

Campus events to honor Sept. 11 victims



NGCSU cadets present a 21-gun salute.

Upcoming special events – a concert, a moment of silence and a candlelight vigil – will take place at North Georgia in memory of the Sept. 11 attacks last year.

On Sept. 10, the NGCSU Fine Arts Department will present a Memorial Concert. The event, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium, is free and open to the public.

A representative of the American Red Cross will be present to accept donations for the Disaster Relief Fund.

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Homeland security expert to speak on campus

Among events at North Georgia scheduled in memory of the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks of 2001 is a speech by a former brigadier general who is now involved with security, law enforcement and public safety at the national level.

Dr. Frank H. Akers Jr., the associate laboratory director for National Security at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and a retired brigadier general, will discuss his experiences from the past year on Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Gym. The event is free and open to the public.

At ORNL, Akers manages a research and development portfolio that includes nonproliferation and threat reduction, arms and export control, homeland security and counter terrorism technologies for the U.S. National Nuclear Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Prior to his retirement from the Army, Akers served as chief of staff for the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., and as the assistant division commander, 25th Infantry Division, in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

NGCSU experiences booming enrollment

North Georgia welcomed a record number of new and returning students for the fall semester, with residence halls on campus at capacity.

Out of a total of 4,239 students, the largest enrollment in North Georgia's 129-year history, 3,736 are enrolled in undergraduate degree programs and 503 are in master's level or education specialist graduate programs.

"It is especially rewarding that we have increased our enrollment without sacrificing quality," said Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Buckhiester. "The academic credentials of this year's freshman class are impressive."

Freshmen total 1,268 students and the returning students or transfers include 706 sophomores, 865 juniors and 897 seniors.

Women still outnumber men at NGCSU, with 2,352 female students vs. 1,384 males at the undergraduate level, plus 379 women and 123 men seeking graduate degrees.

The university enrolls students for classes taught at four locations: the main campus in Dahlonega, the Forsyth County Board of Education Professional Development Center in Cumming, the University Center at Gainesville College, and in Cobb County, where nursing classes are taught via a televised network to Kennestone and Cobb hospitals.

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Campus in Action

In the 2002-2003 calendar produced by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the November photograph features President **Nathaniel Hansford** with Major General David B. Poythress, adjutant general of the Georgia National Guard, and NGCSU four-year military scholarship winner Holly Howington of Nicholson.

Beverly Grizzle, business office, had her color photographs published in the Georgia Back Roads magazine (formerly the North Georgia Journal) for the Autumn 2002 edition. Her photos depict scenes from the Lumpkin County area. The front cover of the magazine shows a picture taken near Leonard Pruitt Road in Lumpkin County.

Marc Jason Gilbert, history, is the co-author (with Peggy McKee) of the Web Guide for World History. The guide can be viewed online at <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/members/article/1,1282,151-165-0-11296,00.html>.

New orchestra open to university and community

The NGCSU Fine Arts Department has begun a new university/community orchestra, the North Georgia Chamber Orchestra. The group rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the instrumental rehearsal room in the Nix Cultural Center.

At this point, explained Dr. Lee Barrow, a professor of music and head of the Fine Arts Department, the group is limited to strings, though winds may be added at a later date.

Membership is open to area residents as well as NGCSU students and faculty. Violin, viola, cello and bass players with some orchestral experience are encouraged to join the group. New members will be accepted through the month of September.

For more information about the orchestra, contact the Fine Arts Department at (706) 864-1423.

Faculty and alumnus selected for juried exhibit in Atlanta

Fine Arts faculty members Hank Margeson and Joe Cronan, along with North Georgia alumnus Jack Anthony, who has returned to take more classes, have been accepted into an exhibition in Atlanta. The juried exhibit, "Alternative Photography 2002," is at the Atlanta Photography Group Gallery and runs through Sept. 13.

Jurors for the exhibition were Alan Avery and Susan Kendrick of Timothy Gallery in Atlanta.

The competition was opened to Southeastern photographers who produce work using non-traditional photographic processes such as cyanotype, platinum and digital.

Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the gallery at (404) 877-1144 or visit the Web site www.atlantaphotographygroup.org.

Author's novel reading scheduled for Sept. 24

Judith Ortiz Cofer will read from her novels at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium.

The event, sponsored by the Cultural Events Committee, is free and open to the public.

A number of Language & Literature classes are including Cofer novels in their syllabi, and students in those classes are required to attend the reading.

Cofer is the Franklin Professor of English and the director of the



Judith Ortiz Cofer

Creative Writing Program at the University of Georgia. She is the author of "Woman in Front of the Sun: On Becoming a Writer," which is a collection of essays, a novel, "The Line of the Sun," plus another collection of essays and poetry and two books of poetry.

Her work has appeared in the Georgia Review, Kenyon Review, Southern Review, Glamour, journals, textbooks and anthologies.

Cofer is the 1998 recipient of the

Christ-Janner Award in Creative Research from the University of Georgia.

The Rockefeller Foundation awarded her a residency at the Bellagio, Italy Conference Center in 1999. During spring 2001, she was the Vanderbilt University's Gertrude and Harold S. Vanderbilt Visiting Writer in Residence.

A PEN/Martha Albrand Special Citation in non-fiction was awarded to her for "Silent Dancing," also the Anisfield Wolf Book Award for "The Latin Deli," and her work was selected for the Syndicated Fiction Project.

North Georgia museum receives new addition

A new artifact was recently acquired for the NGCSU Institutional History Museum. A hoe made for and used by one of North Georgia's earliest students, Henry Edwin Sanford Jr., has been placed in the museum. Sanford was a student when the school was called North Georgia Agricultural College.

The museum, located on the first floor of Price Memorial across from the Admissions Office, was officially opened during Parent-Alumni Weekend in April. Items featured in the museum include North Georgia yearbooks, antique cadet uniforms, old photographs and other college memorabilia.

The museum consists of five cabinets, each depicting a different part of North Georgia's rich history: North Georgia Agricultural College's early beginnings, the military component of the college, North Georgia as a junior college, North Georgia College as a four-year college and North Georgia College & State University in its present era.

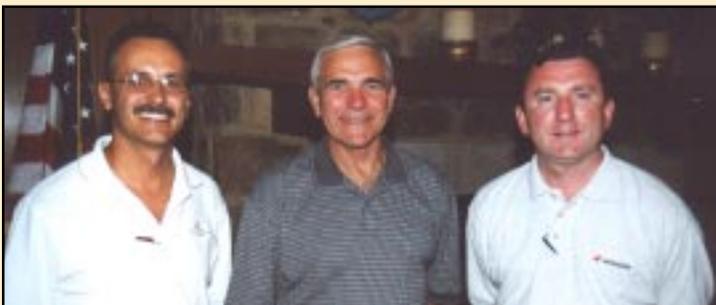
"I think the museum is a great public relations tool – not just for recruiting students, but for forming good relationships with alumni," said Dr. Catherine Chastain, museum coordinator. "It will also be a teaching tool in the areas of history and curatorship, to be used by faculty and students."

The Alumni Association Museum Committee started the interest in a museum, and President Nathaniel Hansford approved it. Chastain directed the project with assistance from the committee.

"The goal is to try to represent all aspects of past and present history of North Georgia College & State University and bring forth NGCSU's accomplishments as a senior military college and as place of higher learning," said Mark Howarth, director of Alumni Affairs.

The committee members are: John Cavendar (NG '59, committee chair), Anne Amerson (NG '56), Tripp Melton (NG '92), Mac McConnell (NG '79, NGCSU Vice President for Business and Finance) and Seth Cole (SGA representative).

The museum is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Chastain at (706) 864-1426 or cchastain@ngcsu.edu.



