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The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran

Salutations! I hope that spring break, for those among us chickens who are here this week, will at least enable you to get some things caught up or possibly offer a welcome change of pace. Perhaps some of you can take a day or two off. If you're checking in from home, enjoy!

This month's DSC Trivia question should be an easy one. Remember that the first person to email me with the correct answer to the following will win one of those coveted \$25 gift certificates to an area palace of gastronomic indulgence. Which recently retired member of the Social Science Division, who now teaches with us part-time, was a casual friend of Elvis Presley? Inquiring minds want to know.

Now for some updates.

As you may know, the General Assembly is now past the halfway mark in its annual 40-day session. It's usually about this time in the proceedings that the various budget hearings will grind to a close and the deliberations begin within the House and Senate on the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation. So things are likely to heat up from here on out, but I'm not picking up any major discontent with the proposed University System budget. DSC's funding formula earnings will not yield a significant amount of new money, but every little bit helps. Should anything of major proportions develop with the budget negotiations, I'll let you know.

A couple of facilities updates might be in order. The gym renovation is now scheduled for completion by July 1, which means that we will have the new Fitness Center up and running by the time fall semester begins. We're still trying to decide how to handle off-campus requests for the use of this new facility, but of course its primary target population is internal: students, faculty, and staff. Students, naturally, will be the single largest group of users. In the meantime, our new building over at the Whitfield County Career Academy is beginning to take shape. Though it will not be a large facility at about 18,000 gross square feet, it should be large enough for us to tailor some offerings to the Career Academy student population, provide space for dual enrollment general education courses, and serve as the new home of DSC's Adult Literacy program which is currently housed at Phoenix High School. It might be useful here to remind the college community that, each year, our Adult Literacy program awards as many GEDs as an average high school graduating class.

From what I pick up, the presidential search committee should be appointed sometime in March. University System Chief Operating Officer Rob Watts will be handling this matter directly, so if called upon to serve I hope you will give the invitation serious consideration. I will not be involved in any part of the search process except to serve as a resource when the finalists are brought to campus, and of course thereafter when a new president is appointed.

That's about it for now. See you soon.

Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

March Birthdays

5	Fernando Garcia
8	Celeste Humphrey Ann Taylor Laraine Teasley
9	Manuel Morgan Barry Peyton
10	Lee Eades
11	Joe Jackson
12	Benedict Nmah
13	Hassan Elnajjar
15	Mary Andrews
14	Randall Griffus
16	Jennifer Azelton Brenda McMurray Kenneth Pestka
17	Susan West
18	Charlotte Crosen
22	Reed Krause Margaret Smith
26	Kara Allara
29	Holli Goodwin

Birthday Spotlight



Laraine Teasley
Accounts Payable Cashier

How old will you be on this birthday?

I'll be fifty.

What do you like best about your job? I like meeting the students and getting to know some of them.

What do people on campus not know about what you or someone in your position does?

People probably do not know that I pay a lot of the college's bills in addition to being cashier.

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Campus Watch

Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, recently reviewed the prospectus and detailed the table of contents and draft chapters of a new textbook entitled *Race and Ethnicity in the 21st Century United States*, for the Wadsworth Publishing Company.

Dr. Marilyn Helms, Sesquicentennial Endowed Chair and Professor of Management, has recently had several articles published. "The Influence of Human Resource Management Identity on Strategic Intent in the Multinational Enterprise," which was coauthored by Molly Takeda, was published in the *International Journal of Human Resource Development Management*.

Also, she collaborated with UTC colleagues Lawrence Ettkin, Carolina Duarte, and Michael Anderson on an article called "The Challenge of Venezuela: A SWOT Analysis of Venezuela" which was published in *Competitiveness Review*.

Ms. Laura Rose, Assistant Professor of Accounting, is a recipient of a Chancellor's Award for the Faculty Development Seminar to South Korea and China. As a result, she will present outcomes from the seminar during the Georgia Consortium of International Scholars Symposium in March 2008.



Dr. Henry Codjoe



Dr. Marilyn Helms



Ms. Laura Rose

Transitions

Welcome to:

Selena Powell
ETTC

A fond farewell to:

Steve Daubs
Plant Operations

Birthday Spotlight

Laraine Teasley

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What are your favorite hobbies?

I like photography, looking at old cars, and spending time with my family.

What is your favorite home-cooked meal?

Tater-tot casserole.

Whom do you call family?

My husband Rodney and sons Andrew and Derek, daughter-in-law Ana, and my mom Janelle. We also have two dogs, Abby and Midnight, and two grand-dogs, Sara and Bonnie.

What has been your favorite vacation?

Disney World about two years ago when the boys were at a great age to really have fun with.

Of what are you most proud?

My two sons.

What do you like best about the beginning of the school year?

The excitement. The crisp air and colorful foliage.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?

Get as much education as possible and do your best!

Who is your favorite author?

Florence Littauer

What is your favorite movie?

The Way We Were.

What was your favorite subject in school?

Math.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?

Respect others. Treat people the way you like to be treated. When you finish a goal, set another one.

When I retire, I will . . .

. . . spend time with my family and friends.

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