FJC professor awarded PhD

Lovie Lee Borchardt, association professor of education at Floyd Junior College, was recently awarded the Ph.D. degree in education from the University of South Carolina.

Borchardt, who has authored a number of published articles, came to FJC in 1972. Prior to then, she was a reading instructor at the graduate level at Georgia Southern College.

Her educational background includes a B.A. degree from Shorter College and the M.Ed. and Ed. S. degree in reading and education from the University of Georgia. She did further study in her major field at the University of Alabama prior to completing her Ph.D. degree in education at the University of South Carolina.

She holds membership in several professional organizations and honor societies including the American Association of University Professors, International Reading Association, International Association of Early Childhood Education, Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor Sorority for Women Educators, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and the National Education Association. She was recently selected for inclusion in the seventeenth edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest, published by Marquis Who's Who, Inc. of Chicago, Ill.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Rome, Dr. Borchardt is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.A. McBrayer of Rome. She has two daughters, Mrs. Donna Borchardt Cox of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and Millie Lee Borchardt McWhorter of Rome, a junior at Shorter College.

MRS. BORCHARDT
Recent government statistics show that 44.3 million women are in the U.S. labor force; but in 1978, median annual earnings for women working full-time were $3,350 compared to $15,730 for men.

Women earn 59 cents for every dollar earned by men. Women work nine days to gross what men gross in five days.

The "average" family (father employed, mother not employed, 2 children) now describes only 7 percent of U.S. families.

Women are working outside the home in greater numbers than ever, but often they are employed in low-paying, dead-end jobs that offer little chance of promotion or growth.

Floyd Junior College, Georgia State Bank and Cherokee Business and Professional Women's Club will give many women a chance to evaluate their present positions and determine if a change in employment would be to their benefit. The three sponsors are offering a Career Development Seminar for Women Office Workers on six consecutive Thursdays, Mar. 5 through Apr. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The seminar will be held in the Floyd Junior College library assembly room. The fee is $15.

According to Mary Swinford, coordinator of the seminar, the program is aimed at helping women office workers identify hidden skills and abilities. It will help them evaluate their present jobs, explore career options, make career-life decisions, and determine the strategy, education and training necessary to implement their decisions.

It is intended for women who want to enhance their potential in their present jobs, re-entering the job market, are new to the business world or want to change their career direction.

Career success is not only to be seen as a series of promotions in an organization, the seminar organizers say, satisfying a woman's need for self fulfillment and a current challenge.

Six professional segments are: Human Resources, Accounting, Education, Business Office Work, FJC public relations operations, and business management.

Steve Brown, Steve Burch, Jo Ann Brion, Delilah Smith, Ann Morris, and Beth Allen are the faculty members.

Several persons involved in the upcoming Career Development Seminar for Women Office Workers discuss plans for the six sessions. Pictured are (from left): Bob Gaylor, Floyd Junior College; Jeff Hyder, Shorter College; Sheila Shaw, Cherokee Business and Professional Women's Club; and Mary Swinford, Georgia State Bank, who serves as seminar coordinator. The seminar will be held at FJC Mar. 5 through Apr. 9.
FJC fills two library slots

Two positions at the Floyd Junior College Library have been filled recently, according to Hubert H. Whitlow Jr., college librarian.

Linda Couch has been appointed to the position of satellite coordinator and John L. McPhearson Jr. has taken over duties as assistant librarian for audio-visual services.

Couch, a Rome native, has previously worked as a secretary at Rome Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and as a medical secretary at Redmond Park Hospital. She is a graduate of Georgia State University with a B.A. degree in sociology. She has done additional course work in the mental health technology program at Floyd Junior College and is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta National Sociology Honor Society.

She and her husband Tom reside in Rome and have a daughter, Amanda.

The Appalachian Education Satellite Network programs which Couch coordinates started at Floyd Junior College when an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant furnished the college with a 10-foot dish antenna that picks up programs produced by the University of Kentucky. FJC is one of 45 sites on the receiving end of the live programming. Hundreds of area residents have attended programs on health, education, local government services, and activities directed toward business and industry.

McPhearson is a 1980 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned an M.L.S. degree in library science and an Ed.S. degree in educational administration. He also previously earned a B.S. degree in history from Livingston University in Alabama. He has done additional work toward an Ed.D. degree at Southern Mississippi.

A Mobile, Ala., native, McPhearson is a member of the American Library Association, the Mississippi Library Association, and Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary educational society.
Video tape for students is 'next best thing to being there.'

For Floyd Junior College students, video tape is the next best thing to being there.

George Pullen, professor of history and chairman of the school's Social Sciences Division, believes video taping of courses provides much-needed flexibility to students' schedules.

A federal grant which funded the first five years of FJC's nursing program provided the initial monies for video facilities at the school. Pullen wasted little time video taping a 33-credit course, in American History—a series which remains in use.

"Every year," he recalled, "I was coming up with maybe a half-dozen students who couldn't take the course when it was scheduled." The immediate alternative, independent study, proved successful only with "super students"—whom Pullen termed "rare exceptions."

"With the video tapes," he said, "I can lead these students and guide what they're doing, probably more than I could in an ordinary class. I feel like he's in a student doing it right. He's getting the full dose, and I feel like he deserves the credit."

Pullen, who has taped three courses, added that "I've tried to do in these things everything that I do in class." Indeed, he said students may get a better presentation of material on video tape because "I knew that camera was on, and I made a better presentation."

What a student misses when using the tapes, according to Pullen, is "the opportunity to immediately raise questions and engage other students in discussion." Because of changes in FJC's business department, it is no longer cost-effective for the school to offer American Economic History. However, Pullen notes that with video tapes of the course, "I'm able to keep offering it."

The tapes add flexibility not only in terms of time, but also in the length of the course. "I've had a student to complete a 10-week course in five weeks and others who can't match the 10-week pace," Pullen said. "This is a way to pace the completion of the course to the student's own abilities."

He doesn't require every day's attendance in his classes—but he does "strongly" recommend it.

Still, he recognizes that older students, in particular, often face conflicting class and work schedules—and taped material can be used for makeup work. A grade of "incomplete" is also possible.

"I think every time we've taped a course here," he says, "it's been in response to some real or imagined market."

Should a bright student attend class regularly or stick to using the video tapes? "That would depend on the student," Pullen observes. "That type of student is probably going to initiate discussion...No, I would never advise that student to miss class," he adds with a laugh.

When Pullen lets a student take a course on his own time, a consultation is still held once a week.

Initiative is a key to a student's taking a course by means of video tape. Pullen estimated that of such students, "Fifty percent of them will complete the course. Of those who complete it, the average grade is probably a letter higher than (for) those who don't complete the course."

Taped lectures have been "turned out to be a very handy arrangement for a number of nursing students," according to Pullen.

He explained that in addition to easing frequent conflicts between class and work schedules, the tapes enable nursing students to review specific medical techniques. Indeed, the nursing department has made perhaps the most extensive use of video tapes, he said.

On two occasions, Pullen has "miked" classes in order to include questions as part of taped lectures. While those efforts have met with mixed success, he said, he is the only FJC faculty member to record in-class lectures for future use.

Other faculty members prefer a studio-like setting. Pullen's approach has its advantages. For example, he can video tape an entire course in the space of a quarter; the approach favored by his colleagues is more time-consuming.

