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Let's get together!

As is traditional at the start of a new academic year, Floyd College employees will gather for meetings and updates before students return for fall semester. This year, three days have been set aside for this important activity.

On Friday, August 10, employees who have come to work at the college since January, will participate in an orientation session. The group will gather in the President's Conference Room for coffee and juice at 8 a.m. The program, which runs from 8:30-11:45 a.m. will include comments from President Randy Pierce, information on training and development programs and the organization of Floyd College. Following the information sessions, the group will have lunch and a campus tour.

In-service for all employees will be held the mornings of Tuesday, August 14, and Friday, August 17. The agenda will include a discussion of the goals for the college in the coming year as identified by administrators and faculty members at a retreat last month. There will also be updates from Academic Affairs, Student Development, Finance and Administration, and Advancement. Brief programs on safety and emergency procedures, disabilities services, and purchasing will also be held.

Benefit representatives from TIAA-CREF, Valic, Fidelity, and NW GA Credit Union will be on hand Friday in the Student Center to talk one-on-one with employees.

"This is an important time, particularly for me, to get acquainted with coworkers," said Dr. Pierce, "and to set the direction for the coming academic year. I encourage all employees to attend these sessions."

The employee orientation and in-service sessions are being coordinated by the office of Human Resources. A full schedule will be sent out electronically and placed in departmental mail boxes the week before the activities.

New Phone System on the Way

The central Floyd campus will be getting a new phone system in the coming months that will eliminate a lot of the problems that have been identified with the current system.

The project was initiated with a telephone survey that Computer Services asked all department heads to complete last year. Following an analysis of the survey, Interim President Rob Watts set aside funds to purchase new equipment.

Most of the offices on campus will get new telephone sets that will include more features than the current phones. In addition, all faculty members are expected to get individual phone lines with voice mail capabilities.

The change-over will be completed in phases, one department at a time. Work is expected to begin in the next month.

The Walraven Building roofing project, which includes adding a pitched roof that will match the Lakeview Building, continues to progress slowly.

According to Doug Webb, director of Plant Operations, the designers have been testing the structure attachment, which created a slow down in on-site work. That testing has now been completed and work will resume.

It is expected that the project will not be completed until well into Fall Semester. Noise distractions will be kept to a minimum during class times.

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An article titled "Myth and Reality: A Necessary Marriage at Twelfth Century Glastonbury" written by *Laura Musselwhite*, associate professor of History, was published in the Summer 2001 issue of The Historian (the journal of the English Historical Association).

Sheryl Ballenger, director of Disability Support Services, was part of a roundtable presentation at the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) conference in Portland, Oregon last month.

Robbie Nash has been promoted to *Technical Director* in the department of Extended Learning, effective August 1.

Shirley Roberson has been named Administrative Secretary for Plant Operations, a position she had been filling on an interim basis following the retirement of Lynn Mills last spring.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: *Mary Lotero*, *part-time Psychology* instructor, and her children upon the death of her husband, Alex; *Melva Green*, *custodian*, upon the death of her sister Dorothy Penn.



Congratulations to Susan Caldwell, secretary in Computer Services, and husband Terry, upon

the birth of their daughter Jessica (Jessie) Joanne on July 22.

Important Dates for August

Thurs, Aug. 2 - Post Secondary Option (PSO) student orientation, 1 p.m., Lakeview - Rome.

<u>Fri, Aug. 3</u> - Laptop training, 9:30 a.m., *Rome*: FC laptops - W-200; student-owned laptops - W-202.

Mon, Aug. 6 - COMPASS placement exam, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Library - Rome

<u>Tues, Aug. 7</u> - **Orientation**, 9 a.m., 3 p.m. (PSO) & 5:30 p.m., *Cartersville*

Wed, Aug. 8 - COMPASS, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Library - Rome. Laptop Training -Cartersville: FC laptops, 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; student-owned laptops, 2 p.m. Extreme Orientation, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lakeview.

<u>Thurs, Aug. 9</u> - **Orientation**, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., *Haralson.* **Laptop Training** - *Cartersville*: student-owned, 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; FC laptops, 2 p.m.

<u>Fri, Aug. 10</u> - **New employee orientation**, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., President's Conference Room-Rome.

<u>Sat, Aug. 11</u> - **Orientation**, 9 a.m., Lakeview - *Rome.*

Mon, Aug. 13 - COMPASS, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Rome; Orientation, 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., NMT.

Tues, Aug. 14 - COMPASS - 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Library - Rome; Employee In-service 8 a.m. -12 noon, Lakeview - Rome. Faculty meeting, 1:30-3 p.m., Lakeview.

Wed, Aug. 15 - Orientation, 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Lakeview - *Rome.* Laptop training - *NMT*: student-owned laptops, 3 p.m.; FC1aptops, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs, Aug. 16 - Registration, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Laptop training - Rome: FC laptops, 8:30 a.m.,
1:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.; student-owned laptops
10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. - W-200. Laptop
training - NMT: student-owned laptops 9:30 a.m.
& 5:30 p.m.; FC laptops, 2 p.m.; Laptop training
- Haralson: 2 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

<u>Fri, Aug. 17</u> - **Employee In-service**, 8 a.m.-12 noon, Lakeview - *Rome*

Sat, Aug. 18 - Classes begin

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The 2001 summer enrollment was up nearly 11 1/2 percent over last summer. Total, unduplicated headcount for all sessions--Maymester, first session, second session, and full session-was 1,175 compared to 1,142 last year.

Fall semester enrollment looks quite good as well with applications up 45 percent over last year.

To date (7/26), 1,055 students have registered for fall semester.

The Student Development division is adding an *Extreme*Orientation for students who want to get more of a taste for campus life and who want to learn how to be involved in campus activities.

The program will be held Wednesday, August 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Lakeview Building, and around Paris Lake and pavilion.

Floyd College *employees* are *encouraged to assist* with laptop training, orientation sessions, and the registration process as requests for help are made.