

Community service strong in psychology and sociology



SERVICE LEADERS: Abby Hilburn (l) adds a toy, brought by Jessica Jones, to the Sociology Club's collection. In the background, some of the masterminds in the community service projects in the psychology and sociology department: Pippert, Dolan and Luck.

The Sociology Club's Christmas tree in the Dunlap Hall lobby is looking a little bare this holiday season, but that's a good thing for the organization. Each ornament originally placed on the tree represented a child, and students and employees have selected ornaments to provide toys for the children.

The tree now is showing most of its natural green, with few ornaments left on it. Dr. Kathleen Dolan's office has become a stockpile for all the toys the Sociology Club has collected through the ornament-toy program.

The bags of toys were given to Enotah CASA Inc. in Cleveland, a local arm of the national Court Appointed Special Advocacy program. The program solicits volunteers to participate in the lives of foster children and the toys collected at NGCSU will go to children in the outreach program. Enotah CASA Inc., <http://nationalcasa.org/>, serves

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Holiday Luncheon

North Georgia's annual Holiday Luncheon will take place Dec. 19 at noon in the campus dining hall.

President Nathaniel Hansford invites all faculty, staff and administration to attend. RSVP to office and department secretaries by Dec. 16, if you plan to attend.



SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS' SAKE: Santa and Mrs. Claus (aka Mike and Pat Van Hecke of Dahlonega) were on hand for the festivities Dec. 4 in the Adams Great Room of the Student Center to greet children of the NGCSU community. President Nathaniel Hansford read the traditional "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." A good time was had by all at the annual event, this year sponsored by the NGCSU Staff Council and the Student Activities Board.

Campus in Action

Dr. Thomas Austenfeld, language and literature, presented a paper titled "Giving Everyone a Voice: Translating von Hofmannsthal's Jedermann" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association's annual conference in Atlanta on Nov 15. **Dr. Gordon McNeer**, language and literature, organized and chaired the session titled "World Poetry in Translation."

Dr. Noel Campbell, Dr. Zach Finney and Dr. C. Michael Powell received the prestigious Steven Shaw Award for their paper "Strategies and Resources: Pathways to Success?" The award is given to the outstanding paper at the Society for Marketing Advances annual conference in New Orleans, La., Nov. 7. They also were awarded the best paper in the Marketing Strategy Track.

Dr. Carl Cavalli, political science, was elected to serve a two-year term on the Executive Board of the Georgia Political Science Association at the annual meeting in Pine Mountain, Ga., Nov. 13-15. Cavalli also presented the paper "The Value of Presidential Contact With Congress: Lyndon Johnson and Medicare" at the meeting.

Dr. Brian Jay Corrigan, language and literature, signed with Fairleigh-Dickinson press to publish his book "Playhouse Law in Shakespeare's World," which is expected to come out spring 2004.

Dr. Kathleen A. Dolan, psychology and sociology, and Dr. Phil Davis from Georgia State University are co-authors of "Lesbian

Taking a look at North Georgia

The Fall Open House on Nov. 22 brought 697 visitors to campus, including 273 prospective students.

Mack Palmour, associate director of Admissions, said the entire university helped make the event a success.

"I offer special thanks to the Plant

Operations staff, who had the campus looking great, and faculty and staff, who gave up their Saturday afternoon to meet with prospective students and their families," Palmour said. "We also appreciated the help from the Commandant's Office for setting up and tearing down the equipment in the gym, as well as the wonderful performances of the Blue Ridge Rifles, Golden Eagle Band and bagpiper Doug Grey."

In addition, Palmour praised the bookstore staff for working during the special program, the many students who gave campus tours and represented their organizations, and "the Admissions staff for pulling it all together."

The Spring Open House is scheduled for April 3, 2004. 🏰



Women and Sexually Transmitted Infections" in the book "In Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader," published by Allyn & Bacon. Dolan also wrote the instructor's manual for the book.

Dr. Marc Jason Gilbert, history, received a Korea Society Fellowship enabling him to visit the Republic of Korea in support of his work examining that country's place in world history. He also published an article, "The End of the Slave Trade: The Case of East Africa," in the November issue of the new journal "World History Connected."

A promotion ceremony for **Capt. Thomas Lewis**, military science, took place on Dec. 2 in the Adams Great Room. Lewis, with 11 years

in the U.S. Army, was promoted to major.

Dr. Michael Reese, political science and criminal justice, presented the paper "The Defense Rests: A Tribute to Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch" at the meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association and the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia in Pine Mountain, Ga., Nov. 13-15.

Dr. Tim Singleton, professor emeritus, business administration, presented the paper "Variations in the Case Review Process" at a plenary session at the North American Case Research Association's annual meeting in Tampa, Fla., Nov. 6-8. He also completed his term on the NACRA Board of Directors after serving from 1988 to 2003.

