Founders' Day Marks 25th Anniversary

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Floyd College, the first ever Founders' Day will be held Tuesday, January 31. Floyd College became a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia in 1970 following years of work by the Floyd County Board of Roads and Revenue and an ad hoc Junior College committee. On January 31 the college will host a luncheon to honor the members of these groups. The luncheon will be followed by a cake-cutting at 1 p.m. in the Solarium, which will be open to everyone.

On May 27, 1963, an application was submitted to the Regents of the University System of Georgia for the establishment of a junior college in Floyd County. It was submitted by the Floyd County Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue: T.H. Selman, Sr. (Chairman), Ralph Primm (Vice Chairman), Hoyt Barron, R.W. Fincher, and Ebb Gaines. The application followed work by an ad hoc Junior College Arrangements Committee formed in the early part of 1963.

Led by Rome attorney James D. Maddox, a member of the original ad hoc committee, a concerted effort was again launched in Floyd County, in 1968, in an attempt to persuade the Board of Regents that Floyd County was an ideal site for the location of a junior college and that Floyd County citizens would back such a movement.

The Regents approved Floyd County's application for the establishment of the college on April 16, 1968. The approval was subject to a special referendum approved by the voters of Floyd County, and on November 5, 1968, they agreed overwhelmingly to finance construction of the college at a cost of $3,215,000.

A beautiful 233-acre tract on U.S. Highway 27 seven miles south of Rome was selected as the site of the college. Dr. David B. McCorkel was named president of the institution and served in that capacity until 1991. Dr. H. Lynn Cundiff was named the second president of the college in November, 1992.

The Founders' Day luncheon on January 31 will honor the surviving members of the committees and boards who were instrumental in the establishment of Floyd College including Charles Doss, Dayton Hardwick, Bobby Jones, Albert J. Kirby, James D. Maddox, R. Donald Milton, Sidney F. Thomas, Hoyt Barron, Martha Bryant, Samuel T. Burrell, Mrs. Vernon Grizzard, William E. Johnson, Jr., Dewell L. Lindsey, Jr., Jack Morgan, Kohn Sanders, Melvin Tate, Gardner Wright, Jr., Charles L. Williams, Raymond Lambert, and Jim Mehaffey.

Chancellor to Propose Change to Semester System

Chancellor Stephen Portch is expected to propose that all 34 units of the University System of Georgia convert to the semester system by the fall of 1997, at the Board of Regent's February meeting which will be held at Columbus College.

One of the key arguments in favor of the semester calendar is that the 15-week term gives students more time to absorb material than the current 10-week quarter calendar.
**Folks**

**James F. Cook**, professor of History, spoke to the Exchange Club of Rome on January 13 about former Governor Carl Sanders.


**Nanette Jaynes**, assistant professor of Developmental English, defended her doctoral dissertation at the University of Georgia last Friday.

**Clare Garrard**, assistant professor of Nursing Education, will defend her doctoral dissertation at the University of Alabama, Birmingham on February 7.

**Chancellor Stephen Portch** and his Running Regents were victorious over Floyd College’s Lakers headed by **President Lynn Cundiff** in the "Over-the-Hill Tournament" basketball game played here on January 18. The final score was 88-84. A rematch in Atlanta has been proposed.

**Activities**

In celebration of Black History Month at Floyd College, a number of speakers and performers will come to campus, according to **Jon Hershey**, assistant professor of English and advisor to the Black Awareness Society.

On February 1, the **Reverend Sharon Austin**, assistant pastor at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, will speak at 11:30 a.m. in the Solarium;

A Jazz presentation by the **Crawford and McGriff Quartet** will be held at 1 p.m. in the Student Center on February 9;

**Marvin Jones**, an Atlanta businessman will speak at 11:30 a.m. on February 13 in the Solarium;

The a cappella singing group **Regency**, will perform at noon on February 28 in the Student Center.

Also, on **FCTV** channel 99 in Rome, two series—"**The Black Entrepreneur**" and "**African-American Legends**"—will be shown throughout February, Monday through Thursday, 5-6 p.m.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Tuesday, February 7, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. in the Solarium.

More than 800 fifth and sixth graders are expected to be on campus Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., to attend the **North Georgia Regional 4-H Club conference and competition**. Campus coordinator for the event is Sarah Burkhalter of the Public Service Department.

Picture yourself on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean, visiting Greek islands and Israel. You can be there next summer! Sign up now for the Floyd College-sponsored **Mediterranean Tour** which will take place June 20-July 1.

Participants will visit the Parthenon, the excavations at Ephesus, Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee.

The tour price is $2,150-$2,525, depending on cabin accommodations, and includes airfare, 3-night hotel stay in Athens, all meals on the 7-day cruise, and guided sight-seeing. A deposit of $250 is required to reserve space. The balance is due April 1.

Contact **Jo Anne Starnes**, professor of English, for additional information.


The cost of the trip is $1,456-$1,611 and includes everything except lunches. Interested persons are asked to register with Dr. Cook now. Payment for the trip is due by May 1.

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