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— News Briefs —

■ Ski trip coming up

Dr. Ken Weatherman, professor of physical education, is organizing the annual ski trip for physical education credit this year.

The trip will be from Jan. 1 through Jan. 5, 2001, in Boone, N.C. There is a choice between two packages for the trip. Each of the packages includes five sessions of skiing, instruction with the French-Swiss Ski College, equipment, slope tickets, lodging for four nights and a textbook. The cost ranges from \$265 to \$427, depending on the number of people per hotel room.

Deadline for trip registration is Dec. 1. A non-refundable \$75 deposit is due by this date. Those taking the trip for academic credit will register for PHED 1420 or PHED 1421 for spring semester credit.

Tuition is in addition to the trip fee. For more information, contact Weatherman at 706-295-6353.

■ Make a difference

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Floyd College will participate in the Make a Difference Day service project at the Rome Area History Museum. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants will be involved in activities such as painting and labeling displays. The Office of Student Life will provide lunch and T-shirts. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Office of Student Life at 706-295-6363.

■ Breast Cancer Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Psi Beta at Floyd College is sponsoring an awareness drive. According to the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition and Fund, one million women in the United States don't know that they have cancer. For more information on Breast Cancer and to pick up a pink ribbon to wear, go to the pink Psi Beta table situated in front of the Office of Student Life or to the library. The Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition's website may be found at www.gabcc.org. For more information on Psi Beta, contact Psi Beta adviser Dr. Alberta Johnson at 706-295-6300.

Kahn makes campaign stop at Floyd College

By Jason Yates
Staff Writer

"It is time to put an end to petty partisan politics and start working together to solve the real problems that affect people today," 7th District Congressional Candidate Roger Kahn said during a visit to Floyd College on Oct. 3.

Kahn spoke for approximately an hour to an open forum of students, faculty, staff and members of the community about various current issues.

He is campaigning against incumbent Bob Barr.

Kahn disagreed with Barr on several of his stands on education, Medicare and many other bills. He believes that Barr mistreated the people in these areas.

According to Kahn, Barr wants to constantly vote against hiring more teachers, raising funds for school lunches and more funding on student loans. Kahn said that if he is voted into office he would make the necessary changes to make the education system of Georgia proud and one of the best in the country.

Kahn strongly believes that education should be cheaper for Georgians so that more kids can go to school. "The only way to do this is to make our resources [school] cheaper and hire more teachers," Kahn said.

According to Kahn, Barr wants to cut 553 billion dollars from the Medicare program. Kahn said that he believes this hurts everyone, especially senior citizens. He does not like seniors having to choose between food and medicine since medicine costs are so high.

Kahn is also against the Claritin Patent Extension Act because this would be the third time their patent would be extended. According to Kahn, he owns shares of the company that owns Claritin. He wants Claritin to make a profit, but there should also be generic medications allowed so people don't have to pay the high cost of Claritin.

Kahn said that if Claritin is allowed a third extension that it would cost the citizens of the 7th District over 13 million dollars a year.

Kahn says that Barr wants to allow Claritin a monopoly because "they should be allowed a fair profit." Kahn said he wants them

to make a profit also, but citizens should be allowed to choose between name brand and generic.

Kahn one day hopes to see Claritin as an over-the-counter medication instead of being prescribed by doctors.

According to both Republicans and Democrats in Congress, the national debt is at 2.2 trillion dollars. Kahn thinks that should change. Kahn believes that now that America has a large national surplus from the budget that the government should start to pay down the national debt.

He said that the Republicans want to spend the national surplus on tax breaks for the American people since it is their money.

Kahn wants to pay down the debt so that if the United States ever goes back into an economic downfall, like the Great Depression, Americans will not have a large national debt looming over their heads. After the debt is paid off, Kahn would then give what surplus is left over back to the American taxpayers, since that was their money to begin with.

Kahn strongly wants to put an end to partisan politics. "America needs public servants, not Republicans and Democrats," Kahn said. He said this is the major reason he is running for Congress.

Kahn stated that he is tired of all the fussing, fighting and bickering that is going on in Washington and he wants to change that.

After Kahn finished his opening statements, he opened the floor to questions from the 30 members of the community who were in attendance.

A student asked what Kahn thought about space travel. Kahn answered that he agrees NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) deserves a modest increase in funds.

Kahn was then asked a question about what he thinks about abortion. Kahn stated his position clearly. He believes that abortion choice is between a woman, her doctor, and her god.

In response to a student's question about the national defense, Kahn said, "A nation is only

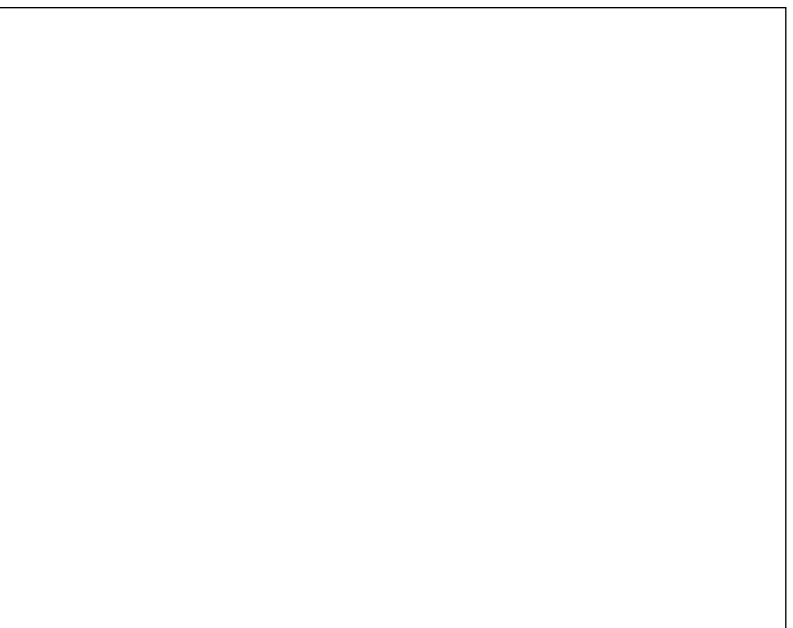


Photo by Heather Palmer

After a thorough presentation about his campaign, Roger Kahn takes time to answer questions in the Lakeview Building.

as strong as its defense." He wants to increase funding for the defense so we can remain as the "world's policeman." Since military men's lives are on the line for our country, Kahn wants to pay them better. With a pay increase, they would no longer have to use food stamps to get by.

Kahn also wants to close down military bases that are no longer relevant to our defense or welfare. He wants to stop funding of military projects that were not on the original budget plan as well.

A concerned homeschool graduate asked Kahn if he likes the idea of homeschooling and if he would be willing to work to give homeschool families vouchers for their education.

Kahn said he strongly believes in homeschooling and he knows that these children receive a high quality education; but, because it is a personal choice, he can not support giving federal funds to a few people who choose homeschool instead of public school.

When asked about his personal life and what he does in his spare time, Kahn answered that he went to high school at River-

side Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga. He was born, raised, and still lives in Georgia. He has two daughters and a son. Kahn's oldest daughter is about to make him a grandfather.

Kahn lives on a farm in Bartow County. In his spare time, Kahn said he likes to tend to his cows and chickens.

Kahn said that when he was a child that he always dreamed of working for his dad and being successful in the wine industry.

Kahn was also asked questions about the Second Amendment. Since he is a hunter, he doesn't think gun control should be forced on law-abiding citizens. However, he does think that gun control should be forced on criminals and guns should be kept away from little children.

"Do you think prayer should be put back in school?" asked one of the students in attendance.

Kahn said that we need to respect the beliefs of others and not force a particular religion on a whole body of students. He does believe that if the class or school votes on it, then student led prayer and devotions would be allowed.

• Congressman Bob Barr will speak on the Rome campus on Monday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. in the student center. He will discuss his platform for re-election and take questions from the audience. This event is open to the Floyd College community as well as area residents.

News

Third annual banned book reading displays First Amendment rights

By Laterah Dunham
Assistant Editor

On Monday Sept. 25 Floyd College held the third annual banned book reading to remember the books that were banned and censored.

While it was only the third time that FC had this event, it was the 19th annual event in the country. This event took place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Many students stopped by between classes. Faculty and staff dropped by as well.

