

Smith speaks on lessons from America's wars

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American military leaders draw lessons from past wars, and retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Perry Smith is no exception. A former military analyst for CNN, an F-15 wing commander in Europe and commandant of the National War College in Washington, D.C., Smith will share his insights at NGCSU on March 25.



Perry Smith

Smith's talk, "America's Recent Wars: What Have We Learned?" is the featured 2003 Merritt E. Hoag Lecture, taking place at 7 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium.

A 1956 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Smith received a Ph. D. in International Relations from Columbia University in 1967. During the Vietnam War, he flew 180 combat missions in F-4 fighter aircraft with the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron operating out of

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MEDIA INTEREST: Tyrone Edwards, a camera operator for NBC news, videotapes cadets as they perform flag detail at the end of the duty day. The NBC crew visited campus March 12 to speak with military reservists enrolled in school and to get footage of the university's military traditions and training. North Georgia's military program has received media interest this semester from organizations including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, CNN and NBC.



'Ghosts' teach lessons on substance abuse

Before students went on spring break this week, they got a dose of reality on the consequences of alcohol-related accidents when the "ghosts" of their peers walked the campus March 3-6.

Students with white-painted faces and wearing t-shirts emblazoned with "Ghost Out" attended classes for four days without talking or interacting with any of their peers. The "ghosts" represented students killed in accidents related to substance abuse.

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POIGNANT MOMENT: P.L.U.S. members Brandy Cox (l) and Lindsay Kurth watch the mock car crash where they saw a fellow student pulled from the wreck. "It was hard to watch," Cox said. "I work at an intensive care unit at the hospital, and I was thinking that any one of my patients could be a student from this kind of accident."

Campus in Action

Dr. Thomas Austenfeld, language and literature, delivered a paper titled "Peter Taylor's A Summons to Memphis: Duty Ethics and American Individualism" at the 20th Century Literature Conference in Louisville, Ky. on Feb. 28. He also chaired a session with papers on Faulkner, Fitzgerald and Klaus Mann.

Dr. David Morris, business administration, presented the two papers, "A Pilot Study Examining Students' Honesty and Students' Perceptions of Dishonest Behavior" and "Students' Perceptions of Outstanding Accounting Professors" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences held Feb. 20-24 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dr. Tom De Berry, business administration, had several articles accepted for publication: "The 150-Hour Requirement: CPA's Speak Out About Its Success" by the CPA Journal and "Economics is Life and Other Bold Claims" by Business Horizons. He also presented "An Atypical Application of Economics Principles" at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Economics and Finance on Feb. 14 in Savannah, Ga.

Rodney E. Pennamon, coordinator for Student Disability Resources, attended a team meeting Feb. 25-28 in Seattle, Wash., for the University of Washington's Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking and Technology Project, a national program for students with disabilities in higher education. North Georgia was one of 12 colleges and universities selected from more than 50 institutions nationwide to participate in the three-year collaborative project funded by the U.S. Department of Education. NGCSU will work with Gainesville College and other schools to provide training to postsecondary student services staff and administrators to help make their programs more accessible to students with disabilities.

ON THE JOB: Laura Galvan and Karson Smith, admissions, hand out information to area Hispanic students at the annual National Hispanic College Fair for the southeast region which North Georgia hosted March 10. Fifty-four colleges and universities set up booths for 465 high school juniors and seniors from surrounding counties. Admissions and cadet recruiting anticipate bringing the fair back next year.



MIND THE ART: Director of Development Jeffrey Boggan (R) attends the March 7 opening reception of "The Sociological Imagination" art exhibit with sophomore Jennifer Lewis (C) and Dr. Hank Margeson. Lewis created the plan for the exhibit and solicited the support of faculty in the psychology and sociology and fine arts departments. Funding for the exhibit

was provided by the NGCSU Foundation in response to a formal grant request by Lewis. "We were impressed by her unique concept and detailed plans for the exhibit, and her great enthusiasm for her work," said Boggan. "Imagination" is on display in the Dunlap Hall Atrium through April 18.

Hoag Lecture Series speaker

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Thailand. Before taking the helm at the National War College in 1983, Smith held a range of Air Force command and training responsibilities both at the Pentagon and in Europe. During the 1990s, Smith served as CNN military analyst, as well as appearing as a commentator on the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour and NBC News.

Smith is currently a military analyst for CBS News, and heads his own management consulting firm, Visionary Leadership, Ltd. His clients have included Microsoft, Harvard's Kennedy School, Century 21, UPS and the Kellogg Foundation.

For more information, call Michael Marling de Cuellar, chair of the Hoag Lecture Committee, at 864-1425.

University System of Georgia Legislative Update

The Senate Appropriations Committee eased off on the additional one percent austerity adjustment to the University System's budget in early March, a proposal made by the budget subcommittee for the Fiscal Year 2003 Amended Budget.

