

Portrait unveiled of NGCSU benefactor

An oil portrait of the late Roy E. Bottoms, NG '35, was unveiled on Oct. 24 in the President's Dining Room on campus. The occasion commemorated the generosity of Bottoms' bequest of nearly \$2.5 million, the largest individual gift ever made to North Georgia.

Bottoms died in 1994, and his estate was distributed over several years to the NGCSU Foundation.

The gift created the Roy E. Bottoms Scholarship Fund, which through investments is now valued at \$3.2 million. Bottoms' will called for the endowment to be used for scholarship and loan support for North Georgia students.



Cathryn Mitchell and President Nathaniel Hansford unveil the portrait of Roy E. Bottoms.

Currently 24 students are supported by the fund, many of whom were present for the unveiling.

President Nathaniel Hansford expressed his appreciation to the family and urged students to focus

their lives in service to others as Roy Bottoms did. Cathryn and Joe Mitchell, sister and brother-in-law of Bottoms, from Avon Estates, Ga., represented the family at the unveiling.

In 1933 Bottoms, a native of Forsyth County, Ga., came to North Georgia College, where his brother William Ralph Bottoms also attended. He later lived in Rome, Ga., where he worked for more than 30 years for Equifax Inc. He

was involved with the alumni chapter in Rome and very active with reunions of his North Georgia classmates. The portrait, produced by Carol Dorn, will hang in the lobby of Barnes Hall. 🏠

Band director takes initiative

Andy David is the university's new music director for the Golden Eagle Band, and the first-semester faculty member is already taking the group in new directions.

The Golden Eagle Band, predominantly made up of cadets, marched in Atlanta's Veteran's Day parade on Nov. 11. The parade is one of the few regular off-campus events where the band performs.

David, an adjunct fine arts instructor, has added to the performance schedule significantly, conducting a concert on the Dahlonega

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NEW DIRECTION: Andy David (standing, center) is giving band members experience and opportunity.

Campus in Action

Dr. Carl Cavalli, political science, presented the paper "The Value of Presidential Contact With Congress: Lyndon Johnson and Medicare" at the annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association in Pine Mountain, Ga, Nov. 13-15.

Dr. Brian Corrigan, language and literature, has signed with Fairleigh-Dickinson press to publish his book "Playhouse La Win Shakespeare's World" in spring 2004.

Dr. Kathleen Dolan, psychology and sociology, presented a paper, "Sexuality Among Lesbian Women: When Identity and Behavior Diverge," at the 2003 meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association on Jekyll Island, Nov. 13.

Dr. Brad Herbert, chemistry, and **Brian Loudermilk**, student, presented "The Effect Of Ancillary Ligands On The Binding Of Heteroleptic Diimine Complexes Of Chromium(III) With Duplex Dna" at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Atlanta, Nov 16-18.

Dr. Kristi Hislope, language and literature, presented a paper titled "Native Speaker Attitudes towards Spanish Compositions by Heritage Speakers and Second Language Learners" at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics LXIX hosted by South Atlantic Modern Language Association on Nov. 15 in Atlanta.

Dr. Sandee McGlaun, language and literature, performed her one-woman show "What a Doll" at the national Feminism and Rhetoric Conference in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 23.

Dr. Gordon E. McNeer, language and literature, chaired two sessions, "World Poetry in Translation" and "Jose Hierro, Spain's Poet Laureate Remembered," at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association's convention held in Atlanta on Nov. 14.

Electronic discussion forum proposed

A proposed NGCSU "discussion forum" listserv, designed to allow employees to discuss issues via e-mail, is being developed through the Faculty Senate.

"This is a way to post messages of a personal, political, or otherwise sensitive nature, as well as those relating to professional and work-related topics," said Dr. Brian Mann, who headed the Senate's ad hoc Discussion Forum Committee. "Messages not suited for the official NGCSU faculty and staff e-mail list can be sent to this listserv." Mann called the idea a community-building tool that is long overdue.

The proposed listserv is an option the committee recommended at the Nov. 13 Senate meeting. Other options included online newsgroups and weblogs, forums that would require dedicated computer servers and an electronic bulletin board that, like one removed from service in 1999, would be open to the World Wide Web.

"Employees will be able to sign up for the listserv and then send and receive messages in their regular mailboxes," Mann said. "It is the most effective and cost-efficient way for employees to have discussions that are not appropriate for distribution to the campus at large."

The committee consulted with Jay Steed, Information and Instructional Technology's chief information officer, and is working with him on the issues regarding setup, subscription procedures, and rules of use. The senate will oversee the project on an ongoing basis, and plans are to make the listserv available to employees in the coming months. ▲

Rodney E. Pennamon, coordinator of academic support programs, published the article titled "Facing Their Challenges: Members of Minority Groups Overcome Additional Barriers to Employment" in the fall 2003 issue of "Careers & the disAbled."

Dr. Richard (Bud) Reiselt, health and physical education, was elected as president elect of the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Reiselt also served as the convention manager for GAHPERD's annual convention held at Jekyll Island, Nov. 6-8.

