

## President Hansford makes administrative appointments

After announcing that Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch will serve as interim vice president for Academic Affairs until a new VPAA is appointed, President Nathaniel Hansford appointed two retired administrators to fill Roberts-Betsch's current position on an interim basis.

"Dr. Kathy Sisk and Dr. Terry McLeod both will serve as associate vice presidents for Academic Affairs while Dr. Linda Roberts-Betsch fulfills the interim vice president position effective July 1, 2004," Hansford said in a campuswide e-mail message on May 24.

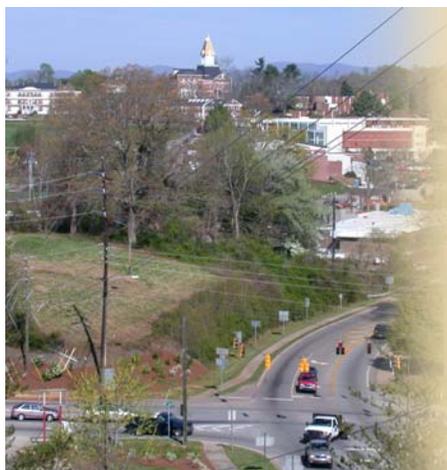
"The interim AVPAA position is being split between two recently retired and experienced NGCSU administrators in order to minimize the impact on the University that would occur by appointing current faculty or administrators into the interim position," said the president, adding that he did not expect a permanent appointment to occur until spring 2005, after a new president takes office.

"Dr. McLeod will assume the AVPAA

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**FOND FAREWELL:** Becky and Phil Buckhiester, front-row right, were the honored guests at a reception on June 1 at the Alumni Center, hosted by President Nathaniel Hansford and his wife Frances, along with the NGCSU vice presidents. Already the recipient of a retirement watch and a NGCSU chair in recognition of his 28 years at North Georgia, Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Buckhiester was presented with a check, made up of contributions from faculty and staff throughout the campus, by Faculty Senate CEO Jimmy Woods. Among those included in the picture are Bill Lassiter, Amber Miller (the Buckhiesters' daughter), Drs. Ed Green, Mark Davis, Catherine Jones, Linda Roberts-Betsch, Linda Williams, John Upchurch, Jimmy Woods, Tom DeBerry, the Buckhiesters, Dr. John Cruthirds and Judy Palmer.



## Foundation purchases property for NGCSU

A purchase by the NGCSU Foundation provides a valuable piece of property for the future growth of the university campus. On the hill northwest of the Dr. John Owen Intersection at Chestatee Street and Morrison-Moore Parkway, the commercial billboards have been removed, along with the house on the land that previously was owned by the family of the late Steve and Carrie Thompson Free. President Nathaniel Hansford said that the property offers the campus room to expand and will serve as a buffer between the university and commercial growth. In addition, the area can be used to enhance the appearance of the campus as well as one of the main entrances to Dahlonega.

## Campus in Action

**Tom Cantrell** achieved his 200th win as head coach of the North Georgia baseball team on April 22, when Cantrell's team won 8-0 over Shorter College during the Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Conference Tournament held in Dahlonega.

**Dr. Barry D. Friedman**, political science and criminal justice, had his article "How Nonprofit Organizations Fight Off Competition" published in the May 2004 edition of the PA Times, the national newsletter of the American Society for Public Administration.

**Dr. Marc Jason Gilbert**, history, served as a grader for the national Advanced Placement World History Examination, June 5-15.

**Jill Rayner**, assistant director of student financial aid, has been elected as the vice president for programming by the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid for 2004-2005.

For a second year in a row, **Karen Roop**, advancement services coordinator and English major, had work published in the NGCSU Mountain Laurels literary magazine. Her satirical "Diary of an American Tyrant" won the second place prose award. Her comical "I 'overcame' my fear of flying and you can, too" also appeared. Mountain Laurels is an annual publication of the language and literature department featuring original poetry, prose and artwork by students, faculty and staff.

