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An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty and staff

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9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the upper level of the Pope Student Center

Spring has Sprung!

Full- and part-time faculty and students will enjoy a much needed semester break during the week of March 7-11. For those 12-month employees who remain on campus, be sure and come dressed for fun on "DSC Attire Day" on Tuesday (in honor of the Water Festival) and "Spring Break" day (beach wear) on Friday.

Essential Shakespeare

Dalton native and actor [Lane Davies](#) will begin teaching/directing "Essential Shakespeare" on Monday, March 7, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on campus. Lane starred as Mason Capwell in the soap opera series "Santa Barbara," and he is the founding director of the California Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival. The class, offered through Continuing Education, will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings. Call 272-4454 to register.

Water Festival arrives on March 8

Around 1,800 fourth graders will descend on the DSC campus on Tuesday, March 8, to participate in the 2005 Children's Water Festival. The event will take place in four-hour blocks from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Activities will be offered in half-hour sessions and will include classroom presentations, stage shows and other activities. Last March, the state's first-ever Children's Water Festival was held in Columbus. This year's festival will be attended by fourth graders from Bartow, Floyd, and Whitfield counties representing the Coosa, Tallapoosa, and Tennessee River basins. The purpose of the water festival is to educate children about water conservation. Contact [Pam Partain](#) at 272-4414 if you'd like to volunteer to help with the event.

***A Midsummer Night's Dream* appears March 17**

Georgia Mountain Theatre will bring Shakespeare's popular comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to the stage in Memorial Hall on Thursday, March 17. Performances will be held at 10:30 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. A cast of seven will be on hand to perform multiple roles in the play. GMT is a professional theater company that tours classical theater productions and workshops to schools, colleges, and theater audiences in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and other neighboring states.

Saturday of Stars set for March 19

This spring's Saturday of Stars will take place on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seventh graders from area middle schools have been invited to attend. Sessions for the students include Career Computer Lab, Slime Lab, Cartesian Divers Lab, ADAM Lab, and Ecopoly. During the event, students will hear from Enrollment Services, and parents may attend an information session that will include a tour of the campus, a financial aid presentation, and a Q & A session with college students. According to [Sherri Stafford](#), PREP Coordinator, a number of faculty and staff are scheduled to help with Saturday of Stars.

GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for March 20

About 75 students will be honored during the GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. More than 300 students took and passed the GED exam and received their GED diplomas during 2004. All are welcome to attend.

RTP exams offered March 21- 23

The RTP exams will be given on Monday, March 21, at 1:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 22 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.

THE MONTHLY TATTLER for March by Dr. Jim Burran

Salutations! Here are a few Blue and Silver tidbits for your general amusement.

1. The General Assembly continues to work on the Fiscal Year 2006 budget, including appropriations for the University System and the State Department of Technical and Adult Education. So far, the leadership of both the House and Senate have remained loyal to the Governor's recommendations, which includes full formula funding for both systems. It is my understanding that the General Assembly intends to finish its work by the end of this month.
2. Our Physical Master Plan Update is nearing completion. The final version of our physical growth strategy over the next ten years will be presented in early April to the Strategic Planning Committee. I'll make sure that the specific date and time are announced in advance so that anyone from across campus can attend this session.
3. Our new Division of Education, chaired by **Dr. Mary Edwards**, is fully engaged with the specialized accreditation process necessary for University System institutions to graduate certified teachers. At this writing, a joint visiting committee from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the National Association for Accreditation of Teacher Education has been scheduled for spring 2006. This represents a "fast-track" process. If you go out to the DSC web site and look at the fall 2005 schedule of classes, you'll see our new upper-level offerings in teacher education displayed in all their radiant splendor!
4. Prior to the end of the semester, we will begin rolling out a new look and feel for our web site, printed recruitment/marketing pieces, and other "image development" components. This work has been a year in the making, and I think you'll like it. We will provide advance information shortly so that you can see it before it goes public.
5. Please mark April 15 as the date for our groundbreaking ceremonies for the new James E. Brown Center for Continuing Education. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the construction site just north of the Technical Education Building and will last approximately thirty minutes. I trust everyone will have completed their income tax returns by then!
6. I trust that faculty members will take full advantage of next week's spring break for a little R & R. Whether your plans call for travel or cocooning at home, I hope the week will have the desired effect. If you are among those going to Panama City or some other den of sin and iniquity, I would appreciate it if you would leave your DSC name tag at home! For those of us minding the store next week, please note that Tuesday, March 8, is "DSC Attire Day" and that Friday, March 11, is "Spring Break Day." I'll leave to your fertile imaginations the exact nature of your wardrobe for those special occasions.

Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

Campus Watch

Dr. Don Davis, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been elected as an Officer for 2005-2006 of the Appalachian Studies Association and will be attending the ASA's Conference on March 18-20 at Radford University in Virginia. He will deliver a lecture entitled "More Appalachian than Appalachia: The Carpathians of Romania."

Dr. Baogang Guo, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was one of the presenters during the Atlanta Chapter of the US-China People's Friendship Association forum which was held at Agnes Scott College on February 27. The forum was entitled "China and Its Neighbors." Dr. Guo spoke on the topic of China's relationships with Southeast Asian countries.

During the 12th Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching, which was held February 11-12 at Kennesaw State University, several DSC professors made presentations. **Dr. Christy Price**, Associate Professor of Psychology, gave a presentation on "Teaching Techniques that Influence College Student Motivation." **Dr. Baogang Guo's** presentation was on "Computer Labs and a Web-centric Course." Dr. Mary Nielsen, Acting Chair for the Division of Humanities, and Lydia Postell, Instructor in English and Reading, co-presented "Integrative Approaches: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics – All Together." Other attendees at the conference included **Dr. Wes Davis**, Associate Professor of English, and **Ms. Christy Shannon**, Instructor in English.

Dr. Tom Mullen, Associate Professor of Sociology, attended the American Political Science Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., in mid-February and was a discussant on a panel entitled "Global Perspectives and International Models."

Ms. Carol Treible, Director of the ACE Center, was honored during last month's Georgia College Personnel Association conference as the recipient of the Theodore K. Miller Outstanding Professional Service Award.

Dr. Jack Waskey, Associate Professor of Social Science, contributed the following articles to *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America*: "Central Intelligence Agency," "Christian Science," "Civil Disobedience," "Federalism," "Jehovah's Witnesses," and "John Locke." *The Encyclopedia* is edited by David Schultz and John Vile.

Dalton State College finished 2nd in the Georgia State Intramural Basketball Tournament that was held February 25-27. This was the first time the DSC Intramural team had made it to the "Final Four." The team lost in the finals to Georgia College and State University. Players included: **Kent Boyd, Zach Durham, Justin Fetzer, Brandon Frank, John McMillan** (All-Tournament Team), **Joe Ward, and Jomont Ware**.

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Welcome to:

Charles Sanford, Plant Operations

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Ann Taylor
Laraine Teasley
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- 10 Aref Hervani
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- 14 Randall Griffus
- 15 Mary Andrews
- 16 Brenda McMurray
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Margaret Smith
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