Lynn Bacon, chair of enrollment management, read from *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This was Lee's only book and was published in 1960. Bacon read from this book because she had auditioned for the part of Scout when

she was five years old. Shelia McCoy, Spanish and French professor, read from *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. This book

Venice by Shakespeare were read by LaNelle Daniel, English professor. "It is hard for me to ever imagine Shakespeare being banned,"

Daniel said. *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, and *Romeo and Juliet* have also been banned. *Merchant of Venice* was banned because of the way that Shakespeare portrayed Jews. He portrayed them as money hungry and haters of Christians.

Throughout the history of America, books have been banned from various societies and schools. Some of these books include *The Holy Bible*, *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Why were so many books banned? According to

<http://www.luc.edu/libraries/banned>, some people felt that the content of the books was inappropriate. "Most would-be book banners act with what they consider

to be the highest motives—protecting themselves, their families and communities from perceived injustices, and evil, preserving the values and ideals they would have the entire society embrace."

"Books are dangerous. They make you think. . . feel. . . wonder. . . They make you ask questions." This quote can be found on the banned book web site <http://www.georgesuttle.com/censorship/index.shtml>. This web site is just one of the many that explains book banning and censorship.

The protection of the First Amendment was the reason for starting the banned book reading every year. The First Amendment protects the right to have the freedom of speech, religion, peaceful assembly, petition, and freedom of press. These rights extend to all people no matter what their views are.

Should books really be banned and censored? According to <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/index.html>, Supreme Court Justice, William O. Douglas says that books should not be banned and censored.

"Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dan-

gerous of all subdivisions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us," says Douglas.

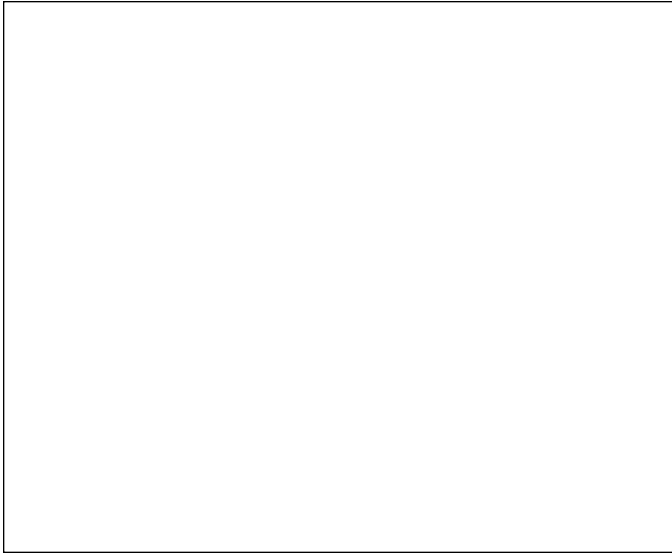


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Dr. Nancy Applegate, associate professor of English, reads from *American Psycho* by Bret Easton Ellis.

won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988. According to McCoy, *Beloved* was banned because it dealt with magic and realism.

Excerpts from *Merchant of*

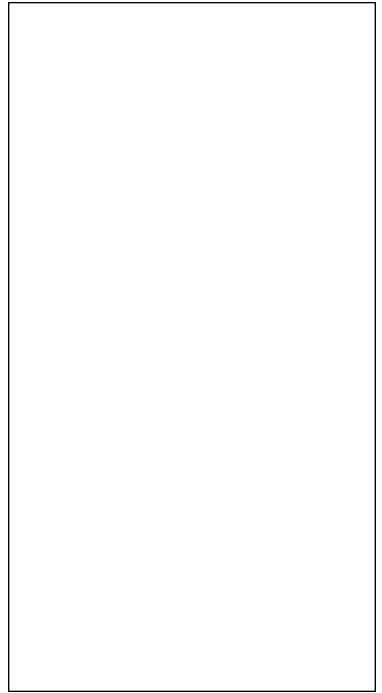
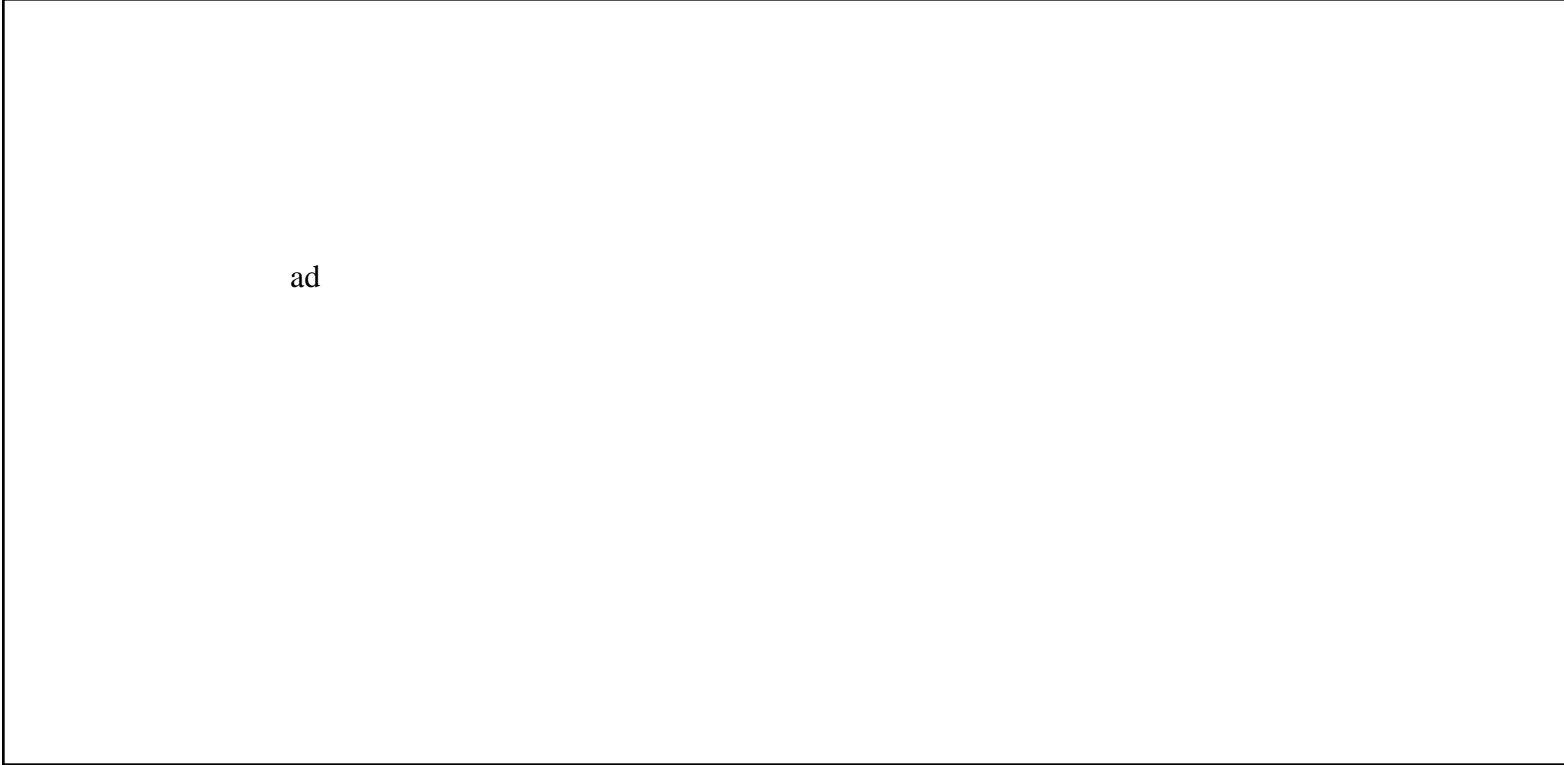
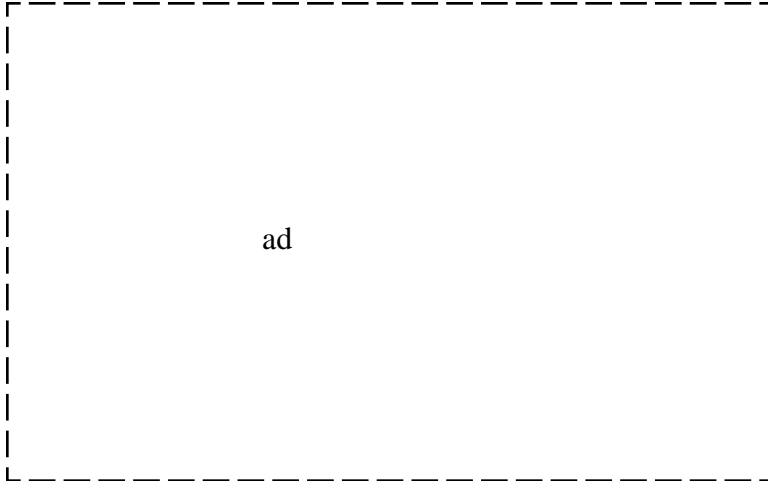
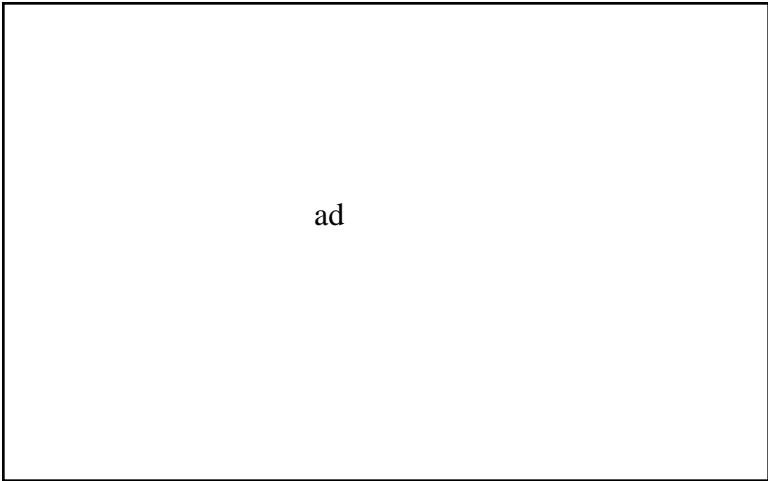


