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## Parents-Alumni Weekend - April 18 - 20

Spring in the mountains is just around the corner. Which means our annual Parents-Alumni Weekend will be here before you know it! As the Dogwoods prepare to bloom and the sun begins to warm the campus, we are making final preparations for your arrival on April 18th. We have so much to show and share. For example, new campus developments, future projects and this year's student, faculty, and alumni award recipients to name a few. We encourage you to come back during this busy and exciting time at North Georgia.

We start Friday's events with a special treat at the beautiful fairways and smooth greens of the Chestatee Golf Club in Dawsonville for the 30th annual Morrison Moore Golf Tournament. Another favorite is our wine tasting event Friday afternoon at the Alumni Center. The theme this year is "Going French, Without Going Broke" – some good French wines you can drink without taking out a bank loan. The Class of 1953 will cap the evening celebrating their 55th reunion.

Saturday's activities begin with the Corps of Cadets Fun Run sponsored by the Boars Head Brigade, open to Parents, Alumni, & Friends who wish to run with the Corps. At 10:00 a.m., all alumni are encouraged to attend the Alumni Council & General Membership Meeting at the Alumni Center. We'll have you done in time to catch the hard hitting action of the Saints baseball team as they take on Georgia Southwestern State University in a double header at the NGCSU Baseball Field starting at 1:00 p.m. Later, join us at the NGCSU Memorial Retreat Ceremony. We are pleased to welcome on this 25th anniversary of the dedication of the NGCSU KIA Memorial, COL (R) Warren Williams, Class of '62, as our guest speaker.

This year's NGCSU AWARDS GALA - "A Night at the Oscars" will be exciting and entertaining! Like the "Oscars," we promise to keep our presentations short. The event starts with a reception immediately following the NGCSU Memorial Retreat Ceremony in the Memorial Hall Gymnasium. This will be a great opportunity to meet and congratulate our outstanding students, Ms. Rochelle Tiedemann and Mr. Jason Isgrigg, our Distinguished Professor, Dr. Robert Sinn, Hall of Fame recipient, Mr. J. T. Morgan, '50 Distinguished Alumnus award recipient, Mr. Hoss Matthews, '51 and Young Alumnus award recipient Honorable Marsha H. Moore, '98.

Sunday's highlight is the Military Awards Review at 2:00 p.m. on the drill field. Corps alumni are invited to form up with the "Alumni Militia" to pass in review with the Corps.

Again, we encourage you to come back during this busy and exciting time at North Georgia.

### Alumni Spotlight

#### Bill Rogers, NG '55

*A pilot when he was 15, instructor enjoys inspiring students to fly*

*Jacksonville Times Union*

About 130 middle school students who attended summer camp at Cecil Commerce Center got to learn algebra and aerodynamics from a seasoned glider and powered-flight instructor.

A retired electronics engineer, who has served with the U. S. Navy, Air Force and Army, Bill Rogers, has been sharing his love of flying with hundreds of folks over the years. Rogers, as an aviation teacher for Florida Community College at Jacksonville, shows his students how to build glider and rubber band-powered model airplanes to spark their interest and maybe inspire a few to think about careers in aviation.

During the rest of the year, he promotes aviation while substitute-teaching at Bishop John J. Snyder High School and giving glider and powered piloting lessons at Spencer's Airport in Middleburg, FL.

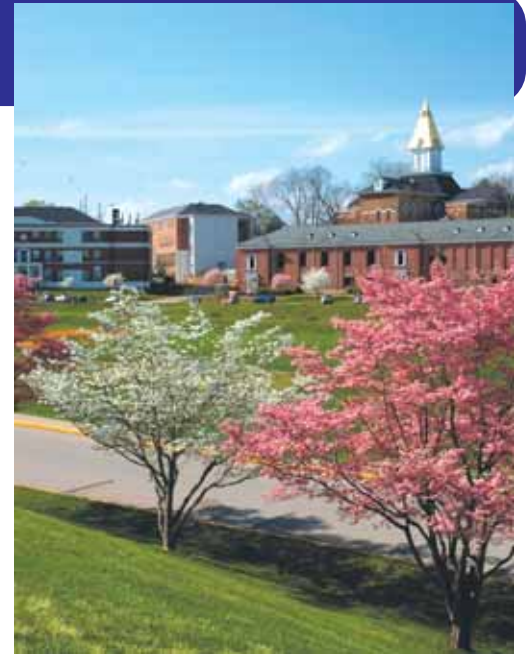
"The greatest gift I've ever received was from Lee Gilmer, the person who taught me how to fly," said Rogers. "Not only has flying shaped my entire life, but also Lee's example as a person, teacher, and friend."

Rogers was one of several teenagers who hung around Gainesville, GA's municipal airport, run by Gilmer, who taught 15-year-old Rogers how

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*Rogers instructs students on the flight simulator*



## Special Announcement Putting Your Dues to Work for You!

Have you been wondering what your Alumni Association Dues goes toward? Think you are not getting enough for your investment? Wonder no more. Introducing North Georgia College & State University's newest offering to our Alumni Association members....online *NetCommunity*.

We all know that last year was a challenge in finding out the latest with the Male Residency Policy issue. It was just as difficult for your Alumni Council members to provide consistent and timely information back to you.

In 1971, the NGCSU Alumni Association was incorporated to be the voice of alumni. Still today, the Association continues to focus its assets / support in helping the university and alumni maintain its link, strong traditions and academic excellence.

