

### Ho Ho Ho! Happy Holidays! Watch for Santa on December 7 Holiday Luncheon set for December 16



Forget the “Men in Black.”  
Who’s the Handsome “Man in Red”?

To find out, visit S. Claus, aka **&^#\*)\*(#\$** on **Wednesday, December 7**, when he will pose with students, faculty, staff, and anyone else brave enough to sit on his lap, in the Pope Student Center between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon, and again from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

On **Friday, December 16**, the faculty and staff are invited to the annual Holiday Luncheon, starting at 12:00 noon. As always, spouses, children, and significant others are invited. Bring a covered dish or pay \$3.75 in advance. Don’t forget to turn in your reservation by December 12.

### The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran

Happy holidays once again. I hope that December will bring all the best for you and your loved ones, and that the New Year will hold good health and prosperity. Of course when I say “prosperity,” that’s within the context of wishing for big fat raises courtesy of the Governor and General Assembly.

As the semester draws to a close, I trust that it will end on a mellifluous note for one and all, completely devoid of insult or injury. Meanwhile, here’s the latest from our network of reporters and gossips.

1. If you haven’t already, please mark Friday, December 9 at 12:30 pm in Memorial Auditorium for our mid-year faculty meeting. The main agenda item, as far as I know, will be consideration of the 2006-07 academic calendar that Jodi Johnson will be disseminating today. In addition, the College’s annual Holiday Luncheon has been scheduled for Friday, December 16 at 12:00 noon in the upper level of the Student Center. An announcement regarding that function has already been circulated, and I hope that you can make plans to attend. We thought that scheduling the luncheon on the last day of finals might make it more convenient for those who wish to extend holiday greetings before hitting the road to grandmother’s house.

2. The Retention, Progression, and Graduation (RPG) Task Force held its inaugural meeting yesterday. The chemistry among task force members appeared to be very good, and I’m looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labors. That group will reconvene toward the end of January to begin considering a large volume of data that Henry Codjoe is busily assembling. Task Force Chair Christy Price and the members of the group will continue to solicit your thoughts and ideas as they move along.

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### December Birthdays

2	Rodney Bailey
3	Carol Gavagan
4	Linda J. Davis
5	Lois Bradford
	Alice Spradley
7	Richard Collison
9	Linda LaChapelle
11	Billie Precise
12	Marilyn Fitzpatrick
13	Mike Doyle
14	Benny Bridges
15	Shelia Croft
	Tricia Rafey
16	Don Mroz
17	Michael Masters
	Barbara Tucker
18	Nancy Tyler
19	Mary Nielsen
21	Andrea Everett
	Bennett Langham
27	Kim McCroskey
	Sherry Riley
	Bridgett Thomason
28	Kerry Dunbar
	Glenda Pileggi
30	David Newton
31	Monte Salyer



### Birthday Spotlight

**Bennett Langham**

Building Maintenance  
Supervisor

How old are you on this birthday? 59.

You were born on December 21. What’s it like having a Christmas birthday?

It’s okay now, but when I was a child, I didn’t like it.

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The sky's the limit.

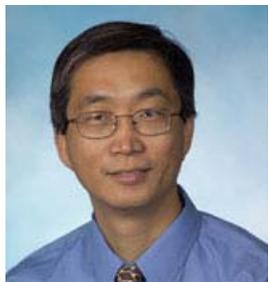
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### Campus Watch



Mr. Nick Carty

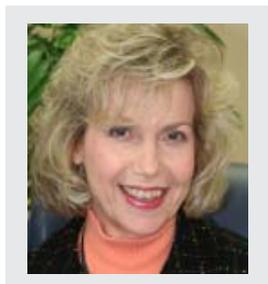
**Mr. Nick Carty**, Assistant Professor of Speech, attended the National Communication Association's annual convention in Boston last month and presented "Service Learning: A Persuasive Assignment in Public Speaking" as part of a panel sponsored by the NCA's Experiential Learning in Communication Division. Mr. Carty's presentation detailed a service learning component available to his COMM 1110 students at Dalton State. He continues to contribute a regular column, "Bon Appetit," to the *Daily Citizen News* each month. He spoke to the Dalton Herb Society in October, and he prepared salads comprised of simple greens, simple dressings and small quantities of herbs for the members to sample.



Dr. Baogang Guo

**Dr. Baogang Guo**, Associate Professor of Political Science, was invited to participate in a roundtable discussion with Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhou at the China Embassy in Washington, D.C., on November 12. During the discussion, thirteen scholars presented their analyses and recommendations on the topic of U.S.- China relations. In addition to the Ambassador, Mr. Zheng Zeguang, the Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister, Mr. Su Ge, the Minister-Counselor, and five other counselors also attended the event.

**Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Professor of Management, pictured at far right, led third graders at Tunnel Hill Elementary School in a five-week Junior Achievement class focused on "Our Community." The students participated in several group projects and learned about the responsibilities of city planners, zoning, how to start a restaurant, and what's involved with working for a bank or a newspaper.



Ms. Doris Shoemaker

**Ms. Roschelle Mears**, Instructor in Spanish, right, recently shared a celebration of Latino culture with elementary school students when she conducted a Dia de Los Muertos program at Brookwood Elementary School. During the program, she explained the history of this Mexican celebration, taught children the differences between Halloween and the Day of the Dead, and distributed bags of "dead candy" and fresh-baked "dead man's bread."



