



## New library to transform teaching and learning

*Technology major feature of facility*

The long-awaited opening day for the university's new Library Technology Center will arrive Aug. 19, a day before the campus comes to life with student activity and fall classes. A new type of library experience will await patrons when the new building opens. The new library is a major feature of the facility, meant to inspire with its grand architecture and to become a lasting presence in the community, in the same vein as the Carnegie libraries built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Just as those libraries catered to book lovers and knowledge seekers, the new library will provide a place for students to study and work. The new library will have a large open area for students to study and work, and will be equipped with the latest technology, including computers and electronic books.

The new library will be open Monday through Thursday, with additional hours on Fridays and Saturdays. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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## President discusses state budget cuts with faculty, staff

President John C. McCall discussed the state budget cuts with faculty and staff. He said that the state of Georgia has imposed an actual budget cut of six percent, or \$1.7 million, and further cuts remain a possibility.

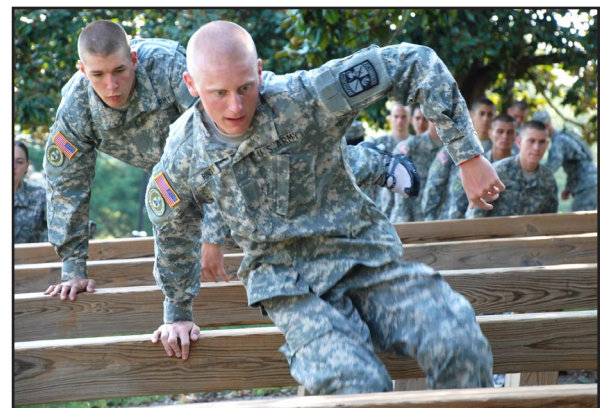
For North Georgia, whose state appropriations have decreased by 4.05 percent over the past year, the response to lower than expected state revenues, the state of Georgia has imposed an actual budget cut of six percent, or \$1.7 million, and further cuts remain a possibility.

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## New Year, New Experience Corps attracts top students and tests their limits

Andrew Ring and Zachary Keith, two members of the 240-member cadet class that graduated Sunday, are seen jumping through an obstacle course. The Corps of Cadets is a challenging organization that attracts top students and tests their limits.

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"Frogs" Andrew Ring and Zachary Keith jump through the on-campus obstacle course on Friday. The freshmen are part of the 240-member cadet class that graduated Sunday.

# Future growth to take shape with new master plan

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"As we grow, some departments will develop faster than others, so y g u n n" p g g f" v q" f g f p g" c e c f g o k e c n n { " y j c v" q w t" i q c n u" c t g" u q" v j c v" q w t" r j { u k / cal growth can be responsive to our academic growth," Julio Canseco, director of Project Management, said. "The bottom line is that we have to meet demand. The physical growth has to be responsive to our aca/ demic plan."

The Board of Regents has placed an emphasis on retaining and main/ taining the historical nature of the North Georgia campus, Canseco said, and that emphasis will be a primary consideration as architect i t q w r" N q t f" C g e m" ( " U c t i g p v. " u g n g e v g f" v q" g p x k u k q p" v j g" h w v w t g" n q q m" q h" campus, contributes to the process.

The planning process will run the gamut – academic needs will be at the forefront, residential housing and enrollment projections will be cuuguugf. "cpf" c n n" q h" v j g" w p k x g t u k v { u u" r t q r g t v { . " h t q o" R k p g" X c m g { " v q" J w t / t k e c p g" E t g g m. " y k n n" d g" g x c n w c v g f" h q t" g h f e k g p e { " q h" w u g 0

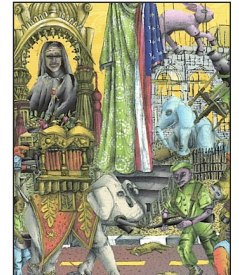
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## GET INVOLVED @ North Georgia

More events at [www.ngcsu.edu/eventsguide](http://www.ngcsu.edu/eventsguide)

### ► Aug. 21 through Oct. 2, Southern Printmaking Biennale Exhibit

This exhibition, displayed in the Bob Owens Art Gallery kp" v j g" J q c i" U v w f g p v" Center, features entries from artists cetqu" v j g" W p k v g f" U v c v g u" c u" u g n g e v g f" d { " juror Matt Egan. A



reception takes place at 5 p.m. in the Ad/ ams Great Room followed by an artist talk cv" 8 < 5 2" r 0 o 0" k p" J q c i" C w f k v q t k w o" q p" U g r v 0" 3 : 0" H t g g 0" E c n n" : 8 6 / 3 6 4 5 0

### ► Sept. 11, Eroica Trio Concert



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### ► Sept. 28, Golden Eagle Band

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### NGCSU Convocations

Faculty and staff are invited to a social qp" v j g" f t k n n" f g n f" c h v g t" v j g" C w i 0" 3 ; "

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#### A Faculty and Staff Convocation

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## President to host monthly lunches with employees

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President Potter will be hosting a series of monthly lunches that are intended v q" r t q x k f g" h c e w n v { " c p f" u v c h h" y k v j" v j g" q r r q t v w p k v { " v q" j c x g" q r g p / g p f g f" f k c n q i w g" and conversation on any issue they think is worthy of discussion.

To encourage participation among all employees, invitations will be sent each month to faculty and staff whose birthdays fall within that month.

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### State budget cuts (Continued from page 1)

Rtgukfgpv"Fcxf"Rqwtg" o gv" ykvj" North Georgia faculty and staff this past week, as many faculty members returned to campus for fall semester, to communicate the status of the budget cuts and their impact on university operations.

