

# Six Mile Post

The Student Voice

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## News Briefs

### Regents' Test deadlines near

The last day to sign up for the Regents' Test is Oct. 16. The test will be given Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sign-up is in the Social and Cultural Studies Division Office, located in the F-Wing.

The Regents' Test is a two-part test that must be taken and passed by all students planning to transfer in order to graduate. On the quarter system, the test should have been taken between 45 and 74 quarter hours. On the semester system, the test must be taken the semester after the student reaches 30 hours and before the student reaches the maximum limit of 45 hours. If the student fails to take the test before the maximum number of hours, he/she must take remedial classes in order to be eligible to take the test.

For more information, contact Fred Green, Regents' Test Coordinator in the division of social and cultural studies or go to the Regents' Test web site at [www.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/indstu.htm](http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/indstu.htm).

### Volunteer mentors needed

All students of Floyd College are invited to participate in the mentoring program. Its purpose is to give younger people someone to look up to and a source of self-esteem. Mentors will be matched with students from grades K-12 and will meet with them an hour a week at their school. A one-year commitment is requested. Anyone wishing to be a mentor must go through a training program, and a criminal background check will also be done.

If you would like to be a mentor, or have any questions, contact Anitra Duke, mentor coordinator, at (706) 295-6773 or by e-mail at [aduke02@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:aduke02@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### Blood donors needed

The Office of Student Life and the Volunteer Center are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive Nov. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Office of Student Life and the Volunteer Center encourage all Floyd College students to come by and donate blood for the holiday season.

### SGA sponsors food drive

The Student Government Association is co-sponsoring a canned food drive with Eastern Star. This canned food drive is geared towards helping out needy families during the holiday season. Food collection containers are located in various spots around campus.

## Online classes come to Floyd College

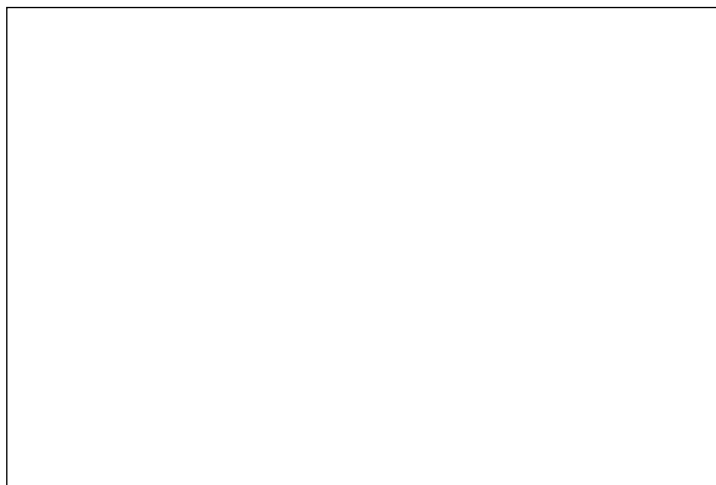


Photo by Kevin Barnes

**Billy Morris, an "online professor," works at his laptop.**

By Matt Bowers  
Editor

Have you ever wanted to take a class that allowed you to do your work at your convenience? How about a class that you could take while you're still in your pajamas, a class that put all the information you could ever need at your fingertips?

If that sounds like something you would like, then step right in; welcome to your virtual classroom.

Floyd College has implemented five online classes this semester: Biology and Principles of Nutrition taught by Dr. Michael Windelspecht, Principles of Chemistry taught by Dr. Harvey Moody, Floyd College Studies taught by Phyllis Weatherly and Physical Geology taught by Billy Morris.

These classes were preceded by a few pilot classes of the same type this past summer quarter.

While it's true that these classes give the students taking them a lot of freedom, it should not be mistakenly thought that these classes are, in any way, a free ride.

The implementation of these online classes has presented many challenges to the teachers of the classes as well as the students.

Morris, assistant professor of geology, stated that it took a lot of work re-designing the course materials for an online format and working around having no lecture time.

He said, "It forced me to rethink what I want my students to learn, and take a more methodical and structured approach."

Moody, assistant professor of chemistry, explained that he had spent over

350 hours making changes to the presentation of the course. He stated, "You can't just take a typical lecture class and put it on the web."

Students taking these online courses are having to adjust to working in an environment where they must find many of the answers to their questions themselves.

Weatherly, director of counseling and career services, said, "Teaching face to face was easier because I could answer questions immediately." She added that the course "requires discipline" on the part of the students.

Dr. Joan Elifson, vice president for academics, agrees that discipline is important in taking these classes as well as high-motivation, and adequate computer and time-management skills.

Elifson stated that procrastinators would not do well in taking an online class.

Elifson added that the classes are "good for shy or introverted students" because it is easier for them to participate in classes discussions online rather than in person.

Morris said that the online classes are also an advantage to nontraditional students.

But just as with any other relatively new program, the online classes are going to have their advantages and dis-

advantages.

Morris stated, "From a learning standpoint, I'm still not convinced it's the right thing to do." Morris also feels that options for lectures are still needed.

Elifson said that the classes do present a problem of a "lack of social cohesiveness" and that the challenge is to make the classes as interactive as possible over the web.

However, the most anticipated problem, computer malfunction has yet to rear its ugly head in any significant matter.

Moody stated that out of his 40 online students, only three or four have had any significant computer problems. He also said, "The Help Desk helped surprisingly well with students."

Moody said that the greatest advantage of the online classes is access: "Many students can't find time to come to campus. The online classes help provide a better education for them than they could have had otherwise."

One of the main advantages that the online classes give to students is the vast amount of freedom that they offer.

Jamie Cook, a sophomore in Morris's online geology class stated that the class was "challenging but convenient." She said, "You do things at your own pace and your own convenience."

Gordon Lee, a non-traditional student from Rome agreed, saying, "It's easy. It's convenient. It allows me more time for research."

Kathleen Hurt, also a student in the online geology class, said that she is "somewhat intimidated." Hurt also stated that the class is "awesome" for nontraditional students. "It's very progressive and right on. It helps me in being computer literate because they [computers] are everywhere."

Elifson said that she expects there will be more online classes. She said, "A number of faculty have expressed interest in putting some [classes] online."

Elifson is interested in how students react to the online classes.

She said that if there are high drop-out rates and grades are low, then there would have to be some re-thinking done about online classes.

Photo by Kevin Barnes

**Student Mya Smith is busy at her laptop.**

# News

## Banned Books Week celebrated

By Amanda Brendel  
Staff Writer

"It was a good experience." That is what Debbie Holmes, library director, said about the recent Banned Books Reading which occurred on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Approximately 100 people, throughout the day, gathered in the courtyard from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Nihal Gunay, counselor/progress coordinator, counseling and career services; Kristie Kemper, professor of English; Pam Kincheloe, assistant professor of English; and Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, were just a few of the 16 people who read. An open mike was also available for anyone who wished to contribute.

Some of the books read from included *The King James Bible*, *The Satanic Verses*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *Huckleberry Finn* and *Clockwork Orange*.

Debbie Holmes, library director, said, "I had no idea how humorous *Fahrenheit 451* was."

The American Library Association and six other groups sponsored Banned Books Week, Sept. 28 through Oct. 2.

The purpose of the week is to point out that these books are not just a pile of pornographic rubbish.

When the 100 Best Books of All Time list came out, 33 of the 100 and six in the top 10 were either banned or challenged.

More information on is now available at [www.fc.peachnet.edu/library/banned](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/library/banned)

**Many people, both staff and students, gather to listen to the reading of banned books.**

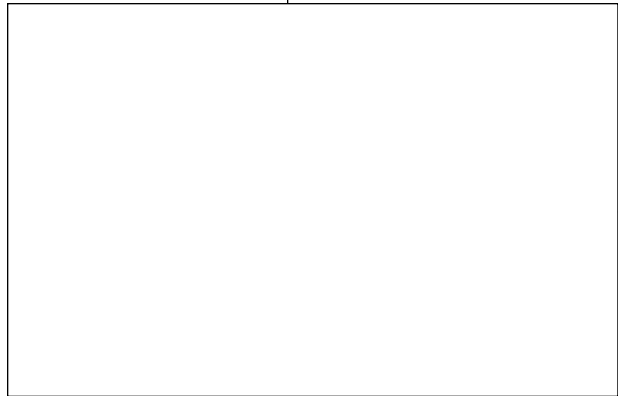
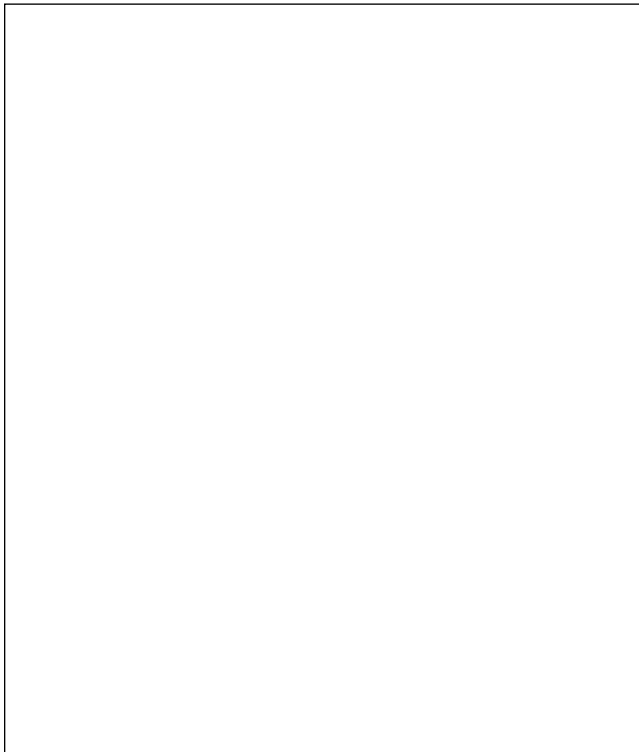


Photo by Carol Spain

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**Steve Burns, professor of social work, reads a few verses from the King James Bible.**

## Delayed Start Classes help students adjust to new semester system

By Clint Frasier  
Staff Writer

Delayed Start Classes began Sept. 21.

