PROFESSOR EMERITUS FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP AT FLOYD COLLEGE

Dr. James Cook, professor of history emeritus of Floyd College, has contributed $5,000 to establish the Jim and Ida Cook Scholarship to assist students who would like to study abroad but do not have the financial means. In presenting the check to the college, Dr. Cook said, "In the challenging world of the 21st century, study abroad is a valuable part of a college education. It can even be a life-changing experience."

In recent years, Thomas C. Meredith, Chancellor of the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, has set an annual goal of getting at least two percent of the system's students involved in study abroad. Floyd College has been unable to meet that two percent goal because the vast majority of the institution's students cannot afford the extra expense of foreign travel. Additionally, a high percentage of students work full- or part-time to finance their education and can't take time away from their jobs.

Cook said he hopes that other community members will contribute to the scholarship program so that several students each year will be able to travel and study abroad and to expand their understanding of global cultures and economics. The scholarships will range from $500 to $1,000 each and cover about half or less of the cost of the study abroad program.

FLOYD FACULTY CONTRIBUTES TO HEALTH ASSESSMENT CD

Floyd College nursing department assistant professor Leslie Henderson has written portions of an interactive CD designed to support the textbook content of Weber and Kelley's Health Assessment in Nursing for beginning level nurses. Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins recently published the interactive CD, which can be used in a classroom setting, within a learning management system and with online courses to help students understand and apply the basic principles of health assessment. Julie Williard, MSN, RN, of State University of West Georgia's department of nursing co-authored the CD. Henderson contributed interactive exercises on structure and function, subjective data and nursing history, physical assessment and analysis of data for 19 individual content modules, for a total of 76 exercises. She also worked closely with the instructional design firm and reviewed the contents.

The CD is available in eight platforms, including WebCT, Blackboard, institution and intranet applications and as a stand-alone student CD.

Happy Holidays!
Conferences, Seminars and Presentations

Floyd College has nominated the University of West Georgia for the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education partnership with community colleges award.

Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president of academic affairs, was invited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to serve as a special committee member for an October 13 - 15 visit to Coastal Bend College in Beeville, Texas. She also traveled to Stone Mountain for the University System of Georgia-sponsored conference entitled Becoming the Provider of Choice.

Dr. Ronald Shade, vice president for student development, attended the Regents Advisory Committee on Student Affairs (RACSA) fall conference in Athens, October 28-29. He also went to the National Council on Students Development conference in Orlando, Florida during that month.

Adetutu Abatan attended the SMLA convention, where she made a presentation entitled A Case for Emphasizing the Multicultural Approach in Literature Classes.

Debbie Holmes, Susan Vines and Eddie McLeod attended the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (GA COMO) 2004 conference in October. As chair-elect for the academic division, she presented two lectures: Living in the Land of Living: Consortia and GLA Academic Papers Presentation. Susan Vines presented Issues at the Circulation Desk.

Kristie Kemper took students who work on the Six-Mile Post to Nashville to participate in the National College Media convention. The group was in Nashville from November 3 - 6 and participated in seminars on free speech, photography, ethics and media presence in Iraq. About 2,700 students from around the United States attended.

On September 22 and 23, director of counseling and career services director Phyllis Weatherly participated in university crisis response training sponsored by the Counseling Director's Association (CDA) of the University System of Georgia. The workshop, held at Clayton College, culminated in a mock crisis so that attendees could practice what they had learned. Because of the kind of crises that can occur on campuses, the CDA chose the Acute Traumatic Stress Management and University Crisis Response model developed by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress to train representatives to respond as a network to a crisis.

Mary Holland and Angela Graham traveled to Macon on November 3 for Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS) training.

Elizabeth Harrison attended the College Reading and Learning Association conference in Kansas City, October 13 - 17.

Jonathan Hershey traveled to Seaside, Florida for the Seaside Writers Conference.

Lavinia Heaton, Joan Christian and Blanca Gonzales went to the 17th annual International Conference on Technology in College Math, which was held in New Orleans from October 28 - 31.

Alison Lamkin attended the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (GACRAO) conference in Savannah, October 23-26.

The Professional Association of Georgia Educators conference hosted faculty members from around the state, including Kim McBurnett of Social and Cultural Studies. The meeting was held November 5-7 in Saint Simon.

Members of the Science, Math and Physical Education department attended a motivation conference in Atlanta, October 5. They included Kenneth Weatherman, Catherine King, Harriet Kiser, Paulette Jordan and Sharryse Henderson.

Sue Munn participated as vice president of the English section at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association convention, held in Roanoke, Virginia November 11-14.

Kelly Gribble and Jamie Brynteson enjoyed the mountains of Young Harris while attending the fall Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (GASFAA) conference October 27-29.

Sheryl Ballenger attended the workshop Career Evolution: Mapping Your Path to Success.

Barbara Rees flew to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing conference, held November 13-16.

In mid-November, John Spraniza attended the national Bacchus-Gamma Peer Leadership conference in Chicago.

Nearly the entire IT department attended the University System’s annual computing conference, which was held in October in Eatonton.

Sheila McCoy made a presentation at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Truth and Mendacity held in Athens.

Vera Brock and Christine Hicks enjoyed Callaway Gardens while attending the Georgia Nurses Association convention in early October.

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