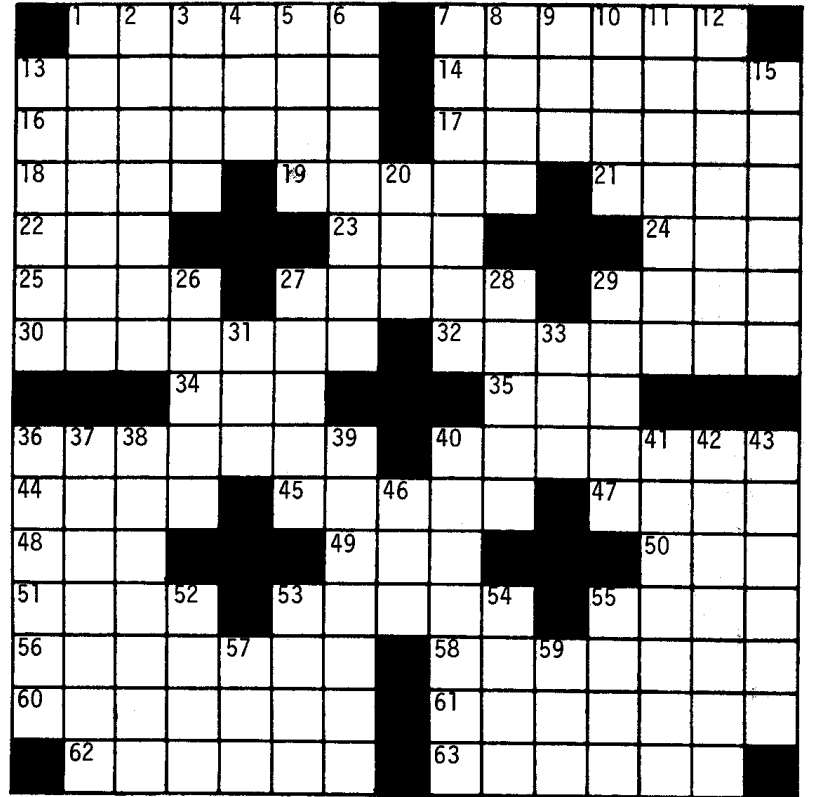
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- 46 Metric —
- 52 Hindu deity
- 53 — board
- 54 — order
- 55 Whip mark
- 57 — part
- 59 Ralph Kramden's vehicle



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Features

Brijesh decides to come to America for an education

By Laterah Dunham
Assistant Editor

"Kem cho?" Brijesh Patel, a sophomore computer science major, said as he looked up from his computer. It means, "How are you?" in Gujarati, which is only one of the eight languages that Brijesh knows.

Around the school he is affectionately known as B.J. since many people are unable to pronounce his first name. Similarly, his brother Japesh, is known as Joe.

"Everything is so fast paced here compared to Zambia"

--BrijeshPatel

B.J. is originally from Zambia. Zambia is in the southern part of Africa and is located between Zaire and Zimbabwe. Zambia is known for Victoria Falls, which is the world's longest falls. Zambia shares the falls with Zimbabwe.

Zambia has 72 languages total. B.J. and Joe only know two of them. Most of the languages there are tribal languages. The two that B.J. and his brother know are Bemba and Nyanja.

One of the major differences B.J. has noticed between Zambia and America is the vast abundance of fast food in the United States.

"Everything is so fast paced here compared to Zambia," said B.J. "Everyone is always at work and school. There is hardly any social time in America."

In Zambia, everyone got off work at 5 p.m., no matter what was going on. Friends and family would get together and go to sports clubs, where they would play tennis and badminton.

On Friday and Saturday nights, friends would get together at the sports clubs at around 5 p.m. and stay until 10 p.m. Supper would be eaten at the sports clubs. From 11 p.m. until whenever, they would go out to night-clubs and be back home at approximately 6 a.m.

The educational system in Zambia, however, is pretty much like the one we have here in America. B.J. graduated from high school in Zambia when he was 16 years old. The colleges in Zambia were not very good, so he went looking for somewhere else to go to school and decided on America. Unfortunately, it took too long for the American colleges to reply and he decided to go to India.

