Glitches Plague Start of ITP

Continuing problems with Earthlink connections and the lengthy distribution of laptop computers have many faculty, staff and students frustrated with the college's innovative Instructional Technology Project.

"We knew there would be a strong learning curve at the start of this process," said President Lynn Cundiff. "Our goal is to work out these problems this quarter while the students are getting the computers for free, and have a much more organized, efficient process starting winter quarter."

Problems have included the inability to connect to the off-campus internet provider, Earthlink, the lengthy distribution, the start of free training classes for students, the overwhelming lines at the Help Desk, and the excessive time being taken up in classes to work through computer problems.

"It was impossible to foresee all the possible problems with a project of this magnitude," said Project Director Bruce Jones. "But people from throughout the campus have pulled together to get the job done—whether it be to unload computers, distribute them to students, or to stop and answer questions when they pass students who need assistance."

Our partners in the project have also been receptive to our needs. "Earthlink is very concerned about the problems students have had dialing up from home," said Rob Lattrello, computer services' system support analyst. "The special assistant to the CEO of the company is doing everything in his power to correct invalid passwords and has even added more phone lines for our usage."

"What we're learning here, though sometimes painful, will benefit countless future students," said Dr. Cundiff. "However, my concern today is our current students. We want them to have a good experience and to be convinced by the end of this quarter, that this technology will help them learn more, faster, and will better prepare them for today's world of work."

And, as we've already seen, it will take everyone on campus working together to get the job done. Be assured that YOUR contributions are noted and appreciated!

Monte Carlo Tickets Available

There are still a limited number of tickets left for the Fifth Annual Monte Carlo Gala sponsored by the Floyd College Foundation. The event will be held Friday, November 14 at the State Mutual Insurance Company Headquarters.

The cost is $250 for two patron tickets or $55 for individual tickets. Patrons will be honored with a private reception prior to the 8 p.m. opening of the Gala.

Bad Weather Closing Notices

In the event the college must close due to inclement weather, the personnel assigned to the Rome campuses will be notified by announcements on local radio stations, or they can call the college answering machine, 802-5000, or the talking telephone directory, 232-9900, 0037 (if there is not a power outage).

The Cartersville campus will close when either the Bartow County or Cartersville City Schools close; the Haralson campus will close when either the Bremen City or Haralson County Schools close; and Floyd College at NMTI will close when NMTI closes. For announcements, listen to area radio stations.

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Folks

Welcome the following new employees: Debra Martin, physical therapy assistant; Glenda Shumate, food services worker; Helen Hadden, data card clerk; Evelyn Nelson, custodian, Heritage Hall; Raymond Atkins, tutor, Tutorial Center; Cathy Stephens, food service worker; and Farrie Belle Chubb, secretary, Disability Support.

One of associate professor of History Ralph Peters’ thirty copyrighted songs has been bought by Midway Music in Cleveland, Ohio. The song, called “If I Ruled,” will be released on the Adult Contemporary/Easy Listening Market next year.

Keep Gerrie Burton, data card assistant, in your thoughts and prayers upon the death of her sister.

Alberta Johnson, associate professor of Psychology, spoke on Emotional Health at the Georgia Summit for Women and Girls, which was held at Brenau University on October 11.

Announcements

The Continuing Education Department will be offering the following courses during the month of November:

- Working With Monsters and Surviving Leadership Strategies for Employee Motivation, Creativity & Team Effectiveness
- Visionary Leadership
- Future Day: The Business Seminar
- Introduction To Investment
- Protect Your Assets from Lawsuits
- Used Car Dealers Prelicense
- Auctioneers Prelicense Class
- Auctioneers Continuing Education Class
- Microsoft Access
- Connecting Your Business to the Internet
- Introduction to Windows 95
- Microsoft Word
- Protect Your Assets from Lawsuits
- Cake Decorating
- Ballroom Dancing
- Line Dancing
- Gymnastics for Ages 5-7

The Small Business Development Center will offer How to Start Your Own Small Business, Entrepreneurial Marketing, How to Get Money for Your Business, and Cash Flow Management for Business Owners, during November.

For more information or to register for a class, call 706.802.5000.

The European Council of the University System of Georgia is offering a study program at the Georgia Tech Lorraine Center in Metz, France, July 2-August 10, 1998. If interested, contact Sheila McCoy, professor of French, at 706.295.6300.

The Office of Student Life will sponsor a Blood Drive Wednesday, November 5, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa inductions will be held Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Solarium. For details, contact Tom Harnden, assistant professor of Biology.

ASAP (Academic Success and Achievement Program) will hold a reception at the Cartersville campus Wednesday, November 12, at 4 p.m., and at the Rome campus Tuesday, November 25, at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. For information, contact Nihal Gunay, program coordinator.

The Floyd County Governor’s Honor’s Program will be held on the Rome campus Friday, November 7. This is a one-day academic competition for high school students. Approximately 45 students and 15 adults are expected to attend.

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