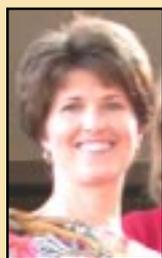


Appalachian Regional Commission extends grant for GADC

The Georgia Appalachian Development Center at North Georgia has been awarded funds to extend the center's work for a third year. The Appalachian Regional Commission grant of \$51,000, brings the total ARC funding to more than \$450,000 over three years for the center serving 17 counties in northeast Georgia.



Kimberly Foster
Director of Continuing Education and GADC

Between 2000 and 2002, the GADC served 689 students in 72 different classes. Many of the students in those classes used their technology training to design and develop web sites

for their businesses or community agencies. Five businesses received help from NGCSU students in developing web sites.

"In addition to continuing to offer classes as it has in the past, the GADC will work with Georgia Tech on a Technology Leadership Training Program for Dahlonega and Lumpkin County," said Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Buckhiester. "The center will work with the Georgia Mountains Cultural Alliance to develop a web site devoted to preserving the heritage, arts and culture of our region."

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Grand Opening

Health & Natural Sciences Building

Faculty and staff are invited to the grand opening of the Health & Natural Sciences Building at 2 p.m. on Nov. 1. Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the building will be available, as well as refreshments. Guest speakers include Tom Daniel, senior vice chancellor, Office of External Activities & Facilities, and Board of Regents member Dr. Allene Magill. President Nathaniel Hansford and Dean Tom Fox also will speak.



Stewart Library staff members (L to R) Mike Saunders, Willie Gordon, Shari Holtzclaw and Janet Burkett toured the sciences building in May when employees moved in.

NGCSU to host Employee Benefits Fair on Oct. 22

NGCSU will host an Employee Benefits Fair in the Memorial Hall Gym, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 22, where all faculty and staff will be able to pick up detailed information on employee benefits, including healthcare and life insurance. Local businesses will also be at the fair promoting discounts they offer to North Georgia employees.

The open enrollment period at the university, Oct. 14-Nov. 14, which allows changes in employees' benefits coverage, coincides with the first-time fair, sponsored by Staff Council and Human Resources.

These insurance providers will be available to provide information and answer questions:

- AFLAC – Supplemental Health Insurance
- BlueCross/BlueShield – HMO and Indemnity Health Insurance
- CIGNA – Life Insurance
- Express Scripts – Prescription Drug Insurance
- MRN/Georgia 1st – PPO Health Insurance
- TIAA-CREF – Optional Retirement Plan and 403b/457b Tax Sheltered Annuities
- TRS – Teacher's Retirement System
- UNUM – Long Term Disability Insurance
- VALIC – Optional Retirement Plan and 403b/457b Tax Sheltered Annuities



Campus in Action

Mariana Pomphile, language and literature, presented a paper titled "Integration of technology into the language learning environment" at the Rocky Mountain MLA conference held in Scottsdale, Ariz. in October.

Lt. Col. Billy Shaw, military science, was a contributor to two best-selling Tom Clancy nonfiction books on U.S. Army Special Forces. In Clancy's "Special Forces," Shaw facilitated the author as he followed special forces units through training and real world operations. The second book, "Shadow Warrior," is a biography of Ret. Gen. Carl Stiner, former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command. Shaw is listed as a major contributor in the book's credits. Shaw's personal story of operations in northern Iraq during Operation Provide Comfort is detailed in the latter part of the book.

Retired Employee Feedback

"I look forward to each copy of the Digest as it gives me a feeling of news from home. For 34 years (1940-1974) I served as comptroller or business manager for NGC, which was most of my working life. We lived in Dahlongega for nine more years until 1983 when we moved to Athens."



Howard Gilbert Jr.
Bogart, Ga.

Strategic Planning Committee making progress

North Georgia's Strategic Planning Committee is moving ahead in the initial stages of developing a new plan for the university's future. At the Oct. 10 meeting of the committee, made up of representatives from across the campus, the decision was made to develop a plan with a five-year duration – a considerable change from the university's two-year plans of recent years.

President Nathaniel Hansford chairs the committee meetings and assured the members that, even with a five-year plan, the university's progress and the plan itself would be reviewed on an annual basis. Several subcommittees have already been established to consider various aspects of the five-year plan.

On Oct. 11, the president sent an e-mail message campuswide to inform the university community of a new Mission Statement approved by the committee and of the approved Core Values. Both are initial steps in the planning process. He invited faculty, staff and students to offer comments and suggestions to any committee members regarding the statement and list of values prior to the committee's subsequent Oct. 17 meeting.

The wording for North Georgia's newly revised Mission Statement is considerably shorter than the statement printed in the Fact Book and the Undergraduate Bulletin:

The mission of North Georgia College & State University is to provide an environment of academic excellence that develops civilian and military leaders who are respectful of all people and are committed to high ethical standards, continuing intellectual and personal growth, and selfless service to the state, the nation, and the world.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Phil Buckhiester headed the subcommittee that drafted the new statement that was approved by the larger committee.

Education Dean Bob Michael chaired the subcommittee that reviewed the Core Values of the University. Following discussion and slight editing by the full committee, the following Core Values were approved:

- **Truth** – honoring and searching for truth as it relates to academics, individuals, self and society
- **Wisdom** – making sound decisions in complex or ambiguous situations based on accumulated knowledge and experiences and requiring integrity, courage, and respect.
- **Respect** – acknowledging the dignity and worth of all beings and preserving the richness of our ecology
- **Integrity** – cultivating in ourselves and others the willingness and steadfastness to act honestly and ethically
- **Courage** – demonstrating the individual and institutional character required to translate right thought into right action under adverse or challenging conditions
- **Service** – giving of oneself to enhance the life and richness of the university and all of its members, as well as the larger community

For additional information about the Strategic Planning Committee and its work, contact Dr. Charles Hawkins, director of Institutional Advancement, ext. 1842.

