Chancellor to Speak at Graduation

Dr. Stephen R. Portch, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, will be the keynote speaker at Floyd College commencement exercises Saturday, June 14. The program will begin at 10 a.m. at the Forum in downtown Rome. An estimated 292 students will receive associate degrees.

Dr. Portch is the ninth Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and is responsible for the state's system of 34 public colleges and universities. A native of Somerset, England, Chancellor Portch moved to the United States in 1974 after earning a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Reading. He holds Ph.D. and master's degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. He is also a widely published author and an accomplished equestrian.

"We're honored that the Chancellor accepted our invitation to present the commencement address because he receives many more requests to speak than he is able to fill in a given year," said President Lynn Cundiff.

The graduation program will also include the presentation of the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service and the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award for Meritorious Service.

Honors and Nurses' Pinning

Two other traditional ceremonies—Honors Night and The Nurses' Pinning Ceremony—will precede graduation.

The Nurses' Pinning Ceremony is steeped in tradition and features nursing graduates in their white uniforms carrying lighted lamps and roses as they receive their RN pin. The program will be held Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at the Forum. Barbara Rees, professor of Nursing will be the featured speaker.

The Honors Night program will be held at the Forum Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m. Each division will award certificates and gifts to students for outstanding achievements and academic excellence. Honor graduates will receive certificates and their tassels during the program.

Tournament Proceedings Aid Students

Jerry Shelton, special assistant to the President and director of the Basketball Tournaments held each year on campus, has presented the Floyd College Foundation with a check for $15,000 to be used as scholarships for nontraditional students. The money comes from the proceeds from the Rome News Tribune Holiday Tournament and the regional playoff tournaments.

The scholarships will be distributed in the amount of $1,000 for three quarters, to nontraditional students (those 25 years and older), who qualify for no other aid and have a 3.0 grade-point-average.

Interested students must file a financial aid form and submit a letter of application to the FA Office before June 16. Fifteen grants of $1,000 each will be awarded. Recipients will be notified in late June.
Folks

Ken Weatherman, professor of Physical Education, participated in, and completed the Assault on Mt. Mitchel, a 102 mile bike ride up a 6,000-foot elevation. The race was held in Spartanburg, South Carolina on May 17. Dr. Weatherman completed the race in just over ten hours. WOW!

Tim Floyd, director of evening programs and weekend administration, has received an Ed.D. degree with emphasis on Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Congratulations!

Several members of the Floyd College faculty and staff will be making presentations at the League for Innovation conference October 12-15 in Atlanta. Presenters include: Lynn Cundiff with Rick Skinner, president of Clayton College and State University; Carla Patterson, director, Extended Learning, with Bruce Jones, chair, Division of Business, and Billy Morris, assistant professor of Geology; Barb Rees, professor of Nursing, with Carla Patterson; Barb Rees presenting alone; Harvey Moody, assistant professor of Chemistry; and Catherine King, assistant professor/Coordinator of Physical Education.

The League for Innovation is a national conference on information technology in community colleges which is sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Jeff Mack, instructor of English, and Beth Harrison, assistant professor of Developmental Reading, have received the Chancellor's Award scholarships and Floyd College grants to attend the System's Faculty Development Trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe August 12-September 9.

A poem by Ken Anderson, associate professor of English, titled "Lara's Picture" will appear in May issue of Blood and Fire Review.

Mary Louise Lever, past chair of the Floyd College Foundation, will appear on Good Day Atlanta with celebrity Fabio on June 6, as a result of winning the Romantic Recipe Contest sponsored by "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter."

Announcements

Reminder: construction is scheduled to begin June 2 on the renovation of the Student Center area. The activity will eliminate the parking between the Administration Building annex and the F-wing (the Service Court). Food service will not be available through the end of the quarter, but will resume on a limited basis for Summer Quarter.

Comprehensive Training to Prepare Faculty for ITP

As preparation continues for the fall start-up of the Information Technology Project, faculty members are scheduled to participate in a three-day training and development workshop. The workshop will be held June 16-18 on campus, and will be led by a number of presenters from Wake Forest University (including Provost Brown), and one expert from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

The program will offer discipline-specific courses in the use of technology; discussions on how to redesign courses to incorporate technology; and discussions with faculty members from Wake Forest on how they got started using educational technology, what the first year was like, and what worked and what didn't.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day and includes lunch.

Faculty members will be receiving specific information on the workshop in the coming week.