

## North Georgia employees give to the community

North Georgia employees stepped up to the White Christmas challenge, coordinated on-campus through the NGCSU Staff Council, and donated non-perishable food that equaled more than 58 meals for Lumpkin County families on Dec. 10, said Donna Webber, secretary to the Staff Council.

Last year, 251 families, including 434 children, benefited from the White Christmas program, made possible by the Helping Place, an outreach of the Dahlonega- Lumpkin County Ministerial Association.

Becky Buckhiester, wife of Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Buckhiester, chairs the White Christmas program this year.



**GOOD WILL TO ALL:** Employee non-perishable food donations are loaded by (left to right) 2nd Lt. Amanda Wycoff, Betzaida Green, Shannon Baker, Brian Bosarge, Donna Webber and Ken Pissell.

“We can’t do this without North Georgia,” she said. “Several university organizations donated more than 6,000 pounds of food so far this holiday season.”

North Georgia’s workforce didn’t stop with food donations. New toys were brought to the Staff Council’s Dec. 12 White Christmas Breakfast, made possible by the NGCSU Foundation and Aramark dining services. The Helping Place distributes the toys.

Donations of any kind are accepted year-round at the Community Helping Place, which consists of a food pantry, thrift store, used furniture store and baby supplies located at 230 Hwy 19 North. For more information on the Helping Place, telephone (706) 867-9621.

### Order new North Georgia license plates now

You have the opportunity to order the State of Georgia’s new specialized North Georgia license plates between Jan. 1 and July 31, 2003. The new tags will be issued in 2004, but our deadline is July 2003 to ensure the production of North Georgia tags.

The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety will redesign all license plates for 2004. We must be able to guarantee the sale of 500 North Georgia tags before the department will manufacture the specialized license plates. The current North Georgia license plate now in circulation will no longer be valid for motor vehicles in 2004.

To order the new specialized license plate, you must submit the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety form

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### *Holiday Luncheon*

The NGCSU Holiday Luncheon takes place Dec. 20 at noon in the campus dining hall.

President Nathaniel Hansford invites all faculty, staff and administration to celebrate the holiday season with the North Georgia family. RSVP to office and department secretaries by today, Dec. 16, if you plan to attend.

Don’t miss the holiday meal, musical performances and door prizes.



## Campus in Action

**Robert Thomas**, director of the Leadership Initiative, was asked by the editor of the SEAL (Social Economy and Law) Journal to write an article based on his experience with financial sustainability and endowments in Central and Eastern Europe. The article will be published in the winter issue of SEAL. Thomas has been director of a project on these issues for non-governmental organizations in CEE since 1997 and he has written reports and provided advice to non-governmental organization leaders in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Poland and Romania. Thomas has been invited to advise NGO leaders in Russian on the legal and financial aspects of endowments and will travel to Moscow in the spring. These activities are under the auspices of the EastWest Institute.

**Dr. Irene Kokkala**, biology, and **Dr. Donna Gessell**, language and literature, had their article titled "Writing Science Effectively: Biology and English Students in an Author-Editor relationship" published in the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, Vol. 23 (4) 252-257.

**Lt. Col. Billy Shaw**, military science, has been reassigned for an overseas U.S. Army Special Forces mission for an indefinite period of time. Special Operations Command requested his return to Special Forces for a report date in December or January. Shaw's past assignment history and skills are needed in a new position stationed in Africa. He has served 18 years in the Army and 13 years as part of its Special Forces group.



**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE:** All six members of the Spanish faculty were put to the test on the Leadership Reaction Course at Pine Valley on Dec. 6. Mariana Pomphile and Dr. Matías Miñambres take the initiative trying to reconstruct the "destroyed bridge," one of the obstacles on the course. Modeled off LRCs used by the U.S. Army, the course is a problem-solving and team-building experience. The first group of professors to train on the course, the Spanish faculty completed the obstacle, getting the bridge rebuilt and everyone across, but they went past the 40-minute time limit, even with Dr. Elizabeth Combier's plea to move "rápido." (L to R) Dr. Kristi Hislope, Dr. Vicki McCard, Combier and Dr. Gordon McNeer brainstorm on the sidelines.

## New North Georgia license plates *(Continued from page 1)*

MV-9C through your local county tag office before July 31, 2003. If your registration month is between January and July, you may order your 2004 North Georgia plate as you pay for your 2003 decal. If your registration is in August or beyond, you must take the completed form MV-9C to your local county tag office before July 31, 2003.

More information regarding these plates can be found online at [www.ngcsu.edu](http://www.ngcsu.edu). Use the link on the New Tag Emblem or on the Alumni page, where you also can access the MV-9C order form from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety.

## Campus Events

**Jessica Poeppelman's senior exhibit** "Hat Collection," a series of pastel portraits, will be on display through Dec. 20 in the lobby of the Gloria Shott Auditorium. **David Bond's senior exhibit** "Solitude," featuring a collection of photographs, will be on display in the hallway of the Nix Cultural Center through Dec. 20.

A reception for the **"Images and Objects of Appalachia"** exhibit is planned for Jan. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit, which continues through Jan. 24 in the Hoag Student Center Gallery, features clay folk figure sculptures by Mary Mashburn and photographs by Doris Ulmann.

## Leadership grants support employee research projects

The Faculty & Staff Leadership Grant Committee has selected 11 proposals for full or partial funding. The Committee reviewed 23 proposals requesting a total of \$127,031. The 11 proposals selected for funding totaled \$40,238.