NGCSU artwork at Atlanta airport through Nov. 6



Michael Marling de Cuellar's artwork titled "Sapelo Venus"

Four faculty members and 19 photography students at North Georgia have more than 30 pieces on display at the Hartsfield Airport Atrium Gallery through Nov 6.

The exhibition is called "Passages/Connections/Fusion" and features a variety of styles and interests.

"This is a very big deal for our program as the Atrium Gallery space is coveted by artists in the metro area and the event is officially part of the

Atlanta Celebrates Photography month of October, a photographic barrage of exhibits, speakers and other events throughout Atlanta that has gathered national attention," said Hank Margeson, assistant professor of fine arts.

The Atrium Gallery at the airport is accessible from both North & South terminals and does not require security clearance.



"Lake Blackshear at 3 a.m." by Hank Margeson

North Georgia represented at 'One Nite Stand' exhibit

Michael Marling de Cuellar, Noelle Petersen and Hank Margeson - all NGCSU art faculty members - will exhibit their work in the third annual "One Nite Stand" in Decatur starting at 8 p.m., Oct. 26, and ending at 1 a.m. The photography exhibit is at 533 West Howard St. in Acme Lofts.

This is the second year that North Georgia faculty, as well as students, have been included in this event, which features work by professional photographers in the Atlanta area. NGCSU is the only educational institution represented in this exhibit.

"One Nite Stand" is the official closing event for "Atlanta Celebrates Photography," a month-long focus on photography in metro Atlanta.

One of the primary organizers of the event is Resia McFarland, a 1997 graduate of North Georgia with a bachelor's degree in studio art.

News Notes

NGCSU Staff Council Scholarship applications for spring semester 2003 are due Nov. 15 to Anita Roush or Valarie Grizzle. The scholarship is available to full-time employees and their children. For more information and an application, go online to www.ngcsu.edu/Resource/staff/fund.htm

The **flu vaccine** will be offered by Student Health Services to all employees and retirees for \$8. The vaccination clinics are available on campus at the Infirmary from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Those interested may pay the fee and pick up the paperwork at the Business Office in Price Memorial Hall. Please bring the completed paperwork and receipt to the Infirmary during the vaccination clinics. For more information, call Student Health Services at 864-1948.

The **2002-2004 Undergraduate Bulletin**, which provides students with course descriptions and academic major and minor requirements, is now online and can be accessed at the university's "Undergraduate Academics" link at www.ngcsu.edu/academic/academic.htm. A print version is also available from the Office of Academic Affairs.

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NGCSU's Student Theatre Guild goes to the dogs

North Georgia's Student Theatre Guild will go to the dogs with a production of A. R. Gurney's 1995 comedy smash "Sylvia."

The play will be staged in Hoag Student Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 23-26 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27.

"Sylvia" tells the story of Sylvia, a scrappy, street-wise dog who shakes up the complacent, otherwise seemingly normal 22-year marriage of Greg and Kate.

Directed by NGCSU senior Jay Varnedoe, the production stars Dr. Kevin Mace, professor of speech and drama, and Dr. Elizabeth Combier, professor of language and literature, as Greg and Kate.

Sophomore Mimi Stanfield portrays Sylvia with what Mace describes as a combination of high-octane energy and scruffy charm. Rounding out the cast of "Sylvia" are NGCSU students Andrew Eade, Michael Stoll and Katie Graham.

Free tickets are required for the performances and may be requested in advance by contacting the NGCSU's Fine Arts Department at (706) 864-1423. For more information on the play, contact Mace at (706) 867-2760.



STAR POWER: Dr. Kevin Mace, fine arts, and Dr. Elizabeth Combier, language and literature, play lead roles in the production of "Sylvia," where the couple's mid-life crisis is seen through the eyes of their dog Sylvia.

GADC grant extension

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Kimberly Foster, director of Continuing Education and the GADC, said small rural businesses, tourism-related industry and technology-based companies have a need for educated workers trained to use emerging technology.

"We will continue to make available the many classes offered through GADC, both locally and off-site," Foster said. "We are very happy that the Appalachian Regional Commission has extended our grant period and provided additional funding through June 2003."

Among classes offered this year are courses in marketing web sites, classes related to accounting for small businesses, beginning and advanced classes in e-commerce as well as basic and advanced web design.

For more information, contact the GADC at (706) 867-2814.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Joe Chapman, fine arts, will conduct **NGCSU's Jazz Ensemble** in a concert of old and new jazz favorites at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 and 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Holly Theatre.

The **Adams Duo**, Jennifer and Jonathan Adams, offers a unique combination of violoncello and guitar music. They will perform at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the Hoag Auditorium. This event is part of the Nix Living Heritage Fine Arts series.

CYBER SAVVY: The first lecture in the Cyber Culture seminar series was led by IIT's Chief Information Officer Jay Steed on Oct. 15 in the Newton Oakes Center.

The topic, "anti-virus protection," was designed to educate employees about computer viruses and what the university is doing about them, Steed said.

One relatively new menace, called "blended threats," is a combination of viruses that allow someone at another computer off-campus to access your computer and use it as a "hop" to mask his or her activities on the Internet. "That's when I get a call," Steed said jokingly.



Jay Steed