

## Pulitzer Prize winner Eugene Patterson to speak at North Georgia

*NGCSU alumnus will recall civil rights movement for Black History Month*

Eugene C. Patterson, who enrolled at North Georgia College 64 years ago at age 16, will return to his alma mater to speak on Feb. 12. He will address "The Changing South of Gene Patterson." The event, at 12:30 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium, is part of Black History Month activities and is free and open to the public.

His speech title is also the name of Patterson's book published in 2002 containing a collection of his columns written for The Atlanta Constitution in the 1960s, when he was editor of that newspaper. Patterson won the Pulitzer Prize in 1967 for his editorials advocating racial justice and civil rights.



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Events will be headlined by Pulitzer prize-winning author.

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**TRADITIONAL HARMONIES:** The critically acclaimed bluegrass/country band, Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike, will perform in concert at North Georgia on Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium. The band has received international recognition for their music and they have toured throughout the United States and Europe. Among the band members is Dahlonega native John Wesley Lee (second from left), who plays the mandolin.



The free event is open to the public and sponsored by the Nix Living Heritage Fine Arts Series at North Georgia. A reception in the Great Room will follow the evening performance.

## New Web site design unveiled Jan. 27

Employees will have the opportunity to see the redesign of the university's Internet home page and learn about the newly organized Web site on Jan. 27. ITT's Chief Information Officer Jay Steed will lead a "town hall" meeting, scheduled at 12:30 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium, for faculty and staff interested in discussing issues or making suggestions on the Web redesign efforts.

The Web Advisory Committee, formed a year ago, worked to create clearer and more consistent guidelines for Web content usage. The WAC's work is intended to make the NGCSU Web site a more useful tool for the university's various constituencies and to promote better communication within the school.

The new university Web site will go online on March 22, and second level supporting pages will simultaneously become active. The rest of the site will conform to the new guidelines before the start of the new school year in August.

The WAC will continue to meet twice a month to further develop the Web site image and content and address issues that might arise. 🏠



## Campus in Action

**Hank Margeson, Michael Marling de Cuellar and Noelle S. Petersen**, all fine arts, had artwork accepted in a juried competition at the Lyndon House Art Center in Athens, Ga., October and November 2003. Margeson presented two selenium and sepia-toned photographs, "Stonehenge II" and "Shaded Window # I." Marling showed a nine-panel acrylic/encaustic installation titled "The Disappearance of Rurality: Virtualcattle.com." Petersen featured a silver gelatin photograph, "Brooklyn Rooftops."



**Anita Roush**, continuing education, began her duties as the 2004 chairman of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce this month.

Roush, as chair-elect in 2003, was also responsible for recruiting the four new 2004 board members. She will be called on throughout the year to attend member functions such as "Business After Hours" and work with the board on several fundraisers so that tourists will continue viewing Dahlonega as a north Georgia attraction.

**Julie Sibley**, fine arts, is among the artists featured in a winter exhibition titled "Forms of Fiber" at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Gallery. Her work will be on display through March.

### News for the University System

#### Legislative Update

Jan. 20 – Governor recommends 2 percent raises for teachers, promises HOPE's survival  
<http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/2004/01.20.04.phtml>

#### System Supplement

Winter 2004 – New study on value of a college degree in Georgia shows payoffs for graduates, state  
[http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys\\_supp/jan04/winter04.pdf](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/jan04/winter04.pdf)

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Patterson covered Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963. After attending King's funeral on April 19, 1968, Patterson wrote his newspaper column as a moving tribute to the civil rights leader.

From 1964 to 1968, Patterson served as vice chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

He was managing editor of *The Washington Post* when it published the Pentagon Papers articles in 1971, following the historic Supreme Court ruling allowing the Post and *The New York Times* to publish stories about the secret report on how the United States went to war in Vietnam.

For 17 years Patterson served as editor and president, then chairman and CEO of the *St. Petersburg Times*, Florida's largest daily newspaper, and its Washington publication, *Congressional Quarterly*, and *Governing* magazine, which he founded.

From 1974 to 1985, Patterson served on the Pulitzer Prize Board at Columbia University. He served from 1988 to 1994 on the board of trustees of Duke University, where a chair in journalism is endowed in his name.

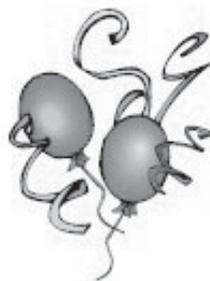
In 1988, he retired as chairman and CEO of the Times and the Poynter Institute, following his 41 years in the news business. The Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., a non-profit organization funded by the controlling stock in the Times Publishing Company, offers seminars and special programs for journalists, media leaders and teachers of journalism.

After growing up on a farm near Adel, Ga., Patterson was educated at North Georgia, class of 1942, and the University of Georgia. He holds honorary degrees from 15 universities, including Harvard, Duke, Emory and NGCSU.

With Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in Europe during World War II, Patterson earned the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and then won his wings postwar as an Army airplane pilot.

He began his journalism career in the 1950s in New York and London, working for United Press, now UPI. ▲

### Employee birthday list available on network



The Employees' Birthday List, previously posted on the University Relations "News" and "Digest" Internet pages, is now located in a file of its own on the "N" Drive, which you may access via your office computer. The drive is labeled "Shared on Radar (N:)" and the file is named "Employee Birthdays."

Department and office secretaries may wish to share the listing with those employees who do not have regular access to computers. Any corrections, additions or deletions to the birthday list should be e-mailed to Annette Lee at [ahlee@ngcsu.edu](mailto:ahlee@ngcsu.edu).

## University events calendar goes online

A comprehensive listing of events at NGCSU open to the public is now online at the NGCSU "News" link, [www.ngcsu.edu/news](http://www.ngcsu.edu/news). The calendar has been established to better publicize cultural, entertainment and educational events at North Georgia.



