

# Six Mile Post

The Student Voice

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## — News Briefs —

### ■ Career day coming to Floyd

The public is invited to visit the campus on college career day to see what Floyd College is all about.

The discovery day is scheduled for Dec. 7. The SGA will host a picnic supper. This will be followed by breakout sessions covering financial aid, cooperative programs available to students, and allied health career choices at Floyd College, which are as follows: nursing, dental hygiene, physical therapist assistant. Some of the other breakout sessions will cover issues related to non-traditional students, choosing a major and extracurricular activities.

Current students are encouraged to get friends and siblings to take part in this event. Amy Mitchell, recruitment coordinator, who is in charge of college career day, stated, "This is a great opportunity for prospective students to get all questions answered in one evening of fun!"

### ■ Changes in smoking policy?

Proposed alterations to the current smoking policy were considered at the faculty and staff meeting Oct. 26.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has made several proposals, the most current of which says: "First, all-building entrances shall be designated as non-smoking areas up to 20 feet from the building. With the only exception being the entrance located directly opposite the covered smoking area provided for smokers to gather during inclement weather. Second, smoking in designated non-smoking areas will be punishable with fines ranging from \$5 for the first offense to \$20 for multiple offenses. Third, littering, a contemptible practice, will be cause for the school to require offenders to do campus community service and pick up trash at the campus they attend." At this time nothing has been finalized.

There are questions about whether or not the students, faculty and/or staff are aware of the designated areas. According to Kerry Cox, SGA president, "The smoking areas should be labeled where everyone will know where the designated areas are."

More information will be announced at a later date.

### ■ Childcare survey conducted

Would the parents at Floyd College be interested in having a childcare facility located on campus?

The question above could be one of many asked in a survey conducted by the SGA. According to Kerry Cox, SGA president, "The survey is in its planning stages, and the approval is not yet guaranteed." The childcare facility will be a state implemented project, and Floyd College will be ready if the state government provides funding.

## FC confident about Y2K readiness

By Matt Proctor  
Assistant Editor

The New Year is quickly approaching with the supposed Y2K apocalypse looming. Floyd College has tackled this troublesome quirk head on and has done all it can to prepare for Y2K.

According to Pat McCord, vice president for finance and administration, in the past year, the college has been in the process of planning for and fixing difficulties Y2K may present when the clock strikes midnight this year. Several meetings and analysis sessions have taken place. Admission critical systems at the college, which include the infrastructure, environmental controls and the Business Office, have all been investigated for any potential crisis.

Barbara Walden, support specialist at the Central Campus Help Desk, said, concerning student laptop computers, "They've all been checked. We don't anticipate any problems."

Earlier this year, the college sent in a funding request and has received funding to fix any potential problems. The college took a complete inventory of its personal computers. In all, 31 desktops and one main frame computer were replaced.

All systems and hardware have been investigated for any glitches. Certifications were sent in to the Chancellor's Office and also to the Board of Regents Office of Information Technology. Their requirements to prevent a Y2K disaster have been met.

The college does not have a complicated system of building environmental operations, such as the heating system. Certifications have been received from

the electric and gas companies.

Recently an audit was conducted by Keene Inc.'s internal audit staff to see how Floyd College has prepared for Y2K. The college sent its people to show documentation to the staff on the college's readiness. According to McCord, Keene Inc. representatives were very happy about the College's preparation.

Should students worry? McCord, said, "Floyd College and the state of Georgia are in good shape." He expects business as usual. Students really don't have any real reason to worry. The college has done everything in its power and resources to confront this so-called Y2K disaster.

Even though Floyd is in good shape, McCord encourages students to prepare a little anyway. He encourages preregistration and going ahead and paying for next semester before the New Year. He says, "There is always the slim chance. At this point it is slight."

Also, teachers have been requested to get the fall semester's grades in early. This way, students will get their grades in case any difficulties arise. They have also been encouraged to have hard copies of syllabuses to hand out next semester in case there are computer problems and students cannot get to the class websites.

The only problems that could arise are utility problems. The problem is that if even one electrical company goes down, there is a good chance all of them could go down since all power grids are connected. If a small company goes down, all companies could go down. If there are any utility problems, most likely there will be a delay in starting classes next semester. Floyd College al-

ready has a built-in delay next semester anyway in case of potential problems.

If any problems occur McCord advises students to look for notification through the media, such as television and radio. If utilities fail the college will have to close down until the problem is fixed. If computer problems occur, there will be business as usual at Floyd College, according to McCord. He also said on registration day students will find out the state the college is in.

McCord plans to send an e-mail to all students advising them on what to do regarding Y2K during November.

*Photo illustration by James Barber.*

## Awareness day brings attention to disabled

By Gary L. Popham  
Staff Writer

"The biggest problem I ran into was opening the bathroom doors and realizing that I had to look for the restrooms that were marked for handicapped..." said Amy Mitchell, recruitment coordinator for Floyd College, as she described her experiences as one of the volunteers on Disability Awareness Day.

Mitchell spent two hours traveling around campus in a wheelchair. Her assessment of the campus's ability to meet the needs of the disabled was that it just meets the requirements

Disability Awareness Day was held at Floyd College Oct. 26 in an effort to increase consciousness of the difficulties faced daily by disabled students and the

general disabled population.

The idea was the brainchild of Kerry Cox, Student Government Association president. Cox knows firsthand the complexity of a disabled life. He spends his days confined to a wheelchair.

Faculty, staff and other Floyd College VIPs spent time during this day in wheelchairs and wearing earmuffs for the sensation of deafness. The concept was to allow the able-bodied to understand the daily challenges experienced by the disabled.

A visit to the Advisement Center found that advising coordinator Eileen Walker had rearranged her office to make it more accessible to the handicapped student. Major reconstruction or remodeling is not always necessary. Moving a table, desk or chair could make a world of difference in the life of

a disabled student, faculty, staff or campus visitor.

The Physical Education Building is fairly accessible to handicapped students. Facilities are friendlier for male students than for females. Taking a shower could be almost impossible for disabled women. Climbing some of the hills on the way to the PE Building is a workout in itself.

The new Lakeview Building is the most accessible on campus to the handicapped. However, even there some changes could be implemented. Public telephones could be lowered and automatic door openers could be placed at the entrance to classrooms and restrooms.

Mitchell suggested that Disability Awareness Day become a yearly event at Floyd College.

## News

# FC's main campus at risk for unwanted neighbors

By Matt Bowers  
Staff writer

The Floyd County Commissioners have approved the rezoning of the industrial park directly behind the Floyd College Central Campus for heavy industry.

In their Oct. 26 monthly meeting at the old courthouse in Rome, the commissioners first allowed the side in favor of the rezoning to speak 10 minutes to outline their case in favor of the heavy industry rezoning.

These 10 minutes were split up among those who wished to speak, and the speakers were then available to be asked questions after they were done stating their case.

The Development Authority of Floyd County, represented by Attorney Bill Boling, was in favor of the park being rezoned to a heavy industry area. He argued that the park had been "mistakenly" zoned light industry and residential at the beginning of this fiscal year and that they were there merely to correct an error that had been made.

Boling also said that the park had been unzoned since its creation 17 years ago, which had left it open to heavy industrialization for that period of time.

Along these lines, he presented the fact that there were already two heavy industries in the park that were responsible businesses and "good neighbors" to the current residents.

He also cited that the county had already spent many taxpayer dollars on readying the park for heavy industrialization by install-

ing a three and a half million dollar sewer line underneath the park and said that shows the infrastructure necessary to support heavy industry was already present.

Boling also stated many positive points that heavy industry that could bring to the park and to the area of Floyd County as a whole.

Some of the things that he mentioned were that it would create jobs and expand the tax base by lessening the tax burden on individual citizens. Boling also said that the industries that moved into the park would have to agree to the restrictive covenants that govern the industrial park.

When asked to elaborate on these "covenants," Boling stated that the covenants involved the businesses in the park avoiding negative effects such as piles of wastes or trash, odors and other such things spilling over into the surrounding community.

However, residents of the park had a different point of view on the issue. Attorney Bob Farrar represented the residents of the Floyd County Industrial Park and was prepared with many points against the zoning of the park to heavy industry.

In response to the fact that the prior rezoning of the park to light industry and residential was a mistake, Farrar stated that the residents of the park would have objected to heavy industry rezoning at that time as well.