"We are an institution with limited resources, but growing momentum," Rqwtg"uckf"ökp"cff"tguukp"i"cpf"eqrki" with these challenges, we will need to yqtm"vq"i"gvjg"vq"dgeq"o"q"o"qtg"gh"ekgpv" and meet those needs that are most es/ugpvkn"vq"hnw"fnkpi"qwt"o"kuukqp"o-

Vjg"wpkxgtukv{"ü"ewttgpn"dwf"i"gv"hgq" general operations is \$44 million. Uvcvg"cr"rtqr"tkcvkqpu"eq"o"rtkug"cdqww" 64 percent of that budget, while tuition revenue makes up the difference.

The university is seeking to minimize the impact on students and personnel and hopes to achieve the bulk of the savings through an extensive utility conservation program, reduced printing costs, implementation of a new tele/eq"o"o"wpkcvkqpu"u{"uvgo"."cpf"cetquu/

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Additionally, the university will suspend plans to enhance three programs ö"vjg"htguj"o"cp{"gct"gz"rgtkgpeg."wp/dergraduate research, and recruitment of underrepresented student groups kpvq"vjg"pwtukpi"rtqi"tc"o"ö"vjcv"jcf" received support and partial funding from the Board of Regents.

"Because we are now faced with funding the basic operations of the university, we cannot undertake these targeted enhancements," Potter said. ökp"uvgc"."yg"y"knm"tgwtp"vjgug"hwfpu"cu" part of the cut, a total of \$125,000, and we will maintain the level of funding in our original budget for these activities."

The university will plan a comprehensive review of its course and program offerings with the goal of concentrating vtcvki"vjg"hcwv"v"yqtmnqcf"qp"tgs"wtgf"cpf"jki"j"fg"o"cpf"eqwtugu"Cu"c"tguvvn." the university may reduce concentrations within degree programs that have limited student demand and are not

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Potter explained that if the percentage of cuts increases, the university must turn to personnel expenditures for further immediate savings. Approxio"cvgn{"":5"rgtegpv"qh"vjg"wpkxgtukv{"ü" general operations budget consists of personnel costs.

"Rather than reducing the current workforce, we will review all vacancies and fund only those deemed essential to maintain critical services," Potter said. "This means that we will have to work together to improve in/uvtwekqpcn"cpf"qrgtcvkqpcn"gh"ekgpeku" in all areas."

The university currently has vacant faculty and staff positions totaling nearly \$1 million in personnel costs.

Vq"jgnr"qhugv"vjg"nquu"kp"uvcvg"cr/propriated funds, North Georgia plans to explore potential revenue sources, including the expansion of summer programs, graduate programs and online courses and seeking private and federal funding as available.

Kp"enquki"vjg"o"ggvki"."Rqwtg"vqnf" employees, "This situation is a real test of our resilience as a community; jgyxgt."K"dgnxg"yg"jcxg"vjg"uvtgpi"vj" to survive this crisis and to thrive if we practice our values and care for each other." — KM

### Campus in Action

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**Dr. Ahmad Ghafarian**, math and computer science, is the new director of the Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education. He will be responsible for leading efforts to double North Georgia's enrollment in mathematics and science by 2015.

**Dr. M. Reza Nourbakhsh**, physical therapy, had his article "An Alternative Approach to the Treatment of Chronic Pain" published in the July 2008 issue of the Journal of Clinical Rehabilitation.

**Dr. Bryson Payne**, information and instructional technology, and a team of engineers will be implementing a new learning management system in 2009.

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**Col. Michael Pyott**, PI"ü:":.ku"vjg"pgy" Professor of Military Uekgpeg"hgq"vjg"Cto{"TQVE"rtqi"tc"o"l"fwtkpi"R{"qvü"42"{"gctu"kp"vjg" Cto{"jg"jcu"jgnf"vy"q"eq"o"rcp{"ngxgn" commands and was commander of 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation out of Hqtv"Dtc"i."PöEö"Vjg"cxkcvkqp"qh"egt." who has served three combat tours in the Middle East, will be responsible for leading efforts to double North Georgia's enrollment in aviation by 2015.

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### FROG Week (Continued from page 1)

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The second week of August, designed as an orientation for new military students, tested the endurance of 240 new cadets, who i tcfwcvgf"Uwpcf{ "chvgt"vjg"vtcfkvkqpcn"7M"twp"wr"Etqyp"Oqwpvckp0

Joel Wettstone, 18, has traveled overseas most of his life with parents who work in reconstruction and has been to Afghanistan ukz"vk o gu"cpf"nxxgf"kp"W| dgmkuvcp0" Jg"gzrgevgefv"vjg" yggm"vq"dg"cp" intense experience and absorbed every minute of it as he hurdled himself over walls, clung to wooden beams 30 feet off the ground cpf"nqy/etc yngf" jku" y c{ "vj tqw i j" o wf" rkuv"fwtkp i" t xg"fc{u"qh"ppq/ stop action.

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### Library Technology Center (Continued from page 1)

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öUvwfgpvu" yknn"eq o g"jgtg"vq" wug"ngc fkp i" gfi g"vgejppnqi { ." work with each other to develop multimedia projects, take dis/ tance learning classes and conduct research. The facility has new purposes and will be a new drawing force on campus," Tonner said.

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Technology Center is likely to become a premier resource for students and others far beyond campus.

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**New Recreation Center and Parking Deck**

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