Floyd College will hold its 33rd annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m. at The Forum in downtown Rome. An estimated 200 students are expected to receive associate degrees during the ceremony.

The **Honorable Richard O. Marable**, former Georgia state senator, will deliver the college's keynote address during the ceremony. Marable holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Berry College and a Master's Degree in Education from the State University of West Georgia. He taught Special Education in the Rome City Schools for 30 years. Marable was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1990 and represented Floyd and Bartow Counties through 2002. As a senator, Marable served as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and as Senate majority whip. While in the Senate, he presided as chairman of the Youth, Aging and Human Ecology Committee and on the Rules, Appropriations, Reapportionment, and Transportation committees. Marable was also part of a group of education leaders from more than 27 countries to participate in the Seventh Annual Oxford International Round Table on Education Policy at Oxford College in England in 2000.

**Dr. Virginia Carson**, vice president for Academic Affairs at Floyd College, will present the candidates for degrees, and **Dr. Randy Pierce**, president, assisted by **Marsha Welch**, registrar, will execute the awarding of degrees. The President's Meritorious Award and the Wesley C. Walraven Faculty Award will also be presented during the ceremony by Dr. Pierce.

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**Bacon, Lawler Honored**

**Lynn Bacon**, chair of the Division of Enrollment Management, and **Ruthie Lawler**, publications editor, were honored on May 2 with the Outstanding Administrator and the Vivian Benton Staff Award respectively.

Ms. Bacon has been employed at Floyd College for five years, and heads the largest administrative department on campus. Enrollment Management includes the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Switchboard, and Registrar.

"Lynn's leadership of the department has led to increased efficiency and record enrollment increases," said **Penny Wills**, vice president for Student Development.

Ruthie Lawler has been with Floyd College for 26 years and retired on April 30. She worked in the Student Affairs Office before moving to the Public Information Office.

"Ruthie's talent has left a mark on Floyd College that will be an important part of the college's history," said **Sandy Briscar**, director of Public Information.
Announcements

A lounge and interview area has been furnished and dedicated in memory of the late Steve Burns, professor of Human Services, for use in that department. The area was furnished with donations that were given in Steve’s memory. A framed photo of Steve and a plaque in his honor are on display there. The lounge is located in the Walraven Building, room 326.

Floyd College will host its own version of "Day of Caring" on Friday, May 16, to allow employees to volunteer on several service projects on campus. The list includes cleaning up around the lake and the wetlands area, filling orientation bags, and painting. Other projects may be added as well. Linda Dyer, secretary to the vice president of Student Development, is coordinating and will send out more details.

FCTV will once again be recording the Nurses' Pinning Ceremony and graduation to be aired for several days during the month of May on the following schedule:

**Graduation:**
- May 12 9:00 am and 1:30 pm
- May 13 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm
- May 14 9:00 am and 1:30 pm
- May 15 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm
- May 16 8:00 am
- May 17 11:00 am
- May 18 12:30

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FCTV will also be recording and airing high school graduations later in the month. FCTV can be found on Comcast cable channel 4 in Rome and Floyd County.

Charles Reichel, president, and George Wallis, founder of the National Creative Society, presented Floyd College President Randy Pierce with the organization's highest honor, the Renaissance Revisits Rome Special Award, at the annual Honor's Assembly on April 24.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith was on hand when John Ware of Inland Container Corporation presented a check to President Randy Pierce and Judy Taylor, advancement officer, for the Floyd College Foundation.
Floyd College students and administrators were invited to attend the “Summit Conference on Developing a New Generation of Leaders for North Georgia” at Kennesaw State University on April 11. Governor Sonny Perdue was the keynote luncheon speaker and Michael Thurmond, Georgia Commissioner of Labor opened the conference.

Among the students chosen to attend were Amit Patel, Amanda Mays, Brian Armstrong, Eric Rose, and Sandy House. The students attended to observe the panel discussions, and Amit Patel participated in a roundtable discussion on economic development and ecological issues.

