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Berry and Floyd Colleges Present Latino Seminar

The Floyd College Continuing Education Department, in conjunction with Berry College, will be presenting "The Changing Face of North Georgia: Our Growing Latino Population" seminar on Tuesday, March 11. The seminar will be held in Berry College's Science Center Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The seminar will focus on the growing Latino culture in Georgia and its impact on surrounding areas. Presentation topics include "Determining and Meeting Educational Needs," "The Church's Role in Meeting the Needs of Latinos," and "What Role Should Colleges and Universities Play to Help Meet the



Educational Needs of Latinos." Among the speakers scheduled to appear at the seminar is the Consul

General of Mexico **Remedios Gomez-Arnau**. Ms. Arnau has been Consul General for two years and was Academic Secretary of the Center for Research on North America (CISAN) from the National Autonomous University of

Wills to Receive Association's Top Service Award



The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) has announced that Dr. Penny Wills, *vice president of Student Development*, will receive its Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA Award at the NASPA National Conference on March 25, in St. Louis, MO.

This award was named after Fred Turner, a longtime university administrator in student personnel, who, throughout his career, defined professional service. The award honors his work and recognizes outstanding service.

Penny Wills has been a leader in NASPA from the beginning of her career in higher education and has served in numerous roles from regional vice president to national conference program chair to state director. She currently serves on the NASPA Foundation Board of Directors.

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice in higher education. NASPA provides professional development, promotes exemplary practices, and is a leader in policy development.

Mexico prior to her appointment.

The seminar is open to the public and requires a \$15 registration fee which will include a buffet-style lunch with a Latin flavor in Berry College's Krannert Center.

To register for the seminar, contact Floyd College at 706-295-6324 or e-mail nkelly@floyd.edu. Deadline to register is March 3rd.

WOW!
The Cartersville
Bartow College Foundation
has received an anonymous
\$90,000 unrestricted gift
for their endowment.

Folks

Carla Patterson, instructor of English, and **Laura Musselwhite**, associate professor of History, gave a presentation Friday, February 7, at the Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching at Kennesaw State University titled "Developing and Teaching a Linked Course."

Rebecca Cowan-Story, interpreter, has passed the written portion of the National Certification exam for interpreter training professionals on the first try.

Congratulations to **Wanda Henderson**, admissions specialist, on her retirement.

Keep the family of **Jim McKeel**, retired professor of Human Services, who passed away February 1, in your thoughts and prayers.



Daniel Bell of Summerville, editor of Floyd College's *Six Mile Post*, has been elected president of the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA). Bell is the son of Freddie and Phyllis Bell of Summerville.

Bell was elected GCPA president at the annual GCPA Press Institute held in Macon on Saturday, February 8th. During 2001-02, Bell was also one of two GCPA Junior College Board members.

The *Six Mile Post*, Floyd College's campus newspaper, recently placed third overall in the GCPA's Better Newspaper Contest. The newspaper was up against other two-year college newspapers in the state.

Announcements

Alabama poet Peter Huggins will be giving a reading at Centre Stage in Floyd College's Heritage Hall on Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. A reception will be held following the reading. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Huggins, an English Professor at Auburn University, has two books in publication – *Hard Facts* (1998) and *Blue Angels* (2001) – and has been published in over 90 journals, magazines, and anthologies.

Huggins will be visiting Floyd College's Rome campus prior to the evening's event. He will be meeting with a creative writing class.

The event is sponsored by the Floyd College Foundation, Student Activities, and the Writers' Collaborative of Floyd College. The Rome Area Council for the Arts is assisting with publicity for the event and the reception to follow the reading.

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Look for a new issue of Floyd College's *Focus* magazine in the coming weeks.



Floyd College Library Receives Donation for Book Collection

The Floyd College Library has introduced a collection of books donated in memoriam to Rome resident Virginia Meek. The collection is available for checkout to students and faculty.

Ms. Meek resided in Rome for four years before passing away in October 2000. Her wishes included a memorial fund be created, and she decided to donate the money to the Floyd College Library for the purchase of additional books.

Jeannie Cassity, Tutorial Center coordinator, is one of Meek's three children.

"I'm very happy to have these books here," says Ms. Cassity. "It is a great memorial to have books that my mother would have enjoyed and now others can enjoy. I'm happy to have something she loved available to others."

