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The Student Voice

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News Briefs

Polish those teeth

Students can now make appointments at the Floyd College Dental Hygiene School. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

These examinations include a blood pressure screening, oral cancer screening, periodontal examination, cleansing and polishing of teeth, x-rays (if needed), cleaning of dentures and partials, brushing and flossing instructions and sealants, which are \$5 extra per tooth.

For an appointment, call 706-295-6760. Morning and afternoon appointments are available. The school is located at the corner of Ninth Street and Keelway Drive.

Volunteer positions available

There are many volunteer positions available this semester to Floyd College students.

Jan Goshorn needs volunteers at The Center for Prevention of Child Abuse. These volunteers would help send out return envelopes. Students can contact Goshorn at 706-290-0764 or contact Marie Atkins, Stephanie Ritter or Ashley Tull in the Office of Student Life.

The Office of Child Support Enforcement is looking for volunteers to greet visitors and handle phone call.

The Chieftains Museum also needs volunteers to help out on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on any of these opportunities, contact Atkins in the Office of Student Life at 706-295-6773 or by e-mail at tatki00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

Get a Job

Floyd College has recently made a deal with Anheuser-Busch Inc., which has a plant in Cartersville, concerning jobs for students. Anheuser-Busch is presently recruiting for two types of temporary positions.

The first position is that of "Production Weekender." This job consists of an 8 hour shift on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The pay for this position is approximately \$19.92 per hour.

The other position is entitled "Seasonal Employee" and will employ workers from May 1 through Sept. 1, with a time cap of 1,000 hours. Salary is \$12.25 per hour.

Any students interested can contact Dr. Penny Wills, vice president for student development, at 706-295-6335 or contact her by e-mail at pwill.fc.peachnet.edu.

Laptop liability: Who's to blame?

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Photo by Kevin Barnes

Jeanie Cassity, tutorial center coordinator, helps Alan McDougle with an assignment on his laptop.

By Nicole Blankenship
Staff Writer

Since the fall of 1997, the laptop has become a major part of Floyd College. Over the past year and a half, students have become more and more at ease with the laptop, but some unease still remains.

There are still many questions circulating about laptops in general, concerning liability, leasing and repairs.

One of the first questions asked about the computers is "What happens if the computer, or some part of the computer, breaks?" Pat McCord, vice president of finance, says that when the student takes the computer to the Help Desk and the computer has malfunctioned under warranty (meaning that the malfunction is at no fault of the student), the manufacturer will fix the machine at no cost. If the malfunction in the computer is because of damage done to it by the student, then the student is charged and must pay for the repairs.

The next question is "Who makes the decision on whether or not the damage was caused by a student?" The Help Desk initially makes the judgement and then brings it before the Laptop Appeals Committee. The committee is made up of a variety of people, including students, faculty and some members of the administration.

After the cause of the problem is determined, the student may write up an appeal to be heard by the committee if he or she disagrees with the damage charged to him/her. The committee meets once a month and discusses appeals with the students and then makes

the final judgement.

So, what if theft is involved? According to McCord, "The college has a policy that covers theft when there is forcible entry, which means if someone breaks into your car or home and a police report can prove it, then you can escape the charges." However, according to McCord, "If there is a 'mysterious disappearance,' the student will be held responsible. That's how it works. It all comes down to responsibility."

The final question that is being asked among students is whether or not students will be able to purchase laptops. The answer is yes, because the college is trying to get rid of all surplus machines.

The requirement, according to McCord, is that a person must be a Floyd College graduate in order to purchase a laptop.

Spring Fling looms on the horizon

by Aimee Harmison
Staff Writer

The Floyd College central campus in Rome will be holding Spring Fling, on April 1, from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Classes at the central campus will be cancelled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. according to Ashley Tull, director of student life.

This break from classes is an attempt to give anyone who would like to partake in the events and activities ample time to do so.

The activities and games that will be offered at Spring Fling will include boxing, jousting, an obstacle course, bungee run, inflatable games, photo buttons and live bands. Refreshments such as pizza, ice cream and drinks will be provided.

Tull stated, "I anticipate a good time for all. It is a neat college tradition; folks are ready to kick back and take a break for a while. We, the Office of Student Life, encourage everyone to attend."

The games and activities that will be provided are free; they are covered

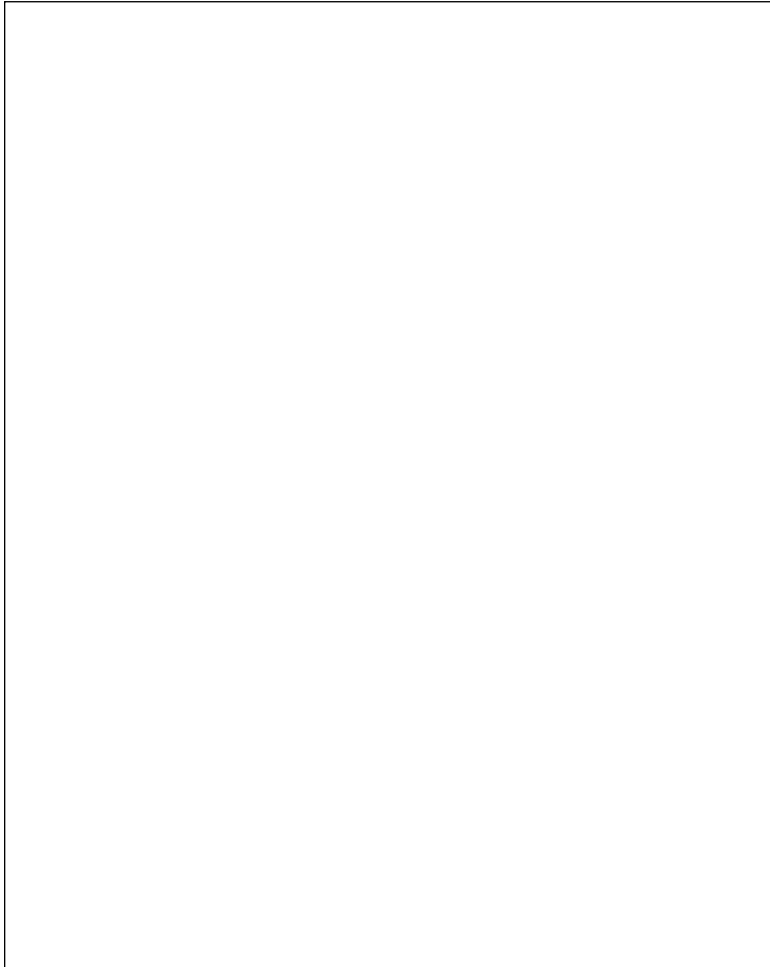
by the student activity fee all Floyd College students pay at the beginning of the semester.

The Office of Student Life sponsors the Spring Fling.

Other Floyd College Campuses will also be sponsoring a "Spring Fling." North Metro Tech, Waco and Cartersville campuses will all be holding their activities at different times and dates. Any questions about times and dates can be directed to Tull in the Office of Student Life. He can be reached at (706) 295-6363.

News

Is FC prepared for rough weather?



Courtesy of Rome News Tribune

A map of tornado paths in Floyd County since 1921

By Elton Freeman
Staff Writer

Are we, at FC, prepared for the worst? Do students at Floyd College know what to do in case of a tornado and severe weather? Do we know the proper procedures and places to go?

Cody Foster said, "I would go to the halls or the inner part of the building. I would get up against the wall and hope for the best." Foster also said, "Basically, everyone should know what to do by instinct."

Claire Dillard said, "Yes, I would know what to do if there

were a tornado heading my way. My parents were paranoid about storms, so they taught me when I was a child. If I did not know what to do, I would probably run outside in a panic and get sucked away."

According to Jerry Pilgrim, "If a tornado did strike, I'd head for the innermost part of the building that I was in, get against the wall, and try to get other people to follow. Since tornadoes are completely random, a quick prayer wouldn't hurt anything either."

