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Barr discusses major issues at Floyd College

By M. Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

Just days before he was re-elected to the House from the 7th District, Congressman Bob Barr stopped off at Floyd College to discuss some of the important national and local issues which will be affecting the people of Georgia over the next few years.

On Oct.30, the student center buzzed with political conversation as everyone awaited Barr, who was scheduled to speak at 10 a.m.

At 10:12 a.m. Barr walked in, flanked by his advisers, Linda Schvier, who runs his office in Rome, and Slade Gullede, his district scheduler.

Barr started right away explaining why Congress was still in session.

"The reason that schedule has sort of gone up in smoke this year is because of the battle over spending priorities and spending levels with Bill Clinton," said Barr.

He continued saying, "We don't have sufficient votes to override the president's veto so both sides rely on some degree of goodwill and compromise on the other side, and we've made a lot of compromises but we still have not yet reached an agreement with the president with regard to those final spending levels."

He reiterated his point. "We are eight days away from a national election and we still haven't reached an agreement with the president."

Barr then discussed his opponent, Roger Kahn.

Barr said, "I think there are a number of very clear differences between Mr. Kahn and myself."

Barr serves on three different committees, one of them being the Judiciary Committee, a forum where he can affect important issues such as flag desecration, various abortion issues and enforcement of our existing firearms laws.

After talking a little about the presidential election, he took questions from the crowd.

Barr seemed taken aback by the first question which was, "Alcohol is a much more dangerous drug and causes more deaths a year than marijuana. Why do you and other politicians feel that marijuana is such a threat?"

Barr disagreed with the

question's premise, saying, "I don't agree with your premise that alcohol is more dangerous than marijuana. I think that's a ludicrous proposition to make, to be honest with you." He then defended his statement.

Barr stated that marijuana is a mind-altering drug. "It has very serious both short-term and long-term negative effects on individuals and poses a danger to other people, because when you alter your mind through the use of drugs, whether it's crack, LSD or whatever, you inherently pose a danger to those around you," he said.

He explained why he feels that "government does have a very legitimate role in strictly regulating" certain drugs.

"I think it would be a very dangerous contradiction, if this were allowed in our nation's capital...Congress; I don't think we should sit back in the federal district and say you all can legalize drugs," Barr said.

The House passed the final

Georgia spending money on roadblocks to stop DUIs. Salley went further, mentioning that it seemed unreasonable to search every single car. He then ended his question, saying, "I'm not sure if federal money is not being used as kind of a blank check for state government to step on our liberties a little bit."

Barr agreed with Salley, asking and answering his own question, "Does that not run afoul of the Fourth Amendment guarantee against unusual search and seizure? I think it may very well."

Provisions, sometimes called "sneak and peek," aimed at weakening a citizen's capability to challenge a search and seizure, are being slipped into certain bills by House members.

Barr stated that he has worked on a lot of privacy issues like efforts to prevent the FBI from monitoring the internet which, according to Barr, "They are doing with increasing frequency."

Barr went on to explain his position on this issue by stating that he thinks that it's improper to monitor the internet without getting approval from the courts.

Jason Yates, vice president of special events for SGA, asked Barr about his stand on the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Barr answered with a lengthy explanation saying, "The Second Amendment, to me, very clearly in its operative language gives an individual the right to keep and bear arms." Barr continued, "One may not like the Second Amendment. But not liking the Second Amendment should not give somebody free reign to say it doesn't mean what it actually says."

The next question was asked by Dr. Melvin Perry, associate professor of political science. His question focused on education. Perry asked why the two main presidential candidates, Gore and Bush, seemed to be placing a lot of emphasis on education, which has been traditionally a state and local issue.

Barr agreed with Perry by using an example. He said, "The fact that there are schools with leaky roofs is very bad, but that does not mean it's the responsibility of the

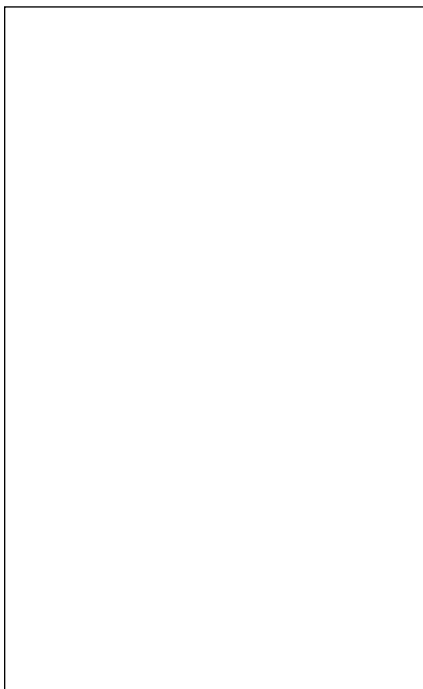


Photo by M. Adam Stanley

Rep. Barr expresses his proposals with emotion.

appropriations bill of the year on Nov. 18 of last year. It included an amendment that Barr had authored to block recent efforts by the District of Columbia to legalize marijuana.

The next question was from Dr. Dudley Salley, associate professor of economics. He asked about