(See full story at www.usg.edu/pubs/index.html)

Education Specialist program receives University System award

North Georgia's Education Specialist Program in Teacher Leadership is one of two academic programs in the University System of Georgia to receive the 2003 Regents Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Research. Six University System faculty members received individual awards of excellence.

The Education Specialist degree program is the first one at the university that is a step beyond a master's degree. The program is designed to develop leadership skills for classroom teachers and features close collaboration between the university and the public school community. Part of this collaboration is going on this semester through the School of Education's Society for School-based Leadership. The curriculum is grounded in best practice and theoretical research and is anchored on three sets of standards: those of the National Board for Professional

Teaching Standards, the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium, and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Faculty members continue to mentor students after they have completed the program.

Dr. Larry Berneking and Dr. India Podsen are the primary faculty in the Education Specialist degree program and will accept the award of excellence in May at the Board of Regents' May meeting. The other academic program receiving the award is the Dental Hygiene Program at Floyd College.

"Academic excellence is highly valued in the University System," said Dr. Daniel S. Papp, senior vice chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs with the Board of Regents. "Such recognition strengthens the commitment to student learning and achievement, and we are pleased to salute the USG faculty members and programs that serve as superb role models." ▲

Upcoming Events

Following a tour of the Midwest, the NGCSU Singers and Le Belle Voci women's choir, under the direction of Dr. Jack Broman, will present a **Homecoming Concert** on March 25 at 12:30 p.m. and March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. Both of the concerts are free and open to the public.

The **Spring Faculty Meeting** will be held at 3:30 p.m. on March 27 in the auditorium of the Health & Natural Sciences Building.

A **North Georgia Wellness Expo** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 3, in the Memorial Hall Gym. The expo, titled "What tomorrow's leaders need today: Mind, Body and Spirit," will have free health screenings, exhibition booths pertaining to massage therapy, vision and nutrition information and door prizes. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Shannon Baker at sabaker@ngcsu.edu.



Special car tag offer to faculty and staff

Any faculty and staff members interested in getting an NGCSU specialty state license plate have the opportunity to reserve one of the first 100 numbers as the State of Georgia issues new plates in 2004. The reservation is done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact Pam Stoffel, advancement, at ext. 2873 to find out how to reserve a number. More information regarding these plates can be found online at www.ngcsu.edu. Use the link on the New Tag Emblem or on the Alumni page, where you also can access the MV-9C order form from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety.

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NGCSU MASCOT: At the Feb. 27 Saints basketball games, Amanda Lammers, assistant director of student activities, and her son, 18-month-old Chase, greeted Mr. Belvedere, Chief of Police Mike Stapleton's 6-year-old Saint Bernard. Belvedere came out to support the Saints during North Georgia's Spirit Night.



DONE DEAL: Georgia Power representatives Tommy Hollingsworth (l), Northeast Region distribution manager, and Bryan Fletcher (c), North Region vice president officially give the property deed to President Nathaniel Hansford.

'Ghost Out' highlights substance abuse

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Several hundred students, along with employees, showed up for an enactment of an alcohol-related car crash at the drill field on March 6. An Emergency Medical Services unit, local fire fighters and police officers participated in the mock car crash. University employees from the Office of Student Counseling were on hand to counsel "victims" of the accident.

"This event took place right before spring break so students would maybe think twice about such consequences when they



SCENE OF THE CRIME: Mac Martin, director of counseling and student development, talks with student Kelly Lawson as police tape is put around the car wreck.

are on vacation," said Betty Greene, coordinator of the project, which is funded with a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Greene planned the event with a student organization formed to enhance alcohol awareness at the university, Peer Leaders Understanding Students, or P.L.U.S., which was developed with funds from the highway safety grant. 🙏

Georgia Power gives property to benefit North Georgia

Georgia Power Company officially gave the Board of Regents a strip of land, approximately .2555 acre, adjacent to the main entrance to the North Georgia campus on Chestatee Street.

The property was a former site of a Georgia Power substation for Dahlonega. The legal negotiations and preparations for the transfer of the property took place over the past two years.

University administrators and representatives of Georgia Power gathered on March 6 in the Community Conference room of Price Memorial Hall where the deed was officially transferred to President Nathaniel Hansford, who accepted it on behalf of the Board of Regents for use by North Georgia.

"This generous gift from Georgia Power has an appraised value of almost \$150,000," Hansford told the group. "This property is a key to our future plans to re-work the front entrance to campus."

Hansford said that the Physical Plant will be moved to a new facility behind the Health & Natural Sciences Building, and the current building next to the entrance will be renovated to house the Military Leadership Center.

"We want to eventually triple the size of Stewart Library," Hansford explained, "and this gift of property will give us the opportunity to re-work the front entrance with the library facing in that direction." 🙏