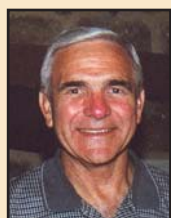


Library & Technology Center design funds approved

The University System of Georgia's capital outlay funds for this fiscal year include \$2 million in design funds for a new Library & Technology Center at North Georgia College & State University.



Gerald Lord

The Architecture Group in Atlanta is designing the new three-story, 105,000 square foot building, said

Gerald Lord, NGCSU associate vice president for Business & Finance.

The project, located in the vicinity of the university tennis courts, will be an instructional and academic support center, combining library, classroom and computer lab facilities.

The building will serve students and the local community as an access



The site for the Library & Technology Center. Construction tentatively may start in 2006.

point to alternative learning technologies, providing for technology-enhanced learning and emerging trends in distance- and distributed-learning technology.

"The Library & Technology Center will take more of a modern

approach in the services that are offered," said Lord. "It will provide more space and technology than we have today."

Lord said a coffee shop and food services will possibly be included.

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Perdue champions foster care during visit to NGCSU

Mary Perdue, Georgia's First Lady, spoke to foster children on June 28 at NGCSU about her commitment to foster care in Georgia. The 18 children, ages 16 to 19, were part of the Foothills Area Health Education Center Health Careers Camp for the Independent Living Program. North Georgia faculty members introduced the teenagers to different career fields in the health sciences and President David Potter welcomed them to campus.

Mrs. Perdue and her husband, Gov. Sonny Perdue, have had foster children of their own in the past.

"That was such a privilege for our family and such an enjoyable time to have these little ones come into our home and see them safely into an adoptive family," Perdue said.

She decided to champion foster care in part because of her own experience, and she offered the teenagers some words of inspiration and encouragement.

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Mary Perdue, wife of Gov. Sonny Perdue, spoke with foster children during a health careers camp on June 28.

