Regents Approve New Bartow Center

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on Wednesday approved Floyd College’s proposal for a new $17 million permanent center in Bartow County. The proposed site for the center is on 54 acres of land off of I-75 east of the Super Wal-Mart in Cartersville. The center, when built, will consolidate the college’s two existing Bartow County centers, which are leased in downtown Cartersville and at North Metro Tech in Acworth.

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The college had previously assured that the Regents fund an addition to the central campus library, as well as an aquatic center in the next budget cycle. The library addition had been placed 27th on the Regent’s capital outlay list during the summer. The Board, however, invited Dr. Cundiff to return this month to make a bid for the Bartow facility. The approval of that facility by the Regents will move the library addition off the master list at this time.

The new, full-service center in Bartow County will initially incorporate approximately 150,000 gross square feet of space in two buildings. The buildings will house 20 classrooms, four lecture halls, eight science labs, eight conference rooms, 50 faculty, staff and student offices, six administrative offices, a cafeteria/student center, and a bookstore. The master planners took into consideration future growth, planning for two additional buildings and athletic fields to be built as needed. The college will offer two-year associate degrees at the center, in transfer as well as career programs.

Bartow County officials have been very supportive of a full-service college center for a number of years. They have agreed to donate the land to the Regents—valued at $3 million—as well as provide the necessary infrastructure for the campus.

"Senator Nathan Dean and Commissioner Clarence Brown have been driving forces behind the success of this proposal," said Cundiff. "Both have worked tirelessly on our behalf to insure the support of the community as well as the Regents."

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NYSP Program in Top 10

Floyd College has been selected by the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) Committee to receive a meritorious award in recognition of the school’s summer camp program’s rating as one of the top ten outstanding 1997 NYSP projects. David Mathis, NYSP Project Administrator, will be accepting the honor for the college at the NYSP national workshop on Youth, Education and Sports in Washington D.C. on February 20-22.

"I’m tickled to be in the lead part of the program nationally," said Mathis. "I think this is a major achievement for Floyd College." Floyd’s program is one of 150 sponsored annually by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

The NYSP summer camp program provides activities and guidance for economically disadvantaged children. Held every summer over a six-week period, the camp provides transportation and meals for the youngsters and is free to all community youths. More than 400 children in the community attended the camp at Floyd College last summer.

"I think that participation in sports creates character in youths," said Harold Boyd, Floyd College NYSP advisory board member. "It teaches fair play, sportsmanship and cooperation. Sports are a great way to learn those traits. I believe this
Monte Carlo Gala Wraps Up Big Success

The Floyd College Foundation’s Monte Carlo “Take Five” Gala, held November 14 at the State Mutual building, was successful in raising more than $65,000. The funds raised will provide scholarships for Floyd College laptop computer project. Barbara Myers, producer of the gala, along with Jo Anne Dulaney, and Foundation members, organized the event.

More than 350 people attended that evening. The event included casino-style gaming, an auction of donated items, and a buffet dinner.

J.L. and Doris Todd of Rome served as honorary chairpersons of the Gala. The Todds are long-time contributors to the business and social community of Rome and have supported the Monte Carlo Gala since its inception in 1993. Mr. Todd, a native of Rome, is the owner of the J.L. Todd Auction Company and the J.L. Todd Company. Mrs. Todd has worked for her husband’s auction company for the past 17 years and has taken an active role in the Floyd Foundation and community affairs.

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The development of the site in Cartersville supports the college’s emphasis on distance education and the advancement of technology as well. “We consider the consolidation as a trade of two limited and very traditional spaces for one “high tech” space,” said Cundiff. The new space will allow for a blend of electronically-enhanced classroom delivery with web based and teleconferencing options. The college also requires expanded staging areas for the development of virtual courses and distance formats, and it plans to incorporate these into the programming for the site.

Floyd College has been offering programming in Bartow County for ten years and currently has full-time faculty and staff assigned to these campuses. “We have been running out of space since we moved in to the current leased building,” said Cartersville Center Director Carolyn Parks. “We have never had enough room for classes, administration or parking.” The Cartersville center currently serves more than 500 students with only five classrooms.

In addition to academic programs conducted by Floyd College, the new center is projected to provide space for other University System partners to offer upper level college courses and continuing education opportunities. Kennesaw State University and Georgia Institute of Technology have both shown an interest in collaborating with Floyd College at the proposed site. Areas of interest include business, education, and engineering courses, at the upper division and graduate levels. Other University System partners will be sought, and cooperation with North Metro Technical Institute is expected to continue.

The 19 of the 28 proposals on the Regents’ Master Facilities List were included in the Governor’s budget recommendations to the Legislature for funding in January 1998. Dr. Cundiff anticipates that the Bartow center will be included in the 1999 budget requests.

May the special joys and blessings of the season be with you and your family in the coming weeks!
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(NYSP, continued from pg. 1) program, in general and specifically at Floyd, teaches young people these things.”

The NYSP committee acknowledged David Mathis and Carey Ingram, activity director, for their outstanding leadership.

“Carey Ingram has been with us for many years,” said Mathis, “and his work and presence is invaluable.”

The staff of the Floyd summer camp are also being recognized by the committee for having a 65 percent participant returnee rate, having a 66 percent staff return rate, and developing good sports skills in the activity program.

“The 65 percent participant return rate is one of the highest in the country,” said Mathis. “Floyd College has been holding the summer camp for the past 24 years. There are many people working for us now who were once campers.”

“One of the points of the evaluation,” said Ingram, “was that a percent of your staff was made up of former participants. We had a high number. This really helps us out because these people know what the program is about. I’ve had kids in the camp say, ‘I can’t wait to come back and work here.’”

“Evaluators came from the NCAA for two days during the camp,” said Mathis. “We had 94 guidelines to meet, and we met them all. We also received 40 enhancement points for extra service we provided outside of the guidelines, like providing clothing to kids in need.”

The project is made possible by an annual grant from the US Department of Health and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The NCAA contracts with 143 colleges and universities in 44 states to provide a comprehensive developmental and instructional sports program for 70,000 low-income youths. The project’s goal is to motivate low-income youth to learn