When he arrived in India, B.J. decided to live in Anand, Gujarat. Gujarat is one of the many states in India.

B.J. was forced to retake the 11th and 12th grades. During the school day in India, the teachers rotate classes and not the students. Indian education focuses more on math and science than anything else. The Calculus 2 course at a university in America is equivalent to the 12th grade math class in India.

The schools demand 100 percent in schoolwork, and then each

student has a private tutor for each subject that he or she is taking.

Graduating from high school in India is a very important accomplishment. When a student does not graduate, friends and families humiliate him or her. Because the schools are so hard, a passing grade is 35 percent out of 100 percent. When a student received a 60 percent, that is con-

sidered extremely good.

After the 10th grade in India, the student must choose between a science-based education and an arts based education. B.J. chose the science based. After he graduated, B.J. went on to complete one year of pharmacy college in India. He also received marks of distinction for his grades in India.

B.J.'s parents are originally from India, but they moved to Zambia shortly after they were married. B.J.'s father was the first to come to America, followed by the mother and Joe. B.J. was the last to arrive and has been here a total of two years. The family was forced to move to America because of the falling economy in Zambia. Currently one American dollar is equivalent to 5000 kwacha in Zambia.

At home the family speaks Gujarati because that is the mother tongue of the family. B.J. also knows Hindi, Marathi, French, English and a little bit of Spanish.

B.J. plans to finish at Floyd College in the fall and move on to Georgia State University, where he will earn his bachelor's degree.

Photo by Crystal Hightower

Brijesh Patel, computer science major, is often found in the Student Life Office.

Health Fair coming to Floyd College

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

Floyd College will hold a Health Fair on Feb. 28 in the Lakeview Auditorium from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The event is open to the entire community as well as Floyd students and is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Human Resource Department

In addition to the Health Fair itself, the Red Cross will be holding a blood drive there from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The main exhibitors at the Health Fair will be students from Floyd College's many medical programs including the nursing, dental hygiene and the physical therapy assistant programs. The

HPER club will also have a display.

Twenty-five local clubs and organizations have been invited to participate in the Health Fair. Those include the Rome Parks and Recreation Department, the Rome area YMCA, the Floyd County Police, and the Women's Information Network.

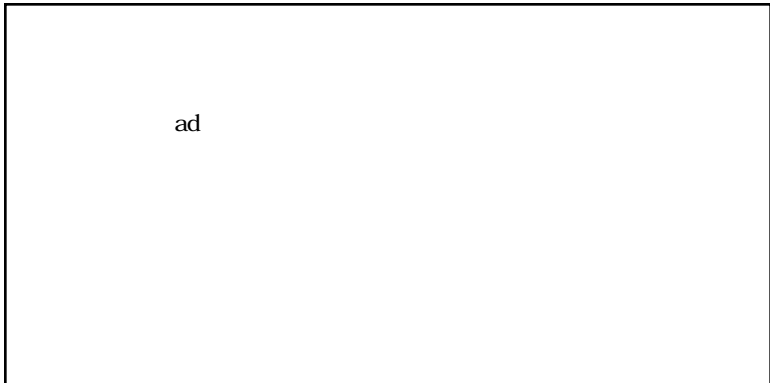
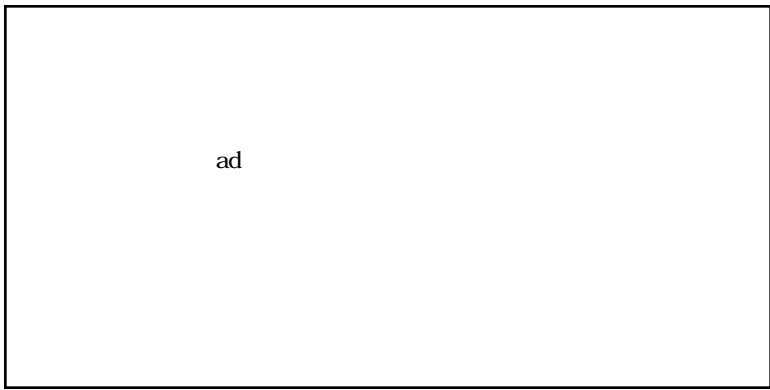
Nursing department faculty member Lesley Henderson presented the idea for the Health Fair to Student Life director Ashley Tull last year.