Ms. Tyra Stalling

**Ms. Doris Shoemaker**, Associate Professor of Medical Technology, and **Ms. Tyra Stalling**, Instructor in Medical Laboratory Technology, attended the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) Workshops for Laboratory Professionals held in Atlanta, October 26-28. Topics covered in the workshops included Phlebotomy, Clinical Chemistry, Body Fluid Cellular Morphology, and Hematology.

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### What's Happening?



*Pictured at the Northwest Crescent Leadership Alliance at Berry College are, from left on the front row: Advisor Theresa Kresl, Juterh Nmah, Advisor Jami Kuhns; back row: Richard Brown, Adrian Heykoop, Sarah Creek, and Rebecca Hathcock.*

Five Dalton State students recently attended this year's first meeting of the Northwest Crescent Leadership Alliance at Berry College. The Alliance is made up of seven colleges and universities in Northwest Georgia. For each institution, five students are identified as emerging leaders and invited to participate in the program, which is designed to promote leadership, with a focus on service, among the students. This year the Leadership Alliance will use the recently developed KSU Model for Ethical Leadership as the backbone for the instructional curriculum. The program will rotate five meetings among the seven member campuses during the academic year. Each campus program will develop one of the three aspects of the KSU model: character, ethics, and leadership. A strong focus will be on "Serving the Common Good by Building Relationships." The capstone experience for the program will be a community service learning project developed and conducted by the students representing each of the seven campuses.

*Two of DSC's Funny Healers prep for a visit. These generous "campus clowns" give their time to visit senior care facilities and hospitals and to assist with College outreach activities.*



### Student Activities

December 1-12	Salvation Army Toy Drive –Bring an unwrapped toy for the Holiday Tree on the Upper Level of Pope Student Center
December 7	Pictures with Santa
December 9	Faculty Meeting – 12:30 pm Memorial Hall Auditorium
December 12	AIDS Awareness/HIV Screening 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Miller Room, Pope Student Center
December 13-16	Exam Treats – Little Debbies and Cokes available in the Pope Student Center

### Bennett Langham

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How long have you worked here?  
15 years.

What do you like best about your job?  
The people I work with and the challenges that come with the job.

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

A lot of people don't know how much work it takes to get the job done sometimes.

If you were not working here, what would you be doing??  
Probably working somewhere else.

Whom do you call family?  
My wife Peggy and my nephew Jonathon.

What are you most proud of?  
My family.

Favorite vacation spot?  
Vacations are boring, so I don't do them.

What is your favorite homecooked meal?  
Pinto beans, turnip greens, and cornbread.

If you were stranded on a desert island, and could take only one item, what would it be?  
A hammock.

What are your hobbies?  
I have 25 acres of land in Murray County, and I like to grow vegetables and play on my tractors. We are also contracting some of the work to build houses on the land.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?  
Stay in school and get a good education so you can "work smart" instead of "working hard."

What will you do when you retire?  
I hope I will still be able to work at something.

### Scene Around Campus



DSC framed in fall color



### **The Monthly Tattler** (continued from page 1)

3. The James E. Brown Continuing Education Building is moving along, albeit behind schedule. Still, it's a virtual certainty that the building will be up and running no later than the beginning of fall semester 2006. Meantime, in the hopper for the General Assembly and Governor's consideration during the upcoming legislative session is DSC's proposed technical satellite facility to be co-located with the new Whitfield County Career Academy. You may recall that this project survived the General Assembly last year only to be vetoed by the Governor because of concerns over the state's bonded indebtedness. We're hoping for more positive results this year.

4. Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the Atlanta-based Goizueta Foundation has just awarded the DSC Foundation a grant of almost \$1.7 million to support the College's ongoing efforts in reaching out to the area's Latino population. Our initial Goizueta grant in the amount of \$800,000 came in 2002 and was used to establish a scholarship endowment together with funding for our Summer Academy which Monte Salyer organizes each year. This latest grant will continue the Summer Academy over the next three years, add to the scholarship endowment, and create a Goizueta Foundation Endowed Chair in Teacher Education. Our partnership with the Goizueta Foundation has proven very effective over the last several years, and we now have the opportunity to accomplish even more. The Goizueta Foundation was established in 1992 by the late Roberto C. Goizueta, former CEO of the Coca Cola Company, and a number of colleges and universities around the state, including us of course, have enjoyed the benefits of their generosity. The announcement of this grant will not be made public until January, but I thought you might like to know about it in advance.

That's about it for now. Onward, Mighty Blue and Silver!  
Yours in Flower Power,  
JAB

*"If we don't know about it, we can't fix it!"*

### **Ask Mr. Tools:**

#### **Temperature Tips**

To adjust the temperature in your area, remember that in addition to raising or lowering the thermostat, you must set the temperature to heat or cool. If this does not work, call 4446 between 7am and 4pm, M-F, or for after-hours or holiday assistance, call 4461. And remember, if the windows are open, nothing will work!

#### **Please note:**

If you have a scheduled meeting, please contact Plant Operations in advance so we may adjust thermostats.

#### **Warning!**

We may lower the temperature in campus buildings over the holidays to conserve energy—but please don't ask to borrow my fur coat!



*My friend Benny Bridges of Plant Ops piloted this 1938 John Deere tractor in the Dalton Holiday Parade on 12/1. If I hitch a ride with you or wander across the campus for a visit, please return me to Plant Operations!*

### **What's on tap this month?**

[Click here for the December calendar > >](#)

The sky's the limit.