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## — News Briefs —

### ■ Blood donors needed

There will be a Red Cross blood drive held on Nov. 24 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the lobby of the gymnasium. This blood drive is jointly sponsored by the volunteer center, the service learning center and the Office of Student Life.

All Floyd College students are encouraged to come by and donate their blood.

### ■ Observatory holds open house

Saturn, Jupiter and the Orion Nebula should be visible during the open house for Floyd College's Bishop Observatory. The open house is scheduled for Nov. 16 from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

All students faculty and staff of Floyd College, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend.

For more information about the open house, contact Neil Koon, assistant professor of physics, in the department of science and math at 295-6306.

### ■ Allied Health Aptitude Test deadline is Nov. 3

All prospective physical therapist assistant students should be aware that they need to take the Allied Health Aptitude Test in order to be considered for the PTA program.

Students will need to complete a registration form and pay a \$30 fee by Nov. 13 to the Accounting Services Office in order to take the test.

The test will be given on Nov. 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Assessment Center in the central campus library. Students should bring their payment receipts and a copy of their registration forms, as well as a picture ID to the testing center.

For more information call Phyllis Chun, coordinator of the assessment center, at (706)-802-5318.

### ■ Dr. Alberta Johnson named 1998 Woman of Excellence

Dr Alberta Johnson, associate professor of psychology, was recently named the 1998 Woman of Excellence by the Women in Management Committee of the Rome Chamber of Commerce.

Johnson is involved with a breast cancer support group named "Lean on me," the idea of which is to have a support network for women with breast cancer, and is also involved in the Women's Information Network.



## Campus Minister's art on display

By Brittany Puckett  
Staff Writer

Paintings by campus minister Frank Murphy are now on display in the Rome Area Council for the Arts Gallery. They can be seen weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 13.

Murphy's love for art began as a child. He loved sports and admired many sports figures. He expressed this fascination and admiration by sketching some of the specific players in action.

During his first year of college, Murphy majored in art at the University of Montevallo. He later decided to maintain his love for art, but to seek a degree in the physical education realm, planning to be a coach following graduation.

However, after college, Murphy began oil painting and became very good at it. Many of his works portray Biblical characters or stories.

Murphy states, "Rembrandt's chiaroscuro style of painting is my personal favorite." The chiaroscuro style, as Murphy defines it, is "the play of light and dark."

He says this particular style appeals to him because it depicts certain emotions more effectively than other styles do.

Different shades of light and dark, or the value, in paintings play a major role in how viewers interpret the feelings and emotions associated with the subject(s) in paintings.

"Rembrandt," Murphy says, "was the master of the chiaroscuro style of painting." An example of the chiaroscuro style is Murphy's *And They Brought Before Jesus a Woman Caught in Adultery*.

Murphy has been oil painting for 18 years. He paints a variety of different subjects, including gold medalist runners, football heroes, animals and Biblical characters, as well as his commission work.

He also sculpts bronze and marble on occasion for the sake of change.

Anyone who attends or has visited First Baptist Church of Rome may have seen and admired one of his paintings located in the church foyer. That particular painting is titled *The Last Supper*.

Murphy also played a part in the celebration of Atlanta's 1996 Olympics. In the middle of all of the excitement and confusion, he had the attention of many with his attempt at painting a huge three-section painting of former U.S. gold medalist runners titled *The Race Set Before Us*.

Murphy had constructed a large wooden frame to encase this particular painting, and he encouraged passersby to sign their names and add their own creative twist by painting within the Olympic figures stenciled on the frame itself. Names from all over the world appear on the frame now.

Murphy has been Floyd College's campus minister since 1996. Murphy's job is to lend an ear to students in need of spiritual counsel, advice or just someone to listen.

Murphy, along with BSU (Baptist Student Union) officers, leads spiritual devotionals on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the W-Building for students seeking spiritual motivation and guidance or just fellowship.

Murphy has yet to be assigned his own personal office; nevertheless, he makes himself readily available to students on a regular basis by meeting with them in the cafeteria with or without appointments. He is usually in the cafeteria on Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m.-noon. These times are approximate and depend on whether or not he has been called elsewhere.

Students interested in meeting with



Photo by Carol Spain

A smiling Frank Murphy (above), and an example of his artwork that is currently on display (left).

Murphy can visit the Office of Student Life for information on how to contact him.

Those interested in Murphy's exhibit can contact Rome Area Council for the Arts at (706) 295-2787 for directions.

## Candidates meet students

By Nicole Blankenship  
Staff Writer

"I was pleased because there was lots of interaction between the students and the politicians," said Paul Clayton, SGA president, describing the candidates' forum, held Oct. 22 on the central campus.

All of the candidates from both Polk and Floyd Counties were invited to come. The candidates listened to the students' voice their opinions, and they answered many of the questions that the students posed.

The Office of Student Life and Floyd College's Student Government Association sponsored the candidates' forum during the activity period.

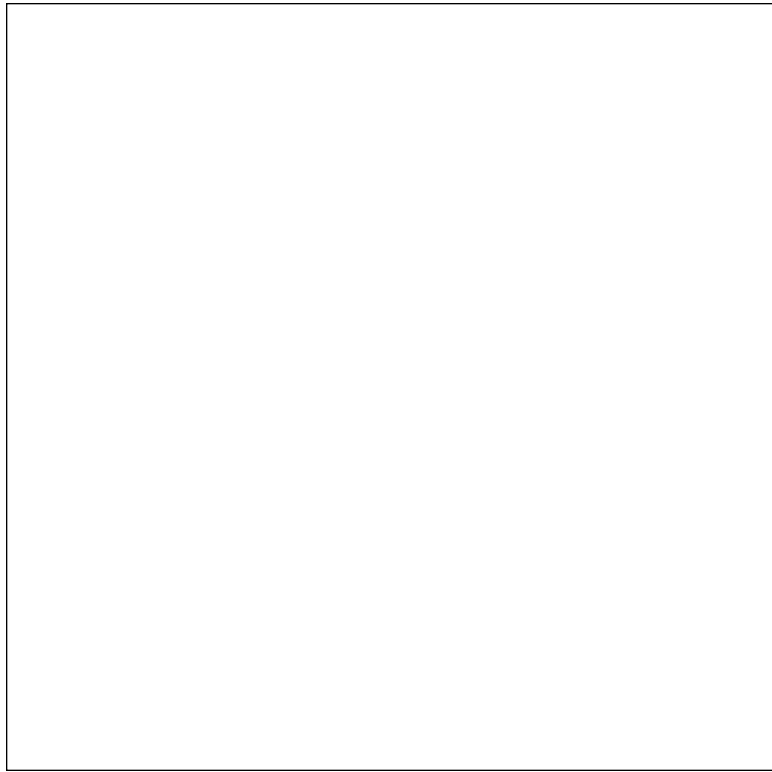


Photo by Carol Spain

Candidate Earl Tillman (center) speaks with Paul Clayton (left) and Candice Crawford (right).

# News

## Zell Miller honored for contributions in the educational system



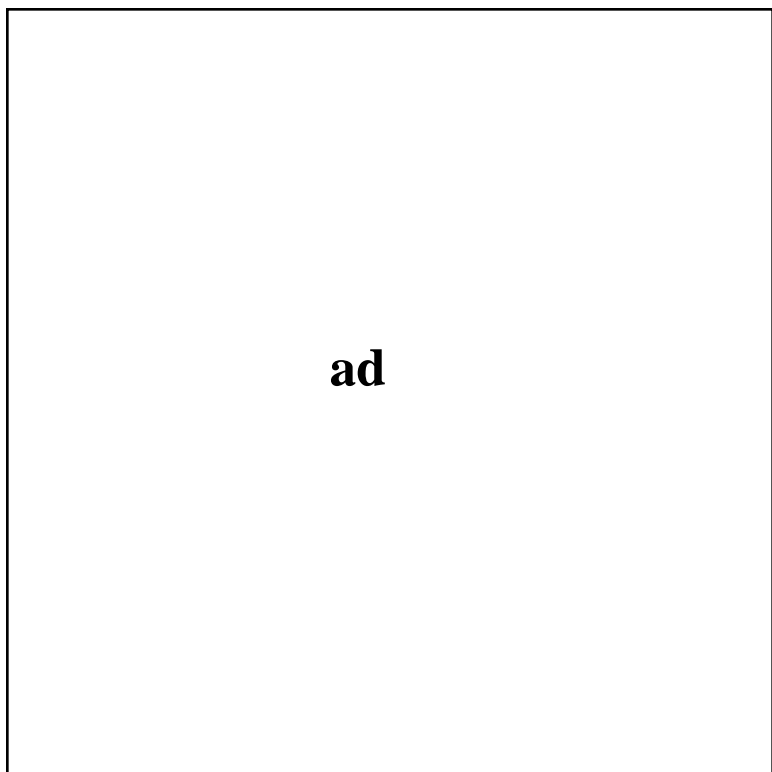
Guest photo

Zell Miller mingles with his guests at the banquet held in his honor.



Guest photo

Students (from left) Mya Smith, Beth Ann Roach, Candice Crawford, Matt Bowers and Paul Clayton represent Floyd College at the banquet honoring Gov. Zell Miller.



**By Matt Bowers  
Editor**

Students, staff, faculty and administrators of Floyd College traveled to Atlanta on Oct. 14 to attend a banquet held by the University System of Georgia in honor of Gov. Zell Miller for his contributions to the educational systems of Georgia.

The banquet was held in the Thomas B. Murphy Ballroom at the World Civic Center in Atlanta.

Delegates were sent from each of the 34 colleges in the University System. These delegates consisted of Student Government Association officers, school newspaper representatives, administrators, staff and faculty members.

Delegates from Floyd College left at 4 p.m., taking one van, two cars and Floyd College President Lynn Cundiff's GMC Jimmy as transportation. The van made a stop at Floyd College's Cartersville campus to pick up additional representatives. The Floyd College delegates arrived at the World Civic Center at 6 p.m. and were joined by additional representatives from the North Metro campus.

Each school also sent additional delegates to serve as hosts at the function. Their jobs were to make sure all guests were shown to the proper room and seats once they arrived. Floyd College's two host delegates were Beth Ann Roach and Christian Terry.