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Simon Grist, instructional technologist, reads from the preface of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.



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Are laptops the future of Floyd College?

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

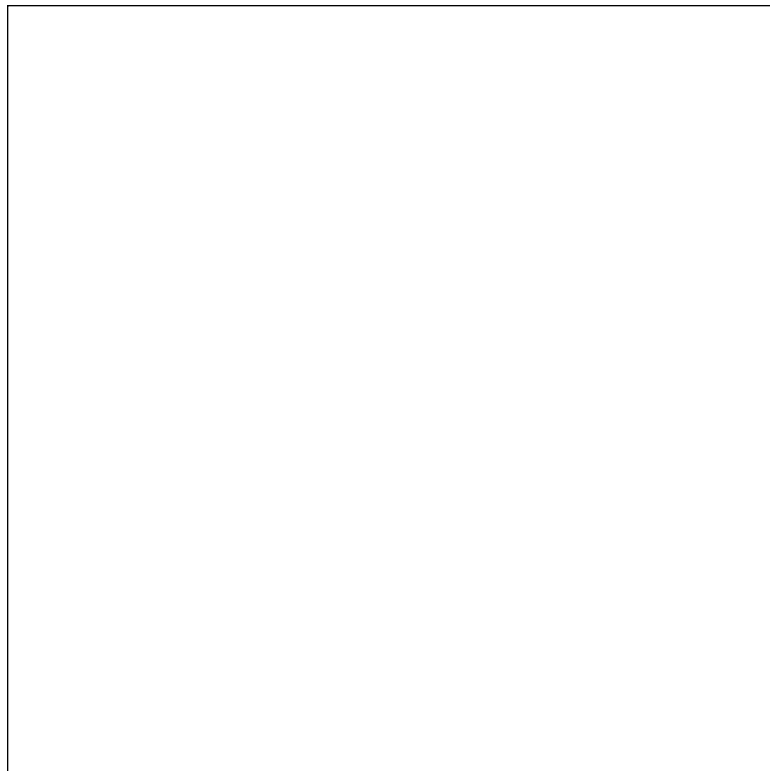
One of the major issues at Floyd College has become the laptop project and its future.

Rob Watts, interim president of Floyd College, commented on what lies ahead for the Instructional Technology Program (ITP) with an emphasis on flexibility and the latest technological advances. "I don't see anything backing up; I see it moving ahead," Watts said.

Watts has appointed TACT (the Technical Assessment Clearinghouse Team) and the Computer Office administrators to look at alternatives for the laptops. Watts pointed out that since the price of computers has gone down, students are now able to acquire their own laptop. Along with this choice, Watts mentioned moving with the pace of technology with smaller appliances.

After alternatives have been stated, a computer committee will gather input from the faculty and the students on the different choices. Watts then explained that based on their findings, the committee will discuss different alternatives. By next fall, a new program will be ready for all students.

Among the alternatives, some of the newest technology will be considered. One device is smaller than the laptop since it does not come with a hard drive. Instead, all the hard drive information is online. In other words, the computer must be connected to the



WOOHOO!

Artwork by Jeremy Stewart

network for the various programs to be accessible.

Another route is wireless technology. An infrared source placed in each classroom will transmit server and software information to a receiver inside the computer. This service is currently being considered for use at the new Bartow campus.

An advantage of the infrared devices is that they allow for more flexibility in the classrooms.

Watts commented that the seating arrangement in a class is now set in a way that, if all stu-

dents are on their computers, no group work can be accomplished. With an infrared system, a student is free to move throughout the classroom without any restrictions.

As for the laptops that the students use now, Watts said that they will stay in use as long as they are still good or they will be put up for sale in the bookstore.

Watts has a goal for Floyd College students: "We want our students not only to leave here with a good education, but also ready to use the latest technology."

Students must pay for laptop abuse or neglect

By Jeremy Stewart
Staff Writer

The condition of the laptops at Floyd College is a subject that receives various responses from students and staff. There is a difference in attitude between the students that use them and the people who issue them.

Jason McFry, manager of the help desk, believes that the laptops have held up well over the past three years.

He says that most students come to his department with problems involving getting connected to the network on campus or to the Internet at home. McFry relates this problem to students skipping the activation step when connecting at home. He also mentions that a damaged Xircom dongle or floppy disk drive is another problem the help desk encounters often.

McFry says that the same techniques still work when repairing the machines although there is a different policy this year.

When the college decided to use laptops, their provider, Arsys Innotech, signed a three-year warranty. This warranty allowed any damage not done by the student to their laptop to be repaired at no cost. Now, however, that warranty has ended and the

student must pay certain financial or labor costs.

According to McFry, a student will only pay when the damage is obviously caused by abuse or neglect. McFry says some examples of when a student would be responsible are a cracked screen, a cracked Xircom dongle or drink spillage.

Among the students, the laptops have gotten a similar response from many. Some students have been to the help desk between three to five times this year and find the devices slow. Complaints ranged from e-mail problems to battery conditioning.

As for overall condition, some students believe that although the computers have difficulties, they do have good characteristics. "I feel that they're too slow and don't function like they're supposed to, but they are convenient at times," said Amanda Barrett, a freshman computer information systems major from Rockmart.

McFry said that he has heard the complaints and agrees that the laptops do need a facelift but considers the circumstances. By next fall a new step in the technology program will be taken and spending a large amount of money on the laptops now would not be efficient.

Play hookie the legal way

By Melissa Allen
Staff Writer

Students who possess sufficient computer skills in the areas of Outlook, Internet Explorer, Word and PowerPoint have the opportunity to exempt the Floyd College Computer Studies Class (FCCS 1100).

An exemption test can be taken by appointment only in the testing center.

Students will be asked multiple choice questions over the above areas. Afterwards, students will be given a topic which they must research quickly on-line and write a short paper on their findings. This will demonstrate their knowledge of word processor and search skills.

Upon completion, the finished test will be given to Jimmy Barnes, associate professor of math and computer sciences, or Harriet

Kiser, assistant professor of math and computer sciences, who will grade it.

Students will be notified via e-mail as to their exemption.

Kiser says, "Students should be aware, however, that exempting this class does not give them two hours of credit. It only satisfies the computer literacy requirement. They will need to take another course from Area B." Area B is described in the Floyd College Catalog as a part of the core for transfer students.

The library has available videos on Windows and Microsoft Outlook for students taking the test.

Videos for the other areas are currently in production and should be available soon.

Interested students should contact Phyllis Chunn in the testing center at 706-802-5318 or pchunn@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

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News

Floyd College celebrates three decades of education

By Bonnie Turner
Staff Writer

Floyd College is now entering its 30th year of existence. Many changes have occurred over the last three decades.