A typical lecture lasts 55-55 minutes. "I've tried to do in these things (tapes) everything that I do in class," Pullen says. "I've redone the very earliest ones. It took me a few days before that camera to get used to it. I can pretty well ignore that camera now."

He said he uses "a good many" visual aids "regardless of whether a course is being taped. Anytime we redo one, I'll search for illustrations to put on."

Pullen, whose most widely circulated program is a 30-minute production on the life of Martha Berry, indicated FJC administrators have been "very supportive" of efforts to tape course material.

"It's not a cheap thing to do," he added. Figures supplied by the school put the approximate cost of tapes at $12,000, broken down as follows: video cartridges, $8,285; cassettes, $2,645; raw video tapes, $1,476, and about $1,000 in tapes which the college has but are not yet catalogued.

Those figures do not reflect considerable costs for staff (audiovisual personnel, etc.) and staff time or equipment.

FJC's video facility is large by junior-college standards, and the school also shares equipment with Georgia School for the Deaf.

"One of my dreams," Pullen said, "is a television consortium involving the three colleges in town. Cable TV, possibly Tri-County and Croo Valley Tech, too."

He said that under such an arrangement, live programming would be a possibility—and he envisioned no problems arising from, for example, a faculty member from one school doing a lecture and a cohort from another school devising tests based on the material.

"A quality control board" with a faculty representative from each school involved would be one way to minimize any such conflict, according to Pullen.

"The interest in things audiovisual and graphic at the other two colleges is growing," he said. Asked when Pullen would like a consortium effort to get under way, he quipped, "Five years ago."

Currently, FJC offers six classes and Summerville on a video-tape basis, three of them in history. In addition, some of the courses have been offered by area high schools.
Floyd Junior College's ninth annual graduation ceremonies are set for Saturday, June 6, at 10 a.m. at the new college gymnasium. Rev. E. D. Horry, Sr., newly-elected chairman of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, will deliver the commencement address.

Candidates for the associate in arts degree are:


Candidates for the associate in science degrees are:

Regina M. Abernathy, Rome; Mary A. Baker, Silex; and J. Bergen, Cedartown.

C. Brown, L. W. Foster, and Betty K. Byars, William T. Collier, Rome; and William L. Coster, Silver Springs, and Barrie, and Mercedes, and Augusta.

An exhibit set at FJC's gallery.

The ninth annual Floyd Junior College Student Art Exhibit will be on display continuing through June 10.

A reception has been set for June 6 to honor students participating in the exhibit.
Progressive south seen by former ambassador

By MIKE PARE, News-Tribune Staff Writer

Former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young—sounding the theme that the South has come a long way in recent years—asked a group of Romans Friday night not to stop that progressiveness but to extend what has been learned to the entire planet.

Young also denounced the Reagan tax cut plan, saying it does a lot for the rich but not much for people on the lower end of the financial spectrum.

Speaking to members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, several community leaders and Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. at Floyd Junior College, Young said many of the changes that have occurred in the South arose because of a "coming together" between blacks and whites.

With that, he said, "we've seen factories, job opportunities. None of this happened until us blacks and whites began to live in harmony."

"Hopefully, the Rome community will know we have to move forward," he said.

Young, a candidate in Atlanta's mayoral race, thought back to 25 years ago when he was a young pastor in Thomasville and was "face to face" with some 400 to 500 members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"I talked with the community and the economic powers and basically we decided in 1955 that Thomasville wasn't a city that was going to tolerate racial discrimination," said Young.

"We prospered together in the community. We said, 'Yes the KKK can have a rally but we can have a voter registration drive,'" he said.

"I'm not afraid or nervous about the future. We have learned the lessons of our past."

Young said the problem of the continuation of the KKK is that some people have not become part of the mainstream of progress.

He said when they have an opportunity to go to Floyd Junior College, trade education and share in the job benefits, then they will throw off their..." (See page 5B)
FJC Woman's Club names new officers

The Floyd Junior College Woman's Club held a newcomers' tea at the school's art gallery and named new officers for the coming year. The officers are (left to right) Mrs. F.C. Nora, president; Mrs. Richard D. Hayes, vice president; Mrs. Ray A. Zuidema, secretary; and Mrs. Wesley C. Walraven, treasurer.
Mr., Ms. FJC

Tanya White, named “Ms. Floyd Junior College,” is pictured being crowned by last year’s title holder, Regina Abernathy. Johnny Bishop (second from right), who won the “Mr. FJC” title, receives a plaque from former winner Hank Davis. Ms. White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. White of Lindale, and Bishop’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bishop of Rome.

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'Toot 'n' Plunk' makes hit with schools

The Rome Junior Service League’s community arts committee presented “Toot ‘n’ Plunk,” a series of demonstrations by musicians for fifth and sixth graders in area schools. Emphasizing the cello and flute, a trio of musicians performed and presented a history of present-day instruments. Pictured are pianist Beverly Harris, Carol Grenard, distill (both league members) and cellist...
FJC’s enrollment jumps 26 percent to 1,478 students

Another near-record enrollment increase has been posted at Floyd Junior College with the current winter quarter figures jumping 26 percent over last winter’s enrollment, according to Herman Bradshaw, director of admissions and records at FJC.

The total enrollment for the current winter quarter is 1,478 students. The 26 percent jump represents the third straight quarter that the college has recorded large enrollment increases.

Summer and fall quarter figures showed an increase of 34.8 and 21 percent respectively.

Bradshaw pointed out that winter enrollment was even higher than last quarter.

“We are up some 28 students from fall quarter,” Bradshaw said. “It is very unusual for winter quarter enrollment to be higher than the fall.”

He noted some possible reasons for the substantial growth.

“In a recent survey of over 800 students we asked them why they came to Floyd Junior College,” Bradshaw said.

“The responses that came up the most were our closeness to home, low tuition costs, a good school with a variety of programs and courses and the fact that credits transfer easily to other colleges. Only 11 percent of the students questioned said that economic conditions were a factor,” he added.

As in the previous quarter, statistics indicated that the enrollment increase was generally across the board, covering all classifications of students and locations in the northwest Georgia area.
FJC offers new public service course

Self defense, international cooking added to program

Among the 53 classes currently offered by Floyd Junior College's Public Service Office for winter quarter are several new ones likely to appeal to a wide audience.

Jane M. Key, a paralegal who holds a black belt in Akido, is the instructor for a new self-defense course at FJC Jan. 18 through Feb. 22. The class, which is open to men and women ages 14 and up, will meet Tuesdays from 7:45-9 p.m.

Akido, she explained, is an oriental system of "locks and holds which allows you to inflict the most pain with the least amount of effort." She adds it is the most useful method of self-defense, because "in karate," she says, "you must be able to deliver blows with your feet and in judo, you must depend on throwing your opponent to the ground." There are imes and circumstances which may prevent these specialized techniques from working. "With judo, if your arms are pinned, you've had it," she emphasized.

Ms. Key will teach arm holds, neck chokes and "good basic kicks, blows and throws" to her students, who come from all walks of life. "I've had grandmothers in my classes," said Ms. Key, "and they did quite well. You'd be surprised how good they are!"