Representatives were invited to purchase a copy of Zell Miller's new book as they entered the main lobby of the World Civic Center for a book signing later that night, and were then shown to the lobby

of the Thomas B. Murphy Ballroom. There the delegates mingled on the floor of the lobby while a live jazz band played in the background until the doors to the ballroom opened. The representatives were then shown to their tables by student hosts. These tables were chosen by a lottery.

There were three brief speeches given by a student, a staff member and a faculty member of the University System of Georgia after the delegates took their seats and before dinner was served.

Elizabeth Jill Stephens, a senior at the University of Georgia, majoring in agricultural communications, delivered the student speech. Stephens thanked Governor Miller for the HOPE Scholarship and other educational contributions, calling him the "Education Governor."

Mary Jo Fayonin, director of library services from Waycross College, spoke next as a representative of University System staff members. Fayonin spoke of the first rate technology provided to the libraries of the University System by Miller's administration. Fayonin also mentioned the Galileo system, saying it gave all students attending any university school equal access to the same valuable information. Fayonin ended her speech saying of Gov. Miller, "Higher education is the center piece of his administration."

The final speech was given by Larry Burton, associate professor, department of writing and linguistics, Georgia Southern University, as representative of the faculty of the University System. Burton re-

marked that Miller's administration was built upon tradition yet open to innovation, such as the implementation of technology and collaborative learning programs. Burton ended his speech by citing three reasons he thanks Miller: leadership, the HOPE scholarship and the fact that he kept his promises to the University System. Dinner was then held at 6:45 p.m., followed by remarks by the chairman of the Board of Regents, Edgar L. Jenkins.

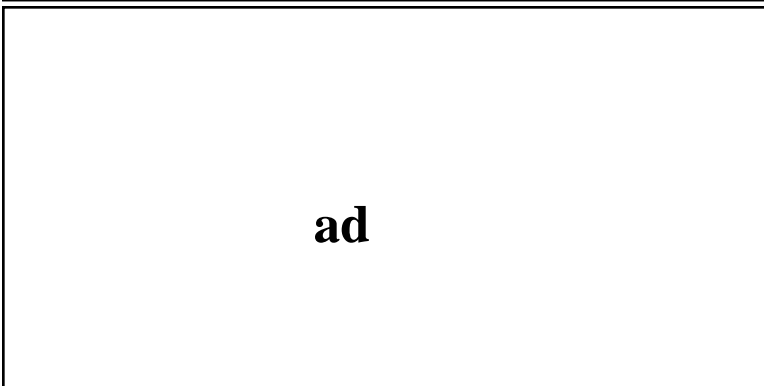
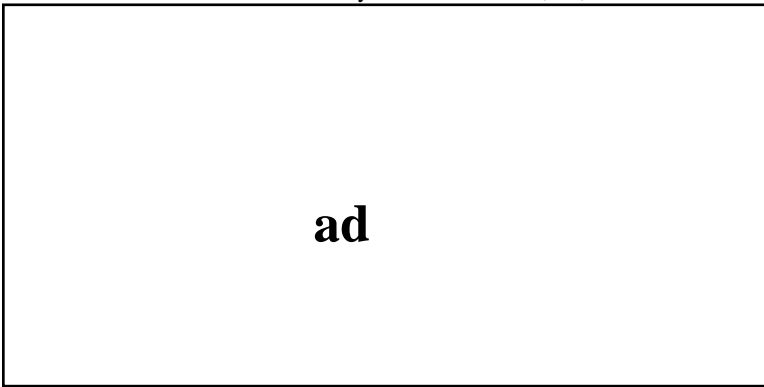
Jenkins is a childhood friend of Miller and told many humorous tales of Miller's pretend twin brother "Ezell." Jenkins also spoke of Miller's upbringing in Young Harris, Georgia, and his attendance at Young Harris College, where Miller realized his true calling of teaching. Jenkins then presented Miller with a riding lawnmower in honor of his educational accomplishments and as a gift from a friend.

Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, Stephen R. Portch, then gave his remarks. Portch's remarks, however, centered on Gov. Miller's wife, Shirley Miller. Portch called Miller a "remarkable person," citing her dedication to adult literacy in Georgia. He then presented the Governor and his wife with 52 books apiece, each book symbolizing every represented school and each member of the Board of Regents and Central Office. Portch then proceeded to award the Governor with a plaque honoring him, to be placed at each college belonging to the University System.

Miller then took the podium to make a few remarks. Miller announced his intentions to resume his teaching career at the University of Georgia when his term as governor ends.

Miller praised the leadership of the University System of Georgia as the "best leadership in history." He stated that his goal as governor of Georgia had been "to create a culture of higher expectations, where it was not whether or not to further one's education, but rather where." He said, "One thing education does for you is open your eyes to the vast wealth of knowledge that remains to be learned."

The University System Choir and Dekalb Symphony Orchestra then performed "Georgia On My Mind" and "America the Beautiful." The song and the evening culminated with all the HOPE scholars present forming two lines from the stage to the exit. Miller and his wife walked between them, shaking hands as they exited the ballroom.



# News

## Club News

### Ambassadors

The officers for Ambassadors are Candy Hubbard, president; Kellie Odom, secretary-treasurer; Jeffery Guy, vice president for programming; Jon Boe, vice president for public relations.

There will be an Ambassadors meeting in the Student Development Center on Nov. 4.

### ASAP

Beginning Nov. 1, ASAP will be holding a drive to benefit the Hospitality House in Rome for Christmas. Items to be collected are canned goods; paper products, such as paper towels; and clothes for both males and females.

More information about ASAP is available from Peggy Gentry at [pgent00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:pgent00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### BAS

The Black Awareness Society is planning a trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum and to the 16<sup>th</sup> St. Baptist Church, the site of the 1963 bombing which killed four young girls and influenced the Civil Rights Movement.

BAS will leave Saturday, Nov. 21, at 9 a.m. and will return at 7

p.m. The cost is \$8 for transportation, and you can sign up in the Office of Student Life.

### FC Bytes

The editors of *FC BYTES*, Floyd College's student web magazine, are Philip Kemp, editor; Janice Cross, assistant editor; and Eric Dempsey, art editor. The next issue goes online in mid-November.

### HPER

HPER is currently signing up people to work the concession stands during the upcoming Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament. The tournament dates are Dec. 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23. The date and time of the next HPER meeting has not yet been determined and will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Bridgett Stewart at 295-6353 or via e-mail at [bstewart@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:bstewart@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### ORK

The *Old Red Kimono*, Floyd College's fine arts magazine, is currently accepting works for its annual spring edition. Students, faculty and staff may submit poetry, fiction and art for possible

publication. Entries should be sent to the social and cultural division. For more information contact Jeff Mack, assistant professor of English, at 295-6300.

### Psi Beta

Psi Beta held its new member induction ceremony Sunday, Oct. 25. Director of student life, Ashley Tull, spoke to the six inductees and others in attendance.

Psi Beta officers were introduced as Debbie Lavioe, president,

and Sherrin Wattenbarger, treasurer and historian.

Faculty adviser for Psi Beta is Dr. Alberta Johnson. She may be reached at 295-6300.

