Construction Begins on Foundation Building

The Floyd College Foundation will construct a 12,000 square-foot building on the northeast end of campus. The building will be leased by the Northwest Georgia Regional Education Services Agency (RESA) as one of the nine Department of Education Technology Training Centers.

The Technology Center was proposed to RESA by the Governor's office and is a function of the State Department of Education. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia have leased one acre of land for the building to the Floyd College Foundation. In turn, the Foundation has contracted with a consortium of local banks to finance the building. Construction of the facility by Garner Brothers Co. of Rome began this week and should be completed in December of this year.

In addition to offices the building will house two state-of-the-art computer labs, a "classroom of the future," and a distance learning studio. The facility will eventually have the capability for personal interaction via technology with all of the schools served by the Northwest Georgia RESA.

While the building is being constructed, RESA's two computer labs will be set up in the college's library, and the distance learning studio will be housed in the big-screen TV room in the Student Center. The Northwest Georgia RESA serves a ten-county area and 16 school systems. It is one of 16 RESA systems in the state and is the second largest. RESA's Board of Control is made up of superintendents from the 16 school systems it serves and lay board members elected from the local school district community. RESA offers training and continuing education to all school teachers in its service area.

"We hope to have use of the computer labs in this new building in the mornings when they are not being used by RESA," President Lynn Cundiff stated. "In the future, having access to satellite hookups in 119 school buildings in 16 northwest Georgia counties, holds innumerable possibilities for our own extended learning program."

Alumni Picnic Scheduled

It is estimated that there are more than 100,000 Floyd College alumni in this area. (Alumni being former students regardless of how many classes they took or if they graduated.)

On Saturday, September 18, 4-7 p.m. the newly formed Alumni Association will host a picnic at the pavilion for all interested alumni and their families. Long-time faculty members will also be on hand.

In addition to a barbecue meal, participants can play volleyball and horseshoes.

The entire fun-filled afternoon is FREE! You are asked to make reservations by calling 706/295-6328.

Groundbreaking

The Floyd College Foundation will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building Wednesday, September 8, at 11 a.m. on the site of the building. Everyone is invited to attend.
**Folks**

Jenny and Ken Weatherman (associate professor of physical education) became parents of a son on August 23. The baby is currently in Egelston Children’s Hospital in Atlanta with complications.

Congratulations also to Danny and Denise Beck (secretary, Division of Nursing) on the birth of a daughter, Ashley Rene, on August 13.

Ruthie Lawler’s (publications editor) daughter Sabrina Giles, gave birth to a baby boy three months premature on August 9. The baby is in intensive care at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. Keep them all in your prayers.

Wedding bells will be ringing for Sam Callan, director of student activities, and his fiancé, Maribeth Kuenzi, September 4. We wish them the best!

Welcome the following new employees: Kathy Easterwood, secretary, Public Information Office; Ann Gore, secretary, Financial Aid Office; Beverly Parish, secretary, Police Academy; Marie Morgan, clerk, Business Office; Janice Thomas, temporary secretary, Division of Nursing; Mary Hall, part-time night switchboard operator; and Ann Drake, secretary, Division of Humanities.

A complete list of new faculty will be published in the next newsletter.

**Drew Tonismire** has been promoted from SBDC consultant to SBDC Center Manager.

**Geraldine Burton** returns as a JTPA Training Specialist.

**Activities**

The following continuing education classes will begin in the coming weeks:
- Body Sculpture for Women
- Body Building for Men
- Ergonomic Job Site Analysis
- Floristry
- Getting Started at Floyd College - Cartersville and Acworth campuses
- So You Want To Be A Nurse
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Drug Prevention in the Classroom--teleconference
- Computer Applications for the Real Estate Professional: (A Hands On Course)
- Computer Applications for the Real Estate Professional: (Demonstration Only)
- Identifying World Markets for Your Products
- Entering World Markets

For more information or to register for a course, call 706-295-6324.

The campus will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

New faculty and staff will attend orientation sessions Monday and Tuesday, September 13 and 14. All faculty will attend In-Service sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, September 15 and 16.

A complete schedule will be distributed closer to the dates.

There will be an end-of-the-quarter covered dish luncheon Wednesday, September 1, at 12 noon in the student center. All staff members and any faculty members who are around are invited. If you can’t bring a homemade vegetable, dessert or salad, you may send a donation to the business office by Tuesday afternoon for the purchase of chicken.

A faculty and staff family picnic will be held Wednesday, September 15, at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion. Division chairs will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs so come and meet all the new folks and catch up on the returning folks!

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