A late start schedule was offered since semester classes started a month early.

The Delayed Start Classes were created to help students who did not register on time and missed the classes they needed.

These classes meet for longer periods of time to catch up with the regular starting classes and finish with everyone else.

Seventeen classes were started, but four were cut for lack of enrollment.

Spring and Summer Delayed Start Classes are not expected since Maymester, a three-week term beginning in the second week of May and finishing at the end of May, will come between the Spring and Summer semesters.

According to Dr. Joan Elifson, vice president of academic affairs, there are plans to have Delayed Start Classes next fall for those who again fail or forget to register on time.

## Maymester to be introduced in 1999

By Jimmy Wright  
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, Floyd College is introducing Maymester.

These are classes that will be covered over a three-week period beginning the second week of May and ending May 28. The Maymester may include some classes that have travel opportunities.

Following Maymester, the summer semester will consist of two sessions. Each session will last five weeks. Some classes will cover both sessions, thus making the classes 10 weeks long. The first session starts in early June.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office by phone at (706) 295-6339.

### Maymester Schedule

Registration	May 10
First Day of Class	May 11
Finals	May 28

### Class Times

Mon. - Fri.

### Three-Hour Classes

8 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  
11:25 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.  
6 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.

### Two-Hour Classes

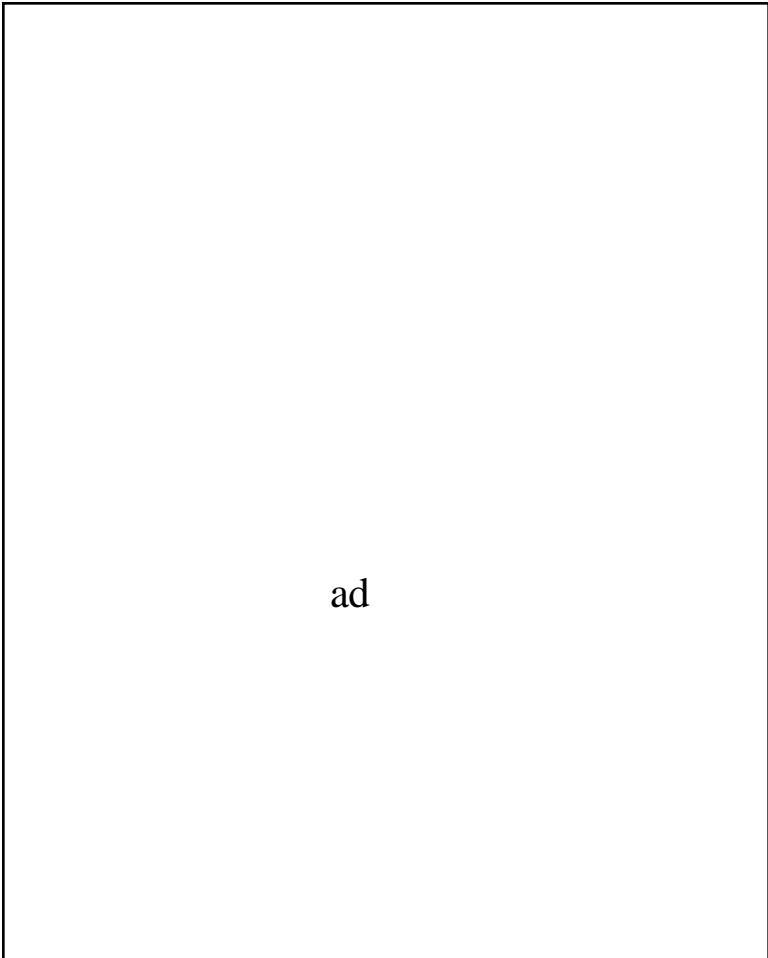
8 a.m. - 10:06 a.m.  
10:20 a.m. - 12:26 p.m.  
6 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.

## Political candidates from Polk and Floyd counties will be on the central campus to discuss issues pertaining to the Nov. 3 elections

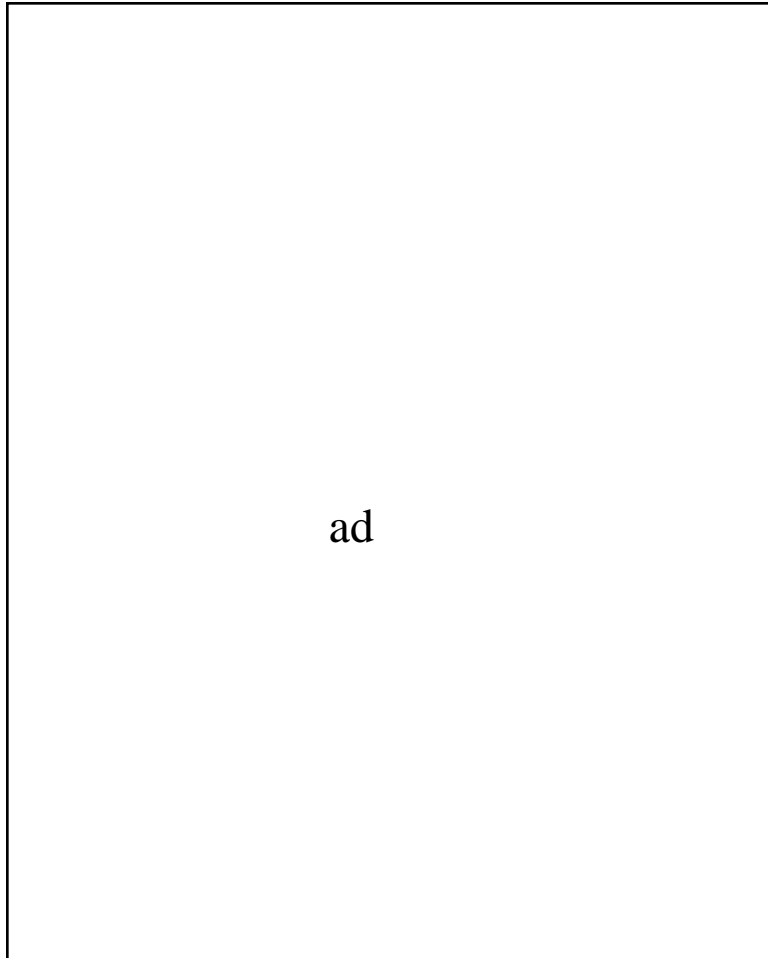
By Matt Bowers  
Editor

Many candidates running in the Polk and Floyd County elections will be on the Floyd College central campus Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The forum will be held in the tower plaza area if weather permits. The event is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

The SGA has formally invited and is awaiting responses from all candidates on the ballots of Polk and Floyd counties, including those running for county commissioner, Board of Education, state representative, U.S. representative and judge positions.



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# News

## Club News

### ASAP

ASAP will meet every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. and every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Quiet Dining Room. More information about membership is available from Peggy Gentry, president, at [pgent00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:pgent00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu) or from Theresa Sweat at [tswea00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:tswea00@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### BAS

The Black Awareness Society recently elected officers for the 1998-99 school year. The officers are as follows: president, Tony Dean; vice president, Donnell Dammond; secretary, Misty White; treasurer, Elizabeth Kennebrew.

The BAS will be sponsoring a bake sale Oct. 21 in the tower area, weather permitting.

The BAS will also be sponsoring a trip to Birmingham, Ala., which they will release more details on at a later date.

### BSU

BSU continues to meet during the activity period on Thursdays in W-202. The Baptist Student Union is an interdenominational group for all students interested in participating in Christian Activities on the campus and in the community.

### FANS

The Floyd College Association of Nursing Students provided a team to participate in the Relay for Life Sept. 25-26 to raise money for the fight against cancer. FANS is comprised of students majoring in nursing and is involved in both community service projects and fund raising activities. FANS members are also active in state and national nursing student organizations.

### HPER

HPER will begin signing up people to work the upcoming Holiday Festival Basketball Tournament within the next few weeks. The dates for the tournament are Dec. 18, 19, 21, 22 and 23.

The next HPER Club meeting will be Oct. 20 at 11:15 a.m. in D-124. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Bridgette Stewart at 295-6353 or contact her via e-mail at [bstewart@mail.f.peachnet.edu](mailto:bstewart@mail.f.peachnet.edu) for

more information about joining HPER. All are welcome.

### ORK

The *Old Red Kimono*, Floyd College's fine arts magazine, is accepting submissions from students for possible publication in its annual spring edition. Creative writing, art and photographs may be submitted. For more information contact *Old Red Kimono* adviser Jeffery Mack at [jmack@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:jmack@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### Psi Beta

New members will be inducted into Psi-Beta on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m.

