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Floyd Chosen as International News Broadcast Site



Floyd College will be one of three University System of Georgia institutions to initiate a pilot project with Georgia Public Television and SCOLA (Satellite Communications for Learning) to air international news broadcasts via satellite from over 35 countries. Along with Floyd College, Southern College of Technology and Valdosta State University have been chosen for the project, which will allow them to utilize distance learning resources provided through SCOLA to enhance a number of curricular areas by providing a more global learning experience for students. This will be the only access to SCOLA in the state of Georgia. The pilot project will last for one year beginning with this spring quarter.

SCOLA is a nonprofit educational consortium that receives and retransmits television programming from more than thirty different countries in their original languages. These programs are transmitted via satellite to schools, colleges, universities, government and military installations, businesses and private individuals throughout North America and much of the Northern Western Hemisphere.

Two channels will be provided to the colleges during the pilot test—one for television news from key countries around the world, and one offering a variety of programming including documentaries, movies, soap operas, health-care, theatre, sports, and news magazines from countries around the world. Programming is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to *Carla Patterson, director of Extended Learning*, a variety of the programming will be used throughout the year. "We will make available to faculty members any programming which would enhance their classroom lectures. We will also put a variety of programming on FCTV - 99, and will encourage viewers to let us know which programs they like best."

Floyd College will be the only cable delivery site during the pilot test. This will allow the college to put the programming on FCTV, for viewing by the public. The other colleges have rights to the programming for use internally only by their faculty and students. "I think we were chosen as a pilot site because we have utilized satellite programming extensively in the past, and are discriminating about what is put on the air for viewing," Ms. Patterson said.

To receive SCOLA programming, an Integrated Receiver Decoder (IRD) is required for the satellite receiver as well as a signal receiving device on the dish.

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Wetlands Project Gets Grant



Floyd College has received a \$10,000 grant from the Georgia Forestry Commission to purchase wood materials for construction of the environmental education outdoor laboratory. The grant supplements the \$5,000 from "Partners in Wildlife" which was received last year for materials, and a promise of \$10,000 from Temple-Inland Rome.

The wetlands project will utilize a presently inaccessible 15-acre portion of natural wetlands as an on-campus outdoor laboratory. Plans include the construction of a nature trail with observation decks through upland forest and into a wetland willow swamp by means of a pedestrian boardwalk. The completed project will allow students to observe birds and vegetation in their natural habitat. They will also benefit from a greater appreciation and understanding of crucial ecological concepts involving water quality and the biosphere.

Work on the project will begin spring quarter and should be ready for the start of classes fall quarter.



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Camilla Crocker, secretary, Disabilities Support Program, will graduate from West Georgia College on March 21 with a bachelor of Science in Speech/Language Pathology. Congratulations!

The Cartersville Association of Nursing Students (CANS) donated two outdoor benches to the Cartersville Center this month.

Keep **Charlie Blalock**, associate professor of Developmental Math, in your thoughts and prayers following the death of his mother, Blanche Blalock, earlier this month.

Wendy Wight-Linatoc has been named director of the Physical Therapy Assistant Program and assistant professor of PT. Ms. Wight-Linatoc began working part-time in January and assumed the full-time position this month.

Upcoming



The inaugural **Collegiate Sports Festival** will be held April 12-13 in Rome. Hosted by Floyd College, the

festival will feature eight colleges participating in nine activities. Mark your calendars now and plan to help out with this fun event!



The annual **Secretaries Day Luncheon** will be held Friday, April 26, at the Skytop Holiday

Inn. The speaker will be comedian/musician Dick Hardwick. Tickets are \$30. Call 295-6324.

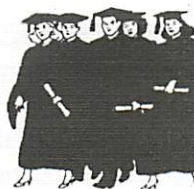


Dick Hardwick will also present a dinner show the evening of April 26 at Centre Stage. The event, a fundraiser for the Floyd College Foundation, will cost \$30. Call 295-6328.

Floyd College will host a regional meeting of the **Georgia Postsecondary Education Collaborative Council (GPECC)** Tuesday, April 30. The council, which strives to establish cooperative agreements and educational opportunities between the University System of Georgia and the Department of Technical and Adult Education, is cochaired by Floyd College **President Lynn Cundiff**.

The regional meeting will bring GPECC members to campus, as well as **Chancellor Portch**, **DTAE Commissioner Ken Breeden**, institution presidents and regional media. A major announcement is expected at that time.

Dr. James L. Muyskens, senior vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Board of Regents, has agreed to give the commencement address at Floyd College's graduation June 15.



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Funding for this and the installation of the equipment, will be provided by the Board of Regents out of the *Connecting Teachers and Technology* initiative. A student membership fee per student enrolled at each college will be paid by Georgia Public Television.

FC Receives Grant for Curriculum Review

The University System of Georgia has given Floyd College a special allocation of fiscal year '96 funds of \$25,000 to provide curriculum development opportunities for the faculty. Curriculum review is most feasible at this time because the University System will convert from the quarter to the semester calendar system in fall, 1997.

The Chancellor is encouraging disciplinary groups to discuss how study in their fields would be reinvented for the next millennium. He encourages long-standing, ineffective curriculums to be completely revamped.