He stated that residents of the park were happy with the park when it was unzoned and were also content with the "mistaken"

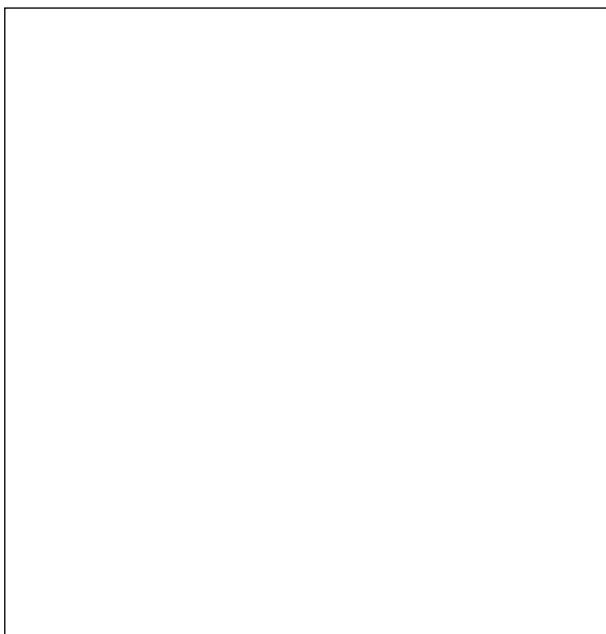


Photo by James P. Barber

**The area recently zoned as heavy industry looks like a negative environmental effects.**

rezoning of the park but were not content with the heavy industry decision.

He mentioned that the fact that the county wanted the park rezoned for heavy industry had citizens concerned that the county already had plans to bring in heavy industry, which made it apparent that the developers were more concerned about the new industry than the citizens that live in the park.

Farrar also cited the fact that there were already several parks in the area that were zoned for heavy industry. He also stated the fact that the Planning Commission had voted against the rezoning of the park to heavy industry.

Farrar also emphasized the

negative effects that the industries could have on the environment of the park and of the surrounding area. To this point, he cited noise pollution, air pollution, odors, the possible water pollution of Paris Lake behind Floyd Col-

lege. She claimed that a heavy industry label would attract more pollution-prone companies that had thus far been kept out of the park.

She also mentioned the parks' positive 17-year track record and posed the question of whether or not the park would be able to maintain a lack of interference in the residents' quality of life as it had done thus far.

Applegate also mentioned the fact that the pollution caused by heavy industries often happen over a long period of time, and thus can take years to uncover and just as long to fix.

She mentioned that under the label of light industry residents had a say in what industries were allowed to settle in the park, but under the label of heavy industry, residents have no say whatsoever.

At this point Boling was allowed to speak again in order to attempt to answer some of the concerns that the residents had voiced. He cited that the property values of the residents around other heavy industry parks continued to rise.

Then the commission called all of the speakers together and asked them several questions concerning different issues involved in the park being zoned for heavy industry.

After the questioning concluded, a motion was made and seconded to approve the zoning. After a bit more discussion, the Floyd County Commission voted three to one to approve the rezoning of the Floyd County Industrial Park to heavy industry.

## Thirteen 'make a difference' on Rome Central Campus

By Aimee Harmison  
Staff Writer

They came, they saw and made a difference.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, Floyd College's "Make A Difference Day" volunteers pledged their time and effort towards improving the look of Floyd College and surrounding areas.

The team of 13 volunteers and advisers met at the Floyd College Central Campus at 9 a.m. and began the slow and time-consuming process of beautification. The first project the crew tackled was the area around Paris Lake. The lake, which attracts quite a number of students and non-students alike, was in need of attention. The banks and surrounding areas

were littered with trash, making the quiet place of reflection and recreational activity a bit of an eyesore.

The "Make a Difference Day" team attacked the problem head on by picking up the trash and other debris that sporadically dotted the Paris Lake landscape. The volunteers continued the pick up process until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to noon, the team of students ate lunch and took a quick break from the events of the day. Soon after, the team was at it again and headed to the retirement home located directly across the highway from Floyd College. It was there that the group "spruced up the place" by planting flowers. Around 1:30 p.m. the volunteers wrapped up the day's



Photos contributed by Billy Bray

**A heap of trash and tires is collected around the campus by 'make a difference day' volunteers.**

activities and left, leaving the campus looking much better than it had before.

The 1999 "Make A Difference Day" was a successful one and will

leave present and future students enjoying the benefits of just "how much difference a day can make," said Billy Bray, student volunteer coordinator.



**Erika Petry, left, and Keith Mercer, pose for a photo while picking up trash along Paris Lake.**

# News

## Club News

### BAS

BAS is planning several events and activities for the remainder of the semester. The organization will be hosting a pool tournament to be held in November. BAS is also planning a Kwanzaa luncheon for minority faculty and staff. In addition, a trip to visit the Morehouse and Spelman campuses in Atlanta is in the works. As usual, a community service project is planned for the holidays.

### BSU

In November, BSU will emphasize ministry, and Phyllis Weatherly, director of counseling & career services, will present a program on ministry opportunities. BSU will begin collecting Christmas gifts for a needy family and will also have a month long Bible study on "The Sermon on the Mount." For more information, contact Dr. Margaret Davis at [mdavis@fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:mdavis@fc.peachnet.edu).

### FANS

Samuel Howell III, M.D., doesn't measure the success of his recent trip to Africa in medical terms. The featured speaker at FANS' Nov. 1 meeting, Howell, said he treated over 3000 prisoners along with two other physicians and a physical assistant during their mission trip last May

to Benin, Africa. However, in this poverty-stricken and disease ravaged country, he said, "The real success of the trip was measured in spiritual terms, not medical."

The Christian Medical Dental Society, a group of 17 from the United States and Canada, undertook this medical mission as "ambassadors of Christ, to show prisoners the love of God." During his slide presentation, Howell shared stories and testimony about the people, prisons, environmental and medical conditions encountered there.

Howell is affiliated with the Manos de Cristo Clinic of Cartersville. The clinic offers visual, dental and medical care at a nominal charge. Howell also runs an HIV clinic in Cartersville, offering primary care for a 10-county area.

FANS members were both honored and appreciative that Howell took time from his busy schedule to give his inspiring presentation.

### FC BYTES

FC Bytes is planning for a "holiday" issue to go online around the first of December. In the issue will be the second part of Janice Cross's interview with Serpentfoot, along with art, poetry, fiction and other highly unpredictable features. FC Bytes can be found on the internet at <http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/webzine>.

### HPER

HPER members will work concessions for the Floyd County area high school varsity basketball holiday tournaments beginning Dec. 18.

### ORK

The *Old Red Kimono*, Floyd Colleges fine arts magazine, is ac-

cepting work, such as original poems, short stories, and artwork, from students faculty and others. Submissions may be left in the *Old Red Kimono* Office in the Student Life Office area or in the *Old Red Kimono* mailbox in the Social and Cultural Studies Division Office.

### PSi BETA

The membership drive ends

Nov. 19. This is the last day to submit eligibility applications to Dr. Alberta Johnson, PSi Beta adviser, in the social and cultural studies division. Johnson will notify students of their eligibility. The induction ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5.

For more information contact Johnson, F-145, 295-6300, or [ajohnson@fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:ajohnson@fc.peachnet.edu).

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## Editorials

### A well deserved thanks to those FC security guards

For those of us who have night classes or work late hours on campus, it might seem a bit eerie walking such a long distance to our cars. But fear not, fellow classmates. The Floyd College security guards are watching our backs.

The bright lights shining in our faces as we search for our car keys are not those of stalkers, but those of FC security, making sure we get in the car and drive away safely.

We tend to take our security staff for granted. However, the extra security is greatly appreciated.

A great big thank you goes out to the dedicated campus security guards for being so concerned for our safety.

# The holidays sometime come with a black cloud

**Editor's Box**  
**Matt Proctor**  
**Assistant Editor**

Well, it looks like the holidays are here once again, and this is supposed to be the happiest time of the year, right? For a lot of people it turns out to be pure hell. It is easily a time of anxiety, sadness and just absolute nervousness for some people.

How could this be?

Holiday depression affects many many people in our fine world. Why would people get depressed? Remember it's "Joy to the world" and all that junk. You would think people would look forward to this time of year. Well there are many reasons why this can be the worst time of year for some.

