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### Chancellor Erroll Davis to visit Dalton State on June 14



**Dr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr.**, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, will make his first official visit to Dalton State College on Wednesday, June 14. During his visit, Davis will tour the Dalton State campus, meet with students, faculty, staff and administrators, attend a media briefing, and dine with community leaders.

Davis, who took office as Chancellor on February 6, 2006, had served as chairman of the board of Alliant Energy Corporation – an energy holding company with \$8.3 billion in total assets and annual operating revenues of \$3 billion – since 2000. He joined Alliant in 1998 as president and chief executive officer. Davis retired from his dual roles as president and CEO in July 2005, and retained the chairman’s post until his move to the University System.

Prior to the creation of Alliant Energy, Davis served as president and CEO of WPL Holdings, from 1990 to 1998. From 1978 to 1990, Davis rose through the senior management ranks at Wisconsin Power and Light Company, starting as vice president of finance and ending as CEO and president. His career also includes corporate finance positions at Xerox Corporation and Ford Motor Company.

Davis’ higher education experience includes serving as a member of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents from 1987 to 1994, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Mellon University, of which he is a life member. He presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Davis earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1965, and a M.B.A. in finance from the University of Chicago in 1967.

Davis and his wife, Elaine, established the Davis Family Foundation, which makes annual grants to numerous students in need. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including recognition as one of the “75 Most Powerful Blacks in Corporate America” by *Black Enterprise* magazine in 2005, one of the “Top 50 Blacks in Technology” at the Black Engineer of the Year 2005 Awards Conference, and as a recipient of the Carnegie-Mellon Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 2004. Davis also was named one of the “50 Most Powerful Black Executives in America” by *Fortune* magazine in 2002 and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business in 1993, the same year he received a Bronze Medal in *Financial World’s* “CEO of the Year” competition. In addition, Davis was honored by the magazine *U.S. Black Engineer* as the “Black Engineer of the Year” in 1988.

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#### Birthday Spotlight



**Tom Veve**  
Associate Professor  
of History

**What do you like best about your job?** Working with John Hutcheson and Deby West. Bot of them are extremely professional in their duties. They are two of the best players on the DSC team.

**What is your favorite hobby?** These days, it is watching my youngest, Christian, play basketball.  
**Favorite home cooked meal?** My wife’s enchiladas, and some of her day-old meatloaf on white bread with mayonnaise.

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### Campus Watch



Dr. Joe Baxter

**Dr. Joe Baxter**, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems, and **Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Sesquicentennial Endowed Chair and Professor of Management, just published a case and teaching note called "Mohawk, Inc. 2005" which was recently published in *Strategic Management Cases* by Fred David.



Dr. Marilyn Helms



Ms. Mary Hood

**Ms. Mary Hood**, Director of Purchasing, has been appointed to serve on a committee launched by Governor Sonny Perdue called the Procurement Transformation Initiative, a group charged with implementing several recommendations made by The Commission for a New Georgia's Procurement Taskforce. The objectives of the PTI are to: perform a thorough analysis of the State's purchasing; implement strategies that leverage the full extent of the State's buying power across numerous agencies; and simultaneously build the state's capacity to sustain the benefits of this effort into the future. Each selected category will be addressed by a statewide category sourcing team made up of representatives of state agencies along with representatives of DOAS. The category teams will have procurement and agency members from Executive Branch agencies and Board of Regents organizations working together to consolidate category requirements and to execute a state-wide contract for the category. Ms. Hood is on the category team for the sourcing initiative for Office and Institutional Furniture.



Ms. Pam Partain

**Ms. Pam Partain**, Director of the Center for Continuing Education, has been appointed to serve on the Business Advisory Council of the newly-created Dalton-Whitfield Economic Development Authority. The 11-member BAC meets monthly and advises the DWEDA on issues relating to attracting and sustaining business in our community. The BAC's first order of business is to develop an extended knowledge base of large and small employers in the area. The Center for Continuing Education received a Promotion and Marketing Award from the Georgia Adult Education Association for "What's a Kid to Do: A Community Guide to Summer Activities for Children." This collaborative publication was conceived and produced with the Creative Arts Guild and the Bradley Wellness Center.



Ms. Kim McCroskey

**Ms. Kim McCroskey**, Instructional Technologist for the Office of Computer and Instructional Services, was a member of the emergency training team that traveled to Americus, Georgia, to assist Georgia Southwestern State University with a rapid migration to WebCT Vista after their local WebCT server crashed in March. Working with a group of ten other Vista administrators and trainers, the group spent 10 days working with faculty and staff on the functionality of WebCT Vista. The team provided 138 faculty contact sessions of WebCT training. Courses were up and running for students returning from spring break.