Sandy Briscar, director of public information, had some information about severe weather precautions here at Floyd College. She said, "We basically have severe weather maps posted in each building that give places where students or staff can go in case of an emergency."

"We also have an intercom in the halls to use in times of emergency to notify students or staff of any such emergency. The televisions are also turned on to the weather station to give information about approaching storms," Briscar stated.

Briscar also mentioned, "The campus has first aid kits throughout the campus in case any situation arises."

According to The Weather Channel and The American Red Cross, "Only one in seven Americans believe they are fully prepared if a weather-related disaster happened right now. Fifteen

percent claim to be very prepared for this type of condition with 51 percent claiming to be somewhat prepared."

Also according to the Weather Channel and the American Red Cross, "Fewer than one in four households (24 percent) have practiced what to do in the event of a weather-related disaster in their community."

The state practice for tornado warnings is a lot similar to the old high school drills. First, the student needs to remain calm and not panic. He/she then needs to choose a room without windows to prevent the possibilities of being hit by broken glass or even outside objects.

Next, the student should sit down against a wall with his/her face pointed towards the wall. A jacket or sweater pulled over the face and eyes should absorb some impact from small flying objects.

Remember that even something as small as pine needles can gain enough momentum to stick in the brick of a house.

Whenever choosing shelter, try to avoid structures with large-span roof areas such as school gymnasiums and arenas.

The following is a tornado question and answer that may prove useful in the event of severe weather.

Q. What is a tornado watch?

A. A tornado watch is when the conditions that are conducive to the development of tornadoes are in or close to a particular watch

area.

Q. What is a tornado warning?

A. A warning is issued for an area when a tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or seems to be approaching the area.

Q. What are some myths about tornadoes?

A. 1) Tornadoes are always visible from a great distance. **False!** They may be hidden in heavy rainfall.

2) Tornadoes cause buildings to explode from changes in air pressure. **False!** The force of a tornado can rip a structure, whether the windows are open or not.

One should not open the windows when a tornado threatens — this could actually make the situation worse. Buildings are damaged by strong winds, not air pressure.

3) A tornado is always accompanied or preceded by a funnel cloud. **False!** A tornado can be causing damage on the ground even though a visible funnel cloud is not present.

4) Tornadoes are a single funnel cloud. **False!** Multiple tornadoes can emerge from the same storm. There may be one, two or three tornadoes that can divide from a single storm. One lucky video operator was able to capture as many as SIX tornadoes simultaneously in the same storm.

Some of the information came from the following sources: www.weather.com/safeside, www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/index.html

Fire marshal requests sprinkler system overhaul

By Katrice Sewell
Staff Writer

Floyd College is changing its sprinkler system in order to comply with the National Fire Prevention Code.

According to Doug Webb, director of the physical plant, this change was brought about when the fire marshal inspected the building containing the A, AA and F wings because of the construction of the new student center and various offices that is currently underway.

While inspecting the building, the fire marshal discovered that a firewall located in the hallway adjacent to the Public Information Office that was thought to be a two-hour firewall was, in fact, not.

A two-hour firewall is a wall specifically built to take two hours for a fire to burn down, giving time

for evacuation of the occupants and the arrival of the fire department.

Webb stated that the National Fire Prevention Code says that every occupancy area that holds 50 people or more and operates for business purposes must have a two-hour rated firewall. According to Webb, Floyd College was given a choice between expanding the already existing sprinkler system or building a two-hour wall.

The college chose to expand the sprinkler system already in place, and is now in the process of doing so. The fire marshal granted the college a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, allowing it to function as normal until the system and current construction are finished, at which time a more permanent certificate will be issued.

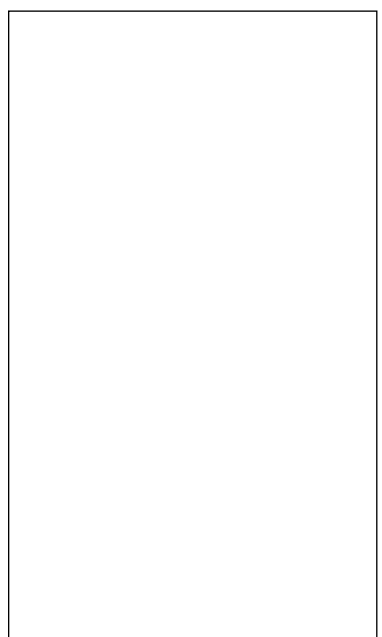
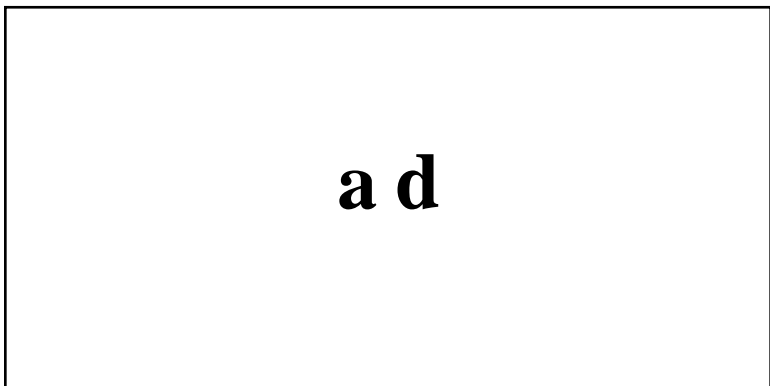
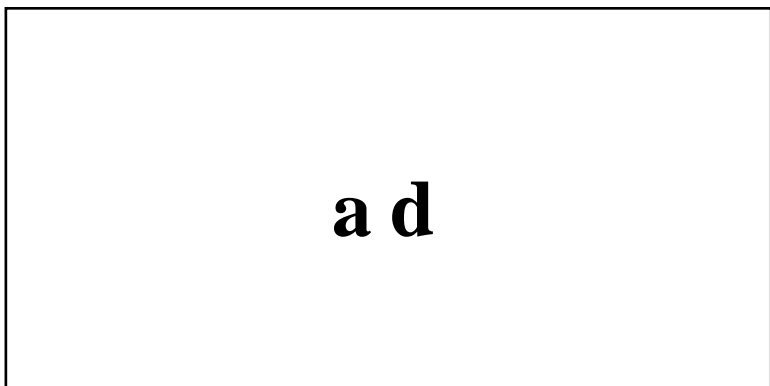


Photo by Robin Bishop

A worker helps modify the sprinkler system.

News

Club News

BAS

Jon Hershey, along with the Black Awareness Society officers, will be attending the yearly Minority Advising Council, April 15 and 16, in Albany, Ga. The BAS also recently held a special breakfast with former Hawks player Mike Glenn as well as a reading of works by black authors on Feb. 25. For more information on BAS or any BAS activities, contact BAS adviser Hershey by e-mail at jhershey@mail.fc.peachnet.edu, or stop by the Diversity Center at W-212.

BSU

The Baptist Student Union will attend a spring conference on April 16 and 17 and also plans to take a mission trip during Spring Break, March 8-12, to Birmingham. BSU is still sponsoring a

prison care package program. They will continue to meet Mondays, at 12:30p.m., in room W-301 for prayer and fellowship. Their regular meetings are held Thursdays at 11:03 a.m. in room W-202.

For more information on BSU or their activities, contact BSU president, Candi Hubbard, at chubb@mail.fc.peachnet.edu, or call Frank Murphy, Jr., at 706-234-2199.

HPER

HPER will be planning its end of the year activities for the workers who helped out in the concession stands this year. A meeting be held on March 16 at 11 p.m. in room D-124 in the gymnasium complex for this purpose.

For more information on HPER or any HPER activities, contact Bridgett Stewart in the HPER Office at 706-295-6353 or send an e-mail to her at bstewart@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

SGA

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a candy fundraiser. Candy is available for purchase for \$1 in the Office of Student Life. The SGA has also begun organizing the Spring Fling in conjunction with the OSL.

