



MARKETING APPALACHIA: Students pore over their research of the Georgia Appalachian region with their professor, Dr. Alice Sampson (second from left).

Student research benefits state tourism

Cultural arts in the north Georgia area will gain new exposure through a regional marketing effort being developed by the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, thanks in part to the research of 33 North Georgia College & State University education majors.

Dr. Alice Sampson's social studies methods class investigated and gathered information on more than 350 artists and historical sites found in more than 30 counties in the Georgia Appalachian region for the project.

Plans are for a historical and cultural

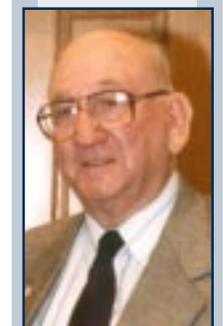
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North Georgia will award honorary doctorate to Murphy

For only the third time in its history, North Georgia will award an honorary degree. Also for the third time, the honorary doctorate will go to an alumnus of North Georgia. At the May 10 ceremony, the degree recipient will be Thomas Bailey Murphy, class of 1943.

Murphy, the Speaker of the House in the Georgia General Assembly for 29 years, longer than any other Speaker in the state's history, will receive an honorary doctorate of political science during North Georgia's commencement ceremonies at 1 and 4 p.m. on May 10, when he also will be the graduation speaker. Both ceremonies will take place in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium on campus. More than 440 students will receive their undergraduate or graduate degrees.

"We are indeed proud that Speaker Tom Murphy is a graduate of North Georgia and that the Board of Regents accepted our recommendation that he be awarded an honorary doctoral degree," said NGCSU President Nathaniel Hansford. "Speaker



Tom Murphy

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Nursing programs receive support from Wellstar and NEGMC

With \$133,000 in support from Wellstar Health System, headquartered in Marietta, Ga., and a \$20,000 in-kind contribution from the Northeast Georgia Medical Center of Gainesville, Ga., nursing programs at North Georgia have been expanded for the summer and fall semesters.

Wellstar will fund one full-time and two part-time faculty positions plus the equipment needed to establish a Licensed Practical Nurse-Registered Nurse "bridge" program on the health system's Kennestone campus, beginning this summer.

"This will enable us to enroll 25 students on the Marietta campus for the summer semester, who will then enter the second year of the Associate's in Science Nursing Program in fall 2003," said Dr. Jill Hayes, head of the NGCSU Department of Nursing.

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Tourism project

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heritage trail through north Georgia traveling along the Appalachian Foothills Parkway, designated by the Georgia Department of Transportation, connecting Dalton in northwest Georgia and Lavonia in the northeast.

"This effort by North Georgia students to gather the information on cultural and historical resources has helped lay the project's foundation," said Cheryl Smith, the regional tourism representative for the GDITT.

The research being gathered will be used to develop a Web site and other marketing tools for the trail.

"It will allow tourists to locate artisans, studios, craft galleries, gardens, parks and places of historical interest," Sampson said.

Future classes will build upon the students' research, which also will be utilized by the university's Georgia Appalachian Development Center, which helps small businesses, community-development groups and tourism associations market their organizations.

The GADC will use the material to develop a Web site for the Georgia Mountain Cultural Alliance, a group of businesses and agencies dedicated to promoting the heritage and culture of the Appalachian Mountain region through networking, education and marketing design. 🏡

Campus in Action

Dr. Jill Hayes, nursing, presented "Creative Caring: Therapeutic Interventions, Partnerships and Educational Programming" at the 14th annual Gerontology Consortium Student Convention in Tybee Island, March 29-30. Hayes' co-presenter was Kelly Rogers, a graduate of the NGCSU gerontology certificate program.