This new listing is designed to be a "one-stop" resource to communicate events that are of public interest and to help draw attention to university events.

The calendar is separate from academic and meetings calendars. The events calendar is a conduit dedicated to publicizing visiting musicians, speakers and other groups that enrich the educational experience of students, employees and the public.

The calendar is organized into types of events, for example conferences or theatre events, and by date. Short descriptions of the event and when and where it takes place are also included as well as a contact number for more information.

University Relations is compiling the list, which includes performances and events taking place throughout the semester. To have an event posted on this calendar, e-mail [jipreston@ngcsu.edu](mailto:jipreston@ngcsu.edu) with information needed to inform the campus community and the public. Please provide notices at least one month in advance of the event to allow sufficient time for publicity. 📌

## Our first-time full-time students at a glance

By *Laura Whitaker-Lea, associate dean of students*

Annually, NGCSU participates in the CIRP, a survey administered to new students entering the university. This survey, which is part of the Higher Education Research Project, asks questions from a myriad of topics, from demographics to activities in which the student participated to opinions about social and political issues.

Although there are some responses from our students that one might predict, there are some surprises as well as some information about our students that could be helpful to those of us who teach or serve them.

For example, of those participating in the survey, 65.4 percent report that their annual family incomes are \$50,000-\$150,000, 76.3 percent report that both parents are alive and living together and 73.9 percent live between 11 and 100 miles from campus.

While 97 percent were either 18 or 19 years old by December, 33.1 percent report drinking beer and 40.5 percent drinking wine or liquor in the past year. Although this percentage of underage drinking is disconcerting, the figures for beer consumption and wine/liquor consumption nationally are 42.8 percent and 48.4 percent respectively.

One area that was particularly interesting and may tell the tale as to why academic adjustment is so difficult is how much time students spend pursuing the following activities.

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### Taking Notice

The Fall 2003 North Georgia Leader article titled "NGCSU employees lead the way" generated a special donation from George Thurmond, NG '56. The article told of the financial gifts employees have given in support of student and university needs.

Thurmond made the contribution to the NGCSU Foundation "in grateful appreciation for the leadership provided by the faculty and staff. Marty [my wife] and I are most proud of the leadership and inspiration exhibited on the campus."

### Faculty participate in auction

Fine Arts faculty members Michael Marling de Cuellar, Hank Margeson and Noelle S. Petersen will exhibit their artwork on Jan. 31 from 7-10 p.m. at the 5th annual "Art Papers" Art Auction at the ARTSCool Gallery in midtown's City Hall East, Atlanta.

Proceeds from the auction will fund the non-profit magazine "Art Papers."

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## Mady masters his education



**COMPUTER PROGRAMMER:** Ashraf Mady in his office with all the essentials.

Ashraf Mady, a support specialist programmer in Information & Informational Technology, received his third post-secondary degree from a university in December. He completed the Master of Science in Information Systems

degree at Kennesaw State University, graduating with honors and also with a concentration in e-business systems.

“From the first day of my studies, I started implementing what I learned to what we do here at NGCSU,” Mady said. “One of my main objectives in seeking this degree was to make sure we continue to serve NGCSU in the best way possible.”

The Egyptian native has two bachelors of science degrees already. He earned a dual-degree in physics and chemistry at Alexandria University in 1991 in Alexandria, Egypt and a computer science degree from NGCSU in 1999.

“Earning this master’s degree was an important decision for me to continue my academic advancement to support our IIT office and our students effectively,” said Mady, who has been an employee since 1998.

Mady chose to enroll at a school in Georgia because of the tuition assistance program the University System provides to its employees. Mady said he pursued the master’s degree and the state paid for the cost of his tuition, a major factor that led him to stay in-state. 🏠

## North Georgia welcomes new Physical Plant director

Julio Canseco began work as North Georgia’s director of Physical Plant in December. The Georgia licensed architect brings more than 25 years of professional experience to his new position.



Julio Canseco

Canseco, who speaks English and Spanish, earned his bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of Nuevo Leon in Monterrey, Mexico, in 1976 and a master’s in architecture from the University of Texas at Austin in 1981. In addition, he holds professional certifications in architecture and facilities management.

At the Armentrout, Roebuck & Co. architectural and engineering firm in Athens, Ga., he served as the executive director of the Architectural Division from 1990 until 1992, when he moved to the first of three positions at the University of Georgia. Canseco served as project architect for the Physical Plant Department, then project manager for the Office of University Architects and, beginning in 1998, moved up to assistant manager for Physical Plant’s Operations and Maintenance at UGA before coming to NGCSU. 🏠

### *Student stats* (Continued from page 3)

Of those surveyed, 79.3 percent spent five hours or less per week studying or working on homework – 17.1 percent spent less than one hour per week. This would indicate that our students are unaccustomed to spending the amount of time on coursework outside of class that is necessary to be successful in college.

A 67.8 percentage-rate of our students spent between three and 15 hours socializing each week. Less than half, 42.2 percent, spent between three and 10 hours exercising and/or participating in sports. It should be no surprise that they continue to put their social lives and athletic activities at a higher priority than their academic endeavors. Generally, these students never had to make a choice between studying and socializing.

Every individual with whom a student interacts has an impact on that student’s educational experience. The information that we can extract from this survey can be used not only to help us understand our students, but also to assist us in designing programs and approaches that will effectively facilitate their learning inside and outside of the classroom.

More data from this survey is available at [www.ngcsu.edu/digest](http://www.ngcsu.edu/digest) and to get a copy of all the results, contact Dr. Charles Hawkins, director of Institutional Research and Planning, at [chawkins@ngcsu.edu](mailto:chawkins@ngcsu.edu).