Dr. Randy Pierce, Floyd College president, participated in a panel of presidents from seven area colleges, in a wrap-up session in which questions were taken from attendees on education and government issues.

Other administrators attending the conference were Penny Wills, vice president for Student Development; Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs; Marsha Welch, registrar; Wendy Shapiro, director of Financial Aid; and Sandy Briscar, director of Public Information.

The Northwest Georgia Crescent Alliance, which is made up of Floyd, Berry, Shorter, Dalton, Kennesaw, and Reinhardt Colleges, hosted the event.

Bartow Bids are Out

More than 30 representatives of construction companies attended a pre-bid meeting for the new Bartow campus on April 15. The meeting was led by Cooper Carry architects Tim Fish and Christopher Bivins, and GSFCIC representative Arif Karim.

Bids will be open on May 22 and construction should begin immediately after.
Promotions and tenure have been approved by the Board of Regents, to be effective August 8, 2003.

Faculty members who were promoted from associate professor to professor include: Vera Brock, Nursing Education; Jonathan Hershey, English; and Dudley Sulley, Economics.

Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor were Deborah Amason, Nursing Education; and Susan Claxton, Human Services and Sociology.

Donna Sutton, instructor in Dental Hygiene, was promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

Faculty members receiving tenure (a guarantee of continued full-time employment until retirement under most circumstances) are Virginia Carson, professor of Mathematics; Soumitra Chattopadhyay, associate professor of Physics and chair of the Division of Science/Math/PE; Simon Grist, associate professor of Instructional Technology; Rebecca Maddox, associate professor of Nursing Education; Thomas McDaniel, supervising dentist and associate professor of Dental Hygiene; Donna Miller, director of Dental Hygiene and associate professor of Dental Hygiene; and John Reiners, associate professor of Business and Economics. To be eligible for tenure, the faculty member must have completed five years at the institution at the rank of assistant professor or higher.

Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, was a member of a SACS reaffirmation team at Tarrant County College in Ft. Worth, Texas from April 22-25.

Phyllis Weatherly, director of Counseling and Career Services and Karen Pruett, counselor and career specialist, presented "It takes all types," using the Myers Briggs Type Indicator in Career Counseling at the Georgia College Personnel Association Conference in March.

Bill Mugleston, chair of the division of Social and Cultural Studies, served as commentator on a session on “The U S History Survey in Cyberspace: Trends and Critiques” at the Organization of American Historians annual conference in Memphis last month.

Rob Page, associate professor of History, served as chair and commentator on a panel (“American History Panel: Nineteenth Century Georgia”) at the Georgia Association of Historians annual meeting in Americus, Georgia on March 29.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: Shirley Roberson, secretary in Plant Operations, upon the deaths of her husband Chester (Buddy) Roberson, and her mother, in the past month; and the wife of John Spranza, director of Student Life, who was recently hospitalized.

Congratulations to Jeannie Blakely, assistant librarian, and Kelly Shane, part-time news writer in Public Information, on the birth of their son Charles Kirby Shane, on April 8; and to Greg Sumner, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, and his wife Shani on the birth of their son Brinson Lane Sumner on April 25.

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Recognizing Service

Thirty-eight faculty and staff members were recognized at the annual appreciation dinner held on May 2.

Receiving recognition for 25 years of service were Cheryl Baker, secretary to the Vice President for Finance and Administration; Fred Green, associate professor of English; Barbara Griffith, secretary to the President; and James Lewis, electrician.

Twenty-year recognition went to Jon Hershey, associate professor of English; Betty Nolen, professor of Business; and Judy Spurgeon, accounting assistant.

Those reaching the ten-year mark were Dale Boyd, procurement officer; Olivia Chandler, secretary in Academic Support; Wayne Harrison, facilities inventory analyst; Alberta Johnson, associate professor of Psychology; David Mathis, physical education lab coordinator; Peter Matthews, director of SBDC; Sue Munn, associate professor of English; Barry Rogers, carpenter; Pauline Ruel, associate professor of Nursing; Janice Thomas, senior secretary in the Division of Nursing; and Susan Vines, assistant librarian for public service.