As we grow up, Christmas is such a big deal, and once we enter the real world the magic is lost. The holidays are built up so much when you're a kid. Once you get older, people become disappointed and cynical.

Also, the older you get the more you realize how commercial Christmas really is. This seems to drag a lot of people down.

Also people are not around their family as much as they were when they were a kid, and as people grow older they become more lonely. People easily isolate

themselves. One of my friends said he always feels no one wants to be around him.

For some people it is the loss of loved ones that can make the holidays difficult. Loved ones have passed away, and old memories of the past haunt them, lingering like ghosts bringing on deep sadness and longing. They become afraid of being alone and don't know what to do.

It probably doesn't help that we are bombarded with images of happiness and festivity and all that jazz. It makes people feel worse even though it is supposed to be a happy time.

The Christmas season is also the end of the year. This sends a lot of people analyzing their lives and what their position is in life. This investigation sometimes leads people to realizations of unhappiness, and they feel another year is gone without them having accomplished a thing.

Another reason people get the holiday blues is the holidays are just another painful pointless routine to go through for some. People don't even look at it like a holiday. It is just something else they are obligated to endure. People do not rest and take in the atmosphere

of the season. They run here and there getting caught up as they do in every day life and don't realize what they're doing. People get caught in the materialism of the moment.

The holidays also bring about the inevitable routine of being around family. If your family is not the best and has holes and loose foundations in it, the holidays will surely shine a big spotlight on these wounds and make the holidays difficult. My father and mother are going to Florida this Christmas because they do not want to put up with the difficulties of my older brother and his wife.

This isn't what Christmas is supposed to be. This is supposed to be a time of joy and rest and being with family and friends. A lot of times it just doesn't turn out this way.

There are many ways to get around this depression setup that easily sneaks up on you or your friends in more ways than one. If you know someone is going to be by themselves these holidays, don't let them. Invite the person over, or get this person involved with the holidays in some way.

Spend time with your friends. Remember, just surround yourself with things you like. Look within yourself for that lost holiday magic. Find the spirit of the holidays no matter how dim it may be. Remember, there are always people you know who care about you.

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# Why don't we know what's going on behind our campus?

By Matt Bowers  
Staff Writer

It never ceases to amaze me how little Floyd College students seem to know about what's going on in their very own back yard. On Oct. 26, at the monthly Floyd County Commissioners meeting, a very important topic was discussed and decided on that will have a direct effect on Floyd College: the potential rezoning of the industrial park that is located directly behind Floyd College's Central Campus.

At the beginning of this year, the entire Floyd County area was rezoned, and according to county officials, the industrial park was "mistakenly" labeled

light industry and residential, where as it was "supposed" to be labeled heavy industry.

In any case, this "mistake" was brought before the County Commissioners Board on Oct. 26 and was opposed by many residents of the industrial park. However, besides Dr. Nancy Applegate, assistant professor of English, who did speak against the rezoning, and myself, who did not speak, there were no other representatives from Floyd College to be found.

Before I get off sounding all high and mighty on the subject, I do have to admit that if I had not been required to attend the meeting because of an assignment that I had for this newspaper, I would not have been there either. As a

matter of fact, I never even would have known the whole issue existed, and that's the main thing I have to complain about. It seems as if no one at Floyd College, students, faculty and staff all included, even knew that the potential rezoning was an issue.

I have always been told that there is no excuse for ignorance, and I believe that saying holds true in this instance. A mass amount of land right behind Floyd College has just been rezoned as a heavy industry area, and very soon, industries that pollute the noise, air and land may very well become our new closest neighbors, and hardly a soul here knows about it. Why is this? Why didn't we know? Why weren't we told?

Others who will be directly af-

ected by this change, such as residents of the park, knew about this possible change and fought against it, so obviously it was a well enough known issue that lack of information about the rezoning is not an excuse.

To tell the truth, I don't have any rational explanation about why we at Floyd College were uninformed about the rezoning. All I know for sure is that it makes me angry and upset. We at Floyd complain about the lack of excitement, issues and things to do here, and when something interesting and controversial comes up, we are all completely ignorant of the fact!

So, what can we do as students here at FC to make sure that we, as a whole, are informed about important topics that will directly

affect us? First of all, we can ask. Ask your teachers, administrators, etc. about what's going on. And more importantly, when they answer, LISTEN! Listen to what they have to say and then figure out what you, as an individual and as a student of this institution, can do to make things better. Maybe if there had been a crowd of FC students at that meeting that night, a different decision would have been made.

You as a student, a member of society and a human being have the power to change things, but you have to be aware of what things need changing. So, basically what I am saying is stay informed, and once informed, do something about it. Get it together and make a difference. You may even find that you like it.

# Opinions

## Student Poll

North Metro/Cartersville Campus

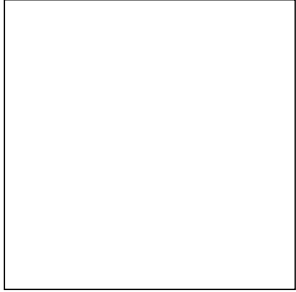
### Important information from the editor

The next edition of the *Six Mile Post* will appear in late January 2000; however, it will not be dispersed through the new-stands on campus. The first new-millennium issue can be found only online.

Previously, copies of the *Six Mile Post* have

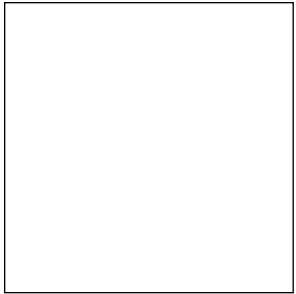
been both printed and posted online. January's issue can be found in the same place as previous online issues at SMP's site at [www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost/Main2.html](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost/Main2.html). So don't look for it in the paper bins; it won't be there!

#### What are your concerns for Y2K?



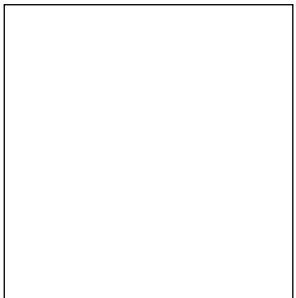
"I feel Y2K will be just another day. I think everything will be alright."

**Laurnette James**  
Nursing



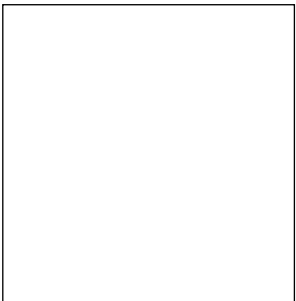
"When it comes to Y2K, I'm not worried about the little things. It's the big ones that scare me."

**Peggy Lott**  
Social Services



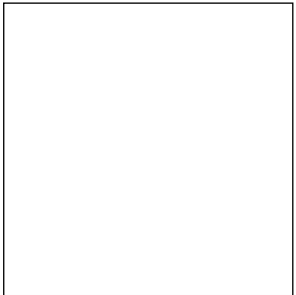
"I'm not really concerned about the Y2K bug because I believe that there is too much hype being built up about it."

**Brian Puett**  
Physical Therapy



"I'm afraid the water will get cut off, and I won't have any water for my horses."

**Erika Petry**  
Business



"My concerns are that people will cause all the expected disasters through their own fears and wishes. Many people are hoping Y2K happens. I find that odd and distressing."

**Effie White**  
Computer Science

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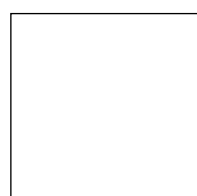
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### What are you plans for the holidays?



Shannon Gilstrap  
Computer Science

"I plan to stuff myself with lots of turkey and dressing. Not only that, but I plan to visit my friends and family and open lots and lots of presents. We are going to decorate the house and the Christmas tree also. The one thing that I am looking forward to the most is seeing Chris, my boyfriend, dress up as Santa Claus."



Marianne Stephens  
Early Childhood Education

"For the holidays I am going to my grandparents' house for a family gathering. I plan on eating as much as I can handle. For Christmas I want Santa Claus to come down the chimney and bring me bunches and bunches of presents."

