

NGCSU President Hansford to retire in 2005

After five years leading North Georgia, President Nathaniel Hansford has announced that he will retire in early 2005.

“I have now served as president of North Georgia College & State University for five most enjoyable and productive years,” Hansford said. “We have come a long way.”

The president explained: “The university does face some long-term challenges that require a commitment of leadership for several years into the future. After much deliberation, I have reached the conclusion that I am unable to commit for another five-year period.”

Former Chancellor Stephen Portch of the University System of Georgia named Hansford the university’s 19th president on July 1, 1999.



Nathaniel Hansford

“North Georgia is a special and unique institution, and I am proud to have been a part of it,” Hansford said. “It has been my goal to strengthen the foundation of the

university, to enrich its singular educational environment and help prepare it for the future.”

During Hansford’s tenure at NGCSU, he has brought about a number of changes to the university, including:

- Leadership Initiative – With funding from the Board of Regents and Georgia’s General Assembly, Hansford obtained matching funds to establish a Special Leadership/Military Initiative office on campus, establish the state’s first Leadership Minor for students in the Corps of Cadets, as well as for students in all academic areas of campus.

- Corps of Cadets advanced – When Hansford took office, the corps numbered about 450 cadets in

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Gov. Perdue military review speaker April 18

Gov. Sonny Perdue will be the guest speaker at North Georgia’s Military Awards Review on April 18 at 2 p.m. The event will take place on the drill field and is open to the public.

Several other special events are planned for Parents-Alumni Weekend, April 16-18.

Retired Army Col. John Hutcheson, NG ‘69, will speak at the 21st anniversary of the NGCSU Memorial dedication at 4 p.m. on April 17, also open to the public. Also scheduled is the 26th Annual Parents-Alumni golf tournament, the Distinguished Professor and Outstanding Student presentations and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

The School of Education will also be celebrating its 50th anniversary at 5:30 p.m. on April 16. Contact Dr. Bob Michael for more information at ext. 1998.

Open for the entire weekend are the annual Student Art Exhibit in the Hoag Student Center Gallery and the annual Department of Fine Arts Faculty Exhibit in the Nix Cultural Center.

For more information about Parents-Alumni Weekend, contact Alumni Affairs at ext. 1547. 



Gov. Sonny Perdue

Campus in Action

Dr. Michelle Byrne, nursing, presided as the National Nominating Committee chairperson at the 51st AORN Congress in San Diego, Calif., March 20-26. She presented the paper "Perceived Value of Certification and Group Leadership Skills: Working and Playing Well with Others." Byrne and Doreen Wagner, nursing, presented a research poster titled "The Effects of Comfort Warming in Preoperative Patients." Byrne also published the article "The Value of Certification: A Research Journey" in the AORN Journal, April 2004. She will serve as chairperson of the National Research Committee for both AORN and the Certification Board for Perioperative Nursing.

Kim Foster leaving Public Services



Kimberly R. Foster, director of the Division of Public Services at NGCSU since July 2000, is leaving the university at the end of the spring

semester to take on the full-time job of wife and mother.

"Kim Foster has done an outstanding job with our continuing education programs and the Georgia Appalachian Development Center," said Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Buckhiester. "In her four years here, she has taken continuing education to a new level, delivering programs to meet a variety of professional needs throughout our service region. I greatly appreciate all she has done for North Georgia."

Foster and her husband Clayton are the parents of one-year-old John Clayton and live in Flowery Branch, Ga.

NGCSU shows off best on Honors Day

A diverse and accomplished group of students, faculty members and guest speakers will converge on campus for the Annual Honors Day Academic Conference, in its ninth year. The April 13 event takes place throughout the entire campus, replacing all on-campus day classes.

The presentations take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Hoag and Shott auditoriums, the Newton Oakes Center, and the HNS Building, among other locations.

Students will present academic papers and participate in panel discussions. Special panels and activities will be sponsored by departments, honor societies and other campus organizations. The History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, will stage a re-enactment of historical military encampments on the drill field all day. The Great Debate at 3:30 p.m. covers the "2004 Presidential Election."

An complete schedule is available online at www.ngcsu.edu in the announcements section. For more information, contact Dr. Carl Cavalli at ccavalli@ngcsu.edu or ext. 1872.

Faculty, students travel abroad to England

Business administration students from North Georgia visited England over spring break, March 15-19, and were treated to a special visit to Cambridge University and the city of Cambridge.

"The Right Worshipful, the Mayor of the City of Cambridge Councilor David

White" hosted the students in the mayor's chamber at Cambridge City Hall as well as hosting lunch at Cambridge University's Selwyn College. White talked to the 23 North Georgia students about the history of the university and area.

"The purpose of the trip was to expose NGCSU students to legal and educational differences from that of the United States as well as exposure to foreign cultural events, foreign businesses, foreign currency and transportation systems," said Dr. Clayton Grant, head of the NGCSU Department of Business Administration.

Mayor White, a trustee at Selwyn College, has hosted North Georgia students for the past 10 years. Faculty members accompanying the students were Grant and Professor Emeritus H. Lawrence Dennis, along with his wife Margy Dennis.

The students are in Grant's International Business course, which met several times before visiting England. While in the country, the class visited an international law firm, the town of Coventry, the Jaguar car factory, ICI paint factory, The Bank of England and several historical sites.