Pink ribbons will be available on campus during mid-October, in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness.

A flea market will be held in November to raise funds for community service projects. All donations of flea market items will be accepted in the Social and Cultural Studies Office. Faculty, staff and students are all welcome to donate items.

Faculty adviser for Psi-Beta is Dr. Alberta Johnson. Johnson may be reached by calling (706)-295-6300 or by e-mail at [ajohnson@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:ajohnson@mail.fc.peachnet.edu).

### SMP

The *Six Mile Post* will be publishing two more issues this semester: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. More writers are needed for news and especially sports. No experience is required.

Please contact SMP editor, Matt Bowers, at 295-6361 or [6Mpost@mail.fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:6Mpost@mail.fc.peachnet.edu). Students interested in a staff position may also submit an online application by going to [www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost/main2.html](http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/sixmilepost/main2.html).

### SGA

Recently, some changes were made to the SGA. Jessica Dingler, vice-president of special events' and Robin Bishop, Central campus senator, resigned their positions due to personal problems. Mya Smith who was the secretary-treasurer has been moved into the vacancy created by

Dingler's resignation. We welcome aboard Candace Crawford as our new secretary-treasurer. Anyone interested in filling the vacant senator position for the Central campus should come by the Office of Student Life and talk to either Ashley Tull, director of student life, or Paul Clayton, SGA president. Clayton invites anyone that is interested in helping to make a difference on campus to please come by and let it be known.

On a slightly different note,

SGA is sponsoring a candidate forum for the upcoming elections. Candidates from Floyd and Polk counties have been invited to speak with the students at the Central campus on Oct. 22 at the Tower.

On Oct. 27, we will welcome TOAST to our campus. This band has a definitive sound. They are upbeat and modern with a touch of the Blues.

### Chess Team

The Floyd College Chess Team is now recruiting members for the 1998-99 team.

The team plans to play in the Floyd County Intercollegiate Chess Tournament to be held in during the spring semester.

Interested students should contact Phil Kemp, Tony Monford or Steve Burns.

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## Editorials

# Trash scars Paris Lake on Floyd College campus

An old tire, a milk carton, paper cups, cigarette butts: this may sound like a list of items found at a municipal trash dump. However, in this case, they are not.

In fact, these are items that can be found, in plain view, floating in the water and lying on the shores of our very own Floyd College campus lake.

So why all this trash? It is fairly apparent that the lake and surrounding park areas haven't been getting much use as of late. One could walk down to the lake on any given day to find only one or, if he or she is lucky, two solitary souls adorning the stone benches surrounding the lake.

Apparently, since the lake isn't seeing much business, it has been assumed that it does not require a high level of maintenance, if any at all. The trash from the few visitors that still wander down to the lakeside re-

mains there for weeks.

And that's the problem. It's not the pure amount of garbage that is astounding, but rather, it's the amount of time that the garbage remains in the lake and on the ground.

One could be a regular daily visitor to the lake for weeks and still only witness one solitary act of cleaning: a man driving through in a truck, spearing the trash he can see and reach from inside the cab with a pole.

Let's face it folks, a drive-by cleaning isn't going to cut it. It's part of our responsibility, even as students, to make sure the lake, and other parts of the campus, stay in decent shape.

So, give a hoot. And if you're walking around the Floyd College Campus and notice a plastic cup, or any other sort of trash, adorning the ground, take a second out of your busy schedule to pick it up. This place will only look as good as we let it.

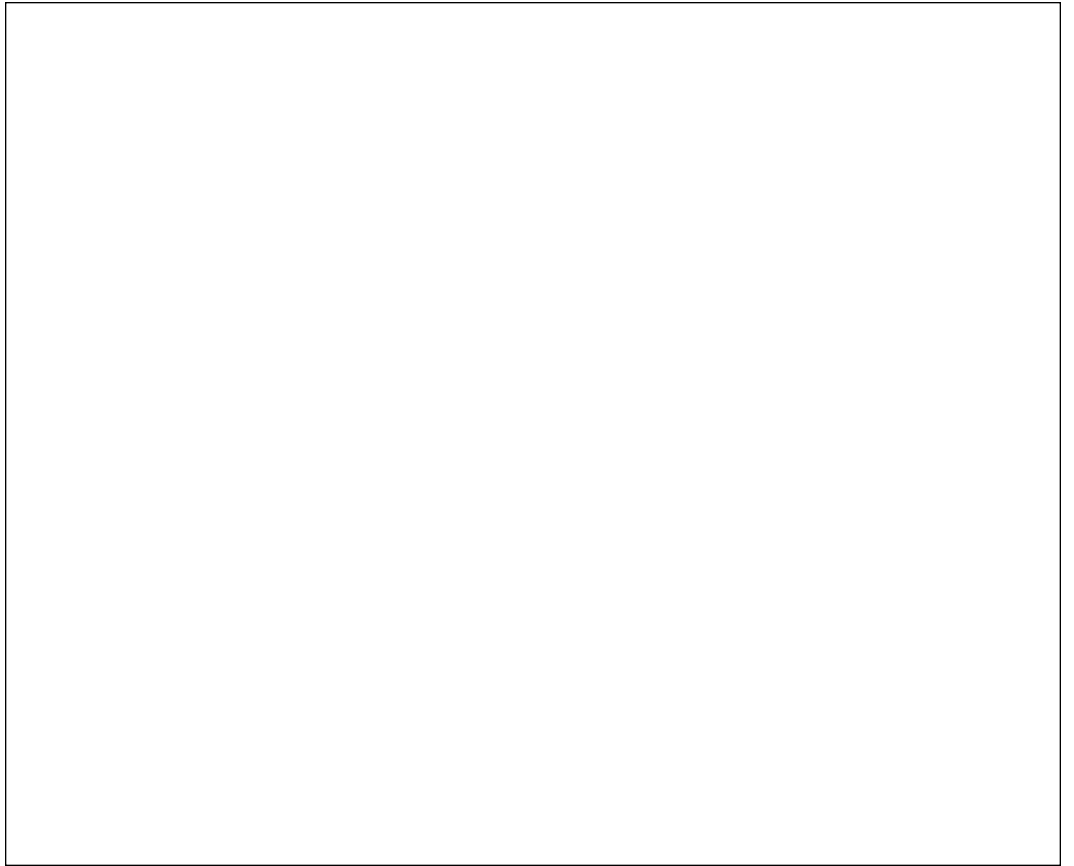


Photo by Kevin Barnes

Paris Lake shows the lack of attention and neglect that it receives by the trash present in its waters.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I greatly appreciate the article "The Most Precious Gift."

I know that a lot of strength and effort was put into the article. I indeed realize that the most precious gift that anyone possesses is life. As a sophomore in college, stress, disappointments and frustration have become an additive to my life. Without God's help, there are some days that I have felt that I could not make it.

Your article gave me a sense

of hope and relief to stop worrying about my problems and pray about someone else's problem.

I truly hope and pray for strength in your community.

You are brave and courageous for sharing your experience with the rest of us here at Floyd College. May the Lord continue to bless you and heaven smile greatly upon you.

Jamie Cook

Sophomore, Floyd College

## Speak your mind, Floyd College

### Editor's Box

Raye Lynn Berry  
Assistant Editor

I have attended Floyd College for a few years now. During that time, I have been a part of and heard many conversations that involved complaints about various problems on and off campus in students' lives. However, aside from the complaints made to peers, many students don't take their concerns to the people that could actually make a difference.

Take, for instance, the recent addition of laptop computers to our school. I have heard so many comments about how the idea is great but the cost is way too high, especially considering that many of us have computers at home. Some have stepped forward and made their views on this matter public. However, what would happen if everyone who felt strongly about the price were to step forward and make the president of Floyd College, or the Board of Regents, understand how much it affects the students? The voice of one becomes the voice of many.

Let's touch on the new virtual bookstore. How many of you are

upset that Floyd College seems to be trying to make a school where no human contact will be needed? Don't we all need human contact to remain sane? Are we just going to sit and watch our school make us all numbers instead of recognizing our individualism?

Sure, we will go to our friends and even teachers to gripe a little. What good will this do without actually joining together and making the administrators listen?

Another common topic of conversational griping is problems in many students' pay at off-campus work. How many of you leave 15 percent tip at a restaurant for your server? I know for a fact that many of the students at Floyd College are servers for various restaurants around Rome. I am one of them. I have had many conversations about how customers eat a good meal, get good service and then leave one dollar as a tip. Maybe people just don't know that a server, on average, makes \$2.13 an hour and taxes for food and alcohol sales are taken out of this

small amount. Maybe we should get out there and educate people so that they know that this is a job just like any other and that servers depend on that 15 percent to pay the electric bill and even tuition for college.

Society is structured in such a way that the people who are rewarded in life are the ones who voice their opinion and make a difference by changing what is undesirable.

If you have a view or opinion on a subject, please ... speak up. Make your views known.

If everyone thinks that a problem will resolve itself or that others will voice their opinion for them, nothing will change for the better. Only the students know what is best for them in life. So as a student, make your interests known to everyone.

One student can make a difference in his/her life by speaking what is on his/her mind. Many students can make a difference in the system if their voices are loud enough.

