

## Women & Leadership Conference planned for March 4

Three nationally known speakers – Frances Hesselbein, Jane Stephenson and Susan Anderson – will be featured in the Women & Leadership Conference at North Georgia on March 4.

“Our eighth annual Women & Leadership Conference commemorates the 130th anniversary of the founding of North Georgia, which was the first co-educational university in Georgia and the first public university in the state to enroll women as students,” said NGCSU President Nathaniel Hansford.



Frances Hesselbein



Susan Anderson



Jane Stephenson

“It’s also the 125th anniversary of the graduation of the first woman to receive a degree from a public institution of higher education in Georgia.”

Hansford explained that Miss

Willie Lewis of Lumpkin County had the distinction of being the state’s first woman to graduate from a public college when she received her degree from North Georgia Agricultural College, NGCSU’s original name, in 1878.

Hesselbein, who served as the chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. from 1976 to 1990 and is now the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Peter F. Drucker Foundation for Non-profit Management, will be the

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### NGCSU shows support for troops

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#### HONORING SOLDIERS:

Elizabeth Flage, a freshman at NGCSU, ties a yellow ribbon bearing the name of a cadet who has left school to an oak tree. The tree will be planted on the North Georgia campus to honor the dedication of U.S. military service members at the university and abroad.

#### SHOWING UNITY:

Members of North Georgia’s community take a moment in prayer to remember those called to duty. (L to R): Dr. Jack Broman, State Rep. Amos Amerson, former President John Owen and wife Margaret Owen.



## Campus in Action

**Dr. Donna Gessell**, language and literature, and **Dr. Irene Kokkala**, biology, presented a paper titled "Facilitating Successful Group Work in Writing Across the Disciplines" at the 10th Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching at Kennesaw State University, Feb. 7-8.

**Ann Tallant**, international and ESOL services, presented "Your International Office: What's Essential?" at the Georgia Association of International Educators annual conference at Jekyll Island, Feb. 19-21. **Dr. Doug Podoll**, Georgia State University, was the co-presenter.

**Dr. Barry D. Friedman**, political science and criminal justice, presented a paper titled "The Council of Honor Societies at North Georgia College & State University: Cooperation, Spirit, Unity and Results" at a plenary session at the annual meeting of the national Association of College Honor Societies on Feb. 22 in Savannah, Ga.

**Dr. Jack Broman**, music, will direct the NGCSU Singers, Patriot Choir and the Le Belle Voci women's choir during their tour of the Midwest, March 15-22. **Jeff Boggan**, director of development, and **Dr. Kirk Weller**, music, will also join them on the tour. The group will perform at selected churches in Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana.

**Joshua Preston**, **Annette Lee** and senior **Debbie Martin** received a second award for their work on the "Digest." The Council for Advancement & Support of Education District III presented an Award of Excellence in the category of Internal Tabloids and Newsletters for the "Digest" during the district conference, Feb. 23-26. CASE is designed to provide education professionals in alumni relations, communications, and development with essential tools to advance their institutions.

## NGCSU honors service of soldiers

Thirty-seven military reservists enrolled at North Georgia have left school this semester to join their reserve units around Georgia.

The university hosted a service of support for the soldiers on Feb. 20, where more than 1,000 North Georgia students and employees and local citizens recognized those being deployed. Student government representatives tied yellow ribbons bearing the names of the departing cadets on a red oak tree to be planted on campus.

Maj. Michael McNally, the executive officer at the 5th Ranger Training Battalion north of Dahlonega, spoke to the audience in the university's gymnasium.

"Soldiers away from home think about how their families are doing," McNally said. "They know they have a responsibility to their families and hearing from loved ones helps relieve part of the burden the soldiers carry."

Those being called up are primarily Georgia Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers that made commitments to serve as citizen-soldiers.

Many of the students who have left school are preparing for different missions such as homeland security and possibly deployment in or outside the United States. 🏠

## Public safety hosts law enforcement training

The NGCSU public safety office hosted the winter meeting of the Georgia Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators on campus, Feb. 13-14. Twenty-six law enforcement personnel from 26 institutions in the University System and from some private colleges participated in hands-on events designed to increase proficiency in campus law enforcement and safety.



Mike Stapleton

"Agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation spent time discussing the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000," said Mike Stapleton, NGCSU's chief of police. "We also covered the Patriot Act, which deals with homeland security, with a federal trainer from FLETC-Federal Law Enforcement Training Center."

University and college police officers talked about their institutions' public safety policies and cases they dealt with on their campuses including parking, demonstrations, weapons on campus, and building-access issues.

"The training we received from the external agencies was good because they geared it toward their audience – college law enforcement in this case," said Stapleton.

"I got the most out of just talking with the other campus leaders, including those from UGA, Emory, Berry, West Georgia, Augusta State, MCG and Albany State among others," said Stapleton. "This is by far the most practical training I get."

GACLEA is a professional organization representing higher education law enforcement administrators in Georgia from more than 50 colleges. 🏠

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conference's keynote speaker at 12:30 p.m. In 1998, Hesselbein was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor. She is the author of "Hesselbein on Leadership," and is editor-in-chief of the quarterly journal "Leader to Leader."

Stephenson, the 10 a.m. speaker, is the founder of the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea, Ky. The school helps women find ways to face opportunity and conflict, hone their job skills and increase their sense of self-worth. The author of "Courageous Paths: Stories of Nine Appalachian Women," Stephenson has been the Appalachian director of the Steel-Reese Foundation since 1998. The New York-based foundation contributes to education, natural resource conservation and protection, health care, human services, rural development and other services.