She cautions, however, that there is a 10-minute period of "strenuous exercise" at the beginning of each class period. She has also taught police officers, nurses and orientals the basics of self-defense, and she augments her classes with basic safety instruction about how to avoid an attack.

Ms. Key will be assisted by Bobby Turpin, chief probation officer in the Rome area and one of her former self-defense students. Participants should wear either warm-ups or jeans.

The class fee is $32.

For those who enjoy cooking and would like to learn more about exotic foods, FJC is offering "International Cooking," a five-session course beginning Feb. 21 and continuing through Mar. 21. Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Besides common cooking techniques and ingredients, the course will include the preparation of Chinese, Mexican, German, Italian and French dishes.

Priscilla Watkins, who teaches home economics at West Rome High School, is the instructor. A veteran teacher who has been at West Rome since 1975, Mrs. Watkins plans to let the FJC class decide what dishes they want to prepare. "And I want them to prepare the food instead of watching me," she emphasized. "I don't think demonstration is the best way to teach."

The first class session will be on French cuisine, "probably crepes," she said, which she will teach "making from scratch." She will have handy and inexpensive crepe makers on hand and plans to include instruction for making main dish crepes, desserts and appetizers.

Mrs. Watkins will also use recipes with ingredients readily available in Rome area supermarkets, "so the class members don't have to go to Atlanta" when they want to make their favorite dishes.

The international cooking class fee is $30 for the five sessions.

Mrs. Watkins will also teach a class called Cake Art for the FJC program. The four-week course, which is not, she emphasized, a "cake decorating class," will teach how to cut cakes made in ordinary pans into various shapes to make interesting designs like clowns, a Snoopy, teddy bears, flowers, butterflies, Santa and his reindeer and many more.

The cake art class will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 24 through Feb. 14. The fee is $30.

Other new classes at FJC include Saying What's on Your Mind, instructed by Jan Mendence. The course will deal with the difficult everyday situations involving
Public service courses

through June 28. The fee is $20.

A Scuba-Do Preview will be offered free of charge this year for those who have considered taking up scuba diving but don’t feel they know enough about it to make an intelligent decision. Instructor Ed Pelsmaker will meet with anyone interested from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, to answer questions about the sport. Participants can don scuba gear and go in the Darlington pool, the class site. Bring bathing suit and towel.

Art classes abound during the summer at FJC. Watercolor Art will be taught from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 14 through Aug. 18. The course will cover basic watercolor techniques, preparation of paper surface, wash techniques, wet-in-wet, wet-in-dry and dry-brush techniques. Also included is instruction on the use of splatter, sponge, razor blade and salt to produce textural effects in still-life and landscapes. The fee is $25.

A calligraphy class will be offered from 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays, July 11 through Aug. 15, including lettering styles such as Roman, Italics, Old English and manuscript. The fee is $25.

There is also a calligraphy class for teens, offered from 1-3 p.m. Mondays, July 11 through Aug. 15. Age limits are 12 to 18, fee is $25.

Mike Burton will teach a class on stained glass from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 14 through July 26, including pattern making, glass cutting, copper foil and lead came construction. Each member will make a small stained glass project to be taken home. There is a maximum of 20 students. The fee is $25.

For registration or further information, contact the FJC Public Service Office at 295-6334.
FJC honors over 80 students

Over 80 Floyd Junior College students were recently recognized for outstanding achievement at the college's 11th annual honor's assembly. Recipients and their awards were as follows:

- Bill Fortenberry, Rome, and Angela Martin, Cedartown, FJC Leadership Awards; Kitty Fortner, Aragon, FJC Spirit Award and the College Scholarship Service of the College Board Certificate of Achievement Award.
- Scott Smith, Cedartown, Lisa Walton, Tallapoosa, and Nancy Culbertson, Shannon, first, second and third place respectively, Art Purchase Award; Scott Smith and Sue hun, Rome, honorable mention, Art Purchase Award.
- Dale Tuck, Cedartown, Steven Murray, Armuchee, and Kerry Thompson, Cedartown, first, second and third place respectively, Old Ed Kimono Creative Writing Awards; Stacey Lanham, Rome, Terri Rackley, Aldosta, and Sue Chun, Rome, first, second and third place respectively, Old Red Monroe Art Awards; Sheila Johnson, Summerville, winner of the FJC Woman's Art Purchase Award.
- Mike Smith, Summerville, Chris Tidwell, Rome; Dale Tuck, Cedartown; and Suzanne Clonts, Rome, Berry College Academic Scholarship Award.

Awards given for outstanding research in specific areas included:
- Laura Annette Gary, Bartow, mental health; Le Tuck, Cedartown, and Maris Shadrack Tidwell, Rome, English; Todd Queen, Rockmart, business; Judy Liams, Rome, logical sciences; Esther Fulton, Summerville, geomatics; Paulette Ith, Rome, health sciences; Lyron J. Coddington, Rome, physical sciences; and Vin M. Stephens, Bartow, health, physical education and recreation.

Nursing awards were given in nursing.
- Ely Wheeler, Rome, Bld Medical Center, best improvement and achievement in Nursing.
- Mitchell, Rome, and Jamie Lindsey, Cedartown; Carmen Henderson, Rome; and Luana Mendez, Lindale.
- Recognized for their inclusion in "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges" for 1983 were Roy Carter, Holley Farr, Carmen Henderson, Ken Ingram, Sheila Jordan, Ervin Sanders, and Brenda Treadway, all of Rome; Gervase Wood Rain and Linda Swafford of Lindale; Mike Tucci of Cave Spring; Elizabeth Hancock Dudenboest and Pam Schultz, King of Cartersville; Kitty Fortner of Aragon; Barbara Hightower of Plainview; Dianne Kemp of Rockmart; William Parrish of Fitzgerald; Jamie Simpson of Rockmart; Alan McFarland, Angela Martin, Mary Richardson, and Dale Tuck, all of Cedartown.
- Receiving certificates for being candidates as 1983 honor graduates were:
  - Tim Hensley, Terry Booker, Vickie Brown, Myron Coddington, Betty Daniel, Margaret Davis, James Dent, Judith Early, Norma Elkins, Nathan Rush, Terry Shaw, Shirley Salmon West, Irene Wood, Elizabeth Wooten, Jack Zeigler, Elizabeth Davis, Melissa Gentry, Carmen Henderson and Sheila Jordan, all of Rome; Tracy Lawler, Silver Creek; Sandra Brownlow Caldie, Cave Spring; and Linda Swafford and Linda Mendez, Lindale; Donna Baxter, Laura Annette Gary, Annette Prewi, Leata, Ledford, Jamie Lindsey, and Angela Martin, all of Cedartown.
Star struck
Telescope, observatory open heavens to study for FJC students, faculty

Amateur astronomers at Floyd Junior College — now able to scan the heavens with the addition of a new observatory — have more than stars in their eyes, according to David Mott, assistant professor of art.

"Astronomy is about the only science left where amateurs still play a major role in research and that can be exciting for our students here in Rome," according to Mott.

Excited about the prospects of the astronomy research that will be made possible by the campus observatory, Mott's interest and teaching abilities are the major reason the project has come about.

"I have always liked astronomy," Mott explained. "Dr. David Cook, who is chairman of our natural science division, knew I was interested in the subject and approached me about teaching it. I have always been fascinated by space and read a lot on the subject, so naturally I liked the idea of teaching it."