Constitutional changes will be put up for students for ratification by March 15. According to Paul Clayton, SGA president, these

changes will implement scaled-back hours in order to give non-traditional students the opportunity to serve as SGA executives.

The SGA is also sponsoring a direct distribution clothing drive. Clothes can be dropped off in the Office of Student Life.

Psi Beta

Some of the Psi Beta projects will be the spring yard sale and

the Child Abuse Awareness Campaign. The club has also set up a display on Seasonal Effectiveness Disorder in the library.

Psi Beta will also be accepting new members. Anyone who would like to join may contact Dr. Alberta Johnson, Psi Beta adviser, at alberta_johnson@mail.fc.peachnet.edu or in the Social and Cultural Studies Office at 295-6300.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 4 beginning at 2 p.m.

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Floyd College Students Drink Coca-Cola!

Editorials

Anyone who wished to send or receive e-mail at Floyd College between March 18 and 22 was out of luck. The server was taken down for maintenance, so e-mail services, which students shelled out a big, juicy \$300 for, could be worked on. There are rumors that this was because someone had hacked their way into the system and began wreaking havoc.

A group of students is demanding a refund. They want money back for the time their e-mail service was rendered useless. They have a point.

The laptops are used for classes, and people often count on these things for turning in or receiving assignments. When something like this comes along, the laptops aren't a luxury anymore, they're a pain in the ass. For those who can't turn in their assignments, it's a major source of stress.

After all, this isn't the first time this sort of thing has happened. With all the server complications, glitches, e-mail snafus and difficulties people have in getting online from home, students shouldn't have to hawk up so much money for the damn things. It's poor business to 1.) *force* someone to lease something for such a steep fee, and 2.) even worse, for the damn product to not even work consistently.

For instance, no one is expected to hand over an outrageous sum of cash for a car that only works half the time, has bad brakes and stalls out in the middle of intersections. And, likewise, students shouldn't have to fork out so much money for the technology fee. It's a rip-off.

Though the FC laptop idea may be good, the price – considering all the bugs – is a miserable kick in the throat. The technology program still seems to be in its experimental stages, so the fee shouldn't be so expensive. At this point, students may as well bend over, because they're getting screwed.

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Opinions

THE LAND OF ODD

by Matt Curry

"Beware of the Ducks"

Anyone who visits "Lake Policies" (behind central campus, with all the signs), is probably familiar with the ducks who inhabit it. They can usually be seen stalking around, screeching at people, and crapping all over the place. If you spend a lot of time there, you know that **these are not sweet, cuddly creatures – they're barbaric little freaks.**

You can't sit down and have a picnic without them gathering around you in a circle and staring ominously at you. They seethe at you with those beady eyes and salivating beaks. It's creepy.

They crap everywhere, too. Take a look at the dock sometime. It's strewn with their disgusting brown gumdrops; **it's like they subjected it to their own little air raid.**

Until recently, I had not given much thought to FC's feathered

demons — just ugly, freakish things that make noise and poop a lot. But yesterday, they did something that really caught my attention: As I was sitting at a picnic table, reading, I heard a disturbing noise — angry, psychotic squawking. I looked up, and, under a nearby tree, I saw some ducks going ballistic.

A large duck had a much smaller one pinned belly-down in the mud, yelping and jabbing it with his beak. He was halfway mounted on it, too. The one on the bottom wasn't putting forth much effort to get away, but it didn't appear to be enjoying the experience very much, either.

Now, at this point, you're probably thinking this was just a normal, biological ... um ... "procedure." But I'm not so sure — not unless it was something *really* kinky. Two other ducks were involved, as well. A third duck (with a red, shriveled face) was trying to climb aboard the smaller duck, and, like the other, was violently prodding at it with his beak. Not only that, there was another one standing over all three, squawking and flapping its wings. This one may've been trying to break it up — or was perhaps an excited

voyeur, enjoying the action--don't know. Either way, it was an odd sight.

I rushed over to see what the commotion was about. They didn't stop. The attack (or sexual escapade?) continued, even with my standing there. It went on for about five or six seconds; then the "voyeur duck" finally shoed the others into the water, where the pecking and screeching continued.

I have *no idea* what the hell any of that was about. Maybe the smaller duck was a social outcast ... or maybe I'm the first person in history to witness a "duck orgy." Whatever the situation, it's obvious that the ducks and geese down there are aggressive creatures. They don't fit the regular, peaceful stereotype depicted in magazines and oil paintings. They're hellish barbarians — particularly the one with the nasty red face.

So be careful around the little beasts. If you're jogging, picnicking or fishing there, watch your back. Keep food securely wrapped. **Cover your crotch if they advance upon you.** And *never* let them corner you. Remember, there *has* been a mysterious drop in enrollment lately...

Student Poll

What are your plans for spring break?

"Work all week, and then that weekend I'm going driving to Florida with my girlfriend since our spring breaks overlap."

- Jayce Buttram, Buchannan

"Probably go to Atlanta and hang out with some friends for a few days."

- Claire Dillard, Rome

What do you want to be?

By Nihal Gunay, Ed.S.,
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This is the most frequently asked question of our lives. Without even considering the philosophical aspect of this question (assuming that we all do "grow up"), many students, even returning ones, have problems finding an answer.

Choosing a career is a process that begins with self-exploration and allows one to discover options, alternatives and answers. I personally believe that once a student makes a career decision and truly understands the implications of the decision, there is an increase in academic success, motivation and involvement. Therefore, finding the best career for yourself will increase your success academically.

Career planning is about making smart choices. In this process, we discover the full scope of our abilities. We learn that our society offers a limitless range of jobs. We find out that our favorite activities help us develop valued skills.

There are many tests and vocational assessment inventories

designed to help you discover your skills and interests. Some common tests are *The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*, *The Strong Interest Inventory* and *The Vocational Preference Inventory*. Individual search assists students in discovering hidden interests, talents and potential.

However, these instruments can be confusing to the students. If they do not work with a trained counselor, professor or adviser. People who are trained to give these instruments provide valuable insights and help the students see the interconnectivity between their interests and possible careers.

After students get the results of the interest inventory, they need to begin to explore the occupational options by using web sites or reference books such as *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* and *What Color is Your Parachute?*.... While conducting the research, the students need to keep the following questions in mind:

- Will I enjoy this type of work?
- Does this profession provide flexible time?
- Will I work indoors or outdoors?

- What is the salary?
- What is the expected growth?

With the combination of the aforementioned information, the students will be able to establish an extensive career portfolio, which will lead them to get involved in internships, service learning, campus activities to have the initial experience and build professional contacts for future real world experiences.

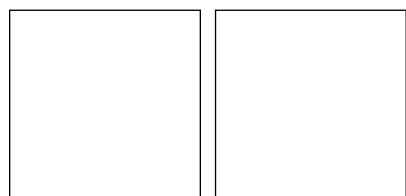
Discovering the "work of your life" should not be left as a last minute decision. This process should start in the first semester of your first year.

Taking freshman year seminar classes such as FCST 1010 & FCST 1020 or attending workshops and visiting counseling services department on campus are great ways to start to make informed decisions about what you are going to do when you grow up.

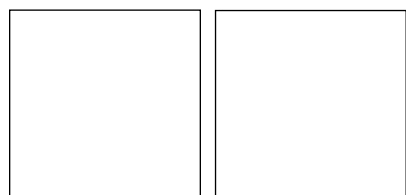
So please stop by the Advising Center to learn more about FCST 1010 and FCST 1020 and/or come by the Counseling and Career Services Office to learn more about the career portfolio options. You can also visit our website at www.fc.peachnet.edu/FLOYD/studserv/counseling/csln_car.htm

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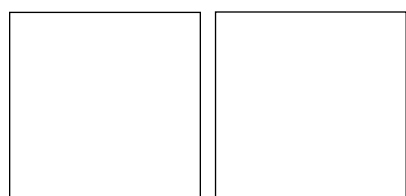
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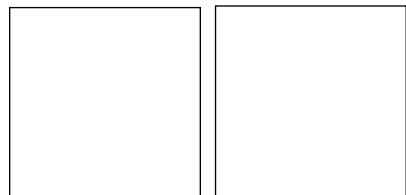
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Pam Burgess Serena Chastain Paul Clayton



Pat Dobbs D. Dammond Jr. Deana Davis Summer DeFoor



Eric Dempsey Jody Elrod Janet Farr Peggy Gentry

Students are chosen for *Who's Who Among Junior Colleges* on the basis of their selected involvement achievements in school activities and community services, as well as their academic achievements. The following students from Floyd College have been honored with this award in the 1998-1999 school year.

