



REMEMBERING SEPT. 11 – Two years after the terrorists’ attack on the United States, NGCSU students staged a solemn ceremony in memory of those who died that day. Student Government Association President Gini Thomas (l) opened the program that included a shot from the cannon, a 21-gun salute, and music by the Patriot Choir and bagpiper Douglas Grey.

Faculty and staff campaign in final stages

by Jeff Boggan, director of Development

The “I gave at the office” campaign to encourage all full-time employees to contribute to the NGCSU Foundation charges into its final week. The formal campaign ends this Friday, Sept. 19.

In keeping with the theme, the goal of the campaign is to get information about the Foundation to as many employees as possible and solicit employees’ participation through their gifts. Participation is the key to campaign success – and the campaign is showing results.

At the time of publication, 152 employees made gifts or pledges during the campaign. They represent 34 percent of the university’s 451 full-time employees – a marked improvement over previous years but still far from our goal. Collectively, these donors will contribute \$31,522 with their gifts ranging from \$5 to more than \$1,000. Congratulations to the group at Academic Support Programs, as they are the first group on campus to achieve 100 percent participation! Their commitment to helping students is reflected in their work and their charitable giving.

Have you sent your gift or pledge to the Foundation yet? Your gift is very important and the campaign ends at the end of the week. Making a gift is very easy, and there’s still time. Thank you for doing your part to help us reach our goal. If you have questions, call Karen Roop at 864-1545 or me at 864-1999. We look forward to hearing from you!

Web Advisory Committee reviews online content

by Bruce Howerton, VP for Advancement

Last spring, President Nathaniel Hansford created the Web Advisory Committee to undertake a policy review and content evaluation of the North Georgia College & State University Web site. Since April, the committee has met monthly trying to “iron out” a policy statement to govern the look and feel, the consistency, timeliness of information, the ease of use and other issues leading to an improved information and communication device for the university.

When we got down to the basic purpose of a Web site, we spent countless hours discussing whether it was an internal transaction medium, an external marketing tool, an information source or a communication mechanism.

It is obviously a multi-purpose system, but in the final analysis, it is an interactive communication system, which we as a university must utilize more effectively.

“The driving force which initiated the review of Web policy was the amount of information sitting on our university pages which was obsolete or untouched for years,” said Jay Steed, chief information officer for Information and Instructional Technology. “As an example, a recent article on the front page of the ‘Gainesville Times’ quoted our enrollment at 3,500 students. This information was ob-

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Campus in Action

The **Department of Language and Literature** was selected as a recipient of a \$2,000 award in the recent competition "Best Practices in International Education: Most Internationalized Academic Unit" by the University System of Georgia's Office of International Education. **Dr. Brian Corrigan** wrote the narrative and assembled supporting materials for consideration and **Dr. Dlynn Armstrong-Williams** helped coordinate the nomination.

Dr. Richard M. Prior, physics, was a session chair at the 17th International Conference on Few-Body Problems in Physics that was held in Durham, N.C., June 5-10. Prior also was a participant in LOWq03, the Workshop on Electromagnetic Nuclear Reactions at Low Momentum Transfer, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 16-18.

Dr. Gerald Skelly, school of business and government, was co-author of "Study Abroad Programs As A Faculty Development and Accreditation Tool" in the spring 2003 issue of the Journal of the Academy of Business Education.

Dr. Linda S. Williams, language and literature, published "Learning to Teach, Teaching Three Acts" in the fall 2003 issue of "The English Record."

LOOKING AHEAD: A major fall music event being funded through the Cultural Events Committee is a performance by the **Chamber Orchestra Kremlin**, a Moscow-based orchestra that has earned national and international recognition as one of Russia's leading ensembles. The orchestra will perform Nov. 6 at 12:30 and 7 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium. The event is free and open to the public and faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to attend this special event. For more information please call ext. 1949.

HOMELAND SECURITY:

Kimberly Sellers, a national recruiter for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a special agent in U.S. Customs, talks with Derek Sutton, adjunct instructor in the political science and criminal justice department on Sept. 11. Sellers made a presentation to a packed audience in Young Hall on Homeland Security and its responsibilities and initiatives. She outlined to the group, made up of mainly academic juniors and seniors, about the application process and employment requirements for the federal agency. Application packets quickly ran out after the presentation and Sellers stayed afterward, speaking individually with interested students.



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EXTENDING CAMPUS: Sunset Drive is now the home of the university's physical plant operations and the road itself is being widened in preparation for the construction of the new Physical Plant facility. Plant operations currently is located in three faculty-housing buildings while their new home is being developed. One of the buildings is pictured on the right and is next to the part of Sunset Drive being widened. Plans are for Sunset Drive to be extended to Hwy. 9 and construction crews are also clearing the area for that project. Materials Management will be located in the new facility on Sunset Drive where a new warehouse will be included for all shipping and receiving.

Third group of employees takes leadership challenge

by Robert Thomas, director of NGCSU Leadership Initiative

Good leadership starts with self-awareness and an understanding of your personal gifts and abilities. The Leadership Roundtable has allowed 36 members of NGCSU's faculty and staff to take time to expand their knowledge of leadership and reflect on how they may enhance their own leadership opportunities and effectiveness.