Since the college opened in the fall of 1970, its population, teachers and technology have changed.

Teachers and staff have come and gone. Some have stayed.

Among those faculty and staff that have been at Floyd College since the beginning are Sheila McCoy, professor of languages, Dr. Tom Berry, professor of business

administration, Bill Beeler, air conditioning mechanic, and Lynn Mills, the administrative secretary of the physical plant.

Dr. Jim Cook, another member of the original faculty, retired this summer as professor of history, but is still using his office to work on a book.

When Floyd College first opened in the fall of 1970 the enrollment was 544 students. This fall, 2,091 students enrolled.

As population rates increased, other campuses were constructed. The first new site was in Cartersville in 1988.

Three other campuses followed. The North Metro campus was established in 1989. Heritage Hall was opened in 1994 and Haralson was added to this list two years later in 1996.

The school has moved from a building downtown that used to be Harbin Clinic to the spacious campus it now occupies.

"People used to make fun of us for being in the old rabies clinic," says McCoy.

According to McCoy, the school had cardboard desks and very little technology. She had to carry around a little tape recorder to use

for her language lab.

No smoking in classrooms is another huge change. In 1990, smoking inside the building was restricted to smoking in designated areas, which eventually led to smoking inside Floyd College buildings being banned altogether.

"We used to have signs that said: 'Do not spit in the trashcans.' Now we have signs that say: 'Please smoke only in designated areas,'" McCoy says. Each desk had cup holders and an ashtray built into the back of it.

Laptops, a recent addition, have been a huge change for Floyd

College. The laptops have only been a requirement for three years.

Although many changes have occurred, *The Old Red Kimono* and the *Six Mile Post* have been a constant throughout the years. Both were started in 1972 and have continued to offer an outlet for students and faculty since then.

Although, according to Sandy Briscar, director of public information at Floyd College, no celebration for the 30th anniversary has been planned at this point, many faculty members may take time to reminisce.



Looking at the Floyd College central campus in the year 2000, no one would ever be able to tell that the college started in an old rabies clinic. Photo by Heather Koon

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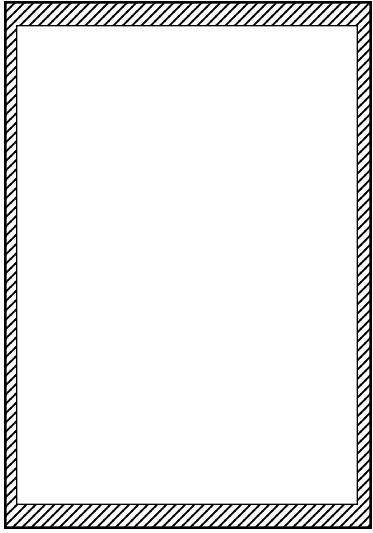
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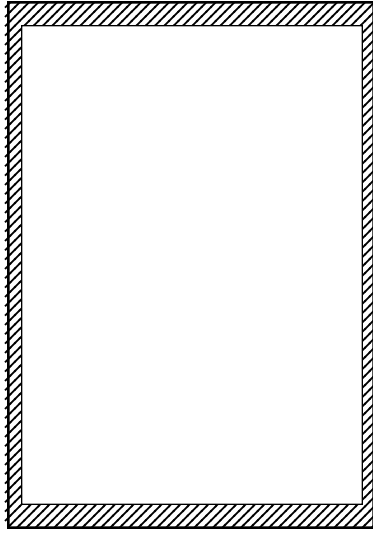
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News



George W. Bush



Al Gore

Republican

Democrat

Which candidate will affect college education the most?

By Jesse Bishop
Staff Writer

Concern about the future is why college students are where they are. Since students are so concerned, shouldn't presidential candidates be concerned as well?

What plans do candidates in the 2000 presidential election have for education?

Each candidate has his own views, but which one best represents college students' needs?

Democratic candidate, Vice President Al Gore's initiative seems to be toward tax cuts and savings plans. Gore has proposed two plans for college education.

The first is a tax-free 401(j) savings account. In effect, this 401(j) plan would provide a savings account for students and parents to fund the rising cost of college. The account would be tax-free provided the money is used for education.

Gore's second plan is very similar to his first. A National Tuition Savings plan is the proposal's name. This plan would link college savings and pre-paid tuition plans to allow for tax-free

savings.

"I believe that making college affordable will help all Americans take advantage of the finest higher education system in the world and allow us to reach our fullest potential in the 21st Century," Gore stated on his website, <http://www.algore.com>.

Republican candidate, Texas Governor George W. Bush has made the statement, "College is every parent's dream for their children. It [college] is the path to achievement. We should make it open to all."

Bush's campaign has focused on education a great deal. He believes college should be affordable for everyone.

A large part of Bush's push to better the nation is based on college education and higher learning.

Proposed by Bush are several plans to lower tuition, raise grant funding, and promote achievement.

One such plan is to offer an increased Pell Grant to first year students. The plan would give freshmen an increase from \$3,300 per year to \$5,100 per year. Pro-

moting more enrollment in college and increasing the number of well-educated people in the economy is Bush's goal.

Also, Bush has proposed a \$1.5 billion "College Challenge." College Challenge offers new grants and federally funded scholarships for high school seniors who earn advanced placement course credits.

According to Bush's website, <http://www.georgewbush.com>, this plan would encourage students to pursue a college education.

Bush is committed to ensuring every student the opportunity and choice to go to college. Increasing access to college for low-income families, enabling families to save for the rising cost of higher learning and offering tax-relief to college students and their families are Bush's main plans for college education.

Both candidates are concerned about the future of college education.

They also take two very different approaches in making college affordable. Gore is savings plans oriented, while Bush seems to be grant funding oriented.

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Editorials

Editor's Box

Acceptance! Why isn't there more of it?

Laterah Dunham
Assistant Editor

I was sitting in the student center the other day and I happened to overhear a conversation between friends. This small group was talking about how much they disliked homosexuals. The conversation was full of negative comments and ideas about homosexuals.

I sat there and thought to myself, "Who are they to judge?"

I understand if a person is uncomfortable with a lifestyle, but they should be more accepting of the person. This attitude of non-acceptance is what pushes people to drastic measures such as suicide.

Homosexuals are not

the only people that have not experienced acceptance in society. People who are in the minority all together have experienced this attitude.

In my family I have people that are deaf, blind, paralyzed and many more. They could all tell stories of not being accepted just because they are different.

When my mother, who is deaf, and I walk through the mall or go out to eat, we often receive rude stares and comments. Adults yank their children away and scold them for being curious. They act as if their child will "catch" deafness for merely wanting to understand why these people were talking with their hands.

People may not accept others because they are scared to ask questions about someone's lifestyle or disability.

Some people hide this fear by making rude comments and by being derogative towards others. This attitude does not help them learn about others or begin to accept that others are dif-

ferent from themselves.

If there was more acceptance in our society, the rate of suicides would probably decrease.

There are instances when we should not accept things. If we know that someone or something is dangerous to society, it should not be accepted. However, when we do not accept someone solely because we do not agree with his or her particular lifestyle, then there is a problem.

I have friends that are homosexual. They have told me stories about hate crimes and things that have been done to them that could have been avoided. They have received hate letters condemning them to hell. They have been attacked in the hallway of their school and blamed for the fight. They have been kicked out of classrooms when other people have caused problems.

All these things happened to them because people could not accept them for who they were.

Acceptance can solve a lot of problems here on earth. By simply not judging a person, a lot of hurt and distress can be prevented.

The one thing that I just do not understand is why people cannot just say, "Hey, they are different from me. So what? Maybe their difference can teach me something about myself. I have no reason to judge them yet." Many people probably never think this thought.

"Judge not for you too shall be judged," Matthew 7:1. This verse is talking about God's judgment of us. He sees everything that we do and knows every thought that enters our heads. This verse can also be taken into the context to where others are judging us as we judge them.

When we judge someone, we can rest assured that someone is judging us and making an opinion of what kind of person we are.

Accept people and see what happens. Life may get easier for us all.

Dear Editor

I am writing to express my concern for the future. I have observed that politicians are appealing specifically to older adults more so than young adults. I do not understand the reasoning behind this thinking. We are the future, my fellow students. It is our duty as adult citizens of this country to vote. Politicians need to know that our generation has an opinion. Throughout our lives, people older than us have made our decisions for us. We are adults now and we need to step up and be heard. We do have opinions. We matter more than ever.