### Holiday Events Calendar - Rome

- **Nov. 18-20:** Shorter College Drama Department presents "The Illusion". **For reservations call 706-233-7288**
- **Nov. 20-21:** Rome Lions Club Christmas Arts and Crafts Festival: **Coosa Valley Fairgrounds. 706-234-6809.**
- **Nov. 30:** Downtown Rome Christmas Parade, **Georgia's oldest Christmas Parade. Broad street. 706-295-5576.**
- **Dec. 1-21:** Christmas around Rome: **Special Christmas Exhibit at Rome Area History Museum. 706-235-8051.**
- **Dec. 3-4:** Candles and Carols of Christmases Past at Oak Hill and the Martha Berry Museum. **A holiday tradition with the Berry Family. 706-291-1883.**
- **Dec. 4-6:** Feast of Caroles at Shorter College. **All seating reserved. 706-233-7247.**
- **Dec. 4:** Coosa River Christmas Lighted Boat Parade. **Choirs, lighted boats, fireworks, and of course, Santa. 5:15 p.m. on the levee between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. 706-295-5576.**
- **Dec. 5:** Festival of Lessons & Carols, Concert Choir, Darlington Singers, and Brass Choir. **Darlington School. 706-235-6051.**
- **Dec. 10-12:** The Rome Little Theatre presents the holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol." **706-295-7171.**
- **Dec. 11:** Rome Symphony Orchestra Christmas concert. **Holidays in the Hills. 8 p.m. Rome City Auditorium. 706-291-7967.**

## Is Christmas too commercialized?

By Kelly Johnson  
Assistant Editor

Everyone is getting into the spirit of Christmas. Soon, homes will be lit up with the old out side lights, trees will be decorated, children will be singing "Here Comes Santa Claus" and the stores will be jammed with people looking for that perfect gift.

Christmas has turned from the spirit of giving to the spirit of "give me." The stores decorate early and play Christmas music to remind the shoppers that 'tis the season to be broke. I am not saying that gifts are bad; I have just noticed that now it has turned into a competition of bigger and better. Gifts are now elaborate and expensive rather than simple and from the heart.

It is not like it once was. Christmas has become stressful for families and their wallets. People get so tied up in the idea of the more expensive the better that they don't take time to see the reason for the season. Christmas is a time for giving, but it is also a time to sit back and enjoy the time with family and friends. It is hard to do that when you are too busy worrying over the gift that has been bought to impress instead of for the person to enjoy.

Things have gotten totally out of hand. The best thing that you can do is listen to what they need or really want. Believe it or not, it is not a bad thing to get someone what he or she really needs for Christmas.

Save time for friends and family. Don't get so wrapped up in the absolute gift that will max out your credit card and send you way into debt. A friend would not want you to go into debt for his or her happiness.

Also, don't let greed get you in its grips during this time. Think of it this way: the person behind the gift took the money that they worked hard for and took the time to look for something that they would spend it on just for you. Maybe they just don't know you well enough to know that you already have seven pairs of argyle socks that look just like that. The main point is that they cared enough to get you something. Be a sport and accept it graciously.

There are so many ads in the papers and commercials on television that lose sight of the real meaning of this holiday season. It is supposed to be spent focusing on how lucky you are to have the family you have. That family is the only one that you'll ever have.

Just remember that there are others less fortunate than you are and you really are lucky to have what you have already. Don't let greed turn you into the Grinch. Keep in mind what your family or friends would want or what they need. Have the common courtesy to accept gifts that are less than you expected, and take time out to be thankful for what you have and who you share it with.

### 'Twas the night before a research paper'

By Erica Snyder

'Twas the night before a research paper and all through my head,  
Not an idea was forming, not even a thought I said.  
I squirmed and I fiddled in front of my trusty laptop,  
Until I had typed my name and decided to stop.  
I took a small break and drank a lot of hot coffee,  
I also went to the bathroom because I had to pee.  
Looking at my screen, my eyes began to cross,  
I tried to take a quick nap but started to toss.  
What should I write? What font should it be?  
In order to get up to page thirteen.  
I searched my mind and decided to write,  
About Ben Franklin and his famous kite.  
Hooray! Yahoo! I have a start!  
Oh no! It won't do, this paper is for art!  
I am back where I started at square one,  
If I keep this up I'll never get done.  
I got online and emailed an old friend,  
To see if she had an art paper to lend.  
I waited all night to get a reply,  
But when I saw delivery failure, I about died.  
What do I do? It's due tomorrow!  
My teacher has no feelings, not even sorrow.  
I gave up hope and realized I had to finish on my own,  
What now? There is ringing coming from my phone.  
I picked it up not knowing who it was,  
Why it was my old friend from high school, Ned Buzz.  
He told me he was in town and was looking for some fun,  
I had to say no, I have a research paper I haven't done!  
Quick as a flash he was knocking at my door  
With a disk in his hands and nothing more  
He asked if I Had anything and I replied "No."  
He handed me the disk labeled Vincent Van Gogh.  
I jumped, I screamed, and shouted with joy.  
Now, I have something to turn in, Oh Boy!  
As fast as I could I popped it in the drive,  
And scrolled down until it got to page five.  
Is this it? This has got to be a bad dream.  
I need more than five pages, I need thirteen!  
What to do? What pickle I have gotten myself in.  
Oh wait I have an idea! Change the page margin!  
Increase the size font from ten to fourteen.  
No one will notice, not even Mr. Iam Mean.  
I made paragraphs from ten sentences to seven.  
I looked at the clock and it was nearing eleven.  
I leaned back in my chair and began to smile  
Ned walked out the door and said see you after a while.  
I nodded and gleamed because I reached my last page  
I felt like a loose lion, freed from his cage.  
Turning off the lights made my eyes feel like bricks  
I knew I had to get up early in the morning at six.  
I slept soundly as visions of A+'s ran through my head  
I felt comfortable and warm in my water bed  
I got up early up the next morning and was early for class  
I talked with classmates, bragging that I would pass  
I turned on my laptop and printed my masterpiece,  
My face turned red and my mind was without peace  
The paper I had wrote, had not been saved  
I suddenly felt little and in I began to cave.  
I pleaded with the teacher but he showed no sign of remorse.  
Now I know the outcome of cheating, I have failed the course.  
The moral of the story is easy to see,  
Be wise my friend, and Do Not Cheat.

# Merry Christmas

## Central Campus Festivities

By Aimee Harmison  
Staff Writer

On Dec. 1, the Floyd College Central Campus will be spreading holiday cheer by hosting several Yuletide campus activities.

The first activity will be an open house for faculty, staff and students. The "Jingle Mingle" celebration will start at 3 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. This activity is to enable students, faculty and staff to intermingle. All department offices will be open, and everyone is invited to attend. Coordinator of events, Barbara Griffith, secretary to the president of Floyd College, states, "We try to make it a festive event; we encourage all students, faculty and staff to attend."

At 5:25 p.m. on the lawn outside the Walraven Building, a choral performance and an oral recitation of a poem will lead up to the tree lighting. At that time a student will light the tree.

After the "Lighting of the Green," Santa Claus will make a special appearance in the gym. The Student Life Office will also offer refreshments and storytelling in the gym. The events will wind down at 7 p.m. Griffith states, "It's a kind of kick-off for the holiday season. It's a lot of fun and students really

## Happy Kwanzaa

## Happy Hanukkah

## Happy

## New Year

## Arts & Entertainment

# Come get 'Scrooged' over the Christmas Holidays

By Heather Palmer  
Staff Writer and  
Laura Gosnold  
Editor

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is coming soon to the Rome DeSoto Theatre under the direction of Floyd College's Wendell Barnes, associate professor of interpreter education.

Barnes earned a bachelor's degree of fine arts in theatre directing at the University of Georgia in 1973 and since has directed many adult and children's theater shows. This is Barnes' first directing job in the four years he has lived in Rome.

Barnes earned his second master's degree in December 1998 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in psychoeducational

studies and has just recently stepped back into theater performance and production after being in graduate school for the past 10 years.

Barnes heard about *A Christmas Carol* needing a director while "working the house" with his wife, Reba Barnes, at this past summer's Rome Little Theatre's production of *Grease*; his son, Trip Barnes, a sophomore at Darlington High School, was cast as Kenickie. "Working the house" means the Barnes' sold concessions, took tickets, and ushered.

Barnes applied for the directing job and was approved by the Board of Directors at the Rome Little Theatre. Soon after, he began looking over possible scripts, even reading the novel again. Then he realized a friend of his,

Gregory B. Abbott, director at DramaTech at Georgia Tech, had adapted the play in 1982. Barnes dug the play out of his attic, read over it and realized it was "better than the other versions" he had been reading.