### PTK

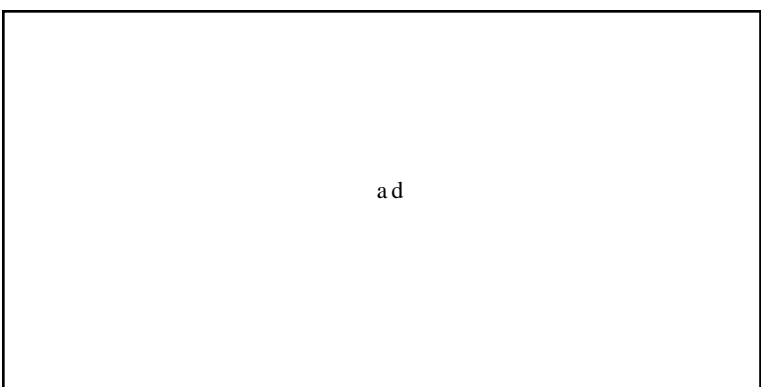
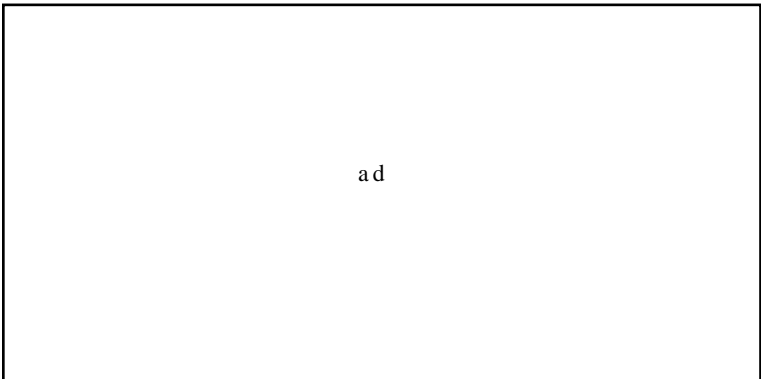
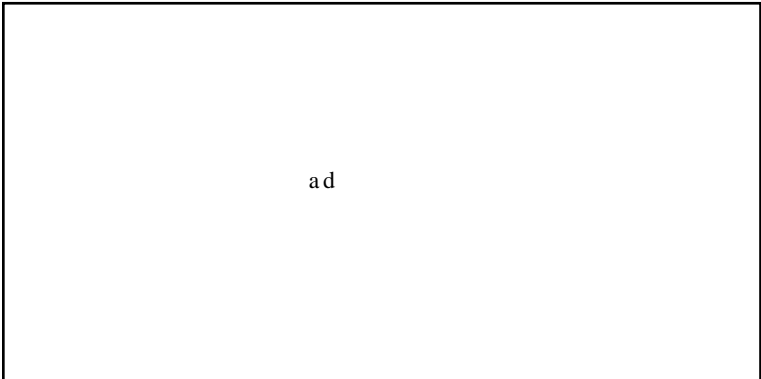
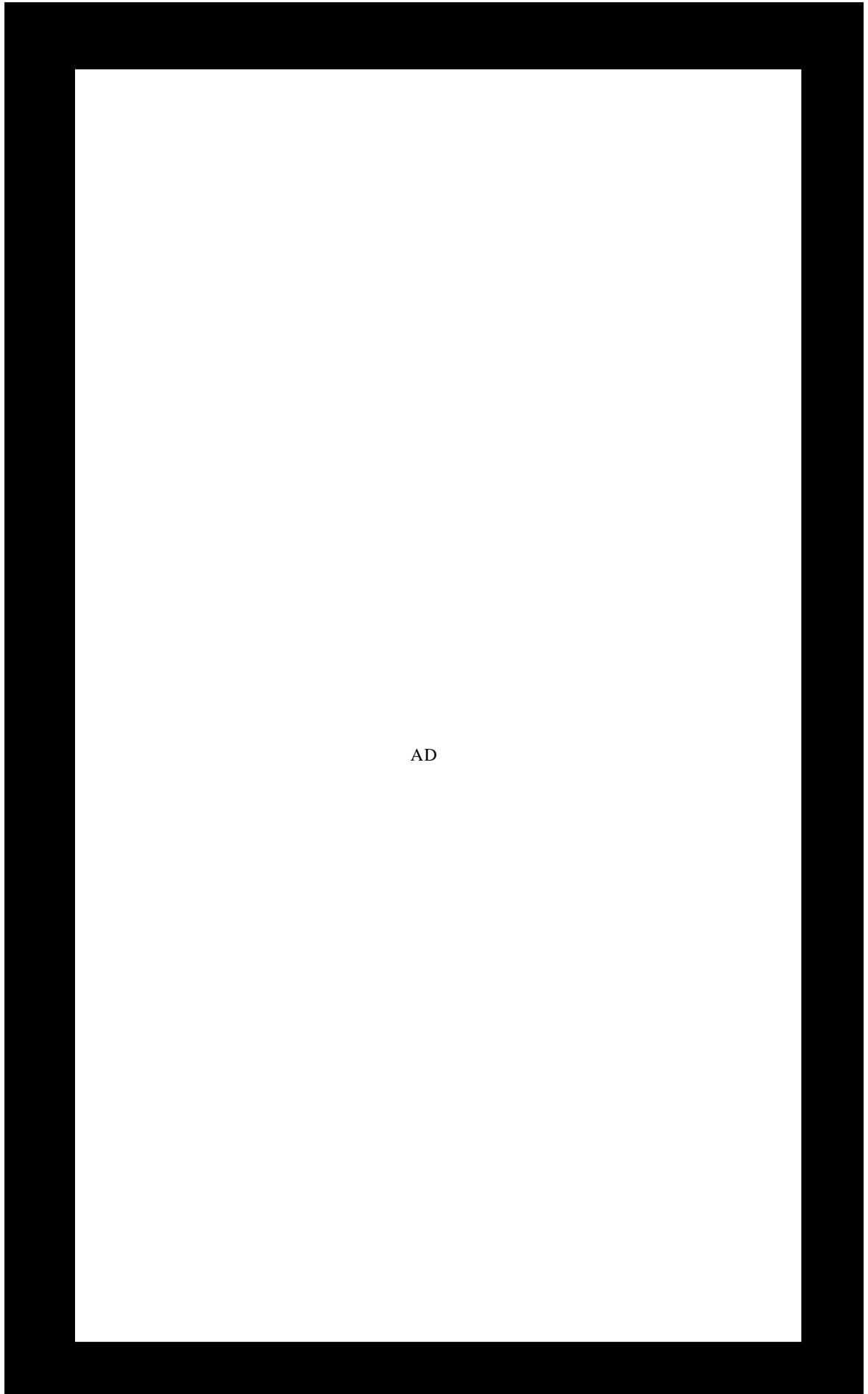
Phi Theta Kappa will be having its annual Christmas toy drive starting the first week of November. The toys will be given to dif-

ferent organizations, such as the Department of Children and Family Services.

### SGA

The candidate forum went well, with a good turnout of students and candidates.

Also, SGA is participating in a national student voter poll. The poll will deal with issues that affect students.



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## Editorials

### Floyd College needs daycare

Floyd College is full of opportunity. The college gives students the skill and knowledge needed to get a good job, or even to further one's education. It also gives the students the abilities needed to interact with others and to form a stable and healthy environment. This sounds pretty much like many other colleges. However, there is one program that many colleges, and even high schools, are adopting that Floyd College does not yet offer to its students. This program is childcare. Floyd College is in desperate need for some sort of childcare, whether it is through the school or through a partnership with an individual childcare facility.

Many of our students are allowed to lead the college student life of going to school, having a part-time job and socializing with their friends. However, many others are not that fortunate. A large percentage of students here at Floyd College have families and children to take care of and worry about, not only after school, but during school as well. Patrick Rowell, a sophomore at Floyd College, agreed by saying, "I think it would be a good idea to have childcare since we have got so many single mothers coming to school."

Many parents, both teachers and students, have been in predicaments where they have had to bring their children to school for one reason or another. Others have had to miss valuable class time to watch their kids when public schools have a teacher's workday or other holidays.

Wouldn't it be so much easier to not have to worry about disturbing class with the presence of children or being able to attend class when the babysitter calls in sick? Yoshinda McKnight, a freshman at Floyd College, agrees. She stated, "I think they [parents] should be able to come to school without having to drag their kids to each and every class when [public] school is out."

Having a childcare facility on campus, or even near the campus, would allow parents to get the education they need to provide for their children without having to force the child to sit through a calculus lecture.

What about the parents that are not able to attend college at all? Many other potential students are probably waiting for Floyd College to give them the opportunity of a good education by providing a childcare system to help with their children for a few hours a day. Shirley Sentell, Floyd College student, states, "I think it would be real good for home mothers who would need it for a few hours."

True, there are many childcare facilities in and around Rome, but money, time and transportation are strong concerns for many families.

"There is definitely a need," said Dr. Penny Wills, vice president of student development, about the possibility of childcare. She went on to say that in opening a program such as this, there are many issues to consider like liability, qualified personnel and proper referral services. Wills also expressed her concern with the financial aspects to start such a program. She did say, "I think the whole thing should be opened up to look at."

Childcare is a concern that has been talked about at Floyd College, but never really pursued. If the college can try to modernize itself with these new computer systems and online classes, maybe it should look back to the human aspect of Floyd College and consider their everyday lives and realize that there is a need for a childcare system.

# Ways to prevent suicide

By Nihal Gunay  
Guest writer

Young people are taking their own lives at an increasing rate. From all socio-economic classes, from all races, people attempt suicide. According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, every year more than 6000 people ages 15-24 in United States take their own lives. Moreover, the demographic of self-destruction keeps getting younger. Until the 1980's, the increase remained largely a white phenomenon. Nevertheless, in the past 15 years young black males have been killing themselves at a growing rate.

The first question asked by anyone who knew a person who committed suicide is "Why do people kill themselves?" No one can say exactly why. They are unhappy people who want solutions to their problems. Researchers believe that the increased use of drugs and alcohol, the growing availability of firearms, the younger onset of depression and other mental illnesses are among the many factors that contribute to suicide.

Experts are also finding that suicide is different among the young. Many of them were not even depressed; they were angry, in trouble or feeling hurt over some rejection. Suicide can hap-

pen to anybody in any family. It is an act and there are warning signs. As Matt Bowers stated in his article titled, "The Most Precious Gift," suicide does not need to happen. Then how can we help?

The most important intervention comes from caring and knowledgeable people. The suicide rate can be lowered and many lives can be saved if those who are in touch with suicidal persons can learn to recognize crisis. To know that someone you are talking to is feeling suicidal usually produces the feelings of powerlessness in the listener. The listener should know that the suicidal person is actually making communication for the purpose of inviting concern and inquiry into the state of his/her life. People are not driven to suicide by a caring inquiry, so just ask them whether or not they are suicidal. Asking the suicidal person about their intent may help them to find the strength to live.

Teachers, parents and friends can save lives by recognizing the warning signs. There are ways to give psychological aids if suicide is being considered.

A-Talk openly and friendly.

B-Listen: If a person is talking about committing suicide, do not change subject or criticize. Listening to them without moralizing, arguing or giving advice is the best way to reach them.

C-Get professional help: It is

important to tell the person to call suicide centers or hot lines. At Floyd College, refer them to Counseling & Career Services (295-6336 or 1-800-332-2406 ext. 6336). If the person is reluctant to make contacts, you need to make the contact for him/her. It is imperative to get help right away since the life of someone close to you may depend on it.

As Matt Bowers says, "The most precious gift of all is life." Never give that gift away and help others to do the same.

#### The following organizations offer information on suicide:

Counseling & Career Services Department

[http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/FLOYD/studserv/counseling/csln\\_car.htm](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/FLOYD/studserv/counseling/csln_car.htm)

American Association of Suicidology

<http://www.cyberpsych.org/aas/>

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

<http://www.afsp.org>

Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network (SPAN)

<http://www.spanusa.org>

Crisis Hot Line: 1-800-493-1932

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## A few words on gay bashing

<h3>Editors Box</h3> <p>Matthew Curry Assistant Editor</p>	
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You've probably already heard about the college student in Wyoming and his miserable death a few weeks ago. Two men allegedly dragged Matthew Shepard out in the dark, wee hours of the night and beat him to a bloody pulp. When they finally finished, they tied his arms to a fence and fled. Days after, the young man died.

In hearing this, you might assume Shepard had done something pretty bad to piss the two men off. Perhaps he had knocked the windows out of their car. Or maybe he'd stolen something expensive from one of these guys. Well, actually, no. They killed him simply because he was gay.

As if this were not enough, several "Christian" protestors swarmed outside Shepard's funeral, holding signs and heckling

those who attended. I find this ridiculous.

I've read the Bible cover to cover, and not once did I see a verse that said, "Thou shall go and harass a grieving family whose son has just been murdered."

But before I really start bitching about this, I'd like to say one thing: I think homosexuality has been overrated and over publicized throughout this decade.

With excessive political correctness and shows such as *Ellen*, it's like a worn-out tape, and I'm a little tired of it. Plus those ... um ... "advertisements" on the men's room wall are absolutely disgusting.

But these are all just minor annoyances. None of these things would ever provoke me to pound someone's head in, and I don't

think it's right to hate homosexuals.