ENGLAND TOUR: (l to r) NGCSU Professor Clayton Grant with Cambridge Mayor David White and Professor Emeritus H. Lawrence Dennis.



PROMOTING SCIENCE:

One of more than 200 high school students is recognized by Dr. Terry Schwaner in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium for her work in the Science Olympiad.

The university

hosted an annual Science Olympiad competition on March 13. The NGCSU community supports secondary education science by hosting a competition among high school science teams from the region. Those that win the competition are invited to compete nationally.

Upcoming Events

April is exploding with fine arts musical events at NGCSU with nine concerts taking place the last three weeks of the month. Go online to News @ NGCSU or call 867-ARTS for more information.

Fine arts instructor Richard Knepp will present an evening of classical guitar music on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. The recital will coincide with the release of his CD titled "Connubium." Knepp will perform selections from the CD, which highlights many of the current composers of the classical guitar. Many of these composers hail from Argentina or Cuba.

Have you ever wanted to travel around the world? On April 15 employees may join the International Students Association for their annual International Food Festival from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the Student Center patio. There will be food from cultures across the continents, information displays on students' countries and door prizes. Not only do those interested get to taste foods from around the world in just one day, they get to do it for free. Donations will be accepted.

The Alumni Association will sponsor the Annual Senior Cookout on April 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Employees may RSVP by contacting Emily McAfee at ejmcafee@ngcsu.edu or call ext. 1547.

Michele Price, of the PHH Literary Agency, will give a presentation on writing and publishing April 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Newton Oakes 017. Price is a published writer of poetry and fiction, with her novel "Cover Up" coming out this year. The event is sponsored by Conduit Literary Consultants of Dahlonga. For more information, contact Dr. B. J. Robinson at ext. 1964 or brobinson@ngcsu.edu.

A retiree reception for seven NGCSU employees will take place on April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Adams Great Room. Those being recognized are Phil Buckhiester, Patricia Mulkey Moss, Phil Norrell, Roy Roberson, Anna Sanford, Doris Sutton and Arlene Thurman.

The new 2004 University Directory, with employee contact information, is now available. Every employee will get one through campus department and office mail boxes. Extra copies may be secured through Human Resources.

Bob Owens leaves art legacy

Bob Owens, who was 65, died on April 8. He served on the North Georgia Fine Arts faculty from 1965 until his



retirement in 1997 and was the first head of the Fine Arts Department, established in 1971.

Among Owens' works of particular significance to North Georgia: He designed and created the bronze eagle of the "Freedom's Vigil" monument that was unveiled on May 3, 1986, at the Memorial on campus. He also designed and created the official NGCSU Mace that is carried at academic ceremonies and the Presidential Medallion worn with the president's academic regalia.

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CHILI FEVER: Dr. Steve Smith (l), psychology, almost swept the awards for the Chili Cook Off, winning “Judges’ Choice” and “Tasters’ Choice” awards. “Best Presentation” went to former student Dyana Beard. The event raised \$256 which was divided equally between the Faculty/Staff Relay for Life team and the NGCSU Staff Council.

BRING IT ON:

Dr. Robert Fuller prepares to get “pied” by David Ford, a computer science major. Fuller garnered the most votes for the annual Pie-In-the-Face fundraiser. Dr. Brad Herbert, Gregg Green and Mack Palmour also got “pied.” The American Cancer Society received \$950 through the fundraiser.



PIG PALS: On March 11, two physical therapy professors lived up to their end of the bargain in a pig-kissing contest. Physical Therapy second-year students raised \$400 for their 2005 Convocation through the contest. Dr. Scot Irwin, pictured getting close to his new friend, garnered the most

votes, and Dr. Frank Fearon, whose name was drawn at random, both kissed the pig. The money raised helped defer some of the costs of the \$9,000 ceremony. Convocation is considered the students’ formal entry into the profession of physical therapy. The May 7 convocation for graduating third-year PT students, at the R Ranch in Dahlonega, will include recognizing student accomplishments, dinner and guest speaker Scot Irwin. Physical Therapy is one of six graduate programs at the university. It is the second largest graduate degree-granting program, and NGCSU graduate programs have a combined enrollment of approximately 550 students.

President Hansford

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the fall term. That number grew to more than 600 cadets participating in the nationally recognized military program as of fall 2003, with possibly 700 cadets for the next academic year.

- Graduation and Retention Rates – North Georgia’s record in retaining students after they enter the university to their graduation within six years is the best of Georgia’s 13 state universities.

- Expanded campus – Under Hansford’s leadership, the size of the main campus has more than doubled, thanks to strategic purchases of more than 200 acres of nearby land by the NGCSU Foundation plus advance planning for the university’s future growth. A new plant operations building will provide support and infrastructure for the university’s future.

- Health & Natural Sciences Building – Opened in 2002, the new campus building is among the finest science facilities in the nation.

- John H. Owen Hall – The university’s first privately funded residence hall opened August 2002 at a cost of more than \$11 million, funded through the NGCSU Foundation.

- Enrollment growth – From a student population of 3,525 in 1999 to 4,517 in 2003, enrollment increased by 28 percent in four years.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith of the University System of Georgia said that the USG staff and the Board of Regents will begin the national presidential search process in the near future to replace North Georgia’s president. 🇺🇸

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