Summer in Bloom on Rome campus

The Floyd College Vegetarian Society sponsors the herb garden located in front of the library on the Rome campus. The garden was planted earlier this year with help from Debbie Holmes, library director; Dr. Jan Hershey, professor of English; Jeannie Cassity, Tutorial Center coordinator; Sarah Hepler, library associate; and Krishna Sisson.

Marigolds and zinnias thrive in the summer sun (above) along with herbs like oregano, fennel, sage, thyme, mint, chamomile, dill, basil and catmint. A bee lights on one of the many zinnias in bloom (right).

Floyd Music Instructors Perform in Taiwan

Ellie Jenkins and Anna Thibeault, part-time music instructors at Floyd College, toured Taiwan with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra in April of 2004, playing concerts in fourteen cities, including Taipei and Koushun. Their program, called “American Salute,” included such works as “Georgia On My Mind,” “Appalachian Suite,” “St. Louis Blues,” “Hooray for Hollywood” and “Give My Regards to Broadway.”

“It was a very busy schedule with long bus rides, but we got to see a lot of such an amazing country. Golden Buddhas rising out of the greenery, gorgeous ocean views and bustling cities with thousands of mom and pop businesses were there to amaze us,” says Thibeault.

“We got to visit the National Museum which houses China’s national treasures as well as the many colorful temples, the jade markets and even Snake Alley. We ate all sorts of interesting food, often not knowing quite what it was. When we craved the familiar, we headed to the ubiquitous Seven-Elevens or McDonalds,” she adds.

Thibeault also attended the Wildhorses Flute Retreat in June. Located in Little Switzerland, NC, the retreat provided a week-long series of masterclasses to seventy attending flutists from four different countries.

Patron Donates Art Books to Library

Mrs. Janet Johns, wife of long-time adjunct professor Phil Johns, has endowed Floyd College with her late husband’s art book collection. The collection was donated last month to the college’s library.

Professor Johns, who passed away in December 2003, taught Art Appreciation at the college’s Rome, Acworth and Cartersville campuses during his seven years as adjunct Art professor. Through his studies and love of art, Johns collected numerous books on the subject and videos highlighting art and artists.

“When my husband died, all these books were sitting around and I thought what a shame for them not to be used,” says Mrs. Johns. “Mrs. Johns contacted Dr. William Mugleston, chair of the Social and Cultural division at Floyd College about donating the books.

“I wanted them used, looked at, and enjoyed,” she says. “My husband was a teacher and I tried to think what he would have wanted done with the books. His passion was art. Art was very important to him.”

A total of 103 books detailing artists and their works are included in the collection. Twenty-three videos on art were also donated by Mrs. Johns.
Folks

Brian Barr, assistant professor of Art, is among 13 artists whose works are on display at the Rome Area Council for the Arts gallery. The exhibit, entitled “Eternal Spring,” began July 12 and will run through August 20.

Judy McEntyre, director of the Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC), and Donna Herring, ETTC instructional technologist, served as presenters during the National Education Computing Conference June 19-23 in New Orleans, La. They presented on two different topics – PROMOTE Georgia Project and the “Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers to Use Technology” federal grant project. PROMOTE is an initiative focusing on teaching standards through project-based learning. The “Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers to Use Technology” project assists in training future educators how to integrate technology in teaching and learning.

Jeff Brown, director of Extended Learning, was recently asked to participate on a panel of judges to review and make awards in the television news and television sports coverage. The awards were for the National Student Productions Awards Contest which is sponsored by the Collegiate Broadcasters Incorporation. Judging took place the third week in July at Berry College. Entries from all across the United States were submitted.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, was recently elected chair of the University System of Georgia group of vice presidents for Academic Affairs. It has also been announced that Dr. Carson will serve as president of the board of directors for the AIDS Resource Council of Rome.

Brenda Elliott, part-time instructor in Sociology, is starring in the Cartersville production of Steel Magnolias. Elliott is playing the character of Clairee Belcher in the production. The show is produced by the Pumphouse Players in Cartersville and will run through August 7.

Judy Taylor, advancement officer, conducted a seminar during the 2004 CEDT Conference in Atlanta on July 20. Taylor presented information to conference attendees on grant sources and applications. This is the fifth year that she has been invited to speak at the conference.

Donna Miller, director of Dental Hygiene, traveled to St. Simons Island in south Georgia for the annual Georgia Dental Hygiene Directors’ Meeting from July 21-24.

Dennis Holmes, husband of Library Director Debbie Holmes, won first place in the international category of the Eighth Mainichi Haiku Contest held in Tokyo, Japan on July 21.

Announcements

Please keep Dr. Belen Nora, retired chair of Health Sciences, in your thoughts upon the death of her husband, Felix, and Annette Foster, secretary, upon the death of her mother, Ruth Pitts.

Annual Employee In-Service will be held on Monday, August 9, in the Lakeview Auditorium. New employee orientation will be held Tuesday, August 10, in the Solarium from 9 - 11:30 a.m.

The 2004 Fall semester begins on August 18.