### Transitions

Welcome to  
**Tammy Blackwell**  
Enrollment  
Services Specialist

### The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran

Felicitations! I trust that the summer semester has gotten off to a smooth start for one and all, at least without more than the usual number of bumps and bruises.

Now for this month's TV trivia question. In the series "Sky King," which ran from 1951 to 1959, Kirby Grant played the part of our hero who stamped out evil with his twin-engine Cessna and the able assistance of his niece Penny. While our protagonist was called "Sky" by his friends, what was his full name? The first person to email me the correct answer wins a \$25 gift certificate to one of Dalton's many posh dining establishments.

On with this month's cavalcade of news.

1. First and foremost, please be reminded that our new Chancellor, Erroll B. Davis, will be on campus Wednesday, June 14, from 9:00 am through lunch. While there are a number of activities planned that will help introduce him to the College community and to the Dalton area in general, please mark your calendars for **11:00 to 11:30 am in the Cherokee Room**, during which a reception for faculty and staff will take place. This will provide you an opportunity to meet and interact with Chancellor Davis, so if you're not in class at that hour I would appreciate your making plans to stop by. A good showing will leave a good impression.

2. On the facilities front, the following updates may be of interest. First, the long-suffering renovation of Bandy Gym has now been delayed once again by the state fire marshal's office. Something to do with sprinklering (is that a word?) the main stairwell. At this juncture, the renovation should get underway in late summer or early fall and should be complete by the time spring semester gets underway. Meanwhile, the new occupants of the James E. Brown Center will be moving into the building sometime during the first half of July. In addition to the Continuing Education staff, other new residents will include the UGA Small Business Development Center staff, Sherri Stafford and the PREP office, Henry Codjoe and company, David Elrod and company, and our new regional Education Technology Training Center. This last-named outfit is a component of the State Department of Education which works with teacher education students as well as veteran teachers in advancing the uses of technology in the classroom. Since we are now in the teacher education business, and since we had an opportunity to relocate the ETTC from Rome to Dalton, this new association makes sense from a variety of angles.

3. Finally, we are expecting to begin the process of architectural selection for our new Career Academy Technical Building this summer. If the general order of worship holds true for this project, we will spend the 2006-07 year in planning and design, while the 2007-08 year will be employed for actual construction. Thus the fall of 2008 is our target date for opening the building. In the meantime, we will need to get a sackful of new money from DTAE to support both existing and new programs that will be housed in this new facility, so that's on my "to do" list with DTAE Commissioner Mike Vollmer. The actual identification of what programs will be placed in this new building is just underway; we expect to have these decisions firmed up by the end of the calendar year.

I guess that's about it for now. In the interim, let me know if you have questions about any of the foregoing and I'll be glad to try to answer them. Onward, Mighty Blue and Silver!

Yours in Flower Power,  
JAB

### Tom Veve continued . . .

**Whom do you call family?** My wife, Jennie, my children, Shannon, David, and Christian, and my grandkids, Katelyn and Ashton.

**Age on this birthday?** The big double nuckle.

**What has been your favorite vacation?** It was not exactly a vacation, but I had a great trip to Metz, France, in 1998 with the Study Abroad Program. My wife got to come along, and I finally got to visit the battlefield at Waterloo to see where the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon. And this summer I am looking forward to teaching with the Study Abroad Program in London.

**Of what are you most proud?** Watching my daughter and two sons grow up. Without them, my wife and I would have had no social life all these years.

**What words of wisdom would you give to our students?** For new students, your school work is about to become very important in your life, but make sure you keep time for all the other important things. For those students about to finish their DSC education, make sure you walk at graduation exercises, because you owe it to your family for sacrificing for you all those years you went to college.

**If you weren't working here, what would you be doing?** I would want to be a sportscaster, calling the seventh game of the World Series.

**Favorite book or author?** That's tough. While I have many great books in my personal library, the best book published in recent years is *An Army at Dawn*, which won a Pulitzer Prize. It is an extremely well written account of the US Army in North Africa in 1942-43. Another wonderful book is *The Bedford Boys*, which is a study of the sacrifices of the National Guardsmen from Bedford, Virginia, who landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy. My favorite novelist is Frederick Forsyth, but I was recently introduced to a great new novelist in Vince Flynn, who wrote *Consent to Kill*.

**Favorite movie of all time?** Easy.

The Godfather and the Godfather II. Al Pacino was absolutely fabulous as Michael Corleone. On television, I recently discovered Jack Bauer and 24, and it's terrific stuff.

**Where did you grow up?** I was raised in Bethpage, New York, on Long Island. To pronounce my home town in New Yorkese, you say "Bet-page."

**When I retire, I will . . .**

North Georgia is home now, and I plan on staying here, except every March, when I will be unreachable somewhere in Florida, attending spring training baseball.

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