As of late, I have noticed that all politicians are trying to appeal to the older citizens. Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are important issues, but so are college funding, tax reduction and the environment. These are issues we, as young adults, must face in the next four years. More

than ever it is pertinent that we vote. We must make the decisions now that will affect us later. College funding is a big issue for me, as well as some of you. With all the money that is being allocated, don't you think we deserve a little more to help finance our education? In short, I am pleading that every young adult get out and vote. I urge you to vote on Nov. 7. Please remember our future is in your hands.

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Are credit card companies targeting students?

It seems like in this day in age that anywhere a person goes, many places take credit cards. And with this growing rate of use, everyone seems to be applying for his or her own credit card(s).

With the new school year already in effect, many students might have found that there are a few necessities that require the use of a credit card. These requirements include ordering books, paying for tuition, and even the requirement that a student just needs to own one.

Why is it that credit card companies seem to target college students?

All credit card companies advertise great deals that entice students to apply. Most companies come with a low introductory rate, usually around 6 percent. These rates seem to be a good deal.

Some cards even offer sky miles, where if a person spends money, that amount earns sky miles to be redeemed for air travel. This is probably the

main offer that convinces the majority of college students because it encourages them to spend more money to receive air travel.

This plan shows great intelligence by the card companies. Telling college students to go out and spend more money to earn sky miles is dangerous to the minds of students.

With the growing number of college students getting credit cards, the current average number of credit cards per student is 3.2, according to www.visa.com. And with students possessing numerous cards, they begin to lose track of how much they spend falling into a large debt.

Also according to www.visa.com, the average debt for students with a credit card is \$1,843. Nine percent of students have a credit card debt between \$3,000 and \$7,000. Also, five percent have more than \$7,000 in credit card debt. All these debts have caused the credit card limit to fall to \$3,683 per student.

Now, why is it that at first credit card companies seem to be pro college students getting good deals and advantages, but when they fall into debt, as if they were almost pushed, the companies seem to quickly feast upon the mistakes of the students?

Apparently, the only reason that credit card companies give special promotions and offers to students is because they plan on profiting on the mistakes of the students.

A person would think that after so many faults those students would get with the program and not fall in the same hole that they have so many times before.

If the credit card companies did not have the opportunity to collect an extensive amount of interest funds from students, then they would decrease the number of promotions and offers.

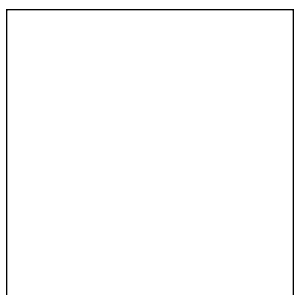
And when this happens, it would indirectly stop making college students a target for credit card companies.

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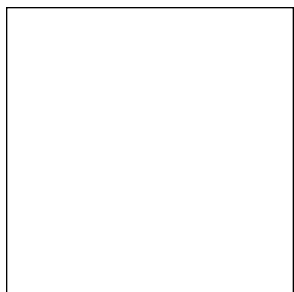
The secret life of a potential jury member is finally revealed

What is the scariest movie that you've ever seen? Why?



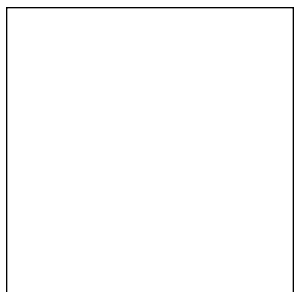
Jason Yates
Computer Science

"The scariest movie that I have ever seen is *Ernest Scared Stupid*. I've never seen a more funky looking troll, and the little wooden dolls scared the crap out of me."



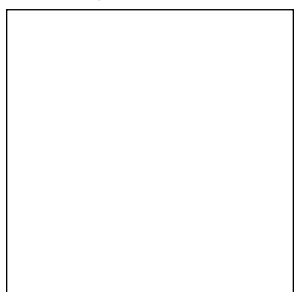
Wanda Jones
Registered Nursing

"I would have to say the movie, *What Lies Beneath*. I thought it was very scary because there was no comic relief. I was constantly on the edge of my seat."



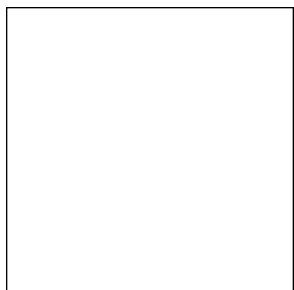
Ashley Stone
Nursing

"The scariest movie I have ever seen is *Scary Movie*. I cannot believe the film companies and producers allowed such vulgar pictures to be displayed on the big screen."



Casey Sims
English

"The scariest movie that I have ever seen is *Candyman II*. It was just really scary."



Danny Vale
Business Administration

"The scariest movie that I have seen was the *Exorcist*. I thought it was really scary because the little girl masturbates with the crucifix."

By Dixie Bowman
Staff Writer

Jury Duty can interfere with work, family life and school responsibilities. But it is our duty as citizens of the United States to serve on juries. Everyone has the right to trial by a jury of his or her peers. To exercise that right, people of the public have to be summoned to serve.

Going into the first day of my week-long term of jury service I was nervous and excited. I pictured *LA Law*, *The Practice*, and all of the other court based TV shows. I assumed too much for county superior court.

Monday morning I arrived at the courthouse, went through tight security involving metal detectors, filled out paperwork and was pointed towards the correct courtroom. The room was filled with 100 other potential jurors, court officers and lawyers. When we all had to rise for Judge Richard Sutton as he entered the courtroom, I felt a sense of familiarity with the whole process. The judge addressed the courtroom and went over the rules of jury behavior with all the jurors.

Sandra Galloway, the county clerk, called the roll of jurors to make sure everyone had shown up. Then came the best part, the swearing in of all of us jurors. Holding up my right hand, I swore to tell the truth to the lawyers, to try cases according to the law, and

to not withhold from the lawyers any evidence about myself that may prejudice me for or against a case. The jurors were then separated into different jury pools. Each pool was assigned to a different courtroom. After that, we were dismissed for 20 minutes.

Upon returning, jury selection for the first civil case began. The clerk called 24 names for the lawyers to choose from. Alas, I wasn't one of the first 24 to be called. The lawyers for each side then began their questioning of the potential jurors. This was a long but extremely interesting process. I couldn't wait for my selection time to come.

The lawyers decided on their 12 jurors, not including me, and afterwards the rest of us were dismissed and told to call the clerk's office to find out when to report the next day. I didn't have to report until 1:30 p.m., which meant I could actually make my lab.

All potential jurors were back in the same courtroom to select a jury for a new civil case. I waited in anticipation for my name to be called, but again it wasn't. The lawyers again questioned the potential jurors and made their decision and we were dismissed until the next day.

On Wednesday, the court began criminal cases. In this case they call 14 jurors (the normal 12 and two alternates), ask a few questions (such as do you know the person, is there any moral reason you can't come to judgment on this

case, etc.) and if no one answers the questions negatively, that 14 it is. The lawyers do not make strikes. I thought for sure my time had come.

The week crawled by the same as before, with juries getting called and me not on them. I was glad when my week ended. Just because you get summoned for jury duty doesn't necessarily mean you will actually serve, but it is interesting just being there. It was nothing like on TV, but in real life, is anything ever like on TV? I can't wait until I am summoned again. Maybe then my time to serve will come.

(Artwork by Brooke Worley)

It is up to the students to change a horrible trend

By Cathy Cox
Secretary of State
Guest Writer

Last July, only 26 percent of Georgia's 3.5 million registered voters turned out for the 2000 General Primary election.

Unfortunately, low voter turnout is nothing new to Georgia. Simply put, not enough Georgians vote. In fact, Georgia typically ranks 48th in the nation in the percentage of eligible adults who take part in the electoral process. Not once in Georgia's history have more than 50 percent of eligible citizens participated in an election.

As Georgia's Secretary of State, I serve as our state's chief

elections official. Nearly everywhere I go, I talk to citizens about the need to participate in the elections process. [But] there is one segment of the population that has proven difficult to reach: our state's 18 to 24 year-old voters.

To help reverse this disturbing trend, last year I held a series of meetings with college students from throughout Georgia. . . . We learned that most young voters, many of whom are college students, don't think their vote makes a difference. Many say they will vote when they are older, when the issues really affect their lives. Others told us they feel disconnected from the political process and don't believe in politicians or understand many of the issues.