The event evolved out of the nursing students teaching in a lot of community settings. These presentations were so good that they wished to share them not just with the college, but with the rest of the community.

This year, Student Life has ex-

tended invitations to school groups, nursing homes and Human Resource Directors of local businesses.

"We do it," stated Ms. Henderson, "because it is fun to work with the public and share what we as nurses need to know in the way of information. It is a way to give back to the community."



Entertainment

Forget Oscar and the Academy – Here is Stewart

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

With the Golden Globes over and the Oscars right around the corner, allow me to add my two cents on the movies of 2000.

Best Supporting Actor

Many names are remembered when one thinks of supporting actors of the past year. Joaquin Phoenix, Benicio Del Toro, and Don Cheadle are just a few who gave great performances.

But a little known film titled *Wonderboys* boasted a young actor who, I believe, surpassed the talent of his more experienced co-star, Michael Douglas. Tobey Maguire amazed me as a troubled college student seeking help from his equally troubled English professor.

Winner: Tobey Maguire, *Wonderboys*

Best Supporting Actress

Although the movie *Almost Famous* was particularly about a

teenage journalist following a rock band during the seventies, one actress that moved the story along beautifully was Francis McDormand.

Playing the strung-out mom of student turned *Rolling Stone* journalist William Miller, McDormand perfectly combines eccentricity with motherly love, a winning combination.

Winner: Francis McDormand, *Almost Famous*

Best Song

To me, a song in a movie has to either advance the plot or have a major role in the plot. Having stated that little note, let's look at some potential winners.

"Where Are You Christmas" from *The Grinch* was a good representation of the theme of the movie and was actually the first movie (always a plus), but was also more of a holiday song.

Bob Dylan scored a win at the Golden Globes with "Things Have Changed" from *Wonderboys*, but with no real publicity, few realized its impact.

Finally, a song that really grabbed my attention was "I am a

Man of Constant Sorrow" from *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* Not only did it play an intricate part in the movie; it became synonymous with any publicity for the movie, and it has a pretty catchy tune.

Winner: "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow," *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

Best Actress

As Penny Lane, the head "Band Aid" in *Almost Famous*, Kate Hudson delivers a performance worth analyzing. From showing a range of emotions to just acting human, Kate Hudson shows why she is no longer *Almost Famous*.

Winner: Kate Hudson, *Almost Famous*

Best Actor

One could consider many names for this category: Tom Hanks for his superb depiction of a man severed from civilization in *Castaway* or Russell Crowe for portraying a Roman general turned slave turned hero in *Gladiator*.

But I believe that the rightful

winner of this category is Jamie Bell, who played the spirited lead in *Billy Elliot*. If you walked out of this movie not feeling good about yourself, there is a cruel heart within you.

Winner: Jamie Bell, *Billy Elliot*

Best Performance by an Inanimate Object

As I look back at the past year's films, I can't help but remember the little things that made the movies memorable. Like those objects which cannot talk or move, yet had as much importance as the actors did. In this category you have to think about a character's vehicle or toy that made a major appearance in the movie.

This time I believe the best performance was given by Wilson the volleyball in *Castaway*. With some of the best dialogue in the film and his chemistry with co-star Tom Hanks, his portrayal of a lost and soiled piece of sporting equipment was timeless.

Winner: Wilson, *Castaway*

Best Picture

Here's the category in which everybody wants to know the winner. When you think of best movie, you have to consider not only the actors and plot but also the spectrum and versatility of the story.

Gladiator emerges as the year's best film in regard to these aspects of filmmaking. The story, the characters, and the enormous range and picture that the movie projected made a major influence on the film industry.



Winner: *Gladiator*

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Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is Feb 27.

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Sports

Floyd College has 'long-winded' professors

By Jason Yates
Staff Writer

With the crowd of thousands of supportive fans around them and the other runners huddled at the line, they can smell that something big is in the air. All the other runners are jumping, stretching, bouncing and chattering. A sense of nervousness settles in on everybody as the gun rises above the starter's head... In just a few seconds they will be running a marathon.

