

LATVIAN OLYMPIC TEAM TO TRAIN HERE

The small nation of Latvia, located between Russia, Lithuania and Estonia and the Baltic Sea will bring its Olympic hopefuls to Rome to live and train prior to the '96 Olympics. The country, comprised of 2.7 million people, will field teams in swimming, gymnastics, wrestling, rowing, weight lifting and boxing.

The Darlington School will house the estimated 30 athletes and trainers, while the group will train at Darlington, Floyd College and on the rivers. Approximately 10 athletes will actually be training on the Floyd College campus according to Gretchen Kuglar, coordinator of the Rome Olympic effort. They will be in Rome from June 20 through July 20.

Ms. Kuglar suggests that the team members will be very open to receptions and socializing with students during their stay in Rome, and that they will probably hold some open practices for the public to view.

Although Floyd College does not have Olympic-quality training equipment, ACOG has grants which will provide equipment once contracts are signed, according to *President Lynn Cundiff*. Once the Olympics are over, the equipment will become the property of the college. 🐾

New Computers

The college is purchasing new computers to be put in the B-building computer labs. The computers will have dual floppy drives and Pentium chips for durability. The current computers in the lab will be upgraded from 386's to 486's and be given

to faculty members with the oldest model computers.

In addition, a new Macintosh laboratory will be open in the Police Academy area this summer.

The college hopes to have funds to purchase new computers for a testing center as well. 🐾

Nurses' Pinning Ceremony

The Division of Nursing will hold its annual pinning ceremony for the 130 graduating nurses at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8, at the Forum Civic Center Complex in downtown Rome. The guest speaker will be Barbara McLean of Atlanta.

Honors Night

Honors Night will be held at the Forum Civic Center Complex Friday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. Each division of the college will present awards to their top students. Awards will be in the form of plaques, money, gifts, and/or certificates.

Graduation

More than 300 students are expected to graduate from Floyd College in ceremonies at the Forum Saturday, June 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Dr. Fred Gainous will be the commencement speaker. (A bio of Dr. Gainous is printed on the back page.)

David McCorkle, Jr., assistant professor of Chemistry and Biology, who died last fall, received his doctorate posthumously on May 13 from Middle Tennessee University. **Dr. David Cook**, professor of Biology, attended the ceremony with **Dr. and Mrs. David McCorkle, Sr.** and their family. David's sister, Sari, accepted the diploma for her late brother.

"Someone Bought the House on the Island," an excerpt from Someone Bought the House on the Island, a novel by **Ken Anderson**, associate professor of English, has been anthologized in a collection just released by Star Books in Florida. It is the first part of the novel to be printed. The second part, "The Mad Rapist," will be printed in this year's The Old Red Kimono.

Phyllis Weatherly, director of Guidance Services, gave a presentation titled "Letting Go With Love: Grieving Through All Kinds of Loss" at the Georgia College Personnel Association Conference held in May at Jekyll Island.

Nihal Gunay, student development specialist of Guidance Services, gave a presentation titled "Learning Styles and Memory" at the National Tutoring Association meeting held in Atlanta this month.

Congratulations to **Major Bobby Pearson**, director of the Police Academy, upon his marriage to Carla Nichols May 20!

Welcome new employees **Sallie Wells** and **Randy Garrett**, security guards.

Dwight Cassity, professor of Political Science, has been elected to

the Executive Board of the Georgia Political Science Association.

Sheri Leigh Trapp, a Floyd College Student from 1991-93, graduated from The University of Georgia this spring as a "First Honor Graduate"--a designation given to students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

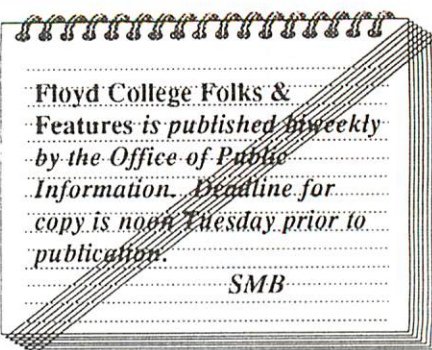
Leigh Callan, associate professor of Biology, and coworkers hosted 55 fifth graders from Floyd County School System's "Kaleidoscope" program for gifted students on May 5 in a day of supervised activities in the science labs here. Floyd College students actually worked with the children on experiments.

Keep **Brenda Otting**, Bookstore manager, and her family in your thoughts and prayers upon the death of her father, Ralph Ayers.

Congratulations to the high school students who have been named **Foundation Scholars** for the 1995-96 school year: **Tiffany Gladney**, **Vickie Hughes** and **Wanda Reeves** of Pepperell, **Kasey Taylor** and **Heather Warren** of Haralson County, **Jonathan Stone**, **Dena Hilburn**, **Jessica Dingler**, and **Salina Clemons** of Cedartown, **Heather McDonald** of Model, and **Tammy Lowery** of Armuchee. The students will receive full scholarships which are renewable if they maintain a sufficient GPA.

CORRECTION

The proposal to strengthen admissions standards at the state's public colleges and universities that was explained in the last issue, was not passed by the Board of Regents at their May meeting, but tabled for one month. Concerns centered around the reduction of remedial classes offered on the four-year level. The proposal is expected to pass at the June meeting.



Dr. Fred Gainous

Dr. Gainous holds a doctorate of education degree and an educational specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida. He received a master's degree from the University of Florida in 1972 and a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University in 1969 in agricultural education.

Dr. Gainous is striving to make The Alabama College System one of the leading two-year college systems in the nation. His aspirations are shared by state and community college leaders and have gained widespread and active support of business and industry across the state. During his tenure, he has strengthened faculty credential standards, revamped the technical curricula to more accurately reflect the specialized needs of business and industry, placed emphasis on academic skills in technical education, substantially expanded workplace literacy programs, and encouraged all technical colleges to seek accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges.

His efforts to forge a unified community college system include comprehensive institutional management planning, development of a management information system and the merger of 16 colleges into seven comprehensive community colleges.

Dr. Gainous has spoken at several national conferences and is known for his inspirational messages.