Dr. Andy Schaffer, business administration, presented "Student Leadership in a Leadership Course" at the Annual Conference of the Institute for Behavioral and Applied Management in Tampa, Fla. Schaffer also presented "On the Development of a Meaningful Leadership Minor," a paper cowrote with **Bob Thomas**, director of the Leadership Initiative.

Mike Stapleton, director of public safety and chief of police, was elected the 2003-2004 vice president for the Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

University's health thrived during the year

The university's Annual Report of Institutional Progress for 2002-03 assessed the achievements, strategic planning, overall effectiveness and student retention and graduation at North Georgia. The following outlines the overall condition of the university as reported to the Board of Regents.

By Linda Roberts-Betsch, associate VP for Academic Affairs

North Georgia has the highest graduation rate of the 13 state universities in Georgia, one of the best retention and graduation rates; high teacher and family nurse practitioner certification rates; and high physical therapy and nursing licensing examination pass rates. Several degree programs maintain national accreditation (athletic training, business, nursing, physical therapy, teacher education).

During fall semester 2002, North Georgia experienced the highest enrollment in its history with 3,720 undergraduate and 500 graduate students for a total enrollment of 4,220 students. The Corps of Cadets numbered 578 students at the beginning of fall, the largest the Corps has been during the past 20 years. The quality of the Corps has also improved.

There was increased enrollment at all off-campus sites including the Gainesville College University Center, Forsyth County, and the Wellstar Health System program in Cobb County. One hundred percent of the Associate of Science in Nursing program is taught through distance learning connecting four campuses at one time.

NGCSU was rated among the "100 Best Values in Public Educa-

tion" by Kiplinger's magazine. U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" for 2003 placed NGCSU in the second tier of masters degree-granting universities in the South.

Several capital projects were completed, including the John H. Owen Residence Hall that opened in August 2002 with 100 percent occupancy, and the interior renovation of Lewis Hall, a residence hall built in 1952. Owen Hall is a four-story apartment-style structure housing 314 students and encompassing 118,453 square feet. The NGCSU Foundation funded the \$8 million construction project with an \$11.2 million bond issued through the Downtown Dahlonega Development Authority.

A new Health Science Library opened in November 2002 in the Health and Natural Sciences Building to provide current materials for the academic units housed in the building (biology, nursing, physical therapy). The institution received approximately \$700,000 from grants and other external funding sources. Additionally, J.T. Morgan, alumnus, created a charitable trust valued at more than \$1 million to provide future support for the School of Business & Government.

With the Leadership Initiative funding, the institution was able to more fully support its leadership mission. The funding enabled the university to provide numerous



BEYOND TEXTBOOKS: Dr. Robert Fuller (l), physics, shows his students geographical features on the North Georgia terrain. The sciences are thriving at the university.

programs and opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to enhance their learning and experiences relative to leadership and leadership development.

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Dream fulfilled for retirement home resident

On Nov. 13, four NGCSU nursing students fulfilled a dream of an elderly citizen, Ella Mae Day, living in Gold City, a senior citizen retirement facility in Dahlonge.

Her dream was to “get dressed-up and have a nice dinner” in Buckhead. With the help of a non-profit organization, Second Wind Dreams, the students arranged for a limousine to take the lucky lady around Atlanta and drive her to dinner at the Fish Market in Buckhead.

“This opportunity for our students occurs when a ‘dream’ is identified,” said Dr. Jill Hayes, head of the Department of Nursing. “Students have been involved in this project once before and hopefully there will be more opportunities in the future.”

The purpose of Second Wind Dreams is to enhance senior citizens’ quality of life and improving the perception of aging. Local businesses donated funds to help make the trip possible.

Students involved were Linda Grogan and Tommy Vela, who helped chauffeur Day around the city, and Tiffany LeCroy and Babs Labrador. 🏠



RIDING IN STYLE: Hayes with Day in the stretch limo before the trip to Atlanta. Hayes stayed in Dahlonge, letting the nursing students show Day around the city.

New band director

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town square, with more planned, and is taking the cadets to represent NGCSU at Walt Disney World in April.

“I love the tradition and pride of the Corps of Cadets,” said David, who has five years of experience in the U.S. Army Band. He toured 27 countries during his tenure, playing first trumpet with the concert band and soloing with the jazz band.

David is promoting the GEB off-campus in an effort to showcase the quality of the band and give the students experiences akin to his own.

“I believe the band program can be truly great with a lot of hard work from me and the cadets and the continued support of the university,” he said.

The music conductor is no stranger to the education field, having seven years of experience teaching high school and middle school band and was also an early childhood music specialist.

David is also committing to more on-campus events. The GEB performed at the university’s recent Fall Open House, an event for prospective students. The musicians will serve as a pep band, a first for the group, for the homecoming and spirit night basketball games. They will take part in a military concert in March with the corps bagpiper and Patriot Choir. 🏠



FUTURE OF TEACHING: Dr. Richard Oates (l), head of the Department of Health & Physical Education, tests the WebLearner, an interactive tool for professors and staff who may use it for instructional and other presentation purposes. The NGCSU E-learning and Opportunity

Services office invited Tegrity representatives to campus to demonstrate the technology for interested employees. “Faculty took information from the demonstration and will see if it fits their needs,” said Tom McCracken, director of e-learning. Nancy Stahl (r), nursing, takes a look at what Weblearner can accomplish.