

Faculty Meeting covers spring term highlights

At the March 27 Faculty Meeting, President Nathaniel Hansford discussed North Georgia's state budget concerns.

"This year the budget is in more of a state of flux than any year since I've been here," he said, and reported \$1.6 million, or 11 percent, in cuts to the university's 2003 budget. The

"good news," he said, is that there probably will be no additional cuts for this fiscal year and his "best guess" prediction is that next year's cuts will be similar to this academic year, or perhaps a little more.

Hansford assured the faculty

that the General Assembly will "fully fund the enrollment formula," and he thinks there will be some tuition increase. Through the Board of Regents, student fee increases have been requested, including a \$5 increase in the student athletic fee, but the president said he's not optimistic that those fee increases will be approved.

"Our plan is to fill all faculty vacancies, and vacant staff positions will be evaluated individually," he said. Although there are no regular raises statewide for faculty and staff, the president indicated the university will be able to provide salary increases for promotion.

Hansford expressed special appreciation for the help provided by Rep. Amos Amerson and

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Dr. Phil Buckhiester awards Dr. Tom Richardson the Outstanding Advisor certificate.



HONORING OWEN: Dr. John H. Owen, who served as president longer than any other North Georgia chief administrator, made many lasting contributions. He brought more than a dozen new academic programs to the school including nursing and fine arts. He also helped establish the Georgia Military Scholarship.

LASTING TESTAMENT: Marvin Fauscett from physical plant hangs the dedication plaque at the main entrance to John H. Owen Hall.



Owen Hall dedicated

The dedication of North Georgia's John H. Owen Hall took place on April 5 during Parents-Alumni Weekend. More than 200 guests from the campus community and around the state attended the dedication.

Speakers were NGCSU president emeritus, Dr. John H. Owen; NGCSU Foundation Board trustee, Thomas Moreland; North Georgia's first vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Hugh Shott II; NGCSU President Nathaniel Hansford; the University System's vice chancellor for facilities, Linda Daniels, and NGCSU sophomore Corrie Duvall.

"I appreciate the honor that's being bestowed upon me this afternoon. It is a tremendous honor," North Georgia's

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Campus in Action

Dr. Georgia Mann, history, presented a paper at the Georgia Association of Historians titled "John Buchan and the Genesis of the British Propaganda Campaign in World War I." The conference was held March 28-29 in Americus, Ga.

Dr. Tom De Berry, business administration, presented "Is It Time to Add a Fraud Course at Your University?" at the 2003 Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Accounting Association on March 28 in Charleston, S.C.

Owen Hall

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12th president said to the audience right before unveiling the dedication plaque with his wife Margaret Owen. "It's a beautiful building, this is a beautiful campus, a great university, and I am proud to say that I was associated with this great institution for 22 years."

At the reception following the ceremony, guests had the opportunity to visit the residential suites, talking with students living there and glimpsing life in Owen Hall. On the ground floor, two permanent cases with memorabilia from Dr. Owen's tenure at the university are displayed.

Owen Hall, funded through the NGCSU Foundation, is the first privatized residence hall on campus. The 314-bedroom building, which overlooks the main campus, is located on Alumni Drive off the Morrison-Moore Parkway. 🏡

Meeting covers budget, accomplishments

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Sen. Carol Jackson in maintaining North Georgia's budget as much as possible.

For maintenance, repair and renovation, only \$400,000 has been received instead of the expected \$1.2 million. Funds will go toward repairs to Dunlap Hall's heating and air conditioning problems and other minor construction and repair projects. Hansford added that he hopes the Education Building renovations might be completed in three phases in the coming year.

The Lewis Hall renovation work is on schedule, and construction is under way at the privately funded Owen Hall to enclose some entrances for security purposes.

The president said he hopes Department of Transportation funds might help create a new intersection at Sunset and West Main streets to accommodate the road up from the Drill Field.

Hansford announced that Randy Dunn is dropping his basketball coaching duties to become a full-time athletic director with additional fundraising and administration responsibilities.

Special Leadership Initiative funds have been used to support a wide array of faculty, staff and student leadership projects on campus, as well as special speakers and conferences. North Georgia will host a first-time statewide "Leadershape" program with other universities in May. NGCSU co-sponsored Governor's Leadership Day at the legislature, and, with the Georgia Servant Leadership Alliance and other state universities, North Georgia is co-sponsoring a "Leadership Summit," where the governor will speak on April 11 at Kennesaw State.

Dr. Jimmy Woods, Faculty Senate CEO, announced a link to a Faculty Senate page from the Faculty/Staff Information Web site on the NGCSU home page.

Vice President for Student Affairs Judi Bryant said that there will be 600 beds for cadets in residence halls next fall. Cadets will be housed in Gaillard, Sirmons and Sanford halls. Women will be housed in Donovan (primarily freshmen), Lewis and Lewis Annex. Owen Hall will house both men and women.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Buckhiester presented Dr. Tom Richardson, head of chemistry, the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. "Tom has always taken the time to give students proper guidance in curriculum, major and career decisions," the vice president commented.

Buckhiester recognized Dr. Alice Sampson, teacher education, for winning the Outstanding Dissertation Award in the area of rural education from the American Educational Research Association. He commended the faculty of the Education Specialist Program in Teacher Leadership for winning the 2003 Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for regional and state universities. Dr. Donna Gessell, coordinator of Graduate Studies and External Programs, was thanked for the work she has accomplished in her new role.