**Tommye Scanlin**, NGCSU professor emeritus, won Best In Show for her "Sunflower and Sky" tapestry in the Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild exhibit "Threads Through Time: A Member Showcase." Jo-Marie Karst, a former student of Scanlin, also has work featured in the show. The exhibit is on display in the Old Courthouse on the Square in Decatur through the end of June. For additional information, visit [www.chgweb.com](http://www.chgweb.com).

## NGCSU Presidential Search Committees named

On June 11 Board of Regents Chair Joe Frank Harris and University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith announced the appointment of the two committees that will be charged with assisting in the selection of a new president for North Georgia College & State University.

The search is being conducted to replace President Nathaniel Hansford, who announced in March 2004 his intention to retire. Hansford, who was appointed NGCSU president in April 1999, will continue to serve as president until Meredith and the Regents appoint his successor.

Regent Patrick S. Pittard will chair the Special Regents' Committee for the presidential search. Additional members of the committee include Regents James R. Jolly and Glenn S. White.

Meredith will charge an eight-member Presidential Search and Advisory Committee formally on June 15 at 1:30 p.m. in a meeting in the third floor conference room of the Price Memorial Building.

"As one of the nation's six senior military colleges, North Georgia College & State University fulfills a unique role in the University System of Georgia through its special mission of leadership development," said Meredith. "We will conduct a broad search and cast a wide net to identify a new president with the background and skills needed to continue leading this great institution forward."

Members of the Presidential Search and Advisory Committee were selected from a list of nominees submitted for consideration by the leadership of their respective groups, as called for in the Board of Regents' policy on presidential searches. Serving on this committee are: Dr. Mark Spraker, associate professor of physics, chair; Dr. Shirley Holmes, professor of teacher education; Dr. Andy Schaffer, assistant professor of business administration; Dr. Linda Williams, chair of the Department of Language and Literature; Karen Roop, advancement services coordinator; SGA President Scott Dickson; Ed Nix, chairman of the NGCSU Foundation executive committee; and John Cavender, vice president of the NGCSU Alumni Council.

An executive search firm, Greenwood & Associates of Miramar Beach, Fla., has been retained to assist the advisory committee and the search by identifying qualified candidates.

The campus-level committee will screen applicants and forward at least five unranked candidates to the Special Regents' Committee. The regents on that committee will interview identified candidates and make a recommendation to the chancellor and the full Board of Regents for consideration and final approval. Meredith expects to conclude the search during fall 2004.

## Deadline for Web page redesigns

With the new NGCSU Internet home page in place training and redesign efforts for the academic and administrative Web sites are well under way. The Web Advisory Committee members remind all unit Web coordinators that the Aug. 16 deadline is approaching.

Training is ongoing for coordinators to convert the remainder of North Georgia's Web content to the new design by the start of fall semester. Training will continue throughout the summer. Information can be obtained online at [www.ngcsu.edu/Adminsrv/infotech/WAC/wrs/index.shtml](http://www.ngcsu.edu/Adminsrv/infotech/WAC/wrs/index.shtml) or by contacting Judy McHan, the NGCSU Web administrator.

The Department of Information and Instructional Technology has ordered 30 additional licenses of Dreamweaver MX 2004 for the coordinators who chose to use a template that requires the software. Again, contact McHan for access to these licenses.

It is the goal of the WAC to complete as much transition of content to the new templates as possible by the beginning of the fall term. Participation in training seminars is encouraged, and the committee will continue to meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in NOC 109 to address comments, concerns and issues. Anyone in the NGCSU community may attend these meetings.



## HNS library services moved

The library services located this past year in the Health & Natural Sciences Building have been relocated to the Stewart Library. The decision is based primarily on budget reductions, said Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Buckhiester. The space in the HNS Building will continue to house computers and to serve as a study area.

## Employee birthday list

Have you checked the Employees' Birthday List folder on the "N" Drive lately? Is your birthday listed correctly? If so, please e-mail corrections and updates to [digest@ngcsu.edu](mailto:digest@ngcsu.edu). The drive is labeled "Shared on Radar (N:)" and the file is "Employee Birthdays." If others in your office or department don't have access to a computer, please share the listing with them.