Mott began teaching astronomy in June of 1981, and the course has been offered ever since, except for the winter when it is too cold. The class is best suited for the fall and spring, he said.

An existing building by the Floyd Junior College Lake has recently been converted into an observatory and is being used now. The equipment in the observatory includes eight 12 x 12 inch reflector telescopes, four 6 inch reflector telescopes for student use, several sizes of reflectors and other accompanying instruments.

Research will enter into the picture with the use of the new 12¾ inch reflector telescope which will eventually be worked into a research project called the "lactertae program" in cooperation with Georgia State University.

Lactertae objects are very faint points believed to be forms of galaxies that apparently get brighter when photographed, according to Mott.

He plans for his students to photograph the lactertae and send them to Georgia State, where a professor there will pick out the flaring objects and send them on to a larger observatory out west.

"Amateur involvement such as lactertae research with the students and myself is very important in astronomy," Mott explained. "The big telescopes are so hooked up for use that a lot of research falls on the amateurs."

Mott is busy making plans for use of the observatory in the spring.

"In the past two-and-a-half years we have assembled everything that we wanted to and now we're looking forward to using it for the first time. Personally, I want to do a good bit of astrophotography and research. We really want to get into research which will make our observatory activities a very positive and visible program."

Although several school groups have already inquired about touring the facility, Mott said that plans for public access to the observatory are still under discussion.
Several area high school students were honored for their works at the current art exhibit at Floyd Junior College's Art Gallery. Pictured (left to right) are Hubert Whitlow, FJC librarian and director of the gallery; Michael Baker, Pepperell, second-place winner; Claudia Pulp, Coosa, honorable mention; and Leanna Canada, West Rome, honorable mention. Not pictured are Missy Duvall, Armuchee, first place; Chris Henderson, Pepperell, third; Jennifer Owens, Armuchee, honorable mention; and Nekita Strickland, East Rome, Award of Merit. The high school show will be on display through May 8 at the gallery in the FJC library.
FJC commemorates its 15th anniversary

President there since beginning

By JOE CAFIERO
Staff Writer

A curious phenomenon is celebrating its 15th birthday. About six miles south of Rome on U.S. 27, that phenomenon is Floyd Junior College (FJC).

And, this fall, as the school celebrates its 15th year of offering classes, college president Dr. David McCorkle is beaming.

He can't talk enough about how much it means to him that the school is serving Floyd and the surrounding counties.

But, he said, there are a few misunderstandings that need to be cleared up.

"We're a real college," he said. "That's what some people don't seem to realize. We were designed to provide at least two years of higher education to anyone who wants it in this area."

McCorkle should know. He was the first employee of the college, hired as president back in 1970 when FJC had a budget of $815,000 and a staff of 54.

Construction of the original buildings was financed by a $3 million county bond issue, now close to being retired.

Three new buildings — a humanities and art building, a library and an air-conditioned gymnasium — have been added to the original six structures.

The total budget now stands at $5.15 million dollars, McCorkle said.

With an annual payroll of more than $4 million, most of it money from outside the county, FJC has earned its keep, according to McCorkle.

And, that's not even considering the educational opportunities offered by the college, he said.

"A lot of people seem to get confused by all the special programs we offer," he said. "We've probably had more than 50,000 people in our public-service classes since we've been here.

"But, even the people who've taken those classes — and I'm talking about everything from real estate to cake-baking — don't realize how many traditional students we serve."

James Boyd, head of student affairs at FJC, and another 15-year veteran of the college, estimates 15,400 students have attended the traditional college program.

This quarter, he said, 1,200 students are enrolled at FJC.

"We've had students 17-years-old and 70-years-old," Boyd said. "And, just about every age in between has been represented, too."

But, just because FJC is a two-year college, that doesn't mean the education offered there is less than the best, according to McCorkle.

"People have the mistaken idea that since we're called "junior" we're somehow second-rate," he said. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

FJC is a unit of the 33-member University System of Georgia, which includes Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia.

And, affiliation with the university system makes for stiff academic standards, the college president said.

"We'll often accept a student the University of Georgia wouldn't take," he said. "But, we put them through a tough program here. And, two years with us — with no questions asked — will be accepted as two years at Georgia. There's a direct transfer of credit."

"Now, how can our programs not be as good as what they've got at Georgia if credit here equals credit there."

Academically weak students are forced to attend remedial classes until they pass a test. "Please see FJC, page 6A"

Shelton provides impressive answer

‘Our program is rated so highly because we always go above and beyond what the guidelines specify. We place a lot of emphasis on an individual’s conduct.’

—Jerry Shelton

When Floyd Junior College (FJC) opened its doors, chairman of physical education Jerry Shelton was on hand.

Now, 15 years later, he has given the college an impressive anniversary gift.

That present is a nationally ranked summer sports-and-enrichment program for underprivileged boys and girls from age 10 to 16.

FJC has been ranked third in the United States among the 141 colleges and universities administering the program, said Shelton.

Last summer, about 400 youngsters participated in all or part of the six-week program.

"We've been part of the National Youth Sports Program (NYS) for 10 years now," said Shelton, coordinator of the program. "And, we've always had a good program, but this year especially so."

The 141 NYS programs are federally funded and regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Shelton said. He said 90 percent of the children in the enrichment program are underprivileged.

Many major colleges and universities — among them the University of Arizona, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kentucky — also have NYS summer programs, according to Shelton.

"Our program is rated so high because we always go above and beyond what the guidelines specify. We consider our students in this program as individuals, not as a group."
system schools for percentage of students passing the Regents test," McCorkle said. "We always have a large percentage of our students who take the test pass it."

FJC's nursing program also averages high percentage-passage rates on the state nursing exams, he said. Last year, the program placed in the top five percent of nursing schools for passage rates.

But, McCorkle said, there's still much more to FJC than quality academic programs.

"We're here for one primary purpose," he said, "and that is to serve the community in whatever way they need to be served.

"When you're considering a major college, you can take what they offer and that's it. But, here, if you can demonstrate a community need for the kind of instruction you're looking for, there's a good chance we'll start a program to serve that need." McCorkle said FJC's nursing program came about in just that manner.

Another program now under consideration by the Board of Regents is the establishment of a four-year college for the deaf to be based at FJC.

"The report of the committee that looked into that has gone to the chancellor," McCorkle said. "But, most of the paperwork assessing the needs and potential location for the school was done through the central office (of the board of Regents). There's really no way of knowing what they'll decide at this point."

Looking back over the 15 years FJC has been in existence, McCorkle said he is satisfied with what the college has accomplished.

"We've met and exceeded our original plans," he said.
FJC ranks 7th in fall test scores

From AP, Staff reports

Albany Junior College, a school of 1,600 students, placed ahead of the state's 32 other public colleges and universities in the fall Regents' Exam.

All Georgia college students must take the test to graduate.

Floyd Junior College (FJC) ranked seventh, with 76 percent of the 50 participating students passing the exam.

"We're pleased" about the college's ranking, said David McCorkle, president of FJC.

"This is typical of what we've done over the years," he said, attributing the high scores to FJC's emphasis placed on language skills.

"This is not unusual at all for us to be up that high," McCorkle said. "We are always up in the top third."