The *Six Mile Post* is here for you. If you have an opinion or a view on any topic, let us know and we will do the best we can to make your voice heard. We are here to represent the student voice-  
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## Opinions

### A society obsessed with thinness leads to eating disorders; eating disorders lead to death

by  
Brittany  
Puckett

Karen Carpenter, internationally known singer, died at age 33. Christy Henrich, accomplished gymnast, died at age 22. Jodi Newkirk, Georgia high school student, died at age 18. Michael Krasnow, writer, died at age 28. Helga Brathen, champion gymnast, died at age 29.

What did these five people have in common with eight million Americans today?

Each one of their lives was controlled by the desire to be confident, happy, successful and openly accepted by others. This sounds harmless, even healthy, right?

Unfortunately, they were headed down a very dangerous road, a road too often traveled. The primary element of destruction for these individuals was the belief that in order to achieve this coveted existence they must master society's perception of the "ideal physique."

They were willing to do whatever it took to reach their goal. This obsessive determination led to their deaths.

All of these people suffered from conditions commonly referred to as "slow forms of suicide." They were all victims of eating disorders.

The three types of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and compulsive

overeating, all of which begin with the desire to lose weight.

Victims of eating disorders eventually become obsessed with their body image and form habits that are detrimental to their well-being. These habits include starving themselves, eating unusually large amounts of food and sometimes purging by vomiting or use of laxatives. All of these habits can, and most of the time do, produce fatal results.

It is no wonder that today, 50 percent of fourth-grade girls (age 9) have dieted, or that 15 percent of young women have eating disorders (Patricia Santucci M.D., Medical Director, Linden Oaks Hospital). Young men also suffer from eating disorders in attempts to achieve athletic success.

Magazines, billboards, television and even toys promote a disordered image of fitness and beauty. A few examples include Barbie dolls, Calvin Klein, billboards of hollow-faced fashion models and television shows such as *Baywatch*, starring half-dressed women who have probably had numerous surgeries to "enhance" their figures. Young girls go to great lengths to model themselves after these unrealistic idols.

This obsession needs to be combated in America, and it begins in the individual communities like Floyd College. With the help of organizations such as ANAD (National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders) and EDAP

(Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention), victims can be professionally consoled, treated and cured of these potentially life-threatening illnesses.

Last year at this time, I weighed 170 pounds. During that period in my life, I experienced the temptations of disordered eating brought about by society's pressures. However, I knew there had to be a better, healthier way.

With God's guidance and the love and support of my family and friends, I began to accept myself and to believe I could accomplish anything I set my mind to. I lost 35 pounds by exercising and following nutritional guidelines.

Victims should learn to focus on their health. They should also establish a safe body weight that also satisfies their need for self-acceptance.

Are you a victim of an eating disorder? Is someone you know suffering from this horrible existence?

Regain control of your life, or help someone else to do the same. Call today for additional information--

EDAP (Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention): (206) 382-3587

ANAD (National Association of Anorexia and Associated Disorders): (847) 831-3438

NEDO (National Eating Disorders Organization): (918) 481-4044

AABA (American Anorexia Bulimia Association, Inc.): (212) 575-6200

## Student Poll

Like the students at North Metro and Cartersville, students at central campus will soon have to buy their books over the Internet. Is this a good idea?

Julianne Peek, Cedartown

"I think it *is* a good idea. ... You wouldn't have to stand in line. The only problem ... is applying financial aid and how the bookstore would handle that. The more efficient, the more effective. Change is difficult for most people to deal with, but change is progress."

Erica Snyder, Rome

"I don't think it is a good idea. ... This could cause students to be delayed in their education. ... The bookstore is a ripoff!"

Luke Bradshaw, Cedartown

"I think it will limit the opportunity for a student to buy a used book. The confusion would be five times worse than it already is. ..."

Mandy Cannon, Rome

"I don't think it is a good idea because a lot of people don't have credit cards, and it would add to the confusion that's already present."

## THE LAND OF ODD

by  
Matthew  
Curry

Last month, I almost got run over by a steamroller on my way home from school. It happened as I was coming out of a curve, about 100 feet from my driveway. I was slowing down, getting ready to turn in. Beyond my driveway, there's a hill that's *also* 100 feet away, and as I was letting off the gas pedal, the steamroller appeared. It came

speeding at me over the hill in the middle of the road and almost made me wet my pants.

It was driven by a man with a sailor's cap and a very nasty grin on his face. He was small, greasy and waving cheerfully. **For lack of a better name, let's call him Fruit Loop.**

As I said, he was about the same distance from the driveway as I was. And since he was moving like a bat out of hell, it put me in a bad situation. I couldn't veer into the ditch. To my right was a fence, and to my left, a thick wall of trees. And it was too tricky to try and go in reverse.

So I stomped the gas and hoped to reach the driveway before him. And luckily I did. I pulled into the driveway just in time to glance in the rearview mirror and see Fruit Loop wave

"bye-bye" to me.

So why was this idiot riding through my neighborhood, wearing a sailor's cap and trying to kill people? Well, he was from the County Highway Department. He, along with several other men in orange vests, was doctoring up the road. This is understandable; the road does have a few bumps and potholes. But rather than fixing these, they just slung gravel all over the place and got in everybody's way. It wasn't until weeks later that they actually paved it.

Road construction is usually stupid anyway. I hate driving down the road and seeing those signs-the ugly, orange ones, with the little man holding the flag.

You see, it doesn't just mean, "CONSTRUCTION AHEAD"; it means you're in for a hassle. It means you're about to cram into

one lane with all the other cars and drive five miles an hour for a very long time. It means you're about to get little rocks stuck in your tires. It means you're going to be delayed ten minutes because some creepy guy with a flag won't let you pass. And when you finally do escape from it, you'll have to drive in the ditch because two men are standing in the road, smoking cigarettes and scratching themselves. That's what that orange sign *really* means.

But that's not the worst part. The real problem is that road construction isn't even necessary most of the time. It's pointless. Unless a road has big, gaping holes in it, there's no need for construction.

Take 411, for example. The road zombies have been all over it in the last few weeks, putting

cones everywhere and clogging up traffic. And why? All they're doing is making the road a darker shade of black. It's stupid.

So if it's a waste of time, why do they do it? The reason for all this highway madness is *money*. And the true culprit isn't the road zombies; it's our local government. Their goal is to spend all the cash they have, so they'll get the same amount next year. That's why you see these orange, metal monsters on the road.

Next time you come to a road construction site and you want to give the workers the bird, reconsider. Even though they occasionally try to kill people with steamrollers, they're not the real problem. All they do is drive heavy equipment and twirl stop signs. It's the county government who's at fault.

# Floyd College students travel the globe in search of excitement

## Geology students visit Wyoming

By Raye Lynn Berry  
Assistant Editor

Imagine being able to get away from everyday life, going to a place of absolute beauty and grandeur, and receiving ten credit hours for it. This is exactly the opportunity that Floyd College gave to the thirteen students who traveled to Wyoming this past summer.

Billy Morris, assistant professor of geology, headed a team of adventure bound students that traveled up to Wyoming for his Geology sequence courses last quarter. Instead of the monotonous classroom atmosphere, the students were able to study geology with hands-on experience.

This fun-filled trip began when the students flew to the airport in Denver, Colorado. From there, the students were on their way to Wyoming.

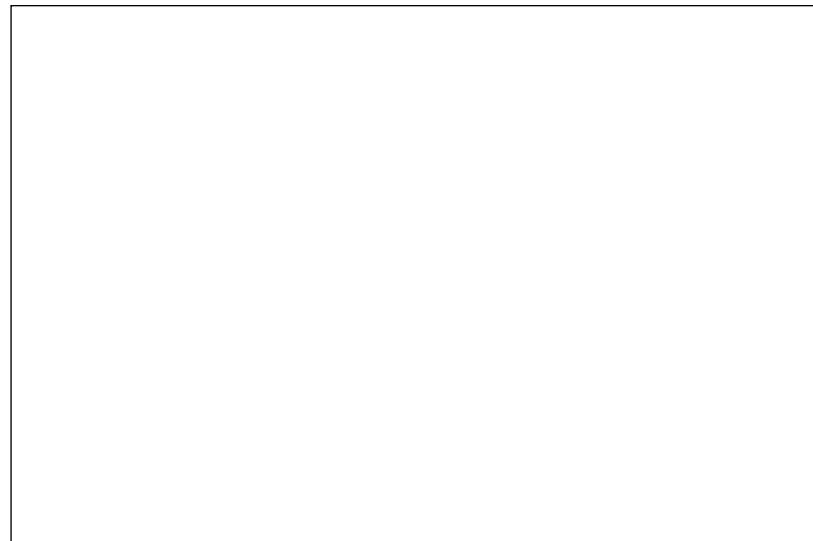
They went to Casper, Wyoming first. Morris had the students collecting minerals and fossils to study. Here, they also visited the Tate Museum, which is known for its impressive collection of dinosaur specimens.

Morris then led the students northwest to the Thermopolis hot springs. In addition to researching the spectacular hot springs, the students were also able to relax and take a dip in nature's hot tub.

The students were then lead to Cody to visit a museum that outlined the extraordinary life of Buffalo Bill at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. This museum also has artifacts of indian culture and various western artists.

Yellowstone National Park, one of our most well known and fascinating parks, was the next stop. The students resided in cabins at the park. They would wake up to a full day of researching geysers and other fascinating geological structures. They also had the opportunity to study the past volcanic activity of Mount Washburn.