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## Sinn named Alumni Association distinguished professor for 2008



Dr. Robb Sinn has a passion for teaching. It explains the rare level of devotion he demonstrates as an educator. The associate professor of mathematics has accomplished a considerable amount in the four and a half years that he has taught at NGCSU.

In 2005, he revitalized the Summer Honors Program, an academic and leadership experience for high schoolers. Now the program is becoming a valuable way to introduce talented students to college. He secured a major grant, with colleague Dianna Spence, from the National Science Foundation for \$175,000 for statistics research at the university.

Sinn also is involved in professional development training for K-12 mathematics teachers as the state continues to implement the new Georgia Performance Standards in its school systems.

In the classroom, he challenges his students and is not afraid to try experimental teaching methods. Sinn even holds special office hours in the computer lab when his students need help on projects.

"For a teacher to be excellent, he or she has to be there for the students," says Sinn. "For me to gauge whether or not students are learning in my lectures, I make eye contact with them, I take an interest in their lives, learn what's important to them."

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**Message from the  
Alumni Council President**

Hello to all Alumni,

Spring is close by and our thoughts are on Parents-Alumni Weekend (April 18-20). Time for gathering together to celebrate all that is good about our Alma Mater. PAW will be full of many diverse activities that we hope will meet and exceed your expectations. The announcements have gone out in the mail; we encourage you to set aside those days to come join us. Don't miss the annual Awards Gala Saturday night where our theme will be "A Night at the Oscars" - guaranteed fun for all! Also, stop by the Alumni House during the weekend and you just might catch some past acquaintances.

NGCSU is experiencing growth with the infrastructure and our student population. Great changes are happening as we move forward from the *Best Kept Secret* to *Best Known University* in the Nation. One of the ways to spread the word about our great school is through the voice of our alumni. I want to personally invite you to join our NGCSU Alumni Association so that you too can stay connected, stay involved, and enjoy the benefits.

Your membership will allow the NGCSU Alumni Association to continue to accomplish its mission in providing and supporting the following:

- \* *Alumni Area Meetings*
- \* *Alumni Class Reunions*
- \* *NGCSU Memorial and KLD Memorial*
- \* *Special Events like Gold Rush and Parents-Alumni Weekend*
- \* *Annual Alumni and Student Awards Program*
- \* *Annual Distinguished Professor Award*
- \* *Association Scholarship for dependents. Increasing membership will provide additional scholarships.*

**Your membership includes the following benefits:**

- \* *NGCSU Alumni Bulletin - minimum of 4 issues a year*
- \* *Membership card and decal*
- \* *Discount on car rentals and hotel rates*
- \* *Alumni merchandise discounts*
- \* *Annual premium - small NGCSU gift*

**Coming soon!**

- \* *Alumni Online NetCommunity - see next page.*

Come visit us at <http://www.ngcsu.edu/advancement/alumni/>.

I look forward to seeing you at our future events.

Respectfully,

José Rodriguez



*José Rodriguez, NG '73*

**In Memoriam**

Former NGC Professor of Physical Education, Ulysses Grant Matherly, died on October 13th, 2007, at his home in Englewood Florida, at the age of 84.

"Coach Matherly's legacy holds a special and prominent place in NGC sports history. He was a wonderful Professor and Coach whose love of sports and his players, and his deep and abiding human warmth will be long remembered," said retired Army Lieutenant General DeWayne Patrick, Class of 57.

Coach Matherly arrived at NGC in 1953, upon completion of his studies at Wittenburg College (BS), the University of Florida (MPH) and Columbia University. He served with great distinction until his departure in 1971.

NGCSU extends its heartfelt condolences to Coach Matherly's family members, and to all those students who were fortunate enough to either study or participate in sports under his wise tutelage and superb leadership.

**DECEASED**

*We remember our former classmates, friends, and mentors with admiration and respect.*

George H. Stell	1934
Edmond Cobb Yarbrough	1934
Madison L. Mundy	1935
Margaret Singleton	1935
Thelma Hannah	1935
Vivian Morris Bryant	1936
Jack L. Russell	1936
Joseph D. Mays	1936
Fannie Belle Garrett Ragan	1939
Robert L. Harrison	1939
Albert L. Blanton	1939
Legare G. Bracewell	1940
Madelene Cox Gibbs	1940
Reece Wilson Cross, Sr.	1940
Hugh E. Hilliard	1940
Dolph Fuller, Jr.	1940
Franklin T. Coleman	1940
Bennett R. Hunter	1941
Frances Moore Brown	1941
H. Mason Barfield	1941
Joseph A. Dyer	1942
Doris L. Outz	1942
Robert W. Harris	1943
Henry B. Hearn, III	1943
Jack C. Hulsey	1943
Claude R. Gaines, Jr.	1943
Lillian Langley Wooddy	1943
Tom Murphy	1943
Albert O. Meredith, Jr.	1944
Curtis H. Bell	1944
Harold E. Dill	1945
Joseph Brant Edwards	1949
Jerry Walter Booth	1951
Newton A. Whatley	1951
Lloyd Flourney Baker	1952
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Clara Merritt James	1953
Calvin P. Andrews, Sr.	1954
Harry Vickers, Jr.	1955
Josephine J. Padgett	1955
William L. Reid	1955
Bobby N. Whatley	1956
Roy G. Chambers	1956
Max D. Bradley	1958
Margaret B. Seymour	1960
John R. McCamy	1960
James B. Fowler	1960
Willis Jackson Nolen, Jr.	1961
Lawrence R. Jones	1962
George A. Broxton	1962
William G. Monroe	1962
Edna Brock Durham	1963
Thomas W. Dalton, Jr.	1963
John C. Sprague, Jr.	1964
Alecia Adams Jameson	1965
Larry D. Burgess	1966
Michael Adair Gorman	1967
Benjamin S. Jenkins	1969
Ralph Anthony True	1969
Russell S. Gilbert	1970
Richard Wayne Davidson	1970
Danny R. Powell	1972
Danny S. Hayes	1972
Ulysses G. Matherly, Jr.	1973
Mary Castle Ferguson	1977
David P. Holliman, II	1980
Rocko Vantino Stowers	1981
Christopher P. Tweedell	1990
Cynthia Stovall Holcomb	1990
Randall Kim Allen	1997

