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Regents Approve \$134,000 Grant

When Governor Miller allotted \$6.8 million to the Board of Regents from lottery proceeds for technology, it was with the stipulation that the money be given to colleges who could match the grant dollar for dollar with private funds. Knowing that it would be difficult to raise substantial amounts of money in a short period of time, Floyd College officials proposed that the gift of East Rome Junior High School from the City of Rome be considered a gift from a private source with a value of \$234,000. The Regents approved the grant for \$134,000 which will be distributed later this month.

The money will purchase a computer lab for campus, and a distance learning studio and a PeachNet node for the East Rome Junior High School facility, according to *Tom Melton, vice president for Business and Finance*. The PeachNet node will allow computer access from our main campus to the downtown campus including E-mail capabilities.

"This will give us a good start on updating our inadequate student computer equipment and it will allow us to proceed further in our distance learning plans," *Dr. Cundiff* announced. "Additional funds will be needed, however, to bring the college the quantity and quality computer equipment our students will need to learn competitive business skills." 

Vardemann on Board

Dr. Brady Vardemann, Floyd College's new *vice president for Instruction*, will begin work Tuesday, January 18. Dr. Vardemann comes to Floyd College from the position of Associate Commissioner of Montana Systems of Higher

Education.

A native of Texas, she has additional experience as a dean, division head, instructor, and a nurse clinician.

You may welcome Dr. Vardemann at a reception for new employees Wednesday, January 19.

Technology Center Open

RESA (Regional Education Services Agency) has moved into the Floyd College Foundation Technology Center and has resumed full operation. An open house of the facility is being planned for late February/early March.

As originally arranged, Floyd College will have use of the facility's interactive laboratory on weekday mornings and can use both computer labs on weekends. "Equipment in the building is state-of-the-art and will enhance our educational offerings immensely," said *Dr. Cundiff*, "and until we can own our own equipment, this is a viable alternative."

The Technology Center was built with funds secured by the Floyd College Foundation from several local banks. The Northwest Georgia RESA, serving a ten-county area and 16 K-12 school systems, is leasing the building for its exclusive use. The building is one of nine Department of Education Technology Training Centers in the state.

Folks

Welcome the following new employees: Jeffery Mack, instructor in English, Donna Sutton, lab assistant, Gloria Barnett, secretary, Division of Humanities, Mary Ann Caldwell, secretary/counselor aide, Mental Health department, and Carole Abbott, secretary, Small Business Development Center. A reception for new employees will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2-3 p.m. in the Solarium. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Regional Police Academy staff attended the annual GADA conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia, December 6-9 for training by Police Officer Standard Training personnel. All staff members must go through this training to meet new requirements for record keeping and to learn new rules and regulations for academy students.

The previously postponed **Phi Theta Kappa chartering ceremony** will be held Monday, January 24, 7 p.m. in the gym. Two hundred thirty-eight students met the 3.5 GPA on 20 quarter hours work criteria to be members of the national honor society for junior colleges. More than 100 students will be inducted during the ceremony. **Sam Callan, director of Student Activities**, is coordinating.

Lynn Cundiff, president, will be the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Program Monday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., at the Cedartown Civic Center.

Jim Cook, professor of history, is keeping busy while recuperating from back surgery this winter. Last Thursday he spoke to the Cedartown Optimist Club and he is scheduled to speak to the Cedartown Kiwanis Club and the Polk County Historical Society in February. His presentations will focus on Governor Carl Sanders, whose biography he recently completed.

Announcements

The following continuing education classes will be offered in the coming weeks:

- ♦Taming of DOS Systems
- ♦Supervising People I
- ♦How Not To Go Broke & Have What You Want
- ♦Overcoming Fear to Reach Goals
- ♦Manage & Control Multiple Priorities
- ♦Conversational Spanish
- ♦Basic Sign Language
- ♦Yes You Too Can Do Windows

SBDC will sponsor these classes:

- ♦How to Start a Small Business
- ♦How to Talk With Your Accountant
- ♦CoExisting with the Mass Merchandiser
- ♦Tax Planning for a Small Business

For additional information or to register for a class, call 295-6324.

Winter quarter enrollment is 2,828-2,323 on the Rome campus, 382 at North Metro, and 285 in Cartersville. (Individual campus figures include 162 duplicates among campuses.)

The contract on the East Rome Junior High School building has been signed by the Rome City Commissioners and the deed has been turned over to the Board of Regents. The first phase of renovations is expected to begin immediately. *Faculty and staff will be invited to walk through the building Friday, January 21, beginning at 1 p.m.*

The Public Service department is sponsoring an **Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) teleconference** Tuesday, January 18, 4-6 p.m., in room B-218. Faculty and staff members are invited to attend for free.

Monday, January 17, the college will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

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