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An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty and staff

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- 10** **Make your own CD** – 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
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Pope Student Center
- 23** **Chattanooga Symphony & Opera** – 7:30 p.m.
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- 24** **Vein Train** – 9:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Outside of Pope Student Center
- 31** **Climbing Wall** – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Outside of Pope Student Center

Coming in April

- 1** **Triangulo** – 7:30 p.m. – Auditorium of Memorial Hall
The exciting sounds of Latin America performed by a Jazz Trio

GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for March 14

About 60 students will be honored during the GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. More than 270 students took and passed the GED exam and received their GED diplomas during 2003. **Tony Cook**, Superintendent of the Whitfield County School System, will be the featured speaker. All are welcome to attend.

Saturday of Stars for March 20

This spring's Saturday of Stars will take place on Saturday, March 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seventh graders from the following middle schools have been invited to attend:

Bagley Middle, Gladden Middle, Dalton Middle, Eastbrook Middle, Valley Point Middle, North Whitfield Middle, Westside Middle, Gordon Lee Middle, LaFayette Middle, Dade County Middle, Ringgold Middle, Rossville Middle, Sonoraville East Middle.

Over 100 middle grades students are planning to participate.

“Classes taught this session include: Career Computer Lab, Slime Lab, Cartesian Divers Lab, ADAM Lab, and Ecopoly,” said **Sherri Stafford**, PREP Coordinator. “Students will also hear from the Enrollment Services department. Parents will also have an information session to attend that will include a tour of the campus, a financial aid presentation, and a Q & A session with college students.”

Faculty and staff who are scheduled to help with Saturday of Stars include: **Sherrie Breitwieser, Dr. Jim Burran, Dudd Dempsey, Dr. Kerry Dunbar, Dr. Ken Ellinger, Cheryl Grayson, Dr. Angela Harris, Jodi Johnson, Javier Lara, Dr. John Lughart, Marsha Mathews, Andy Meyer, Jane Parks, Lisa Peden, Lydia Postell, Gail Ward, Judith Weber, and Jennifer Williams.** DSC education, economics and registered nursing students will help as well.

Brown Bag Luncheons scheduled in March

Grab a lunch and come to the Student Center. The Brown Bag Luncheon Series continues this month in the Eddie Miller Room at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, Monday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 31. **Dr. Wes Davis**, Associate Professor of English, will give a presentation on “Civil War Battlefields Caught on Tape”; **Della Sampson**, Assistant Professor of Economics, will talk about “Armchair Travel to Russia”; and **Roschelle Mears**, Instructor in Spanish, and **Dr. Marsha Mathews**, Assistant Professor of English, will do a presentation called “Snapshots: Stories of Local Immigrants.”

RTP exams offered March 22 and 23

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

Fine Arts and Lecture Series presents the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera in concert on Tuesday, March 23

The Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Company will appear at the Wink Theater on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. to perform a variety of popular and classical favorites as part of their spring “Out and About” Series. Tickets for the general public are \$8.00 apiece; seniors and children under 12 will be admitted for \$5 apiece; and DSC students with I.D. cards will be admitted free.

“About 50 members of the Symphony will be on hand that evening,” said **Steve Tonkinson**, Education Director for the CSO. “The theme for this performance is ‘The Heroes Among Us.’”

Robert Bernhardt, Musical and Artistic Director and Conductor for the CSO, will be on hand. Concurrent with his CSO tenure, Bernhardt holds the additional title of Principal Pops Conductor of the Louisville (Kentucky) Orchestra with which, for most of the 1980s, he was Associate Conductor. He has been a frequent guest conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Orchestra, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and the Boston Pops.

The CSO Orchestra will perform in several locations during the week of March 23 as part of their “Out and About” Series.

THE MONTHLY TATTLER by Dr. Jim Burran

Greetings! In this edition of the *Tattler* I'd like to give you a quick update of coming attractions as we move into the second half of spring semester and blaze toward the end of another academic year.