The last stop was the Grand Teton National Park. The students stayed there for four days. Here the students had a change of scenery and studied the magnificent glaciers. They also had plenty of free time to explore the park through hiking, rafting,



Guest photo

**Pictured above from left to right are ( top row ) Melissa Smith, Dan Little, Michael Longshore, Brad Frink, Angie Williams, Brian Ballew, ( middle row ) Deborah Miles, Anita Starnes, Liz Bennet, Aura Morris, ( bottom row ) Jeannie Corbin, Tenice Byrd and Cantey Smith.**

horseback riding and other activities.

The students were gone for approximately seventeen days. Each day was full of adventure and new experiences. They started their studies at about eight in the morning and ended at about four in the afternoon. They were able to see several alluring sites that most students have only seen in pictures.

There were no tests for these two classes. Instead, the students were asked to keep a journal of their studies. Morris also requested a paper summarizing their experiences, but this was not due for two weeks upon their return.

The cost of the trip was only \$975. It included round-trip airfare, ground transportation, lodging, entrance into the museums and parks and a couple of meals. The cost of tuition was separate. However, there was no technology fee.

The school is trying to plan two Wyoming trips for next summer. Morris said, "We had to turn away many students." There is only enough room for fourteen students. Floyd College is attempting to make the cost of the trip the same, \$975. The dates are not set yet, so we will keep you posted when they do come available. For more information, contact Morris by e-mail [bmorris@fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:bmorris@fc.peachnet.edu) or by phone through the science and math department 706-295-6306.



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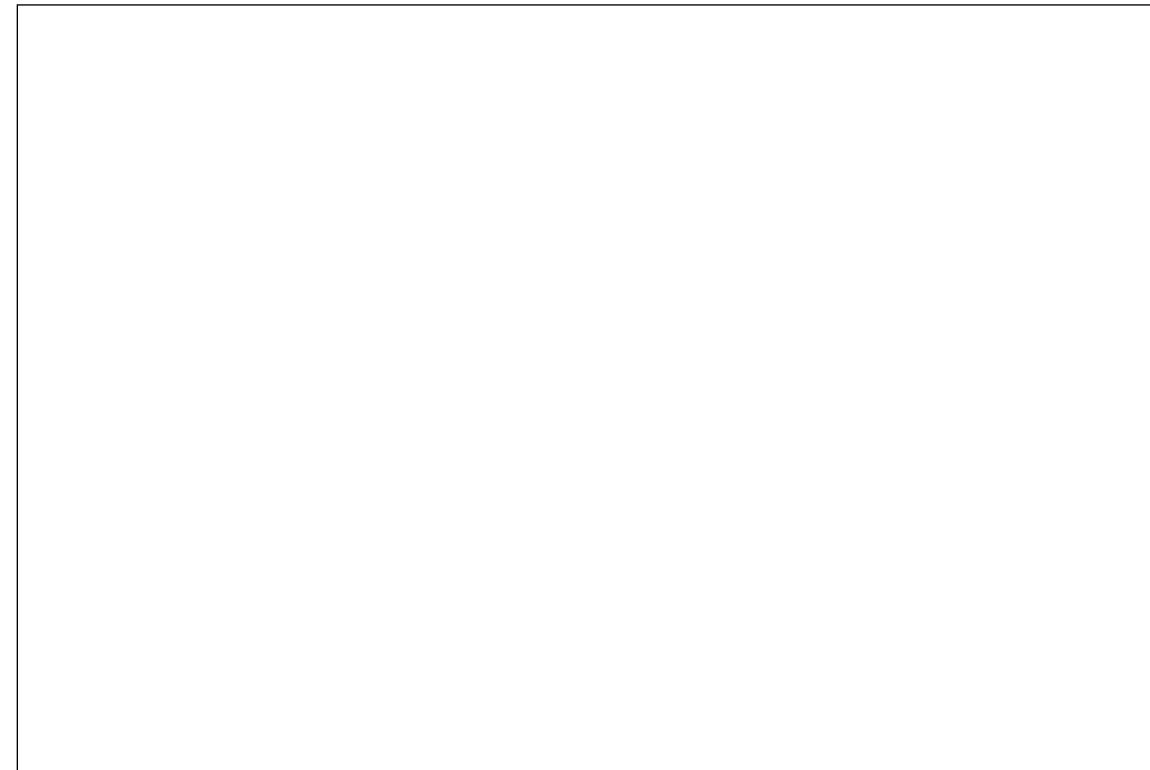
**Billy Morris enjoys his lunch.**



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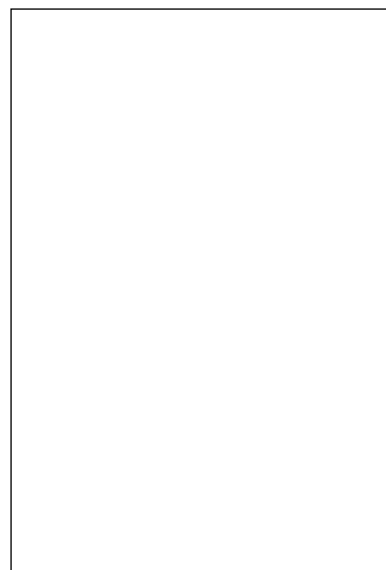
**Brad Frink poses at the Grand Tetons.**

## Starnes' group traverses Europe



Guest photo

**The Starnes' group pauses a moment for a photo before their tour of the city of Florence.**



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**The Eiffel Tower in France was also on the group's itinerary.**

By Nicole Blankenship  
Staff Writer

During the summer break of 1998, a trip to Europe was organized by Dr. Jo Anne Starnes, English professor, and Floyd College. A group of 16 people, including four students, toured England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

According to Starnes, the group spent two nights in London, Paris and Lucerne, one night in Florence and three nights in Rome. The trip was taken on tours and given historical information by guides.

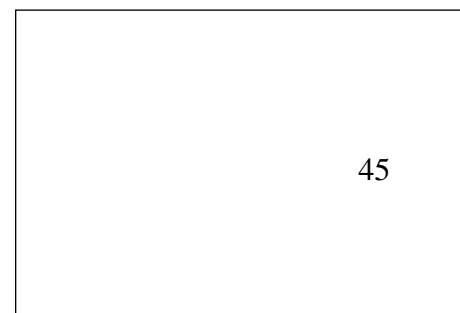
Some of the members of the group were given opportunities to visit places like a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the British Museum in London

and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. They also took a gondola ride in through the canals in Venice.

Of the four Floyd College students on the trip, three of them took the trip for course credit.

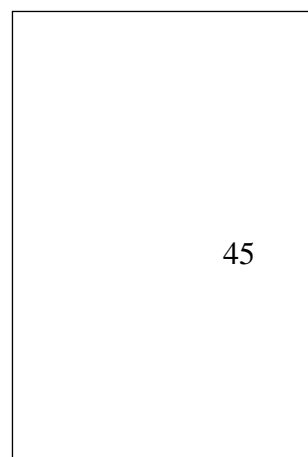
According to Starnes, another trip is scheduled for May 11 through May 22, 1999. This trip is open to any person interested and is not restricted to students only. The trip will consist of a seven-day Mediterranean cruise to Athens, the Greek Islands, Israel, Egypt and Turkey.

Starnes, who retired from Floyd College at the end of the summer, plans to continue to teach at FC part time.

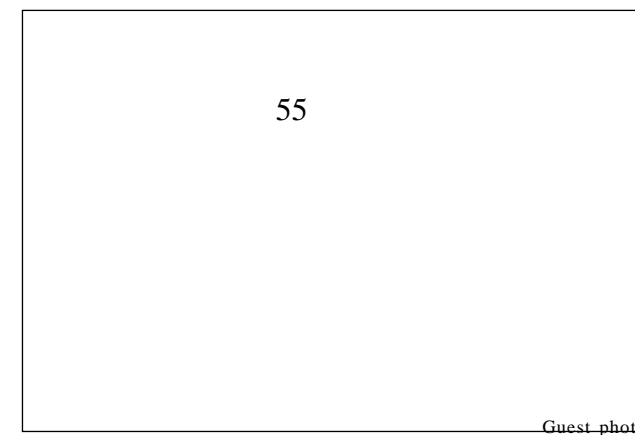


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**The group also visited the Tower of Piza (right) and the Colosseum (above) in Italy.**



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**The group was also sailed past the Tower Bridge.**

## The Cook crew visits Italy

By Brittany Puckett  
Staff Writer

Would anyone like to take an exciting vacation and earn college credit at the same time? Believe it or not, it is possible.

Floyd College students who participated in the study abroad trip to Italy last summer had only positive things to say about the experience.