I think the biggest problem people have with homosexuality is they feel it's a sin, or an insult to Mother Nature. But, as far as gay bashing and nightclub bombings are concerned, this is irrelevant.

I think we should focus on one question: Do gay people actually hurt anybody? Remember, the unfortunate college student wasn't robbing banks or terrorizing anyone; he was just minding his own business.

Let me explain it a different way. When two men have sex, it doesn't cause their neighbor's house to explode. It doesn't cause people walking by outside to suddenly burst into flames. Nor does it make anyone's lawn die or their tulips wilt. And as long as something doesn't affect anyone, it deserves to be left alone.

Whether you like homosexuals or not is your business. Many of you have reasons for disagreeing with them, and that's OK. But I think gay people at least deserve some privacy and respect.

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## Opinions

### Letter to the Editor

#### Lighten up, Curry!

Dear Editor,  
I enjoy your paper very much. I really appreciated the article on suicide that you had an issue or so back. But after reading what Matt Curry had to say about highway repair in your latest issue, I was more than a little ticked off that he would judge all highway workers by his close encounter with a steamroller driver. Was this supposed to be funny? I say not!

It was narrow-minded of him to say that all these people are greasy and without good sense. Most of these people are out there working hard, and making a good, honest living, not "just twirling stop signs and driving heavy equipment." He should consider that these people are someone's father, someone's son, someone's brother or sister, and most of them have more education than he would ever believe.

Sure, it's a hassle to drive through construction sites and have to wait sometimes or drive a little slower than the fifteen to twenty miles per hour over the speed limit that most of us always do when the coast is

clear. But these people, the same people he refers to as "Fruit Loops," are doing a good job, and they're doing it for the good of everyone, not just to hassle Curry, or to find a place to put government money.

And who, may I ask, is he to say whether or not a road needs necessary repairs?

The title "road zombies" bothered me most of all. Does Curry think that just because someone is doing a job he feels himself too good, or perhaps too intelligent, to do, makes him or her less smart, or less important than he is?

I say, lighten up, Curry. Lighten your bat, Matt. The roads are not just for you and your comforts and conveniences. They're for the good of the public as a whole.

It's time that people like you stopped looking down your nose at the blue collar workers and blaming the government for everything that doesn't please you. It's time that you realize that nothing lasts forever, that things such as public highways and roads have to be maintained and improved, and, believe it or not, such projects as government highway repair are a big part of what keeps our economy rolling. These things help create the sort of jobs that you might one day consider worthy of your lofty position in life.

Shirley Sentell

#### Response

Ms. Sentell,

You're welcome to disagree with me, blast me, or sneer at anything I say. After all, you're just as entitled to state your opinion as I am. But, from reading your letter, I feel like you may have misunderstood my column.

When I said, "drive heavy equipment and twirl stop-signs" I was saying the road workers don't make the official decisions, they're just doing what they're told. My point was that if you're annoyed by road-work, blame the local politi-

cians.

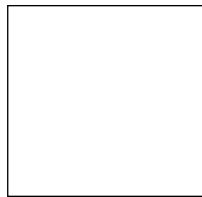
In the same sentence that I used the phrase "road zombies," I also said they aren't "the true culprit." In fact, my last sentence was, "It's the county government who's at fault."

I didn't call all road workers "Fruit Loops," either. When I said this, I was only talking about the man who nearly collided with me on a steamroller.

I realize the column had a very sarcastic tone, but I wrote it mainly in a joking manner. I didn't intend for it to be taken so seriously.

M. Curry

### THE LAND OF ODD



by  
Matthew  
Curry

#### THE THIN BLUE LINE

A part of Floyd College you see from time to time, but don't hear much about, are the security guards. Occasionally, you may hunt one down to jump your car off or fish the keys out of your locked vehicle, but, for the most part, they stay in the background.

Curious, I talked with a few of them; then I shadowed G.T. Howard one afternoon.

**"So far, we haven't had any Jerry Springer stuff."**  
- Harvey Bynum

I followed him as he made sure doors were locked and checked various dials and gages in the bowels of Floyd College. We also rode all over campus in the security truck, checking the wetlands, the lake and the observatory.

So what's the job like?

As for excitement, there's very little. A few snakes have been found, once in the corner of D-124. This, usually, is never anything major; it's often just a small rat-snake.

Harvey Bynum, chief of security, says, "So far, we haven't had any Jerry Springer stuff."

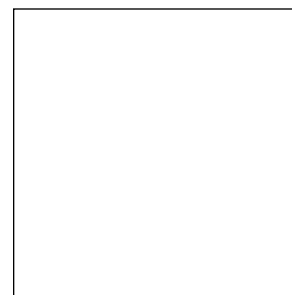
Bynum says security-work is mostly about "keeping things the way they are." This includes locking doors, turning off lights and retrieving the keys out of the *Six Mile Post* editor's car.

For the most part, the FC security guard's job is a quiet one. After all, there isn't much need for SWAT teams and tear gas here at Floyd.

But, upon closer examination, I think this is actually something to be thankful for. When you consider some of the things you hear about on the news (such as hazing that gets out of hand, sexual harassment or violence), I think we're pretty lucky to attend a school where the security guards mostly jump-start cars and turn lights off. At least we're safe.

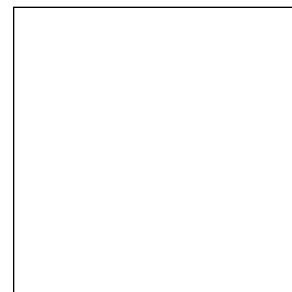
### Student Poll

#### What's your most unique way to prepare leftover turkey?



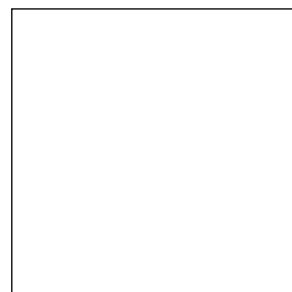
**"Make turkey into 'turkey cakes' - which is turkey dressing in the form of cupcakes."**

- Blake Jones  
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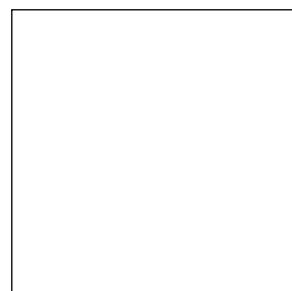
**"Make it into turkey jerkey!"**

-Candi Hubbard  
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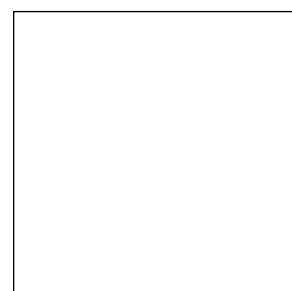
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-Eden Wood  
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**"Make it into turkey barbeque."**

