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PTA Program Receives Accreditation

The Floyd College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program was officially accredited by the commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) on May 6.

The program will graduate its initial class of 17 students on June 13. "Graduates are not allowed to take their state licensure examination unless they graduate from an accredited Physical Therapist Assistant program," said program director Wendy Linatoc. "A majority of the students have already had multiple job offers in sites ranging from private outpatient clinics, acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home health agencies."

Since 1970, the nursing program has been the only career health science program offered entirely by Floyd college. In 1994 the college recognized the need in the community and the interest by the students to develop an associate degree program in PTA. The national accreditation process takes a minimum of two years to complete and includes two site visit inspections and a considerable amount of documentation.

Staff and Administrative Awards Given

Sadie Rush, secretary in the Division of Social and Cultural Studies, and **Carolyn Parks**, director of Floyd College in Cartersville, received the Vivian Benton Staff Award and the Outstanding Administrator Award respectively at the Appreciation Dinner held May 15.

Ms. Rush was one of the original employees of Floyd College. She served for many years as secretary in the Division of Social Studies.

Ms. Parks came to Floyd College in 1978 as an Assistant Professor of Child Development. She was named director of Floyd College's center in Cartersville in 1993.

Nominations for these two awards came from the faculty and staff. A Human Resources committee made the final selection.

Retirees who were honored at the dinner were **Richard Trimble**, Professor of Math, who also served as acting President of the college in 1992; **Jo Anne Starnes**, Professor of English; **Betty Bowman**, associate professor of Nursing; and **Harrison McKnight** and **Ann Winters**, custodians.

The Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award and the President's Meritorious Award will be presented at Graduation.

Speaker Tom Murphy to Receive President's Award

Floyd College **President Lynn Cundiff** will present the President's Meritorious Award to Georgia Speaker of the House of Representatives **Thomas B. Murphy**, during graduation ceremonies June 13.

"Tom Murphy has been a good friend to Floyd College in the years that I have served here," said Dr. Cundiff. "In addition he has consistently supported higher education in the state. I am pleased to be able to honor him in this way, and excited that

he will be able to attend the graduation ceremony to accept the award."

Mr. Murphy was instrumental in the establishment of Floyd College's Haralson County site.

The President's Meritorious Award is presented annually for "outstanding service to Floyd College and the citizens of Northwest Georgia." Past recipients have included **Tom Melton**, retired Vice President for Finance and Administration, **Regent Edgar Rhodes**, and **Foundation Chair Mary Louise Lever**.

Folks

Nihal Gunay, counselor, gave a presentation titled "Mining gold on the web: Diversity awareness using the Internet," at the Georgia College Personnel Association conference at Jekyll Island held recently.

Harvey Moody, assistant professor of Chemistry, has conducted a number of day-long workshops on "Integrating Computers Into Laboratory Instruction" at colleges in North Carolina and Georgia.

Neil Koone, assistant professor of Physics, assisted the Etowah Georgia Youth Science and Technology Commission in conducting a staff development workshop for Chattooga County middle school science teachers.

Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, and **Rob Page**, assistant professor of History, have received the Chancellor's Awards for Faculty Development Seminars. Mr. Hershey will attend a seminar in South Africa and Zimbabwe, and Mr. Page will attend a seminar in Greece, both in August.

Welcome the following new employees: **Karen D. Porter**, controller; **Gary Deal**, security guard, and **Robert L. McGraw, Jr.**, part-time assistant professor of Mathematics.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Felix Nora**, husband of **Belen Nora**, chair, Division of Health Sciences, who is recuperating at home; **Jesse Nolen**, husband of **Betty Nolen**, associate professor of Accounting, who is recovering from surgery; and **Felicia Claxton**, daughter of **Susan Claxton**, director of Floyd College in Haralson County, who is awaiting a heart transplant.

Announcements

The *Spring Fling* will be celebrated on the Haralson County site on Thursday, May 21, at NMTI on Wednesday, May 27, and in Cartersville on Thursday, May 28. The celebration includes a cookout and games and will be held from 3-6 p.m. on each day. Contact the Office of Student Life at 706.295.6363 for more information.

The *Student Government Association* (SGA) will hold its first meeting Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Quiet Dining Room on the central campus. Faculty and staff are invited to attend.

An *end-of-the-year party*, at which the results of Web-o-riffic (best FC web pages) contest will be announced, will be held Saturday, May 23, at the home of **Billy Morris**, assistant professor of Geology. The evening will include a cookout, swimming, music, games and a bonfire. If you'd like to attend, RSVP to bmmorris@mail.fc.peachnet.edu.

Faculty and staff members involved in the *Pew Trust Roundtable* will hold a day-long followup meeting Friday, May 22.

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The following *Continuing Education* classes will be offered in June:

21st Century Leaders
Surfing the Internet
Computer Icebreaker
Introduction to Windows 95
Microsoft Word
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Excel
Quickbooks
Microsoft Access
NCLEX Nursing Exam Review
Cake Decorating II
Spanish for Beginners
Spanish for Human Resources
The Juggling Arts
Protect Your Assets from Lawsuits
Country & Western Dance
Rhythm: Mambo/Salsa

For more information or to register for a class, call 706.295.6324.

Upcoming computer training classes for employees include:

Microsoft Access II, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Heritage Hall, May 20
NetMeeting, 3-4:30 p.m., W-200, May 21 and May 22
Intermediate Excel, 2-3:30 p.m., W-200, May 28 and June 12
Introduction to Excel, 2-3:30 p.m., W-200, June 3
Using Outlook '98, 3-4:30 p.m., W-200, June 5

Intermediate PowerPoint, 2-3:30 p.m., W-200, June 10
Introduction to Desktop Publishing with Word '97, 2-3:30 p.m., W-200, June 18
Digital video production using **Adobe Premiere**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Heritage Hall, June 19.
All classes are offered free of charge. Call **Sandy Windelspecht**, instructional technologist, at 706. 802.5015 to register for a class.