1. First of all, on March 12 we will be hosting our new Regent, **Jim Jolly**, for a campus tour and conversations on the College's future needs. Mr. Jolly, as many of you know, is CEO of J & J Industries here in town. He was appointed by **Governor Perdue** to serve the remaining four years of the term originally given to **Allene Magill**, and will do an accomplished job of serving the System in this new capacity. We will be touring the campus during the period between 9:30 and 11:30 that morning, so please be prepared to speak to him should the occasion arise.
2. Beginning on March 19, and continuing for the next several Fridays, the academic divisions will be meeting with a group led by **John Hutcheson** to discuss improvements in our academic advising system and the effectiveness of the advising process as carried out by the faculty. This, as you may recall, is part of an overall effort to improve both retention and completion rates among our students. I believe that separate communications on the specific nature of these meetings have been forwarded through the division chairs and input sought so that issues peculiar to certain divisions can be addressed. In June, meetings will be held involving all of the staff for the same purpose, in this case revolving around the Ritz-Carlton initiative. As you can see, the entire college community will take part in this retention and completion effort.
3. We are currently interviewing consulting firms in preparation for updating the look and feel of our recruiting pieces as well as our web site. This hasn't been done since 1998, and much has changed since then. We expect to be able to market the college more effectively as a result. Elsewhere, we are interviewing consulting firms to complete a student housing demand analysis. This is the research phase that will tell us whether the college should consider moving in this direction. Once that work is done, I'll let you know the result. Finally, we are planning to update DSC's physical master plan during the summer and fall of 2004. This will serve as our roadmap for physical expansion over the next ten years, and represents an important element in determining just how the college will overcome the capacity limitations with which it is currently grappling. The Strategic Planning Committee will be heavily involved in this process.
4. DSC's annual Awards Day has been scheduled for April 23. More on this next month, but for now just a heads up that both the name of the event and part of the format will change this year. Now styled the DSC Honors Convocation in order to better reflect its collegiate nature, this event will feature the stage party, consisting primarily of the division chairs, in academic regalia! No more parading a vast array of award presenters across the stage; no more slipping out the side door in the casual fashion of the recent

past; no more rushing through the scholarship awards as though we had a train to catch. While the Honors Convocation will still last only about an hour and fifteen minutes, it will now have a more academic presence that I think both you and the student honorees will like.

That's about it for now, other than the thrashing about that characterizes the General Assembly this year. I should be able to give you a better impression of the budget situation for 2004-05 in next month's edition of the *Tattler*, so stay tuned. Meanwhile, onward mighty blue and silver!

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Welcome to:

Pam Partain, Continuing Education

Campus Watch

Kelley Mahoney, Assistant Professor of English, attended the State Advisory Board meeting for Speech and Humanities in Macon, Georgia, on February 20. She also attended the Education Preparation Academic Advisory Committee (EPAAC) meeting on March 2 at the Board of Regents Office in Atlanta. The EPAAC Committee convened to make recommendations concerning the new Georgia Performance Standards in K – 12 curriculum.

During **Carol Burton's** Elderhostel program in mid-February at Red Top Mountain State Park, **Kelley Mahoney** presented "Flying High with Georgia Women Authors." She talked about authors Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker, Bailey White, and Augusta Trobaugh. Kelley's friend **Augusta Trobaugh**, author of *Sophie and the Rising Sun*, spoke about the art of writing fiction. Augusta's book is under contract to be made into a movie later this spring. **Dr. Jim Burran**, President, and **Dr. Tom Veve**, Associate Professor of History, will be presenting a program called *Chickamauga: A Strategic Advantage Lost* at the upcoming Elderhostel in Amicalola Falls March 14 – 19.

Birthdays for March

- 1 **Tom Sommer**
- 4 **Jim Head**
- 8 **Celeste Humphrey**
Ann Taylor
Laraine Teasley
- 9 **Barry Peyton**
- 10 **Aref Hervani**
- 11 **Joe Jackson**
- 13 **Hassan Elnajjar**
- 14 **Randall Griffus**
Kevin Wellwood

- 15 **Mary Andrews**
- 16 **Brenda McMurray**
- 17 **Susan West**
- 18 **Charlotte Crosen**
- 22 **Reed Krause**
Margaret Smith
- 26 **Kevin Doheny**

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