At Floyd College two teachers have run the marathon. Dr. Ralph Peters, professor of sociology, and Greg Sumner, assistant professor of criminal justice, have suffered through and conquered this monster race that few people are able to finish.

Peters said, "The marathon just has a mystique that other races don't have. It has a kind of nobility that is appealing to me. When you run in a marathon, you are just in a world by yourself. It is the hardest thing that a human can do mentally and physically."

"I started running when the 'running craze' of the 70s came into being," commented Peters. Peters has run about a dozen marathons including the Boston Marathon, which is considered by serious

runners as the "Holy Grail of Marathons."

He has also run in the New York, Atlanta, Huntsville, Savannah and the Bayshore runs. He has finished in the top 10 runners at Savannah and in the top 20 in Bayshore.

Peters hopes to run in a European event like the marathons in Rotterdam, Berlin or London. He would also like to compete in a West Coast run.

"By running in this type of event, there are several benefits that you get," Peters said. He gets to be a "dietary glutton." By running so much you burn lots of calories every day. Peters said that his daily calorie intake is at about

as you stay consistent with your long distance running. "Some of the better health benefits are lower blood pressure and heart rate and you mentally feel good because your body is in peak shape," said Peters.

To train for this grueling run Peters said that he starts seriously training about five months before the event. He runs one run of 20 plus miles and totals 60 to 80 miles each week.

"I'm not satisfied with the coverage that the marathon receives here in the United States," Peters said. He said that the marathon was more popular in the 70s and 80s but has faded off in the last few years. "Americans like team sports more than individual sports," said Peters.

Peters said that this run is an "ego equalizer." It does not matter what race, age, sex, gender or nationality you are. The only person you are competing against is yourself.

Peters said that he likes to run one marathon a year, but would rather run two.

Sumner has only run one marathon, the Chicago marathon, and it was on his 31st birthday.

His goal was to run a marathon before his 30th birthday, but he missed it one year to the day. "I think my true inspiration was my wife Shani. She had the same goal, and fortunately she was able to obtain it prior to her

30th birthday," said Sumner.

Training for the marathon is the hardest part according to Sumner.

"Typically, you will train for approximately four months for a marathon. You will start out in lower mileage and increase as the weeks progress. One of the most important parts of training for a marathon is to always get your weekly long run in. We ran four to five times a week, totaling between 20-35 miles. Your long run will increase every week until you reach 23-24 miles, which is three to four weeks before the marathon," Sumner said.

"I think ultimately I run marathons to obtain a personal sense of accomplishment and as an extension of my personal beliefs about health and fitness," said Sumner.

He also commented, "I believe by training and running marathons now it will provide for longevity in life. It also provides a great opportunity to detach yourself from the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life and clear your thoughts and somewhat meditate in motion."

Sumner said that he started running when he was 17 and never really understood how much punishment a body could take until he joined the United States Army in 1989.

The health benefits that Sumner has noticed since he started running are reduction in body fat, increased stamina, better sleep, reduced stress, reduction in cholesterol level and an overall better outlook on life.

Sumner said, "I recommend that anyone train and run a mara-

thon. It will be an accomplishment only few can say they have achieved. Train hard, but above all, enjoy yourself and the health benefits you will receive from a marathon."

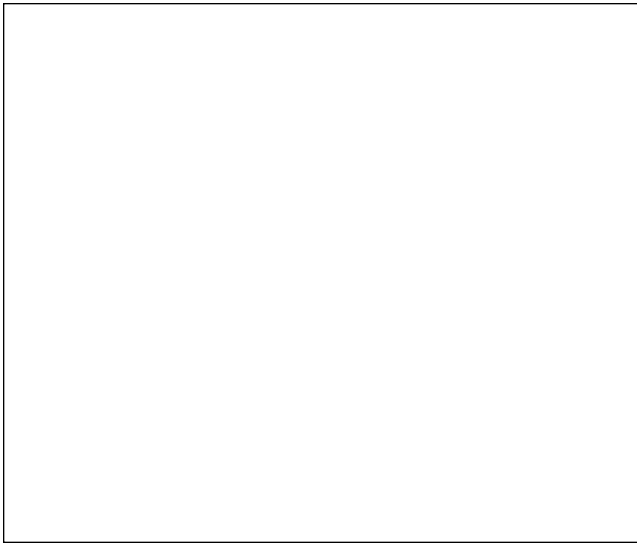


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Greg Sumner (left) and Dr. Ralph Peters (right) both enjoy running long distance.

