

# E-QUILL for July 2004

## An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty and staff

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### Important dates for July

**5** **Independence Day** holiday observed – College closed

**8** **Orientation session** set for 1:00 p.m.

**12-13** **Regents' Testing Program** (RTP) exam

6:00 p.m., Monday, 9:00 a.m., Tuesday

Memorial Auditorium

**20** **Orientation sessions** set for 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**21-22** **Final exams**

**22** **End of summer term**

### *THE MONTHLY TATTLER* by **Dr. Jim Burran**

Felicitations! I hope the summer is going well for one and all. Here's the July issue of this heralded publication, complete with news from home and abroad.

1. First of all, in the May *Tattler* I indicated that DSC had been invited to present our case for a new Health Sciences Building at the June Board of Regents meeting. Sadly, despite our best efforts, this presentation did not bear fruit. However, we've been advised that DSC will be invited back to the dance next year, and this time we'll hope for better results. The timing next year will be better, in that we will have completed our Physical Master Plan Update by that time, and I will have had an opportunity to present it to the Regents at the April or May meeting. Coming back at the June meeting with our building request will give me a chance to get in front of the Regents twice over a short period of time, so we'll plan for success. Keep in mind that, if our presentation next year proves successful, it simply means that our project will be added to the bottom of the Regents' Major Capital rolling list, and that it will be at least five years from that point before it moves to the top of the list and thus merits construction funding.

2. Also in May I was not able to bring you news concerning the College's budget for Fiscal Year 2005, owing to the special session of the General Assembly that delayed state appropriations to the Board of Regents. I now report to you that the Board of Regents,

recognizing the College's 38 percent enrollment growth over the last five years, allowed us to move into the new year without a budget cut. For this support we should be extremely grateful, since many of our sister institutions were not so lucky. Accordingly, we are now in the process of restoring some of the positions around campus that had earlier fallen victim to budget reductions, and most of them are faculty positions. Other positions have been redirected to the areas that need the most help, so we'll have the pleasure of introducing a number of new folks at our August 17 Faculty Retreat.

3. Though separate communications containing detailed information will be springing forth from the Academic Affairs Office in due course, here is the condensed version of the litany attendant to the beginning of the new academic year:

**August 12, 6:00 pm--Part-time Faculty Dinner and Orientation**

**August 16, 8:00 am--New Faculty Orientation**

**August 16, 6:00 pm--Faculty-Staff Dinner and Social**

**August 17, 8:00 am--Faculty Retreat**

**August 18, TBA--Divisional and Departmental Meetings**

**August 19-20--Fall Semester Registration**

Please note your calendars accordingly. Meanwhile, there are a number of Freshman Orientation sessions scheduled between now and the beginning of the semester. Your assistance with these is greatly appreciated. The schedule for Orientations currently looks like this:

**July 8, 1:00 pm**

**July 20, 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**

**August 16, 1:00 pm**

**August 18, 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**

**August 19, 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**

**August 20, 1:00 pm**

**August 23, 1:00 pm**

This is the time of year when everyone's best efforts are needed to help ensure a successful beginning for the 2004-05 academic year. Again, thank you in advance for your contributions to our common enterprise.

4. Within the last two weeks we've received the final report from **MGT** of America, the consulting firm engaged to complete a Housing Demand Analysis for DSC. The facts show that we're not yet ready to look seriously at student housing; the numbers are not yet large enough to swing such a project. We'll take another look in three years; by that time the situation may have tipped across the line. Meanwhile, **Sasaki Associates**, our master planning firm, is preparing to kick off our new Physical Master Plan in September. This work, as I referenced earlier, will be complete in time for us to unveil it this spring. We'll do so on campus as well as at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Regents. The College's Strategic Planning Committee will be the formal conduit between Sasaki and DSC. This exercise should prove very interesting and beneficial.

5. Design on the new Continuing Education Building is proceeding at a molasses-like pace, but proceeding nonetheless. Preliminary designs have been approved by College officials as well as by the University System, so now we move to the final design process. If all goes smoothly from here, we should be ready to solicit construction bids by late this fall. Construction would then begin in January or February 2005, with completion scheduled for spring 2006. This facility, as you may recall, is a 26,000 square foot building to be located on the vacant lot at the corner of College Drive and Mt. Haven Drive, north of the Technical Building. Once it's completed, we'll retrofit the current Continuing Education portion of Westcott into a new office suite for Enrollment Services. This will allow admissions, student records, and financial aid to cozy up in one place, thus providing better service to current and prospective students while exuding a warm and fuzzy glow. Also on the construction front, renovation of the food service portion of the Student Center is currently underway. I think you'll like the result. This work will be completed just in time for fall semester. Elsewhere, we'll be completing some additional cosmetic renovations to the Technical Building during the upcoming academic year. This work will be done during the semester breaks between now and next fall.