Milos Babic-Babic is a business major. He is a member of Phi Kappa Delta, works in the central campus library and has made the dean's list.

Raye Lynn Berry-Berry is majoring in pre-veterinary medicine. She is an assistant editor for the *Six Mile Post*, sometimes assists with the Special Olympics and is a member of Greenpeace, as well as PETA. She has also been on the deans list four times.

Luke Bradshaw-Bradshaw is a major in Teacher Education. Bradshaw works in audio-visual in the central campus library and has worked with computer services and FCTV. He is an active member of the Cedartown Church of God and belongs to the "Volks Folks" VW Club of Chattanooga, a group that works with the Chattanooga Food Bank. Bradshaw is also a PTK member. He participated in backpacking and canoeing in the spring of 1997, as well as backpacking in the fall of 1996. He has also made the dean's list.

Michael Brown-Brown is a nursing major. He is president of the nursing class. He has received the Health and Sciences Award for outstanding performance in anatomy & physiology & microbiology. Brown is also a full-time paramedic, and raises two children.

Pam Burgess-Burgess majors in secondary education. She is the vice-president of PTK, a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Stu-

dent Budget Committee and HPER. She is also a Student Life Organization volunteer. Burgess is a member of the First Baptist Church of Gaylesville, Ala., where she teaches Vacation Bible School, and is a PTA member at Alto Park Elementary.

Brenda Burrows-Burrows is a nursing major. She is currently the president of FANS and was the fall 1998 team leader for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." She is a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, where she is a sign language interpreter for the deaf ministry; Burrows is also a volunteer sign language interpreter for Floyd Medical Center and the Salvation Army. She is the 1998 recipient of the Barbara Holden/Floyd Medical Center Auxiliary Nursing Student Scholarship Award.

Patricia C. Dobbs-Dobbs' major is in nursing. Dobbs has also made the dean's list. She is a member of Bellview Baptist Church, leads a study group in her home, and volunteered in the National Sports Youth Program at Floyd last summer. Dobbs was also the recipient of the 20 Year Sunday School pin in Sept. 1998.

Raina Cagle-Cagle often tutors other students and organizes study groups. She is also active in her church.

Marlena Cecil-Cecil has worked with FCBYTES on music and has participated on stage with various bands during the Tower Hour event.

Serena Chastain-Chastain is majoring in secondary education. She is the treasurer for PTK, is a member of the Judiciary Committee and HPER club and is chairperson for the Student Budget Committee. Chastain attends Fellowship Baptist Church, where she is a member of Women on Mission. She is a member of Alto Park Elementary PTA, as well as PTO at Garden Lakes Elementary.

Paul Clayton-Clayton is majoring in secondary education. He is the president of SGA, a member of the Student Judiciary Committee, a student leader in ASAP and

is on the Student Advisory Committee (state level), and the Student Activities Committee. He has written and taken photographs for FCBYTES.

Janice Cross-Cross is majoring in human services. She is the assistant editor of FCBYTES and works in the critical thinking / creative thinking forum. Cross also maintains a web memorial for Vietnam Veterans.

Donnell Dammond-He is a computer electronics engineering major. He is the vice-president of BAS, has performed in Spring Fling and works with Jon Hershey in the Diversity Center. He attended Georgia Boystate in 1995. Dammond has also volunteered with the Rome Housing Authority, tutoring in the West Rome area.

Deanna Davis-Davis majors in early childhood education. She has made the dean's list every quarter and is an active member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

Summer Defoor-Defoor's major is in history education. She is a member of BSU and a member of Stoner Chapel Baptist Church. Defoor is also a colorguard instructor for Adairsville High School.

Eric Dempsey-Dempsey majors in art. He is the art editor for FC BYTES. He has contributed to *The Old Red Kimono*, receiving second place art award in 1998. He also received a \$500 scholarship from the Rome Area Council of the Arts.

Amy Driver-Driver is a physical therapy assistant major.

Jody Elrod-Elrod majors in nursing. As well as being a secretary of Floyd College Nursing Students, she is also a member of FANS, Georgia Association of Nursing Students and National Student Nurses Association. She has par-

ticipated in several activities within these groups and is an active member of Plainville Baptist Church. She has also made the dean's list.

Janet Farr-Farr has made the president, vice-president and treasurer of the New Romans Club. Among many other positions, she is an Elder at Silver Creek Presbyterian Church, a member of Year Round Task Force and the Stewardship Committee. Farr has published the newsletter at her church for about 10 years, as well. She has also contributed to various school functions.

Peggy Gentry-Gentry majors in Human Service Corrections. She is president of ASAP and has worked at the help desk.

Jessica Griffey-Griffey is majoring in biology. Griffey is an SGA vice-president, has worked in numerous school activities and has participated in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

Rebecca Grochmal-Grochmal majors in mathematics. She is a member of the Judicial Review Committee and the Hearing Panel and works in the Office of Student Life. She was also editor of the *Six Mile Post*, in spring of 1998.

Jessica Holtzclaw-Holtzclaw is majoring in human services. She has also made the dean's list twice. She is the vice president of Psi-Beta and is a student intern at Floyd County DFCS. Holtzclaw is also actively involved at Planeville Independent Methodist Church.

Candi Hubbard-Hubbard is majoring in nursing. She is the president of BSU and Student Ambassadors and a member of HPER and the Student Budget Committee. She is active in basketball and tennis.

Diana Johnson-Johnson majors in nursing. She has also made the dean's list. She is a member of Psi Beta and FANS.

Brenda Keaton-Keaton majors in middle school education. She has made the dean's list for three quarters. She works at the Help Desk at the Waco campus and helped organize the Waco Spring

Fling in 1998. Keaton is the recipient of the 1998 Spirit Award.

Elizabeth Kinnebrew-She is majoring in education. Kinnebrew has also made the dean's list. Kinnebrew is very active at Holsey Sinai CME Church. She is the treasurer of BAS, a member of ASAP and is involved in the Clothesline Project.

Debbie Lavoie-Lavoie majors in human services and psychology. She was the president of Psi Beta, in 1998 and is a member of PTK, Spire and ASAP. In 1996, Lavoie worked as an assistant editor for the *Six Mile Post* and has written for FC BYTES as well. She has participated in various church activities and has also hosted a foreign exchange student.

Diandra Mellon-Mellon is majoring in early childhood education. She has made the dean's list, also.

Beth Patterson-Patterson has been an active member of FANS and NSNA since 1997 and also led Breakthrough Nursing, a project at central campus. She has volunteered in various related activities, such as the National Youth Sports Program.

David Pope-Pope is the reporter for the nursing class of 1999. He has also taught a class of third graders about disease prevention, and the importance of hand washing. He has made the dean's list many times and is also a member of the United States Naval Reserve.

CaSandra Shedd-Shedd has been on the national dean's list. She is a member of PTK, HPER and the Environment Club. She has also been on the flag football team for three years and has participated in intra/extramural basketball. Shedd was a mentor, as well as a volunteer at the Winthrop Manner Nurs-

ing Home rehab department.

Jonathan Silver-Silver has made the dean's list for three quarters and is also a Floyd Foundation Scholar. He is involved in HPER and various athletic activities. Silver is active in Pleasant Hope Church.