This past June, Barnes performed as the evil Duke Frederick in William Shakespeare's *As You Like It* at Floyd College, a production of the Prospect Theatre Company of New York City and, in July, performed as Major General Stanley in *The Pirate's of Penzance* at the DeSoto Theatre, another production of the Prospect Theatre Company.

Not only does Barnes teach at Floyd College, but he also works one day a week, usually on the weekend, for "Arts for All," a non-profit arts organization in Atlanta,

as coordinator for two programs-StageHand, which provides artistic interpretation for the deaf, and SightLines, which provides audio description for persons who are blind.

He has also been ushering at the Fox Theatre and other area venues in Atlanta since his college days.

Recently Barnes spent 12 days in Cologne, Germany, where he artistically interpreted a play presented by Footsteps of the Elders, a senior theater group in Columbus, Ohio.

The group, along with Barnes, were participates in the first ever international senior theater festival.

The performance of *A Christmas Carol*, starring Nathan Adler as Scrooge with over forty other

cast members will be showing on Dec. 10, 11 and 12. It will show at 8 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11, and 2:30 p.m., Dec. 11 and 12. The tickets will go on sale at the DeSoto Theatre's box office Nov. 22.

There will be a special "meet the playwright" reception after the performance on opening night, hosted by the Rome Little Theatre. Assistant director for the play is Sandy Davis, and the producer is Lucy Babcock.

Admission for adults will be \$7 and \$6 for children and senior citizens. Floyd College will be receiving 80 tickets for this production soon, and everyone will be e-mailed when they come in.

Students may receive two free tickets, on a first-come, first served basis, by showing their Charger Cards in the Student Life Office.

## Television series review: Catch a glimpse of heaven every Monday night

By Lori Pulliam  
Staff Writer

*7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* is one of the best series that comes on TV. The show is about a minister and his family and the problems that they encounter in their lives.

Eric Camden is a minister in

a small town. He spends most of his time trying to juggle the problems of others that need his help and the every day problems of raising seven kids. Annie Camden, his wife, is a stay at home mom who takes care of their seven children including their newborn twins, Sam and David. Among the

other kids, there is Matt. Matt is a young man fresh out of high school. He is trying to make it on his own while attending college as well as trying to hold a job in the local hospital. Mary and Lucy are the oldest two girls. They are both high school students who are trying to balance school life, home life

and their social lives all at once. The other two children are Simon and Ruthie. Ruthie is trying to cope with not being the baby of the family any more, while Simon is trying to be the man of the house since Matt moved out.

*7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* is one of the more realistic shows on today. The prob-

lems that the family goes through are problems that people can relate to. The show is also very funny at times and very heart warming at other times. It has a good balance of reality and fiction to it. Be sure to catch an episode of *7<sup>th</sup> Heaven* on Monday nights at 8 p.m. You might be surprised.

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## Features

# Student lets his true talent show through his creative works of art

By James Barber  
Chief Photographer

Local artist and Floyd College student Jeffrey S. Guy is an accomplished artist in Rome and the surrounding areas, perhaps not professionally as of yet, but those who have seen his works recognize and respect his talent.

Guy became interested in art at age two—encouraged by both his parents James and Sandra Guy—when he “first gripped a pencil”. He continued his artistry in elementary school and church, then into middle school.

“At first I would draw to keep quiet. It came so naturally and I enjoyed it so much, though, that I would get in trouble for drawing too much,” Guy said.

His talents were first recognized by his schoolteacher, Ms. Maddox. In high school he had realized that art was what he enjoyed the most and worked hard in developing his artistry in Mrs. Gilbreath's class at Pepperell High School.

There he found the style that appealed to him; not the “pretty flowers” he was asked to paint, but instead art influenced by Guy's favorite artist, Salvador Dali. “I like the way he can create dream-like landscapes and nightmarish creatures and still make them look so real,” he said.

Guy's most recent work is the

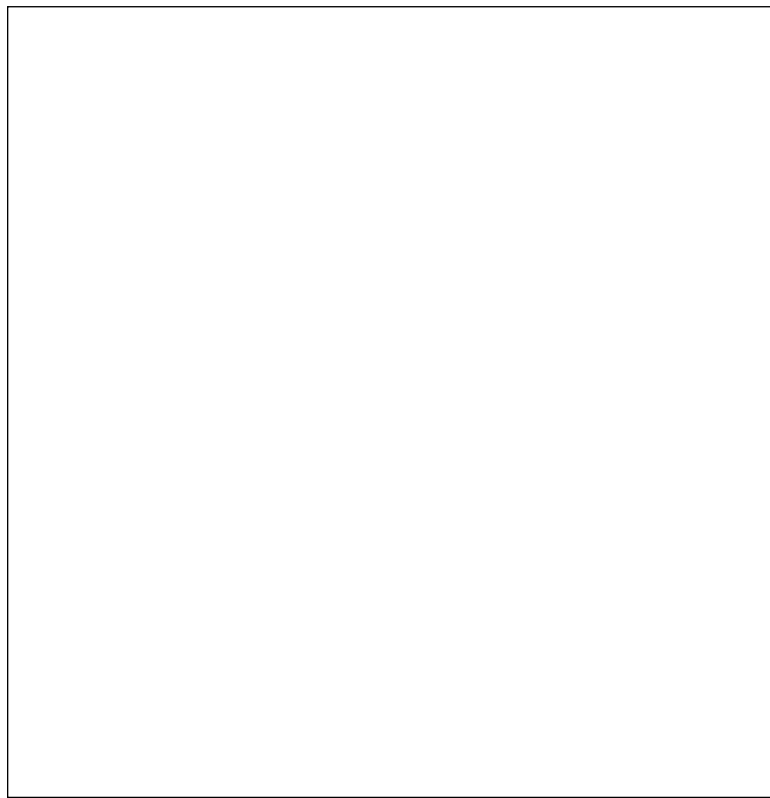


Photo by James P. Barber

### Jeff Guy shows his creative side through unique art.

same in that he takes an image or landscape and makes it his own by perhaps elongating the limbs of a human figure and putting it in a scene that has a unique twistedness to it. Guy said, “Dali definitely has very big input on my personal style.”

He said, “I like to stick to black and white because of the contrast. I don't like colors that much.” Guy

uses charcoal and the “raw essentials of pen and ink” as his medium.

Guy's plans are to attend the University of Georgia in Athens, continuing his fine arts major and later becoming an art professor in a private or community college. Some of his works may be seen in last year's *Old Red Kimono*, F.C.'s fine arts magazine.

# Modeling...You binge, you purge and you still get gypped

By Kelly Johnson  
Assistant Editor

They are in the newspapers, on television and the radio. Modeling schools claim that they can make anyone a success in the business. While some claims are true, most cannot back up what they have to offer.

There are many ways consumers can tell what they are getting into before buying into being discovered. The best way to guard yourself from false claims is by doing research. There is a lot of information that can be checked out before deciding if the offer is real.

First, ask about the school or agency. Ask questions like what other clients they represent and where the work comes from. Set up an interview at the place and actually meet the people who run the school or agency. Many places will show composite cards, pictures that are sent to the booking people at the stores and magazines, and explain what kind of work their models do. Do not sign a contract without knowing what it says.

Second, talk to the photographer that the agency recommends. Although most of the time the prices are high, there is a lot you can learn from the photographer. If the price is more than you are willing to pay, go somewhere else. Ask to see pictures that the photographer has taken. The best thing to look at is quality. Most photographers will charge a high fee, but the price should not be astronomical.

After the consumer feels like they have made the right decision about the photographer, they should find out what kind of pictures the agency requires the model to get. There are two different types that an agency will ask for, headshots and composite cards.

Headshots are usually in black and white close-ups of the person's face. This lets the ad campaign see

if the model has the face that they are looking for. It pays close attention to a model's eyes, lips, smile and overall facial structure.

Composite cards are like a business card in the modeling industry. These cards usually consist of a headshot on front and up to four full body shots on the back. They also have the name of the agency the model represents, the model's birthdate, name and measurements. These cards contain the photos that the agency, the photographer and the model think most compliments the look that the model has.

