

Grant provides for nursing needs

The Master of Science in Family Nurse Practitioner's program recently received a one-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services for \$33,463. The grant will offset costs for graduate nursing students who are taking their final clinical courses.



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Dr. Toni Barnett, former coordinator of the MSN

program and now department head of the Department of Nursing has submitted the grant application annually since 1999. The university has received the grant each year.

"The NGCSU MSN Program qualifies for this grant due to the large number of medically underserved individuals living in northern Georgia and the fact that over 75 percent of our graduates have gone back to work in these areas," said Barnett.

"Our graduate program continues to help improve health care in the North Georgia area by providing knowledgeable, caring health care providers." 🏠

SAFETY INSPECTION:

Billy Hendricks, center, of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division of Hazardous Waste Management conducted an inspection of several areas on the North Georgia



campus on June 22 including hazardous waste collection in Print Services. The quarterly meeting of the Georgia Higher Education Network for Environmental Health & Safety took place on campus with 26 participants. "In the future, the EPD and the Board of Regents would like to have each college go through an intensive inspection to ensure that all hazardous and universal waste is labeled, accumulated and disposed of properly," said Sandra Barfield, the university's Environmental Health & Safety officer.

New e-zine provides creative outlet

The new Web-based magazine "Unfettered Muse," sponsored by NGCSU, is now online at www.unfetteredmuse.com. The e-zine's purpose is to provide an outlet to discover and promote rising and unique talents in creative art and writing.

"I hope that by giving aspiring authors an opportunity to begin building their resumes, the e-zine will be a friendly portal into the competitive world of publishing," said faculty advisor Bonnie J. Robinson.

Writers and artists of all ages are invited to submit their works in the following genres: poetry, short stories, creative nonfiction, and visual arts.

"Unfettered Muse" is now accepting submissions for the fall issue with guidelines on the Web site. All submissions may be sent to unfetteredmuse@yahoo.com. 🏠



QUICK CLIP: Al Parten of Dahlonega, the landscape supervisor in plant operations at North Georgia, zips across the military drill field on a Lazer Z riding lawnmower, traveling a brisk 15 miles per hour. He says what used to take three and a half hours now averages only an hour and a half with the new mowing machine. For instance, the Price Memorial Hall lawn along Main Street "is an easy 30 minutes, a third of the time it used to take," said Parten. "I calculated the dollar value in labor saved annually using the new equipment and it came to about \$8,000." Parten mowed the drill field before Mary Perdue, the wife of Gov. Sonny Perdue, arrived on campus via helicopter on June 28 to address participants in a health careers camp.