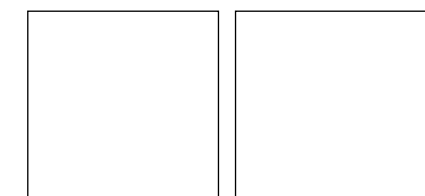
Mya Smith-Smith is an SGA vice president and holds Psi Beta honors. She is also the assistant online editor of the *Six Mile Post* and is responsible for creating the *Six Mile Post* homepage. Smith has participated in Tower Hour and Make a Difference Day.

Anita Stamps-Stamps is the president of the Floyd College nursing class, as well as a member of FANS, GANS, NSNA and the PTK society. She has made the dean's list twice. Stamps has also written for the Academic Success and Achievement newsletter has participated in the Spring Fling and many FANS-related activities. She has been a leader for the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Stamps attends Calvary Baptist Church, where she is a musician and a youth leader.

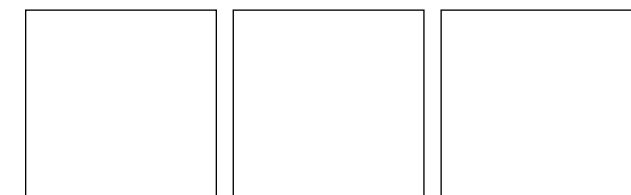
Cathy Testino-Testino is a member of FANS and has done sports physicals for young people. She has been on the dean's list, and was in *Who's Who* in Bourbonville High School in 1981.

Stephanie Thomas-Thomas is active in FANS and is a member of NSNA, also. She has been mentor at Pepperell Middle School for the past two years. Thomas was in *Who's Who* in 1996.

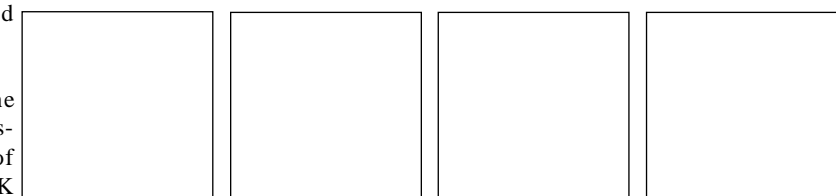
Tony Whatley-Whatley is a BAS Leader. He has been accepted into Berry College's PATHWAYS program. He is also a math tutor in the Tutorial Center.



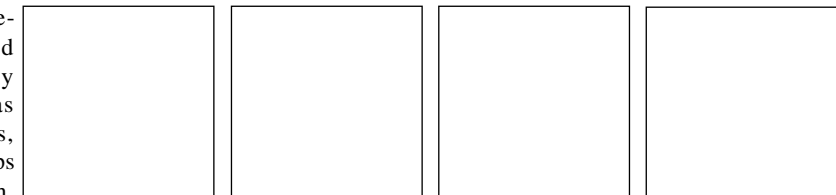
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News

College deals with budget shortfall

By Matt Bowers
Editor

"We're going to finish the year, and we'll be okay, although we have had to make some cutbacks," said Dr. Lynn Cundiff, Floyd College President, in reference to this year's school budget.

Cundiff cited various changes in Floyd College's program in the past few years as possible reasons for the drop in enrollment and the subsequent drop in money that has occurred and caused some financial difficulties.

One of these reasons is the ITP "Laptop Project." "It's tough to say," said Cundiff. "We think we probably lost some enrollment because of it, but we feel that our students are more prepared."

What about the cost of the laptops? Where does the money come from to pay for them? According to Cundiff, the money for the ITP Project comes from sev-

eral separate sources. First of all, there's the laptop fee that each and every student who attends Floyd College must pay.

Money for the computers also comes from the "Technology Dollars" provided by the Lottery Program, and is subsequently matched by private vendors.

All of this money goes to pay for the Help Desk, Internet server and the wiring of buildings for Internet usage, as well as the laptops themselves. None of the money, however, comes out of the actual school budget.

Other possible reasons for the drop of enrollment are the toughening of the admissions standards and the implementation of the semester system; both brought into effect by the University System of Georgia at the beginning of the current school year.

According to Cundiff, because of the relatively short amount of time in which all three of these factors were thrown into the mix,

it is hard to separate out exactly which factor caused the most damage.

How does the budget at Floyd College function? There are two types of budgets here at the college: the school budget and the student budget.

The student budget is covered by the Student Activities Fee that all Floyd College students pay. This budget covers student organizations, the student government and student activities, such as Spring Fling.

The school budget covers basically everything that is not covered by the student budget. These things include utility bills, construction, equipment and salaries, which make up 70-80 percent of the school budget.

According to Cundiff, the salaries make up such a large bulk of the budget because "This is a people business."

Seventy-five percent of this money comes from the state, al-

lotted to us by the Georgia Legislature and the Board of Regents. The other 25 percent comes from money paid by student tuition.

The midterm for this semester is on the horizon, and the end of this year is not so far away, so how will the budget work for the coming year?

In the fall, the Board of Regents and the Governor submitted budget proposals to the state legislature. The legislature will now pass their version of the budget for the Board of Regents to use.

In April, Floyd College will receive its piece of the budget and have about two or three weeks to send back a plan of how FC will use the money. The Board of Regents then approves the plan in May.

As Cundiff put it, "We can make requests, but they [the Board of Regents] have the final say."

So, how does all of this affect the students at Floyd College?

According to Cundiff, the school budget affects students in three major ways.

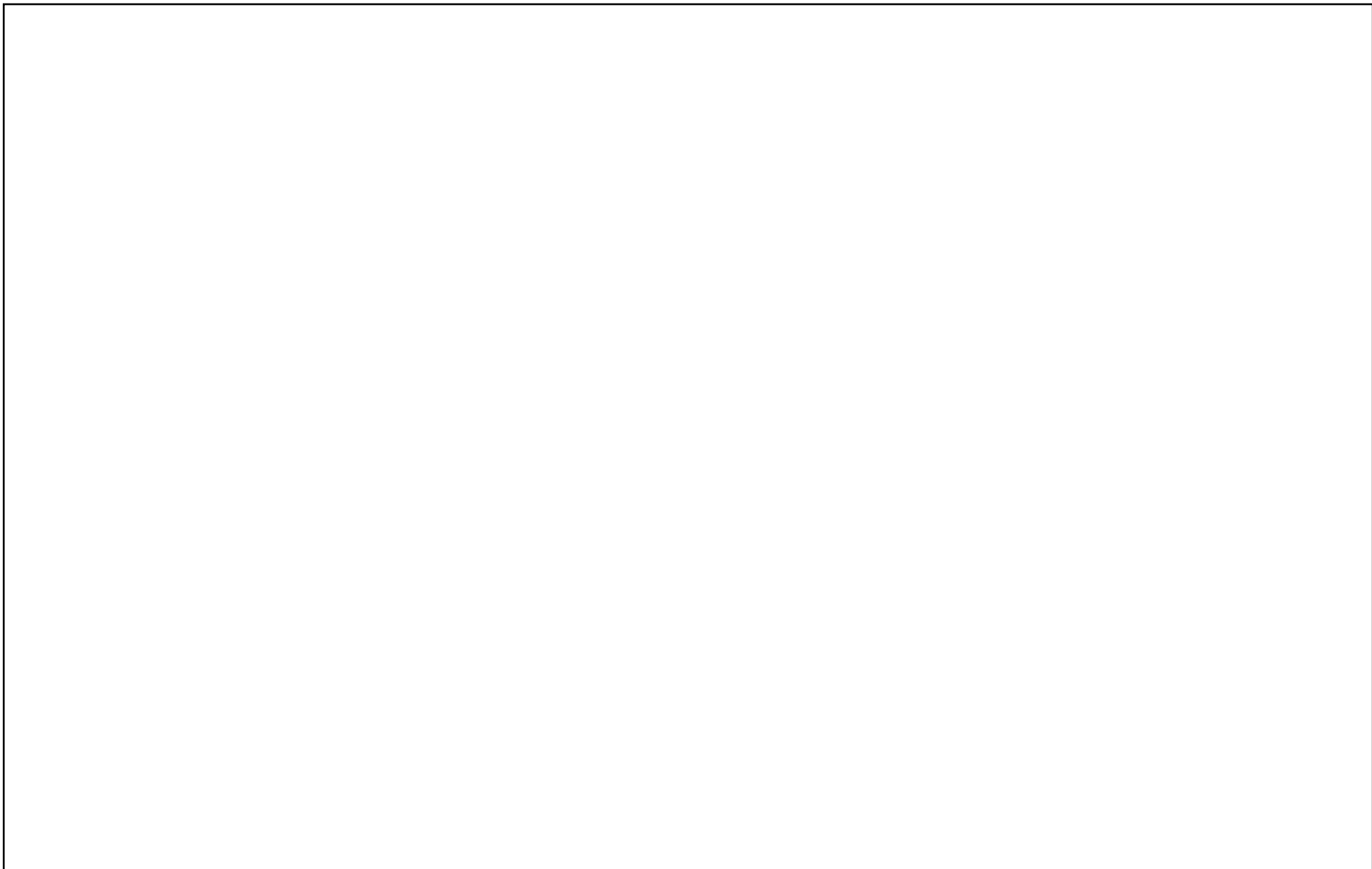
First, there is the faculty and offered classes. The more money that Floyd College has, the more professors it can hire, and, therefore, the more classes that the college can offer.