Clients are usually after a model that can look good in any style that is in demand in the world of fashion. The model must be able to be versatile, follow directions and give the clients what they want as far as the job requires.

From the time that I was three until I was sixteen, I was in the business. I worked for several different agencies in Atlanta, and I spent a summer in New York modeling for the Ford agency. Overnight success did not happen with me, nor does it happen with very many other models.

In all the time that I modeled, I did over 20 ads for magazines, catalogs and other print work. I did three commercials and I appeared on *Noonday* twice. Most work for models is irregular; they never know when their agent might call for an interview.

When the job is actually booked, the money is very good and can range from \$125 an hour to \$500 an hour for an average job. The jobs usually last about three to eight hours.

The money may be good, but as was said earlier the work may come few and far between. Always have something to fall back on.

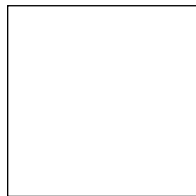
The best advice is never sign a contract with an agent that requires money. The only thing a consumer should pay for is the pictures to get started. There should be no sign on fee. Never go to a job that makes one feel uncomfortable or uneasy.

## THE LAND OF ODD

Lately I've been picking up extra money stocking beer coolers at a gas station. The other day, a guy I graduated with came in wearing a tuxedo and was nervous out of his mind. John, the store's owner, started humming “Here Comes the Bride.” He told my friend that he'd give him two hundred dollars, and tuxedo-boy could flee the state. “You still have time,” John urged.

Then, when tuxedo-boy pulled out his wallet to pay for his Mountain Dew, another guy standing at the counter pointed at it and said, “Get ready to kiss *that thing* goodbye!”

Tuxedo-boy just laughed, and said he was in love. I think that's strange. A lot of guys I grew up with, who always said they couldn't wait to graduate and be free, are now jumping head-first into a life-long commitment.



by  
Matthew  
Curry

Anyway, my friend from high school paid for his gas and soda, then took off out the door on a kamikaze collision-course with old-age.

I'm not trying to knock marriage. I think it's up to the two people involved, and I obviously don't have any business telling anyone how to run their lives. And this ranting and raving isn't just directed at men either; it applies to young ladies too.

“**Many people say, “Save sex until marriage.” I say while you're at it, save marriage for later.**”

Why are people in such a hurry? It seems like half of my graduating class is already hitched, cranking out offspring and turning into little Al Bundy clones. Why not get out and ex-

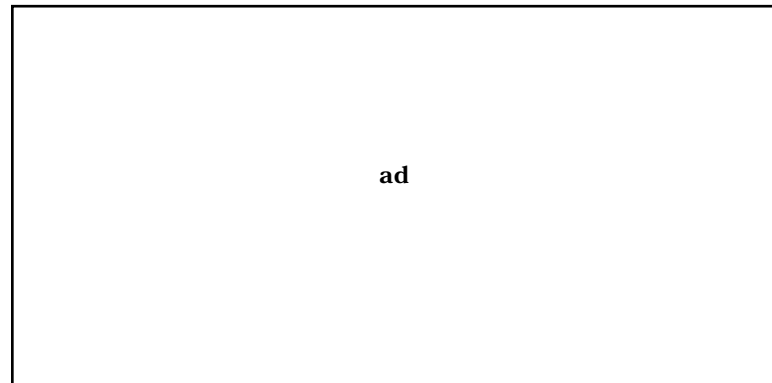
plore the world, establish a career or even wallow in bachelorhood in a dingy apartment for a while?

Though it's not healthy to be a loner forever, it's good to spend a little time alone and get to know yourself. There's no need to grow up so fast. Youth is fleeting, but the opposite sex will be around forever.

I see so many married people who are sad and drained. They sit around with zero energy, grumbling about their “yard apes” and “curtain climbers.” They don't have time for a life anymore; they just change diapers and complain profusely. I don't think all marriages are this way, but in such cases, it seems like a *prison sentence*.

I'm sorry I come off as a cynical jerk here; I don't mean to. If you have marriage plans, that's wonderful. I just think this is something that some people may want to give a little more consideration to. Many people say, “Save sex until marriage.” I say while you're at it, save marriage for later. Whether a kid is born in or out of wedlock, the dirty diapers smell just as bad.

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## Sports

# Hikers take a trip for class credit

By Sara Chesley  
Staff Writer

The morning of Oct. 9 dawned drizzly with ominous clouds overhead as the Saturday morning hiking and backpacking class led by Tim Banks started on their two day camping excursion.

There were 13 people in our group all together: 11 students, Banks, and a hiking buddy of his named Tony. Both Banks and Tony are very experienced hikers and knew exactly what they were doing, so it made me, as well as the rest of the group, feel quite comfortable. We knew that we were definitely safe!

Everyone in the group went around feeling the weight of each other's packs, and I soon learned that mine was the heaviest of all. Let me explain to anyone out there who is thinking about taking the class: ONLY PACK ESSENTIALS!!! You don't need that much for two days of hiking. Don't do what I did, and bring one of everything.

Around 11 a.m., we loaded the truck and van and began our trek to the Cohutta Wilderness Area. Banks had a lot of experience on the back roads and took us safely to the start of the trail. We put on

our packs and began the hike to the campsite, which was approximately five miles away. The scenery on the Rice Camp Trail was absolutely breathtaking! But it rained, and it rained and it rained.

The trail itself wasn't too tough, but it is important to watch for slippery rocks. I busted my bottom on one! We stopped about every hour or so to take a break, get some water and eat a little something.

We passed Jack's River Falls on the way to the campsite, and it was a wonderful sight! The falls are a piece of nature that you just want to stop and sit down and marvel over the beauty of!

By the time we got to the campsite, it was getting dark and it was still raining. Everyone was very sore. Banks had told us early on in the class, "Go and hike four miles so that you will know how it feels!" At that point, I wished very badly that I had!

Our cooking group brought baked beans and hot dogs along, so we made beanie weanies and had tortillas and cheese with it.

It was still raining, so when I climbed into the tent around nine that night, it was nice to change into dry clothes. It felt so good to lie down and rest. I could hear

everyone in tents around me talking and laughing, and the rain was a soothing sound, so it didn't surprise me that I drifted off to sleep in no time at all.

The next morning dawned, and was once again, cloudy and rainy. We all sat around eating breakfast and then packed up the campsite and got on our way. We hiked out the Beach Bottom trail.

When we passed the check-in point on our way out, we realized how close we were to the end, and the sight of the van and the truck sitting there was absolutely amazing!

We unloaded our packs and got into the van and laughed about how we wouldn't be able to move. And as we drove away, with the mountain we had climbed in the distance, we marveled at the fact that we had done it!

We had backpacked approximately ten miles during those two days, and we had made it out with relatively few bumps and bruises, huge smiles and memories to last a lifetime!

During those two days I learned self-reliance, determination and willpower. I learned that you can do anything as long as you put your mind to it.

# Make tracks to Turkey Day at Paris Lake on Nov.17 at noon



By Gary L. Popham  
Staff writer

Want a free turkey or ham for the holidays? You can walk, run or turkey trot around the lake in FC's annual Turkey Day Walk/Run. Sponsored by the intramural department, the event will take place on Nov. 17, at noon.

According to David Mathis, intramural director, the walk/run is open to Floyd College students,

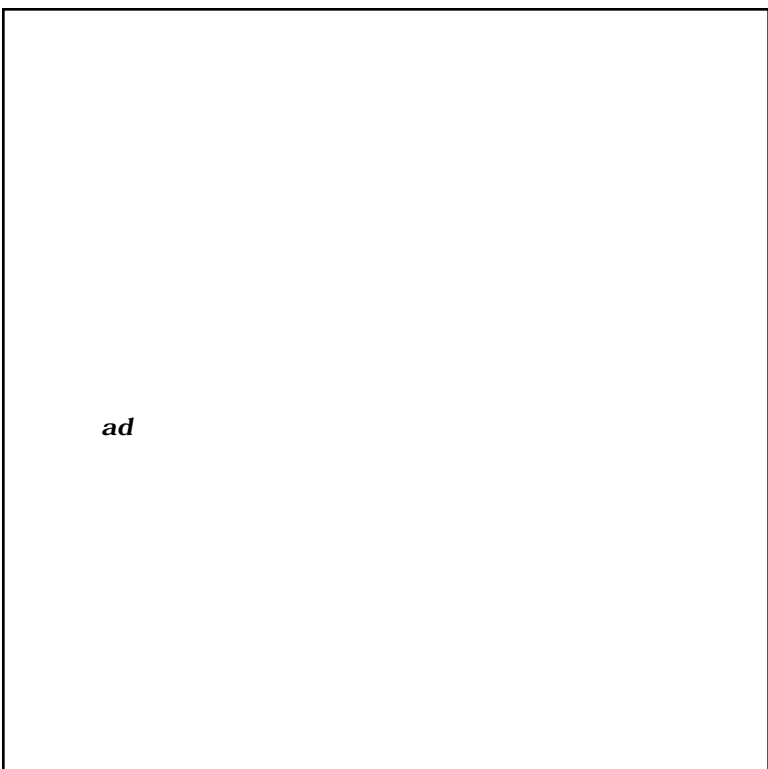
faculty and staff.

