Wetlands Project Receives Grant

A grant for $5,000 will get Floyd College started on a project which will turn 15 acres of wetlands on campus into an environmental education outdoor laboratory.

The project is the brainchild of Leigh Callan, associate professor of Biology, who got the idea when she participated in a field trip to a similar location during a national conference on Biology Lab Education last June. Knowing that Floyd College had a natural wetlands area on its main campus in Rome, she thought it doable project to turn the area into a hands-on laboratory. Dr. Cundiff wholeheartedly supported her proposal and encouraged her to apply for grants to help pay for the estimated $50,000 cost of development.

In December the college received its first grant commitment to the wetlands project from the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission through the efforts of the Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District. The $5,000 will go toward materials to create the lab site. The college also has a promise of $10,000 from Temple-Inland Rome after the college raises $30,000 for the project. In addition, the college is seeking grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, and the National Timber Bridge Initiative. Floyd County is also supporting the project by providing an easement for the development which was the Paris Lake Road--a road closed 25 years ago when the property was purchased to build Floyd College--which has developed into a willow swamp, teeming with wildlife.

The wetlands projects will utilize a presently inaccessible 15-acre portion of natural wetlands as an on-campus outdoor laboratory. Plans include the construction of a nature trail with observation decks through upland forest and into a wetland willow swamp by means of a pedestrian boardwalk. The completed project will allow students to observe beavers, red-winged blackbirds, wood ducks, red-tailed hawks, and vegetation conducive to (more, pg. 2)

Centre Stage to Open With Dinner Theatre

Centre Stage, the Floyd College Foundation project designed to turn the old gymnasium in Heritage Hall into a showcase for the arts, will open Friday, February 23, with a dinner and showing of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" presented by the Georgia Mountain Theatre Company.

Tickets for the event are $30 per person or $50 for a sponsor table which seats eight, and can be purchased by calling the President's Office at 706/295-6328.

Centre Stáge has been totally renovated with new carpeting, curtains, a sound system which includes body and stage microphones, and a 64-unit lighting system. The overall floor area has been reduced to incorporate a lobby area. The theatre can seat up to 175 for a buffet dinner. Dinner for the opening will be prepared by ARAMARK food services.

Prior to Friday night's performance, which is a fundraiser for the Foundation, the play will be performed for Floyd College students on Thursday night. According to the theatre troupe, the play has been customized for a Rome audience and the updated version includes a considerable amount of music.
Folks

Bill Mugleston, chairman, Division of Social and Cultural Sciences, was a commentator at a session on "Rethinking the American Survey: An Interactive Session" at the American Historical Association convention held recently in Atlanta.

President Lynn Cundiff was the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King celebration held January 15 in Cedartown. More than 300 people attended the annual event.

Ken Anderson, professor of English, will read and sign his book, "The Intense Lover" at Outwrite Bookstore, 931 Monroe Drive (in Midtown Promenade), Atlanta, Sunday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. Four dollars of each book sale will go to Sister-love, a women's AIDS organization offering educational and support services.

Donna Daugherty, assistant professor of Biology, David Cook, professor of Biology, along with former student Lesley J. Henderson, an RN at Redmond Regional Medical Center, have an article titled "Polyvinyl Alcohol Degradable Products for the Operating Room" published in the January/February issue of Surgical Services Management.

Keep Vivian Benton, part-time administrative assistant to the vice president, in your thoughts and prayers following her recent surgery.

Announcements

Welcome the following new employees: Brent Griffin, assistant professor of Mathematics in the Learning Resources Department, and Lee A. Coker, assistant professor of Biology.

Continuing Education and Small Business Development Center classes scheduled for February are:

- Introduction to Computers
- DOS Concepts-Getting the Most Out of Your Computer
- WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS
- WordPerfect 6.0 for Windows
- First Class Customer Service
- Dealing With Difficult People
- Dental Hygiene
- Reflexology
- Floristry
- Cake Decorating
- Basic Sign Language
- Conversational Japanese
- Adoption
- Important & Necessary Documents
- Introduction to Investment
- Developing College Study Skills
- Oil Painting
- Stained Glass
- Watercolor
- Senior Connection
- How to Start Your Own Business
- Home-Based Business Ideas
- Computer-Based Businesses You Can Start From Home
- The Weekend Entrepreneur

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

The college will sponsor a Blood Drive Thursday, February 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Solarium.

Floyd College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia
Floyd Celebrates Black History Awareness Month

The campus Black Awareness Society and the Office of Student Activities have planned numerous activities to celebrate Black History Month at Floyd College. All programs are free and open to the public.

Speaker Series
All presentations will be held noon-1 p.m. in the Solarium on the main campus

FEB. 21  Mr. Nate Mosby
Former Dekalb County Commissioner. Recipient of awards from the FAA and Dekalb County for Volunteerism. Deacon and Elder in the Presbyterian Church. 32nd Degree Mason.

FEB. 23  Ms. Inez Fleming
Coauthor of "While We Run This Race" (Orbis Press) which explores racism in southern churches and one church's journey to combat it. Ms. Fleming leads racism workshops in Metro Atlanta area.

FEB. 28  The Reverend Tim McDonald
Pastor, First Iconium Baptist Church, Atlanta. Leads weekly meetings to follow-up on Million Man March. President of Concerned Black Clergy. Former assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. A 1976 graduate of Berry College, Rev. McDonald holds a Master's degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory.

Music

FEB. 22  Jazz Saxophonist Jackie Beard
A native of Rome, Georgia, and a graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mr. Beard has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad. He is currently employed as a professor at Berklee.

Movies

Thursday Theatre at Floyd, Saluting Director Spike Lee

FEB. 8 - "Do the Right Thing"
FEB. 15 - 'Mo' Better Blues"
Showtimes: 10:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.
Location: Solarium
Free admission and popcorn