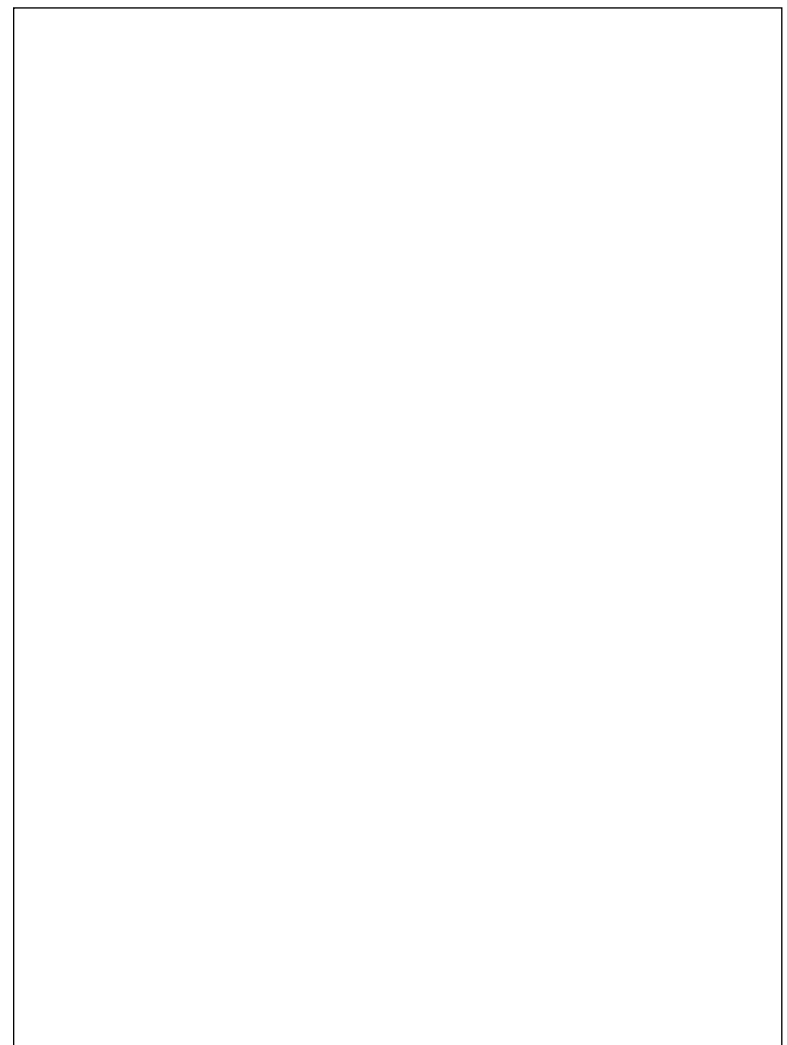


Photo by M. Adam Stanley

Bob Barr takes some time answering a few questions from Floyd College students and faculty.

federal government to repair the roof of every leaky school in the country. That ought to be the role of local communities. The federal role, in my view, ought to be very limited."

Barr was then asked how he felt about the "abortion pill," RU486, which was recently approved by the FDA.

Barr responded by simply saying that the pill has the same effect, and that is to stop a pregnancy. Furthermore, Barr added that he wasn't sure if the side effects of the pill had been adequately studied. "I worry about women down the road taking that and not being prepared for some of the side effects of it."

Barr was asked a question about the negative ads that Kahn was running about him on television concerning nursing homes.

Barr shortened this topic by saying, "I've always learned to be leery of any candidate who begins their campaign, as Mr. Kahn did

last year, by saying 'I'm not going to run negative ads.'"

Carrie Addis, an early childhood major from Armuchee, asked about his stand on the government's education program concerning judging a teacher's competence based on a student's performance."

Barr responded by explaining what would happen if mandates were to take effect. He said the danger would be grade inflation, as teachers would hand out As in order to keep their job. Also, he didn't like the idea of bureaucrats coming into schools and deciding how well a teacher is doing.

Barr finished up by thanking everyone for coming out. He stayed around for about 10 minutes meeting people and shaking hands. Barr has served Georgia's Seventh District for six years.

He was elected in 1994. This was the first time the Republicans had held the majority in the Congress and the Senate in 40.

News

Fall Ball—Intergalactic and out of sight?

By Laterah Dunham
Assistant Editor

On Thursday night, Oct. 26, Floyd College held an Intergalactic Fall Ball.

The dance was the first one held in 15 years.

The music started at 7 p.m. but the dance floor was empty. At 8 p.m. the dance floor was still empty except for the few people that had to be there. All together, there were about 20 people there. The SGA members and a few *Six Mile Post* writers were "gettin' jiggy with it".

Jason Yates, vice president of special events for SGA, was very disappointed in the turnout. "We had enough food and drinks for over 100 people. We ended up taking most of the food home," Yates said.

Students from Berry College and Shorter College were invited. Only one couple from Berry showed up. This dance was designed as an opportunity for Floyd College students to mingle with those from the other colleges. Local high school students were also invited.

Despite the small crowd, the few that were there had fun. A karaoke contest and a costume contest were held.

Cindy Sanders, a sophomore psychology major from Cedartown, won the karaoke contest when she sang *Strawberry Wine* by Deena Carter.

Annette Ashley, a sophomore education major from Lindale, won the costume contest. She came as a mouse. Other costumes included a pumpkin, a vampire, a hippie and the Queen of Hearts.

There was also a karaoke and costume contest for the children

that were in attendance.

Cierra Carter, a six-year-old year old from Rome, won the hearts of all when she sang "Bye Bye Bye" by 'N Sync, thus winning the karaoke contest.

Little two-year-old Lee Davenport from Cedartown was a Teletubbie and won the costume contest.

The food was donated by Chik-Fil-A, Ryan's, Happy Family and Schroeder's.

"I just do not understand why there were not more people there. We advertised for a long time. Maybe our next dance will be more successful," said Yates.

SGA is hoping to have a Sweetheart Dance in February. Next time there will be more publicity in hopes that a bigger crowd will be drawn in. The SGA also plan to have more food and prizes.

The play list included many new and old songs ranging from "Can't Touch This" by M.C. Hammer to "Truly Madly Deeply" by Savage Garden. And what dance would be complete without "YMCA" by The Village People?

Even Ashley Tull, director of student life, joined in on the fun.

The decorations for the dance included silver stars and multicolored planets. Silver and gold balloons were hung from streamers and the speakers. Ballons and Stuff donated the balloons.

Tables were set up with confetti and candy bags. A vase filled with stars and moons was on each table.

A special room was decorated for the children with lots of games and candy.

Heather Palmer, a sophomore elementary education major from Trion, came as a princess. "I thought there would be more

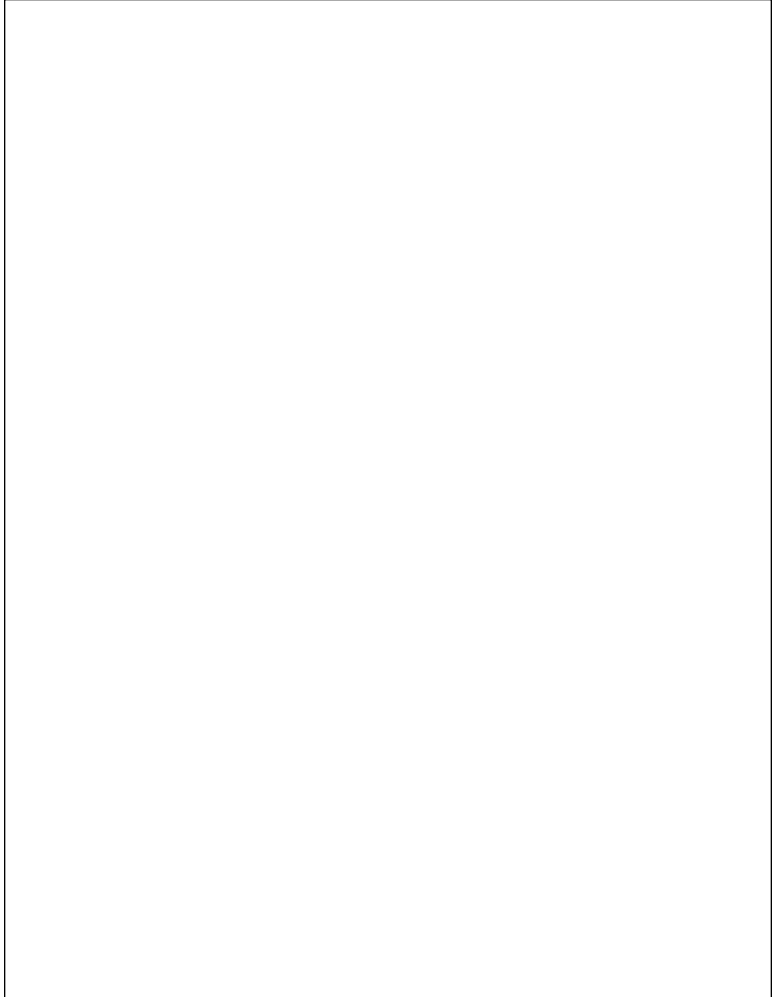


Photo by Heather Palmer

Rotricia Williams (left), Linda Murphy (center) and Lisa Berrien pose at the Fall Ball.

people there, but I had fun anyway," she said.

This dance took one and a half months to plan. Yates expects the next dance to take longer to plan.

For 15 years no dances were held at Floyd College because of an alcohol problem. In the past, outsiders were bringing in alcohol to the dances. This caused great controversy and many problems.

The Intergalactic Fall Ball was

suggested at one of the Student Government meetings. "We saw it as a chance to have a social event that would involve both the students and the community. That was one of our goals," Yates said.

More events are being planned to involve the community. Email any ideas or suggestions to Yates at wiate00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu or call the Student Government Office at 295-6773.

Middle school students experience college firsthand

By Bonnie Turner
Staff Writer

Fifty students from Coosa Middle School came to Floyd College on Nov. 1.

They listened to a welcome given by Ashley Tull, director of student life, and went on a thirty minute tour of the campus. Several teachers from Floyd College gave demonstrations and lectures. Melvin Perry, associate professor of political science, discussed with the students the electoral voting process. Debbie Zeigler, coordinator of disabilities support, gave a sign language demonstration. Paulette Jordan, lab technician, led the kids in a biology lab and Mark Pergrem, science instructor, will take them on a tour of the observatory.

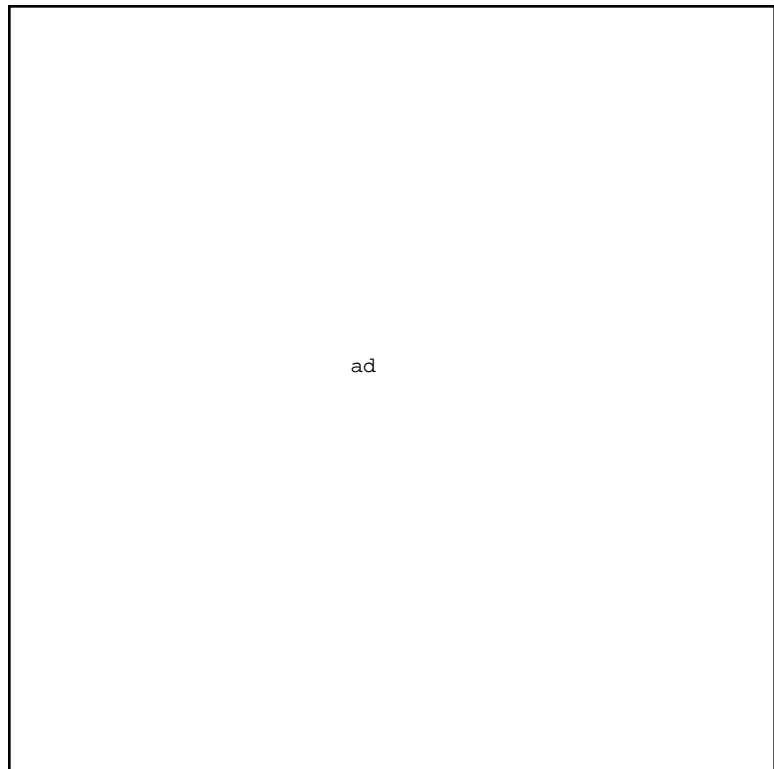
Twenty-one students will be visiting the college from Model Middle School on Nov. 16 as well.

The students visiting are mentored students. According to Zella Fleming, service learning coordinator, they are mostly from single parent households or households in which both parents work.

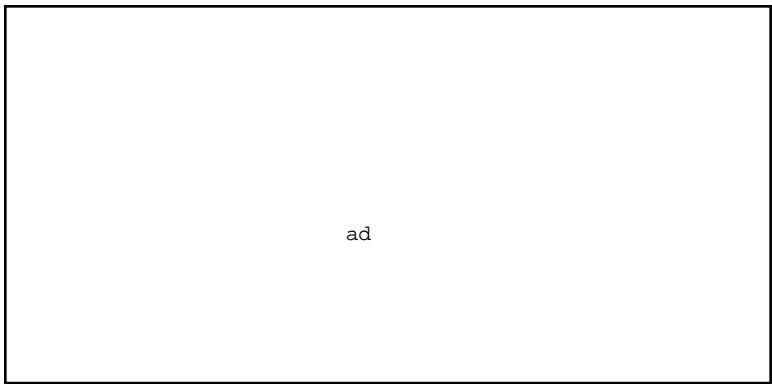
Floyd College students are invited, as well as urged, to participate in the mentoring program by spending one hour per week with a child from a Rome or Floyd County school. This requires simply helping them with their homework, talking with them and being their friend/adviser.

Mentors are needed for all grades from kindergarten through high school.

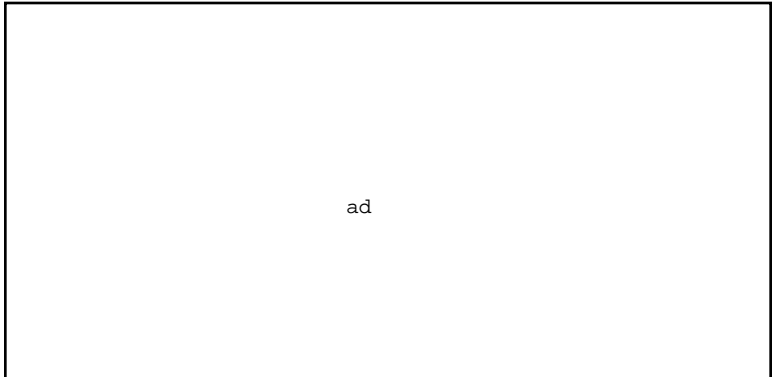
To sign up to become a mentor, pick up a form from the service learning center. If you have any questions concerning the program contact Fleming or Gail Bentley, secretary of student life, at 295-6363.



