

## Financial Aid Office Gets New Director



Kelly Gribble

Kelly Gribble, a familiar face in the financial aid office, has been appointed director of the department. She previously served for two years as assistant director and as a financial aid counselor. In all, she brings 12 years of experience in office administration, management, recruiting and marketing. Kelly has been active during her time here in a variety of campus committees, including the Student Work-Study program, which she spearheaded.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia and an associate degree in psychology from Floyd.

## Floyd English Professor to Chair SAMLA Division



Sue Munn

Sue Munn, associate professor of English at Floyd College and a member of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, was recently chosen as chair of English studies in the two-year college division for the 2005 year. SAMLA is a division of the Modern Language Association, a group that sets the standards for research criteria and scholarship in the areas of language and literature. Munn's duties will include selecting, directing and coordinating presentations for the November 2005 conference to be held in Atlanta.

She has proposed the following topics as a basis for 2005 conference research areas in her division: a discipline-specific research topic, "Best Practices in Teaching Literature and Composition in the Two-Year College;" and a more general research topic, open to multi-discipline presentations, "Bridging the Gap: Issues Facing Two-Year Colleges in the 21st Century."

The SAMLA Conference provides opportunities for professional growth for conference presenters, who share their academic research findings, and for conference participants, who return to their academic communities throughout the region with new insights for enhancing the academic environment for both students and professors alike.

## Teachers Get Motivated

Joan Christian, Donna Daugherty, Paulette Jordan and Ken Weatherman from the science, math and physical education division briefly reversed their teaching roles to take on one as student at the October motivation conference held in Atlanta.

The group listened to former President Jimmy Carter and former New York's Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Former President Carter spoke on what are the measurements of a great person or nation. He said, "It is important to have faith in religion, to be a nation committed to peace and democracy, to promote peace and freedom in God's world and to be eager to share with others less fortunate."

Former Mayor Giuliani spoke on how to lead in difficult times. He shared six principles of leadership with us: 1. you must know what you believe; 2. you must be an Optimist; 3. you must have courage; 4. You must practice relentless preparation. 5. You must have a great team; 6. you must communicate effectively. According to Paulette Jordan, "This was a very inspirational seminar to go to because we learned many ways to be successful in our personal life, career, finances and health. This seminar would help everyone to... get motivated! If they can do it so can we!"

## FLOYD COLLEGE STUDENTS TAKE TO THE SLOPES FOR A WEEK

Physical education professor Dr. Ken Weatherman accompanied more than a dozen students to the ski slopes at Sugar and Beech Mountains in North Carolina over the Christmas break, where they tried to master the slopes on skis and snowboards.

Students received credit for PHED 1410 or PHED 1420 (beginning and intermediate snow skiing) based on both written tests and performance. According to Dr. Weatherman, student grades were quite impressive, with everyone scoring eight or higher on skills. The courses were credited for spring semester.



Bethany Holte

## 2005 FLOYD COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN

All employees at Floyd College have recently received a copy of the college's strategic plan for 2005-2006. Please take a moment to look it over. As a collaboration of ideas from each department, the document reflects the goals of every unit on our campuses. As an important participant in the creation of your own unit plan, you should find the institutional plan pertinent. We hope you use this document as inspiration for additional ideas, which you should present to your unit director.



## Accreditation Organization Taps Floyd College Vice President

The Commission on Colleges, the governing body of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), has named Dr. Virginia Carson, vice president for academic affairs, to a three-year term on its 77-member body. The commission's task is to assure that its institutional members meet SACS standards, thus maintaining a consistent quality of higher education throughout the Southeast. Approximately 800 institutions belong to SACS. Carson's role on the commission will include acting as liaison between the membership and the commission staff. She will also play a role in setting accreditation policy for SACS members.

Carson has held her position at Floyd College since 2001. Last year, she attended the Fulbright International Education Seminar in Germany, which studied higher education policies in that country and the United States. Her previous positions include dean for academic services as well as department chair of mathematics, computer science and engineering, both at Georgia Perimeter College. She earned her doctorate and master's degrees in mathematics education from Georgia State University. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics education from the University of Georgia.

## Assembly Focuses on "Real Issues Facing Students"



Front John Spranza (Floyd College)  
(L-R) Phillip Breaux (Floyd College), Will Herringdine (ABAC),  
Ria Pierce (ABAC) and Jennifer Heath (Floyd College)

John Spranza, director of student life, and students Phillip Breaux and Jennifer Heath attended the Bacchus and Gamma General Assembly in Chicago, November 11 to 15.

Bacchus and Gamma is an international collegiate organization for peer education on the topics of alcohol and drug use, safe sex, motor-vehicle safety and other health and safety-related issues.

Floyd College is just starting our association with the Bacchus and Gamma

organization with the creation of our own peer education group, thanks to a grant provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The Floyd chapter of Bacchus is known as T.R.A.S.H., which stands for Teaching Responsible Alcohol, Substances and Highway safety. It currently includes five students (Breaux, Heath, Brandy Norris, Natasha Cartin and Katherine Kimbrough).

The group attended the conference in order to learn more about the programs, efforts and events that other peer education groups across the country are doing to reach their fellow students, and how we can translate those efforts onto our campus. The Floyd peer educators conducted events for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week in October. They also worked on National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month (in December), as well as conducting an observational seat-belt survey on campus in conjunction with the statewide "Click It Or Ticket" campaign.

## College Employee Donations Reach 100 Percent For Campus Projects

The Legacy campaign, the first fund-raising effort of its kind in Floyd College's 34-year history, has already raised nearly \$55,000 since its kick-off last July. The next phase will include reaching out to retirees, board members and community leaders. The campaign resulted from a feasibility study to learn whether support and resources were readily available from our service areas. The study identified scholarships, tutorial/support services for students and professional development as areas needing support. Contributors may choose one of these categories for their donations.

The internal campaign culminates in March of 2005 with an appeal to retirees and board members. Judy Taylor, director of advancement said, "The rate of participation thus far has exceeded that of other two-year institutions across the nation and we're hoping that our retirees and board members rise as valiantly to the challenge as our current faculty and staff did."

Funding from the project will further provide for the success of our 3,300 students. College President Randy Pierce said, "The high participation rate exemplifies our employees' belief in the mission of the institution and the projects to be funded. Our faculty and staff understand we have a unique mission to be a point of access into the University System for students throughout our region. They believe in the elevation of our identity and the project that will be funded through the Legacy campaign."

The public phase will kick off in spring or summer. For more information or to make a donation please call 706-802-5457 or visit our website at [www.floyd.edu](http://www.floyd.edu).

## Professor Named to Governor's Program

Catherine E. King, professor of physical education, is serving as a Governor's Teaching Fellow during the 2004-2005 academic year. King is one of a handful of faculty statewide selected to serve in the program, designed for the state's professors who teach at accredited public or private colleges or universities other than the University of Georgia.

Participants are chosen on the basis of their teaching experience, interest in continuing instructional and professional development, their ability to have an impact on their own campus and a strong commitment by their home institutions to support them for the duration of their participation in the program.

The program was established by former Gov. Zell Miller to provide Georgia's higher education faculty with expanded opportunities for developing teaching skills.

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