Guest photo
Greg Sumner keeps up the pace in the U.S. 10K Classic on Labor Day of 1999 in Marietta, Ga.

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Sports

Floyd College competes in intercollegiate basketball

By **Jeremy Stewart**
Staff Writer

The results were split when the Floyd College men's and women's basketball teams faced Dalton College Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Floyd College gymnasium.

The women won their game by 19 points. The winning team consists of Kandace Edwards, Autumn Bishops, Angela Hoskins, Brooke Matthews and Renee Mixon.

The members of the men's team include Chez Ely, Tiko Martin, Britanna Allen, Patrick Col-

lum, Matt Nesworthy, Brandon Knight and Matt Kerce. Dalton defeated the men with a final score of 106-69.

According to David Mathis, intramurals coordinator, the Floyd College teams will play at Dalton College in a few weeks. Dalton is trying to set up an intercollegiate sports league.

Chattahoochee Tech will bring their men's team to compete with the FC men on March 17 at 1 p.m. in the gymnasium. Admission is free.

Intramural Schedule

Five on Five Basketball

Jan. 29 - April 9

Tennis Tournament

April 2 - April 20

Co-ed Softball

March 26 - April 19

Beach Volleyball

April 7

Indoor Volleyball

Feb. 6 - Mar. 20



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Sports Commentary

By **Mike Parker**
Editor

Inevitably, football season had to come to an end. And with the Ravens stomping the Giants in this year's Super Bowl, football fans will have to suffer from withdrawals every Sunday and Monday night. Of course there is always *Ally McBeal* - yeah right.

Oh, but wait, what's this? The XFL breaks onto the scene. The Extreme Football League debuted Feb. 3 on NBC.

What do you think of it, Mike? Well, I'll tell you. I'm not a big pro-wrestling fan so the fact that Vince McMahon is heading up this operation created a sense of doubt in me. I was afraid that the games would turn out to be fake and there would be staged

fight along with other outrageous theatrics. There are some theatrics, but as far as I can tell, the games are real.

In fact, the XFL is really not all that different from the NFL in terms of rules. The only major difference is the punt return situation. Yeah, yeah, we know there is no fair catch, but that doesn't really matter because the punt team has to give the receiver a five-yard zone to catch the ball. Five yards is huge compared to two yards in the NFL. No, the big difference is the fact that the punt

team can recover the ball after it goes 25 yards. In other words, it would be called an on-side punt - whatever.

So, we have the rules that are basically the same, but the game is displayed totally, totally differently. This is where things start to get shaky. First of all, there are cameras everywhere. They come on the field in between plays, and there is even one hovering over the

field via a rope or cord. You never really get a good angle on the game as you do in the NFL.

Also, all the players seem to be miked for the whole stadium to hear. This is really annoying after a while. Granted, these players aren't literary geniuses, but I've heard better dialog in a nursery. Maybe there's a reason the NFL doesn't mike all the players live. This is pretty bad, but what takes the cake in the annoying category is the interviews with players and coaches after every other play. Sometimes the players don't even

pay attention to the interviewer and run back on the field. That, in and of itself, is pretty entertaining.

Finally, everyone knew about the heavy emphasis on the cheerleaders. Well, it turned out to be heavy all right - a little too heavy. The NFL has cheerleaders, and they are dressed in skimpy outfits, but nothing compared to the XFL cheerleaders. Actually, the outfits they wear are not any smaller than the ones NFL cheerleaders wear. It's just that what the outfit is covering up, or trying to cover up, is much bigger. To add to the sleaziness of the girls, the camera would seem to shoot from angles rather revealing. Hey, I'm not complaining about this, but I think it takes away from the actual game itself.

The XFL could prove to produce some good players, though, and my guess is that the NFL will probably look to recruit some of these guys in due time.

In the same view, however, the guys who get cut from the NFL will probably look to play in the XFL. Of course, this is all speculation because who knows how long this XFL will last.

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