NEW DIRECTION: A reception was held on Aug. 6 in the Student Center Great Room to bid farewell to Ed Davis (right) and to welcome Jeff Marshall (left) as the new food service director. Davis, a 1980 alum of North Georgia, served as ARAMARK's food service director at North Georgia for almost 12 years. Before coming to NGCSU, Marshall spent two years as the director of food services at Emory University. Standing with the two men is Gerald Lord (center), director of Auxiliary Services.

Enrollment boom

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On the main campus, 1,284 students fill the residence halls this fall. Lewis Hall, built in 1952 and one of the older dormitories on campus, is being renovated to add as many spaces for women as possible for fall 2003. The newest and largest dorm is John H. Owen Hall, housing 314 students. Ambling Management manages the facility, a privatized residence hall funded by and operated through the NGCSU Foundation.

The Corps of Cadets now numbers 580 cadets, including 72 women. The Corps has included women cadets since 1973, well before other senior military colleges in the nation. A total of 514 cadets live on campus, and 66 commute from home.

"We continue to move closer to our institutional goal of a 600-member Corps of Cadets," Buckhiester said. "We expect to reach that goal next fall."

Enrollment numbers will be finalized in October when official figures are sent to the Board of Regents.

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Traffic pattern changes



Vehicles wait for students to walk across one of the new crosswalks on Main Street.

New crosswalks have been placed on West Main Street near the Education Building, Infirmary, Cadet Recruiting Center and the new Health & Natural Sciences Building.

NGCSU Public Safety officers directed traffic between classes at Main Street and

Sunset Drive during the first days of classes to draw attention to the changed locations of the crosswalks. They ask that faculty, staff and student pedestrians, as well as motorists, please use utmost caution in this area. Pedestrians should cross only on the new crosswalks.

The speed limit is 25 mph and motorists must stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.

“We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in maintaining traffic and pedestrian safety throughout the campus and in adjacent traffic areas,” said Mac McConnell, vice president for Business and Finance.

McConnell’s office has placed advertising in the *Dahlonge Nugget* and in *The Voice*, the student newspaper, to draw attention to the new traffic pattern in that area of campus.

Leadership Roundtable applications due Sept. 13

A Leadership Roundtable is being established to facilitate dialog and learning about leadership among members of the faculty and staff of North Georgia. Each semester 10 faculty and staff members will be selected to participate.

The application deadline for fall is Sept. 13. Interested faculty and staff should submit a letter outlining their reasons for participation in the program, their commitment to fulfill the obligations of the program, and their current role and responsibilities with leadership development.

A selection committee consisting of the president, academic vice president, vice president for Student Affairs and director of the Leadership Initiative will choose the participants.

Questions about the program or the application process should be directed to Bob Thomas at 867-2794 or bthomas@ngcsu.edu.

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The concert, featuring NGCSU music ensembles, students and faculty, will feature reflective works in memory of those who died in the attacks and patriotic selections in honor of those who served in the rescue efforts and in the war on terrorism.

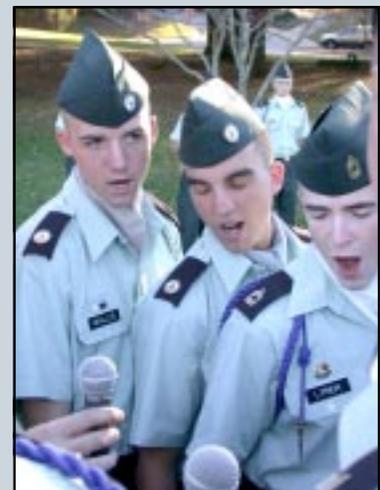
The NGCSU Singers, the Le Belle Voci women’s choir and the Patriot Choir, along with the NGCSU Symphonic Band will perform. For more information, contact the Fine Arts Department at (706) 864-1423.

At 9 a.m. on Sept. 11 on the Drill Field, a moment of silence, bagpipe music and a 21-gun salute will mark the anniversary hour of the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil in 2001.

On Sept. 11, a Candlelight Vigil, sponsored by the Dahlonge/Lumpkin County Ministerial Association, will take place at 7 p.m. on the Drill Field. The public is invited to participate.



Le Belle Voci



Patriot Choir