-Magan Earwood  
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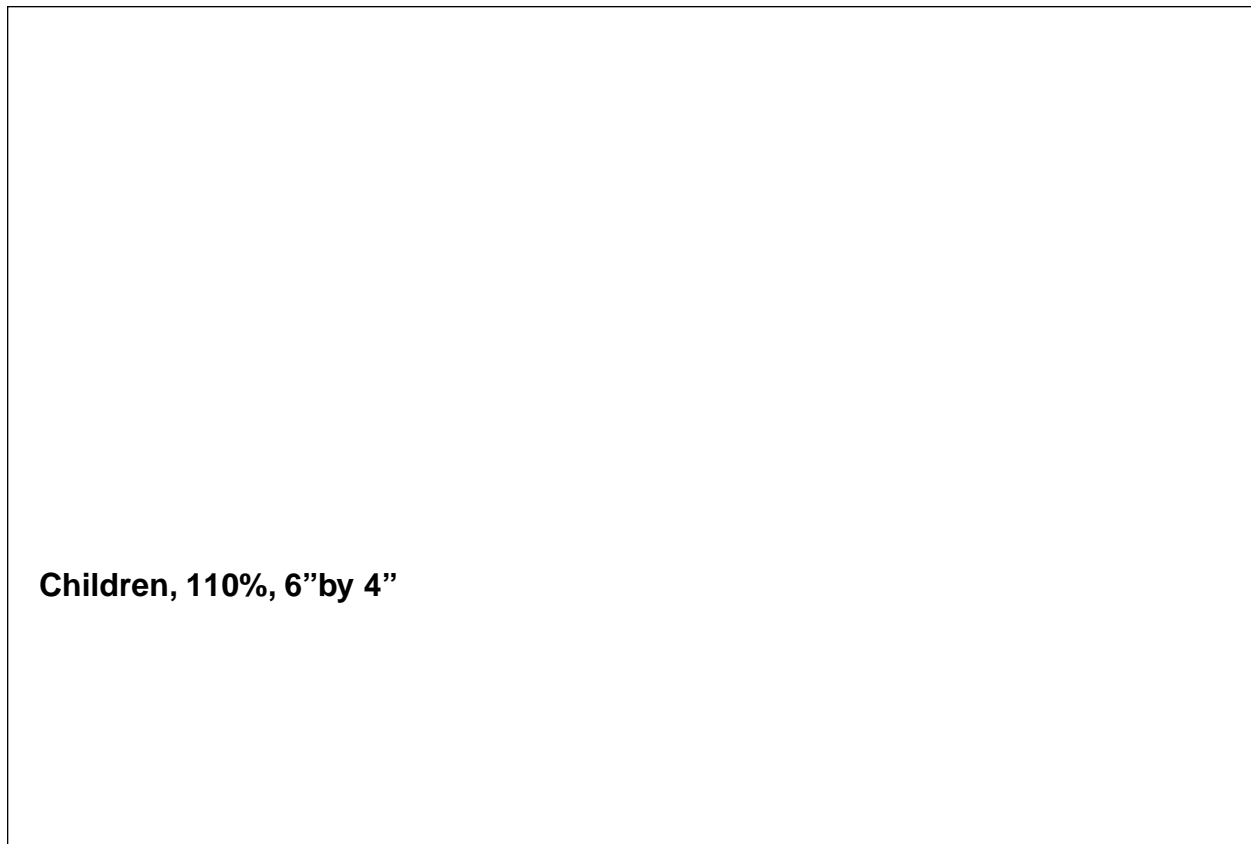
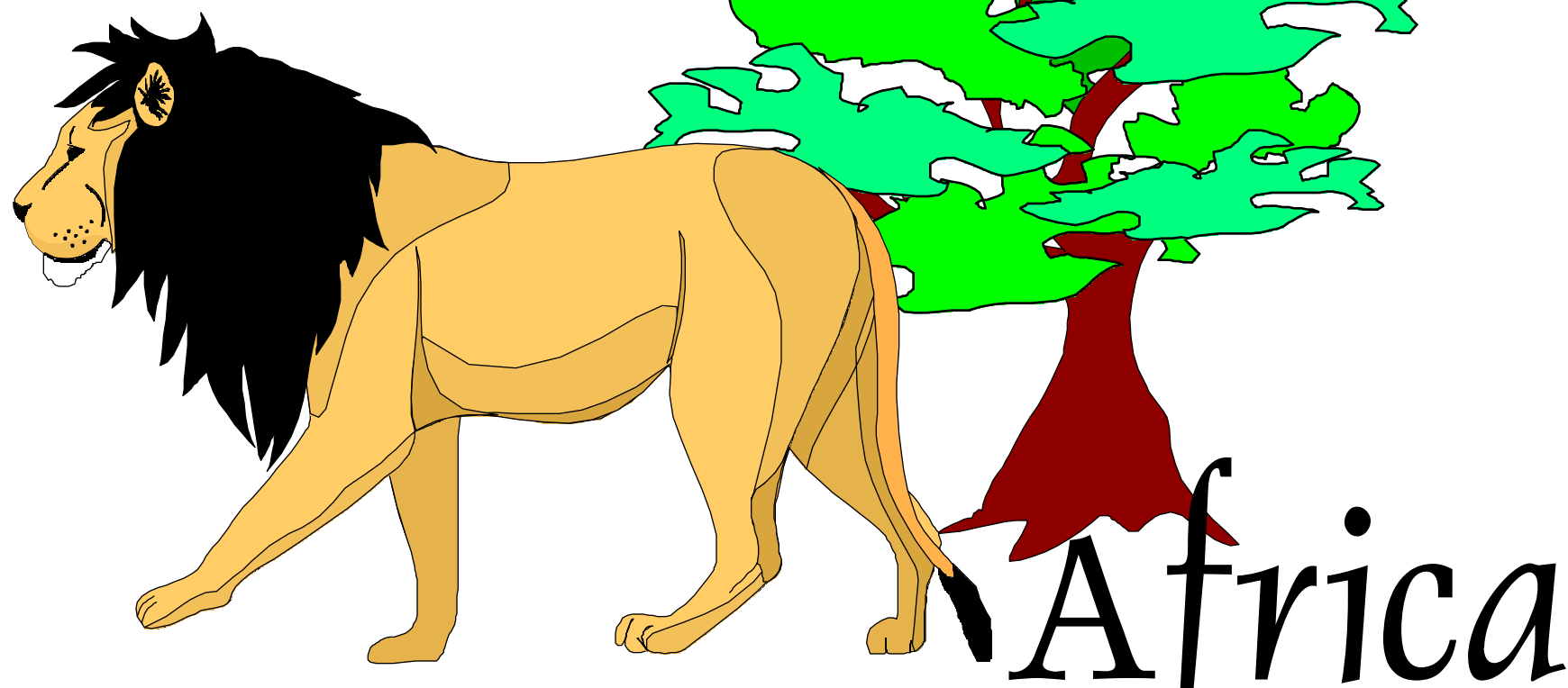
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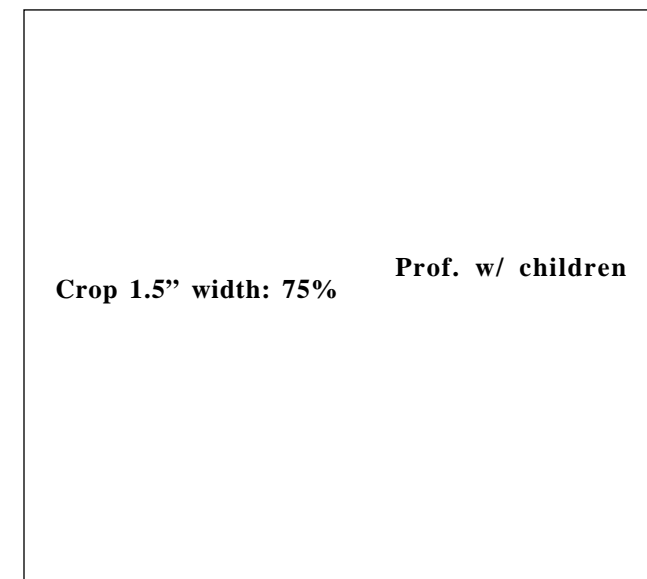
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# a journal entry by Jon Hershey



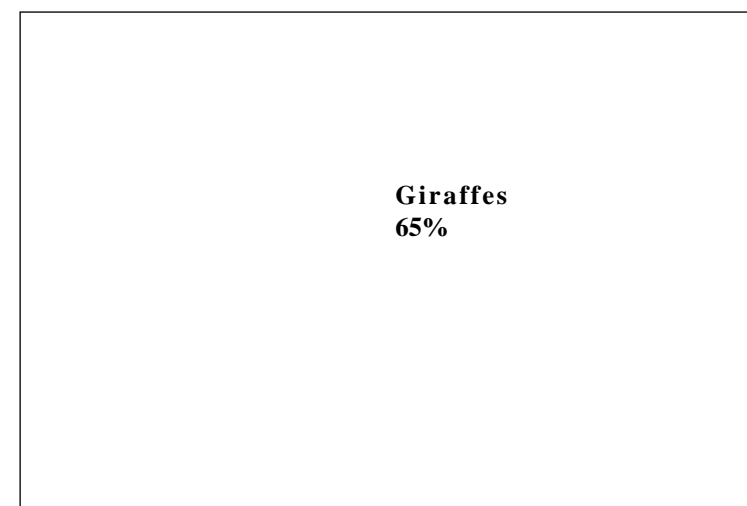
The children of the village of Soweto greet Hershey's group as they arrive.

Guest photo



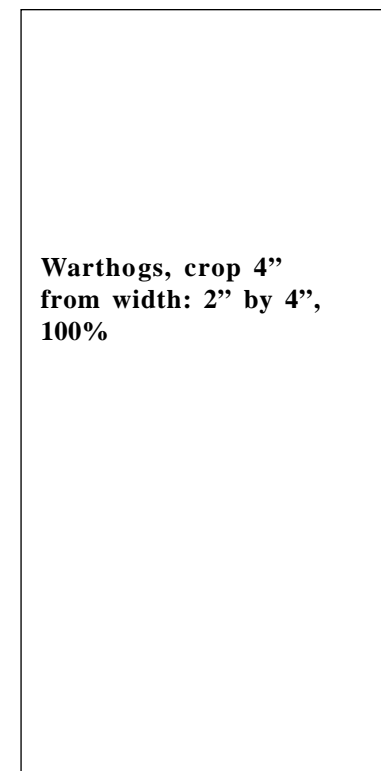
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Dr. Cindy Golledge, professor of psychology at Dalton College, kneels and speaks with the children of Soweto.

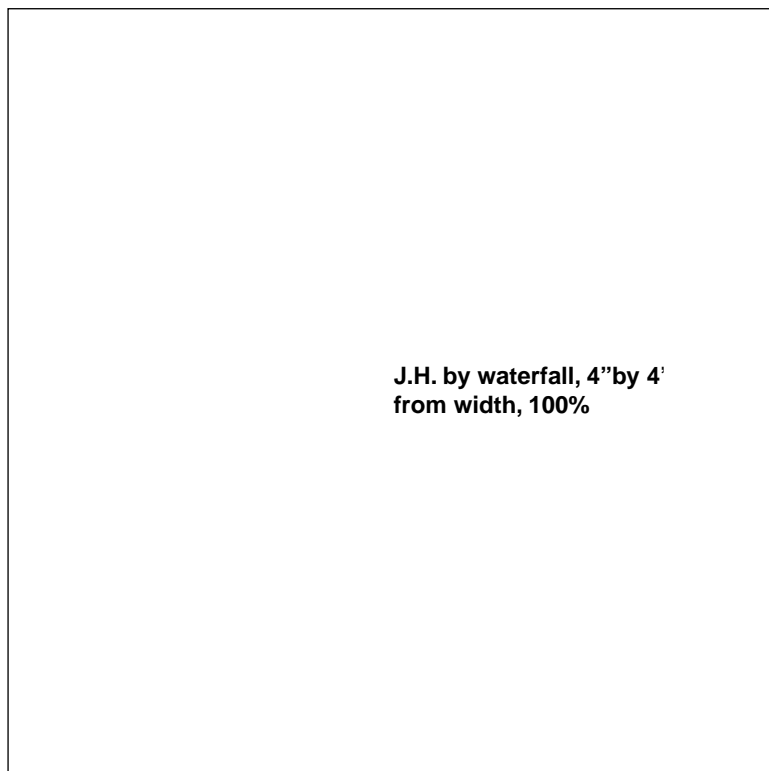


Guest photo

Wild wart hogs graze in an outdoor restaurant (left), while two wooden giraffes support a sign on the Zambian border (above).



Guest photo



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Hershey takes a break in front of Victoria Falls.

**Editor's Note: Associate Professor of English Jon Hershey participated in the University System of Georgia's Faculty Development Seminar in South Africa and Zimbabwe July 8-Aug.13. During that time, Hershey kept a journal. This article is based on one of those journal entries.**

Thursday, Aug. 30, 7 a.m.  
Johannesburg, South Africa

This morning I walked around the block before breakfast. It is cloudy and cold in Johannesburg—or cold for what still seems to me summer. Here it is winter.

It is just after 7 a.m. and traffic has begun to pick up, all in the left lane, British style. Some folks are walking on the sidewalks quickly, with intent. There are no automatic smiles or hellos here. I learn later there is a history of danger in opening up to strangers.

Sparrows hop along by my feet and I realize I should be looking more carefully at the birds. The first African birds I have seen—city birds. They seem to be house sparrows at first glance—but they aren't. The shape of their black masks is slightly different, the colors more distinct.