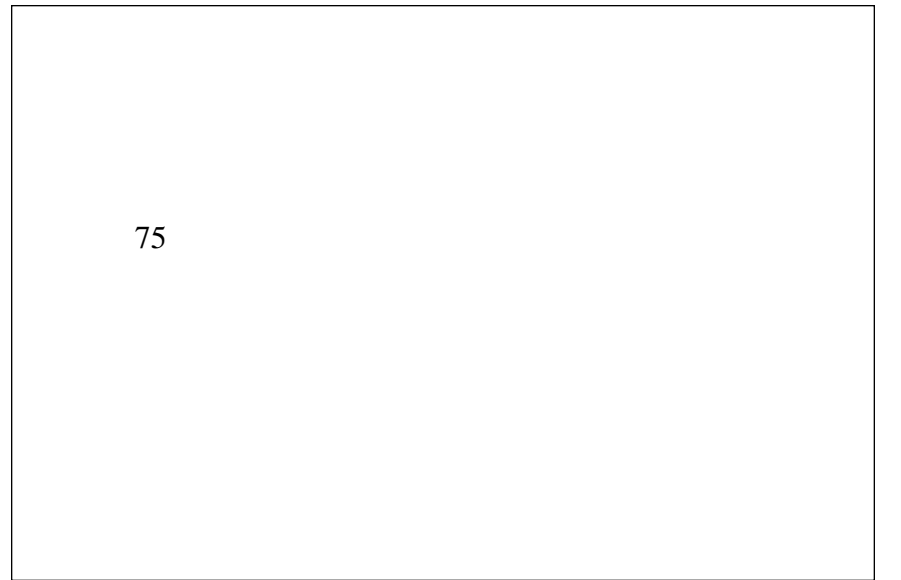
Floyd College graduate, Linda Haney said, "I loved the trip to Italy. I would advise all who can to sign up for the next study abroad trip. It was more than worth it."

Kristen Thomas, another participant in the trip to Italy, agreed stating, "It was great. I would do it again in a heartbeat. It was even better than I had imagined. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity to visit and learn about other places and different cultures."

Dr. James Cook, Floyd College's coordinator of International Studies, commented, "One can not escape learning while being exposed to an entirely different culture and way of life."

Cook and his study abroad group, accompanied by a professional guide, explored Italy from the northern city of Milan to Sorrento at its southern tip.

Cook recalled some of the specific attractions, including his personal favorite, Michaelangelo's *Pietá*, which is a



Guest photo

**Pictured above from left to right are Dr. Jim Cook, Linda Haney, Amanda Yates, Adam Turner, Maggie Rockworth, Kaili Benefield, and Jason Dugger.**

marble sculpture of Jesus and Mary in Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome. He also enjoyed Florence, a city "engulfed by the Renaissance."

The streets there were not designed for automobile travel, which, of course, makes the experience of a leisurely stroll through the city even more enjoyable.

"The ruins of Pompeii were equally fascinating," says Cook. The city of Pompeii was once covered in volcanic ash in 79 A.D., a tragedy that brought major damage to the city, but also helped to preserve many priceless treasures, including mosaics, wall paintings and some entire buildings.

Cook added, "Visiting Italy takes you back to another era."

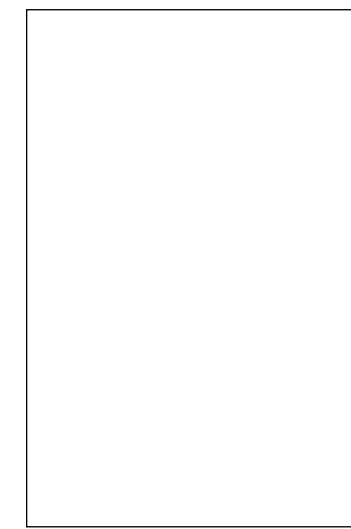
Cook's ninth annual study abroad trip will be a tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland in July 1999.

This trip will be another excellent opportunity for students to further their education in an effective and memorable way.

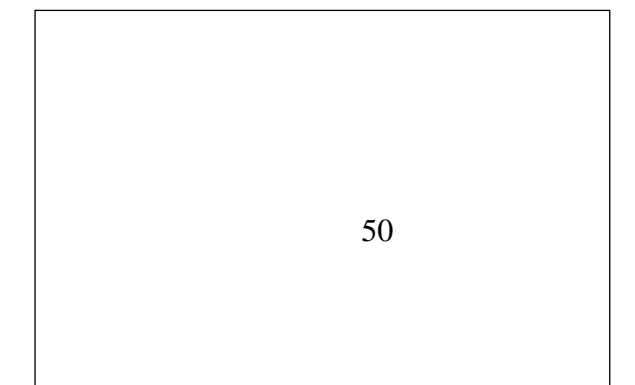
The trips are well organized and reasonably priced. Transportation, accommodations and most of the meals are provided. Since only a few spaces remain for the 1999 tour, Cook urges students to sign up without delay.

For more information, contact Cook at 295-6300, or visit his website at [jcook@peachnet.edu](mailto:jcook@peachnet.edu).

These trips are open to the general public, and they also provide an opportunity for students to earn college credit through independent study.



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**Some of the sites visited by the Cook group in Italy were the Giotto Tower in Florence (left) and Venice (above)**



# News

## Hershey wins arts award

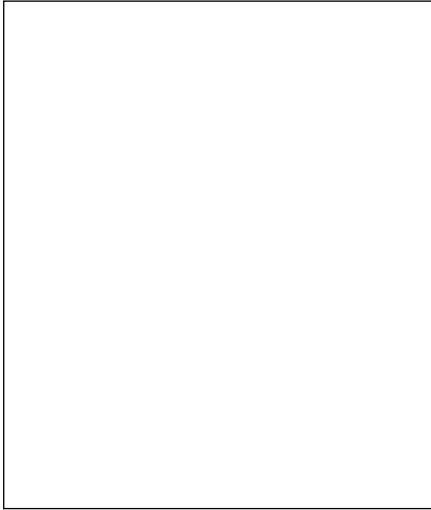


Photo by Carol Spain

**Jon Hershey**

**By Don Crider  
Staff Writer**

Floyd College professor Jon Hershey has been honored with the title of 1998-99 Rome Area Council for the Arts Artist of the Year.

Hershey was selected for the award in recognition of his contribution to and promotion of the literary arts in Rome.

This year's award marks a milestone in the area of arts in that the award has never before been presented to a recipient in

the field of the literary arts. Hershey's dedication to promote the literary arts is exemplified through his work at Floyd College, the Rome Area Council for the Arts and through his distinguished writing.

Hershey has taught several workshops at Floyd College and local middle and high schools and has edited Floyd College's *Old Red Kimono* for over ten years.

Hershey has also developed a student internet magazine called *FC Bytes*, organized an RACA Poetry Night at Schroeder's New Deli and hosts two FCTV television shows.

His works have been published in numerous literary journals in Georgia and Northeast Alabama.

Hershey's future plans include finishing his Ph.D. and extending his literary service and contributions to the area of Rome and surrounding communities.

Hershey states that he eventually "plans to write a best selling trashy novel and move to Hollywood."

Hershey would like to remind all interested students that a creative writing class is going to be offered in the upcoming Spring Semester.

## Anderson publishes novel

**By Lori Pulliam  
Staff writer**

Ken Anderson, professor of English, has a new novel coming out sometime in October. The title of the book is *Someone Bought the House on the Island*.

Anderson's book is about a young man named Kevin. Kevin has just graduated from high school and has become the caretaker of a house on an island. The owner of the house is very wealthy. Kevin is exposed to decadence and must come up with his own set values from scratch.

Anderson tried to structure his novel like Bram Stokers' *Dracula* by telling his story in many different forms. Some of them are narrative, journal form and poetry, along with other styles of writing.

David Mott, associate professor of art, designed the cover of Anderson's novel. The front cover depicts a sketch of a nude male from the rear.

Anderson also has had two other works published. One is a book of poems entitled *Intense Lover*.

The other is a play, *Mattie Cushman*, a psychodrama.

His play has been produced at the Pumphouse Players,

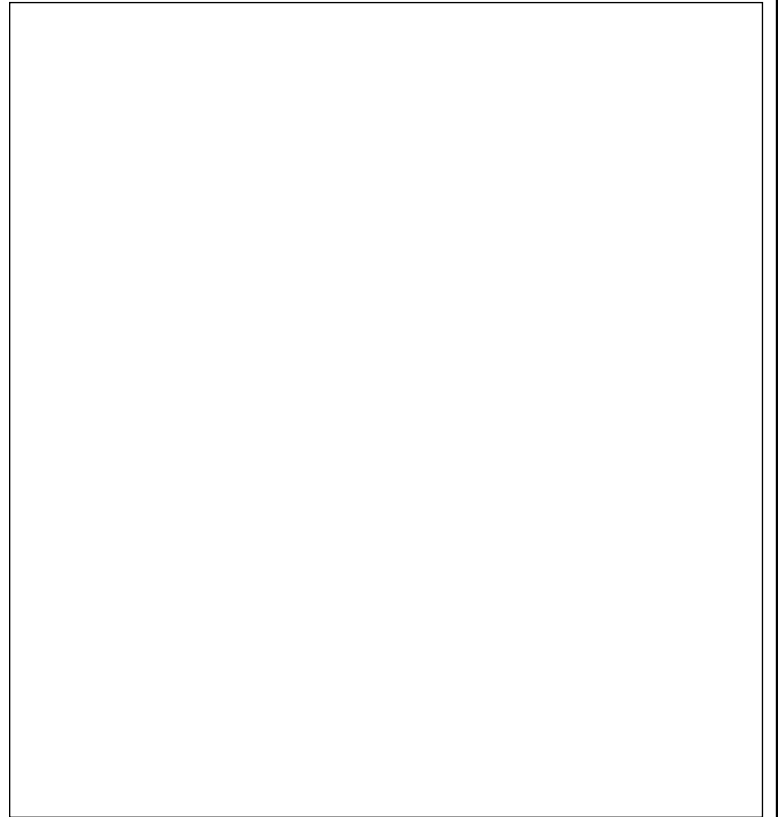


Photo By Kevin Barnes

**Kenneth Anderson poses with his recently published novel.**

Atlanta's Academy Theatre, and it also aired on Bartow County cable.