**Friends**

Richard O. Belden

**Retired Staff**

Austia Edwards

# University Notes

## A New Dean and a New MBA degree program for the Mike Cottrell School of Business

Dr. Max Burns has accepted the position of Dean, Mike Cottrell School of Business on February 1, 2008.



**Dr. Max Burns**

Dr. Burns has served as the Associate Dean of the Cottrell School of Business since July 2007. Prior to joining us at NGCSU, he was a Senior Policy Advisor with Thelen, Reid & Priest, LLP in Washington, D.C. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 12th District of Georgia from 2003-2005. His prior academic career was at Georgia Southern University where he was a Professor of Information Systems. He was a visiting professor at Massey University-Albany in Auckland, New Zealand in 2001, a Senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Boras in Sweden in 1993, and a visiting

lecturer at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia in 1990. Dr. Burns has worked in the corporate world (Oxford Industries, Inc.; North American Mission Board; Pan American World Airways) for many years before transitioning into academia.

Dr. Burns brings to the academic table, a wealth of business, political, and international expertise.

One of the initiatives the Mike Cottrell School of Business is jump starting this year is the new Master of Business Administration degree program named TeamMBA.

TeamMBA is designed for working professionals who wish to earn the degree without disrupting their careers to attend school full time. Courses will be offered in the evenings, and students also will interact long-distance for group studies and team projects through various technology tools.

Students who enroll in the program can expect to earn their degrees in 20 to 24 months. TeamMBA is a cohort-based program and will allow each group of 30 to 40 students to matriculate and graduate together.

Heading up the initiative is former alumni council president John Douglas, NG '64, as the newly appointed Director of MBA Marketing and Development.

"Applications are being accepted now and we encourage all alumni to apply and/or help spread the word about this new exciting program." stated Douglas. "Anyone interested or wanting more information, please contact me at (706) 864-1610 or visit our website at [www.northgeorgiamba.com](http://www.northgeorgiamba.com)."



**John Douglas**

North Georgia partnered with the City of Cumming and recently announced the inaugural location of the university's new MBA degree program. MBA classes will begin in August on the top floor of Cumming City Hall, located right off Georgia Highway 400 in downtown Cumming.

NGCSU President David Potter addressed Cumming Mayor Ford Gravitt, council members and local citizens at the Feb. 19 city council meeting, expressing pride in the partnership between the university and the community, which he said will benefit the citizens throughout the Georgia 400 corridor.

"We are pleased to offer this program and look forward to providing additional programs in the future that benefit the workforce of our northeast Georgia region," NGCSU President David Potter said. "We are grateful for the support of our Cumming partners in this new venture."

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Your Association's Alumni Affairs & Special Projects Committee (Bob Babich, Tony Dasilva, Roger Nixon, Lori Stone) has worked very hard over the last 18 months evaluating many different online community offerings. In October, we presented our research and recommendation to the leadership of the university. The leadership approved the recommendation and we moved forward with *NetCommunity*.

Well, what is *NetCommunity*? It is an online community for NGCSU Alumni Association members. Now you don't have to worry about keeping up with classmates, friends, acquaintances, potential employers and leaders through another product on the Internet. As a dues paying member, you will be able to stay linked with fellow alumni and the university. Here is a sample of the offering *NetCommunity* will deliver:

- Online directory
- Online dues payment
- Online donations
- Mentoring
- Career networking
- Job posting
- and more.....

We are able to provide this service to our members through partnering with the NGCSU Foundation and the university. The Foundation will be able

## Message from NGCSU President



**David Potter**

We are pleased to present to our alumni this spring edition of the Bulletin. We hope it conveys some of the excitement we feel on campus about the future of our university. The most visible sign of our development is the \$55 million worth of construction now nearing at North Georgia, to renovate our historic Education Building, to create a state-of-the-art Library and Technology Center, to erect our first parking deck, and to place a new fitness center being on top of that deck.

These projects are changing the look of the campus, while enhancing our capacity to honor our heritage of academic excellence within an educational environment that enriches the whole person.

This commitment to connect the present with the past is crucial to North Georgia's identity as an educational community. We are fortunate to have a unique mission within the University System of Georgia, being designated as the Military College of Georgia and as a leadership institution. In less formal ways, we are known for our challenging academic programs, strong ties among students and faculty and staff, and the intimacy our small-scale, rural environment provides. Our challenge is to preserve these qualities while addressing increasing demands for our services from students who seek admission to North Georgia and from the communities we serve—and to do so at a time when our region is quickly transforming from small towns to part of the Atlanta metropolis.

