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## DARDEN COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Congressman George (Buddy) Darden will be the commencement speaker during Floyd College's graduation exercises June 11, according to Dr. Lynn Cundiff, president. "Congressman Darden is very important to our students and the people in our service area, and we are delighted that he has agreed to address our graduates," Dr. Cundiff stated.

Darden was first chosen to represent Georgia's 7th District in a November 1983 special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Larry McDonald. The 7th District includes Floyd and other northwest Georgia counties. Darden won re-election in 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1992.

A Cobb County District Attorney from 1973-1977, he has been a resident of Marietta since 1967. He represented west Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1981 until his election to Congress.

Darden earned a law degree from the University of Georgia in 1967. While in college, he became interested in government and worked in internships with Senator Richard Russell and Congressman Carl Vinson. He also was student body president at the University of Georgia.

Since December, 1992, Darden has served on the House Committee on Appropriations and two of its subcommittees: Defense and Treasury-Postal Service-General Government. He previously served on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. He was elected to serve on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct at the beginning of the 102nd Congress.

Darden is married to the former Lillian Budd of Atlanta. They have two children: Christy, born in 1971, and George, born in 1974.

## Raises Proposed

Governor Zell Miller has proposed 5 percent pay increases for employees of the University System. The increase, which *President Lynn Cundiff* explains is an average increase, must be approved by the General Assembly. If approved, they would go into effect July 1, 1994.

In addition, *Tom Melton*, vice president for finance, announced that there will be a 7 percent increase in health insurance premiums beginning July 1. For employees with family coverage, the contribution would increase from \$92 to \$100. The institution will also bear a 7 percent increase.

To deflect some of that expense, employees who contribute to the teacher retirement fund will have their contributions decreased by 1 percent next year. This will not affect future retirement income. The decrease does not apply to employees who are on the optional retirement plan.

For additional information on these changes, contact the Human Resources Department.

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Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: *President Lynn Cundiff's* father, Harold, who is hospitalized following cancer surgery, and his mother, who is recovering from a mild heart attack; *Jo Ann Kerns*, *cashier*, who had surgery and is recuperating at home; *Joyce Goddard*, *food service supervisor*, who is bedridden with heart trouble, the father of *Richard Trimble*, *professor of Math*, and the father of Jo *Anne Jackson*, assistant professor of Nursing.

Jerry Shelton, chairman, division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Adrian Bowers, assistant to the Vice President, have been named co-chairs of the SACS committee. The committee will prepare for the accreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which is scheduled for 1997.

Welcome new employees Lainie Dixon, teaching assistant, Mental Health, and Cheryll McCrickard, evening cafeteria worker.

Congratulations to Nanette
Jaynes, assistant professor,
Developmental English, on the
acceptance of her article titled
"Aaron as Parent in Titus
Andronicus" for publication in The
Explicator, a national publication
which specializes in original short
papers concerning the interpretation of English literature texts.

Sunshine Too, a professional theatre group sponsored by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, of Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, will perform Monday, February 14, at 11 a.m. in the Student Center. The troupe is comprised of three deaf and three hearing performers. All programs are presented simultaneously in sign language and spoken English and are designed to provide a positive role model for deaf and hearing interaction. Floyd College currently has 35 deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Everyone on campus is invited to the performance.

Following the performance by Sunshine Too, at approximately 1:15 p.m., February 14, the Regency Singing Group from Baltimore, Maryland, will perform in the Student Center. The a cappella singing group also tours nationally and performs a variety of music.

The Division of Humanities and the Office of Student Activities are sponsoring a trip to the Atlanta Symphony on Friday, February 18, at 8 p.m. The theme for the performance is "At the Movies." If interested, you may sign up in the Office of Student Activities. Tickets are \$29. Van transportation will be an additional \$3.

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

- \*Body Sculpture for Women
- •Recycling Solid Waste
- •Introduction to Investment
- \*Step and Slide Exercise Class
- ◆The Art of Successful Negotia tions
- \*"Send More Money Please!" -The College Parents' Night
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- •Floristry
- \*Oil Painting
- \*Spring Turkey Hunting Seminar
- •Home Alone
- •"High Five" The (New) SAT
- Surviving in A Changing World
- \*Beginning Lotus
- •WordPerfect I
- \*Career Development
- \*Transition to Management
- \*Pro-Active Customer Service

Power Lunches: Team
Building, How to Solve Communication Problems, Personal Development
and Success, Handle People with Tact

SBDC classes:

- ◆How to Start a Small Business ◆Telemarketing for a Small
- Business

For information on these and other upcoming classes call 295-6324.

Basketball tournaments are scheduled in the gym February 14-19 (North and South Sub-Region), February 22, 24 and 26, (Class 7-AA Region), and March 3-5, (Class A State Basketball Tournament).

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