FC is Planning its Future

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is preparing a comprehensive strategic plan on how to deal with the expected enrollment boomlet in Georgia by the year 2005. As background for the plan, they have asked for a number of documents from each college and university in the system including enrollment projections for the next five years, a campus strategic plan, and an implementation plan for the more stringent admissions standards which will go into effect by 2001.

Dr. Joan Elifson, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, has been spearheading the effort to get reports to the Regents by this week's deadline. She has worked with a number of groups including the Institutional Effectiveness Committee, and the Strategic Group which includes four senior administrators, and four members of the IE committee. "Building on the planning in which the college has already been involved, we were able to gather information and statistics for these reports after a few key meetings and brainstorming sessions," said Dr. Elifson. "This process, and the information which was gathered from it, will be beneficial to the college's future."

In projecting enrollment growths, initiatives such as the admissions standards semester conversion, and the laptop project were taken into consideration. The final report projects growth from 3,143 students in the fall of 1997 to 4,004 students by 2001. A jump of 346 students in 2001 is indicated based on the opening of a new facility in Bartow County which will combine the Acworth and Cartersville centers.

The strategic plan update is a preliminary report for a more comprehensive plan due in June. The report identifies three major goals for the college which relate to educational programs, technology, and institutional effectiveness and lists specific initiatives with each major goal. The report also identifies system initiatives which will impact the college's future.

In the third report submitted to the Regents, college officials, after consultation with other two-year colleges, announced a plan to implement the System's new admissions standards all at once in the year 2001, rather than risk confusing high school students with a gradual implementation over the next five years.

Dr. Elifson will be happy to share any of these reports in their entirety with you upon request.

SMP Wins GCPA Awards

The Six Mile Post, the college's student newspaper, received numerous awards at the annual Georgia College Press Association meeting held in Athens February 8.

The awards included: GCPA Better Newspaper Contest, 2-year Division: 1st place, General Photography; 2nd place, General Excellence; 2nd place, Best Campus Community Service - Editorial; 2nd place, Layout and Design; 3rd place, Best Campus Community Service; 2nd place, General Advertising; 1st place, Best Campus Community Service - Sports; 1st place, Best Campus Community Service - Features; 1st place, Best Photograph-Editorial Feature by Daniel Broome; 2nd place, Best Photograph-Editorial Feature by Robert Joyce; 2nd place, Best Photograph - News by Robert Joyce; 1st & 2nd place Best Entertainment Feature, art and design by Jacob Sullins and Joel Ball; 2nd place, Best Feature Story by Cynthia Schrader; 2nd place, Best Sports Story by Stacey Wysong; 1st place, Best Photograph - Sports, by Shawn Spillman; 2nd place, Best Photograph - Sports by Robert Joyce; and 2nd place Best Column by Jason Sapp. Kristie Kemper, professor of English, is advisor for the SMP.
Folk

Tim Dees, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, has been busy speaking to groups across the nation in recent months. In December he presented two workshops for the Assoc. of Training Officers of Minnesota in St. Paul, in January, he presented a seminar for the annual international meeting of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers in Buffalo, NY, and last week, he made a presentation at a conference on "Law Enforcement and Cyberspace" for the Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute in Texas. Good job!

Alberta Johnson, assistant professor of Psychology and Education, made a presentation titled "How Do I Handle This Child??...She's Changing Right Before My Eyes, and I Don't Like It!!" at the annual Conference on Parent Education sponsored by the Center for Parent Education at the University of North Texas on February 28.

Carolyn Parks, director, FC at Cartersville, was the leadoff speaker for the First Presbyterian churches workshop series on building healthy families last month.

Keep Glenn Singleton, assistant professor of Business, in your thoughts and prayers upon the death of his mother last week.

Announcements

Floyd College will host the Region 6-A Literary Meet on campus Friday, March 14. The meet will feature high school students from across Northwest Georgia competing in essay writing, dramatic interpretation, spelling, and extemporaneous speaking. The program will run from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Floyd College faculty and staff members will serve as judges.

Blues artist

K.J. JAMES will perform Friday, March 14, at noon in the Student Center on main campus. The concert is free and open to everyone.

Plan to attend the "End-of-the-Quarter Brunch" for faculty and staff which will be held Friday, March 21, at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

March 12
2-3 p.m. - NETiquette

March 17
3-3:45 p.m. - Listserv class

March 19
2:30-4 p.m. - Travel & Procurement Procedures

March 20
4:30-6 p.m. - Intermediate Word

March 21
2:30-4 p.m. - Intermediate PowerPoint

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - File Management

Free to faculty and staff. Call the HR office at 802-5136

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