234 Students are Candidates for Graduation

Floyd College will hold its 32nd annual commencement ceremony Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. at the Forum Civic Center in downtown Rome, including the college’s first graduate in the recently established Gerontology program. Dr. Scott Colley, the president of Berry College, will deliver the commencement address.

Dr. Colley is an English scholar as well as a successful administrator, having taught for 20 years as a faculty member at Vanderbilt University, and having served as Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Hampden-Sydney College, before coming to Rome in 1998. Dr. Colley received his bachelor’s degree from Randolph-Macon College in Virginia and both his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Chicago. He has also completed the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management. As the President of Berry College, Dr. Colley has continued the institution’s commitment to Education of the Head, the Heart and the Hands. Dr. Colley was selected to be Floyd College's graduation speaker in honor of Berry College's centennial anniversary this year.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic affairs, at Floyd College, will present the candidates for degrees, and Dr Randy Pierce, president, assisted by Lynn Bacon, chair; enrollment management, will execute the awarding of degrees. The Presidential Award and the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award for Meritorious Service will also be presented during the ceremony by Dr. Pierce.

The Economic Impact of Floyd College more than $45 Million

The economic impact of Floyd College on Northwest Georgia was $45.7 million in Fiscal Year 2001, according to a study conducted by Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of economic forecasting for the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business. Humphreys calculated that the impact of all 34 public colleges and universities on the state’s economy was more than $8 billion.

Humphreys said the FY 2001 figure for Floyd College represents a $1.4 million or an approximate 3.2 percent increase over the college’s FY 2000 impact of $44.3 million. Humphreys calculated the largest measure of economic impact of each of the 34 University System institutions on their host communities by analyzing three important categories of college/university-related expenditures:

- Spending by the institutions themselves for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses, and other budget expenditures;

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the college's annual recognition dinner April 26. Welch received the Outstanding Administrator Award and Mathis received the Vivian Benton Staff Award. Nominations for the awards are taken from the college at large and recipients are chosen by the HR Committee.

A number of retirees were also recognized at the dinner, including Sarah Burkhalter, assistant director of Continuing Education, who retired last fall, and Leigh Callan, professor of Biology, Barbara Walden, support specialist at the Help Desk, David Mott, associate professor of Art, and Harvey Bynum, director of Security, who will all retire this summer.

Promotions and tenure as approved by the Board of Regents, effective August 7, have been announced.

Promoted to professor are Alberta Johnson, Psychology, and George Simcoe, Speech.

Promoted to associate professor are Rebecca Maddox, Nursing Donna Miller, Dental Hygiene, and Frank Minor, English.

Receiving tenure are Jimmy Barnes, associate professor of Mathematics, Brent Griffin, associate professor of Developmental Math, Tom Harnden, associate professor of Biology, Harriet Kiser, associate professor of Mathematics, and Rob Page, associate professor of History.

Floyd College's annual Nurses' Pinning Ceremony will be held Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the Forum Civic Center. Lynn Herman, assistant professor of Nursing, will be master of ceremonies, and the guest speaker will be Lesley Henderson, a former clinical instructor in the nursing program. Fifty-three students will receive the traditional nurses' pins during the formal ceremony.

Economic Impact, cont.

- Spending by the institutions for capital (construction) projects; and
- Spending by the students who attend the institutions.

Humphreys says Floyd College accounted for nearly 647 jobs in the area during FY ’01. This represents a 1.25 percent increase over the 639 jobs created by the college in FY ’00. Approximately 57 percent of Floyd College’s jobs are on campus – as employees of the University System of Georgia and 43 percent are off-campus in either the private or public sectors. For each job on campus, on average, there are eight jobs created off-campus because of spending related to the institution.

Governor Roy Barnes is expected to be on hand when Floyd College breaks ground for its $19 million campus center in Bartow County on Thursday, May 16. The tentative time for the ceremony is 1 p.m. pending the Governor's schedule. Infrastructure work is currently being done on the site, and construction of the building is expected to begin by late summer.

Tuition to Increase

Tuition rates for the 2003 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003) have been approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Two-year colleges will undergo a 4 percent increase in tuition, from $640 to $666, or $26 per semester. According to national data, Georgia’s tuition still falls far below the national average.

In Floyd College’s case, the reduction of the mandatory technology fee from $75 to $50 per semester will nearly offset the increase in tuition.