Youth Programs Bring Increased Activity to Campus

Between three and four hundred 10-16-year-olds are on campus Monday-Thursday this summer for the 23rd annual National Youth Sports Program (NYSP). Another 60 seventh graders are participating in the PREP (Postsecondary Readiness Enrichment Program) June 22-July 3.

The NYSP is sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The staff includes six auxiliary personnel (activity directors, drug education specialists, medical coordinator), six support staff (computer specialist, maintenance personnel, security and life guards), five activity instructors, eight project aids, and seven bus drivers. David Mathis is the project administrator for NYSP.

The purpose of the program is to provide a healthy, fun, and educational environment in which these children can spend their summer.

The PREP program is coordinated by Kim McBurnett with Tonya White as her assistant. A Board of Regents’ initiative, the program is designed to encourage disadvantaged youths to consider college as a reachable goal.

This summer’s itinerary includes a community service project each of the ten days of the program. Each project is linked to career exploration. The sites include, for example, a soup kitchen, the library, the Department of Family Children's Services, and nursing homes.

Both programs are free to participants and transportation and meals are provided.

Floyd's First Two On-line Courses Underway

Bruce Jones, chair, Division of Business, and Instructional Technology Support, and Michael Windelspecht, assistant professor of Biology, are offering courses exclusively online this summer.

Dr. Jones' class, Principles of Microeconomics, was developed and licensed by Columbia University. "By going with a class that was prepared by someone else, we get an idea of what it takes to produce an on-line class before we attempt our own version.

Seven students are taking the class, which is limited because the college has to pay $150/student for the license. There is a waiting list of 27 students according to Dr. Jones. "We selected students who were close to graduating from Floyd College who could judge the value and standards of the course based on past Floyd College classes they have taken," Dr. Jones said.

Dr. Windelspecht is teaching Principles of Nutrition, a class he has developed himself for on-line presentation. Twenty-five students are taking the class.

Both classes are similar to independent study classes, each requiring one face-to-face orientation.

Starnes Receives Walraven Award

Jo Anne Starnes, professor of English, was presented with the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award during the graduation ceremony on June 13.

Dr. Starnes, who retired this summer, was one of the original employees of the college and has touched many lives as she contributed not only her teaching skills, but her services as an advisor, committee member and study abroad leader.

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Michael Windelspecht, assistant professor of Biology, made a presentation at the Wetlands of North Georgia Conference in Dahlonega on June 5. The presentation was titled "Floyd College Wetlands Preserve...A Model for Conservation Education."

Phyllis Weatherly, director of Counseling and Career Services, has received a $3,500 Challenge Grant from the Board of Regents to implement the Georgia HIRE-JOBTRAK program. This is a University System Committee on Placement and Cooperative Education (USC-PACE) pilot program that provides an on-line resume database for students and on-line job listings for employers.

Wendell Barnes, director of the ASL Immersion Training Program for Interpreters, was selected as one of 20 people nationwide to participate in the "Signing for the Theatre" workshop, held at the Juilliard School in New York City June 1-8.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: Glenda Collier, secretary to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, upon the death of her father James Clarence Mitchell on June 23; the family of Lillian Brooks, former FC employee, including daughters-in-law Glenda Brooks, payroll assistant, and Gerald Brooks, Library assistant; Matt Dyer, son of Linda Dyer, secretary for the Vice President for Student Development, whose illness continues; and Felicia Claxton, daughter of Susan Claxton, director of Floyd College in Haralson County, who is still awaiting a heart transplant.

Congratulations to Angie Lewis, FC Foundation member, and husband Jon, upon the birth of their daughter Hannah Jon on June 16.

Announcements

The Spring Quarter safety report shows that no crimes were reported on any Floyd College campus during that period.

Summer enrollment at press time stood at 826 students. This is nearly 175 students fewer than the 1,000 on which the college based its summer budget, according to Joan Elifson, vice president for Academic Affairs. Some summer classes have been canceled.

Continuing Education Classes scheduled for July include:
- Auctioneers Prelicensure Class
- Auctioneers Continuing Education Class
- Survival Spanish for Auctioneers
- Computer Icebreaker
- Keyboarding
- Introduction to Windows '95
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Excel
- Publisher
- Quickbooks
- Gymnastics
- Basic Sign Language
- Intermediate Spanish
- The Juggling Arts
- Protect Your Assets from Lawsuits
- Introduction to Investment
- Preserving Family Memories
- Social Ballroom Dance: The Waltz
- Line Dancing or Country ChaCha
- Restaurant Management Training: Time Management
- Computer Camp for Homeschooled Kids
- Computer Camp for Ages 8-10

For more information or to register for a class, call 706.295.6324.

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session. The significant difference is that students can interact with the instructor and other students via the internet throughout the academic term. Students then work at their own pace, submitting required work to the instructors electronically.

Chat rooms are available for "class discussion" and a multitude of on-line resources are available to the students.

"The interest in this method of delivery has been surprisingly strong," said Joan Elifson, vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Students like the flexibility the on-line course gives them. We hope to offer more of these classes in the future, and to start attracting students from outside our service area to take such courses."

In addition to the on-line courses, the Tutorial Center is offering tutoring services online this summer for the first time.

Floyd College will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.