Laptop Computers On the Way

Two hundred and fifty laptop computers, the cornerstones of a joint Instructional Technology pilot project of Floyd College and Clayton State College, will arrive on campus September 1. The computers will be distributed to all full-time faculty, and to class-county, and at North Metro Tech. Other Continuing Education for use in noncredit classes scheduled for

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The Instructional Technology partnership combining computing, telecommunication, and information technology, the way colleges do business, the way students learn, and to keep up with the information explosion and information technology. "With this project, we hope to change teaching and learning methodology to enhance student learning, and to increase revenue options for higher education," said President Lynn Cundiff.

The first phase of the project, the Data Card (called the Access1 card at Floyd College) will be implemented this fall, as well as the testing of ITI classes. The Instructional Technology Project as a whole will be brought before the Board of Regents at their October meeting for approval. Their approval would allow Floyd and Clayton State Colleges to require that every student lease a laptop computer by fall 1997, to charge a student technology fee to cover the lease of computers, and to approve the use of funds generated as auxiliary funds, allowing them to be carried over year to year and be used for infrastructure and technology.

By leasing the computers the college will be able to keep up with state-of-the-art technology by replacing the computers every two years. Students will benefit by having access 24 hours a day to the Internet, any library resources in the University System, and to individual faculty members as well as other students.

"Educators across the country have come to understand that students no longer have flexible schedules and an abundance of time," said Dr. Cundiff. "Through this pilot program we will look at ways to be more flexible to meet the students' needs and at the same time improve the quality of educational outcomes. I have confidence that our excellent faculty will lead the nation in finding solutions to these new challenges through technology."

Access1 Available to Faculty and Staff

The Access1 cards will be available to faculty and staff this fall, as well as students.

The card will be made as an ID card in the Student Life Office and should be worn in place of the current metallic name tags. Employees will have the option (as students do) to "put money" on the card and to use the card for purchases in the cafeteria, the bookstore and in vending machines on campus.

The cards will eventually be used as keys for entrance into buildings and offices. While there is a $10 fee for students, employees will receive the card free of charge.

End of Quarter Luncheon for Faculty and Staff
Thursday, August 29

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Folks

Welcome the following new employees: Rebecca Nance, part-time lab assistant, Kristi McGuire, food service worker, Angela Madden, food service worker, Dana Marko, training specialist, Sherry Dempsey, food service worker, Tammie Pugh, assistant professor of Psychology, Carolyn Church, assistant professor of Nursing, June Edwards, part-time switchboard operator, Robert McFarland, assistant professor of physical therapy, John Mangel, assistant professor of Economics, Christie Bray, temporary secretary for VP for student development and assistant to the President for special projects, and Beverly Morgan, comptroller.

Wendell Barnes, director of the Interpreter Training Immersion Program, attended the Region II Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf annual meeting in Birmingham last week. He is attending a workshop for educational interpreters in Atlanta this week.

The next generation.... Ruthie Lawler, publications specialist, welcomed granddaughter Brittney Leigh, daughter of her daughter Andrea, on July 30. Harold Boyd, assistant to the President for special projects, welcomed twin grandsons Joseph Andrew and James Hunter, born to son Randy and daughter-in-law Lisa in Nashville on June 6. The boys, who weighed just over one pound each when born, are expected home from the hospital soon. Not to be outdone, Belen Nora, chairman, division of Health Sciences, welcomed THREE grandsons this summer! Frederic Raymond Hart was born to daughter Cindy of Atlanta, and twins Payton Nora and Brice Lafayette Ward were born to daughter Betsy of Woodstock.

Congratulations to Chris Lee, director of Human Resources, who was selected for promotion to the rank of Major in the Marine Corps Reserves.

Kudos!

Congratulations to Sue Munn, Instructor in English, who has been selected for the Connecting Teachers and Technology Initiative of the Board of Regents for this year. Ms. Munn will work with other faculty from across the state to discover and develop uses for technology in the classroom.

Floyd College has been selected to participate in the Postsecondary Readiness Enrichment Program and will be part of a program site that also includes State University of West Georgia. One of nine units in the state designated a PREP site, the two institutions, in partnership with middle schools, technical institute, businesses and community groups, will implement an academic readiness program for a minimum of 1,200 middle grades students who reside in this area.

You will recall that the college hosted a two-week pilot PREP program in June. This new project will run throughout the school year and will begin following a statewide meeting later this month.

FCTV received a pass to ride on the press truck during the Olympic Torch Run for the stint of Dr. Cundiff's run down Glenn Milner Blvd. Dale Suffridge, technical director, videotaped from the van and the footage was broadcast on the channel prior to the Olympics.

FCTV's SCOLA project--airing news broadcasts from other countries via satellite during the Olympics--was featured on WXIA TV's newscast on July 17.

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The Floyd College Tutorial Center was one of 26 programs identified as the "best practices in retention" by the University System of Georgia

Announcements

The following continuing education classes will be offered in the coming weeks:

Baby Steps to Happiness
How to Legally Protect Your Software Creations
Keyboarding
Laws Affecting Computer Networks
Intro to Computers for People 50+ Years of Age
WordPerfect 6.0 for Windows
Health Care Management Series
Real Estate Sales Pre-Licensure Course
Environmental Studies
Stained Glass
Adoption
Gymnastics
Aerobics
For information or to register for a class, call 706.295-6324.

The Small Business Development Center will offer workshops on the following topics: How to Start Your Own Business, Comprehensive Small Business Tax Workshop, and Internet for Small Businesses.

For information call 706/295-6326.