Community service project

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Lumpkin, Towns, Union and White Counties.

CASA representatives came to pick up the toys in early December and there were too many for the SUV to hold them all. The CASA representative cried when she saw the outpouring of gifts from NGCSU, according to Dr. Marvin Pippert, department head of Psychology and Sociology.

This is just one example of the efforts the faculty members and students in the Department of Psychology and Sociology are participating in to reach out and provide their time and donations this holiday season.

"The department has become the single largest provider of food around the Thanksgiving holiday for the Dahlonega Food Pantry," said Pippert. More than 1,222 lbs. of food have been collected through the department's various projects since classes started in August.

Pippert said his department's faculty and students combined have participated in more than 2,500 hours of community service this semester alone.

"In addition to community service, students also have an opportunity to do internships to gain a better understanding of themselves, their community and problems within the community," he said.

For the fifth year, psychology and sociology organizations are participating in the White Christmas program, which collects food donations. They are providing food for the HOPE house, a new recovery house in Lumpkin County for women suffering from substance abuse. Sociology instructor James Awbrey has been active with all these projects.

The community service isn't just reserved for the holidays. Dolan and fellow faculty member Philip Luck made it a requirement in their classes for students to do a minimum number of service hours when classes started.

One faculty member, Dr. Kelly Leach Cate, NG' 98, performed in a solo concert on campus on Nov. 19, playing the piano and singing, to raise money for breast cancer research. She raised more than \$1,000 that evening and more than \$2,000 total this semester. ▲



"Grape Vines and Tree" by Jack Anthony

'Nine by Four Plus' photography exhibit

Photographs by Jack Anthony, NG '51, are on display in the Hoag Student Center Gallery through Jan. 14. The exhibit, "Nine by Four Plus," features 49 images made from Appalachia to Apalachicola, along with scenes from Paris,

Spain and Malta. The show is sponsored by the Nix Living Heritage Trust and is part of the Appalachian Art Series. For more information, contact the Fine Arts department at x1423.

Fall commencement and commissioning

At the fall semester commencement ceremony on Dec. 19, North Georgia will graduate 250 students, including 198 undergraduates plus 52 students receiving graduate degrees. The first group of about 15 students receiving double majors in Early Childhood and Special education will graduate. The event takes place at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall gym.

Dr. Frank Fearon, the 2003 Distinguished Professor, selected by the NGCSU Alumni Association, will be the commencement speaker.

At the 4 p.m. officer commissioning ceremony on Friday in the auditorium of the Health & Natural Sciences Building, 10 cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The speaker is Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Smith, commanding general of the U.S. Army Safety Center at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

CORRECTION: In the Nov. 24 Digest, the faculty title for Andy David, the new band director, was incorrect. He is an assistant professor of music.

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Minority and international students recognized

by Dr. Carmen Mas, director of Academic Support Programs

The Office of Multicultural Services hosted a banquet in November honoring minority and international students who excelled academically in the 2002-2003 academic year. Ann Tallant and Rodney Pennamon called out the names of the 51 recipients and Dr. Phil Buckhiester, vice president for Academic Affairs, presented the awards.

The banquet speaker, Tavares Stephens, is an English teacher at Morrow High School in Morrow, Ga. Stephens reminded the students that their



Photo: Eric Mabbott

MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT: Guest speaker Tavares Stephens with wife Nicole Stephens talking with Dr. Carmen Mas and Dr. Phil Buckhiester at the banquet.

time in college is part of a journey of greater significance, yet how they craft this time will have an

impact in their future.

NGCSU President Nathaniel Hansford gave the closing remarks, motivating the students to “pay it forward,” by sharing their success and talents with others in an effort to make a difference.

This event allows us to carve out a special evening once a year to recognize the academic achievement of minority students and to encourage them to continue to work hard all the way through graduation from NGCSU. A strong grade

point average helps students to be more competitive for scholarships, jobs and graduate school.



Deck the dining hall with gifts of food and toys



SANTA'S HELPERS: NGCSU staff members helping with the White Christmas breakfast are: (front row, left to right) Ann Reed, Shannon Baker, Lynn Youngblood, Mary Hand, Amanda Lammers and Karen Roop; (back row) Valerie Grizzle, Michele Gilstrap, Ann Gaddis, Paula Palmour and Laura Mullins.



The NGCSU Staff Council organized the annual White Christmas Breakfast for faculty and staff on Dec. 11 from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Admission was by contributions of four cans of food or an unwrapped new toy, and 86 employees showed up with donations.

Laura Mullins (Academic Affairs) and Mary Hand (Student Affairs) were in charge of arrangements. Aramark Dining Services sponsored the event with full complimentary breakfasts for all participants. The Staff Council provided door prizes and candy-sack favors. The contributed food and toys were delivered to the Dahlonega Food Pantry.

