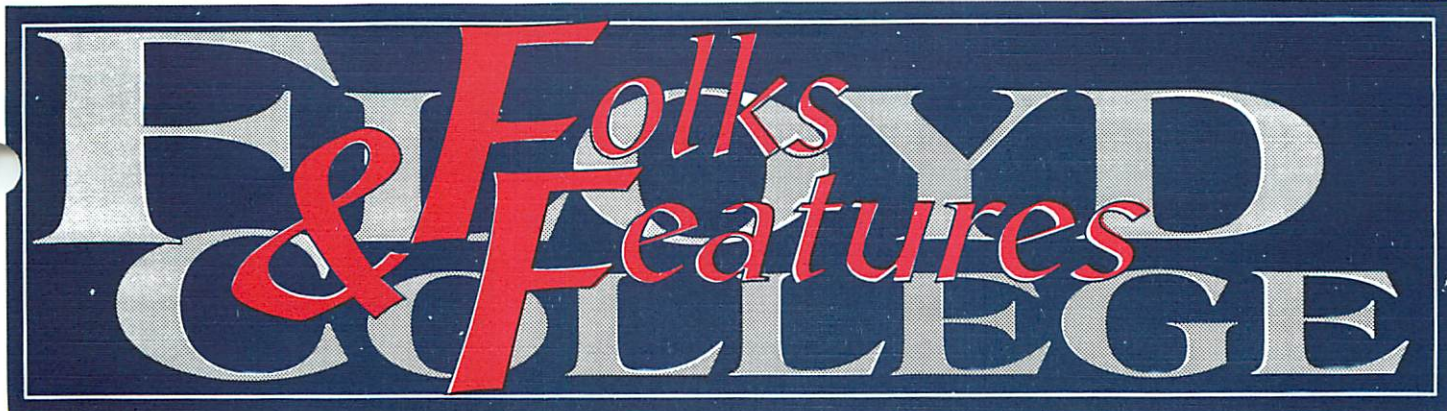


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Floyd College Achieves All-Time Record Enrollment

Floyd College has broken last year's record enrollment increase for fall semester. The preliminary figures for the college's fall 2003 semester enrollment is at 3,323 – a 16 percent increase over last year's total of 2,863. The total includes students attending the Rome, Cartersville, Haralson County, and Acworth campuses, as well as distance learning students. The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents will release the official enrollment figures later this year.

"This year's record setting growth is indicative of the demand that exists for higher education," said Floyd College President Randy Pierce. "I think we are finally getting through to students and to our communities that economic success and economic development starts with human development. A good higher education foundation is essential to be successful in today's ever changing world and marketplace. Floyd College embraces the University System's vision of a 'better educated Georgia,' and we are committed to a better educated Northwest Georgia."

The number of students attending the Rome campus has jumped 14% since last year, for a total of 1,690 students. Both the Cartersville and Acworth campuses have experienced significant increases since fall 2002 enrollment. Cartersville gained 156 students for a total of 810 students – a 24 percent increase, while Acworth registered a 17 percent increase in enrollment over last fall with a total of 792 students. The Haralson County site is serving 183 students, up from 178 last year. Additional students take classes online through Georgia Globe.

The institution's enrollment numbers have been increasing steadily since the 2000 academic year. Both spring and fall 2003 semesters have exceeded benchmark figures set in 2002. Floyd College was also named the fastest growing institution in the University System of Georgia by Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith earlier this year based on record enrollment for fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters. In 2002, Floyd had a 19.3% increase over fall 2001 tallies.

Floyd College will observe the Labor Day Holiday



on Monday, September 1.

NYSP Receives Additional Funding

Floyd College has received a monetary award from the National Youth Sports Corporation for meeting all program guidelines during the 2003 NYSP camp.

The NYSP program is made possible by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The NCAA contracts with Floyd College and 200 other colleges and universities in the United States to provide a comprehensive development and instructional sports program. At the end of every summer, the Corporation assesses any leftover funds and distributes them to all the programs that meet NYSP guidelines.

The NYSP camp not only provides sports instruction to local youths, but children can also participate in field trips, "movie days," and classroom activities all free of charge. Receiving the monetary award ensures that these activities can continue.

"It means we can offer extras to the campers – events, programs, trips – that we normally could not offer," says **David Mathis**, NYSP project administrator at Floyd College.

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Folks

Judy Sims, professor of Communications, attended the Summer Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution – “Mediating Campus Disputes” – on July 20-25 on Jekyll Island.



Virginia Carson, vice president for Academic Affairs, attended the 2003 National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta in July.



Christine Hicks, associate professor of Nursing, traveled to Tampa, Florida to attend a workshop titled “Improving Confidence in the Results of Classroom Multiple Choice Exams.”

The staff members of the Access Center, *Sheryl Ballenger, director; Wilma Maynard, disability specialist, and Rebecca Story, interpreter*, all successfully completed a 10-week training program this summer on new technology for hard of hearing students. They now have the ability to provide captioned classroom lectures through software called C-Print. The C-Print software was developed solely for academic use at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. C-Print is a computer-aided speech-to-print transcription system. Students with hearing loss, but who do not use sign language, have always been an under-served population. Now these students have a classroom accommodation that meets their communication needs. The Access Center plans to use the fall semester as a practice semester and implement C-Print as a new accommodation service for the spring semester.

Announcements

The Student Life office will host a *September 11 Memorial* on September 11 at 11 a.m. in the Solarium.

The Library will host its first *book forum* of the year on Tuesday, September 9, at 12 noon in the Solarium. The featured book is “Leaving Atlanta” by Tayari Jones. The event is being co-sponsored by the Sara Hightower Regional Library. Additional information is available online at www.floyd.public.lib.ga.us/BookForum/forum.

Texas Guarantee Agency will be hosting a presentation on Sept. 30th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the professional staff of the Student Development division. The presentation will be about the book “Who Moved My Cheese.” Through this presentation, the staff will be able to learn about the advantages and need for change. *Gail Campbell, financial aid counselor*, is coordinating the event.

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Mathis also sees the additional funds as a way of allaying the cost of transportation. “We operate six buses for six weeks. That is a huge cost that we have to budget for, so this is one of the items where this money can be put to use.”

Floyd College has hosted the NYSP camp on its Rome campus since 1972. The program targets low-income youths between the ages of 10 and 16.

Students can get STARS Aid for Travel

The University System of Georgia Office of International Education is granting the Floyd College funding for international study under the new Students Abroad with Regents Support (STARS) program.

STARS allows for up to \$3,000 to be set aside specifically for student study abroad opportunities. Floyd College will match the funding, for a total of \$6,000 available to eligible students through the STARS program.

Students earn STARS assistance by participating in the work-study program on campus. Students can earn up to \$500 per semester working in positions that support international education efforts at the college.

“The money earned by the student will be used to help pay for the student’s study abroad trip,” states *Virginia Carson, vice president of Academic Affairs*.

When applying for a study abroad program through Floyd College, students may also apply for a “work-and-study-abroad” STARS position. Students interested in participating in STARS should contact *Alberta Johnson, professor of Psychology* and study abroad coordinator, at 706-368-7638.

STARS was created by the University System of Georgia (USG) in an effort to meet the Board of Regents’ goal that 25 percent of undergraduate degree recipients each year will have participated in an academic program abroad.