Upcoming retirements include Dr. Linda August, psychology and sociology; Dr. Gene Masters, business administration; Janet Burkett, library science; and Dr. Kathy Sisk, dean of Arts and Letters. 🏡

New program emphasizes school-level leadership

The Society for School-based Leadership, launched this semester by the School of Education, serves as a forum for the study and professional development of leadership in schools through a speaker series and professional development activities.

The new program gives NGCSU faculty and students an opportunity to collaborate with education professionals outside of the university on ways to promote leadership through all levels in the schools.

“School-level leadership potentially resides in all constituents of the school,” said Dr. Bob Michael, dean of the School of Education. “The school principal is crucial to the development and promulgation of a culture built upon the themes of the society, but school leadership is the responsibility of everyone associated with the school.”

The society sponsors a Distinguished Leaders Conversations series, which invites speakers to come to North Georgia to discuss



COLLABORATING ON EDUCATION: Dr. Susan Gannaway (second from left), head of the Department of Teacher Education, discusses creative ways to make professional development possible in a school setting with Joe Stover, a teacher at North Habersham Middle School. Stover received his bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees from North Georgia.

their area of expertise in education. Small group discussions are part of the evening activities associated with each speaker. Local area educators who have attended the sessions include classroom teachers, central office staff, principals and superintendents.

Dr. Marsha Tate, director of staff development for DeKalb County Schools, is scheduled to speak on campus at 5 p.m. on April 29.

Other speakers this semester

included Dr. Pedro Noguera from Harvard University; Dr. George Thompson, president of the Center for Leadership in School Reform in Kentucky; and Dr. Ann Delehant, an educational consultant from New York. Another series of speakers is planned for the fall.

The program, which is funded from grants, contracts and private donations, is open to anyone who is interested in school leadership and development.

“The series is an exceptional opportunity for our students to work with some of the most prominent and

productive school leaders,” said Michael.

For more information about the program and speaker series, contact Michael at bmichael@ngcsu.edu. ▲

Upcoming Events *All free and open to the public*

Dr. Robert Zubrin, president of Pioneer Astronautics, will speak on **Honors Day**, April 15, at 4 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium. The nuclear engineer, who has collaborated with NASA, will speak after the “Great Debate” at 3:30 p.m. which discusses whether “Manned space flight should continue to be a priority in the United States.”

The **National Shakespeare Players** will perform Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” on April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall gymnasium. The event is sponsored by the NGCSU Cultural Events Committee.

Anthony Newton, an award-winning musician from New York, will hold a piano recital at 12:30 p.m. on April 22 in the Gloria Shott Auditorium.

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Chili and pie combo bring in the crowd, donations

The Hoag Student Center patio was taken over March 27 by a group of aspiring chefs and seasoned chili-tasting professionals for the NGCSU Staff Council's annual Chili Cookoff. More than 80 tasters sampled the assortments of recipes, including the "humanitarian" chili, cooked up by Arnold Branscome in physical plant, which "burns out your taste buds then puts you out of your misery," and Dr. Mac Martin's "Beast of the Bayou" chili, which won the student counseling director the popular-vote for "Taster's Choice" award.



DREAM COME TRUE: Mark Howarth is "pied" by Chief of Police Mike Stapleton with a blueberry pie, a special request made by the alumni affairs director.

Four judges labored over picking their favorite chili dish but Jim Barnaby, Brian Bosarge, Mac McConnell and Rachel Taylor finally came to a consensus, choosing physical plant's Mark Pyle and his "Sensación de Santa Fe" chili for the "Judges' Choice" award. The judges also picked Kimberly Pruitt of admissions for "Best Presentation" for her color-coordinated table display.

Everyone had their fill of chili, but only five people got their "just desserts" during the pie-in-the-face contest that followed the chili cookoff.

Terry Wilfong in cadet recruiting received a large influx of support at the eleventh hour, putting him on top with 385 votes, more than 100 votes over second-place Paul Barbone of postal services. Mark Howarth of alumni affairs, Mary Hand of



CHILI FEVER: Winning top honors for their dishes, Mac Martin, Mark Pyle and Kimberly Pruitt, along with 11 other employees, shared their culinary talents at the chili cookoff.

student affairs and Jay Steed of information and instructional technology all had last-minute benefactors who funded a three-way tie for third place. Votes were cast for a quarter each.

"We were able to raise \$703.50 from the two fund-raisers and we split that evenly for cancer research and the employee scholarship," said Velma Bails, president of the Staff Council. "We are very grateful for the participation and support the campus community showed." 🙏

Cliff Adams, North Georgia's 'visionary leader'

L. Clifford Adams, Jr., chairman of the board of the North Georgia College & State University Foundation, died April 4 at his home in Elberton, Ga., after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.

Adams, 70, was considered one of the most influential leaders in shaping the future of the university. The Adams Great Room in the Hoag Student Center is named in his honor.

"Cliff was a visionary leader who guided the NGCSU Foundation through several important decisions such as purchasing some 220 additional acres of land for future campus development and the construction of a 314-bed private residence project," said Nathaniel Hansford, NGCSU president. "He was a great adviser to me. He continued to be available for advice and conference calls on university matters until the final few weeks. This university will greatly miss him."

Mr. Adams graduated from North Georgia College in 1952 and earned his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1960. He served in the 11th Calvary and the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 3rd Armored Division stationed in Budengen, Germany, and attained the rank of major.

Services for Mr. Adams took place in Elberton on April 6 and in Atlanta on April 8. Donations may be made in honor of Mr. Adams to the Georgia Division of the American Cancer Society, the First United Methodist Church in Elberton, the Elberton Little Theater and the NGCSU Foundation.

