GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TECHNICAL COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Governor Zell Miller last week made public a three-page agreement outlining the relationship between the Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE) and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The "Student-Centered Collaboration for Public Post-Secondary Education in Georgia" document highlights the distinctive mission of the two boards, stressing the DTAE's mission to "prepare students for specific and immediately productive occupations and jobs," and the University System's mission to offer programs which "maximize long-term civic leadership and career advancement for middle-managers, executives and practitioners of the traditional professions."

In recent years, there has been some friction between the two boards, as more and more technical college's sought, and received, permission to offer academic credit leading to an associate's degree. The University System, not only felt that the technical schools were moving in on their territory, they also were undecided on if or how to transfer credit from unaccredited technical colleges.

The new agreement allows technical colleges to offer associate degrees, however, University System colleges will, most likely, not transfer all of these credits. According to the agreement: "Generally, a student who expects to pursue studies through to a baccalaureate degree should begin at a University System institution: a student who wishes to pursue occupational programs to bring training to the workforce at the earliest possible time should begin at a technical institute or at a University System college division designated by the two systems for the purpose of offering occupational programs."

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Floyd College has had long-standing cooperative agreements with both Coosa Valley Technical Institute in Rome and with North Metro Technical Institute in Acworth. President Lynn Cundiff said of the agreement, "I am pleased that we have an agreement with DTAE. We think this is an initial step towards resolving some of the duplication and academic problems in higher education in Georgia. In the long run the agreement should lead to more focused education for students and better funding levels for all institutions in the State and provide better access for all its citizens." Dr. Cundiff stressed that this agreement was just a first step. "A committee representing the Board of Regents and the DTAE will be established to iron out details and to refine the proposal--how it will operate on a daily basis."

The cooperative programs between Floyd College and Coosa Valley Tech and North Metro Tech have been very successful, and have been used as models for other systems across the country. Dr. Cundiff praised the cooperation between the institutions and hopes that this agreement will only strengthen the relationships.

We wish you a joyous holiday season!
Folks

Welcome the following new employees: Ginny Martin, secretary for the Acworth Center, Wesley Jones, comptroller, Samuel Jewell, security officer, and Debbie Holmes, assistant librarian for public services.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: the father of Drew Tonsmeire, coordinator, SBDC, who had quadruple bypass surgery; the mother of Jane Slickman, program specialist, who had a small stroke, Annette Henson, secretary, Division of Learning Resources, upon the death of her brother, Bobby Pennington; and Terron Wright, computer services programmer, upon the death of his father, Ray Allen Wright.

President Lynn Cundiff. Vice President Brady Vardemann, Adrian Bowers, administrative assistant to the vice president, and Jerry Shelton, director of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) in Texas this week.

The poem, "America," written by Love Borchardt, professor of Education, which received an international poetry award in August, has been selected by Hilltop Records in California to be put to music and recorded on an album titled "America" which is currently being produced.

Announcements

The Students Activities Office is making faculty and staff IDs with its newly acquired machine. All employees are encouraged to get their ID made during the quarter break to beat the rush when students return.

The new student gallery/lounge building is now complete. The building will be open for student use from 7 a.m.- midnight. As all buildings on campus, it is a no smoking facility. To reserve the building for meetings or other institutional usage, contact Carol Pilgrim, secretary to the vice president for Business and Finance at 295-6344.

Hypnotist Mort Berkowitz will present a workshop on hypnotism 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12. He will hold an open performance at 11:30 a.m. Both will be held in the new gallery/student lounge building.

NYSP Cited

Floyd College's National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) has been recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association with meritorious award status for exceptional 1994 NYSP project performance.

"In review of the 1994 NYSP program evaluation materials and Federal reports, the committee acknowledged the efforts of W. Riley Evans, project administrator, and Michael Jenkins, activity director, for their outstanding leadership," according to a letter received by Dr. Cundiff.

The award will be presented during the national NCAA meeting which will be held in Orlando, Florida in January.

More than 170 colleges and universities participate in NYSP providing more than 65,000 needy youth with services such as medical examinations, USDA-approved meals, and educational and athletic instruction during the summer months. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the NCAA.

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