Anderson has been teaching at Floyd College for 28 years. He attended Louisiana State University where he received his BA in

English.

He then attended Indiana State University where he received a Master's Degree in Twentieth Century American and British Literature.

## Floyd College welcomes TOAST

**By Matt Curry  
Assistant Editor**

The TOAST Band will be performing **free of charge** Tuesday, Oct.27, in the Tower Area. The concert will last from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

The band originated in Abington, Va., in 1995. Its album,

*Game Called Life*, sold nearly 2,000 copies in 1997.

The band has performed at hundreds of colleges and clubs nationwide and has also opened for the Edwin McCain Band. In 1998 the band members moved to Nashville, Tenn.

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# Rome Coming '98

The city of Rome is having a party, and you're invited.

The action kicks off at 8 p.m. on Oct.16 at The Forum.

Performing will be Rome's own Scattered Smothered and Covered as well as Otis Redding.

Tickets on sale now at The Greater Rome Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Call (706) 295-5576.

## News

# Bookstore going online Student robbed at gunpoint

By Valerie Gilbert  
Staff Writer

Beginning next semester, students attending the North Metro, Cartersville and Haralson campuses of Floyd College will no longer be purchasing their textbooks from bookstores located at the various campuses; they will be ordering them through the Floyd College Virtual Bookstore.

A pilot program has been used this fall semester at the North Metro campus located in Acworth.

Instead of purchasing books in the bookstore, students on the North Metro campus have been ordering them from the Floyd College Virtual Bookstore located on the Floyd College web site.

The virtual store is offered by Specialty Books, a subsidiary of Nebraska Book Company.

Students with a major credit card or financial aid will have their orders processed the same day and should receive their books via UPS Ground within three to five days. Students can also pay by check or money order, but the books will not be shipped until the check is received by Specialty Books. For an additional shipping fee, service can be expedited by re-

questing Next Day or Second Day Air.

Students who drop a class may return the books to Specialty Books and receive a 100 percent refund if they are shipped back within 14 days.

The Virtual Bookstore will also offer software, reference and books of general interest.

The move to a web-based bookstore is a push to get away from the physical bookstore. With the current implementation of the laptop program in place, Robert Gilbert, director of auxiliary services, sees this as a natural next step. According to Gilbert, "The Virtual Bookstore is one more outgrowth of technology for Floyd College."

In addition, he believes this program will save students time by eliminating long lines at the bookstore as well as providing a financial savings of roughly \$4 per book with no state sales tax charge.

The virtual bookstore will buy used books back at half price, and Specialty Books will buy them back wholesale.

Some students have expressed concern that this program will

only complicate book purchasing.

Jessica Griffey, a biology major attending the Cartersville Campus, questions the effectiveness and feels that "the physical bookstore is a privilege that the students pay for."

Carolyn Parks, director of the Cartersville Campus says, "I hope this is successful and that the Help Desk, the bookstore and the students will make a concerted effort to make this work."

Lori Ann Pulliam, a student attending classes at the North Metro Campus, offered her experience with the pilot program, "They [Specialty Books] were slow getting my order shipped. They did not have the right book editions and some of the books were on back order."

Gilbert admits that the pilot program had some problems but says that the problems have been worked out.

Another possible response to the Virtual Bookstore is that some students will make a greater effort to swap books with other students or go to other area colleges to buy their books.

By Matthew Curry  
Assistant Editor

A student at Floyd College was robbed at gunpoint along with two of her friends on Fortune Street in Rome the night of Sept. 28.

The student prefers to remain anonymous, but was willing to describe the robbery.

It took place when her friend, who was driving, pulled the student's car over to ask a young man if he knew where someone lived. He told them he didn't, then pulled a gun out from under a handkerchief and pointed it at the girls, demanding their money and other items.

Though one of the girls was making obscene gestures and swearing at the robber during the incident, they complied with him.

He collected \$60 in cash from them, along with their jewelry and watches.

Afterwards, the three girls went to the police, then returned to the scene. A man who had witnessed the robbery was waiting on the corner in his pajamas. He told the police who the robber was and which house he lived in.

The police quickly arrested the suspect and got back the girls' possessions.

The accused was 16, the gun was stolen and it only contained one bullet. The suspect is currently in juvenile detention. The student involved in the robbery says, "Hopefully, he'll stay there."

## Laptops made easy: a note on using e-mail

By Steve Head  
Asst. Librarian

Problems that students experience with their computers often stem from the network connection, or more accurately, a lack of a network connection.

You connect your laptop to a network in two different ways: at school you use the thick gray or black cord with the "dongle" at one end to connect directly to the Floyd College network. Direct connection outlets can be found in your classrooms or on the study desks in the library.

Connection to the Earthlink network from home is made by dialing in through your telephone line using a modem. If you aren't connected to the Floyd College network directly or to Earthlink through a dial-in modem connection, here is an area with which you might have trouble.

### E-mail:

You can't check your e-mail unless you are connected to a network. If you aren't connected from home through Earthlink or at

Floyd through a direct connection, then you won't be able to check your e-mail.

You should also make sure that your network configurations are set correctly for Pegasus Mail. To set these you need to open the mail program, click on "Tools" on the menu bar, choose "Options" from the pull-down menu and choose "Network configurations" from the resulting dialogue box.

After "Network configurations" is chosen, you will see four boxes, or fields, into which information can be entered.

The top box asks for your POP3 server address. This is the computer where your e-mail is collected and sent out to you. The computer you use has the address of "mail.fc.peachent.edu." That should appear in the uppermost box.

Next is your user name, which should be the first initial of your first name plus the first four letters of your last name followed by two zeros. The exceptions to this

rule would be people with the same amalgam of name letters, such as John Smith and Jane Smith. Both users would have the same letters in their user names, but the digits would be different.

The third box will ask for your password, and the fourth box will ask for the address of the computer that sends mail out onto the Internet. In our case that would be the same computer that receives and distributes our e-mail, "mail.fc.peachnet.edu."

If you've just entered new information into any of these boxes, it might be necessary for you to restart your computer in order for the new settings to be recognized.

This seems to be a problem that many students are having. There are many more that can be addressed, and hopefully we can address them in future issues.

*Watch for tips on printing, next issue.*

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# Sports

## League play continues

By Chris Fincher  
Guest Writer

The intramural **football** league is tied with two first place teams, the Poe Boys and Loggerheads, each with one win. The Gold Club is second with a record of two losses.

The faculty and staff **basketball** team is standing firm in first place with three wins, but the Hawks are in close second with two wins and one loss. The Ballers, who have a record of one win and two losses, hold third place. The Sweet Rollers follow them in fourth with a record of three losses.

"We would like to begin a women's basketball league," David Mathis, intramural director, said. "But we can't get enough ladies interested to get it started."

There are three co-ed football and four basketball teams; each led by its own captain.

"At the end of the season the area college teams with the best records will gather for a championship tournament to decide a regional champion," Mathis said.

### Flag Football Playoffs

<b>Gold Club vs. Poe Boys</b>	<b>Oct. 21 - 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Loggerheads vs. Gold Club</b>	<b>Oct. 26 - 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Loggerheads vs. Poe Boys</b>	<b>Oct. 28 - 2:30 p.m.</b>



Photo by Kevin Barnes

**Chuck Lumpkin drives the lane for two points.**

### Championship Games

**3-on-3 Basketball**  
**Oct.22 At 1:30 p.m.**

**Flag Football**  
**Nov. 2 At 1:30 p.m.**

## Activities Update

By Chris Fincher  
Guest Writer

Under the instruction of Karen Bradshaw, the aerobics class features **step and low-impact aerobics**. The class, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m., will award prizes at the end of the sessions to people with perfect attendance.

"The classes are going real well," David Mathis, intramural director, said. "We're averaging eight to 11 people in each session."  
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The annual **table tennis tournament** will begin Oct. 19 in the Floyd College gym lobby. Everyone who has signed up will be placed in a bracket and will have to contact his/her opponent to set up a time to come and play. Telephone numbers will be provided.

## Baseball team strikes out!

By Justin Tippett  
Staff Writer

According to Pete Dilorenzo, assistant professor of physical education, the baseball team will not be starting any time soon. There were 24 students who signed up and 16 who had no scheduled conflicts and could play regularly. According to Dilorenzo, Floyd College was not too excited about getting the baseball team into intercollegiate play. Berry College declined to play Floyd College in a game and Shorter College never replied to Dilorenzo's request.

Dilorenzo stated, "If students have the dedication and want to participate in sports, then our college should help them out."

Dilorenzo is still looking into getting a Floyd College baseball team into a league in Atlanta if at all possible, but will not know for sure until November.

Dilorenzo finished by saying, "I'm still considering other means of playing sports."

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# Floyd College students take to the hills

By Paul Clayton  
Guest Writer

Sept. 26 started early for 11 Floyd College students as they set out at 4:30 a.m. for a trek into the Cohutta Wilderness Area of North Georgia.

It took four hours to make the trip to the wilderness area. No one slept, as our excitement level was high. The eleven of us and Tim Banks, instructor in physical education, looked like a bunch of sardines crammed into our transport. At 8:55 a.m., we arrived at Dally Gap, our embarkation point.