Political scientists predict that the 2000 elections may turn out to be the most important to take place in our lifetime. For one of the few times in history, control of all three branches of the federal government is at stake. The federal government put into place following the November election may decide whether to keep paying interest on student loans, whether Internet commerce will be taxed and whether to re-institute the draft.

Don't miss the opportunity to have your say on these important issues Nov. 7!

Photos by Heather Palmer

Features

Pingpong Tournament

Oct. 18-20 in the central campus game room
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Floyd College Students Drink Coca-Cola!

'Cyber'chondriacs can visit the Cyber Clinic to get answers to their questions

By Shon Brown
Staff Writer

For many students health care means nothing, but it will soon take on a whole new look into the world of students' health.

According to Gail Bentley in the Student Life Office, a new web site called "CYBER CLINIC ONLINE" is online now to answer many of the students' health questions.

The link also has a department "Ask the Doctor." This link is going to give students a chance to ask a real doctor questions about health-related topics. The student's answer will then be emailed to his or her personal email account. The name of the student or the question the student asks will not be available to the public.

Student Life will soon create a clinic complete with a computer for students to get online and access this link.

The online service has been up and running since August.

Also, the clinic will provide bandages, aspirin, and Tylenol for students. This part of the clinic will soon be available, but there are a lot of legal strings that have to be straightened out before medicine can be issued to students.

The clinic was formed was because many students would come into the Student Life Office in order to get medical care.

The students seemed to feel that this should be a free service since the school charges an activity fee.

Check this web site out at www.fc.peachnet.edu/cyberclinic.



Photo by Heather Koon
Gail Bentley (left), Norma Murphy (middle) and Samantha Pierce pose in the future site of the Cyber Clinic.

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Features

It's intergalactic and out of sight

By Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

The Intergalactic Fall Ball, presented by the Student Government Association (SGA), will take place on Oct. 26, from 7 p.m to 10 p.m. in the Lakeview Auditorium. Admittance is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

Food will be served, and there will be door prizes and a costume contest.

Members of SGA met with student government leaders from other schools at the APCA (the Association for the Promotion of College Activities) conference in Atlanta, who suggested the Fall Ball as an activity that would promote socialization among students.

According to Gail Bentley, the secretary of the Office of Student Life, a prom was held each year at Floyd College until 1985. The dances were discontinued because there was a problem with underage drinking. (Floyd College's current policy on alcohol on campus is zero tolerance.)

Members of the community are invited to the Intergalactic Fall Ball, including students from

both Berry and Shorter College, and students from the local high schools.

With so many students working full time and many commuting to school from other counties, Bentley feels it is easy for a Floyd College student to lack the sense of camaraderie or community that students from four-year schools may have. These dances will be an "acid test," an experiment where students can mingle with other students and members of the community. "We are looking for something so students will not feel alienated when they move on to a four-year unit. Students should understand, on a social level, what it means to be a college student," Bentley said.

Jason Yates, vice president of special events for SGA, is not releasing the playlist, which will consist of current and old school favorites.

SGA and the Office of Student Life hope that the Fall Ball will help students socialize in "a situation unstructured by academia."

For any information on the Fall Ball or any other upcoming scheduled events, contact the Student Life Office at 295-6363 or

swing by the Student Life Office located in room F-104, which is next to the game room.

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Peppermint Patties **Cooking with Colter**

Cartersville campus has pizza party

By Ashley Murray
Staff Writer

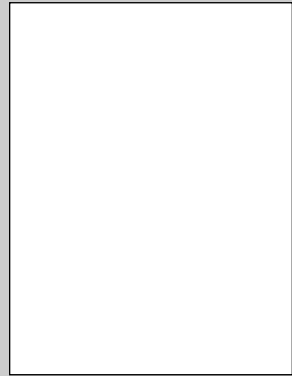
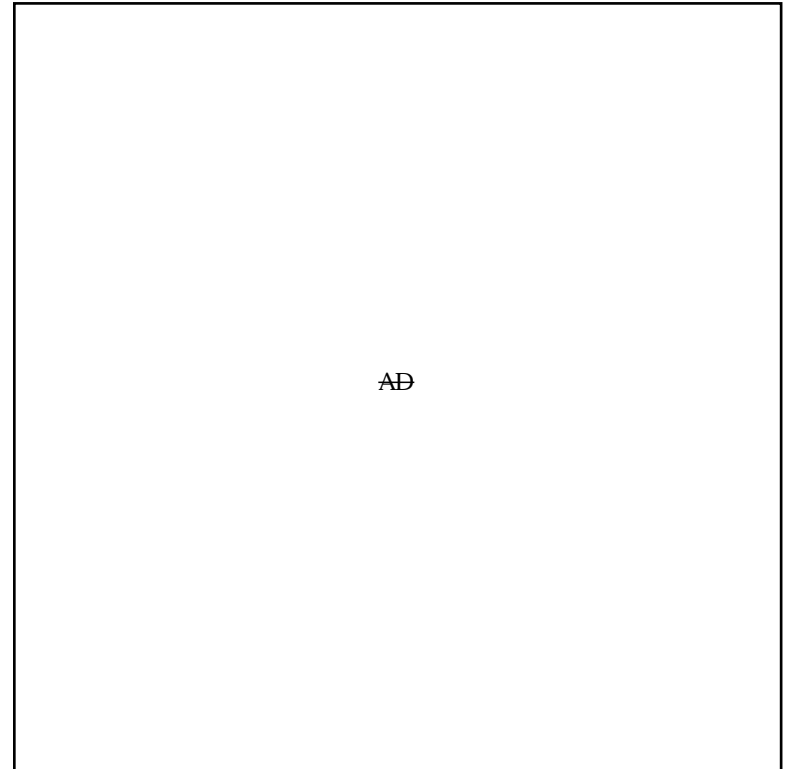
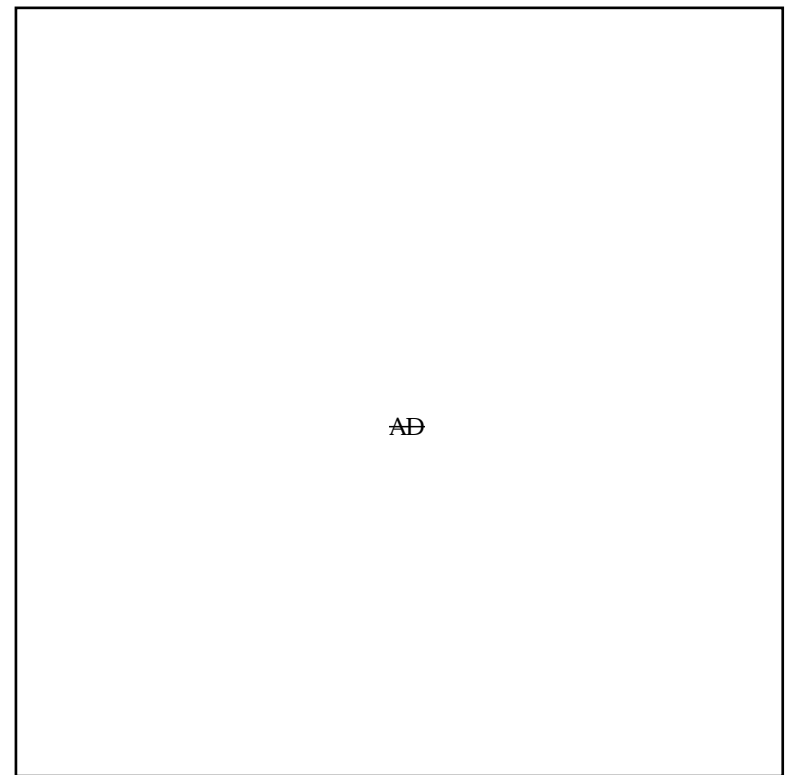
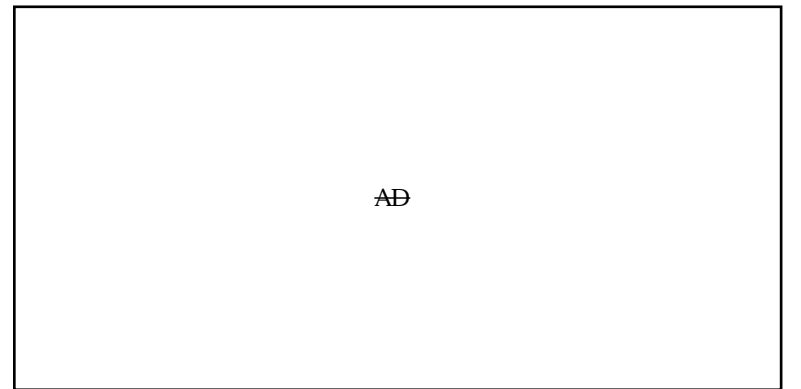
lowed by a second at 6 p.m.

