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Assessment and Advising Centers Open

In a continuing effort to enhance services to students, the college has opened an Assessment Center and an Advising Center this quarter.

The Assessment Center, located beside the Tutorial Center in the Library, will schedule and administer Regents tests, Compass entrance and exit exams, and Institutional Scholastic Aptitude Tests (ISAT), according to newly named director, *Phyllis Camp*. These tests were previously administered by the Counseling and Guidance Center. "We'll be testing on both the Rome and North Metro Tech campuses," said Ms. Camp. "We plan to add the Haralson Center in the near future." Ms. Camp also said that the college is hoping to become a national testing center for the SAT.

Compass entrance exams identify a student's level of competency in Reading, Math and English. Those showing deficiencies in any of these areas after testing, are placed in a Developmental Studies class. At the completion of the class, the Compass exit exam is given to determine if the student is ready to move on to credit courses. The entrance exam is offered several times a quarter.

The ISAT is offered approximately once a month and costs \$30. The Regents' Test must be passed by any student who intends to continue his or her education at a University System institution.

The hours of the Assessment Center vary depending on the testing schedule.

The Advising Center is located in Walraven 116. *Eileen Walker*, whose office is W-116A, is the *Advising Coordinator*. "We wanted a more centralized location that was easily accessible to students," said Ms. Walker. "The new offices are also more spacious so I don't have to step over students to move around."

The Advising Center is open mornings and early afternoons, with evening hours two nights a week during registration and peak advising periods. By Spring registration, the center will have computer drops for on-line registration. The office also has a waiting area with catalogs and necessary forms.

Floyd Participating in Club Play

Bringing the college a step closer to intercollegiate athletic competition, Floyd College has scheduled a series of seven men's and five women's extramural basketball games this winter.

"We're taking our best intramural teams and scheduling them against teams from other colleges of similar size," said *Harold Boyd*, sports coordinator.

Peter Diloranzo, assistant professor of Physical Education, is coaching the men's team, and *Bridgette Stewart*, HPER lab assistant, the women's. The teams will be competing against Dalton, Georgia Military, Oxford, and Atlanta Technical Colleges.

"We've been escalating our activity in this area each year since the Sports Festival in 1996," said Mr. Boyd. This year we're using professional officials to call the games, and we're playing by NCAA rules."

In the future the college hopes to move the extramural play to intercollegiate play, possibly joining the National Junior College Athletic Association.

This year's games are free and open to the public. The schedule is printed on the back of this newsletter.

Folks

Michael Windelspecht, assistant professor of Biology, had a paper presented at the 1997 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting titled "Independent mechanisms of malathion and carbaryl resistance in *Drosophila simulans*. Genetic and biochemical Analysis." He was also the author on an article titled "Evidence for genetic heterogeneity in a malathion-resistant population of *Drosophila simulans*," which was published in the 1997 Resistance Pest Management Newsletter by the Entomological Society of America.

Ken Spruce, assistant professor of Political Science, and **Jeff Mack**, professor of English, led a delegation of Floyd students to the first Annual Model Organization of African Unity held in Macon November 6-8. The event is a forum which allows students, who are interested in African politics and international relations, the opportunity to simulate diplomatic activity.

Ken has been selected for inclusion into the 26th Edition of the Dictionary of International Biography. The International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England compiles the index which is widely recognized as one of the leading biographical reference titles in the world today.

Christopher D. Lee, director of Human Resources, has been named a member of the Rome/Floyd County Adult Literacy Advisory Committee.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Linda Dyer**, secretary to the Vice President for Student Development, and family as her son Matt recovers from surgery and undergoes chemotherapy; **Joan Elifson**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, upon the death of her mother last month; **Mary George**, interpreter, who is recovering from bypass surgery; **Jerry**

Gurley, systems analyst I, who is recuperating from eye surgery, and **David Mott**, associate professor of Art, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Congratulations to **Phil and Margaret Davis**, professor of Mathematics, upon the birth of their first grandchild. William Lance Davis was born to Lance and Dana (both FC alumni) on January 10.

Welcome new employees: **Scott Watson**, assistant to ITP project director; **Shirley Agan**, part-time secretary in the Division of Science and Math; **Charles Van Tubbergen**, part-time Help Desk assistant; **Ramee Bishop**, part-time clerk for the Data Card office; and **Annette Wright**, Financial Aid assistant.

Announcements

Michael Windelspecht has received an \$18,208 Teaching & Learning Grant from the Board of Regents for his model, technology-infused course development proposal. The proposal was for "Minority Recruitment into Technology-Based Environmental Studies."

The grant is designed to recruit under-represented populations into the science curriculums at Floyd College. The proposal targets post-secondary (PSO) students from high schools in the greater Rome area, with an emphasis on minorities and women, to enroll in an Introduction to Field Studies (BIOL2152)/Environmental Geology (GEOL2205).

The project represents an interdisciplinary collaboration between geology and geology faculty, science teachers in local high schools and the GA DOE Technology Training Center at Floyd College.

Floyd hosted the state-wide kick-off of the Georgia INtegrating TEChnology (InTech) program for the GA Dept. of Education this week. For details visit the FC News website <http://www.fc.peachnet.edu/news.htm>

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 22

FC vs. Dalton College (home)
Women: 6 p.m.; Men: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 23

FC vs. Oxford College (home)
Women: 6 p.m.; Men: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29

FC vs. GA Military College (away)
Men: 7:30

Saturday, February 7

FC vs. Atlanta Tech (home)
Women: 1 p.m.; Men: 2:30 p.m.

Friday, February 13

FC vs. Oxford College (away)
Women: 6 p.m.; Men: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

FC vs. Dalton College (away)
Women: 6 p.m.; Men: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

FC vs. GA Military College (home)
Men: 7:30 p.m.

REMEMBER!

Our students are
paying for their
laptops this quarter.
Make sure they
get their money's worth!