Secondly, there is equipment. If the college has a better budget, then it can afford to buy better equipment for use by its students.

Lastly, there is the construction of new facilities both at the central campus and at the Cartersville campus.

There are some shaky feelings when it comes to the upcoming budget, because of the changes in the state legislature and the change in the office of governor.

According to Cundiff, "It's an unknown entity right now."



News/Features

By James Armour
Staff Writer

The Disabilities Support Office coordinates services offered to students on many Floyd College campuses with all types of disabilities such as blindness, mobility impairment, deafness and learning disabilities.

Dondra Casey is the coordinator of disabilities support and associate professor of language arts. She also supervises the classroom renovations for students who need modifications. Occasionally, students may request a separate testing time or place so that they can be free from distractions of other students.

Debby Zeigler, coordinator of deaf/hearing support services, who has a hearing disability herself, also does much of the coordinating of interpreters in addition to her teaching responsibilities. The sign language interpreters, do more than translate words into sign; they help tutor students with visual impairments and learning disabilities.

One program used by the Disabilities Office is JAWS. JAWS translates the typed words on a computer screen to spoken words so that a visually impaired student can receive his/her e-mail just as privately as everyone else.

One person who uses JAWS is Jennifer Murdock, a visually impaired student.

Murdock had used interpreters as readers or notetakers in her classes, but now she types her notes on the computer and uses tape recorders to supplement her notes; however, she still uses readers during tests. She then takes the notes home and types them on her Braillewriter so that she can read them with her fingers.

If you are interested in learning more about Braille, Murdock has cards made

up with the alphabet in Braille, which she gladly gives out to anyone.

Wilma Maynard interprets in sign language for students with hearing impairments.

One such student is Coneshia Bowen.

Being a visual person, Bowen dreams of becoming a successful artist, using her skills of drawing, painting and sculpting.

She has one word of advice for Floyd College: to make separate English classes for students who are deaf. Her reason for this is so that they can learn more easily the nuances of the English language and be able to move on to more advanced classes.

To many of us, the world is full of obstacles to be overcome. Many people with disabilities have the same attitude, not to change their disabilities but to change the world through them.

For more information on the Disabilities Support Office, contact Casey at 295-6307 or at the TTY number at 802-5123.