On Oct. 20, the Floyd College Cartersville campus will be holding its first annual pizza party.

The student activity fee pays for the event. Students will be able to see the funds put to use.

There will be two different times to accommodate everyone's schedule: the first at noon, fol-

As the first coordinated event for the Cartersville campus this year, it will be a chance for students to mingle outside of classes.



*Chef Colter Wallace
Master Chef*

Welcome to the wonderful world of Chef Colter Wallace. I will be your cook from now on. I plan on cooking some fabulous recipes for everyone. It is my job not only to cook and give out the recipe, but also to fill everyone in on what they are in for. So get ready for some great dishes.

Wow! There is not much one can say about this recipe. Most people know exactly how this tastes, smells and looks. This recipe yields a great All-American treat that can be found at any nearby restaurant. These great treats can now be made in your very own home. This recipe makes a plentiful amount of savory treats that can fulfill the cravings of an entire family. With their mint-like taste and fresh smell, they are perfect for after dinner snacks, chasing away bad breath. So with this in mind, and that inner-child craving for candy, cut out this recipe and keep on cooking.

Ingredients

- 3/4 c (14 oz) confectioners' sugar
- 2 tbsp plus 1-teaspoon water
- 1 tbsp light corn syrup
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp peppermint extract
- 6 oz fine-quality bittersweet chocolate (not unsweetened)

Directions

Sift confectioners' sugar into bowl of a standing electric mixer or a large bowl. In a small bowl stir together water, corn syrup, lemon juice, and extract and add to sugar. With a standing or hand-held electric mixer beat together sugar mixture until combined.

On a work surface knead mixture into a ball (mixture will be very stiff). With a rolling pin, applying pressure, roll out mixture between sheets of wax paper into a 9-inch round (about 1/4 inch thick). Remove top sheet of wax paper from round and replace it loosely. Flip over wax paper-enclosed round and remove and discard sheet of wax paper now on top (this process prevents round from sticking to wax paper). Let round stand at room temperature until edges are firm, about 4 hours. Round may be made 1 week ahead and chilled on a tray, both tray and round wrapped together in plastic wrap. Bring round to room temperature before proceeding with recipe.

Oil a large baking sheet and line with wax paper. With a 1 1/4-inch cutter cut out patties from round, transferring them as cut to baking sheet.

Temper chocolate. (Alternatively, chop chocolate and, in a double boiler or a small metal bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water, melt chocolate, stirring until smooth.)

Balance one patty on a fork (do not spear) and submerge in chocolate (if necessary, spoon chocolate over patty to evenly coat). Holding patty on fork over chocolate, shake off any excess chocolate from patty and return patty to baking sheet. Submerge and coat remaining patties in same manner. Chill peppermint patties on baking sheet, uncovered, until firm, about 1 hour. Peppermint patties keep, layered between sheets of wax paper in an airtight container and chilled, 1 month.

Experiment with your favorite cookie cutters to create original patty shapes.

Makes about 36 peppermint patties.

Counseling & career services sponsors Health & Science career day

By Karen Pruett
Counselor

Counseling and career services is sponsoring a Health Science and Human Service Career Day on Oct. 18 in the student center from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for students and members of the community to learn more about careers in health sciences, such as nursing, dental hygiene, physical therapy assisting, speech therapy, respiratory therapy and mental health.

In addition to health science

careers, students will also have the opportunity to learn about careers in human service fields such as gerontology and social work.

There will be representatives in attendance from Floyd College, local colleges and universities and local hospitals and human service organizations to answer questions and provide information.

Some of the colleges and universities that will be represented include: Jacksonville State University, The State University of West Georgia, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Medical College of Georgia, Life University,

Kennesaw State University, Georgia State University, Coosa Valley Technical College and Mercer.

Hospitals and human service organizations that will be represented include Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital, Redmond Regional Hospital, Floyd Medical Center, Renaissance Marquis and the Floyd County Department of Family and Children's Services.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about a career that may be perfect for you. Also, mark your calendar for the Business and Technology Career Day scheduled for Nov. 15.

Entertainment

The good, the bad and the ugly of new fall TV shows

By Mike Parker
Editor

Fall is here and basically all that means is, you have an excuse to stay inside out of the cold and sit on your lazy butt watching primetime television. Of course this only applies if you've finished your homework, right?

Well, what good would TV be if it didn't have new shows to throw at you every once in a while? This season is absolutely loaded with new shows. What makes it interesting is the fact that just about every new show is claiming to be the new number one show. Hey, there can only be one number one show but the race sure is close.



NBC

Tucker

Does NBC have an answer for Fox's successful *Malcolm in the Middle*? You bet your big screen television they do. NBC has been desperate for a quality comedy show with a teen as its star for a while now. *Tucker*, which premiered Monday, Oct. 2, just might be the answer. The last so-called youthful bunch to grace NBC was *Friends* and in all actuality they're racking up the years themselves.

The show is about a young teenage boy named Tucker Pierce (Eli Marienthal) and his mother Jeannie Pierce (Noelle Black) who have to move in with Jeannie's older sister, Claire Wennick (Katey Sagal) and her family because the father left them for another woman. The two sisters are extremely competitive, but always seem to get along overall.

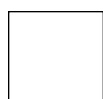
Tucker is in love with the next door neighbor McKenna Reed (Alison Lohman) and has to put up with a psycho cousin named Leon Wennick (Nathan Lawrence) who is constantly roughing him up or messing with him somehow. The two cousins, like their mothers, smooth things out to get along with each other.

When it's all said and done, *Tucker* is outright hilarious. There's just no other way to put it.

In addition to being very funny, the show is very clever in terms of the characters. Every character seems natural and they all blend in together like they've been together for years.

If you need a good laugh,

Tucker will definitely come through. Catch this show Monday nights at 8:30 p.m.



CBS

Yes, Dear

If you've got an easy funny bone, you might get a couple of laughs out of this show. It's not really all that clever and it doesn't have the solid comedian that makes you laugh even when you know what's coming. And let me be the first to say you will know what's coming. The show is way too predictable.

Yes, Dear is the basic sitcom about parents raising their children and the funny little problems that children bring about. There's absolutely nothing new here.

The only reason this show might draw an audience is because of the fact it airs on Mondays at 8:30, right before *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Even so, I have a feeling that viewers will find something else to tune in to during that 8:30 spot.

Mike O'Malley plays one of the main characters, Jimmy Hughes. God help him as he tries to make a name for himself on the sitcom scene. You might remember him as the ESPN commercial guy a few years back. He was the fanatic sports memorabilia collector. The commercials were hilarious, but unfortunately, O'Malley doesn't transfer to sitcoms very well. The *Mike O'Malley Show*, which aired all of two times, should be proof of that. Hey, I like O'Malley, but this is not it.

Anthony Clark plays one of the other main characters, Greg Warner. Clark is a fairly funny stand up comedian. You might remember him from *Boston Common* a few years ago. If you've ever seen it or its re-runs, you know why it was cancelled.

The two women, Jean Louisa Kelly and Liza Snyder play the

wives of the main characters. Both are both fairly fresh faces on the screen, but that's not necessarily a good thing. It just seems the two women don't belong on the show. They're not bad actors, they just don't mix well with O'Malley and Clark.

Just say no, dear. Don't waste your time watching this show. Sure, the first couple of shows might draw a laugh or two, but the newness of the group will wear off leaving only a horrible attempt at comedy every Monday night.



ABC

Monday Night Football

Monday Night Football is nothing new; in fact it's been around for a long time. So, why is it worth mentioning in this new show review? Well, there are two reasons actually.

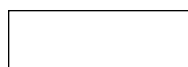
The first is because I'm a huge *Monday Night Football* fan. Whether it's my favorite team playing or two teams nobody cares about, I'm up until the very last snap.