Gerald Lord, associate vice president for business and finance, has been named one of this year's "Magnificent Seven," local residents recognized by the Dahlonega Nugget for helping to improve the quality of life for Dahlonega and Lumpkin County. Also included among the seven are two friends of the university, Becky Buckhiester, wife of Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Buckhiester, and Bill Hardman, the Gold Award winner, who was involved in selling the NGCSU Foundation the 218-acre tract of land for future campus growth.

Dr. D. Brian Mann, language and literature, presented his paper "The Tópos, the Trópos and the Parody of Culture in Raymond Queneau's Saint Glinglin" at a conference on "Topology: Text and Context." The conference took place March 21-22 at the State University of New York in Binghamton, N.Y. Also, Mann's review of the book "The Invention of the Restaurant: Paris and Modern Gastronomic Culture" was published in the April issue of "The French Review."

Dr. Sandee McGlaun, language and literature, presented "Workshopping for Change: Collaboration vs. Collusion" in collaboration with Writing Center student tutors Sarah Ballew, Eva Isselstein, Anna Terry and Amanda Wood at the Southeastern Writing Centers Association Conference in Charlotte, N.C., on Feb. 14. McGlaun also performed her one-woman show "What A Doll" on March 15 at the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Conference hosted by Valdosta

State University. During spring break, she presented a paper titled "Transforming Error Into Insight: Re-reading Student Texts" at the national conference on College Composition and Communication in New York City, N.Y.

Dr. Bob Orwig, business administration, received an outstanding service award from the Society for Case Research in March for his tenure as president of the national organization the past year. During the past three years, he also has served as the program chairperson and editor of the proceedings for SCR.

Dr. Bud Reiselt, health and physical education, presented two sessions, "How to Develop a University Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force" and "Environmental Approaches to Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drugs," at the 2003 GCPA/GNTI Conference at Jekyll Island, March 11-14. He was selected as co-chair for the 2004 GCPA/GNTI Conference Planning Committee. Reiselt also is co-author of the article titled "The Academic Struggle of African-American Male Athletes Attending Predominately White Colleges and Universities" that was published in the March 15 issue of "Insights To A Changing World."

Anita J. Roush, assistant director of continuing education, graduated on April 4 from the first Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy. The academy consisted of 12 three-hour classes and a six-hour ride with a patrol officer. Roush was selected by her class to be the speaker at graduation, which was held at the Smith House in Dahlonega.

Dr. Linda S. Williams, language and literature, presented "Employing Ethos as a Business Communication Strategy" at the 2003 Association for Business Communication's Southeast/West Conference on March 28 in New Orleans, La.

Sampson wins top dissertation award

Dr. Alice Sampson, assistant professor of Teacher Education at North Georgia, has won the top national Rural Education Dissertation of the Year award for 2003. The Rural Education Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association presented her first-place award at the AERA annual meeting in Chicago on April 23.



Alice Sampson

Sampson's study, "Exploring the Relationship Between a Small Rural School in Northeast Georgia and Its Community: An Image-Based Study Using Participant-Produced Photographs," was the dissertation for her doctoral degree from the University of Georgia in Athens. One of the reviewers said that Sampson's research was "quintessentially rural in character, and the dissertation wrestles with pro-

foundly rural interpretations of central issues in education and sociology."

Out of 18 dissertations submitted from across the nation for the awards competition, the awards committee selected three dissertations that, in its view, best responded to the call for work "in which the rurality of the research context is fully conceptualized in the dissertation's design and report of findings."

Information about the Rural Education SIG and the annual meeting is at the Web site, <http://tc.unl.edu/ruralsig/>. 🏠

Upcoming Events

NGCSU music majors will present a variety of music in their end-of-the-semester recital on April 29 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

The School of Education's **Society for School-based Leadership** will host a final speaker, Dr. Marsha Tate, director of staff development for Dekalb County Schools, on April 29 at 5 p.m. in the Health & Natural Sciences Building Lecture Hall. To reserve a seat, call Dr. Bob Michael at ext. 1998.

