

## Notes from the Director

The Center of Teaching & Learning Excellence is a reality as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Thanks to hospitality of Dr. Tom Fox we are housed in HNS 147. Please drop by for a visit. The Center staff will be happy to show you our equipment and demonstrate products or services we provide. Video or graphics development and editing, website development and training, poster design and printing, are only some of our special services.

Beyond these forms of service the Center will strive to:

- Provide information about the scholarship of teaching, learning, and professional practice.
- Encourage innovation in teaching and learning.
- Increase technological competence among faculty.
- Foster dialogue on issues of interest to the teaching-learning community.
- Assist the faculty desiring or needing help in teaching.
- Assist junior faculty in the pursuit of tenure.
- Promote habits of service and good role modeling among faculty.
- Represent the CTLE effectively within NGCSU and externally in developing and maintaining partnerships with local, regional and national professionals in Teaching & Learning.
- Take a leading role in teaching and learning, facilitation and consultancy, scholarship and innovation.
- Contribute significantly to the development of an academic community to enhance the CTLE's reputation as a national center of excellence in teaching and learning.
- Lead in developing and implementing innovative methods in teaching and learning and assessment to strengthen the university's learner-centered and autonomous learning approach to education.

## Upcoming conferences of interest

2005 International College Teaching Methods & Styles Conference in Reno, NV, Sept. 19 – 21, 2005, <http://www.ctmsconference.com/>

Southeastern Scholarship Conference on E-Learning in Macon, GA, hosted by Macon State University, Sept. 30 – Oct. 01, 2005, <http://sscel.maconstate.edu/>

Thirty-Fifth Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning in Cocoa Beach, FL, hosted by University of Central Florida, Oct. 13-15, 2005, <http://www.isetl.org/conference/index.cfm>

EDUCAUSE 2005 in Orlando, FL, Oct. 18– 21, 2005, <http://www.educause.edu/>

## Books



Dee Fink's book "Creating Significant Learning Experiences" is *Agora's* focus for Fall 2005.

A new taxonomy for significant kinds of learning is presented along with the impact of four aspects of teaching on student learning, and an integrated method for designing courses.

*Many thanks to Margaret Poitevint for facilitating last year's book discussion of Finkel's "Teaching with Your Mouth Shut."*

## Fall Retreat

The 2005 Fall retreat theme is "Problems, Case-Studies, Solutions." Our guest speaker is Martha Wicker, Director of the Center of Instructional Development at Clayton State University. Interested staff are always invited to attend. We will meet at the Unicoi State Park Lodge on September 23 and 24.

## Reading Room

The CTLE has a collection of library holdings on teaching and learning topics available in 147 HNS for your use. The updated list of books will be posted on the Center's website <http://www.ngcsu.edu/ctle>



The STARS students are always ready to help you with your instructional technology needs. Presently our group includes specialists in programming, graphic design, and video editing.

## Upcoming Workshops and Seminars

Understanding style sheets in website design  
by Barbara Seaton.

Animation and 3D modeling  
by Barbara Seaton.

Video production using iMovie and iDVD  
by Derek Powers.

SmartBoard Basics  
by Barbara Seaton.