If we are to succeed in this dual mission of responding to change while sustaining our identity, we need the help and support of all our constituents. Most especially we need the commitment of our alumni to participate in these efforts. Your experiences at North Georgia give you first-hand knowledge of the traditions we seek to sustain. Your career and life since leaving our campus give you insights into how we can best serve students who will soon join you as graduates and colleagues. We seek your involvement and assistance. We encourage you to expand your dedication to your university—as volunteers who donate your time to programs and activities that fit your interests and expertise, as helpful advisors who offer creative ideas for future development, as donors who provide resources to attain higher levels of excellence.

The Alumni Association is a valuable organization for alumni involvement. Its partnership with the university is essential if we are to achieve the goals we share. Its programs and services enrich our ability to work together on behalf of our beloved institution. We urge you to affirm your commitment to North Georgia by enrolling (or re-enrolling) in the Association and devoting a portion of your valuable time to its work. Together we can create a future worthy of our past.

to take advantage of the many features *NetCommunity* has to offer, thus they have agreed to help with the annual maintenance fee. The university leadership believed so strongly in the importance and advantages of having *NetCommunity* that they agreed to pay for the start up costs. The start up cost is over \$50,000 alone. All involved believe this investment will not only boost Alumni Association membership, it will strengthen the link between our alumni, students and the university.

What's the status? We are currently in the design phase and will begin building the site in May. We look to launch this new feature late summer. ALL graduates and attendees of NGCSU will be able to update directory information at any time. Those Alumni Association members in good standing will have access to the entire *NetCommunity* offerings.

We look forward to launching this for our members in '08. This is one of the many initiatives we are working on to deliver to YOU - our customer.

Alumni Affairs & Special Project Committee  
 Bob Babich                      Tony Dasilva  
 Roger Nixon                      Lori Stone

## ALUMNI FRONT AND CENTER

1934

Seventy-five years ago Thomas K. Wilson was working on the college farm driving an old Fordson tractor under the direction of Daddy Barnes. Thomas is still a farmer and served 5 years during WW II on active duty. He would like to hear from some of his classmates.

1939

Henry N. Collar is still looking for Carlton Stevens, class of '40-'41 from Macon, GA.

1943

Col Hugh Riddle is still living in Irmo, South Carolina. His wife died last year. He is finding plenty of volunteer jobs and tending to the yard to keep him busy. He reminisces about NGC often, and says that his best years were at NGC.



Dr. William H. Houston, M.D. is a retired Ophthalmologist. He is still married to Lynelle Hooks of Swainsboro, GA. December 21, 2007 will be their 63rd anniversary.

1945



Betty Mitchell Hill is proud to share the picture above of herself and her three daughters, a picture taken at Lake Burton last summer. From left to right is Cheryl Rawls, Dixie Cox, Lauren Robeson, and Betty. Lauren was valedictorian at NGC in 1974. Betty would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

1946

Dallas M. Ryle retired from Lockheed-Georgia as an aerodynamicist, and Vice President of Engineering. He believed that NGC prepared him well for his lifetime career, and believes that his time at North Georgia was the happiest time of his life. The freedom of being on my own at the age of sixteen, away from a loving,



*The Ryle Family*

but somewhat repressive environment was a heady new experience! I discovered that the faculty really cared about the students; the military was a new and exciting adventure (I didn't even mind our required run over Crown Mountain once a week), the mountain setting was beautiful, and the social life friendly...My roommates (in an old ramshackle wooden building on the town square called the Boyd House) were John Lee from Marshallville, Zellner Young from Ft. Valley, and Nash Faulkner from Thomaston...A special bonus: the little sisters of John and Zellner- Claudia Lee and Jeannine Young were both drop-dead gorgeous! I had the pleasure of their company (one at a time) as dates on campus and later. North Georgia students back then were volunteer firemen for the city of Dahlonega, and dash out into freezing cold weather to wherever the fire was (usually an old sawmill). My professors were outstanding! I received a Master's at Georgia Tech and did graduate work at Emory and Columbia, but never had professors equal to Dr. Sims for chemistry, Mr. Towson for math, and Dr. Kenneth England for English. The thorough grounding they gave me well prepared me for my career as an Aerodynamicist with Lockheed-Georgia. I believe that my time at North Georgia from June 1944 until spring of 1945, was the happiest year of my life.

1949

John and Gloria Kelley have been married for 56 years. John is retired and still working with scout troops. When they hike the Appalachian Trail they always eat at the Smith House and visit the campus of North Georgia before heading home. Many changes have taken place since '46-'49, but they have fond memories of the good old days at NGC.

1952

Robert F. Jones is still working full-time in the Taxidermy business. Robert also decorates restaurants, for

example, Longhorn Steakhouse, Texas Steakhouse, and others. Robert has several books published, mostly westerns and nature, and one growing up in Tallapoosa, GA.

1953



Grail Brookshire and Lee Brookshire '76 enjoyed the fall leaf change by bicycling 413 miles on the Sky Line Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and North Carolina. Mary (Eunice White) Brookshire '52 and Grail's sister Ramona Amacher drove the support vehicle.

1955

June Laroque has seen half a century pass since graduation and her days at NGC continue to enrich her life both mentally and in memory.