The **NGCSU Employee Service Awards ceremony** will take place on May 5 at 3:30 p.m. in Price Memorial Hall's Community Conference Room. Faculty and staff with five to 30 years of service at NGCSU, in increments of five years, will be recognized at the event.

Sixteen senior cadets will be commissioned into the U.S. Army as second lieutenants on May 10 at 11 a.m. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the **commissioning ceremony** in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium.

The deadline to submit campuswide events for publication in the **2003-04 Student Handbook** is May 1. Submissions may be sent to Wesley Thomas at wthomas@ngcsu.edu.

Alumni Association gives posthumous award

At the Parents-Alumni Weekend on April 5, North Georgia's Alumni Association gave a Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously to the late Dr. Tom C. Davis, NG Class of 1954, who taught chemistry and served as an administrator at North Georgia from 1964 until 2000. He died March 19, 2002. His widow, Betty Davis of Dahlonega, accepted the award.

Davis had been a professor, head of the Chemistry Department, registrar and head of Admissions and Recruitment at the university. In 1991, he was elected to the Dahlonega City Council and in 1999 was elected mayor.

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FOND FAREWELL: Arts & Letters Dean Kathy Sisk, retiring after more than three decades at North Georgia, was serenaded by four of her five department heads at her retirement reception on April 24. Drs. Austenfeld, Jespersen, Cruthirds and Pippert sang their own rendition of two

“West Side Story” numbers with such memorable phrases as “...Under our caps and gowns remain our sullen frowns today,” and “There’s a dean for us, a special dean for us.” Sisk told the crowd in the Adams Great Room, “When you leave a place, you leave behind friendships, mentoring, and you leave some of yourself behind as well. I hope I have made a difference.” After a summer by the pool, she plans to teach part-time in the coming academic year.

Tom Murphy

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Murphy has been an outstanding leader in Georgia government for over three decades and he led with wisdom and sound judgment.”

Murphy now practices law in Bremen, Ga., his hometown. The former House Speaker received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1949, following his service in the Navy in the south Pacific during World War II. A widower, Murphy has three daughters, one son, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The first honorary doctorate from North Georgia was awarded in 1999 to Eugene Patterson, NG class of 1942, the Pulitzer Prize-winning executive editor of the Atlanta Journal & Constitution in the 1960s, who went on to serve as managing editor of the Washington Post, editor of the St. Petersburg Times and the Congressional Quarterly.

In 2001, North Georgia bestowed an honorary doctorate on Olin King, NG class of 1953, the retired chairman and CEO of SCI Systems Inc. of Huntsville, Ala., who serves on the University of Alabama System's Board of Trustees. 🏛️

Support for nursing programs

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“This partnership with two separate agencies has made it possible to add summer classes for new students and expand the number of students we are able to accept into the ASN program.”

Hayes said the NEGMC contribution will fund a part-time faculty member that will enable the ASN first-year program to enroll 20 additional students in fall 2003 at the North Georgia campus.

“Without this external funding, we would not have any LPN-RN bridge programs this summer and would only have been able to enroll 80 new first-year ASN students this fall instead of our usual 120, because of state budget constraints,” Hayes explained.

Because a larger percentage – 96 percent – of first-year students are progressing into the second year of the ASN program in the fall semester, thanks to special orientation sessions staged to better prepare new nursing students for the required academic, laboratory and field work, the larger number of students will require more faculty members. 🏛️

SPACE TALK: Dr. Robert Zubrin, president of Pioneer Astronautics, a space research and development company, spoke April 15 in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium as part of NGCSU Honors Day. The nuclear engineer, who has collaborated with NASA, discussed his research on space travel and projects to send manned space flights to Mars. Preceding the lecture was the “Great Debate,” a staple of Honors Day, when students debated whether or not “Manned space flight should continue to be a priority in the United States.” Honors Day gives students from every academic discipline the opportunity to present their research to the campus community each year. Dr. Carl Cavalli, assistant professor of political science, organizes the annual event.