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Students speak their mind about the issues involved in the elections

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

One of the closest presidential elections has come and gone, and the students of Floyd College have spoken out about Campaign 2000.

The different opinions of students went right along with the national view since the election was the tightest since Kennedy defeated Nixon in 1960.

Both candidates in this year's election, Al Gore and George W. Bush, had many issues to take sides on. Among those students interviewed, education and gun control were the most important issues in this campaign.

When asked why the education policy was important, Ashley Haynes, an undecided major from Kingston, simply said, "Because it has to do a lot with me."

Some students emphasized the desire for trigger locks and three-day waiting periods in gun laws. Amber Fuqua, an early childhood education major from

Rockmart, said that she supported Gore's interest in getting guns off of the streets. However, Chris Butler, a biology major from Summerville, felt that Gore's gun laws weren't adequate enough to deal with the problems of today.

As different views emerged about the issues of the campaign, students' moral standards were displayed.

Yoram Zobrist, a business major from Rome, said that the biggest issue for him in the election was the credibility of the candidates. Jeffery Caudill, a general studies major from Rome, said, "They [the issues] are all equal. They all should be taken care of." Other policies that were important to students were abortion, Medicare and taxes.

Another integral part of the election process was the debates that were held between the candidates. When asked to give their opinions on the forums, some students were impressed and found the meetings interesting. Still oth-

ers believed them to be overrated and useless. Lacey Starkey, a nursing major from Summerville, said that she found the debates to be informative and crucial for making her decision in the election.

Students spoke their view on who they thought was the better candidate and why. Certain reasons for Bush included his high military and moral standard, his tax reform and his ability to form his own opinions and to think more about people. Bush's weakness seemed to be his tax cut for the top one percent wealthiest Americans.

Gore got support from students on his policies on education, the environment and just his general knowledge of politics. Some accusations toward Gore were that he seemed too "cocky" and he has taken credit for things he hasn't done.

Students also criticized Gore's policy on federalizing police and his gun control stand.

Floyd College's mock election results

	Votes	Percentage
George W. Bush	54	59%
Al Gore	37	40%

Results can also be seen at <http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost/main2.html>.

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Cartoon by Jeremy Stewart

North Metro Site hosts speakers

By Colter Wallace
Assistant Editor

To inform students about the issues that surrounded the November elections, Ken Spruce, assistant professor of political science, organized a series of speakers to the North Metro Site of Floyd College on behalf of the candidate they represented.

The last and most recent speaker was Linda Schrenko, Georgia State school superintendent, who represented George W. Bush.

In her Oct. 23 campus visit, Schrenko conveyed many issues

that Bush has been for and against, mainly concentrating on his education proposals.

The first speaker, Wilson Baughmeyer, came to speak on Oct. 9.

Baughmeyer spoke on behalf of the Al Gore campaign in Georgia.

The second speaker, Michael Cartwright, represented the Libertarian Party of Georgia. Cartwright was on campus on Oct. 16 to speak in support of the candidacy of Harry Brown.

Each speaker represented their candidate in-depth, covering the highlights of each campaign.

Spruce arranged for the speakers to come and speak to his U.S. Presidents class, which meets 1 to 2:15 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, but also invited students from his other classes and everyone else at the North Metro Tech campus that was interested in listening to the speakers.

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Phi Theta Kappa

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is holding an induction ceremony Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeview auditorium. All students and faculty are invited to attend. For information on the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, visit their website, www.ptk.org.

News

Student leads book discussion

**By Dixie L. Bowman
Staff Writer**

On Oct. 26, Adam Stanley, a journalism major at Floyd College, did a book review of *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway.

Faculty and students were in attendance and discussed the book after Stanley's review.

Stanley went over the main characters and themes in the book. He showed the book to be about a changing world and the people who are trying to cope with it.

The themes of the death of love after World War I and the characters' inability to change were also brought up.

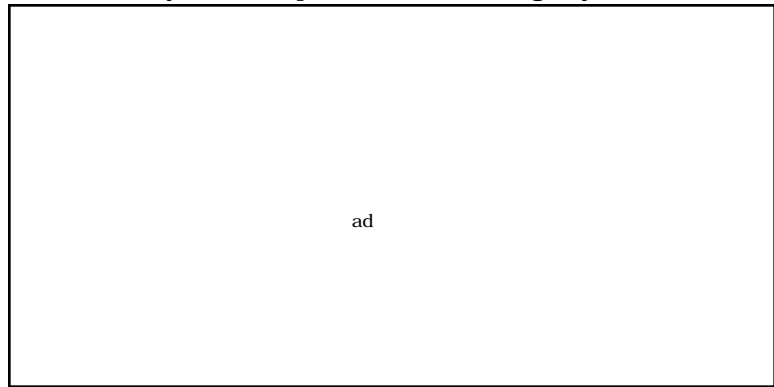
The Sun Also Rises was Hemingway's first novel. It was written while Hemingway was living in Paris in the 1920s.

The book is about a journalist living in Paris after World War I. "Reading this novel is like reading a diary of Hemingway's life," said Stanley.

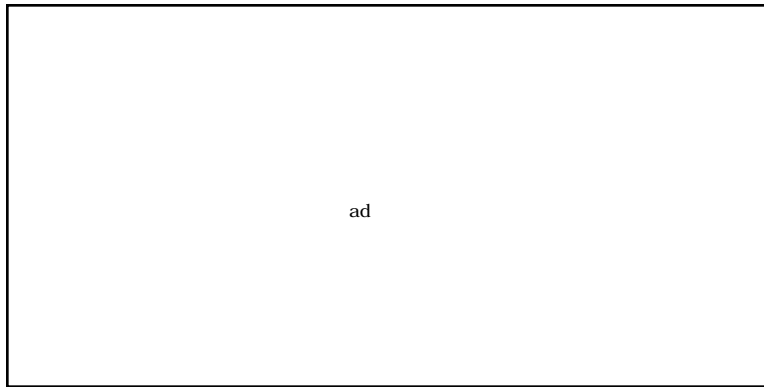
The next book review will be by Frank Minor and will be held in the Solarium on Nov. 15 at noon. Students and faculty are all invited to be there.

Photo by Crystal Hightower

Adam Stanley makes a point about Hemingway.



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Foreign language choices shrink as more students choose Spanish; web might provide additional options

**By Shon Brown
Staff Writer**

Floyd College has recently discontinued offering French courses, leaving Spanish as the only foreign language available on the schedule.

Sheila McCoy, foreign language professor, has been teaching languages for 30 years at FC. McCoy says the reason for only offering Spanish is that it is one of the most spoken languages internationally.