1956

William Sanders and his wife, Celetta, are busy traveling between their home and McLean, VA and Lafayette, GA. They are also enjoying their two grandsons, Hayden Lee (5) and William Pierce (7 months).

Jan Huckeba is retired and living the good life.

Shirley Hansard has been married to husband Capus for 50 years. They have 3 children; Donna, Deana & Lee as well as 5 grandchildren; Danielle, Dwight, Glenn, Josh and Tripp. Shirley is a retired teacher of 31 years and the last 8 years she spent subbing.

Billy Dove invites you to visit his website at [www.artofbilldove.info](http://www.artofbilldove.info).

Earl D. Gayler is still in Washington DC. He has fondest memories of NGC and especially the classes of 1956 & 1957. Earl sends best wishes to all.

1957

COL Bob Schloesser, PhD has been promoted to the position of Deputy Garrison Commander of Hanau, Germany. Hanau will be completely closed by September 20, 2008. Schloesser served in Hanau as a lieutenant in 1961.

1958

Kay Holland-Ball and husband, Dr. Larry Ball bought a house in the mountains only 6 miles from NGC. They invite all their friends when they are visiting NGC to stop by and see them.

1960

Frank and Jennie Rikard retired to Foley, AL in December 1999. They are enjoying their new life.

1963

Colonel Joel W. Black, M.D. is still in a private medical practice, but is spending more time with his six grandchildren.

1965

Catherine G. Weaver '65 Catherine retired from Well Star Health Systems in November, 2007.

1968

Theodore and Donna '69 Havlik partied on Labor Day weekend with Harvey and Martha Jane Steadman Sanders at a wedding in Orland Park, Illinois. The groom was a close friend of both families. They had not seen Harvey and Martha Jane since 1969 at NGC.

1969



Nina A. Byrd is still working as a physical therapist at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, GA. She and her husband, Mike, live in Smyrna, GA and she looks forward to receiving the Bulletin.

1970

Dave Peterson has retired after a 35 year sales career with Merck and Company. Dave and his wife, Dorothy '69, enjoyed spending more time this past summer at their log home in Cleveland, GA. In September, Dave will start a second sales career with Fireside Log Homes. Contact Dave or Dorothy at [abindave@bellsouth.net](mailto:abindave@bellsouth.net).

1971

John S. Laws Jr. retired from SunTrust Bank after 35 years in April 2007. He is now working at First Glynn Bank, a division of First Chathan Bank as senior Vice President, commercial lender.

# ALUMNI FRONT AND CENTER

1974  
Maj. Richard P. Moultrie is a financial advisor/agency supervisory officer for Wienken and Associates in Camp Hill, PA. He is married to Connie.

1975  
Judith Hemingway and her husband, George (who was the U.S. Forest Service District Ranger in Dahlonega at one time), celebrated the birth of their second grandchild, Allison Jay, on June 20, 2007. Their first grandchild, Christopher George, just turned three. Judith and George love being grandparents!

MG Benjamin R. Mixon, who commands the 25th Infantry Division and the Multi-National Division-North in Iraq, has been chosen for promotion to lieutenant general and assignment as the commanding general of the United States Army Pacific at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.



1976  
Vivanne Hall Stacy is settling in. Husband Chris retired from the Army at the end of December 2006. He is now a Deputy Medical Examiner for the University of Missouri. Shawn is in graduate school at Texas Tech, Ryan is a junior at Texas Tech, and Josh is a sophomore at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX.

1979  
Donald A. McCunniff is enjoying his position as Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Communications for Armstrong World Industries, in Lancaster, PA. He and his wife Claire also enjoy spending time in Charleston, S.C. were they recently bought a house on the Battery.

MAJ Michelle F. Dailing has been recalled to Active Duty with the Army. They will be relocating to Bumberg, Germany in December. If any NGC alumni are in the area, look them up at the 16th Sustainment Bde.

1980



Bas Oskam recently celebrated his 50th birthday in Dahlonega. Those in attendance were: Shauna Jaquess Oskam '80, Waymond Ray '80, Sandee Long Ray '80, Chip Sweatte '80, Lynn Ison Sweatte '80, Tom Jones '80 and Cindy Jones. COL Bas Oskam is now the Deputy for Mobilization at Ft. McCoy, WI. It was great seeing some of our life long friends again. Bas has now applied for his AARP membership! Email us at [oskambw@gmail.com](mailto:oskambw@gmail.com)

Deborah Stephens Sticher and Cliff are enjoying their life in Blairsville. If anyone is in the area, they would love to hear from you.

1981  
Rob and Leslie Fowler just celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in February, and are enjoying their "empty nest". Their oldest son, Bobby, works for Ralph Lauren in New York. Their youngest, Brett, will graduate from UGA with a degree in Risk Management Insurance, and go to work with Rob in Gainesville this summer.

1984  
Bill & Penny Cliff '84 send greetings. Bill and Penny's son, Dave Howard, will be graduating from the United States Naval Academy in May, 2008, and has been accepted into flight training school in Pensacola, FL.

1986  
Chuck Brand and his family are still in the Washington, DC area with the U.S. Secret Service. Also in the area with the Secret Service are Ron Coughlin, Jerald Page, and Nate Morgan. Anyone who is in the area should stop by!



Andy Holmes sent the above picture of a party celebrating Butch and Teresa Miller's 25th wedding anniversary taken over the Christmas holidays. Pictured are (L to R) Witsell '81 and Tammy Anderson '81, Nick '81 and Angela Massengill '81, Chris and Wendy Bahnsen '81, Rhonda and Andy Holmes '81, and Butch '82 and Teresa Miller '82.