Books purchased with the memorial fund were chosen based on their award-winning status. Books not already in the Floyd College collection that received the Pulitzer Prize, Nobel Prize, or National Book Award were purchased. Cassity cites the most notable works added are those written by Faulkner as "Faulkner was my mother's favorite author."

To view titles available in the collection, visit the Floyd College website at www.floyd.edu, click on "Academics" and "Library", and choose "Floyd College". In the search box, enter "Meek Collection".

Calendar of Events for March 2003

Continuing Education (CE) Conversational Spanish class

Mondays, March 3-24, 2003

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

\$69

Instructor: Jan Peterson

Location: Heritage Hall

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) How to Get Money For Your Business seminar

Monday, March 3

6 - 9 p.m.

\$39

Location: Heritage Hall

CE Planning for Long-Term Care Needs class

Tuesday & Thursday, March 4 & 6,
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$25

Instructor: Jason Sproull, A.G.

Edwards & Sons, Inc

CE Spanish for Retail Sales class

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

6-8 p.m.

\$75

Instructor: Holly Llewellyn

Location: Cartersville Chamber of
Commerce

Instructional Council meeting

Tuesday, March 4

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Centre Stage lobby at
Heritage Hall

Joe Martin "True Colors"

Wednesday, March 5

12 noon-1:30 p.m., Solarium.

Part of the Society of Success and
Leadership videoconferences. Open
to the entire campus. Contact is
Student Life, 706.295.6363.

Academic Council meeting

Thursday, March 6

1:15 p.m.

President's Conference Room

CE Leadership Skills for Managerial Growth class

Friday, March 7

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Instructor: Jane Slickman

\$89

Location: Cartersville

Faculty meeting

Wednesday, March 12

3 p.m.

Location: Lakeview room I-133.

Book Forum, -"Arcadia" (in conjunction w/annual student trip to AL Shakespeare Fest),

Thursday, March 13

12 noon

Library Instruction Rm 135

Kristi Kemper

CE Decorative Painting Techniques Spring Workshop

Thursday, March 13

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Hall

CE Excellent Communication Skills to Motivate class

Friday, March 14

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$89

Instructor: Jane Slickman

Location: Cartersville

Region 6-A, 6-AA, 6-AAA Literary Meet

Friday, March 14

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: Rome campus

Spring Break - March 17-21 (staff
members report)

CE Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution workshop

Friday, March 21

9 a.m. - 4p.m.

Fee: \$89

Instructor: Jane Slickman

Location: Cartersville

SBDC Writing a Business Plan workshop

Monday, March 24

6-9 p.m.

Fee: \$39

Location: Cartersville

Instructional Council meeting

Tuesday, March 25

3 p.m.

President's Conference Room

CE Human Resource Issues in the Changing Workplace workshop

Friday, March 28

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. John Reiners

Fee: \$89

Location: Cartersville campus

A comprehensive calendar is available online for faculty and staff. Contact the Information Technology Office if you don't have access to the link.

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Dr. Kemper, Dental Hygiene Receive Regents' Awards

Floyd College faculty member *Kristie Kemper*, professor of English, and the *Dental Hygiene* academic program have been selected to receive the *2003 Regents Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Research in Undergraduate Education by the University System of Georgia*.

The awards program recognizes and rewards both individual faculty members and academic programs at the University System's 34 institutions. It honors "outstanding teaching that significantly improves student achievement, as well as commitment to student-focused research on effective teaching."



Dr. Kemper is one of three USG faculty members to receive the Board of Regents' 2003 Teaching Excellence Award this year, and the only faculty member representing Two-Year and State Colleges:

Dr. Kemper, a member of the Floyd College faculty since 1979, impressed the review panel with her "commitment to student success in English and journalism, her work in mentoring non-traditional students, and her sustained efforts to develop the potential of all her students. Her teaching abilities also have included her leadership of the college newspaper, *The Six Mile Post*, which has won numerous state and national awards."

The Dental Hygiene program received the Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Awards representing Two-Year and State Colleges:

The Dental Hygiene Program is known for having a strong, student-focused curriculum. In the three years since its establishment as a program independent of the Medical College of Georgia, its students have had a 100 percent pass rate on the dental hygiene licensure exam, and all have found employment. Program faculty use a wide variety of instructional methods that include a pre-clinic laboratory, computerized instruction, audio/visual aids for clinical cases, and a closely supervised clinical practice. The program also operates a number of community outreach programs, including dental screenings at regional health fairs and for students participating in the college's summer youth camp.

