Students Benefit from Annual Gala

In the past eight years, a single annual event has resulted in more than $160,000 being distributed to Floyd College students through scholarships. Additional funds have made numerous employee functions possible.

The Monte Carlo Gala combines food and dancing with live and silent auctions, and casino-style gaming to entertain and raise money in the local community.

This year, the Floyd College Foundation, which hosts the event, is making a special effort to include the college’s faculty and staff members by offering a special ticket price of $50 to employees (general admission tickets for the public are $75 each).

It’s a wonderful night out, and certainly worth the cost of admission, so plan to attend, and show the community that we, too, support our student scholarship fund. President Randy Pierce has led the way by sponsoring a Blackjack table.

REGENTS NAME CHANCELLOR-DESIGNATE

Board of Regents Chairman Hilton H. Howell Jr. has announced that Thomas C. Meredith, chancellor of The University of Alabama System, in Tuscaloosa, has been named chancellor of the University System of Georgia, effective January 2, 2002.

“We are tremendously pleased with the outcome of our national search,” Howell said during Meredith’s introduction as the board’s new chancellor. “With the right blend of experience, vision and per-curenct needs and future plans. He is the right person to lead the University System of Alabama.

Meredith has served as the chief executive officer of the University System of Alabama since June 1997. In that capacity, he is responsible for a combined enrollment of 40,000 students, 17,000 employees, and an annual budget of $1.8 billion.

A native of Owensboro, Ky., Meredith served from 1988 to 1997 as president and professor of education at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He joined WKU from The University of Mississippi, where he had served as vice chancellor for executive affairs from 1987-88 and adjunct professor of higher education and executive assistant to the chancellor from 1984-1987. Previously, Meredith had served as an academic programs officer and as an associate director for programs and planning for the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in Jackson, Miss., from 1974-1981. Meredith holds a B.A. in social studies and history from Kentucky Wesleyan College, an M.A. in education administration and supervision from Western Kentucky University, and an Ed.D. in administration and supervision with an emphasis in secondary and higher education from The University of Mississippi. He also completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.
Folks

Sarah Burkhalter, assistant director of Continuing Education, retired October 31, after 29 years of service. Ms. Burkhalter came to Floyd in 1972 as a secretary. She also worked as an admissions clerk, and program coordinator, before being promoted to head the Continuing Education Department in 1988.

A Floyd College Team of faculty, staff, students and alumni, led by Bridgette Stewart, PE teaching assistant, raised more than $1,800 for the American Heart Association during their walk-a-thon last month.

President Randy Pierce spoke to the Cartersville Lyons Club on October 16. He will speak to the Bartow Rotary Club on November 15, and at the United Way of Rome and Floyd County's closing celebration luncheon on November 16.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: The family of Bruce Pound, retired director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, who died October 18; the Noah Chunn, the infant son of Eric and Phyllis Chunn, Assessment Center coordinator, who is hospitalized; and Steve Burns, professor of Social Work.

Announcements

The on-line version of the Six Mile Post, the student newspaper, was selected as a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press's annual Pacemaker competition. All finalists were honored at the National Media Convention. The judging was coordinated by the on-line staff of the Star Tribune in Minneapolis. This distinction puts the SMP's on-line publication in the top one third nationally.

The printed version of the SMP has received a First-Class rating (with a mark of distinction for writing and editing) from the ACP for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Floyd College will have a booth at the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo at the Forum, November 2-4. Lynn Bacon, chair of Enrollment Management, is coordinating the college’s booth. She may have some admission tickets to give away if you’d like to attend.

Comedian Mark Anthony will perform in the Solarium, Wednesday, November 14, at 8 p.m. His fast-paced show jumps from observational humor, politics, relationships, to his forte...musical impressions. The show is free to employees and students.

Singer/song writer Doug Wood of Cleveland, Ohio, will perform in the Student Center on Thursday, November 29, 11 a.m.-12 noon.

The Floyd College Employee Ambassadors are collecting cans of food for the 11 Alive Can-A-Thon drive November 1-December 6.

Mark your calendars for President Pierce's Inauguration, Friday, April 12, 2002.

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