Anderson, the 11 a.m. speaker, is executive director of the ArtReach Foundation of Atlanta. The non-profit corporation brings a training program to teachers in international communities that have suffered as a result of war. Now in its third year of its first initiative, the ArtReach program has provided educational workshops to 260 teachers in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Anderson will be presented with the Artemis Award at the Annual Global Forum of the Euro-American Women's Council in Athens, Greece in May 2003.

The conference, which is free and open to the public, begins at 9:30 a.m. with welcome remarks by two women students, Joanna Register and Meagan Goodman, who both serve in the university's nationally top-ranked Corps of Cadets.

All events take place in the auditorium of the Health & Natural Sciences Building. For more information, contact the co-chairs of the committee planning the conference, Tanya Bennett, 864-1978, or Elizabeth Combier, 864-1962. 🏠

### Upcoming Events *All free and open to the public*

North Georgia's Student Theatre Guild will present their production of Mark Medoff's play "**Children of a Lesser God**," March 5-8 at 7:30 p.m. and March 9 at 2 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium.

NGCSU music students and faculty will hold "**An Evening with Haydn**" on March 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. The annual event celebrates the works by master composers.

A **Career Forum** will be held by North Georgia, along with Brenau University, on March 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium. Employers will be available to provide information about full-time and part-time positions, internships and summer jobs. Graduate schools also will share information about their programs.

"**Sociological Imagination**," an interdisciplinary art exhibit, will be on display in the Dunlap Atrium, March 7-April 18. North Georgia faculty, students and alumni will have work featured in the exhibit.

## At a glance...

*History of Women at North Georgia*



The first graduating class, July 3, 1878

Miss Willie Lewis, front row center, is shown in a photo of the first graduating class. Her father, David W. Lewis, was North Georgia's first president and Lewis Hall, the freshman female residence hall, is named after Willie.

### WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN ROTC:

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the military program at North Georgia integrating women into the Army ROTC program and Corps of Cadets. Female "cadettes" initially had their own detachment in Headquarters Company. They integrated into the male units in the early 1980s. The first woman to receive a commission through the ROTC program was Janet Walls in 1976.

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**TEAM PLAYER:** Laura Ledford, physical plant, plays her part on the North Georgia recycling team, taking office paper out of the Alumni Center. Recycling on campus includes newspapers, magazines, office paper, bulk cardboard and aluminum cans. Aluminum cans and paper are taken to the county transfer station, and cardboard is delivered to a collection point on campus for pick-up by a vendor. Recycling saves the university money by eliminating as much as possible from what is deposited at the county dumping site, which charges a fee for the quantity of trash left there.



## Effort started to coordinate scheduling of campus events

The university is coordinating the scheduling of campus-wide events through six staff members and administrators in order to develop a consistent system of reserving locations for special events and meetings.

The online Events Management System, located at the “calendar” link on North Georgia’s home page, is used to schedule special events, including those open to the public, and on-campus meetings.

Employees wishing to schedule an event should check on EMS for the availability of the time, date and location for their events or meetings they wish to schedule.

To schedule an event on EMS for the Hoag Student Center, contact Delores Daughtery at [ddaughtery@ngcsu.edu](mailto:ddaughtery@ngcsu.edu), for Newton Oakes Center, contact Judith Lewis at [jlewis@ngcsu.edu](mailto:jlewis@ngcsu.edu), for the Gloria Shott Auditorium, contact Estelle Gilstrap at [egilstrap@ngcsu.edu](mailto:egilstrap@ngcsu.edu), for the Memorial Hall Gym, contact Lori Brooksher at [lbrooksher@ngcsu.edu](mailto:lbrooksher@ngcsu.edu) and for the Education Building, contact Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch at [lroberts@ngcsu.edu](mailto:lroberts@ngcsu.edu).

Nancy Garst, registrar’s office, is the overall coordinator for EMS and will schedule activities at the Health and Natural Sciences Building auditorium and any other location not listed above. She may be contacted at [nbgarst@ngcsu.edu](mailto:nbgarst@ngcsu.edu).

**The Hoag 2003 Lecture Series on March 25 will feature retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Perry Smith**, president of Visionary Leadership based in Augusta. Smith was formerly a military analyst for the Cable News Network, the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour and NBC news. He has conducted workshops on leadership, strategic planning and ethics for corporations such as Texas Instruments and Microsoft, as well as the governors of three states. Smith’s extensive leadership experiences in the military and corporate America will be shared in his presentation in the **Hoag Student Center Auditorium at 7 p.m.**

## Staff Council Corner

The NGCSU Staff Council is raising money through the annual Chili Cookoff and Pie-in-the-Face events on March 27 for the council’s staff scholarship fund and to support cancer research.

The Staff Council’s third annual Chili Cookoff is open to any cooks with a penchant for chili or those who just want to compete for one of three awards.

This year’s categories are “Judges’ Choice,” “Best Presentation” and “People’s Choice.” The competition will take place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Hoag Student Center patio and cost \$3.50 for a taste of the chili entries.

For more information on the Chili Cookoff, contact Valarie Grizzle at x1450.

The three employees on campus who receive the most votes will be “pied” on the patio in front of co-workers and any passersby after the Cookoff.

Faculty and staff may pick from the list below who they want to get “pied” by donating 25 cents per vote. Employees may vote for multiple people and buy as many votes as they want.

The employees on the ballot are: **Velma Bails, Paul Barbone, Laurie Davis, Gregg Green, Mary Hand, Mark Howarth, Joshua Preston, Jay Steed, Jim Webb, Terry Wilfong and Dr. Jimmy Woods.**

For more information or to submit votes, contact Shannon Baker at x1623.