



TEACHING AND LEADING: Dr. Linda S. Williams, teaching an NGCSU business writing and communication course at North Forsyth High School, has been named acting head of the Department of Language & Literature at the university. “My goals as department head are to increase shared decision-making, to expand our assessment efforts, and to improve the aesthetics of our department’s working and learning environment,” said Williams. The associate professor of English has taught at North Georgia since 1997 and worked for two years as Coordinator of Professional Development for the USG Board of Regents.

Continuing Education in Forsyth County

A recent survey of Forsyth County residents resulted in more than 900 responses regarding interests in courses offered by North Georgia’s Continuing Education in that county.

“The results show that residents would like to see professional development courses related to Web design, management, education and Microsoft Office software,” said Kimberly Foster, director of the NGCSU Division of Public Service. “On the personal enrichment side, photography, small business, sign language and ballroom dancing were the classes of most interest.”

Foster, who said Continuing Education and Georgia Appalachian Development Center classes have been offered in Forsyth County since fall of 2001, explained that the goal of her staff is to accommodate the county’s residents according to their interests in courses.

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Lyman named new dean of Arts & Letters

Dr. Robert Lyman, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama, will become NGCSU’s new dean of the School of Arts & Letters on Aug. 1.

Lyman has worked at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa a majority of his career in the field of psychology and received his master’s and doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from that university.



Dr. Robert Lyman

With almost three decades of higher education experience, Lyman is ready for the challenge North Georgia presents.

“What attracted me to the university was the location and the opportunity to work as a dean at a growing institution with a clear commitment to undergraduate education,” he said.

“I am very excited about the prospect of learning about a new state and a new system of higher education,” he said. “I think that my experience at a larger university with more emphasis on research and graduate programs will allow me to offer advice in these areas.”

Throughout his career in higher education in Alabama, Lyman also has worked as a practicing clinical psychologist – as the director of a children’s residential treatment center, as a neuropsychologist at a rehabilitation hospital, and as a consultant to a community mental health center’s short-term inpatient unit. Lyman also has done forensic consulting, primarily in the areas of child custody, civil commitment,

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Campus in Action

Faculty members and students in biology made presentations for the Georgia Academy of Science meeting, March 21-22, at Reinhardt College. The papers were published in the Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 61, No. 1-2003. Ten students and four faculty members, including **Drs. Mark Davis, Frank Corotto, Anne Gaillard, James Parker and Terry Schwaner** participated. **Davis** and **Stephen Varga**, a spring graduate, won the best paper award for an undergraduate in the biology section of the Academy.

Laurie Davis, bookstore manager, presented an educational session on "Making an impact in your campus community" on March 7 at the National Association of College Stores Annual Meeting and Buyers Show in St. Louis, Mo.

Faculty members from the Master of Science in Nursing program, **Dr. Grace Newsome, Dr. Marina Slemmons, Kathy Smith and Kim Benton**, attended the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner National Conference in Anaheim, Calif., June 27-July 3. **Dr. Toni Barnett**, MSN coordinator, was the recipient of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' State Award for Excellence in Georgia for excellence of care and outstanding contribution in practice. **Newsome** made a presentation, "Interstitial Cystitis: Diagnosis & Management." **Benton** and **Smith** presented "HPV: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly." **Smith** also presented "Latino Women's Feelings about Menopause."

Col. Tom Palmer, commandant of cadets, gave the annual Lumpkin County Fourth of July Speech on the Dahlonega Square on the nation's 227th birthday. The speech was published in the Dahlonega Nugget and may be read on the NGCSU Web site at www.ngcsu.edu under "News."

Athletic program gains two head coaches

Chris Adams and Chris Faulkner recently joined the intercollegiate coaching staff at North Georgia. Adams will head up the men's and women's soccer programs, while Faulkner assumes the position of head Saints basketball coach.



Chris Adams

Adams received a bachelor's degree in physical education and health with a coaching emphasis from UGA and is currently pursuing his Master of Education in Health at the University of Alabama. Adams began his coaching career in 1995 while an undergraduate and helped build the first women's soccer team at UGA. He comes to North Georgia after spending two years at Clarke Central High School in Athens, Ga.

Faulkner returns to his alma mater after serving as the head basketball coach at Piedmont College since 1997. He is a 1993 graduate of North Georgia, where he received a bachelor's in physical education and his master's in education in 1995. Faulkner played basketball at the university for four years and became assistant coach after graduating. He spent another four seasons involved in the North Georgia program before heading to Piedmont. 🏀



Chris Faulkner

Spanish faculty assist Special Forces group

Contributed by Dr. Kristi Hislope, language and literature

During the first week in June, Dr. Elizabeth Combier, Dr. Kristi Hislope and Mariana Pomphile, all from the Department of Language & Literature, participated in their second exercise to help train soldiers in the elite U.S. Army Special Forces group.

The three Spanish faculty members were contacted again to offer a more realistic situation for what the military personnel will encounter in Latin America, a predominantly Spanish-speaking environment.

On this particular mission, the Spanish faculty members acted as contacts who were instructed to pass secret information in Spanish to two groups of Special Forces soldiers.

"Part of the excitement is not knowing who you are looking for," said Hislope. "Sometimes it's fairly obvious when a muscleman walks in, but many of the soldiers we have met are just normal looking people."

