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Floyd Unveils New Web Design

Floyd College has started the new year with a cleaner, better organized web design. The new version was developed over the past few months by the Web Task Force: **Jeff Patty**, director of computer services, **Rob Laltrello**, assistant director of computer services, **Eric Proffitt**, web and network system specialist, **Sheryl Ballenger**, director of disability support, **Sandy Briscar**, director of public information, **Simon Grist**, instructional technologist, **Renee Tumblin**, admissions recruiter, **Steve Head**, librarian, **Carla Patterson**, instructor of English. The new design has a more professional look and navigation, and complies with federal guidelines for ADA requirements.

The task force investigated hundreds of other sites and consulted departments for content requirements to try and arrive at a consistent and organized layout for the Floyd homepage.

The conversion process is still in the works at this time. There is still work ongoing for certain pages, scripts, and faculty pages. Simon and Sheryl will be contacting faculty members this month regarding changes that may be needed on their pages.

If you do edits to the web, you will have to contact Computer Services for access to the new web location. The college will benefit from improved computer security, compliance with ADA requirements, and better website appearance and function as a result of these changes. There will be additional instructions for editing web pages forthcoming.

Enrollment Tops Spring 2001

Spring semester enrollment stood at 2,516 as of January 8, up from 2,084 last Spring. The figure is expected to change as some students who were affected by the bad weather continue to register, and as some students are dropped for nonpayment of fees in the coming days. Five hundred thirty-one of the enrolled students are new students.

Change in Domain Name Possible

The college has applied to change its web domain name from *fc.peachnet.edu* to *floyd.edu*. Computer Services personnel have indicated that we are in "phase II" of the process with Educause, and should have more definitive information after this month. The shorter web address will be much more user friendly and marketable.



Folks

Welcome **Ken Reaves** as Floyd College's new *Human Resources director*. Ken takes over for **John Reiners** who will now be a full-time faculty member in the Division of Business.

Gregory E. Sumner, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, presented two seminars at the annual American Red Cross Georgia Leadership Conference at the Marriot in Stone Mountain Park this month. The seminars were about the "Heroes" program he chaired this past year for the Rome/Floyd County American Red Cross Chapter.

Announcements

Regents' test reports indicate a 64.4 percent pass rate on both the essay and the reading sections for Floyd College students taking the test for the first time. FC students repeating the test have an 83.3 percent pass rate on the essay sections, and a 29 percent pass rate on the reading section.

Governor Roy Barnes has established an **Ethics in Government Policy** for state employees which the Board of Regents has forwarded for system employees. The policy restricts employees from accepting gifts above a certain value from vendors or lobbyists. For a brochure on the Regents' policy guidelines on Gifts, contact the President's Office.

The Library and Tutorial Center are offering a **term paper workshop** again for the Spring semester 2002. Anyone from any academic discipline who requires a research paper as part of their assignments is encouraged to make use of the service. The term paper workshop will be presented by **Steve Head**, librarian, and **Jeannie Cassity**, Tutorial Center coordinator. The workshop will be offered in two, one-hour sessions, and must be required by the instructor. The sessions would usually be held during a class period, but could be arranged at another time. Contact Steve or Jeannie by January 11 if you would like for your class to participate.


Lawmakers from the Senate and the House of Representatives agreed to increase the maximum **Pell Grant** by \$250, to \$4,000 last month, despite earlier fears that they would not have enough money to do so.

Floyd College will close for the **Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday on Monday, January 21.

The **Faculty Academy** will present a program on Policies and Procedures of the college, Wednesday, January 23, 2 p.m. in the IRC.

There will be a full **faculty and staff meeting** on Wednesday, January 23, at 3 p.m. in the Lakeview Building.

Sign-ups for the annual **Alabama Shakespeare Festival** will begin January 22. The trip will be on April 6-7. For information, or to register, contact the Student Live office or an off-campus center office.



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SMB

The Division of Extended Learning expects to begin simulcasting morning classes on Comcast television Channel 10 this semester. Classes will still be seen at their regularly scheduled times on FCTV Channel 95. Live morning classes will also be available on both Channel 10. Students who intend to record the classes should, for better picture quality, record the Channel 10 airing. As always the classes will replay in the evenings and on the weekends on Channel 95.

According to **Jeff Brown**, director of Extended Learning, by simulcasting the morning classes we not only will have better visibility by being at a more accessible position on the dial but we will also extend our available audience to include Gordon County.

At press time, technical details were still being worked out with Comcast, so the Channel 10 airing may not begin immediately.