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## NYSP Recognized Nationally

The Floyd College National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) received the Meritorious Award for being one of the top ten programs for disadvantaged youths in the nation.

David Mathis, NYSP project administrator, and Bridgette Stewart, NYSP Computer Specialist, accepted the award on behalf of the college on January 20 of this year at the National Workshop in Orlando, Florida. Floyd College is one out of 204 schools in the nation participating in the National Youth Sports Program for children. This summer, the college will be celebrating its 31<sup>st</sup> year in hosting the program.



David Mathis and Bridgette Stewart accept the award from Ed Thiebe, president of the National Youth Sports Corporation.

NYSP is a six-week summer camp funded by a grant from the federal government and the Department of Health and Human Services. The camp is conducted by the National

Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for disadvantaged youths ages 10 – 16 from surrounding counties, including Floyd, Gordon and Polk. The camp provides transportation and meals for the youngsters and is free to its participants. Floyd College registered 480 children last summer at the camp.

NYSP provides youth with academic and sports instruction, and sports competition to improve their physical fitness and health habits. Each participant receives a medical screening with appropriate follow-up free of charge. The project's goal is to motivate low-income youth to learn self-respect through a program of sports instruction and competition.

## Floyd Completes INS Recertification

Floyd College has been re-certified through Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), allowing the college to continue offering academics to international students.

Re-certification, which includes an extensive audit of admissions practices, is mandated by INS for all institutions that offer post-secondary education across the country. Institutions must track their international students, keeping records of all changes in those students' academics and personal information, such as address or phone number changes.

This type of tracking was considered by INS for years, however, the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the passing of the Patriot Act in November 2001 pushed the agency to develop stricter guidelines.

Part of the re-certification process requires institutions to use a program called SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System). Floyd College will begin using the software in February to monitor international students.

"This tracks every change in a student's academic career. SEVIS will replace the old paperwork version

of what we did to track international students," says **Lynn Bacon**, *Chair of Enrollment Management*.

Floyd College has been 100% compliant with INS standards since the new laws were implemented.

"The INS really cracked down after 9-11 since one of the terrorists was in the U.S. legally on a student visa, and their zeal has been reflected in the speed and seriousness with which they undertook SEVIS and recertification," said Ms. Bacon.

Floyd College currently has 22 foreign students.



# Folks

Floyd College has nominated the **Dental Hygiene Program** for the Regents Teaching Excellence Program Award.

In addition, **Kristie Kemper**, professor of English has been nominated for the 2003 Regents Teaching Excellence Faculty Award

Only one application could be submitted by the institution for a program and one application for a faculty member.

Nursing student **Juliana Hunt** has been chosen to represent Floyd College at the 2003 Regents Academic Recognition Day.

Another nursing student, **Lisa Holbrook**, will be featured in an article about non-traditional students in the April/May issue of *Imprint* magazine, a national publication for nursing students.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: the family of **Phil Kerr**, retired chair of *Enrollment Management*, upon his recent death; **Sue Munn**, associate professor of English, upon the death of her mother, Mattie Ruth Pennington Evans, over the holidays; Betty Hopewell, mother of **Linda Corbin**, secretary in *Extended Learning*, who is recovering from lung cancer surgery; **Ouida Banister**, retired secretary to the President, who has been admitted to Ends Brook of Buckhead (4804 Roswell Road, Atlanta, 30342); and **Rae** (Bookstore clerk) and **Harvey Moody** (professor of Chemistry), upon the loss of an unborn grandbaby.

# Announcements

Seven to eight hundred people are expected to be on campus Saturday, February 1, for the annual regional **4-H competition**.

The **Georgia Association of Accounting Educators** (GAAE) will hold its annual meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Floyd College's Rome and Heritage Hall locations. Betty Nolen, professor of Accounting, is in charge of arrangements.


Readings of works by black authors will be held Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Center in celebration of **Black History Month**.

Floyd College will host the **Region AA basketball tournament** February 10, 11, 12, 14, 15; the first round of the State AA Tournament on February, 21 & 22; and the second round of the State AA tournament on February 27, 28, and March 1.

Poet **Sandra Meek** will be visiting Floyd College on February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss her latest book of poetry, Nomadic Foundations. Dr. Meek will be appearing as part of Floyd College's Book Forum series.

Dr. Meek, assistant professor of English at Berry College, will be leading the session beginning at noon in the Floyd College Solarium. Nomadic Foundations, inspired by Dr. Meek's time in the Peace Corps, is her second book of poetry published by Elixir Press. Her first work, The Circumference of Arrival was hailed by Poetry Daily critics as "a brilliant book by a brilliant young poet." Dr. Meek has also been published in several journals, including The Iowa Review, The Kenyon Review, and The Prairie Schooner.

While on the Floyd College campus, the poet will be speaking to a creative writing class about her writing experience and getting published.



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SMB

The Counseling and Career office at Floyd College will be hosting a **Business and Technology Career Day** on February 19. The event will be held in Floyd College's Student Center on the Rome campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from area colleges, including Floyd College, Jacksonville State University, Shorter College, Dalton State College, Southern Polytechnic State University, and The State University of West Georgia will be available for students and visitors to discuss career possibilities in related areas of study.

The Career Day will provide information to current and prospective students regarding business and technology majors and what types of jobs are available to those with degrees in these studies. Representatives from the institutions will also be discussing transfer information with students who have already earned credit hours in those majors and who need additional information on admission requirements for those programs. The institutions will not be accepting resumes as the event is "information only".