“We have about \$10,000 remaining in the project funds,” said Bob Thomas, director of the Leadership Initiative. “The committee will consider funding additional proposals that address the goals of the program.”

The program seeks to expand leadership education and development through developing new leadership courses and programs for students, staff and faculty, enhancing existing courses and programs, assisting faculty in their research, whether theoretical or applied, and delivering innovative leadership programs for community leaders, community organizations and other constituents of NGCSU.

Those interested in submitting a proposal may contact Thomas at 867-2794. Funds for the current approved projects were distributed Dec. 2. Projects will take place during spring semester and reports are due by June 30, 2003.

Faculty & Staff Leadership Grants				
	Organization	Project Name	Amount	Submitted By
1	Interdisciplinary	Bioinformatics	\$6,075.00	Dr. Terry Schwaner
2	Visiting Writers Committee	Janisse Ray Presentation	\$1,000.00	Dr. Tanya Bennett
3	Student Affairs, Health Sciences, Mil. Science	Training of Ropes Course Facilitators	\$4,000.00	Wes Thomas
4	Military Science	Pre-Camp Program	\$7,840.00	Cpt. Anthony Fritchle
5	Graduate Studies/Faculty Development	Grant Writing Workshops	\$872.80	Dr. Irene Kukkala
6	Student Affairs	Greek Leadership	\$2,000.00	Amanda Lammers
7	Deans' Council	Win/Win Interactions	\$2,100.00	Dr. Donna Gessell
8	History	Leaders in the News	\$3,050.00	Dr. Jeffrey Sommers
9	Student Affairs	Hand in Hand	\$2,300.00	Laura Whitaker-Lea
10	The Writing Center	Writing Fellows Across the Curriculum	\$1,000.00	Dr. Sandee McGlaun
11	Teacher Education	N. Ga. Coalition for Instructional Leadershi	\$10,000.00	Dr. Susan Brandenburg-Ayres
	Totals		\$40,237.80	

## Commencement and commissioning on Dec. 20

Dr. Barry Friedman, professor of political science and coordinator of the graduate program in public administration at NGCSU, will be the speaker at fall commencement which takes place in the Memorial Hall Gym on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. Friedman has taught at the university for 10 years and started the Master of Public Administration degree program in 1996. He was named the NGCSU Alumni Association Distinguished Professor in 1997 and 2002.

Brig. Gen. James A. Kelley will speak at the officer commissioning ceremony in the Memorial Hall Gym on Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. In July 2001 Kelley was assigned to Fort McPherson, Ga. as the assistant deputy chief of staff, serving in that role during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the early stages of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. He assumed his current duties as the U.S. Army Reserve Command Chief of Staff in July 2002.

During commencement, approximately 266 students are expected to receive degrees, including associate's, bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees. Currently 12 students are scheduled to earn an academic minor in leadership. All 12 students have completed the minor in the military track. At the commissioning ceremony, 20 cadets will take an oath of office and become newly commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. Six will serve in Georgia as officers in the Army National Guard.

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**JUST ANOTHER RUBBER CHICKEN:** President and Mrs. Nathaniel Hansford enjoy being the target of a little tomfoolery by costumed Student Theatre Guild members during the rehearsal of Ye Olde Yuletyde Feaste. Dr. Lee Barrow, wearing 21st century eyeglasses with his 16th century attire, conducted the madrigal singers in rehearsal. The sold-out performances Dec. 6 and 7 added a three-course English royal banquet to the music and entertainment.

## ‘Fate’ movie scene filmed on campus

Alpha Film Group, Inc., based in Alpharetta, Ga. came to campus Monday night, Dec. 9, to film a scene for its psychological thriller, “Fate,” starring Lee Majors of “Six Million Dollar Man” fame, Michael Paré (“Philadelphia Experiment” and “Eddie and The Cruisers”) and Philip Michael Thomas (“Miami Vice”).

Ray Guthrie, executive producer of the film, said that in addition to the crime scene shot on campus, the



**TAKE TWO:** A crew member talks with stars Paré and Thomas on set, and students and employees stand behind the police tape as extras in the scene. Several “takes” of the scene were filmed in the commuter parking lot behind the Holly Theatre.

crew would shoot scenes Dec. 10-12 at the Dahlonega Consolidated Gold Mines, wrapping the four-week shoot for the film, scheduled for release in 2003.



**15 MINUTES OF FAME:** Public Safety officer Gerald Martin, one of the “police” in the scene, with Paré.

### New University Directory

The new 2003 University Directory is now available, just in time for you to call up or e-mail all your co-workers and wish them well during the holiday season. Employees will receive individual copies through campus mail this week. If you do not receive a copy, please contact University Relations at ext. 1949.

### Inclement weather

To find out if the university is closed or if opening is delayed due to weather conditions, employees may go to the university home page at [www.ngcsu.edu](http://www.ngcsu.edu) where a weather alert will be posted. Also tune in to any of the major TV or radio news stations.

In the event of the university closing or a delay in opening, you can access your office voice mail off-campus and change the message:

- 1 - Dial 706-867-0319
- 2 - At prompt, enter seven-digit mailbox number
- 3 - Your voice mail message starts to play; press # key
- 4 - At prompt, enter four-digit security code; this accesses your voice mail options

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