The second is because of the new announcer, Dennis Miller. To be honest, Dennis Miller's stand up comedy is not all that funny. He might be funny if you didn't have to have a doctorate to understand his jokes.

Fortunately for football fans, Miller has toned it down quite a bit and is actually quite funny proving to be a great addition to the announcing crew, which includes Al Michaels and Dan Fouts.

Unlike boring Boomer Esiason, last year's new announcer who was fired and rightly so, Miller should stick around for a while.

Football fans know what time to catch *Monday Night Football*, but if you don't really like football and just want to hear Miller's football jokes, kick off is 9 p.m. every Monday night during football season.



FOX

Dark Angel

At first, I thought Batgirl got a new name. Then, I thought this would be another horrible muscle chick show like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Well, the girl is like a superhero, and she does "open a can" every once in a while, but it turns out that *Dark Angel*, which premiered Oct. 3, is in a class of its own. I guess when James Cameron, the creator of *Terminator* and *Titanic*, comes to television, a good show is expected. In fact, *Dark Angel* just might get my vote for best new show of the year.

Dark Angel takes place about 20 years down the road. Terrorists have hit America with a nuclear magnetic pulse causing a great depression. There are many characters in the show, but the main character, Max, is a super-developed human grown in a testing center. She, along with a few other super humans, escaped when they were nine years old. Now, her "makers" are tracking her down while she is trying to track down her escapee comrades. And on top of all that, she is trying lead a quiet life without having to help people in need.

The story line is great, but there is only one little problem. The show might be a little too dependent on the story line. How can they do a show every week without progressing further into the story? Sooner or later she has to run into her comrades.

Jessica Alba plays the main character Max. It looks like this is the perfect character for her. She has a slender muscular physique, big dark eyes, and dark hair. These characteristics parallel her character's attitude, which is dark and mysterious.

Dark Angel may not be for everyone, but if you like non-stop action and a clever story line, tune in to Fox every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Ed

With a name as simple as *Ed*, this show has just got to be good. Let me assure you, it is.

Ed comes complete with everything from a theme song by the Foo Fighters to a town with a name of Stuckeyville.

The show obviously centers around the character Ed Stevens (Tom Cavanagh) who is a lawyer that decides to move back to his hometown Stuckeyville, Ohio after he gets fired from his firm in New York and finds his wife cheating on him with the mailman.

When he gets there, he falls in love with an old high school crush Carol Vessey (Julie Bowen) and buys a bowling alley only to turn it in to the world's first bowling alley/law firm. How in the world did they come up with that one?

Usually comedy-dramas are horrible because of bad acting, bad writing, horrible story lines or a combination of all three. The story line for *Ed* certainly is catching, but even more impressive is the charming acting of all the cast members.

Ed will certainly be one of the highlights of NBC's new lineup this year and should be the kind of show that will last because of its wide target audience.

When the award shows start handing out awards, expect *Ed* to grab a couple of them.

You can catch *Ed* at 9 p.m. every Sunday.

The Mummy to start movie series

By Melissa Allen
Staff Writer

Periodically, Floyd College puts a popular movie on display for the faculty and students' enjoyment.

With Halloween approaching, Floyd College is getting in to the spirit of things.

The upcoming movie is guaranteed to send chills down your spine.

On Oct. 25 *The Mummy* will be

shown in the solarium of the Rome campus.

The first show is at 11:30 a.m. Those students not able to come to the morning's show can catch a later show at 4 p.m.

The official times for the movie to be shown are 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; however, according to Gail Bently, secretary of the office of student life, any student who wishes to see the movie at another time should make a request in the student life office.

The showings are FREE to all. Everyone is invited to attend.

In addition to the Halloween movie, Floyd College will also be showing a Christmas movie on Nov. 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* is the selected movie and students will be allowed to request another viewing time for this showing also.

For more information, contact Student Life at 706-295-6363 or come by the Office of Student Life.

Sports

What's going on with Floyd College intramurals?

By Leslie M. Pledger
Staff Writer

Floyd offers many intramurals for the students to participate in.

Basketball, which started on Oct. 10, is currently going on and it will last until Oct. 31.

Another event that will be taking place is coed flag football. It will start today, Oct. 17 and will run through Nov. 14.

Turkey Day Walk/Run will be held on Nov. 15 at the lake. Intramurals coordinator David Mathis said, "The point of this event is simple. You estimate how long it will take you to walk, run or a combo of both around the lake. The person closest to their estimated time will win a \$25 gift certificate from Hickory Hams."

The Fit program, formerly the Walk/Run Club, is now in effect and will run through Nov. 10.

Tae-Bo is also being taught Monday through Thursday of every week.

The Tae-Bo class and the Fit program are made up of mostly faculty and staff. However, there is one student in Tae-Bo and 25 students in the Fit program.

The Fall Intramurals Banquet, for everyone who participated in fall intramurals, will be held on Nov. 15.

In the spring, softball, beach volleyball, tennis and basketball will all be played. These sports will start right after Christmas break.

According to Mathis, every week 170 faculty, staff and students participate in intramural activities every week.

Sign your team up via e-mail at dmathis@mail.fc.peachnet.edu, or if you don't have a team, sign up individually and you will be placed on a team.

All games are held inside the gym or outside near the tennis courts.

For more information, call Mathis or Bridgette Stewart at 295-6353.

Turner Field of dreams

By M. Adam Stanley
Staff Writer

"Cold beer, cold beer," the beerman chants over the bellow of noisy fans who have congregated here at Turner Field, once again, to support their beloved Braves. The sugary fragrance of cotton candy blends with the bitter stench of spilt beer as the crowd emits one ear splitting cheer when Chipper Jones, the Braves star third baseman, rifles a mammoth double into right-center that bounces off the wall.

Since Turner Field opened in 1997, it has seen its share of exciting moments: playoffs in '97, '98, and '99; a World Series in '99; and the 71st All-Star Game.

As you park and walk down Hank Aaron Drive toward Turner Field, the first thing visible is the 100-foot diameter photograph of Aaron's actual 715th homerun ball. It stands like a monolith in the twilight, beckoning baseball fans from all over the Southeast.

Outside the plaza, just inside the gates of Turner Field, is Monument Grove. Statues of Hank Aaron, Phil Niekro and Ty Cobb which originally stood at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, are scattered among new statues of the five Braves whose numbers have been retired: Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, Eddie Mathews, Phil Niekro and Dale Murphy.

Turner Field is a modern ballpark with an old-fashioned feel. Although it is reminiscent of such predecessors as the Polo Grounds, Ebbets Field, and Old Comiskey Park, it has many up-

to-date amenities to offer fans that come early.

Scout's Alley is located near the west pavilion of the Plaza behind the lower left field seats. Scout's Alley teaches the fine art of scouting, incorporating original scouting reports of renowned Braves players with skill games like Outta the Park, Power Pitcher, In Control and Throwin' Heat.

Braves' Memorials, Rookie Card, Peach Pitch and Big Hitters, where fans can test their swing against a major league fastball, are some of the games at Turner Field.

Tooner Field is a climate controlled atmosphere where children can meet, and even get their picture taken with Scooby Doo, George Jetson or another one of their favorite Cartoon Network characters.

Located on the northwest side of Turner Field's plaza is the Ivan Allen, Jr. Braves Museum and Hall of Fame. The 4000-square foot museum sketches Braves' history, focuses on important events and displays crucial artifacts of the team.

The Braves Museum contains

more than 200 objects from Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta. Two main attractions of the museum are the 1995 World Series trophy and Hank Aaron's historic 715th home run bat and ball.

From the Chophouse (an 8000-square foot, two-level pub), looking out over the checkerboard grass of the playing field, the view is grand. Although some seats at Turner Field are "cheap seats," no seat is a

Artwork by Brooke Worley

bad seat. And if you are lucky enough to pick up a couple of dug-out level tickets, whether from the box office or from the scalpers who lurk outside the gates, you're in for an interactive experience. Foul balls and flying bats frequently penetrate the crowd. Occasionally a home run ball makes its way into the crowd as well.

As the "Team of the '90s" progresses into the 21st century, Turner Field is a suitable arena for the Braves to harvest and showcase new talent. After their loss to the St. Louis Cardinals in the 2000 Division Championship series, the Braves must regroup and try again next year, and the next and the next.

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Chez Ely shoots a jumper while Tom Warren boxes out Shane Porter in the post for the rebound.