Also, with an increasing number of Hispanics moving into this area, Spanish is offered more often because it is the foreign language most useful in the community.

McCoy also explained that Spanish does not require as many hours of study as other lan-

guages.

Both McCoy and Dr. Bill Mugleston, chair of the social and cultural studies division, agree about the budgetary cost of other languages. Floyd College does not have the funding to hire teachers for a wide variety of languages.

Mugleston questions whether or not there are enough students attending Floyd College in order to have more foreign languages. "As of now the French Language Program has languished so badly that we stopped offering it," Mugleston said.

According to Mugleston, there are not enough students with an interest in the French language. Since French is still a part of Floyd's curriculum, McCoy is currently trying to get the course offered online.

RAFFLE!!!

6-foot stocking filled with goodies
Student Life has tickets for \$1 on sale now.

Can Drive

Bring non-perishable food items to Student Life Office through Dec. 15

Animal Shelter of Rome will be accepting donations through the holidays. Canned dog and cat food and cat litter would be appreciated. Bring donations to the Student Life Office.

News

Early Birds don't get the worm at Floyd

**By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer**

Why is the Floyd College cafeteria not open for breakfast?

Bob Gilbert, director of auxiliary services, said the reasons were very good.

According to Gilbert, the cafeteria is not state funded. So, it

has to run on a very limited budget. This means that any service not making money would not be able to continue operating.

The cafeteria has been in this predicament for a while.

Breakfast isn't a money-maker for the cafeteria. This is due to the customer base and the labor involved.

"A full-service cafeteria is very labor intensive and expensive to maintain," Gilbert stated.

The only place he could cut back was in the labor.

Also, not very many people were actually buying breakfast at the cafeteria.

So, after trying many things, Gilbert finally decided that breakfast is just not feasible at this time.

However, breakfast could return if all goes well. Gilbert said that for the first time the cafeteria is breaking even. If the part-time employees work out, then there could be room in the budget for the possibility of returning breakfast to the campus.

Gilbert wants to bring "grab and go" foods for breakfast if it is possible. This would be foods similar to those served at lunch. Like hamburgers for lunch, there would be biscuits for breakfast. This would cut back on some of the preparation time.

Lunch this way has been a big success, and breakfast could be in the future a few months down the road, according to Gilbert.

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Dates you should know

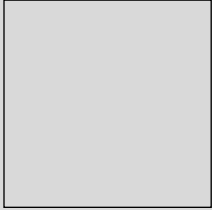
Advisement/walk-in registration	-----now - Nov. 16
Thanksgiving Holiday	-----Nov. 23 - 25
Last day of classes	-----Dec. 9
Final exams	-----Dec. 11 - 16
Fee payment deadline for early registration	-----Dec. 15
Deadline for returning laptops to help desk	-----Dec. 17
Semester break	-----Dec. 17 - Jan. 8
Registration day	-----Jan. 4
Drop/add days	-----Jan. 8 - 10
Martin Luther King Holiday	-----Jan. 15

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Editorials

Editor's Box

Is the music industry going down or have interests changed?



Mike Parker
Editor

Is it just me, or has the music industry shot straight down over the past few years? I don't just mean a particular genre of music; I'm talking about all the types of music.

To prove my point very quickly, look at MTV. Nine times out of 10 you can flip on over to MTV and a music video will not be on.

If there is one on, it's got people's comments scrolling across the TV via the Internet or a vote tally of what video people want to see next. Most of the time though, something that has absolutely nothing to do with music is on.

I'm not saying these are bad shows; I'm just merely making an observation that it's not music television. Basically, what it boils down to is the fact that there is not much good music to play to draw good ratings.

I think there are a lot of rea-

sons the music industry has gone down. But, before I start picking it apart piece by piece, let me just say that if the music is good, no matter what genre, I like it. I have respect for all musical talent.

One of the biggest problems with the music industry is that most of the groups or artists making music are looking for the big bucks. Not only are they looking for big bucks, but they are also looking for big bucks for a long period of time. This means, the more records they produce, the more money they make.

So, why is that so bad? Because when artists sign a multiple record deal, they don't have to produce as many good songs as they did on their first album. That is the major reason why normally the first albums released by artists are the best. They have to make a killer album right off the bat to gain popularity. Otherwise, they don't make it.

Another factor of the big money problem is that the more money the artists make, the more money we as consumers have to spend for a CD or a concert ticket. It just seems to me that 20 bucks is a lot to spend on 12 songs. By the time you've picked out three CDs, you've already racked up a bill of about \$60, and don't forget about the tax.

Although the money issue is a big problem for the music indus-

try overall, another more focused problem is that a lot of the music generated is not even original. Either the artists themselves did not write the music they are performing or the artists are remaking a popular hit from the past.

Here is an easy example of groups not writing their own material. Take a look at all these boy groups that have gained popularity over the past couple of years. Look on the album and try to find any of the singers' names after the words "written by" and on most of them, you will not find it.

Another example of this comes straight from the country music capitol itself, Nashville. I know this is probably not the best region in the world to bash county music but, the fact remains that a lot of country music singers have the same writer. Sure they can sing, but an artist is not truly an artist unless he/she compose every aspect of his/her work. Could a painter paint an image on an already existing painted canvas and call him/herself an artist? Absolutely not.

The other form of not being original is producing a remake of a once popular song. Hey, the oldies but goodies are great whether it's the Beatles or Marvin Gaye. Turn on the oldies station and try not singing along. They're all so catchy. So, in all actuality, remakes can turn out to be great. Some-

times the modern version is better, but, again, it's not original.

Overall, my critiques about the music industry have concerned main stream music, music that is on MTV or on the radio. In my opinion, the best artists in the world will probably never be on MTV, appear on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* or have a record deal for that matter. These are the "underground" artists, and they compose music simply because they like doing it. Whether it's punk rock or flowin' free style, "underground" music holds the most undiscovered talent you could imagine.

Most of these types of artists refuse to even negotiate with major record labels. Probably the biggest reason is they know they will be exploited after signing a contract. The record label tells them to do this and a better way to do that - all in the interest of money. Also, the record label gets a large amount of the artists' money. I can certainly understand an artist wanting to have nothing to do with the parasite that is the music industry.

Many people conceive their own problems with the music industry. Some of these problems include anything from explicit lyrics to blaming music for people's actions.

Let me just say one thing about explicit lyrics. While I do

think the sale of albums with explicit lyrics to minors should be more closely regulated, I think artists have every right to say whatever they want to. Hey, if they couldn't, what do we have the First Amendment for? I'm willing to let a few explicit albums fly in order to keep my freedom of speech.