This is a new bird to me, and I feel an odd rush of

excitement when I realize it. Back home everything is so common and known to me I barely bother to look anymore.

I'm not sure I knew how little I have been looking until this morning. It takes a while for me to remember how to notice things again. But here, I will have to learn or risk missing too much. This is the first of many surprising lessons Africa teaches me.

South Africa is a complicated place so far, a place that has not fully welcomed me yet. We'll see how the day unfolds.

We are staying in a wealthy section of downtown Johannesburg, in the Sandton Holiday Inn, more immaculately kept than most Holiday Inns at home. A couple of the folks in our group are grumbling about staying here, in this wealthy "white" section of town, not indicative of most of the country, which is only 10 percent white and very poor.

There is an "authentic" Irish Pub on the first floor,

where I had a couple of Boddingtons last night with some of the others, a help after the 16-hour flight. This was the first of many bizarre moments—Americans having Irish beer in South Africa.

All of the staff are black at the hotel, but the patrons are mixed, mostly white, some black, some Indian. Race is everything here, and I find myself checking the racial makeup of every group I am in. I suspect the South Africans do the same.

We are told that crime is high in the city. We are warned repeatedly not to wander far from the hotel, not to walk alone and not to carry money or valuables with us. So we take the warnings seriously at first and carry with us only our paranoia.

We spend most of the day touring Soweto, the largest township in South Africa, the famous one where the South African freedom movement began, where Mandela lived before his years on Robben Island as a political prisoner. It is a humbling experience, Soweto, a kind of a neighborhood grown to the proportions of a city.

One of many townships within Johannesburg, Soweto is all black and extremely

poor. The segregation was government ordered under the apartheid system that ended just a few years ago, and now it remains segregated for economic reasons.

Black South Africans were not able to own property and now they have no means to move. And they aren't getting much help.

I think many of us expected with the end of apartheid to see a country embracing change, but change is slow here. Most of the citizens of Soweto live in shanties; whole families in flimsy structures made of scraps of wood or tin, many without electricity or heat.

The shanties are tiny, not much larger than my Floyd College office, and there are thousands of them, packed in tightly, from horizon horizon. And there we are, driving through the narrow streets, 20 teachers from Georgia riding in a cushy tour bus large enough to hold five whole families from the tiny shanty houses around us. For a long time we watch silently, barely speaking to one another.

Shame, I suppose, is the cause of the huge lump that sits in my gut when we pull off onto a dirt road leading to a cluster of shanty homes. What

must these people think of us and our massive bus? I make the assumption that they must despise us and the wealth that we represent.

Earlier in the day we picked up a social worker who knows the families here. Her name is Vera, and she seems to me inexcusably cheerful as she tells us about the people we are about to meet.

The bus churns up great clouds of brown dust, but this does not stop children from following after us. By the time we park in a rough cul-de-sac, we have attracted quite a crowd.

Half of us climb out right away, but I am less eager. When I finally do step out of the bus, the children around us are excited, laughing and posing for photographs. The adults are more hesitant, but eventually they too step closer.

First, they ask who we are and if the photographs will be in the paper, but soon their questions become more general and open. Most of them speak some English, which is the official language of the country, despite the fact that 11 different languages are spoken by various groups living here.

By the time we get back on the bus to leave an hour later,

we have talked about politics, about reggae music, about Michael Jordan, we have shaken many hands, been introduced to children and been shown a homemade soccer ball, and we are all waving as the bus pulls away.

I am surprised that I did not see any anti-American sentiment (though I would see it in different places later) and that the white members of our group (five of us in the group of 20 are white) were not treated with any extra caution. I have learned not to trust my assumptions, which are without much worth here.

It is growing dark and cold when we stop at the memorial to Hector Peterson, the first child to be killed in the Soweto riots that began the freedom movement. From here, Soweto sprawls out into a shallow valley, and the air begins to fill with smoke from charcoal fires. With no other means to heat their houses, the people build fires in their dirt yards, and when the fires have died down enough, they carry the glowing coals inside.

This has been our first full day in Africa. We are too overwhelmed and exhausted to talk now, but this day will remain with us for a long time.

## News

# Registering on-line

by Raye Lynn Berry  
assistant editor

Students, as a whole, have mixed feelings on the new on-line registration system.

Mya Smith, SGA vice president, said, "It would be nice if it worked." Smith tried to register on-line and she couldn't because holes were in her records, which she claims don't exist.

Nicole Blankenship, the first person to use the on-line registration, liked the new way to register. Blankenship said that she had a couple of problems in the beginning, but Eileen Walker, advising coordinator, helped her out a great deal. Blankenship stated, "It cut down on my time."

On-line registration takes place through SCORE, which stands for Student Records, Class Records, On-line Registration made Easy. The web site is available on the Floyd College homepage to both prospective students through the public site and for current students through the secured site.

On-line registration gives the student the opportunity to register at his/her own time and place without having to be present at school.

Not everyone can register on-line yet. If a student is involved in a sequence class, learning support class, first time Floyd College student or has unpaid fees, he/she will need to register in the Advising Office. On-line registration is

available to all others.

However, students will still need to meet with their advisers to get the proper classes for their major.

To register on-line, go to [www.fc.peachnet.edu](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu). Click on the Registration Kiosk on the bottom left hand corner of the screen. Next, choose the registration login. The next web page asks for a user name and password. This is not the student's e-mail address. The user name is the student's social security number, and the password is the last four digits of the student's social security number plus the numbers 98. After logging in, the student will need to change his/her password to another six digit number of his/her choice. From there, the instructions are self-explanatory.

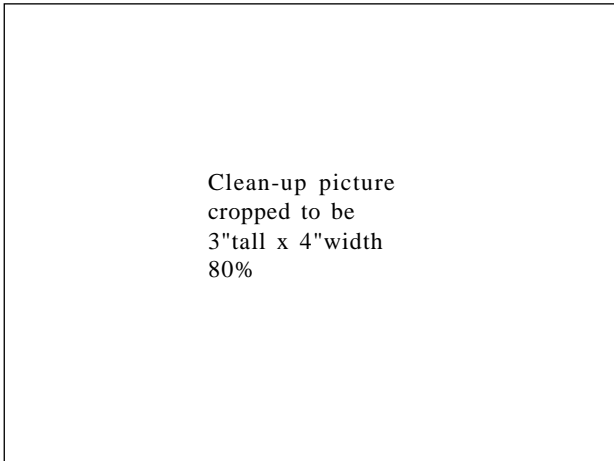
Suzanne Black, assistant professor of psychology and education who works in the advising office part-time, said, "For the most part, students are real excited about it [on-line registration]. It lets students feel like they are in control."

Black said that the on-line system would probably never be the only form of registration because there will always be problems and first-time freshman students. However, she does think that sometime in the future, it will be the primary registration method.

If any problems occur with using the on-line registration, or if students just need instructional help, they should go to the Advising Center located in the W-Building.

Mya Smith, Laura Bridges and Elton Freemon help clean up central campus for "Make a Difference Day," on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Marie Atkins and Ashely Tull were also present. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Life, and the group worked for two and a half hours. In this time, they collected a enough trash to fill a truck-bed.



Clean-up picture cropped to be 3" tall x 4" wide 80%

## Floyd Tutorial Center Expanding Services

By Brittany Puckett  
Staff Writer

Located in the FC library (through the entrance and to the left) is the Floyd College Tutorial Center. The tutorial center is a service provided for all Floyd College students, and is absolutely free. Whether a student is struggling to "make the mark" or just will not settle for less than an A, meeting with a tutor may be the ticket to achievement.

This division of FC has been functioning for seven years, but peer tutoring is the center's newest concept which began this semester. Peer tutors have made it possible to increase the num-

ber of subjects offered for assistance at the Tutorial Center.

Until recently, tutoring was available for math and English only. Now, with peer tutors, choices also include Spanish, anatomy and physiology. Students needing assistance in these and other areas can inquire about the center's computerized tutorials such as *Novanet* and *Blue Pencil*.

The center also has eight outlets available for using laptops, and help is provided for learning how to use them. Practice exercises for the Regents Test are also available until Nov. 10.

The Tutorial Center is available to all students whether by

referral or personal inquiry. If anyone is interested in being tutored on a regular basis or has any questions, contact the primary tutors Jeanie Cassidy or Andy Bemis. They are available during the week, and can be reached by phone at 295-6371 or by e-mail at [tutorial@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:tutorial@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

The Tutorial Center is open Monday through Thursday during the day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and during the evening on Monday and Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; however, making appointments is recommended. Questions received via e-mail are answered as soon as possible during the times listed above.

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Features/News

# Not just another face in the crowd

by Amanda Brendel  
Staff writer

There are many students that attend Floyd College. Of all these students, very few live the life of a stereotypical college student. Many of us have jobs, children and other influences that define who we are. Take, for instance, Jon Boe.

Boe grew up in Witchata Falls, Texas (he says his hero is George Strait). As a small boy, his father took him to a fire station, where the firemen let him sit in the fire trucks. He said, "It was then that I became interested in becoming a fireman."

His childhood dream came true when one day he was leaving a gym in Carrolton, which just happened to be across the street from the local fire department. "The chief saw me and yelled for me to come over and talk. The rest is history," Boe said. Since that day, he has been fighting fires for seven years.

**"On good days, you help someone and make a difference in his/her life."**

- Jon Boe

He trained in Fosyth, Georgia. He also went through Georgia Smoke Divers School, "which teaches you how to survive hazardous environments with little or no air." Boe is also an Emergency Medical Technician. Boe commented, "Firefighting is a never-ending learning experience. Being a fireman has its good and bad days. On good days, you help someone and make a difference in his/her life. On bad, like holidays, you're called to someone's house that you don't know and you're the last person they see."

A memorable experience for

him was when he rescued a three-year old from a burning apartment complex. Boe also performed CPR on an elderly man who was in full cardiac arrest and the man lived.