And, he said, "the faculty worked hard to accomplish this as well as our students. We have an excellent English department."

Ninety-five of the 114 Albany Junior College students who this fall took the exam in reading and math skills passed it, giving the two-year school a passing rate of 83 percent — just ahead of the University of Georgia's 82 percent.

"It's the first time we can identify ourselves with the flagship," said Clarence Van Hoy, dean of instruction at Albany.

Albany Junior's performance mirrors improvement throughout the system; 71 percent of the 7,002 students taking the test for the first time this fall passed, up from 60 percent four years ago, according to the Board of Regents.

The test, which is required for graduation, is usually taken during sophomore year, but students may take it until they pass, along with, if needed, remedial courses.
Tuition...

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quarters is $4,380, the same as last year.

The tuition fee increased 3.2
where the quarterly rate is
$1,375 with the yearly rate
$4,125, Walton said.

Nationally, according to the
study, tuition alone jumped by
an average $1,278 for students attending public college in their
home states and by $5210 for out-of-state students.

Room and board cost $2,343 at
the typical public campus this
year, up 5 percent, or $101, over
last year.

Texas, for years the home of the
gate's least-expensive public
universities, posted the
steepest percentage increases.
The Lone Star state raised tuition
and fees for residents 57 percent
from $446 to $701, while

out-of-state students saw their
bills soar 162 percent from $1,457
to $3,764.

The Texas legislature boosted
the cost of higher education in the
wake of a budget crunch brought
about largely by depressed oil
gas prices.

Louisiana, another state hit by
falling energy prices, had the
second highest increase in tuition
and fees, 27 percent for residents
and non-residents alike. That
boosted tuition and fees to $1,071
for home-state students and to
$2,134 for non-residents.

A year at one of the nation's
most prestigious private colleges
can cost $15,000 or more. That
has triggered a flood of appli-
cations in recent years at many
prestigious public universities.

Several guide books have hit the
market recently touting what one
author calls "The Public Ivys."

One campus that bucked the
trend was the University of
Hawaii's Health Science Center,
where tuition and fees for
undergraduates were lowered
from $1,329 to $1,074 for residents,
and from $3,459 to $2,719 for
out-of-state students.

Hawaii, Nevada, the District of
Columbia and Guam did not
raise tuition or fees for 1985-86.

Delaware, Montana and Wash-
ington recorded 20 percent in-
creases. Alaska raised its
charges by more than 15 percent.

Nebraska posted a 14 percent
increase and Tennessee 13 percent.

Five states boosted the charges
by 11 percent: Georgia, Minne-
sota, Mississippi, Missouri and
New Jersey. Virginia and North
Dakota also had increases of 10
percent or more.

Twenty states raised tuition
and fees by 5 percent to 9.9
percent: Colorado, Connecticut,
Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,
Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland,
Massachusetts, New Hamp-
shire, New Mexico, Pennsyl-
vania, Rhode Island, South
Carolina, South Dakota, Utah,
Vermont, West Virginia and Wis-
consin.

A dozen states raised their
charges by less than 5 percent:
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas,
California, Idaho, Maine, Mich-
igan, New York, North Carolina,
Ohio, Oregon and Wyoming.

The price differential for home-
state students and outsiders also
exists at the graduate school
level. The public university
charged residents an average
$1,427, tuition and fees, while
non-residents are paying $3,112.

Law school tuition and fees
rose by an average of 12 percent
to $2,633 for residents and $4,444
for non-residents. Most other
professional schools raised their
charges by 7 percent.

Medical schools now charge
home-state students an average
$4,444, while outsiders pay
$9,360; veterinary school
charge $3,284 and $7,280; and
dental schools $4,583 and $9,002.

Consumer prices rose less than
4 percent in 1984. The college
associations contend their cam-
puses have had to raise tuition
faster than the general rate of
inflation to boost faculty
salaries, raise student aid, buy
computers and other new equip-
ment and establish new
academic programs.
Other honor graduates, who maintained grade-point averages of 3.3 or higher, were:

Festus Lamar Aultman Jr., Armuchee; Julia Lynn Battles, Cloudland; Susan Juanita Claxton, Bremen; Diana Barnes Collins, Rome; Robert Ben Croy, Trion; Deborah Ann Dawson, Summerville; Janice Yvonne Deems, Cedartown;

Ivey Ellen Dickert, Cedartown; Wanda Howard Dugger, Rome; Teresa B. Goodwin, Rome; Tracy Duane Hardy, Rome; Cheryl Diana Harris, Rome; Jerry Lamar Hughes, Aragon; Cindy Lee Jones, Rome; Clyde M. Kennedy, Cave Spring; Donna Bishop Long, Fairmount;

Barbara Hopper Martin, Cedartown; Angela Alford Miller, Silver Creek; Jean Gregory Miller, Rome; Phylliss Carol Morgan, Lindale; Laura Jean Morris, Cedartown; Lisa Gail Noyes, Rome; Jerrell Anthony Parker, Rome; John David Pena, Rome; Nancy Anne Poole, Rome;

Patti H. Puckett, Cedartown; Freida M. Roberts, Rockmart; Cheryl S. Roether, Rome; Lauren Melissa Rogers, Cedartown; Sharon Gail Sisson, Lindale; William Randy Smith, Rome; Cindy Lynn Stallings, Centre, Ala.; Sara Janet Swindle, Lindale;

Jesse Scott Tucker, Trion; Leigh Ann Watkins, Rome; and William E. Winfrey Jr., Rome.

Other graduates, listed by degrees obtained, are:

Associate In Arts — Deana Lee Dean, Plainville; Mary Nelle Foss, Silver Creek; and Tracy Duane Hardy, Rome; William Rance Jones, Wayne Walton Lewis, Jeffrey Ladder Smith, Barry Ray Stephens, all of Rome; Jeannita Helen Stratton, Kingston; and Leigh Ann Washburn, Cara Ann Williamson and Gary Wilson, both of Rome.

Associate In Science — Larry Brent Adams II and Festus Lamar Aultman Jr., both of Rome; Rebecca Suzanne Bailey, Armuchee; Kenneth H. Bevels, Lindale; Gwendolyn Kimmanner Brewer, Rome; Stanley Burton Brooks, Rome; Gary Harris Bryant, Silver Creek; Wanda Howard Dugger, Paula Jones Evans, Cynthia Yvette Fausa, Ronald Eugene George and Teresa B. Goodwin, all of Rome.

Joseph Benjamin Green III, William Lamar Hardin and Kenny Ronald Hess, all of Rome; David Leroy Hodges, Cave Spring; Leigh Allison Hopper and Cindy Lee Jones, both of Rome; Clyde M. Kennedy, Cave Spring; Adan Kerry Leewer, Silver Creek; Diane Elizabeth Long and Cary Franklin McCullough, both of Rome; Phyllis Carol Morgan, Lindale; Jerrell Anthony Parker, Sue Ellen Parker, and John David Pena, all of Rome; Lazina Yvonne Riley and Cheryl S. Roether, both of Rome; Sonja D. Saxon and Helen Virginia Shaw, both of Cave Spring; Robert Jerome Smith, William Randy Smith and Gary Ralph Starnes, all of Rome; Sara Traylor, Silver Creek; Elizabeth Ann Turner, William E. Winfrey Jr. and Suzanne Collette Winn, all of Rome; and James Stanley Wright, Cave Spring.

