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Enrollment Nears 3,000

Floyd College's spring semester enrollment may top 3,000 students for the second time in the college's history.

The college's enrollment had steadily climbed over the years, reaching a high of 3,048 students in the fall of 1995. Enrollment dropped by 1,200 students from that point by fall 2000. That drop has been blamed on a number of factors including the move to a semester calendar from a quarter calendar, the instigation of the

college's technology project, and a strong economy.

The college rebounded nicely in fall 2001 with a 2,400 enrollment count, and again in 2002 with a fall enrollment of 2,863.

At the time of publication of this newsletter, the spring semester enrollment was at 2,979--before drop/add and final wipeout of students for nonpayment of tuition and fees.

"The enrollment increase has really been a lifesaver to us in this time of budget cuts on the state level," said

President Randy Pierce, "bringing in extra revenue to cover expenses."

The increase in enrollment is credited, in part, to the poor economy. "People are reassessing their jobs and careers," said **Lynn Bacon**, *chair of the division of Enrollment Management*, "and taking that extra course to secure their jobs, or going back to get a degree to get better employment."

Book Forum Features Local Author



Georgia native author Jeanne Braselton will be speaking at Floyd College's monthly Book Forum on Friday, January 24th,

discussing her novel "A False Sense of Well Being".

Braselton, a Berry alumnus and former reporter for the *Rome News-Tribune*, will be leading a discussion on her first novel, as well as reading an excerpt from her upcoming work "The Other Side of Air", which is due to be released in August. The session

will be held in the Floyd College Solarium at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served.

"A False Sense of Well-Being" garnered Braselton the Georgia Writer's Association award for best first novel. According to The Chelsea Forum, the work is a "darkly comic story about the gradual loneliness and heartbreak in a marriage." The plot centers on a woman who dreams of her husband dying and imagines various ways in which he would meet his end.

Floyd College is in its third year hosting the Book Forum. The Forum began during fall semester and runs through spring semester. Discussions on highlighted novels are led by members of faculty and staff, as well as visiting authors.

The remaining schedule for 2003 for the Book Forum is as follows:

- February 19 – "Nomadic Foundations" by Sandra Meek, presented by the author;
- March 13 – "Aracadia" by Tom Stoppard, presented by Kristie Kemper, professor of English;
- April 24 – "A Bend in the River" by V.S. Naipual, presented by Jeanie Cassity, coordinator of the Floyd College Tutorial Center.

All Book Forum sessions are held in the college's Solarium at noon on the above listed dates. For more information on Floyd College's Book Forum, call **Steve Head**, *assistant librarian for public service*, at 706-295-6318.

Folks

Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, gave a report to the Board of Directors of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) at the 28th Annual Conference held in Phoenix from November 12-17. Dr. Carson is Editor of The AMATYC Review, the refereed journal of the organization.

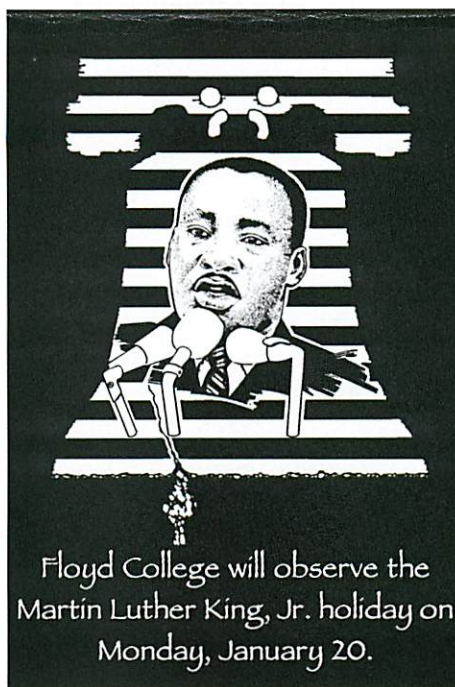
Welcome new employees: **Christy Twilley**, secretary in Student Life; **John Spranza III**, director of Student Life; **Nancy Kelly**, Continuing Education clerk; **Elaine Popham**, part-time registration specialist for Continuing Education in Cartersville.

Congratulations to **Melva Green**, custodian, upon her retirement December 30, and to **Judy McEntyre**, who was named director of the Education Technology Training Center.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Ken Weatherman**, professor of Physical Education, upon the death of his father; **Sue Munn**, associate professor of English, upon the death of her mother; **Ruthie Lawler**, publications editor, who was recently hospitalized; and **Brenda Weeks**, personnel assistant, who is recovering from surgery.

Announcements

Nancy Hunter Denney will present "The Future is Yours to Create: a Look at Life and Leadership," Wednesday, February 5, 12 noon-1:30 p.m., in the Solarium. The presentation is part of the *Society of Success and Leadership video conferences*. Open to the entire campus. Contact Student Life at 706.295.6363.



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