However, Boe will be leaving the firefighting business within a few years. He is currently working on his degree in secondary education and intends on becoming a teacher and coach. "My girlfriend has been a big influence in my academic career. She's a varsity basketball coach and pushes me to do well. Also Eileen Walker, advising coordinator of Floyd College, has been a big influence in my career direction. I want to reach children at a young age and

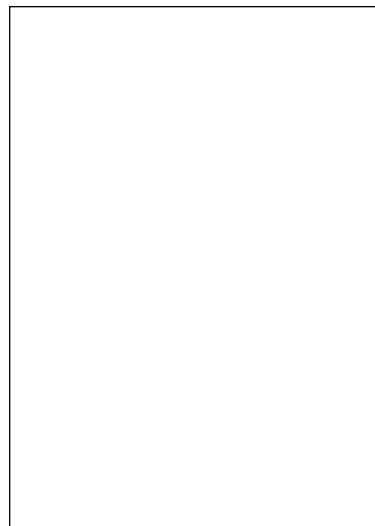


Photo by Kevin Barnes

**Jon Boe occasionally wears his uniform to school.**

help mold them into better young adults," Boe said.

If someone came to Boe wanting advice on becoming a firefighter, he would say, "Go for it, live life straight, get an education, and really make an effort to pursue your dreams, no matter how many doors get shut in your face."

Boe can be found hanging out in the Floyd College gym and in the office of the *Six Mile Post*, where he is the business manager.

## British student adjusts to new environment

by Matt Bowers  
Editor

As students walk the halls of Floyd College, they often become so enveloped in their own lives and class work that they neglect to take a look around them. If they did, then they might be surprised at the amount of diversity and the interesting people that can be found right here at the central campus.

One such person is Jigna Patel, a 17-year-old freshman from Birmingham, England. Patel's parents were both born in Kenya and moved to England before Jigna was born. Patel began high school at the age of 12 and graduated at the age of 16 in 1997 from Woodhouse High School. Patel also helped raise money for a school that had burned down while she still attended high school in England.

After graduation, Patel moved to Georgia with her parents in October of 1997, leaving her 21-year-old brother in England, where he attends Hertford University. "I was nervous about what people were like and how I was going to change to the different lifestyle," Patel recalls. Patel also recalls that she noticed quite a few differences between Georgia and England when she arrived. She remarked that it seemed that everyone here had a car, whereas in England, people tend to walk shorter distances rather than take a vehicle. "We didn't have

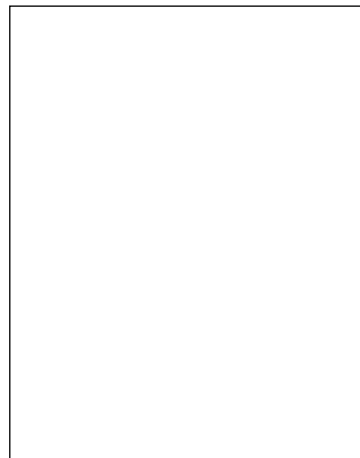


Photo by Kevin Barnes

**Jigna Patel**

school buses," Patel said. "We just walked to school."

After arriving in Georgia, she attended a senior English class at Trion High School from November to December of 1997. Patel says that she took the class to "get the feel" of how grammar and other aspects of the English language differentiated from that used in England. Patel then enrolled in Floyd College for the 1998 Fall Semester, majoring in business and finance.

Patel also remarked that she misses quite a few things about England, such as fish and chips; a soft drink called Dandelion and Burdock; fresh, daily delivered milk; and, "of course," Cadbury Chocolates.

Patel never drove in England and must wait until she turns 18 before she can receive her license here because of some recently passed Georgia license laws. Although she never actually drove while in England, Patel still believes that driving is better there, or at least "a lot easier."

Patel plans on attending Northeast Louisiana University or Georgia State University after she leaves Floyd College.

## Laptops made easy: a note on printing

By Steve Head  
Assistant Librarian

In the last issue of the *Six Mile Post* I wrote about the necessary connection one must have to a network, either through Earthlink or directly on a Floyd College campus, in order to use Pegasus Mail to answer and receive e-mail messages.

A network connection is just as important for printing to one of the network printers.

You can't print to any of the six available network printers unless you are directly connected to the Floyd College network at one of the five campuses. You have to physically be on one of the four Floyd College campuses in order to make that connection. You can't send a print job to the Floyd College network through Earthlink.

Once you are sure that you've logged onto the FC network, then you choose the printer you want to print to by choosing "File" from the program menu bar and then choosing "Print." A dialogue box will appear, and you will see a pull-down menu that offers you the printer choices.

Once your choice is made, then you click O.K., and the print job whisks itself off to the appropriate printer.

Student printers all have names derived from classical literature and are as follows: Plato (in the Rome campus library), Homer (Rome campus student center), Euripides (Cartersville campus), Orpheus (North Metro Tech campus) and Virgil (Heritage Hall).

**Hey!**  
Watch for the next issue of the *Six Mile Post*, coming Dec. 1.

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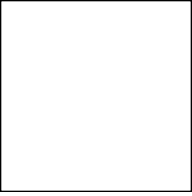
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# Sports

## Sports Column



by  
Jon  
Boe

Bridgette Stewart, teaching assistant in the PHED Office, can oftentimes be found wandering the halls of Floyd College recruiting prospective students for intramural activities. Her love for the thrill of competitive sports is only surpassed by her love for life.

Stewart, who holds many titles in the PHED Office, was recently named club adviser for HPER during the 1998 school year, to go along with her title of head basketball coach for the Lady Chargers.

A letter performer in two sports during high school, Stewart brings to Floyd College a fresh perspective of athletic performance and academic achievement. President of Student Ambassadors, *Who's Who among Junior Colleges*, and winner of the Leadership Award for Floyd College are a few

## Stewart brings a fresh perspective

of the accolades she garnered in her student career.

Stewart, who has given of her time freely, volunteers each year for the NYSP (National Youth Sports Program), thus receiving the Support Staff Person of the Year Award the last two years running. AAHPERD (American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance), GAHPERD (Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance), and ACSM (American College of Sports Medicine) are among the many associations she is affiliated with. Currently she is working for her certification as a CPR/BLS instructor for the American Heart Association.

Stewart, who graduated from Cedartown High School, enrolled at Floyd College in the fall of 1993. While attending classes, she worked in the physical education department as a student worker to pursue her dream of one day becoming involved with sports medicine. Basketball, softball and racquetball are a few of the intramural sports she participated in during her collegiate days.

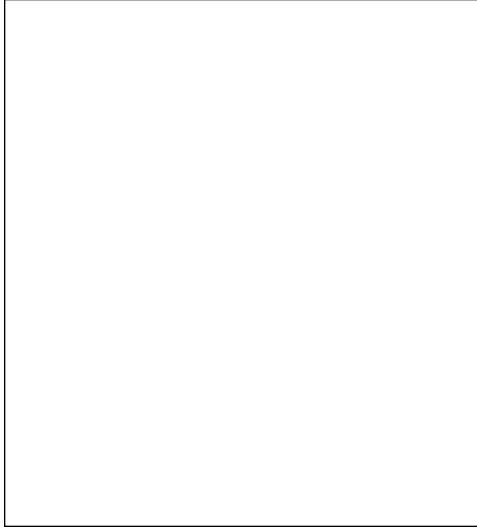


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### Bridgette Stewart returned to Floyd College after graduating from Berry.

Some of her extra-curricular activities included the HPER Club and a television program, which she was co-host of, called *What's up Floyd College with Rob and Bridgette*.

Her interests include anything to do with sports medicine and rehabilitation. That would explain why each Friday night she can be seen standing on the sidelines of

all Cedartown Bulldogs football games.

Stewart graduated from Floyd College in 1996 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology. Earlier this year she graduated from Berry College with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine. While at Berry College, she worked in the athletic training rooms with student athletes and performed all her internship hours at the Floyd Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic.

Spending time with family and friends, shopping, riding jet skis and playing racquetball are activities she enjoys in her leisure time. She says, "I'm always looking for somebody to play," referring to her prowess on the racquetball courts.

So if you see her aimlessly wandering the halls and have an interest in intramural sports at Floyd College, let her know; she can point you in the right direction.

## Activities Update

By Justin Tippett  
Staff Writer

The intramural football team will be playing Berry and Shorter Colleges at the central campus. No dates have been set yet.

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According to Pete Delorenzo, assistant professor of physical education, the extramural basketball teams for men and women are not forming right now. Delorenzo stated that there is much talk among the students, but none among the faculty.

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Table tennis has reportedly had a good number of sign-ups and turnouts. Prizes for table tennis are given away on Tuesdays and Thursdays after each tournament.

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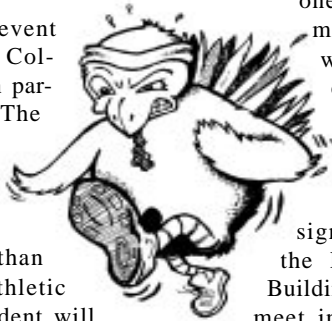
# Sports

## Annual marathon coming soon

By Raye Lynn Berry  
Assistant Editor

It's almost time again for the annual Turkey Day Walk/Run.

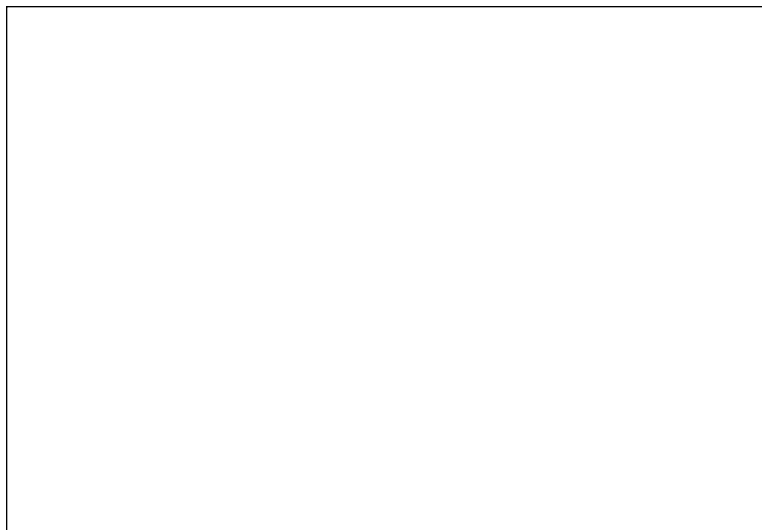
This is an event that any Floyd College student can participate in. The winner is not necessarily the fastest person, and the rules are different than in most athletic events. The student will estimate the time he or she thinks it will take to walk or jog around Floyd College's Paris Lake, which is 1.65 miles.