Associate In Science In Nursing — Donna Westmoreland, Bunch, Judy Shelly Carnes, Diane Barnes Collins and Vicki Elaine Datrynsky, all of Rome; Crystal Ann Davis, Cave Spring; Lisa Powell Gillenwater, Rome; Sandra Sorow Cipson, Armuchee; Cheryl Diana Harris, Wanda Marjorie Hunter, Cynthia Barnes Little and Joan M. Lively, all of Rome.

Christy Newton McGinnan, Rome; Susan Elaine Meeks, Rome; Angela Alford Miller, Silver Creek; Jean Gregory Miller, Lily Reynolds Miller, Lisa Gail Noyes, Nancy Anne Poole and Charles Richard Rheinheimer Jr., all of Rome; Sharon Gail Saxon, Lindale; and Carol Frost Thompson and Kimberly Lynn Vaughn, both of Rome.
Floyd College celebrating 20th year in an ‘up’ mood

By SYLVIA COOPER
Staff Writer

Floyd College is growing and looking forward to its 20th birthday. Its 1988 fall-quarter enrollment was up 24 percent over that of the year before, and winter-quarter enrollment this year topped out at 1,439 students, up 26 percent over the same period last year, college officials said.

In addition, the school’s nursing program is bucking a national downward trend. The freshman nursing class numbered 60 students fall quarter, up from 46 in fall 1987.

According to college officials, the school is heading toward its 20th birthday with a stable core of students, new language and computer labs, an emphasis on computer literacy, a cooperative emergency-medical-technician (EMT) program, plans for new programs in art and law enforcement, and a fund-raising drive.

A $40,000 computerized language lab opened in September, giving students and teachers greater control and flexibility in using taped lessons.

The new lab may become even more useful in the future if the college is able to develop its potential for video instruction. The system can be expanded to include video monitors at each student station, according to Sheila McCoy, foreign-language instructor.

Last fall, Floyd College became the only school in the University System of Georgia to require all students to take a computer-orientation course to complete any program of study. Students must spend 25 hours in the first half of the quarter learning typing and word-processing skills and applying those to other software programs.

The new computer requirement put into action the college administration’s commitment to computer literacy throughout the school, said Dean Wesley Walraven. The goal, he said, is not to make a computer scientist of every student but rather preparation for the modern workplace.

Students aren’t the only ones required to become computer literate. All Floyd College faculty members are required to take an introductory seminar that acquaints them with the principles and basic operation of computers.

The long-range goal is a computer-literate faculty and a personal computer in every office, Walraven said. Ultimately, the individual computers would be linked so each user could communicate with all others, he said.

A new 24-station computer lab was installed last summer, bringing the number of computers for students’ use to 60 in three labs. In addition, there are about 18 personal computers in faculty and academic division offices.

Among other resources being developed at Floyd College is the University System’s PLATO network, a computerized library of more than 8,000 lessons in different subject areas. Teachers and students will be able to call up the lessons on computers at the college and use them as a supplement to coursework.

Progress in 1988 also came in the form of a cooperative EMT program between Floyd College and Coosa Valley Technical Institute. The program will provide three levels of training for EMT’s. The first level, 200 hours of basic EMT training, is offered once a year at Coosa Valley Tech. The second level, also offered by Coosa Valley Tech, is the paramedic 766 hours of classroom and clinical training, leading to state certification.

By completing these two programs and earning 52 hours at Floyd College, students will receive the degree of associate of applied science.

And, according to Sheila Shaw, public-information officer, “We’re working on a two-year program in art that will allow students to transfer credits to an art school such as the Atlanta College of Art.

“We’re also working on a program in law enforcement. For a long time, we’ve been the Northwest Georgia Police Academy, and we’re working on a program that would give those people college credits.”

This year, the college, on U.S. 27 six miles south of Rome, began its first major fund-raising drive. The $75,000 raised is earmarked primarily for scholarships and enrichment programs, according to Jim Hobgood, a Georgia State Bank officer and chairman of the drive.

The two-year liberal arts college is part of the University System of Georgia and receives state funding, but the money raised during the drive will be used for programs not funded with state money, Hobgood said.
Floyd Jr. College to inflame old issue

By JOE CAFIERO
Staff Writer Feb. 13, 1986

Floyd Junior College President David McCorkle believes the school has helped light the fires of higher education in Floyd County.

Friday, the institution will light a different kind of fire.

McCorkle said one of the bonds used to finance the school 15 years ago, part of a $3.125 million county bond issue, will be torched after a 7:30 a.m. bond-burning breakfast.

He said the breakfast at the school cafeteria is by invitation only.

Afterwards, he said, Floyd County Commission Chairman C.T. Blankenship will symbolically burn one of the five,000 bonds used to finance the original buildings.

That ceremony, open to the public, will be on the concrete plaza outside the cafeteria on the campus, six miles south of Rome on U.S. 27.

The event takes place on Floyd Junior College Day, a date recently declared by the Rome City Commission. The commission, in that declaration, also praised the institution for providing local citizens two years of quality higher education at a reasonable price.

McCorkle, president since the school opened its doors in 1970, said he expects a good turnout of county and city officials and community servants who helped get the college on its feet.

"We're very pleased about this," McCorkle said. "And, we hope to continue to serve the community as we have up until now."

He said the school has touched a large number of lives in Floyd and surrounding counties since it began. Average annual attendance is listed as 1,200.

McCorkle noted that about 15,400 students have attended the traditional college program, coming regularly from the counties of Floyd, Bartow, Chattooga, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, Polk and Walker.

And, the school has reached about 50,000 people through community-service programs since its opening, he said.

The two-year college is part of the 33-member University System of Georgia, which includes Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the University of Georgia.

Academically, according to McCorkle, the college has met and surpassed all the goals it initially set. Today, he said, a degree from Floyd Junior College will transfer to any other school within the university system with no loss of credit.

McCorkle said the county bond issue financed the grounds purchase and the four original buildings.

The school is situated on 226 acres, including a 56-acre lake. There are now nine buildings on campus.

And, he said, the institution has a significant economic impact on Floyd County today.

Employment at the college is 158, an increase of 200 percent since its first year.

The annual payroll is over $4 million, most of that money coming into Floyd County from state and federal sources, he said.
Floyd business degree in use throughout state

Changing to stay on the cutting edge of technology has brought major changes at Floyd College that will affect the rest of the state.

Officials said that the two-year community college's business program is changing this quarter as the school implements its new associate of applied science (AAS).

The AAS degree soon will be implemented at two-year and vocational schools across the state, said Dr. Tom Berry, chairman of Floyd College's business division.

The AAS differs from a traditional business degree because it combines practical technical/vocational training with an academic background, Berry said.

To obtain this training, he said, students take 36 to 41 quarter hours of business courses at Floyd College and the remaining 49 to 54 quarter hours of the 90-quarter-hour program at a technical school.

The program, which was developed by Dr. Wesley C. Walraven, Floyd College's dean, has been in the developmental stage for the past 20 years and started crystallizing about six years ago, Berry said. The AAS, offered at the two-year college in mid-February is "so new we don't have a count of participating schools," Berry said.

