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The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran

As we enter the final stretch of summer semester, I hope that all is purring along like a well-oiled machine. Just think: the opening festivities for fall semester and a new academic year are only 45 days away! Meanwhile, here are a few items that may be of interest.

1. As many of you may be aware, the College's Advising Center will be moving to Liberal Arts 107 within the next few days. This change of location will place the Advising Center in the midst of student traffic and will allow advisors room to work from within the Center itself, thus hopefully improving the effectiveness of that operation. As the scope of the Advising Center grows, more room is warranted. I think you'll be pleased with the result.

2. The gargantuan effort of securing the services of new faculty and staff this year is almost complete. This, I think, will be the largest number of new persons in recent years. We have been very fortunate to attract promising candidates for the available openings, and I am very happy with the quality of the incoming group. It will take us a little longer to introduce these new folks at the Faculty Retreat than usual because of the larger number, but I believe you will be impressed as well. Many on campus have devoted significant time to these searches, but their hard work has paid off.

3. It now appears that DSC's proposed new Respiratory Therapy Technology AAS degree program will be considered at the Board of Regents' August meeting. If approved, this will add an important new addition to the health-related offerings from which students can choose,

while at the same time allowing us to respond more completely to the educational needs of the health care industry in our area.

4. As the new Whitfield County Schools' Career Academy prepares to open, Joy Carrier and Company in the Division of Technical Education continue to work closely with officials from that institution to design articulated credit, provide state-of-the-art instructional equipment, and furnish limited faculty resources on behalf of the effort. When the Career Academy gets underway next month, we will be teaching several courses at that site, including Industrial Maintenance, Electronics, and Information Technology. As the school grows, we will have additional opportunities that will effectively enable the Career Academy to become a feeder school for our technical programs.

5. Finally, congratulations to the entire College community on a record enrollment for summer semester. The current headcount of 2,040 represents the first time ever that our summer enrollment has surpassed the 2,000 mark. Meanwhile, applications are running strong for fall. Buckle your seat belts!

I'll have more complete information for you on a wide variety of subjects in the August edition of this cheesy tabloid. In the meantime, I hope that all of you have either already taken, or will take, a few days off for fun and frivolity.

See ya,
JAB



What's on tap this month?

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

Alien pods return! No, not really, but these Burrow's Tail baskets, courtesy of the DSC landscape crew, are sure to put a smile on your face. Look for them between the Student Center and Memorial Hall.

July Birthdays

- 1 Cheryl Nuckolls
Vince Postell
- 2 Marilyn Helms
Sharon Hixon
- 3 Delores McKee
- 4 Scott McNabb
Jack Waskey
- 5 Becca Dempsey
- 6 Jeremy Tyrrell
- 8 Tyra Stalling
- 9 Diane Bearden
- 15 David Pritchett
- 18 John Hutcheson
Rickey Noverola
- 19 Marjorie Shirilla
- 20 Joy Carrier
- 21 Beverly Gibson
- 22 Kathryn Montgomery
Julie Tharpe
- 25 Kathy Holloway
- 27 Joe Baxter
- 29 Rex Isenhower
- 30 Charles Sanford
Barbara Murray



Birthday Spotlight

Dr. John Hutcheson
Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Age:

Sixty-one on July 18. Having lived through that many years, I'm not about to deny any of them.

What do you like best about your job?

Seeing the operation of Dalton State pretty much as a whole,

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Campus Watch

Dr. Jack Waskey, Associate Professor of Social Science, contributed the following articles to *Encyclopedia of The Supreme Court*: "Allegheny v. ACLU," "Appellate Jurisdiction," "Louis Brandeis," "Benjamin Cardozo," "Heart of Atlanta Motel vs. U.S. (1964)," "In re Neagle," "Missouri v. Holland, (1920)," "Original Jurisdiction," "Rochin v. CA (1952)," "Supreme Court Building," "George Sutherland," and "West Virginia v. Barnette, (1943)."

Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, and **Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Professor of Management, co-authored an article that was published in the *Planning for Higher Education* journal, March-May 2005. The article, called "A Retention Assessment Process: Utilizing Total Quality Management Principles and Focus Groups," presents a case study that looks at the use of TQM principles in the study of retention issues.

Dr. Don Davis, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and study at the Babes-Bolyai University in northern Romania. He plans to complete research that should lead to his next book on environmental history of the Carpathian mountains.

Transitions

Welcome to:

Charles Blair
Plant Maintenance

A Fond Farewell to:

Adam Fite
OCIS

Dr. Judy Cornett to begin Faculty Enrichment project focusing on Appalachian History

"Most people are shocked that there's actually such an academic discipline as Appalachian History," says Dr. Judy Cornett, Associate Professor of History and the recipient of this year's Faculty Enrichment Award which will result in the "Appalachian History Research Project."

Her task will be to review recent literature on the subject, making sure that Roberts Library has the latest sources, and to incorporate that new information into course material for her Appalachian History course, the first course of its kind offered at Dalton State.

"I also plan to look at issues of student retention and how they relate to Appalachian students."

To that end, she will be aided by Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, who will help create



and administer surveys next spring to learn more about why so many Appalachian youth have problems staying in school.

"I will also do some traveling to Virginia and Ohio during the research phase of this project, and I hope to complete an article or two next summer."

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Hutcheson continued . . .

at least from the academic vantage point, and having the opportunity to help frame what the future of the College will be like, in both the short- and medium-to-long range.

How long have you been employed here?

Since 1974, which is a bit startling when I recall that my original intention was to stay here two to five years and then move on. I'm glad my career has played itself out here—I'm sure I've had more contacts with more students than if I'd ended up in the university setting I'd envisioned while in school.

If you were not working here, what would you be doing?

I don't know. Law, probably, since that was the other alternative I seriously considered before deciding on graduate school, although, and this will probably shock some people, I also thought about the ministry until I concluded that the grind of composing a weekly sermon was just too much.

The best book you've read lately?

The World is Flat, by Thomas Friedman. The subtitle is *A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*. Anybody who wants to understand what's happened since 1990 (not just 9-11) and what it means for the next few decades needs to read this book. Technology is a large part of the picture, of course, but only a part. It's become almost a cliché to say we must keep our eyes on China and India, but Friedman tells us why.

Your favorite movie of all time?

That's tough, but if pressed I'd probably say *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Isn't it everybody's?

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

Students, be open to all your education has to offer. DSC isn't Harvard or Stanford, but it's still a set of doors—and by and large a pretty good one—to the accumulated knowledge, wisdom, and creativity of humanity. Walk through as many of them as you can, look around, and see what you can use.