I know you've heard this before but it still remains a constant: If you don't like it, don't buy it!

In addition to the explicit lyrics issue, people's actions are starting to get blamed more and more on the music they listen to. Throw me a freakin' bone here. I think that this is just an easy excuse for someone to get out of responsibility for his or her own actions kind of like pleading temporary insanity.

Well, that covers all of my concerns with the music industry, but before you go off and continue on your stanza of life, do me a favor and take it easy with the thump in the trunk. Now, I know this doesn't apply to everyone, but if you have an old lemon packed with some cheap Dr. Crankenstein's and your trunk is rattling, do me a favor and pull the plug, PLEASE! I love a clean audio system but there is absolutely no need to force your \$30 stereo equipment on everybody else.

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Where exactly is the newsstand?

The purpose of a newspaper is to inform the public of current events. How is the public supposed to read the newspaper if they do not know where to find it?

On the Floyd College home page, <http://www.fc.peachnet.edu>, there is a newsstand. This may be new information to many people. The stand is the smallest icon on the page. Its brownish-beige color makes it hard to see. The stand is also placed in the least noticeable place, the bottom right-hand corner.

On the stand are the *Six Mile Post*, *FC News and Bulletins*, *Folks and Features* and *FC Bytes*. Each of these publications is designed to inform and entertain the students, faculty and community.

The size and appearance of this newsstand makes it seem as if the newspaper and other related items are not very important to Floyd College.

With all the work that is put into each of these publications, a

little more recognition is deserved.

With such a small newsstand, people in the school and the community cannot find and read Floyd College publications. They are not able to see the talent that the students and faculty have.

The *Six Mile Post* is the school-wide newspaper. It is published in print and online. People do not know about the online edition because they cannot see the newsstand. Chances are that if the public cannot see the newsstand, they will not even know that there is a print edition available.

FC Bytes is a webzine. This means that it is a magazine only available online. It includes original pieces of art, music and writing by the faculty and students of Floyd College.

It also is on this newsstand that no one can see. It would probably have more writers and artists if people knew about this webzine.

Folks and Features is a special

newsletter for the faculty and staff. It lets them know what is going on and what upcoming events they are invited to. Guess where this newsletter is put! On the newsstand, imagine that!

The other publication that is not recognized on this newsstand is *FC News and Bulletins*. The purpose of this newsletter is to let the students and surrounding community know what is happening at the college.

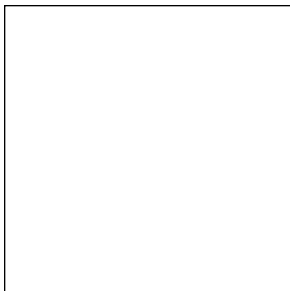
Upcoming events are also included in this publication. Maybe if the community knew about this newsletter, there would be more involvement in Floyd College activities.

Why is it that all the other organizations online are easy to spot and see but the newsstand is not? Even the ATM machine icon is bigger than the newsstand. How are students, faculty and the community supposed to be involved if they cannot find the information online?

Opinions

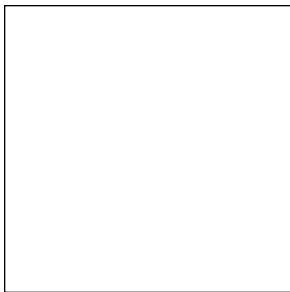
Student Poll

Who is your favorite professor at Floyd and why?



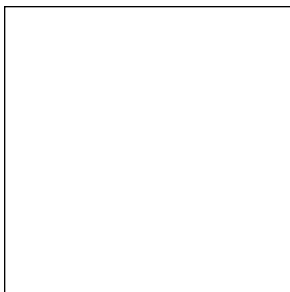
Zella Fleming
Human Services

"My favorite professor here at Floyd is Ms. Daniel. She is very helpful, and she was always willing to take the time for any questions that I had in her class. She helped me recognize the potential that I have. I think she is a really great person!"



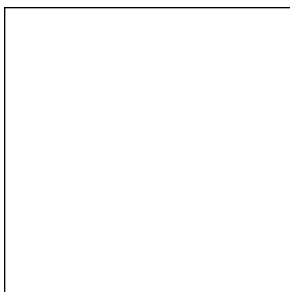
Justin Pollard
Joint Enrollment

"My favorite professor is Carla Patterson. She is my favorite because she is the only professor that I have."



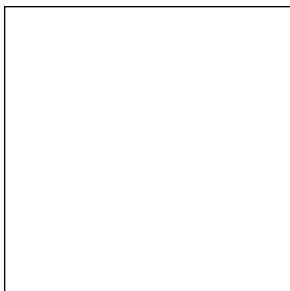
Jeremy Anthony
Post Secondary Option

"Carla Patterson brings the subject of English to life, and she shows us how we can practically use it. From e-mail to research reports, effective writing is how one communicates. Effective communication is imperative to success at any level of education. Therefore, the skills learned in her class are practically applicable in all facets of everyday life. That is why Carla Patterson is my favorite professor."



Bob Newton
Engineering

"My favorite professor is Margaret Davis. She can teach Calculus II better than any professor that I had at Georgia Southern University. I am learning more in her class than I did at Georgia Southern."



Corey Hall
Business

"All of the professors are my favorite because they keep on working here."

Photos by Heather Palmer

Life as the vice president of special events in SGA can be quite hectic

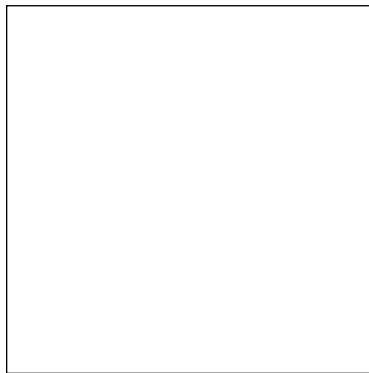


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By W. Jason Yates
SGA vice president of special events

Do this! Do that! Come speak at our club! Can you do something for us? It is extremely challenging to be the vice president of special events for the Student Government Association. But overall, it's worth the blood, sweat, and tears.

First of all, the opportunity to serve some of the greatest students in the world is an awesome responsibility, so thank you for electing me to this position.

You may wonder what the big deal is with being an SGA officer at a commuter college. After all, we never do anything right? Wrong!

This year the Student Government has planned so many cool events for the student body that

it's already taking its toll on the officers. We are trying to make this the greatest year that Floyd College has ever had.

Having a long history of politics in my family, leadership just comes naturally to me. It is pretty cool being a fifth great-nephew of George Washington and a fifth and sixth cousin of George Bush and Bill Clinton, respectively. Don't hold the last one against me. All families have at least one weirdo, and Billy is ours. Also, being the great-grandson of John Patterson, a former United States House of Representatives Congressman for Georgia isn't too bad either.