Berry said Floyd College is offering the AAS in conjunction with Coosa Valley Technical Institute, 112 Hemlock Street, and North Metro Tech, off I-75 in Bartow County.

"We like this degree plan because it maximizes the taxpayers' dollars by joint cooperation between the two-year schools and technical institutes and by avoiding duplication of facilities, faculties and resources," Berry said.

The associate degree in applied science is targeted for vocational-occupations students who desire to learn the traditional technical skills and give them the general education skills which will lead to an associate degree.

With the AAS, he said, students select options in business and office technology, computer operations, computer programming, information and office technology, marketing/management and microcomputer specialist.

Additionally, Berry said, the school offers an associate career degree in business and an associate degree in business administration, both of which are taken only at Floyd College, and a traditional associate degree that will transfer the student to junior-level work at all four-year colleges in Georgia's University System.

About 350 students are enrolled in the traditional associate degree program, the division chairman said, and many of them transfer to other four-year colleges, especially Greater Rome's Berry College and Shorter College.

He estimated that 150 students are enrolled in the associate career degree in business, a 101-hour degree program including the state-mandated core curriculum as well as 60 hours of business subjects such as supervisory management, principals of management, small business computers and finance.

"There may be a margin of error in these figures," Berry said, "because we don't have a perfect tracking system due in part to our status as a transient school."

—Cheryl Young, Staff Writer

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McCorkle gives opportunities

By CHERRY L. YOUNG
Staff Writer

Dr. David McCorkle seized a moment of opportunity 20 years ago to guide Floyd College, and now he is sharing opportunity with the school's students.

"I came from a poor background and had to work for everything I've gotten," McCorkle said. "I like to give people here the opportunity to do the same thing.

"We're an opportunity school. The main thing we do here is give people the opportunity to do things they wouldn't have done otherwise. If a person comes to school here, whether or not they graduate, we think they're showing some success.

Because workers of the future will change vocations several times during their lifetime, a good general education will be important in helping them learn new skills," said McCorkle, a Buena Vista native.

McCorkle graduated from Schley High School in Blountville in 1939. In 1941, he graduated from Georgia Southwestern, a two-year college in Americus. McCorkle earned his doctorate in education at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore., a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in education, both from the University of Georgia in Athens.

In 1941, a combination of college skills and opportunity led McCorkle to his first job in education as principal of Wesley Grammar School in Butler.

He was working in the personnel department at Machin Mills in Thomson when he was drafted to serve as a medical administrator in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1942 to 1946 during World War II.

He worked as an assistant professor of education at the Atlanta division of the University of Georgia from 1946 to 1959 before moving into the general extension division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education where he was a part-time instructor until 1957.

He then taught general and applied psychology at Oregon State University in Corvallis for a year before transferring to the University of Mississippi in Oxford, where he was director of student activities and an assistant professor of education from 1952 to 1954. The following year, McCorkle remained at the University of Mississippi and served as director of personnel, director of student activities and an assistant professor of education, all at the same institution.

From 1955 to 1961, he was director of student personnel and an associate for the school of nursing at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson before moving to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta where he was director of student affairs from 1961 to 1963.

In 1968, McCorkle became the founding president of Floyd College.

McCorkle said he has seen some changes in education during his career.

"At 19, after attending college for two years, I became an elementary school principal," he said. "When I look back, things like that seem odd now because times have changed so much. Events like that just don't happen any more because requirements and regulations have changed."

Despite change, McCorkle has remained a constant at Floyd College for the past 20 years, but even that, he said, is subject to change. McCorkle said he intends to retire from Floyd College within the next three years.

"Floyd College is something I've spent all my effort on day and night, seven days a week for the past 20 years," McCorkle said.

"I'm not going to be around when Floyd College becomes a part of state education."
Floyd College officials content with state plans

From staff reports

Macon College won't be among schools resisting a state
plan that calls for little and 'more remedial
work' to be the 'norm,' said its president Dr.
David S. Owens, speaking for the state Regents
council. He said what we have really won out all along.

That plan, which calls for some
or more remedial
work at two-year and
four-year schools,
will be the 'norm,'
he said. 'We're
compliance. The
executive vice
chancellor of the University System of Georgia, who was asked about what each category of institution will be expected to do, you are also talking about what they can do.'

The plan, pushed by staff mem-
bers, college presidents and regents
members over two years is to
be adopted by the regents next month.

It is not good news for the two-
year schools, but not exactly bad
news, either. The state's two-year
schools are among the state's four-year
schools looking to 'grow up.' Mean-
while, six of the state's four-year
schools want to become regional universi-
ties.

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Dental studies get OK

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved Wednesday a dental hygiene program to be offered at Floyd College.

The two-year program will be a joint effort with the Medical College of Georgia. Graduates will receive an associate's in science degree in dental hygiene from the medical college.

Students will be able to take core courses at Floyd College, and space will be provided in a leased building in Rome for the technical portion of the two-year program, according to Scott Whitaker, a spokesman for Floyd College.

The first class of dental hygienists should begin taking courses this fall and should graduate from the two-year program by June 1992.

Michael Baxter, a spokesman for the Board of Regents, said the Floyd College program was approved because “dentists in northwest Georgia are having a hard time finding licensed dental hygienists.”

The program will cost about $300,000 in its first year, more than half of that figure for personnel, Baxter said. When the program is fully functional, 28 students are expected to be enrolled.

The program will be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Floyd College is the only institution in Northwest Georgia offering studies in dental hygiene.

Whitaker said the project is designed to respond to both regional and state demands from the Georgia Dental Association to address their perception of a serious shortage of dental hygienists in rural Georgia.

Dr. Wesley Walraven, vice president of Floyd College, said students will now be able to complete their associate degree work in Rome rather than having to move or travel more than 80 miles away.

Dental program studied

Floyd College could give hygiene classes

By BILL FORTENBERRY
Staff Writer

A new dental hygiene program could be offered at Floyd College this fall if the Board of Regents gives its approval for the program today.

According to Scott Whitaker, public information officer at Floyd College:

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, which governs Floyd College, is meeting today to decide if a two-year associate's degree in dental hygiene will be offered at the college.

"This project," Whitaker said, "is designed to respond to both regional and state demand from the Georgia Dental Association to address their perception of a serious shortage of dental hygienists in rural Georgia."

If approval is granted, the first class of dental hygienists could begin taking courses this fall and would graduate from the program in June 1992.

If approved, it would make Floyd College the only institution in Northwest Georgia offering studies in dental hygiene, Whitaker said. The nearest dental hygiene program is at Dekalb College, he added.

The program would be a cooperative effort between Floyd College and the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. A degree would be conferred by the Medical College.

Classes would be taught by Medical College of Georgia professors at Floyd College, and an off-campus dental laboratory may be set up.

Dr. Wesley Walraven, Dean of

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Floyd College promotes Melton to position

Floyd College's executive vice president has been promoted to the position of executive vice president of the college, with responsibility for business and support services. The college's board of directors has selected Dr. George Melton for the position. Melton has served as associate vice president for finance and administration since 1996.
Floyd College offering more

New degrees, joint programs being planned

By CHERYL YOUNG
Staff Writer

Changing its degree programs to accommodate a trend toward expanded technical education is expected to be one way that Floyd College prepares for the 21st century.