Participants estimate the time they think it will take them to complete one lap (1.6 miles) around the lake. The closest estimated time will win a gift certificate for a free turkey from Hickory Hams. There will be one men's and one women's winner.

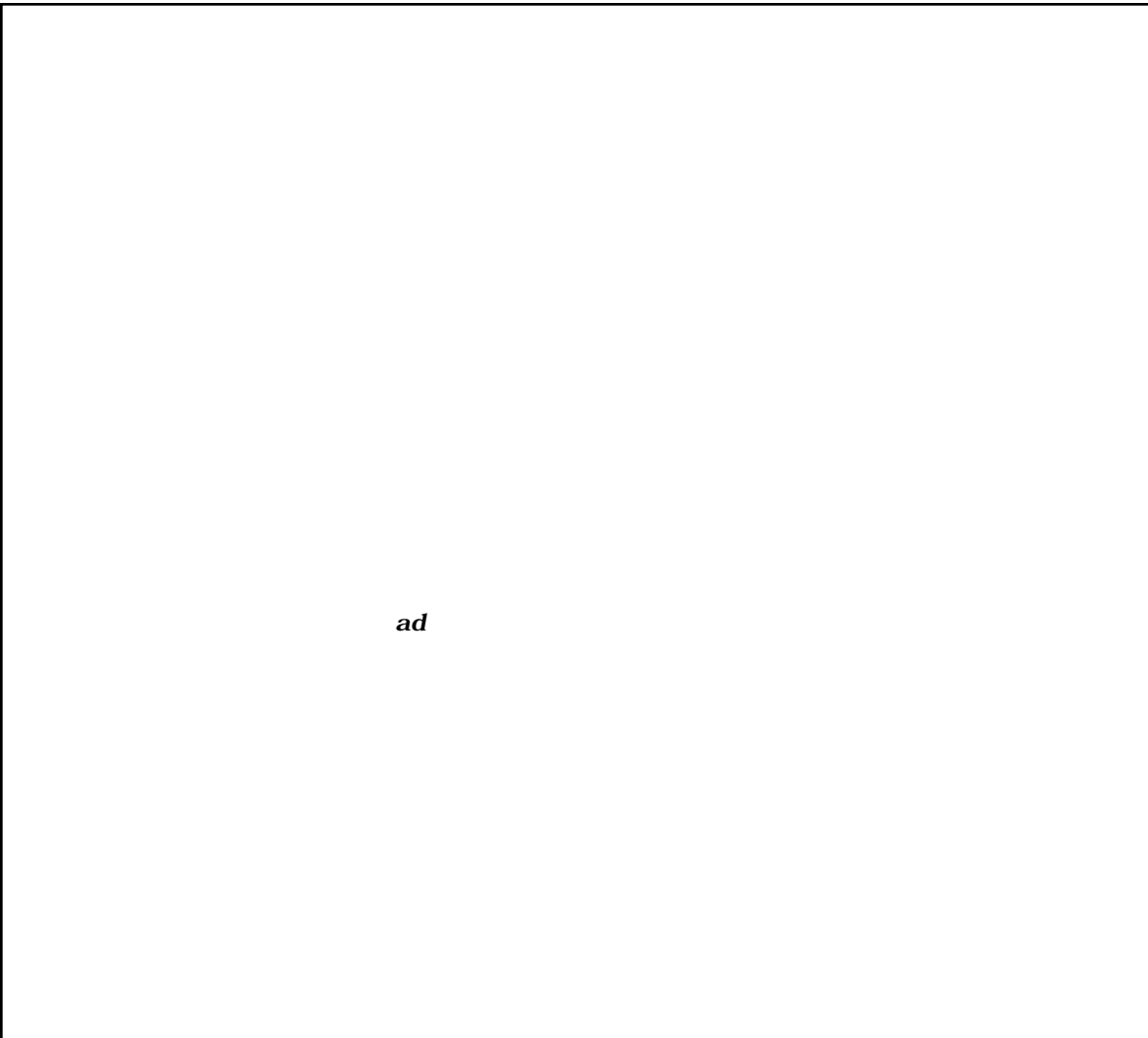
Registration is being held in the Office of Physical Education and also on the race day at 11:45 a.m. in the pavilion by Paris Lake.

the next issue of the Six Mile Post will be on the web in late January: [www.fc.peachnet.edu/Sixmilepost/Main2.html](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/Sixmilepost/Main2.html)

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## Sports

### SPORTS COMMENTARY

Christopher Crocker  
Staff Writer

## Survey says the good old rules of baseball could use a change

amount of time a baseball game can be played. Sixteen inning marathon games are just too over-rated. In nine innings time, if one team can't score more runs than another, there deserves to be no winner. End the game in a tie and the fans don't have to call in late to work the next day due to sleep deprivation. The games should be required to be won by two points as well. In a regular game, you must have two runs more than your opponent. In a series, you have to win by two games. That wouldn't have mattered in this series, but in the future it's something to think about. The question is asked, "Couldn't that make series play incredibly long?" The answer is yes. Isn't series play really more exciting anyway?

When a batter steps to the plate, there should be silence. In tennis and golf this goes without saying and it's time to enact this rule into baseball. The chanting and name calling directed at the other team will not be allowed in the stadium except between in-

nings or on the street. The batters will need to concentrate more if they have to score more runs, win more games and do it in a specified amount of time, so it makes perfect sense.

Everything in baseball is divisible by the number three, nine innings, nine players, three outs, three bases (home is a plate, not a base) and three strikes. So given that basic rule, the number of available balls it takes to walk a batter should be dropped to three. The number four just messes everything up.

No batter should be able to charge a pitcher if hit by a pitch. This just takes up too much time. Nobody really likes to see grown men fight. Instead, the batter should be allowed to throw the ball back at the pitcher. Either that, or toss the ball up and *hit* it back at the pitcher. This will stop all the tom-foolery involved with revenge and retaliation.

Least, but not last, the umpires at each of the bases should have a mandatory education at

"Regis' Semi-Formal Trivia Question Asking and Other Ways to Annoy People University." This way, instead of the common practice of running the bases as quickly as possible after hitting the ball, one must answer a trivia question per base in order to advance to the next base. The reasoning behind this is two fold. Fold number one is to gradually do away with the "dumb jock" stereotype, and fold number two is simply to be mean.

Why the changes to the great game of baseball? One of those surveyed answered this question by quoting the late, great and fictional sports writer Max Mercy. "I make it a little more fun to watch." The key words in that quote are "a little". Maybe someday there will be changes to baseball. Maybe one day there may even -GASP-be no baseball. In any event, if this story doesn't, even for a moment, take all of our minds off being put in a dustpan by the New York Yankees, nothing will. Play Ball!

The smell of popcorn, the calls of the peanut salesman, the icy chill as a drink is inadvertently poured over your head—all of these things add up to baseball. America's favorite pastime, as some call it, has again drawn up the reigns for another off-season vacation. Time could be spent talking about The Atlanta Braves being beaten in yet another post-season excursion, but that story's been done. Those who were Braves fans before will undoubtedly be Braves fans again next year, and those who weren't fans didn't lose any sleep over the series.

Otis Nixon, among others having put in for free-agency, would make for a great story. The Braves, having hung their proverbial hat in Boston and Milwaukee, being the only team in baseball to make a showing, in some form or another, in every single profes-

sional game in history, could easily be a story three pages long. The New York Yankees have not yet aged 100 years and have won more World Championships than any other team in the century; well that could be a sports writer's dream. So what is the point of this article?