1982  
David M. Robinson accepted a Senior Executive Service position last December as the CFO and Director of Administration for the International Trade Administration at the Department of Commerce. Email is [david.robinson@mail.doc.gov](mailto:david.robinson@mail.doc.gov).



Upon retiring from the U.S. Army Reserve, Wallace Ziprik, III received a Meritorious Service Medal for his work as a Liaison Officer at Fort Gillem, GA. Since his retirement, he underwent the Certified Financial Planner program and passed the exam on the first sitting. Also enrolled was Lee Pence, NG '73. Wally has completed over a quarter century in public accounting in the Atlanta area and resides with his wife, Kimberly, (and their two kids) in Kennesaw, GA.

Pictured above, Tim Garrett and Stan Harris, NG '81, pose while visiting Gilwell Park in England. Gilwell Park is the international home of Scouting. Stan and Tim were in England as a part of the MBA program in which Tim is completing and Stan is the director.

1977  
Raymond George and wife Shay '79 opened their house during Parent-Alumni Weekend in April. A fun time was had by all. This group totals nearly 100 years of attendance at NGCSU. They hope to make this an annual event. Email them at; [george4@bellsouth.net](mailto:george4@bellsouth.net).



Raymond George & group - Seated: Larry Newman; Next Row LtoR: Raymond George, Margaret McCall; Next Row LtoR: Robert Ables (behind bush), Michael O'Halpin, Karen O'Halpin, Kristy Lockert, Steve Blackmon, Jerry McCall, Vickie Wingo; Next Row LtoR: Darlene Story, Lyn Westcott Rosser, Mark Housand, Dorothy Newman, Paul Wingo; Next Row LtoR: Standing at rear Alan Story, Jim Frady, Carolyn Frady, Mary Jane Ables, Shay George, Scott Bennett, Chuck Lockert, Bruce Grant, Alan Bright.

1983 - Tammy Eugea Sampler and John Clower '80 were reunited at the FROG week graduation on August 19, 2007. Their sons, Kevin Sampler and Thomas Clower are roommates and originally met at Camp Glisson a couple years ago. John was Tammy's INTRO leader and friend in June 1979. They were excited to renew their friendship!



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Jim Daniel Jr. retired from the Army August 2007. He has taken a job with L-3/SYColeman in Huntsville, AL. He and Toni live in Madison, AL. They are looking forward to a Huntsville area reunion.

Katherine (Sneed) Shalosky and husband, Chris, have retired in beautiful Tampa, FL. and love the area. They have plenty of room for guests. Their daughter is a college sophomore and son is a high school freshman. Katherine stays busy with her organizing and decorating business.

1988  
Brant McCanless married Carla Heard of Carrollton, GA. They share many interests to include camping, hiking, biking, and reading. They have several hundred books, and no TV.



LTC John McManus won the 2006 Surgeon General's Recognition Award. This award is given to the annual outstanding physician in the Army Medical Corps. He is pictured above with Lt Gen Kevin Kiley, the U.S. Army Surgeon General. Below, John also ran into LTC Mike Pyott in Mosul, Iraq in July 2007. John is the



senior officer for emergency medicine at the 28th Combat Support Hospital and Mike is the executive officer for 1-17 CAV.

Lori Stone recently built a house in Cumming, GA, was elected to the NGCSU Alumni Council, and began working for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. She enjoys her family, friends, pets, and playing ALTA tennis for her neighborhood, Fieldstone.

1989  
Lt. Col Douglas Powell and his wife, Effie '91 presently live in Stuttgart, Germany at Patch Barracks. Douglas works for EUCOM, and Effie volunteers and escorts their eight year old daughter, Rose, from one activity to the next. They are enjoying the travel opportunities of Europe!

1990  
Gay (Wilhelm) Coleman, Jeff, Abigail (13) & Andrew (10) have lived in Gainesville 6 years now. Gay's husband is the pastor of The Highlands and they will finally have their own "home" to worship in spring of 2008. Please visit sometime. You can even wear blue jeans.



Elvin & Jennifer McNeill announce the birth of Camden Patrick Duncan McNeill, born October 22, 2007.

1992  
Tami Hefner finally "got out of jail" and is no longer working in correctional nursing. Her new position is at Phoenix Urgent Care in Hayesville, NC. She still doesn't have grandchildren!

1994  
Robin Wilson Baggett was named the 2007-2008 Murray County school system Teacher of the Year.

Mike, Allison, John, and David Raleigh are still in Riverview, FL, where Mike keeps racking up the frequent flyer miles to Panama, Haiti, and Spain. In their spare time, Mike and Allison compete in triathlons.

1995  
Tom and Wendy Akin and their two children are currently stationed at Ft. Lewis. They would love to hear from all their friends!

Dr. Alan P. Boehm is proud to announce the birth of his daughter, Samantha, born January 24, 2008

Amy Heddleson and her husband would like to introduce their newest Paratrooper, Jenna Mae. She and Jacob love visitors if you are ever in Charlotte, N.C.



Gary and Becky (Kite) Walenda are now living on Ft. Belvoir in northern Virginia. Janie is four and half, and Joshua is two. They love living close to D.C. and would love to hear from other alumni in the area!

1997  
Sidney Woodruff returned to Hall County Schools and has a Self-Contained Behavior Disorder class at Davis Middle School. "This is absolutely a wonderful event for me; involving a lot more teaching and less paperwork. (My 28 yr. old daughter said she is blown away that I had my 63rd birthday and got hired all in one week.)"

1998  
Amanda Duvall Lammers is now Director of Student Life at Brenau University.

2000  
Rebecca M. White is now working in Ft. Myers, FL at an outpatient physical therapy clinic.

Charles Wells and Valerie Wells '01 welcomed their first child, a daughter, named Haley Madison Wells on August 10 2006. Charles is currently stationed in Jalalabad, Afghanistan with 173rd STB while Haley and Valerie continue to live in Bamberg, Germany.



Erin Wilbanks Masters '02 sends greetings to all her friends and the above picture taken at Gold Rush. "It is always memorable to come back for your first Gold Rush after graduating and catching up with friends from all over the country."

Susan M. Gerdvil is the Director of Admission at Southern Catholic College in Dawsonville, GA. The college is in its third year and growing strong. They look forward to their first graduating class of '09! Visit [www.southern catholic.org](http://www.southern catholic.org).

Josh and Lindy '01 Woodruff relocated to Fort Campbell in May 2007. Josh was scheduled to redeploy in fall of 2007, while Lindy stays at home with their children, B.J. (3), and Cody Ann (2).

2001  
Melissa Stewart Nanney and her husband Scott are expecting their first child, Katie Elizabeth, in October. She would like to say hello to all of her Delta Zeta sisters!

David and Marcia Abernathy became proud parents of their first child, a daughter, on November 13, 2006. Her name is Sara Grace. They would love to hear from friends at [marcia@abernathyhome.com](mailto:marcia@abernathyhome.com).

Dave Stancil announces his engagement to Elizabeth Ashley Scott. The wedding will be on June 14, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Toccoa, GA. For info e-mail Dave, [dstancil@stephensfederalbank.com](mailto:dstancil@stephensfederalbank.com).

2002  
CPT Dean Herman was the recipient of the Kilbourne Leadership Award at the Signal Captains Career Course in August 2007. This was the second time he received this award. Dean received the award during Officer Basic Course in 2003. He attributes his accomplishments to his brief two years at NGCSU. "NGCSU helped me excel in critical leadership knowledge and skills and made me who I am today." Dean adds, "Recovering from a 60mm mortar wound in Mosul Iraq made me even more reverent to the fact that the military is my calling and will be for many more years."

Stacie Morgan married Bill Rowley on November 25, 2006 and they welcomed their first child, Meredith Jane, on July 20, 2007.

2003  
Brandylee G. Cox is currently living in Poland and attending Medical School, and loving every minute of European life. After one more year in Poland she will be moving to London. Feel free to come visit her! She wishes to say hello to all her Delta Zeta sisters, and Sigma Chi brothers.

## ALUMNI FRONT AND CENTER

## Letter to the Editor

Marie (Aycock) Roberson is expecting her first child in November!

Brandon R. Day graduated from West Virginia University College of law on May 12, 2007.

Jennifer Hogue Kelley and Trey Kelley celebrated the birth of their first son, Colin Bennett, born December 6th 2006.

Katheryn E. Smith is a marketing assistant for Summit Marketing. She is now living in Sandy Springs.

Kevin and Melissa (Lewis) Payne welcomed their first child, Allie Claire Payne, on March 7, 2007.

2005



Pictured above at Anna Jennings wedding on June 23, 2007 (from L to R) are Beth Ferencz '04, Lindsey Mistrovich, Anna J. Waggoner '04 and '05, Kyle Gaylor '04, and Jamie Bush '04. Anna is a pediatric nurse who has been doing travel nursing. She married CPT Philip Waggoner from Missouri. They now reside in

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to fix and fly the planes in the 1930s.

"I earned my pilot's license at 15 and soloed an airplane after only three hours of training," said Rogers. "When I'm flying, especially in bad weather, I still hear Lee's voice in my head, calmly telling me what to do. What has shaped my life is not so much specific words as the way Lee made me feel, his patience and kindness."

Rogers earned a degree in physics from North Georgia College after serving in the Navy as an electronics technician during the Korean War. Through the years, career highlights included several first, such as fields engineering the first TV network for U. S. Army military bases in Korea and Japan, and communications engineering for 26 missile programs at Cape Canaveral (now Cape Kennedy) with tracking stations from the Bahamas to Australia. Although his electrical engineering work took him all over the Far East, Rogers remained a lifelong friend with Gilmer, and after his death, still keeps in touch with his widow, Elious.

"While teaching me how to fly, Lee never scolded or criticized, just simply explained what should have been done if I did something wrong," said Rogers. "When safely on the ground, he would sometimes give me this silent look, which said more than any choice words could have.

Columbus, GA and Anna is working at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta again.

Matthew Daniel recently graduated from Berry College with his Masters Degree and is currently working as the head athletic trainer at Johnson High School on Gainesville, GA. Wife, Julia, is currently working as a registered nurse while pursuing her degree as a family nurse practitioner.

2006



One month before graduation day, Tonya M. Jones and her husband brought home their beautiful blessing from above, Ava Michelle Jones on April 11, 2006. Pictured above is Tonya with Ava, they reside in Destin, FL.

Richard K. Lee's present assignment is at Fort Rucker in Alabama. He is currently in Aviation School.

John D. Ubriaco, Jr. is currently serving in Iraq with CPT Jeremy Johnson '03; serving as a platoon leader at Camp Bucca. He is guarding terrorist detainees.



Rogers talks to students in the hanger

Dear Mark,

I think that you and perhaps others might be interested in this e-mail from our son, Terry Morrow, NG '88. As I recall, you knew him when you were a cadet at NGC. Terry has been functioning as the S3 for an Infantry Bn. He has told me that he has had to fall back on his training at NGC many times during this tour.

Doug Morrow, NG 1958

### Letter from Terry Morrow, '88

Well, things are coming to a close for my Afghanistan Embedded Training Team (ETT) adventure. I ran my last mission the other day and sat behind the 50 Cal machine gun for probably the last time ever in my career. I must say it has been interesting. I've learned so much about so many things; about myself, active duty Army Soldiers, National Guard Soldiers, the Afghan Army, and about Afghanistan and its people and am a better man and Soldier because of it.



Terry while on patrol

Last night as I was passing time, I came across some reports online from ABC News about a recent operation carried out by the U.S. Army where we took casualties in firefights with the enemy. The embedded reporter caught some intense footage of the fighting and also of the results (a dead U.S. Soldier). I thought it was an excellent - this is how it is - report of one unit's experience in a very volatile area near the Afghan-Pak border. I then made the mistake of reading through some of the postings viewers put online in response and was very disappointed at how misinformed the public is. It appears many people have some very misinformed opinions on the war here in Afghanistan.

First, many expressed the opinion that the Afghan people do not want us (the U.S.) here. They formed this opinion because in the report, the U.S. forces were operating in and near a remote village that was pro-Taliban (those are usually in very remote areas). I can tell you from my experiences here operating in the border regions that the vast majority of the populace DO want us here. I have seen new schools, police stations, roads (a few even paved), water pumps, district centers, irrigation systems etc. that have been built since I've been here. The only complaint that the population has is that it's not happening fast enough. However, the magnitude of what needs to be done and the remoteness of many of the villages makes it difficult to accomplish things at a pace that will please everyone. But again, I have seen with my own eyes that the government is working and making progress.

Another opinion expressed by many, most likely as a knee-jerk reaction to casualties we take, was that we should pull out NOW. I can't even begin to say how naive that is..... Ask any soldier and he knows the risk he takes. It is an accepted part of our occupation. Our leaders do everything in their power to mitigate casualties almost to the point of rendering us unable to perform our mission. But we do accomplish whatever mission we are assigned with the ultimate goal being that when we leave Afghanistan, we will leave it with a functioning government and a functioning military. The Afghan Army, by the way, is coming along very well. They still have a way to go as far as being able to provide for themselves with their own logistical, medical, and fire support (artillery, etc..). But all in all I think their Army is developing into a force that will be able to function independently in a few more years. I guess what I am attempting to say is don't believe what you hear unless the information is coming from an informed source.

I can't wait to see all my girls (Alba, Savannah, and Grace!) and the rest of the family. I have missed everyone terribly. It has been a long deployment. Fortunately, I will come home feeling I have accomplished something. That helps take away a little of the sting of being separated from my loved ones for so long. This truly has been an amazing experience and I am glad I had this opportunity. I am better for it.

Editor's note: **Terry is now safely home with his family. Terry, thanks for your service!**

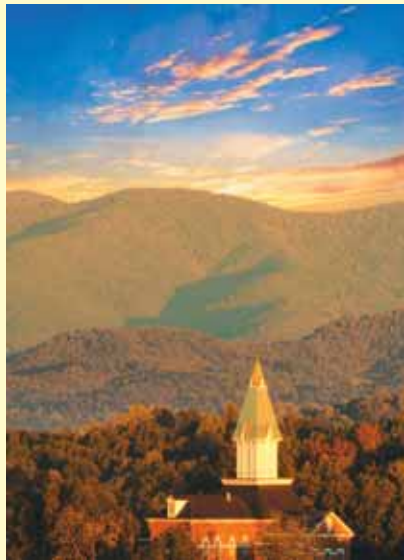
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- APR 18-20 Parents-Alumni Weekend
- APR 18 Class of 1953 Reunion - Alumni Center - 7 p.m.
- APR 19 Alumni Council and General Membership Meeting  
Alumni Center - 10 a.m.
- MAY 3 Commissioning & Commencement
- MAY 8 Worker Appreciation - Pine Valley
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Sinn's commitment to teaching, service and research recently earned Sinn the NGCSU Alumni Association's Distinguished Professor Award for 2008.

Now 38, Sinn remembers being told as a graduate student that he had natural talent for teaching, but he admits he wasn't very good at it. "Sometimes I felt like the cinder-block wall next to me could have done a better job," he says.

But Sinn, who earned his doctorate in mathematics education from the University of Cincinnati, has come a long way. He's been published half a dozen times, involved in curriculum development at the high school and collegiate levels, presented research all around the country and chaired and served on countless university committees.

One of Sinn's primary contributions to the university curriculum is a game theory course for math majors. The course grew out of his undergraduate time at Northwestern University. Nobel Prize-winning mathematician Dr. John Nash – famous for his game theory work – visited NU while Sinn was there.

"In my game theory course, I conduct a mathematics career simulation where students are hired as professors at two fictional universities," says Sinn. "They try to earn 'scholarship' points for presentations at class conferences and get 'research' publications into class journals."

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