The women were instructed that both men in the first group were fluent in Spanish, but that the men in the second group were beginners in the language and would have trouble understanding. SF soldiers are required to learn one foreign language or more. Spanish is taught during a four-month course at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

"I did not expect much of the 'beginners' after only four months of study," Hislope said. "I was completely flabbergasted at how, from the moment I said, 'No hablo inglés,' the SF soldiers easily switched to Spanish

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Foundation appoints new chairman

The NGCSU Foundation Board of Trustees has named several new members to the board, including a new chairman, all of whom started their one-year terms on July 1.

Chairman Edward J. Nix, NG '51, is a Cleveland, Ga., native who retired from the U.S. Army as a colonel after 22 years of service, including two tours in Vietnam. His second career was in mortgage banking, culminating in his position as president of Nix Financial Services Inc.

He and his wife, Sue Sewell Nix, NG '53, live in Marietta. Nix has served as treasurer of the Foundation since 1995.

Five other appointees were named to the board.

Dr. James A. Crupi, NG '70, of Plano, Texas, who served previously 1989-1998, is the president and founder of Strategic Leadership Solutions Inc. and a Senior Fellow at the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership at UGA.

Terry B. Horton, NG '57, of Warner Robins, Ga., is the former owner of Office Furniture Sales Company in Warner Robins.

J. Russell Ivie, of Dawsonville, Ga., is the retired vice chairman of Century South Bank Inc.

H. Dwight Mathews, NG '66, of Atlanta, Ga., is managing partner of Deloitte-Touche in Atlanta.

Howell R. Mayo Jr., NG '56, of Sarasota, Fla., is owner of Mayo Contracting in Sarasota.

The new faculty member appointed is Dr. Judith L. Long, who holds the Fieldale Endowed Chair in teacher education.▲



Edward J. Nix

New dean named

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and mitigating mental health conditions in capital legal cases.

With his roots in psychology, Lyman looked for that academic field when applying for his new post at North Georgia, where the Department of Psychology & Sociology is in the School of Arts & Letters.

"I plan to continue teaching in the field and hope to maintain my identity as a psychologist that way," he said.

Lyman's wife, Kathleen Andrews, is a retired school teacher who is currently working part-time in Tuscaloosa on a federal grant that examines teaching social skills to children as a way of reducing school violence. The project runs for another year, after which time she will move to Dahlonega. His daughter, Meghan Lyman, is currently a sophomore biology major at Washington University in St. Louis.▲

EDUCATING YOUNG MINDS:

Drs. Robert Laird, Sandee McGlaun, Daria Cronic and Terry Schwaner (pictured), as well as Rachel Taylor, Drs. Frank Fearon, Sally Wiedmann, Dlynn Armstrong-Williams, and Chuck Robertson were recognized for their efforts in this year's Summer Honors Program on June 27. Twenty-two high school juniors and seniors who participated in the two-week program voted for the award winners. The honors program provides high school students with a pre-college experience by introducing them to the college curriculum with classroom demonstrations and different academic and recreational activities. The program also encourages students to begin planning their own college careers. Students from all over north Georgia participate in the Summer Honors Program, which receives funding from the North Georgia Regional Educational Services Agency and local school boards.



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HUMANITARIAN WORK: In May, four NGCSU faculty & staff members ventured to Ecuador on an eight-day mission trip. Left to right, Dr. Marvin Pippert, psychology & sociology, Bryson Payne, mathematics & computer science, Dr. Dan Thompson, chemistry, and Tom Palmer, commandant's office, went to Ambato, Ecuador, where they participated along with 17 other people from Lumpkin County in building a church in the community of Pinjjo. The mission trip was sponsored by the Dhalonega Baptist Church and is the third consecutive summer mission trip sponsored by DBC. After a five-day heavy construction project, which involved erecting steel towers and trusses, the group returned to the United States. In cooperation with Global Outreach, several more "mission teams" will follow the Dhalonega group to Ecuador to complete the building project in the months ahead.



Pictured above is the construction site in Ambato where volunteers erected more than three tons of steel by hand during the week.



Forsyth classes

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"We have been offering web design classes for two years and they always seem to do well in the number of participants enrolled," she said.

Owners of small businesses and entrepreneurs are pre-dominate among Forsyth participants, Foster explained.

"The business owners that are coming to our classes in Forsyth are taking Web design classes and Internet marketing. They are looking to create a website or improve upon an existing one. Our Internet marketing class teaches students how to market their product or service over the Internet. Topics covered include search-engine submission and optimization, banner ads, Web site traffic analysis, and online publications."

Foster hopes to add Forsyth County teachers to the staff. 🏠

Special Forces

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and spoke it for 45 minutes. They made a few mistakes, but they communicated successfully."

"As I tell my students, even though I am just a Spanish professor at a small college in northern Georgia, I am a patriot and will take any opportunity to aid and abet our soldiers in fighting terrorism," Combier said. "We all have to do our part keeping our eyes and ears open and remaining vigilant in looking for opportunities to help protect our citizens, our country and our way of life."

For the full story, go to the Web site www.ngcsu.edu and click on "News."

WATERMELON OR BUST:

After a rain delay that pushed back the Staff Council's Watermelon Bust four days, the event finally took place on the Price Memorial Hall lawn on July 14. Staff Council members carved up the treats and gave away "lawn prizes" to the attending faculty and staff. From the commandant's office, retired 1st Sgt. Dean Papka and Delores Seabolt take their pick of Linda Fuller's watermelon slices. In the background, Joyce Garmon, president's office, gets a slice of melon from Lynn Youngblood, secretary of the Physical Therapy Department.

