BANNER System Installation Begins

A new computerized system for registration, records, advising, business services and financial aid will be installed at Floyd College over the next year. The system has been purchased by the Board of Regents for all two and four-year colleges in the University System of Georgia, and is intended to unify and streamline record-keeping.

Using the college's IBM RISC 6,000 mainframe computer, the system incorporates system software packages for the various functions. The installation and training process is quite lengthy. Actual use of the system may not begin for more than a year. Persons on campus who will be directly involved with the system will have to attend 19 three-day training sessions in Athens in the coming months.

Eventually, the majority of student advisors will be able to access the system's information through their 486 computers to aid in advising and check on a student's academic progress. The system will also allow for telephone registration, eliminating the need for students to stand in line or register only during certain times.

Author, Feminist Sommers to Speak

Christina Hoff Sommers, author of the blockbuster book *Who Stole Feminism?* will speak at Floyd College Monday, March 6, at noon in the Solarium. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Ms. Sommers is a long-time feminist writer and college professor of philosophy. Her talk at Floyd College will be based on her book, *Who Stole Feminism?*, in which she maintains that feminism used to be about fairness and equality, not about male bashing, censorship and victim politics as it is today. She argues that a group of illiberal anti-intellectual feminist activities, claiming to speak for all women, has been promoting an agenda that sets women against men. She also exposes fallacies in the advocacy research and the terrible personal toll being taken on women--especially young college women--who fall under the spell of this divisiveness.

Open House

An open house for prospective students will be held Sunday, March 12, 2-4 p.m. on the main campus of Floyd College. Activities include tours of campus, information tables about programs of study, and admissions and financial aid briefings.

Anyone interested in attending Floyd College is invited to attend. No reservations are necessary.
Folks

William Mugleston, chairman, Division of Social and Cultural Studies, has published an essay on Ladaslas Farago, author and journalist, in the Dictionary of American Biography, Supplement 10.0.

Betty Nally, instructor in Nursing, was the recipient of the "Advisor of the Year" award at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students which was held at the Renaissance Hotel, Atlanta, February 16-18. Each nursing organization from all over the state has the opportunity to nominate their advisor for this award.

Congratulations to Clare Garrard, assistant professor of Nursing Education, who recently successfully defended her dissertation towards a Doctor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.


Congratulations to Tim Green, part-time instructor in HPER, and his wife, Beth, upon the birth of their daughter, Caroline Key on February 10.

Two Floyd College Students, Ann Toles of Lindale and Karen Rush of Rome represented the Alpha Psi Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the state convention in Athens, Georgia this month. At the meeting, Karen and Lee Barrett of Rome were recognized as nominees for the USA Today/Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American team.

Congratulations to the faculty and staff members who were awarded mini-grants for special projects by the Department of Human Resources: Betty Nally, instructor in Nursing - Streamlined Note Taking; Bruce Pound, director of Financial Aid - Student Financial Aid Quality Assurance Program; Phil Kerr, director of Admissions - Summer Theatre Arts Camp; Vicki Hudgins, intern in Human Resources - Staff Enrichment; and Nihal Gunay, part-time Guidance Service - Tutors for Success/Mentors for Peers.

Activities

Continuing Education classes scheduled for the coming weeks include:

- Tulip Quilt Making
- Listening and Communication Skills
- Health Care Power of Attorney for Ages 55 and Over
- Managing Conflict
- Basic Public Relations
- WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS, Sections I and II
- Fundamental Fishing Fun Seminar for ages 5-16
- Spring Turkey Hunting

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

The annual Alabama Shakespeare Festival Trip has been scheduled this year the weekend of May 6-7. Sign-up for the trip began February 14.

This year's trip features live professional performances of Much Ado About Nothing, Shakespear's witty, fast-paced, romantic comedy, and Saint Joan, George Bernard Shaw's riveting account of the peasant girl who led the armies of France. There will also be a guided backstage tour of ASF's multi-million dollar theatre complex.

The cost of the trip is $65-$80 (depending on hotel room occupancy) and includes transportation, lodging, admission to the plays and Sunday lunch at the theatre.

Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. A $40 deposit is required by April 12. For additional information or to register for the trip, contact Sam Callan, director of Student Activities, at 295-6363, or Kristie Kemper, professor of English, at 295-6312.

Floyd College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia.