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Graduation 2002

Dwight Cassity, professor of Political Science, was selected by the faculty to carry the Mace in the graduation procession.



Scott Colley, president of Berry College, gave the commencement address; Senator Nathan Dean received the President's Meritorious Award; and President Randy Pierce presided over his first graduation at Floyd College.

Two hundred and eight students graduated from Floyd College on May 11, including the college's first graduate with an associate's degree in Human Services, Gerontology Option.

During the ceremony, the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award for Meritorious Service was awarded posthumously to **Steve Burns**, professor of Social Work.

Dental Hygiene Perfect Pass Rate Continues

For the 11th consecutive year, 100 percent of the students in Floyd College's Dental Hygiene program passed their National Board exams.

"To graduate from the dental hygiene program," said **Donna Miller**, director of Dental Hygiene, "students have to pass the National Board exam. They take the test during their second year of coursework. The exam consists of 300 multiple choice questions."

A student needs to score a 75 on the test to receive a passing grade. He or she will also have to pass a clinical board, during which the students clean a patient's teeth for a panel of dental care professionals.

"We've been around since 1990," said Miller, "but our first class to take the boards was in 1992, and they all passed. And we've had a 100 percent pass rate since."

The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year program and accepts new students every fall.

Walraven Nears Completion

After a year of work that was scheduled to last four months, the new pitched roof on the Walraven Building is near completion. The \$585,000 job used two years



of Floyd College's allotted Major Renovation and Repair funds from the Board of Regents. Renovation work has now begun on the interior of the building, with new carpet, wall coverings and ceiling tiles being installed in the hallways. Once the hallways are completed, work will begin on the office areas. **Doug Webb**, director of Physical Plant, expects the work to be completed in early fall.

Folks

Jon Hershey, associate professor of English, completed his Ph.D. in Creative Writing at Georgia State University this spring.

Donna S. Sutton, instructor in Dental Hygiene, received her Master of Science in Counseling Education from Jacksonville State University on April 26, 2002.

Bill Mugleston, chair, Division of Social and Cultural Studies, co-authored (along with Gregory Lisby of Georgia State) *Someone Had to be Hated: Julian LaRose Harris—A Biography* (Carolina Academic Press).

Twelve volunteers from Floyd College took part in the United Way's *Day of Caring*.

Virginia M. Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, was a member of the SACS reaffirmation team for the April visit to Piedmont Community College in Roxboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Carson gave a presentation at the April annual convention of the American Association of College Communities in Seattle with Lisa Fowler, dean of Student Services at Georgia Perimeter College, and Barbara Wallace, program director at University College of the University of Cincinnati. The title of the talk was "Together We Can – How to Establish Service Learning Initiatives for the Prevention of HIV."

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: Addie Pledger, mother of **Judy Spurgeon**, accounting assistant; Arnold and **Linda Dyer**, secretary to the VP for Student Development, upon the death of Arnold's brother; and Nancy Cole, sister of **Annette Foster**, Library secretary.

Congratulations to **Margaret Davis**, professor of Mathematics, upon the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Thomas Davis, on May 17.

Deaf Extreme



Nearly 40 eighth-twelfth-grade deaf students from 21 surrounding counties attended Floyd College's *Deaf Extreme* on May 15. The program was sponsored by the Access Center of the college to encourage deaf students to look at college as an option. The students had a dissection demonstration with **Becky Fiorillo**, lab assistant, (above center), learned about communication classes from **Judy Sims**, professor of Speech, talked about Astronomy with **Mark Pergrem**, instructor of Physics, and met with **President Randy Pierce**.

"Based on unsolicited emails we have received from the students who were here," said **Sheryl Ballenger**, director of the Access Center, "a lot of them have decided to look at colleges where they weren't thinking about that before."

Floyd College welcomes more than 400 National Youth Sports Program campers, and 200 Post-Secondary Readiness Enrichment Program (PREP) students!



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Foundations Hold Planning Retreat

The Floyd College Foundation and the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation held a joint retreat on May 17. The session was facilitated by Association Of Governing Board of Universities and Colleges, with consultant Joe Phelan of New Hampshire.

"Floyd College is fortunate to have two community groups that provide a link to the diverse communities it serves," said **Judy Taylor**, Advancement Officer. "While the foundations represent two different geographic areas, their overall mission is the same – in general, to provide support for Floyd College."

"This joint board retreat provided the opportunity to explore the ways in which two community foundations can work together to support the mission of the institution as it expands to serve the northwest Georgia region."

The objectives of the retreat were to: reach consensus on mission; assess how successful foundation boards operate; determine actual strategies to address the mission relative to funding priorities; outline specific tasks relative to the determined strategies, and; agree on mechanism and accountability to accomplish tasks over a 12-14 month period.