The strain of SGA is very hard, but it is worth everything you go through. In SGA, my responsibilities include setting up all the special events such as dances, speakers, blood drives and other such things. Also, most clubs want me to come speak at their meetings.

My job is so fun and so cool. Another bonus for being in SGA is getting to meet all the cute girls (oops, hope I don't get in trouble for that).

The biggest kicker for being in student government is a fairly large stipend check.

If you are into moderate politics and leadership, running for an SGA officer position in April of next year would be right up your

alley.

The hardest part about SGA is that there are lots of people that complain about the college, the cafeteria and anything else you can think of. Most people do not understand that SGA only works with the student activity fees and what those fees go to pay for. We can't fix the entire college in SGA. We can just serve the students. We really don't mind that the students are complaining and speaking their minds because at least they are getting involved.

One thing students need to understand is that SGA is here to serve you, not our own personal agendas. Since SGA spends YOUR activity fees, you have every right to tell us what to do with it just as constituents do with their city, state and national elected officials. It's your money. Tell us what to do with it. Otherwise, we will decide ourselves and spend it the way we think. Don't complain if you don't plan to speak up to begin with.

We hope this has given you a better insight into the world of SGA and how you can get involved.

We also hope to see a better turnout this next year for people who want to serve as SGA officers.

No one can totally describe how cool it is to be in charge. It's just a rush thing!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write a letter and say that I thought the section on the potential juror member was interesting.

I wanted to recommend a teacher to be recognized in your paper. Dr. Margret Davis is an extraordinary teacher. I have her for Elementary Statistics. I started college with the fear that all teachers in college were going to be mean and do whatever they could to make you fail. Thank goodness that Floyd College has destroyed this fear with awesome teachers like Dr. Davis. She is funny and caring. I have hated math all my life, but she makes it interesting. Thanks to her, I am passing with an A.

Yours truly,
Crystal LaShae Hightower
Plainville, Ga.
Undecided

Dear Editor,

I know that many people want pets around Christmas time. I would like to encourage these people to consider getting their pet from the Humane Society. The Humane Society has tons of good-hearted pets. If these pets are not taken to good homes, they are put to sleep. That is a terrible fate for any animal. When you start looking at \$600 dogs at the pet store, check the Humane Society first. You would be saving money and the life of a great pet.

Dear Editor,

The past election was the first one I was eligible to vote in. At times I feel that I am not well informed about the important issues because there is a lot of bias in the media and in the debates. In your section called "Which candidate will affect college education the most," I was pleased because I read no biased ideas. The article was to the point and gave facts.

Thank You,
Tiffany Butler
Rome, Ga.
Early Childhood Development

Allison Floyd
PSO Student
Rome(Armuchee), Ga.

Features

Scholarships Available

**By Ashley Murray
Staff Writer**

As a college education becomes a necessity, the expenses continue to rise. Luckily, universities, as well as the government, are trying to keep students' expenses reasonable.

The increasing amount of financial aid in the forms of scholarships, grants, loans and work programs, has given a new incentive to continuing education.

Georgia residents should consider themselves lucky because they are able to take advantage of the HOPE program. Funded by the Georgia lottery, HOPE provides money for tuition if students have resided in Georgia for a year and meet the 3.0 GPA criteria. Additional information on HOPE and eligibility requirements is available at www.gsfc.org/hope/HOPEpage.htm.

Scholarships and grants are also extremely important sources of financial aid. Typically, they can be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic merit or athletic excellence. With the surplus

of literature and internet sources now available regarding scholarships, finding an award based on needs has become much easier.

Student loans can help pay for expenses not covered by grants or scholarships. Usually, this kind of money can be obtained from commercial lenders, a government agency or a post-secondary school. Unlike scholarships, loans accumulate interest and must be repaid within a reasonable amount of time.

In order to be considered for most financial aid, students must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be filled out electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or it may be mailed. Applications can be obtained in the Floyd College Financial Aid Office.

The advantage of completing the form online is that the students are able to recognize mistakes more quickly.

Additional information can also be found in the Financial Aid Office or by contacting them at www.fc.peachnet.edu/finaid/finaid.htm.

A chance to be in the spotlight

**By Julianna Smith
Staff Writer**

Have you ever wanted to be a glamorous movie star or a star athlete? Well here is your chance—on Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m.

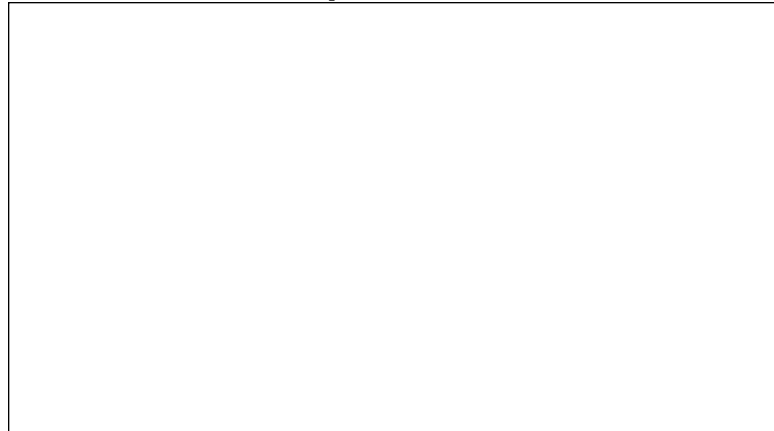
till 3:30 p.m. the Smith Agency will be making Funny Photos in the Student Center.

Funny Photos is a novelty act that consists of a person's head placed on a cartoon cutout body.