We were wished luck by a couple of fellow hikers as we headed off into the wilderness.

The first leg of our journey took us up and over Mule Top Mountain. This was a two mile hike, in the first mile of which we gained approximately 700 feet of elevation. Over the course of the second mile, we lost approximately 700-800 feet of elevation. We were now at the head of Penitentiary Branch Trail.

As we hiked up the mountain, I overheard Brian Blaylock say, "Now this is my idea of living large." This was the general consensus of our group. The mountains are beautiful at any time of

year. But, in the fall they can be breathtaking. The leaves change color as the inevitable change of the seasons comes upon us.

We had a couple of river crossings to accomplish before we reached our campsite.

At the first crossing Banks gave us a brief course in how to safely reach the other side of any river no matter how deep it may be or how swift the current.

Adam Turner carried one end of a rope across the river as Banks belayed it to him. Before any of us attempted to cross the river, it was explained to us that we needed to place our feet at the base of any rocks in our path. Sand gathers at the base of the rocks which helps to insure that there will be secure footing as you traverse the river.

In the event that a hiker was to fall into the river, they should be allowed to pendulum to the bank to facilitate rescue. If the attempt was made to pull them out, serious injury could result from unseen obstacles.

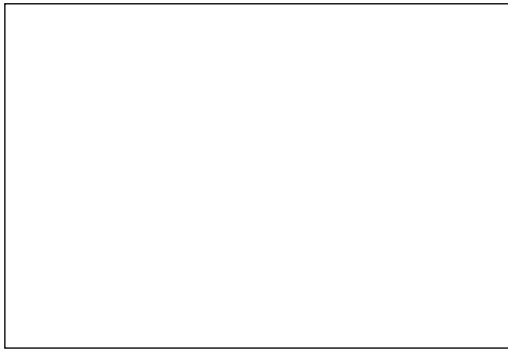
The next river that we had to cross was only ankle deep and presented no problem in the crossing. Three hundred yards further down the trail was our campsite.

The flurry of activity that erupted as everyone vied for a



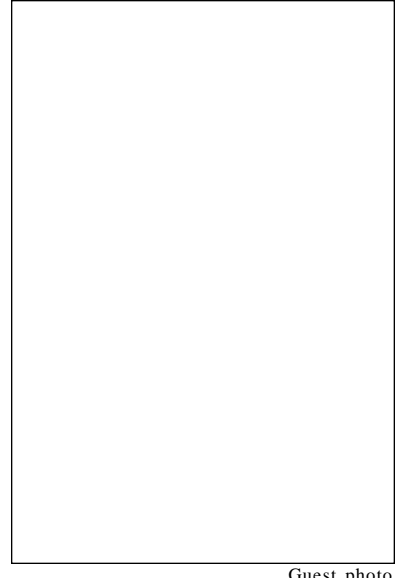
Guest photo

Floyd College hikers take a quick break for a photograph.



Guest photo

The weary hikers pause beside a stream.



Guest photo

A student "takes the plunge."

good site to set up the tents belied how tired everybody felt. It took less than 30 minutes for all of us to set up our tents, stow our food and head to the falls.

After trekking 8.5 miles through the wilderness, during the heat of the day, the near freezing water of the Jack's River Falls was a welcome experience.

Upon returning to camp, stoves were produced as if from thin air. Dinner was soon underway as all of us were exceptionally hungry. Shortly after everyone had eaten and cleaned up, tent interiors became a place of refuge for the night.

Morning found each of us at different times. A few were awake before the sun was in the sky, several only after it had been up for a couple of hours. We broke camp by noon and at 1:30 p.m. headed up Beech Bottom Trail to our pick-up point.

The hike out was much more leisurely than the hike in had been. We gained 1500 feet of elevation over the entire 3.5 miles to the trail head. There was plenty of time to stop and appreciate the quiet of the wilderness, to hear the wind sigh through the trees and the distant sound of the falls.

The trip to the Cohutta Wilderness Area was an interesting and invigorating experience. However, my calves hurt so much the next day that I did not even attempt to make any of my classes.

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### You're Invited!

What: Halloween Festival

Where: Haralson Campus

When: Oct. 29, 1:30-4 p.m.

All Floyd College students are welcome.

# News

## Floyd College welcomes the new student life director

By Matt Bowers  
Editor

As many of you already know, Floyd College has welcomed in a new student life director for the 1998-99 school year.

Ashley Tull comes to us from Middle Georgia College, where he was employed as director of student activities. Prior to that time, Tull had been employed as southeastern regional director for the Golden Key National Honors Society.

As director, Tull worked with 32 different colleges in North and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia, as well as three colleges in Puerto Rico and two in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Tull received his associates' degree at Gulf Coast Community College. He then moved on to the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Counseling Psychology and also his Master's of Education in College Student Personnel.

Some of the organizations and activities that Tull is responsible for as director of student life are judicial affairs, Student Government Association, clubs and organizations, health and wellness, Odyssey Travel Program and various other events around campus.

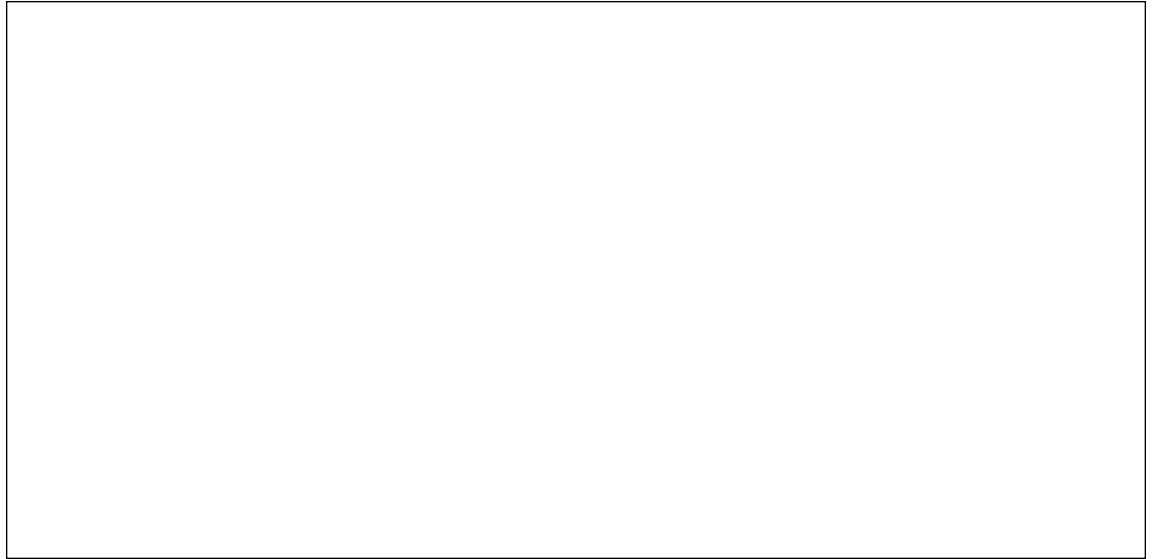


Photo by Kevin Barnes

Ashley Tull makes himself at home in his new job as the student life director at Floyd College.

## Banner Web named SCORE



Photo by Matt Curry

Beth Ann Roach (second from left), with the help of Christian Terry (third from left), won the contest for naming the Banner Web. The new Banner Web name is SCORE (Student Class Rolls and Online Registration made Easy). Roach won \$100 off her next semester's technology fee and dinner for her, two friends and Dr. Penny Wills (far right), vice president of student development. The award was presented by Wills and Dr. Lynn Cundiff (far left), president of Floyd College.

## Student judicial procedure under review

By Matt Curry  
Assistant Editor

The student discipline process is being revised. Starting Wednesday, Oct. 7, a new student judicial committee began reviewing the present system to decide what needed to be changed.

Ashley Tull, director of student life, is not yet sure how much it will be changed. "It needs some tweaking, if you will. There needs to be some clarification made on some areas."

Tull believes that the two major focuses will be academic integrity issues and whether a student can choose a hearing panel of students or faculty.

But at the same time, he can't be completely sure yet. According

to Tull, the committee may change very little, or a drastic amount. After that, the ideas will go before the Student Government Association, the Curriculum Committee, Academic Division Chairs and the Presidential Cabinet for approval and possibly more ideas. The revision process should be finished by Dec. 1.

Currently, the system focuses on situations involving academic dishonesty. It is based on an article by Edward Stoner, which serves as a model for student judicial procedures.

The present policy can be found on-line in the student handbook.

The handbook is on the Floyd College home page, and the policy is under student union, in the stu-

dent life section.

Among other things, the current policy includes the academic dishonesty code.

Stated briefly, the code says that no one is allowed to cheat, attempt to cheat or attempt to help anyone else cheat. Under the definition of academic dishonesty are plagiarism, tampering and "unauthorized assistance."

A student accused of academic dishonesty is entitled to a fair hearing by a panel composed of faculty and students.

Tull feels that students should be more familiar with their rights. "I would encourage all students to take a look at the student judicial process ... to somewhat become familiar with what your rights are as a student and the protocol."

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**The central campus Help Desk has moved!!**

The Help Desk has left the library and can now be found in W-115 right across the hall from the Advising Office.

The same services are offered with a more convenient location for students and employees.

They can still be reached at [helpdesk@fc.peachnet.edu](mailto:helpdesk@fc.peachnet.edu) or by phone at 706-295-6376.