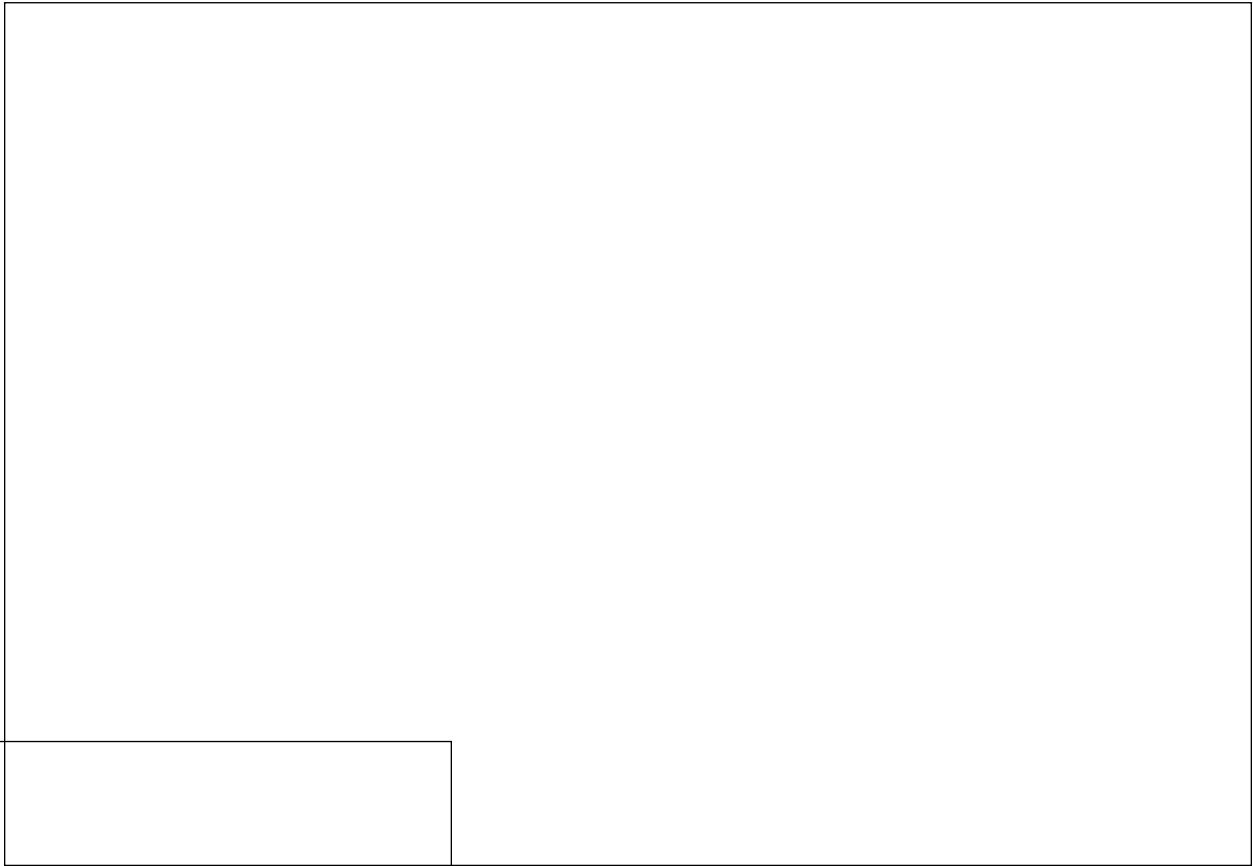


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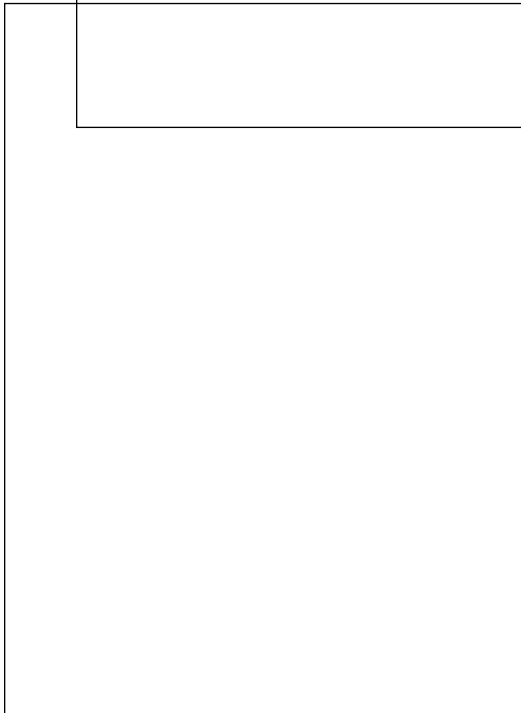
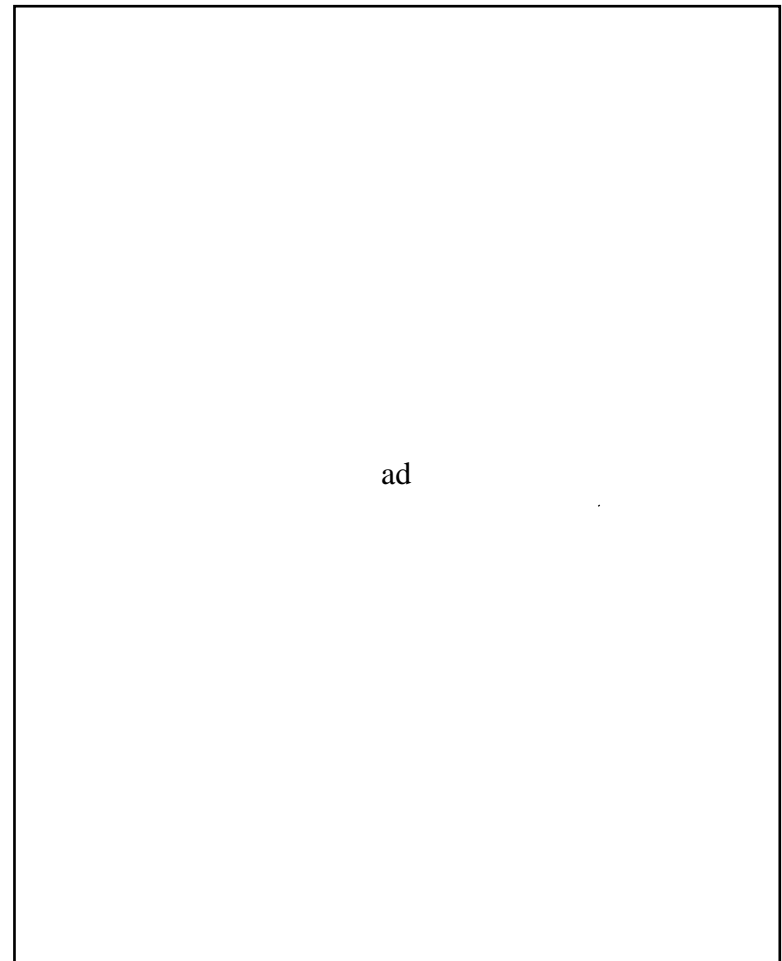


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By Nicole Blankenship
Staff Writer

Elections for Student Government executive offices will be held on Thursday, April 15.

Positions for the SGA president, vice president for special events and vice president for public relations will be voted on.

The deadline to become a candidate in this election is April 7. Sign up in the Office of Student Life.

In order to qualify for posi-

tions, the candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, must be a full-time student through the entire term of office and must have completed at least 24 semester hours at Floyd College.

The campaign week for the eligible candidates will be April 8-14.

There will be a ballot box located in the new Office of Student Life on April 15 for all students to cast their votes.

At this time, proposals for

changes to the Floyd College Constitution will also be presented to the student body for ratification. These changes can be voted on at the same time of voting for SGA offices.

According to Paul Clayton, SGA president, "If a student is interested in sitting on a Student Government Committee, they should by indicating their interest when voting for the SGA offices and Constitution amendments, in the Office of Student Life."

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Health Column

By Pete DiLorenzo
Assistant Professor

Smokers Beware

Research indicates that quitting smoking can add almost 2 years to our lives. Add an exercise program, and gain more than three years! These benefits occur no matter how long you've smoked. Your lung function can increase 30% within 30-60 days of quitting; your risk of heart disease is reduced to half after 1 year.

If you haven't given up smoking for fear of gaining weight, it doesn't have to happen. It is estimated that you have to be 90+ pounds overweight to place the same strain on your heart as smoking a pack of cigarettes a day. Weight gain is simply the result of a fetish to have something in your hands as well as an oral fetish - having something in your mouth (i.e., food).

The habit of smoking takes precedent over food so caloric intake is inhibited resulting in low body weight. If smoking stops, caloric intake might increase resulting in weight gain. This introduces the challenge of self-control.

Beginning a simple exercise program several months before you quit smoking will provide tremendous health benefits. Start small and increase the duration (how long) and frequency (how often) of workouts, as you feel ready. When you want to smoke, exercise instead. This will not only help you manage your weight but will give you a healthy alternative.

If you are not ready to quit smoking, you can reduce smoking-related risks by controlling the amount you smoke. In fact, controlled smoking can be part of the quitting process. To control the amount you smoke:

1. Increase the time between cigarettes.
2. Decrease the number of times each cigarette comes in contact with your mouth.
3. Reduce the amount of smoke you draw into your lungs.
4. Keep a smoking journal.
5. Switch to a brand with 50% less nicotine than your current brand. However, do not fall into the trap of smoking more cigarettes because you need more nicotine!
6. Buy single packs, instead of cartons.
7. Smoke the last cigarette before buying the next pack.
8. Stop carrying cigarettes with you. Instead, leave them in incon-

venient places.

9. Chew gum, toothpicks, fruits and vegetables instead.

10. Wear a rubber band on your wrist; each time the urge hits, snap the band. You'll become more conscious of your smoking behavior.

11. Remember: quitting is a long-term goal and may not happen overnight.

12. Identify smoking triggers, which make you want a cigarette. By identifying them, you can eliminate or modify the situation. Common triggers: ash trays, social situations with alcohol, interpersonal conflicts, boredom, stress, after a meal, a cup of coffee, driving, hanging out with friends, etc.

Cigarette smoke is characterized by two types: sidestream and mainstream smoke. Sidestream smoke is smoke released into the environment directly from lighted cigarette tips. This smoke contains 1200 toxic chemicals affecting both non-smokers and smokers.

Mainstream smoke is smoke inhaled directly into a smokers respiratory system from a burning cigarette.

Cigarette smoke (sidestream or mainstream) can increase tension in the heart muscle walls, speed up the rate of muscular contraction, increase the heart rate, increase the risk of chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and reduce the amount of high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol - facilitating plaque formation and blood clotting.

Although smokers will admit they realize the damage they are doing to their body as well as others, quitting isn't as simple as it sounds.

After writing this article, I don't expect the number of smokers on campus to drop dramatically, however I would like all smokers to realize that there are other healthy options to smoking.

Smoking kills its victim and the bystander in the long run, please try to kick the habit.

I hope this helps and I'm always here and willing to do whatever I can to help you reach all your fitness goals. Keep up the good work!

Visit the American Lung Association at www.lungusa.org/partner/quit/index.html for more help with quitting smoking.

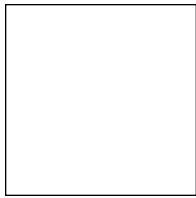


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Sports

Sports Column



by
Jon
Boe

Floyd College Hosts Tourney

The Region 6-AA tournament just recently concluded here on the campus of Floyd College.

Like previous years, the school proved to be a more than hospitable host.

The Carrollton Trojans in the men's bracket lived up to their billing as tournament favorites as did the women from Dade County.

The Carrollton team defeated Coosa 78-34 in the first game of tournament play to advance to the second round against Rockmart. The Trojans defeated Rockmart in that game by a score of 58-46.

Stephen Thomas was the leading scorer for the Trojans with 19 points.

Emtuma Ware scored 14 for the Jackets in the losing effort.