The single greatest change in education during the 1990s, said Dr. Wesley Walraven, dean of the two-year college, will be an expanded emphasis on technical areas. Some colleges will cooperate with technical schools to offer dual-degree programs, he said, which combine college courses with vocational training.

A driving force behind this movement, Walraven said, is "Workforce 2000," a study by the Hudson Institute that outlines educational trends. The study said some such trends include:

- Slow population and labor-force growth during the next 15 years;
- A decrease in the number of young workers entering the labor market;
- An increasingly older average age of the work force;
- More women entering the work force;
- Significant geographic and occupational shifts in employment;
- International competition and technological change.

Walraven said only those workers will be required to have more analytic skills.

And, continuation of the economy shifting from manufacturing industries to service areas.

To help meet these trends, Walraven said, Floyd College plans a massive expansion of degree programs and majors.

During this decade the school plans to develop joint-enrollment degree programs with technical schools, he said. For example, the college plans to offer four to five degree programs with Coosa Valley Technical Institute and several degree programs in conjunction with North Metro Technical Institute in Acworth.

Some possible program areas, Walraven said, include respiratory therapy and computer science.

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He also predicts the school will gain more faculty and classroom space in the '90s. Physical facilities will be expanded during the early '90s to add a guidance/placement-services office in the administration building, Walraven said.

That will be the school's third expansion since it was constructed in the '70s, he said. Previous additions included a gymnasium, a library and a wing of the administration building.

"We are using a mall-like concept for our buildings," Walraven said. "We are trying to keep our facilities as economical as possible but to make access easier by having buildings connected."

"We have used the same type construction to add on to the school's original buildings," said Dr. David McCorkle, Floyd College president. "We also have re-done the landscape."

"We spend a lot of time and effort on the appearance of the campus. We can afford to plant small things and let them grow. We're here to stay."

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Dr. Wesley Walraven

Floyd College president Dr. David McCorkle

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Floyd College, in another two-year college.

It was previously Floyd Junior College.

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- Expansion of co-educational programs.
loyd College offering more degrees, programs planned

ERYL YOUNG
Writer

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Among other changes marking the two-year college's progression through the '80s, according to Walraven, were:

- Development of a computer-literacy program in the fall of 1988. All students entering the school are required to complete the course before graduation.
- Expansion of the instructional program for hearing-impaired students.
- Start of an art gallery in the college's library.

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—Dr. Wesley Walraven, Floyd College
Floyd College launches foundation fund drive

By TED ROSS
Staff Writer

Steve Edwards, a Rome insurance salesman, says he likes to champion the underdog, which he identifies these days as Floyd College.

Edwards is spearheading an effort to raise $82,000 this year for the two-year community college through its fund-raising arm, the Floyd Foundation.

"It doesn't seem like a gigantic amount," he told foundation members at a luncheon Wednesday, "unless you compare it to what we raised last year, which was $12,000."

By contrast, the county's two four-year colleges, both private, brought in far more. Berry College raised $3.9 million in fiscal year 1991, while Shorter College raised $8.3 million from 1986 to 1989, according to figures supplied by the two colleges.

Floyd College, a two-year public institution, is a part of the University System of Georgia.

Both Berry and Shorter colleges, Edwards notes, have full-time money-raisers, while the Floyd Foundation is composed entirely of volunteers.

But the fundamental problem, Edwards says, is that Floyd College has never taken the time to tell the community just how valuable it is.

"If we tell people what we're doing, they will gladly support us," Edwards said. "This has always been a generous community. We've just never told our story, and that's our fault."

According to Edwards, while Berry and Shorter routinely raise enormous sums, compared with Floyd's, the students who benefit are not typically from Floyd County.

"We just want to let people know half the students of Floyd College are Floyd County residents," Edwards said. "The other two schools cannot make that statement. That's a legitimate reason for local support."

Furthermore, Floyd's students stay after graduation to join all manner of businesses, especially Floyd County's sizable medical community, he said.

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Floyd Medical Center is particularly heavily stocked by Floyd College alums, Edwards said. According to Edwards, 130 nurses currently employed at the hospital are graduates of Floyd College's nursing program. Edwards said 325 nurses — 55 percent of the county's total — were trained at the college.

Although he is not a Floyd College graduate, Edwards is orchestrating the 1991 drive, which began Wednesday and ends April 26.

Edwards said the $82,000 goal is feasible, especially with a new strategy he has devised to entice potential donors.

This year the foundation has set up 32 scholarships of $1,500 each, instead of asking for money without designating a purpose, he said.

Donors will receive certificates of recognition, they can have the scholarship named after their businesses, and can specify a particular student as a recipient, Edwards told the assemblage.

"I know each of you can raise $1,500," he said.

Six minority scholarships are included in the total, and an additional $3,000 will go into a fund for students with financial crises that might knock them out of school.

An additional $5,000 is being requested to pay for expenses related to finding a successor to retiring president David McCorkle, who will step down June 30.
Student-run dental clinic filling its role

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A new dental hygiene clinic, staffed mostly by dental students from the Medical College of Georgia of Augusta, completed its first quarter of service in Rome Friday.

The clinic is operated under a three-year pilot program through the Augusta school in cooperation with Floyd College. This quarter, 14 Medical College students completed their work at the clinic while also taking classes at Floyd.

The state-funded clinic opened in April and is located at 809 Keelway Drive, across from Floyd Medical Center. The clinic is closed now, while students take a break, but re-opens Sept. 9, instructor Donna Miller said.

The clinic has seen an average of 35 patients a week, staff member Cherri Tucker said.

The students "are doing really well," Ms. Miller said. "The customers have been very pleased with our service."

Ms. Miller and Dr. Tom McDaniel are the two teaching staff members. Both teach hygiene classes and monitor the students' clinical work.

The students do not do fillings or crown work, Ms. Miller said. But they do clean teeth, take and interpret X-rays, and give fluoride treatments.

"It's not boring," said student Cathy Linatoc of Rome. "I meet a lot of different people."

Ms. Linatoc said she was uneasy at first because she had not worked in a clinic before. But she found that the students who had been dental assistants did not have a distinct advantage, because they had not cleaned teeth.

"I don't think we lost any time," she said.

Another student, Denise Bates of Rome, said attracting patients has been the biggest concern of the Medical College clinic.

The students are responsible for recruiting patients, she said. And they have an incentive to recruit, because each student must treat a certain number of patients to earn a degree.

The students must take two quarters of classes at Floyd and pass competency tests before they start working in the clinic, Ms. Miller said. After studying basic background material, they learn hygiene techniques and how to set up and sterilize the instruments.

Students continue to take between 12 and 20 hours of classes each quarter while working, she said.

This clinic could be a help to patients who lack dental insurance or do not have regular dentists.

The state-funded dental clinic, located at 809 Keelway Drive, Rome, is open for business. Ms. Miller said.

"For the fee, it's quality care," she said. The only disadvantage is that the appointments take longer than those at a private-practice hygienist. Most appointments take about two hours because Ms. Miller and McDaniel check on the students periodically while they are working, she said.

"They guidance ... The students' classes are in the morning, and the clinic in the afternoon. We are trying to give the students a chance to form a practice after they graduate," she said.