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## Technology Creates Problems As Students Return

Although they came in record numbers, students were greeted with numerous setbacks as they registered for fall quarter classes last week. The installation of the BANNER system and its shortcomings, coupled with transition in the Financial Aid process led to long lines and numerous problems.

While faculty and staff members pitched in to help ease the crunch, many were dismayed by the new student records and accounting system that seemingly could not be customized to Floyd College's needs.

The BANNER system was purchased by the University System of Georgia to unify and streamline record keeping for all two- and four-year institutions. The system incorporates complex software packages for the various functions. Installation and training has been on-going for more than 18 months.

Personnel at colleges which have been on the system for a while say that the transition and adjustment period could last for up to two years, but that the system is highly effective when totally operational.

"We definitely plan to improve our service by winter quarter," said *Vice President for Finance and Administration Wes Jones*. "We really apologize to the students for the problems that occurred."

Some of the problems occurred because the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which is now processing the students' financial aid, did not have information available by registration on how much financial aid money individual students would be awarded. This affected how student receivables were processed.

On the registration front, *Phil Kerr, Chair, Division of Enrollment Management*, said that the new system

was so different from the previous system, that the staff did not have enough time to experiment with the way it works, and to get used to the changes before registration.

Through all the hassles, more than 3,100 students were enrolled for fall quarter. Cartersville and North Metro have enrolled more than 500 students each, and Bremen reports an enrollment of 140.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Of the one hundred and one 1996 *Nursing graduates* who have taken the state licensing exam, 91 have passed the exam. This 90% pass rate equals the state and national average pass rates.

The *Six Mile Post* (the college's student newspaper) has been named an "All-American Newspaper" for the third year in a row. This is the highest award given by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The *Environmental Wetlands* laboratory is open for classes and prearranged tours only. In order to

maintain the sanctity of the area and for safety reasons, the area is not open to the general public. To arrange for a tour contact the Science, Math and PE Office.

The *Floyd College lake* is now open to Faculty and staff members and their immediate families for fishing. The lake will open to the general public next fall. It is recommended that you have ID with you if you are fishing.

The lake will be taken down 8-12 feet next winter or spring to repair the dam. It is not expected to affect the fish.

# Folks

Welcome the following new employees: **Melissa Cashburn**, temporary secretary in Computer Services; **Jean Cassity**, tutorial center coordinator; and **Cheryl Stiles**, part-time librarian at Floyd College at NMTI.

Congratulations to **Linda Wolter**, secretary in Computer Services, on the birth of her



daughter, Abigail Marie, on September 20.

Mother, father Tom, and baby are all doing well.

Congratulations also to **Ann Gore**, Admissions Office, who became a first-time grandmother on September 27. Her daughter, Selina, of Powder Springs, gave birth to a daughter, Teyton Elizabeth.

**Camilla Crocker**, in addition to her duties as part-time secretary for the Interpreter Training Program, has accepted a part-time position with the Floyd County School System. She will be based at McHenry Elementary School as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Camilla completed her bachelor's degree at West Georgia College.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Dennis Childers**, groundskeeper, who is recuperating at home following an angioplasty, and **Raymond Glover**, maintenance at Cartersville, who is on dialysis following kidney and heart failure.

**Neil Koone**, assistant professor of Physics, has had a publication accepted by the Journal of

Non-Crystalline Solids. The paper is titled "Diffusion of Erbium in Porous Sol-Gel Glass" and is based on research he completed before coming to Floyd College.

**William Mugleston**, chair, Division of Social and Cultural Sciences, has published essays on Benjamin Newton Duke, James Buchanan Duke, Washington Duke, and Theodore Dreiser in Encyclopedia USA, vol. 23, October 1996.

## Announcements

Continuing education classes scheduled for the coming weeks include:

- Interpersonal Excellence
- The Simple Secrets of Parenting
- Microsoft Excell
- Dental Hygiene
- How To Prepare For An OSHA Inspection
- Human Resource Management Certificate Review
- Conflict Resolution
- Advanced Cake Decorating
- Decorating With Confidence
- Beading
- Learn to Make Your Own Greeting Cards
- Preschool Gymnastics
- Gymnastics
- Low Impact Aerobics

Satellite classes being offered by the National Technological University include Introduction to Netscape Navigator

- Advanced Netscape Navigator
- Cryptography Security, and Privacy for Networks and Distributed Systems.

For additional information or to register for any of these courses, call 706.295.6324.

The **Small Business Development Center** will offer a course on *Understanding Your Company's Financial Statements*.

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The Office of Student Life reminds everyone that the Georgia Mountain Theatre Company will present **MacBeth** Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Centre Stage. The production is free to students, faculty and staff.

The Human Resources office will be offering a series of professional development workshops on **designing Web pages** for the Internet. The workshops will be conducted by Chris Harvey, a RESA employee who is known state-wide as an expert in the field.

The workshops are recommended for personnel who are interested in preparing a web page for their department, or for faculty members who want to create their own web pages.

An introductory class will be held Thursday, September 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A more comprehensive series of workshops will be held December 10-13, 1-4 p.m.

There is no charge for the classes, but they are limited to 20 participants. To register call the Human Resources Office at ext. 5136.