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FC AWARDED GRANT FOR "NATIONAL PATTERNS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE" PROPOSAL

Following a recommendation by a Central Office committee and **Chancellor Stephen Portch**, The Board of Regents last week approved three projects proposed under the category of National Patterns of Academic Excellence including Floyd College's "Total Immersion Sign Language Interpreter Training Program." The program will be implemented in the fall of 1995 and will receive funding of \$313,000 over three years. The two other proposals receiving funding are the Medical College of Georgia's "Effective Telemedicine--Mental Health System Service, Research and Education," and the University of Georgia's "Interdisciplinary Program in Environmental Toxicology."

According to Chancellor Portch, "Of 40 institutional proposals submitted to enhance National Patterns of Academic Excellence, these three most clearly demonstrate an institutional commitment (1) to go beyond the traditional parameters of research and scholarship, and (2) to devise, plan, and implement creative and even unique approaches to creating educational programs which should result in nationally recognized academic

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TWO-YEAR TUITION CUT

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted last week to decrease tuition at the state's 15 two-year colleges by 5 percent effective with the summer quarter, 1995. The move, proposed by **Chancellor Stephen Portch**, is an attempt to increase enrollments at the two-year colleges and to decrease the enrollment of freshmen and sophomores at the state's universities. It is also the first phase of a proposal which includes increasing the tuition of out-of-state residents to meet the full cost of a college education in Georgia, and increasing the tuition at the state's four-year colleges and universities by 5 percent.

The tuition reduction proposal is grounded in the fact that many of the system's two-year colleges are well below enrollment capacity, while the four-year colleges and universities have waiting lists of students wanting to attend. The Chancellor is stressing that students can get a good solid core of classes at the two-year university in **Lynn Cunn**-tistics show their college better at the begin as s m a l l e r transition school set-

mistaken impression that our courses are easy. They will stand up against any freshman or sophomore level courses in It's the accessibility of the faculty and their to work with the students that makes the the success of the students in those first

In the Chancellor's proposal, the two will also be the only source for remedial the college level for those who did not get preparation in high school. The universi-dards will increase to the point where only school graduates with a full complement preparatory courses will be admitted. The expected to bring the universities into a selective, world-class status.

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colleges which will then transfer to any the state. Floyd College **President diff** agrees with that statement. "Sta-that in many cases, students who begin career at the two-year college level fair universities than the students who freshmen at the universities. The campus and class size is an easier for the student coming out of the high ting," he continued. "Don't get the

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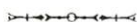
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Jeffrey Mack, instructor of English, will present a paper titled "Negritude: The Legacy of Black Identity" at Kennesaw State College's Contemporary Literature Conference April 18-20.

Barbara Rees, associate professor of Nursing Education, presented her research on "Influences of Coronary Artery Disease Knowledge, Anxiety, Social Support, and Self-Efficacy on the Adaptive Health Behaviors of Patients Treated with PTCA" at the Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau meeting in Atlanta on April 6. She was also appointed editor of the Epsilon Alpha Chapter Newsletter.

Keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers: Cheryl and **Tom Melton**, vice president for Business and Finance, upon the death of Cheryl's father, Don Schrader; Becky and **Dennis Childers**, groundskeeper, upon the death of Becky's father, Walter (Buddy) Carnes; and the family of **Bill Rogers**, retired carpenter, upon his death; and **Jo Anne Kerns**, cashier, who is recuperating from cancer treatment.

Carla Patterson, administrative specialist, Division of Extended Learning, will make a presentation on Distance Learning at the annual state meeting of the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences which will be held in Rome April 27-28.



CORRECTION: The dates for the Honors Night and Nursing Pinning Ceremony were listed incorrectly in the last issue. The Pinning Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 8, and Honors Night will be held Friday, June 9, both at the Forum in Rome.

Announcements

The latest Regents' Test results are in, and of the 108 students who took the test for the first time, 83 % passed the essay, 85% passed the reading, and 75% passed both parts. Floyd College ranked seventh out of 34 in the University System.

All students enrolled in transfer programs are required to pass the Regents' Test, an examination to assess competency levels in reading and writing, before transferring.

Kudos go to the English and Developmental faculty members for their preparation of these students.

The Freshman nursing class is accepting donations of used car seats for the First Step program at Floyd Medical Center. Please take your used car seat to Heritage Hall, room 181.

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achievement and service. Besides their innovative qualities and ability to be measured by national standards, three other factors were considered in recommending each of these initiatives: centrality to the mission of the proposing institution, feasibility, and cost."

Floyd College's "Total Immersion Sign Language Interpreter" program will establish a high quality, innovative sign language training program which will serve as a national model utilizing the combined resources of the current Floyd College Program for the Deaf, the Georgia School for the Deaf, and the Cave Spring Rehabilitation Center for the Deaf. The proposed program will enable the University System of Georgia--through Floyd College--to assume a position of national prominence in the education of highly skilled interpreters who have been educated through the utilization of the latest technology and teaching methodology.

"Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act has released a torrent of requests for services to provide access for deaf and hard-of-hearing citizens to those opportunities which most of us take for granted," Floyd College President Lynn Cundiff stated. "From the legal system to business and industry to social services, substandard and inadequate services are being provided to the deaf population because these agencies are currently unable to procure well-prepared interpreters in sufficient numbers. This program will help meet the growing need for interpreters in this area as well as across the state."

The Interpreter Training Program will be part of the Human Services Department and will involve up to six quarters of study including general education courses which will lead to an associate degree. The program will also be available as a one-year, certificate only program of study. This option will eventually be offered across the state through distance learning.

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Floyd College will host a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours reception Thursday, April 27, 5:30-7 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Don't forget to sign up for the Secretaries' Day Luncheon which will be held Tuesday, April 25, 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the Skytop Holiday Inn. Call 706/295-6324.