## Administrative appointments

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Enrollment Management Emphasis position overseeing the areas of Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar," explained Roberts-Betsch. "Dr. Sisk will be in the AVPAA Academic Affairs Emphasis position, handling the operations of the Academic Affairs Office, budgeting and other responsibilities related to academics."

Roberts-Betsch first came to the North Georgia faculty in 1983 as an assistant professor of nursing and soon became coordinator of the BSN program. In 1991 she was named head of nursing. She served as CEO of the Faculty Senate from 1995 to 1998 and in 1998 was appointed as the interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs. She was named as the AVPAA and the Director of Enrollment Management in 2000. Her B.S. degree in nursing and an M.S. in home economics (child development and family relations) are from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. At the University of Alabama at Birmingham, she earned a M.S. in nursing and then, in 1988, her D.S.N.

On the North Georgia faculty from 1975 until his retirement in 2001, McLeod served as professor of Special Education, director of Graduate Studies, director of special projects and as chief information officer.

Sisk joined the faculty in 1981 and served as professor of mathematics, head of Math and Computer Science and as the interim dean of the School of Arts & Letters before her retirement a year ago. ▲

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**CHOW DOWN:** Sgt. 1st Class Doug Hyde of the Commandant's Office, Sara Dockery of the Physical Plant and Dowling Bowman of Institutional Advancement served themselves at the Employee Appreciation Cookout. The event, sponsored by Alumni Affairs on May 13, featured steak and shrimp, along with potatoes, salad and peach cobbler.



**HONORING LEADERSHIP:** Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, recognized Valerie Austin (center) with the Province Leader of the Year Award, representing all Georgia circles, for her leadership at NGCSU, including her presidency of ODK. Austin graduated this spring summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in finance. She is shown here with Dr. Donna Gessell, NGCSU ODK Circle Faculty Secretary and Dr. Judith Bryant, NGCSU vice president for student affairs and ODK member.

## Staff development funds available

The NGCSU Staff Council has staff development funds available for job-related training activities. Funds may be applied to enrollment in Continuing Education courses and attending professional conferences or workshops for job training.

Full-time staff members can take advantage of \$250 per person for professional development opportunities. For more information and to apply, visit the Staff Council Web site listed under "Faculty & Staff" at [www.ngcsu.edu](http://www.ngcsu.edu).

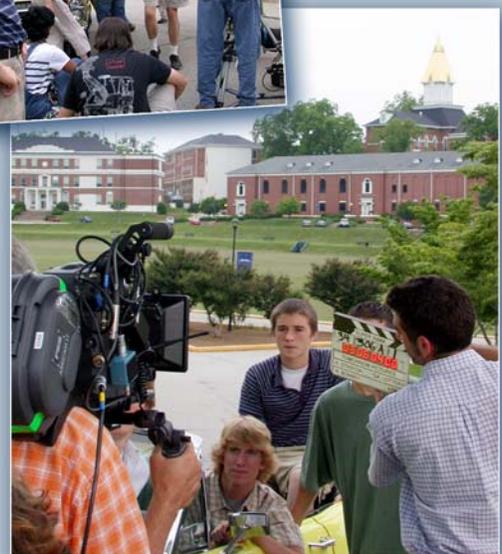
Continuing Education, located across the street from the main university entrance, has many class options available to employees. Several computer classes are taught for those who cannot attend in person and have a personal computer with Internet access. For more information, contact Continuing Education at 864-1918.

### STAND BY, TAKE ONE:

The North Georgia campus provides the backdrop for a new television commercial for the Georgia Lottery. On June 3, a film crew from Tomorrow Pictures shot scenes illustrating the lottery's contributions to the state's education from grades Pre-K through 12. Young children were featured in scenes staged in a Rogers Hall physics classroom. The crew also selected older students to appear in the commercial following a casting call at Lumpkin County High School. In the driver's seat of the convertible is Nathan Dickens, the son of Cindy and Lt. Col. Ed Dickens, the ROTC executive officer at NGCSU. Behind him is Josh Dorminy. The clapperboard, used to identify the shot with Price's gold steeple in the background, hides another student, K.C. Orear.



*Joshua Preston (left), NGCSU public relations specialist, helped with arrangements for the filming.*



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