The photos will be made for

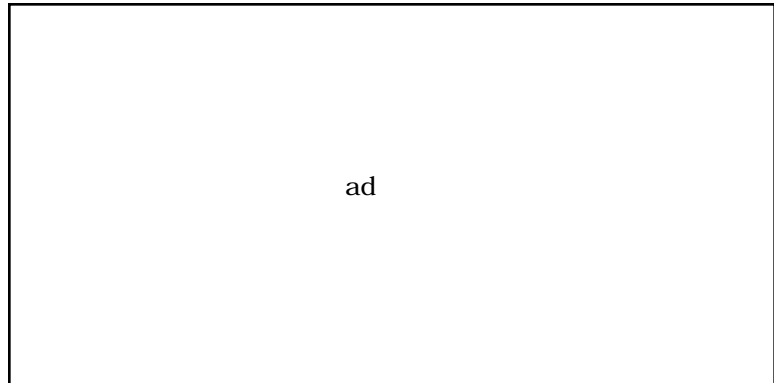
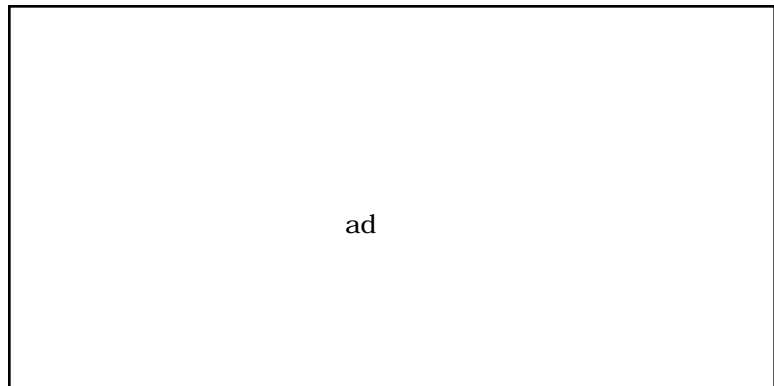
free. Director of Student Life Ashley Tull said that the photos are being done just because it is fun.

The Office of Student Life encourages all students to participate and join in the fun.



Sample Scholarship Check

Artwork by Brooke Worley



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Sports

Floyd College catches flag football fever

By Leslie Pledger
Staff Writer

Signs of fall are all around northwest Georgia. With fall comes the excitement of football season. Whether it is professional, high school or intramural, football is in the air.

The intramural football season here at Floyd started on Oct. 17, and currently the playoffs are taking place.

There are four teams participating in the league this year. They include the Loggerheads made up by Robbie Silver, John Peterson, Greg Hampton, Rhett Ammons, Matt Nasworthy, Tom Warren and Keon Fleminster; the Banditos with John Boe, Kandace Edwards, Charles Garrison, Corey Ware, Yoram Zobrist, Travis Williams, Derick Sartin and Brooke

Worley; the Annihilators which include Jason Yates, Steve Davenport, Brijesh Patel, Joe Patel, Laterah Dunham, William Wright, Al Miller and Shawna Raulerson; and finally the Criminoles consisting of Chez Ely, Shane Porter, Matthew Cantrell, Lee Cannon, Tim Smith and Maria Karpie.

Each team has to have a female participating at all times. Anytime a female scores, the points are doubled. So, if a guy scores a touchdown, it's worth 6 points and if a girl scores a touchdown, it's worth 12 points.

Floyd intramural coordinator David Mathis stated, "This encourages the men to keep the ladies involved in the game."

The teams play on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. on the athletic field by the lake on the Rome central campus.

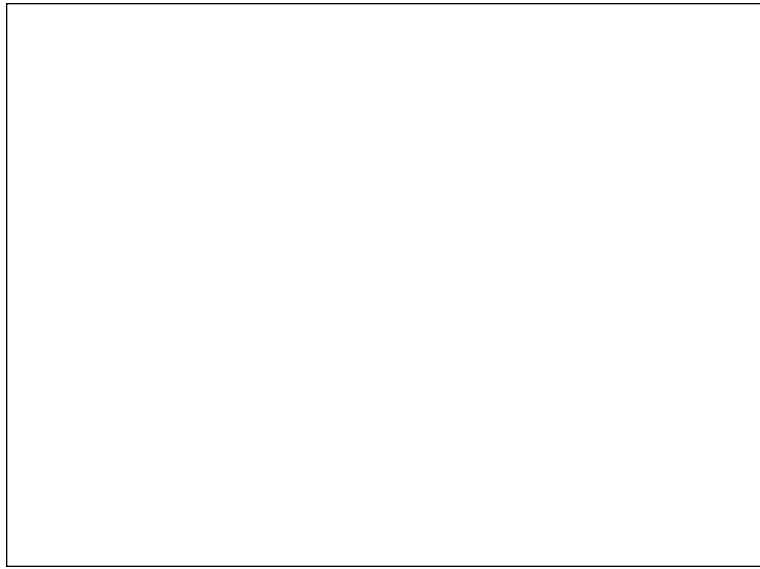


Photo by Heather Koon

Criminole Tim Smith carries the ball for a big gain before Annihilator Brijesh Patel snatches his flag. Shane Porter (far right) and Joe Patel (top) run alongside the play.

New fitness lab hours

Due to several requests, the fitness lab hours on Friday have been extended to 3 p.m.

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Monday -	-----8 a.m. to
Thursday	8:30 p.m.
Friday	-----8 a.m. to
	3p.m.
Saturday	----CLOSED
Sunday	---CLOSED

Trades and injuries drastically affect NBA rosters this season

By M. Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

The NBA's 2000-2001 regular season began on Oct. 31, but even before the first official tip-off, it was shaping up to be an attention-grabbing season.

Last year's NBA champions, the Los Angeles Lakers, baffled basketball fans by losing their first four exhibition games. Two of the league's top players, the Atlanta Hawk's Dikembe Mutombo and the Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning, were sidelined by illnesses. Charles Barkley retired, and Shaq was resigned by the Lakers until the 2005-06 season.

The NBA will have a different look this season.

There were 58 Rookie signings, over 80 free agents up for grabs and several key trades which were made in the off-season. Two of the trades involved superstars Patrick Ewing and Grant Hill. Ewing was acquired by the Seattle SuperSonics from the New York Knicks, and Hill went to the Orlando Magic from the Detroit Pistons.

Several teams are benefitting from young talent, like the Bulls whose coach, Tim Floyd, is trying to rebuild with rookie forward Marcus Fizer out of Iowa State University and rookie guard Jamal Crawford out of Michigan University.

Two rather hopeful teams are set back by illnesses.

Mourning, one of the league's top centers and the crucial player in the Heat's pursuit for a NBA title, will be out for the entire season due to a kidney ailment, focal glomerulosclerosis, which could lead to kidney failure.

Miami's coach, Pat Riley, spent the off-season rounding up free agents and revamping the team to set off Mourning's abilities.

Atlanta Hawk's All-Star center, Mutombo, was diagnosed with a mild case of malaria a week before the season began. It is believed he became infected with the disease during a September visit to his African homeland in the Congo.

Mutombo will be re-evaluated by team physicians on a weekly

basis.

So far, the NBA's 2000-2001 season is off to an electrifying start with the mélange of experienced superstars like Kobe Bryant, of the Los Angeles Lakers, and raw rookie talent like no.1 draft pick Kenyon Martin out of Cincinnati University, who was signed by New Jersey on August 23.

This season promises to be one of the most dynamic in NBA history.

REMINDER

To all those who are going on the ski/snowboard trip for physical education credit next semester, the deadline to register is Dec. 1. A \$75 deposit is required to reserve a spot. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, at 706-295-6353.

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