Waves of realization washed over many during the 16 innings of a National League playoff game. It's not that baseball isn't an exciting sport. It's not that the uniforms don't match; it's not even that the stadiums are too small or tickets cost too much. The fact is that baseball requires some new limitations, or changes if you will. In a recent survey of 200 local residents asking if baseball should make any changes, only five people would answer any questions. Following are some of the opinions of those daring five.

There should be a limit to the

## And the winners are...fall intramural sports has the champs

By Laura Gosnold  
Editor

The fall basketball and flag football season has come to an end, and team members and scores have been announced.

In three-on-three basketball, String Music, with Jason Wilder, Jake Whitaker and Jimmy Felkel, finished first in the regular season.

The faculty/staff team, with

Seth Ingram, Jason McFry, Barry Greeson, Pete Dilorenzo and Joey Connell, finished second and And 1, with Kirk Johnson, Keon Flemister, Charles Henderson, Damon Wilson and Grace Bryant, finished in third place.

Other teams included, the Bartow Boys, with Rashad Fowler, Brad Malia, Armand Knowles, Robbie Brownlow and Corey Ware, the Roadrunners, with Ches Ely, John White, Josh Travis, Joe

Worley and Phuc Pham, and The Ballers, with Jason Brown, Justin Powers and Kris Maynard.

The three-on-three basketball tournament got underway Wednesday, Nov. 10, and will continue on until Wednesday, Nov. 17.

The Rhode Warriors and Boe's Brawlers represent Floyd College's co-ed flag football teams. Members of both teams include Jon Boe, Corey Rhodes, John Peterson, Andre Peek, Sissy

Buford, Kris Maynard, Justin Rodgers, Steve Hawk, Jake Whitaker, Jimmy Felkel, LaBronze Hudson and Josh Strauss.

The flag football tournament was held Nov. 10 and the champion is...The Rhode Warriors by a score of 32-18. There were several missing players from Boe's Brawlers

The table tennis tournament is currently underway. This

semester's participants include: Meg Martin, Brandon Knight, Nora Loveless, Steve Burns, John Boe, Taylor Maddox, Eric Proffitt, Seth Ingram, Jason Mull, Terry Hughes, Jake Whitaker and Bridgette Stewart.

There will be a sports banquet held in the gym lobby Nov. 23 at noon for those who participated in any intramural sports during Fall Semester. Lunch and dessert will be provided.

### Correction about Ski Trip

We would like to make corrections concerning the article in the October issue of the *Six Mile Post* about the ski trip.

It said that the equipment would add \$33 to the cost of the course. What should have been said was that the snowboarding equipment adds \$33 to the course.

Students do not have to pay the extra \$33 unless they are snowboarding.

Also the other benefits of the course include slope tickets, lodging for four nights and text.

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# News

## SAC's conference a huge success

By Matt Bowers  
Staff Writer

The Student Advisory Council (SAC) to the Board of Regents annual Fall Conference, held the weekend of Nov. 5-7 at Floyd College, was the second largest conference in SAC history, totaling over 175 total delegates from most of the institutions of the University System of Georgia.

The Student Government Associations from every member of the University System of Georgia had the opportunity to send delegates to make decisions concerning the students and institutions throughout the state.

The SAC is broken down further into three subcommittees: Student Services, External Services and Academic Affairs. Each of these subcommittees meets throughout the conference in order to pass resolutions that empower the chairman of the SAC to represent how the students of the University System feel about a certain issue. The chairman will then present the SACs case to the Board of Regents in order to give them information on how the students feel about issues.

This conference opened with a general session run by chairman John M. Fuchko III. The delegates then split up into the three subcommittees in order to work on issues and resolutions to be discussed that weekend.

After the subcommittees adjourned, the students attended a cookout by Paris Lake provided by the Floyd College Office of Student Life and SGA.

Following the cookout was the annual two-year versus four-year colleges basketball game, in which the four-year colleges won by one point.

The following morning the subcommittees met again before and after lunch. After the second meeting, the Two and Four-Year Caucuses met and elected a chairman and secretary for each caucus.

The caucuses then exchanged information and posed questions that were specifically pertinent to two or four-year colleges and uni-

versities.

Following the caucuses was another General Session, in which the resolutions that had been passed in the subcommittees were brought before the General As-

sembly and voted on as to whether or not SAC would adopt each resolution. There was a long discussion on the implementation of an Academic Forgiveness Policy in those

institutions in the University System of Georgia that do not have such a policy.

After much debate and several revisions and amendments, the resolution was eventually passed. After the General Session came a President's Committee meeting in which the presidents of the SGAs from the various delegate schools discussed issues common in many institutions and SGAs statewide.

After the presidents' meeting followed free time in which the delegates prepared themselves for the Fall Banquet to be held that night at 8 p.m. at the Skytop.

Nels Peterson, external affairs chair, introduced the guest speaker for the night, State Senator Richard Marable.

Marable gave a speech encouraging students to stay positive and have a thirst for knowledge, which he aptly illustrated by pulling an 8-foot straw out of a paper bag.

SAC Chairman Fuchko presented Sen. Marable with a plaque-embossed clock, and Floyd SGA president Kerry Cox was

given a plaque-embossed gavel, also presented by Fuchko.

At this point, Vice Chairman Jason M. Brownlow tendered his resignation to the council citing that his new job and changing of schools were interfering with his ability to perform his duties. Chairman Fuchko reminded those present that one of the hardest things to do in life is to admit fault and ask for help, and he advised them to always remember that moment. Fuchko then offered a toast for Brownlow before the banquet adjourned.

The next morning a special election was held during the General Session to elect a new vice chair. John Vicke was elected to this position. Following the session came the last meeting of the three subcommittees, in which resolutions were either ironed out to be brought out in the General Session or sent back to the drawing board to await the Spring Conference.

Following lunch the delegates returned for the last General Session of the conference, during which several more resolutions were passed, including a Student Bill of Rights.

This conference was planned and executed through the efforts of Ashley Tull and the Student Government Association of FC.

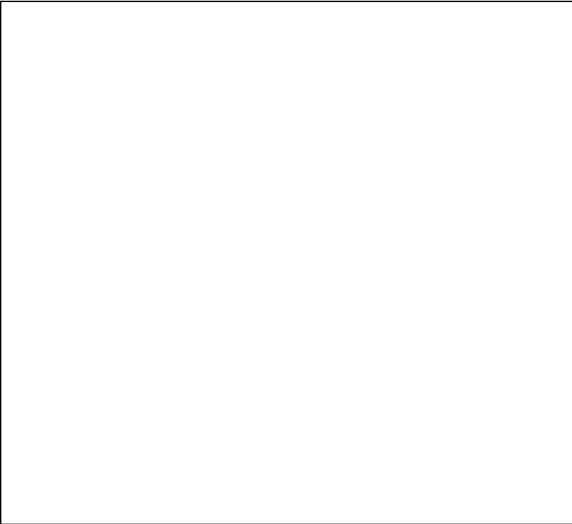


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**Kerry Cox (left) and John M. Fuchko III are presented with gavels.**

## SMP staff attends Associated Collegiate Press National Convention

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Some members of the *Six Mile Post* staff recently attended the Associated Collegiate Press National Convention at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in downtown Atlanta.

The trip was designed to learn more about journalism in general and to acquire ideas on how to

improve the *Six Mile Post* newspaper.

The members, along with Dr. K. Kemper, adviser, and Fred Green, assistant adviser, arrived Thursday, Oct. 28, and stayed through Saturday.

During the day the staff attended sessions on humor and satire, literary journalism, libel, quoting, how to do a story lead, improving two-year college papers and

many other topics.

On the last day the staff was given a helpful critique concerning the *Six Mile Post*.

A problem that occurred at the hotel was the elevator system. It was experiencing difficulties and was extremely slow. Sometimes one would wait for 30 minutes. This posed some problems since it could make one late for sessions. Many times staff mem-

bers had to walk down 17 flights of stairs.

At night the staff were free to do what they pleased. The hotel is the tallest hotel in the Western Hemisphere at 73 stories. The majority of the staff took the scenic elevator to the top of the hotel to see a breathtaking view of Atlanta.



**Representing FC are (from left) Kelly Johnson, Laura Gosnold, back, and Aimee Harmison, Matt Proctor, front.**

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