Donna Miller is director of the Dental Hygiene program, *Dr. Tom McDaniel* is the supervisor and associate professor, *Donna Sutton* is an instructor with the program, and *Gail Grass* is the Administrative Secretary.

Congratulations to you all from the Floyd College family!

Administration Building to be Named for Founding President



The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia last month approved the naming of the administration building on the

Rome campus the "David B. McCorkle Building," to honor the founding president of the college.

"We are so pleased to be able to bestow this honor on Dr. McCorkle for the invaluable contributions he made to establish this outstanding community resource," said *Floyd College President Randy Pierce*.

The Board of Regents limits the naming of buildings for living persons to those who "are beloved ex-presidents" or major contributors to an institution.

Dr. McCorkle, was named by the Board of Regents as the first president of Floyd College in December 1969. He assumed his duties in January 1970. The college's first classes were offered in fall 1970.

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Folks

Congratulations to **Catherine King**, associate professor of physical education, who recently completed her Ph.D. at Georgia State University.

Susan Claxton, assistant professor and coordinator of Human Services, will make a presentation titled "Death, Dying, and Bereavement" at the Southern Organization for Human Services on April 12th.

Don Pardlow, instructor of English, presented a research paper titled "Finding a Comfortable Fit: Using Creative Writing Pedagogy in the Composition Classroom," at the Conference on College Composition and Communication held on March 18th. The New York conference is organized by the National Conference of Teachers of English.

Simon Grist, director of the Instructional Technology Center, and **Dana Pergrem**, instructor of Communications, presented "How to Teach Technology: 10 Tips for Effective Instruction" at the Technology in Education International Conference held in Los Angeles, California on March 25th.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers: **Judy Spurgeon**, accounting assistant, upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Addie Pledger; **Jerry Smith**, custodian, upon the death of his father; and the family of **Regent John Hunt** of Tifton upon his untimely death last month.

Retirement parties are scheduled for **Amelia Billingsley**, professor of Developmental Studies, Thursday, April 24, 2-4 p.m. at the Pavilion; and **Ruthie Lawler**, publications editor, Wednesday, April 30, 2-4 p.m., in the Tower View Dining Room.

Announcements

In light of the increased terror alert status of the United States, Floyd College has taken some precautionary safety measures at the suggestion of the University System safety office. If you have questions or comments, contact Howard Brooks, director of Campus Safety, at 706.295.6347.


The April Book Forum will be held Thursday, April 24, at 12 noon. **Jeanie Cassity**, tutorial center director, will discuss, "A Bend in the River."

McCorkle

Dr. McCorkle retired in June 1991, having achieved a brilliant record of leadership and service to the college and overall community at large.

Floyd College will hold a ceremony to officially name the building on Friday, May 2, at 5 p.m.

Contributions to honor Dr. McCorkle can be made to the The Floyd College Foundation, P.O. Box 1864, Rome, GA 30162.

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Russian Visitor Promotes Study Abroad

Dr. Andrei Aleksankov, a native of St. Petersburg, Russia, visited the Rome Floyd College campus Monday, March 24, as part of a promotional tour for study abroad programs at Georgia colleges.

Dr. Aleksankov is Deputy Director of the Institute of International Educational Programs at St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University in Russia. The Russian study abroad program is in cooperation with the University System of Georgia's European Council based at Valdosta State University. The European Council sponsors student trips to Russia, London, and Paris.

While on the Floyd College campus, Dr. Aleksankov spoke to classes about study abroad opportunities available in Russia. The summer study program allows students to take a variety of courses focused in either Humanities or International Business.

"We want to broaden their view of the modern world," says Dr. Aleksankov.

Floyd College recently requested grants from USG to assist students with the expense of study abroad programs. If approved, the grants would provide work study funds during the 2003-2004 academic year for students who have on-campus jobs for the purpose of earning money toward the cost of studying abroad. The college would be required to match the grant funds allocated for the program.

Trips sponsored by the USG European Council can be viewed online at www.valdosta.edu/europeancouncil/, or current USG students can meet with a European Council representative on their campus for more details.