Graduation

2003

On May 10, 200 Floyd College students graduated from Floyd College. Former State Senator Richard Marable gave the commencement address, and received the President's Meritorious Award for service to the college. He is pictured here (center) with President Randy Pierce and Vice Presidents Penny Wills, Virginia Carson, and Karen Porter. Amelia Billingsley, professor of Developmental Studies, was the Mace Bearer and received the Walraven Faculty Award. Both honors were designated by a vote of the faculty.

Regent's Award Recipients

Kristie Kemper, professor of English, (left) and Dental Hygiene instructor Donna Sutton, supervisor Tom McDaniel, and director Donna Miller, display their Regent's Awards of Excellence which were presented at the Board meeting on May 21. Floyd College President Randy Pierce is also pictured (second from left).

Contractor Selected for Bartow Center

Aviation Constructors of Atlanta will build the 100,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility that will house Floyd College’s operations in Bartow County. The company bid $13,846,000 for construction of the building, coming in under the $14,700,000 budgeted amount. Six companies, out of 10 companies that qualified, submitted bids.

“We are so pleased that we will be able to get everything we planned for in the building without having to cut corners,” said Floyd College President Randy Pierce. The building will house 23 classrooms,
President Randy Pierce speaks to a standing-room only crowd in the Student Center for the dedication of the McCorkle Building on May 2. Dr. McCorkle stands by the permanent bronze plaque on the outside of the building. His portrait hangs in the lobby of the building.

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three labs, eight conference rooms, a student center, a library, a bookstore, and faculty and staff offices. The facility will serve more than 2,000 students.

The construction company is required to be on site within 10 days of the bid opening. They are given 18 months to complete the project. The college hopes to be open for classes in January 2005.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved Floyd College’s proposal for a permanent center in Bartow County in December 1997. The college currently leases space at 19 Gilmer Street in Cartersville. With only five classrooms there, the college has enrolled more than 700 students. The college enrolls an additional 700 plus students on the campus of North Metro Technical College.

The development of the new Bartow Center will support the area’s population growth and fulfill a long-held dream of community leaders. The proposal received tremendous support from Bartow County Commissioner Clarence Brown and Senator Nathan Dean. In addition, the city of Cartersville and Bartow County have completed the infrastructure work on the site, including parking lots, curbs and gutters, and utilities.

In January 1999, Floyd College established the Cartersville/Bartow College Foundation to support the new campus. To date, the Foundation has raised approximately $600,000 to establish an endowment for the new center. Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, serves as president/CEO of the foundation (an automatic appointment per the organization’s bylaws); the chair is Danny Gibbs of Georgia Commercial Realty; vice-chair is Philip D. Bridges, Bridges Agency, Inc.; secretary is Judy Taylor, Floyd College advancement officer; treasurer is Greg Patton, Crescent Bank; and chair of the finance committee is Chip Shropshire, Bartow Paving Company.

Folks

Alberta Johnson, professor of Psychology, has been elected Southeastern vice president of the Psi Beta National Council. Psi Beta is the National Honor Society in psychology for community and junior colleges.

Congratulations to Dawn and Peter Matthews (director of the Small Business Development Center), on the birth of their son, Collin Redmond Matthews on May 4.

Keep Barry Rogers, carpenter, in your thoughts and prayers upon the death of his mother, Berdie Jean Rogers, on May 1.