Twelve faculty and staff members have participated in each Roundtable, including this third one for fall semester. The groups have demonstrated a commitment to personal growth and are dedicated to contributing to the environment for leadership development at NGCSU.

Participants of the Leadership Roundtable have formed an organi-

Roundtable participants for fall

Dr. Frank Fearon – Physical Therapy
 Dr. Tom Fox – Natural & Health Sciences
 Dr. Robert Fuller – Physics
 Dr. Bob Lyman – Arts & Letters
 Dr. Carman Mas – Academic Support Programs
 Dr. Kim Melton – Business Administration
 Dr. Bob Michael – Education
 Susan Perry – Graduate Studies
 Dr. Alice Sampson – Teacher Education
 Nancy Schwartz – Language & Literature
 Dr. Ann Stucke – Teacher Education
 Dr. Sally Wiedmann – Psychology & Sociology

zation, the Leadership Roundtable Society, and are determined to use it as a vehicle for addressing leadership issues. This, coupled with the individual's dedication to leadership, will have a positive impact on our leadership programs, culture and how we model leadership to our students.

A Leadership Roundtable Society was formed after the first year of

the program. The LRS will organize an annual event that will be open to past participants of the program. This annual event will be used to expand knowledge and commitment to leadership development. Members of the LRS will undertake the planning and organization of the annual event, with the support of the Leadership Initiative. The LRS will be free to develop other activities to further the goals of the Leadership Roundtable.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the Leadership Roundtable has been the building of community. New friendships have been formed and each person has been able to share his or her experiences and values with others in the Roundtable. This is critical to personal development and will help demonstrate the value of community.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Joe Chapman will present a **Piano Classics Concert** on Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gloria Shott Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

Danielle Rowe Dickinson, a North Georgia alumnus, will present the seminar **"NASA, Bacteria and Bioterrorism: The Metamorphosis of a PhD in Analytical Chemistry"** on Sept. 19 in Rogers Hall room 307 at 2 p.m. The seminar is free and refreshments will be served.

Fiction writer Lorraine Lopez will present a reading on Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium. The free event is held in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) and hosted by the Cultural Events Committee, Carmen Mas in Student Support Services and the Visiting Writers Committee.

Multi-Percussionist Richard Grimes will hold a concert on Sept. 25 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Hoag Student Center Auditorium. The concert, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Nix Living Heritage Fine Arts Series.

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Web Advisory Committee

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tained from the online 'Quick Facts' page. The information has subsequently been updated, but we need to make sure that all our information is current."

To accomplish that goal, the Web Advisory Committee is asking all personnel responsible for NGCSU Web pages to review content and look at the messages communicated. NGCSU Administrator Judy McHan asks those responsible for their office or department Web content to consider the audience and the information provided and to update the information regularly.

The WAC is reviewing the NGCSU Web site and developing institutional governance in regard to design, content, maintenance and responsibilities. To review information on the status of the WAC's efforts, go to the "Web Advisory Committee" document on the N:/ network drive.

Campus employees planning major Web renovations are asked to contact the committee prior to committing resources. Direct questions to Judy McHan at ext. 1922 or other members of the committee: Jay Steed, chair; Maureen Alden, Student Government Association; Mary Hand, Staff Council; Jill Brady, Registrar's Office; Glenn Jones, Auxiliary Services; Bob LaVerriere, Admissions; Rodney Pennamon, Disability Services; Ken Pisell, Cadet Recruiting; Joshua Preston, University Relations; Wesley Thomas, Student Activities; Dr. Jimmy Woods, Faculty Senate; Dr. Irene Kokkala, Biology; Bruce Howerton, Advancement; and Anita Roush, Continuing Education.

SOCIAL AWARENESS:

Dr. Barry Friedman, professor of political science, presented the first in a series of social-awareness presentations taking place this

academic year. He spoke Sept. 9 on "The Evolution of Human Rights," a historical analysis of how minority or disadvantaged groups in American history have had to appeal separately for civil rights. "Let us resolve to use the resources that we have – our intellect, our reason, our compassion, our love – to move ourselves forward faster on this otherwise slow, agonizing process toward accepting our fellow man and woman," Friedman said. Dr. Donna L. Waddell, professor of nursing, will speak at the remaining program this semester on "Diversity of Sexuality" on Oct. 30 from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. in NOC 016. Three additional presentations are scheduled for the spring semester.



University Directory

The 2003-04 University Directory, containing contact information for employees, will be finalized and published electronically this month. Current employee information will be sent via e-mail to the campus community so that individuals may update the contact information for the new "online directory." The directory will be in a Microsoft Excel format so that all employees with access to computers on campus will be able to use the information. The final product will be available on the "N" network drive.



FITNESS FOR FREE: Staff Sgt. Karen James and Dr. Charles Hawkins, left, both get a workout on the new elliptical cross-trainers while watching television. The Wellness Center gained six new cardiovascular exercise machines which are now available to the center's members. Three new Life Fitness treadmills and three elliptical cross-trainers were funded through the Student Government Association. "The new machines add a modern atmosphere to the Wellness Center while creating more fitness opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff," said Shannon Baker, assistant director of Recreational Sports. All employees may obtain free membership to the Wellness Center, located in Memorial Hall. The hours of operation are online at www.ngcsu.edu. On the university's home page, go to the Student Life link and the recreational sports Web page is located there.