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College Requests BOR Funds for Special Projects

In December, President Randy Pierce was pleased to receive a \$100,000 gift from outgoing Chancellor Stephen Portch for technology. This spring, he will submit a proposal to the Board of Regents' staff for an additional \$93,000 to purchase more than 50 computers. The computers would be placed on each of the college's campus sites as clusters for student use. "As we move away from the requirement of each student having a laptop computer, we must have the technology available for their use when they are on campus," said *President Randy Pierce*.

In addition, the Regent's staff has said that they would allot Floyd College \$600,000 to fund three proposals (\$200,000 each) to bring four-year programming to the Rome campus. The college is in discussions with the State University of West Georgia to enhance their bridge program in Nursing that is currently being offered at Heritage Hall, and to bring a baccalaureate degree program in Education to Rome. The college has also approached Southern Polytechnic State University to bring the final two years of an IT program to Rome.

As was mentioned in last month's publication, a proposal has been submitted to the Georgia Cancer Coalition to fund a number of Distinguished Cancer Scholars. These new faculty members would establish certificate programs in Oncology and Radiation Therapy, and serve as cancer research sources, to further meet the needs of the Northwest Georgia community. The proposals would bring \$750,000 per year for five years to Floyd College.

International Music Group to Perform

The University of Hradec Kralove in the Czech Republic and Floyd College are sponsoring a Czech folklore show by Roma (Gypsy) Music Group Cilágos on Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Centre Stage, Heritage Hall.

Ten musicians and dancers will perform the two-hour presentation, "Ethnic Minorities in Eastern Europe." Dr. Stanislav Bohadlo, Professor of Musicology at the University of Hradec Kralove, will be the interpreter for the group and will present basic historical and cultural context for the group and its music. The performance is part of the Roma (Gypsy) Music Group Cilágos tour of nine universities in Georgia to foster understanding of treatment of minorities in Central Europe.

Admission to the event is free.

Bartow Center On Track for Funding

By April 1, infrastructure work on the site of Floyd College's new Bartow center will begin, according to Bartow County Commissioner Clarence Brown. Dr. Pierce met with Brown last week to get an update on the county's readiness to prep the site for construction.

The county has agreed to put utilities on the site, to provide grading for the roads, and to put in curbs and gutters. The Department of Transportation is expected approve the right-of-way and to complete the paving of the roads and parking lots.

The Bartow center has been placed on the first set of bonds to be issued out of the state's supplemental budget, assuming the budget passes with no additional alterations. This would mean that the building "will be coming out of the ground by September 1," according to Dr. Pierce.

Governor Roy Barnes has expressed an interest in attending a ground-breaking ceremony for this building when one is scheduled in the coming months.

Folks

Betty Nolen, professor of accounting, was elected President of the Georgia Association of Accounting Educators at their annual meeting held February 1 -2 at Brenau University.

Soumitra Chattopadhyay, chair of the Division of Science, Mathematics and Physical Education, has recently been elected as an Executive Committee Member to the Regents' Academic Advisory Committee on Physics & Astronomy.

There's been a campus-related baby boom! Congratulations to Kaycee and **Rob Laltrello**, assistant director of Computer Services, on the birth of their twins, Robby and Mary, born February 19; to Becky and **Jerry Gurley**, management info specialist, upon the birth of their son, Samuel on March 3; to **Cheryl Baker**, secretary to the VP in Finance and Administration, on the birth of her granddaughter, Catlin Lane, born on February 13; to **Sandy Briscar**, director of Public Information, on the birth of a grandson, Julian Nicholas, born February 22; to **Margaret Davis**, professor of Mathematics, on the birth of a grandson, Peter Steven, born February 25; and to **Susan Claxton**, director of the Human Services program, on the birth of a grandson Jacob Bailey, born Monday, March 11.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Jerry Norman**, chair of the Floyd College Foundation, on the death of his mother, Mildred Norman; **Karen Pruett**, career specialist, on the death of her grandfather,

William Pruett; **Jon Hershey**, associate professor of English, on the death of his father-in-law Lloyd Blalock; **Cheryl Baker**, on the death of her father-in-law, Gene Baker; **Annette Foster**, secretary in the Library, upon the death of her father, The Reverend Roy L. Pitts, Sr.; **Jerry Smith**, custodian, who is recovering from a heart procedure; and Richard Boyd, son of **Dale Boyd**, procurement officer, who is recovering from a ruptured colon.

Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, is Floyd College's contestant in the American Diabetes Association's annual "Kiss a Pig" contest. The event seeks to raise funds for the fight against diabetes.

The theme for this years campaign is "When Pigs Fly"! You can place your \$1 'vote' for Jon in the Office of Student Life. The contest ends April 9.

Jan Pearson, Bookstore clerk, has achieved Platinum level, Service Plus status from Thomson Learning, a publishing company. This is the first time the Bookstore has reached that level, which is based on net purchases and returns percentage. This new status will allow the Bookstore to receive 100 percent free truck freight for orders placed in June, July, November and December--a substantial savings for the college.

Announcements

Don't forget to make your reservations for the faculty and staff "Kick-Back and Relax" party that will be held Friday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Country Club in Cedartown. The party will be hosted by our retired and original employees and sponsored by the Floyd College Foundation. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

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A note from **Simon Grist**, instructional Technologist: WebAIM* (Web Accessibility In Mind) will host a series of online training events that focus on accessibility during the month of April 2002. The topics covered during each of the five weeks will reflect an important area in web accessibility.

This conference will be free of charge and open to anyone interested in Web accessibility.

For more information, and registration, go to: <http://www.webaim.org/training2002/>

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Student Art Show



Opening Reception

Sunday, April 7, 2-4 p.m.
Lakeview Gallery