6. Finally, it is entirely appropriate to pay tribute to [Dr. Bob Weathersby](#), who retired June 30 after thirty years of distinguished service to DSC. Arriving in 1974 as a new English instructor, Bob was named Chair of the Division of Humanities in 1984, a position he held for the next nineteen years. Under his tutelage the College developed the sterling reputation it currently enjoys for first-time pass rates on the Regents' Testing Program, among other things. A person of intense dedication and loyalty, Bob has made this institution a better place than the one he found. One of his most endearing qualities was his ability to speak his mind without fear or favor. I appreciated that ability very much, even when his critical eye fixed itself on this writer. One never had to worry about where Bob stood on an issue, and that's always proven very beneficial. Please take the occasion to cast soothing, clucking noises in [Dr. Mary Nielsen's](#) direction when you get a chance. Mary will be serving as Acting Chair, beginning July 1, while the search for Bob's permanent successor gets underway. We hope to have the new chair in place by July 1, 2005.

That's about it for now. There will be a special "Back to School" edition of the *Monthly Tattler* on the street about August 15. Meanwhile, if you're planning a few days off between now and then, just don't do anything that you wouldn't want your mother to know about!

Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

## Transitions

### Welcome to:

**Roy Smith**, Plant Operations

### A Fond Farewell to:

**Pam Thomason**, OCIS

**Dr. Bob Weathersby**, Humanities

**Margie Bruner**, Academic Advising Center

## Campus Watch

Recently, **Dr. David Boyle**, Director of Studies in Social Work, spoke to the Murray County Foster Parents Association at their annual appreciation banquet at the Holly Springs Baptist Church. His topic was “Saving Our Children: The Role of Foster Care in Public Child Welfare.” Dr. Boyle, who has developed two courses in the College’s BSW curriculum, drew from his experience as a foster parent for 17 children over the past seven years for his presentation. The first two DSC BSW graduates are now employed in DFCS welfare positions for protective services: **Mindy Richardson** in Murray county and **Kristie Ferguson** in Catoosa County.

**Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Professor of Management, recently collaborated on an article that was published in *Business Perspectives* with Stephanie Bellar and Deborah Arfken. The article is entitled “Glacial Change – Women on Corporate Boards in Tennessee” and appeared in the spring edition, volume 16:2. Dr. Helms was recently interviewed in an article called “Getting it Right: Knocking Down the Barriers to Cycle Counting Excellence,” which appeared in the June 2004 issue of *APICS-The Performance Advantage*. She also made a presentation called “Entrepreneurship and the Price-Babson Experience: An Alumni Perspective” to the Babson 2004 Summit Symposium for Entrepreneurship Educators at their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in June. Dr. Helms was a delegate to the June 2004 International Education/Language Trade Mission, sponsored by Eduespana, which took place June 5-13 in Madrid and Barcelona, Spain. During that trip, she toured and met with language schools, MBA programs, and other colleges and universities offering language and study abroad experiences for executives and college students.

**Michael Jordan**, Associate Professor of Drafting, recently completed a week long workshop on using PTC Pro/E Wildfire software. Wildfire is parametric design software used by industry to design, assemble, and test machine parts in the computer before they are manufactured. The class was held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and was taught by instructors from Torgon Industries.

*The Kingfish in Fiction: Huey P. Long and the Modern American Novel*, a newly-published book by Assistant Professor of English **Dr. Keith Perry**, is one of four new books featured on the front page of the Louisiana State University Press website this month. Dr. Perry was recently interviewed about the book on the J.W. Bray show on WDNN.

### **Birthdays for July**

- 1 Cheryl Nuckolls**  
**Vince Postell**
- 2 Marilyn Helms**  
**Sharon Hixon**
- 4 Scott McNabb**  
**Jack Waskey**
- 8 Tyra Stalling**
- 9 Patricia Bearden**
- 15 David Pritchett**
- 18 John Hutcheson**  
**Rickey Noverola**
- 20 Joy Carrier**
- 21 Beverly Gibson**
- 22 Kathryn Montgomery**  
**Julie Tharpe**  
**Mary Weathers**
- 25 Kathy Holloway**
- 27 Joe Baxter**
- 30 Carolyn Baine**  
**Barbara Murray**

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