Meanwhile, Dade County opened play with the women from Carrollton, whom they defeated

by a score of 55-29.

Vanessa White scored 14 for the Dade team in the winning effort, while Larcie Lyle chipped in 9 for Carrollton.

Dade County defeated Villa Rica's women in the second round 55-44.

White was again the leading scorer for Dade, tossing in 12. Moochie Boykin scored 19 for Villa Rica in the losing effort.

In other games through the second round of women's play, Central of Carrollton defeated Coosa 54-33, and Haralson County crushed Chattooga 74-46.

Haralson then went on to beat Central of Carrollton 52-49 to advance to the championship game against Dade County.

In boy's action, Central of Carrollton defeated Pepperell 51-44 while Rockmart knocked off the Cedartown men 61-53.

Lafayette beat Villa Rica 66-49 but lost the next evening to the Central of Carrollton boys 54-47.

In women's consolation games, the Central of Carrollton women defeated Villa Rica 45-40.

Lori Mock scored 14 for the victors while Boykin added 14 for Villa Rica.

In the men's consolation game, Lafayette sneaked by Rockmart 48-43.

Jamont Ware scored 20 in the

winning effort, while Ken Wright scored 14 for Rockmart.

On the final night of the tournament Dade County's women's team claimed the region 6-AA championship with a victory over the Haralson County Rebelettes 54-40.

Haley Konrad scored 12 for the winners while Shereka Buffington added 16 for the Rebelettes.

The boy's champion was crowned later that evening when Carrollton knocked off Central of Carrollton 50-36.

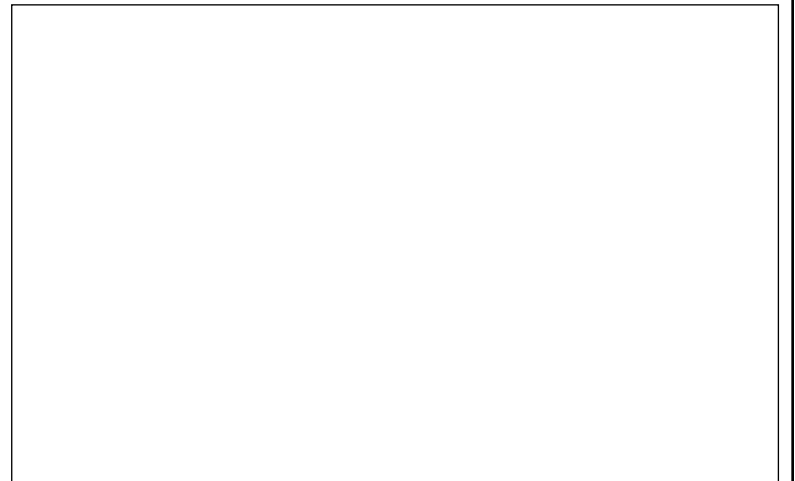
Stephen Thomas added 15 for the Trojans while James Greene scored 14 in the losing effort.

On the final evening of region 6-AA play, Jerry Shelton, assistant to the president of Floyd College, was presented with a plaque from region 6-AA commemorating his selfless dedication and un-tiring efforts as director of the 6-AA tournaments.

Shelton, who will be retiring at the end of the year, appreciated the plaque and all those who have helped to make the tournament such a success over the years.

The top four teams from the 6-AA tournament advanced to the state tournament, which was played Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

Intramural Basketball



Trevor Flow puts on a show at an intramural basketball game.



Photos by Robin Bishop

Tony Dean scores points for his team at the intramural games.

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Entertainment

Reviews for the eyes and ears

By Clint Frasier
Staff Writer

Movies

She's All That

It's an old theme with a new twist. Of course, there is this one guy who is "the man" at his school. He is captain of the soccer team and the class president.

He is dating the most popular girl in the school, until she vacations to Daytona Beach for spring break and meets a wacko from "The Real World"(MTV).

She dumps her boyfriend from back home as soon as she sees him at school the next week.

His two best friends start

laughing and making jokes at him.

He then tells his friends that he can have any girl and turn her into the prom queen, so he makes a bet with one of them.

The conditions are that his friend gets to choose the girl, and, of course, he chooses the most dorky loser he can find.

The movie goes on from there. You can probably predict the ending, but it is definitely worth seeing.

Music

Sugar Ray "14:59"

I was shocked when I listened to this one.

It is a giant step from his last

album of raw distorted guitars with scratchy samples, violent mosh pits and chugging Jack Daniel's.

This is more on the lines of an acoustic jam with turntables. It does have its moments though.

Yes, the songs are calmer and more laid back, but they have a certain aura about them that catches the ear and makes them almost addictive.

He covers an old song "Abracadabra," which is probably my favorite on the album.

It is obvious that he put his
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heart, emotions, and probably a lot of money into making "14:59" as good, or better, than his last.

Videos

Natural Born Killers

I know this is an old one, but no one can deny the greatness of this movie.

It's a movie of two people destined at least in their minds, to be together no matter what.

Mickey and Mallory are their names. He is an average guy with a crapp job. She is a sweet girl with a perverted father who found pleasure in fondling and hitting her.

Mickey went to jail, but Mallory visited him whenever she

could.

She told him all about her father beating her and he promised to save her when he got out of jail, and he does just that.

Mickey goes to her house as soon as he gets out of jail and proceeds to kill the entire family with the help of Mallory, leaving only her little brother alive.

They look around at what they have done and begin kissing and expressing their love for one another.

This is only the beginning of the movie.

They then embark on a journey of a lifetime, including robbing, raping and killing.

They even manage to gain a fan club of youngsters who think what they are doing is courageous.

What a wonderful movie.

Parker succeeds as student and comedian

By Bridget Moore
Staff Writer

At first glance, Chris Parker looks like an ordinary Floyd College student.

However, not only is he a 23-year-old communications major; he is also a stand-up comic.

Parker came to Rome in the fall of 1993 on a theater scholarship to Berry College.

While at Berry, Parker got a taste for stand-up comedy and even got to do improvisation while working at the Georgia Renaissance Festival.

Mary Ellen Hooper, also a comic, saw him and later let him open for her.

Since then, Parker has been doing comedy every chance he gets, most recently at the Omega Lounge in Rome.

Parker said he has no set theme and is still looking for his "thing."

"Comedy is something you can't spring on people. They have to be willing to accept it," Parker said.

As for his personal interests in comedy, Parker says Robin Williams, Steve Martin, Steven Wright and Dana Carvey have influenced him.

Parker also said he loves the cartoon *South Park* because it challenges our morals as a society.

Not only is Parker a full-time student and stand-up comic; he is also a sergeant in the Army Reserves.

After two years at Berry College, he left to join the Reserves. Once his basic training was completed, he was deployed to Europe for nine months, four of which were in Bosnia.

Parker's military occupation was as a broadcast journalist. Because of that, he got to attend UN press conferences and broadcast news and radio programs on the American Forces Network.

Being a journalist gave Parker the chance to speak briefly to President Clinton.

Parker was covering the

Boyscout Jamboree when Clinton was to come and visit the scouts. The press was roped off from the scouts, but Parker went straight to the Secret Service.

He told them he was soldier as well as a journalist and was allowed to make his way through the scouts to get a short sound bite from Clinton.

The irony of that incident came when Parker said he saw the same Secret Service men testifying against Clinton in the recent trials.

Now, Parker is taking classes at Floyd and planning to return to Berry College for a degree in communications.

He is married and is currently

working full time as a security guard.

Parker says that he will continue to pursue comedy as well as his master's degree and maybe even a doctorate degree in communications.

From there, Parker says that maybe one day he will be a broadcast journalist running for United States Congress.

He plans to run as an independent candidate, "running for the people and not the office."

When talking about his busy life, and whether it ever gets to be too much, Parker said, "As much as you can experience, in whatever different things you can do, the better off you'll be."

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In celebration of
Women's History Month,

Floyd College
presents
author
Constance Curry

Mar. 24 at 11a.m.

in the Student Center