The winners will then be determined by the ones who get closest to their estimated times.

There will be two winners, one male and one female. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Hickory Ham.

There is no cost to sign up. One can sign up in advance in the Physical Education Building. Late entries will meet in the gym lobby at 11:45 a.m. on the day of the event. All entries will meet at the pavilion at noon on Nov. 18 for the Turkey Day Walk/Run.



Guest photo

ABOVE: (front row, from left) Bryan Blalock and Charlie Blalock; (back row, from left) Tommy Ayer and Tom Ayer on Estes Cone. RIGHT: Bryan Blalock (left) and Tom Ayer atop Estes Cone.

Guest photo

## Ski trip open to FC students

By Matt Bowers  
Editor

"We wouldn't have done this for 19 years in a row if it weren't successful," said Dr. Ken Weatherman, associate professor of physical education, in reference to the annual winter ski trip taken by Floyd College students.

This year's trip will be held Jan. 1-7 and will cost approximately \$249 per person, which includes hotel costs (four to a room), the lift tickets, equipment rental, the course textbook, the skiing lessons and the actual skiing.

Students ski continuously during the day. They are split into two groups: beginners and intermediates. These two groups are then split into even smaller groups,

each with an instructor. Weatherman says the instructors are "very good with the students." Weatherman is qualified to teach a beginner class and will do so on the trip. The students then take part in their lessons and are also given time to ski on their own. The evening time is free for the students to do what they wish.

The ski trip is a Spring Semester class, and students should sign up for it as such. Students must pay a \$50 deposit and fill out forms in the Physical Education Department.

Weatherman stated that the ski trip is a "good deal" and encouraged all who are interested and need P.E. credit to sign up for this class for the Spring Semester. Flyers on the ski trip can be found posted in various places around the central campus.

# Floyd College thrill-seeker

By Nicole Blankenship  
Staff Writer

To some, the word "adventure" means nothing, but to Floyd College sophomore Bryan Blalock, adventure is a way of life.

Six years ago, when Blalock was 13 years old, "some guys" from his church, namely Happy and Aaron Peterson, invited him to go on a hiking trip with them. "They took me to the Appalachian Trail," Blalock stated. "That is how I became interested, and because of that, I have grown to love hiking and anything to do with hiking."

According to Blalock, he participates in some form of hiking every weekend. During the summer months, Blalock and a group of his "adventure-seeking" friends

take trips to Little River Canyon in Alabama. Here, they jump off the side of a small cliff into the river. They also take trips to Lafayette, Ga., to go exploring through a cave located there.

During this past summer, Blalock, along with his dad, Charlie Blalock, associate professor of developmental mathematics at Floyd College, and two of their close friends, Tommy and Tom Ayer, took a 10-day vacation trip to Colorado.

After traveling for two days, the Blalocks and the Ayers went all over the state of Colorado hiking. For example, they hiked up the Great Sand Dunes National Monument. Within four and a half hours, they hiked to the peak of the dunes, which are elevated at

10,000 feet above sea level. They also climbed the highest mountain in the state of Colorado, Mount Elbert. Mount Elbert reaches an altitude of 14,433 feet and took them six and a half hours to climb. Along with these, they also climbed Pikes Peak, at 14,250 feet above sea level; Lilly Mountain, reaching 8,000 feet; and they also took a three-mile hike up Estes Cone, which has an altitude of 11,000 feet.

Blalock stated that he usually works out up to four times a week and sometimes runs in order to keep in shape for his weekly hiking experiences. He also said that he does not want to make a career out of his hiking experiences. "However," Blalock stated, "I will always want adventure to be a part of my life."

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## Entertainment

# Reviews for the eyes and ears

By Clint Frasier  
Staff Writer

### Hole-Celebrity Skin

Hole's past albums are known for their raw sound and lyrics. They are also well-known for their former heroin addict singer Courtney Love. Their new album, *Celebrity Skin*, is a type of stepping away from this. It is filled with melodic vocals and pop-friendly rhythms. This may sound like a disappointment, but it is far from it. Traditional sounds are in the opening track, which is also the title track, "Celebrity Skin." "Boys on the Radio," previously released on Hole's *Unplugged* Album, has been altered and placed

on this album. This is a must-have album for any Hole fan, and if you have been swayed away from Hole because of their raunchy, pissed-off sound, buy it and you might find it on repeat for a long time.

### Ronin

*Ronin* is definitely one of the best movies of the year. It starts out confusing and a little boring, but then it opens up and is amazing. It is very realistic, exciting, suspenseful, and mysterious. This movie has it all. From the 10-minute car chases through streets the size of hallways to the small talk among ex CIA agents. If you were given any more information, it might spoil the movie.

### A Night at the Roxbury

This movie is a typical *Saturday Night Live* comedy. It definitely has its funny moments, and in some parts, you will laugh your head off, but it also has the traditional times when you can hardly keep your head from bobbing or your eyes from shutting.

The movie is about two brothers whose lives are based around clubbing and trying their best to meet women.

Their ultimate goal is to own a nightclub of their own, but their father thinks they should stick to the family business.

This movie is recommended to anyone who loves *Saturday Night Live* or enjoys laughing.

## The TOAST Band turnout

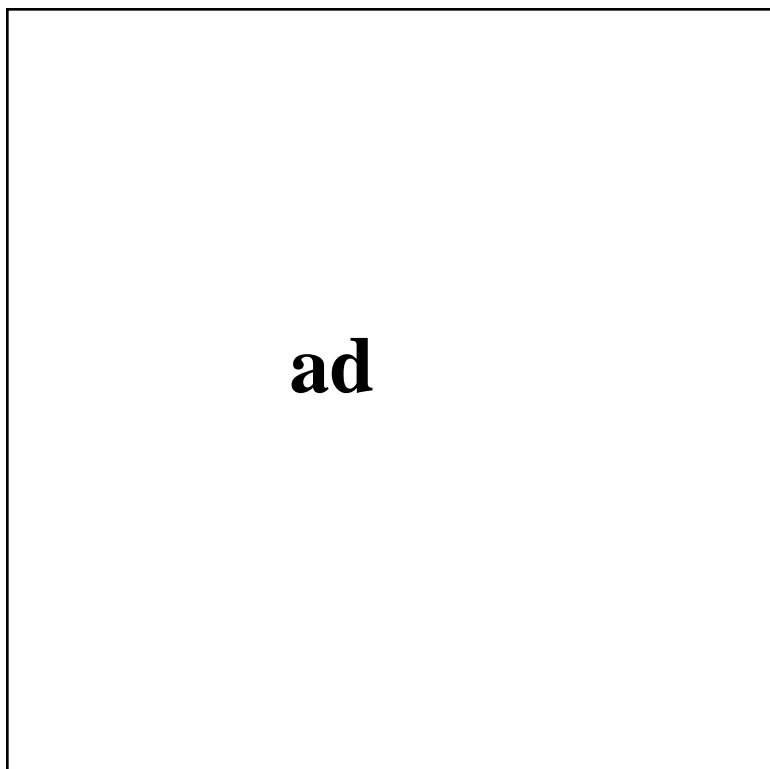
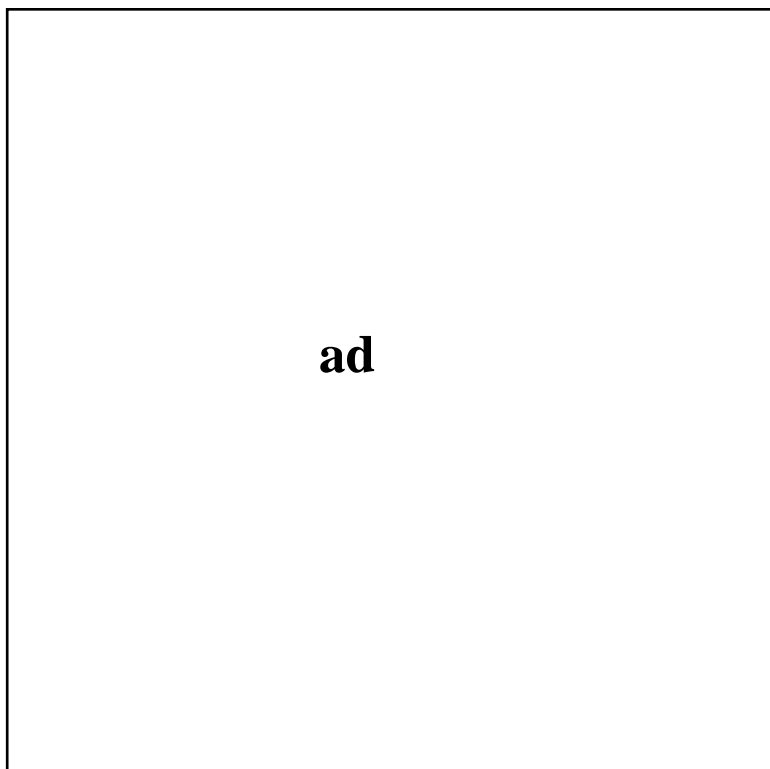
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The TOAST band played for Floyd College students on Oct. 27. This event was held in the courtyard during a very beautiful day. Though not many people showed up for the event, TOAST played with as much enthusiasm as if a thousand people were watching.



The band is from Virginia and moved recently to Nashville, Tenn. The members are Jerry Castle, who sings and plays guitar; Brandy Castle, who is Jerry's sister and also sings; Brandon Henegar on lead guitar; Craig Clontz on drums; and Billy Snidow on bass.

The group already have a CD out. They are expecting their second album to be available in a couple of months.



## Fall festival held at North Metro

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North Metro campus held a fall festival open to all students and families of North Metro Tech and Floyd College on Oct. 17.

The festival had games and entertainment for the kids, such as a quarterback toss, baseball throw, a golf challenge and a troll knockdown. Other entertainment features included a clown handing out balloons, two moonwalks and a small fire truck that talked to the kids.

Bill Miller and the Bill Miller Band provided live entertainment.

The festival also had food that could be purchased. There were hotdog and hamburger plates. Cotton candy was also for sale.