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An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty members and staff

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Spring Break begins March 3

A well-deserved break for students and faculty begins on Monday, March 3 – Friday, March 7. Administrative offices are open. Friday, March 7, will be spring break attire day for those on campus.

Library Depository hosts displays in honor of 25th anniversary

Now's the time to visit the DSC Roberts Library, which is in its 25th year as a federal depository for government documents. Currently in the lobby of the DSC Roberts Library is a display in memory of the Columbia and Challenger astronauts, which includes several government documents pertaining to the Space Shuttle Program.

The depository is located on the first floor of the library and has over 100,000 documents in paper, microfiche, CD-ROMs, maps, videos, etc. from many federal agencies, departments, and bureaus. Many of the government documents are cataloged in the library's online catalog (GIL) at <http://gil.daltonstate.edu>, and online documents can be reached from Internet hotlinks in GIL.

Social Work Club hosts luncheon for practitioners

The Dalton State College Social Work Club and the Center for Continuing Education will host a luncheon on Tuesday, March 11, from 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. for social work students and area practitioners. The cost is \$10 for practitioners and \$6.00 for DSC students.

Betty Higgins, Director of the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, will be the featured speaker. Her topic is "Preserving Rights – Strengthening Voices."

The event will take place in the Westcott Building on campus.

Student Activities to sponsor M-4 Simulator on March 12

The Student Activities Office will offer students, faculty and staff the opportunity to “spin out of control” with the M-4 Simulator. Set for Wednesday, March 12, the event is one that is sure to give participants a thrill! The motion simulator spins from side to side and upside down. Drop by the upper level of the Pope Student Center between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. if you’re willing to “shake, rattle, and roll.”

GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for March 16

About 75 students will be honored during the GED Recognition Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.

Toni McCamy, Superintendent of the Murray County School System, will be the featured speaker. All are welcome to attend.

Georgia Author Mary Hood to speak on March 18

Georgia native Mary Hood, author of two award-winning collections of short stories, will be the featured speaker at Dalton State College on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall. The event is sponsored by the Fine Arts and Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

During her talk, she will discuss the art of writing fiction and will read excerpts from several pieces of her short fiction.

Mary Hood is the winner of the Flannery O’Connor Award for fiction for *How Far She Went*, a collection of stories. She won the Townsend Award for another of her short story collections, *And Venus is Blue*. She is also the author of a novel, *Familiar Heat*.

In addition to writing fiction, Ms. Hood has also taught creative writing at several colleges and universities. She has taught writing skills to students at the University of Georgia and was the John and Renee Grisham Southern Writer-in Residence at the University of Mississippi in 1996.

Born in Brunswick, Georgia, Ms. Hood graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Spanish. While writing in her spare time, she worked in sales, a language lab, and a library, gaining knowledge from many books to which she had access.

She published her first collection of short stories in 1984. She received the prestigious Whiting Award in 1994 and her novel *Familiar Heat* was published in 1995. She currently lives in Woodstock, Georgia.

Grab the mike and create your own CD on March 19

Student Activities will set up a Hot-track CD booth on Wednesday, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the upper level of the Student Center. All students, faculty and staff are invited to burst out in song and to record their own CD. “All you have to do is to show up and bring your best voice,” says **Garrett Burgner**, Director of Student Activities.

Brown Bag Luncheons scheduled for March 19 and 26

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 Wednesdays, March 19 and 26. **Dr. Kerry Dunbar**, Associate Professor of Biology, will give a presentation on March 19, and **Dr. Christy Price**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, will speak on March 26.

ACE Center to host Employment Fair on March 21

The ACE Center will sponsor an Employment Fair on Friday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the upper level of the Pope Student Center. Area businesses and companies have been invited to attend, and representatives from those companies will be on hand to meet students and, in some cases, to conduct interviews for job openings for part-time, full-time, summer, and Co-op positions. “At this point, employers in the fields of medicine, forestry, business, the carpet industry, retail, and other businesses have committed to participating in the Fair,” said **Karen Marks**, ACE Center Cooperative Education and Career Services Coordinator.

Saturday of Stars scheduled for March 22

This spring’s Saturday of Stars will take place on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seventh graders from the following area middle schools will attend: Chattanooga Valley Middle School, LaFayette Middle School, Lakeview Middle School, Ringgold Middle School, Sonoraville East Middle School, and Valley Point Middle School. 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: **Dr. John Black, Dr. Jim Burran, Dr. Ken Ellinger, Dr. Vicki Guarisco, Jodi Johnson, Dr. Barry Peyton, Dr. Geoff Poor, Carol Treible, Gail Ward**, and **Kevin Wellwood**, among others. DSC students, including members of SIFE and the RN program, will help as well.

RTP exams offered March 24 and 25

The RTP exams will be given on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.

Fine Arts and Lecture series and Alumni Association present the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera in concert on Thursday, March 27

The Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Company will appear at the Wink Theater on Thursday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. to perform a variety of popular and classical favorites as part of their spring “Out and About” Series.

The evening event is co-sponsored by Dalton State College's Fine Arts and Lecture Series and the DSC Alumni Association. Tickets for the general public are \$5.00 apiece and can be purchased at the Wink. 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. "One of our selections will feature Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. We will also play several popular favorites including some marches and movie theme music."

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 27 as part of their "Out and About" Series.

Welcome SACS – Visiting Committee to arrive on March 31

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Visiting Committee will arrive on March 31 and will begin interviewing DSC administrators, faculty, staff, and students on Tuesday, April 1. Please make them feel welcome!

Campus Watch

Dr. James Adams, Associate Professor of Biology, was the keynote speaker at the Ohio Lepidopterists' Society Annual Meeting in Columbus Ohio on Saturday, January 18. The topic of his speech was: "Tiger Moths (Arctiidae): Living and Doing Well in a Predator-Eats-Moth World."

Dr. Monte Salyer, Assistant Professor of English as a Second Language, presented a talk at the Kennesaw State University English as a Second Language (ESOL) Conference on February 6. Dr. Salyer discussed the success of DSC's "Steps to College" program.

During the Georgia Collegiate Basketball Championships in Athens in late February, DSC's intramural team tied for fifth place, out of a total of 26 teams from across the System. The seven-member team was comprised of students and faculty, including **Garrett Burgner, Justin Fetzer, Levi Hughey, Matthew Queener, Alex Rivers, Paul Sparks, and Jomont Ware**.

Many thanks to all on campus who volunteered to help with the Georgia Science Olympiad Regional Tournament in late February, during which high school students from schools in Division C, which includes Northwest Georgia and parts of Metro Atlanta, participated in science-related competitive events. According to **Dr. Patricia White**, Chair of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, college-wide participation was at its highest yet, with most of her division and

several other departments and divisions represented. The event was headed up for the third year in a row by **Dr. David Wycherley**. DSC personnel who served as Event Supervisors included: **Dr. James Adams, Dr. Wayne Bosche, Dr. Wyatt Cooper, Lynda Davis, Dr. Tom Deaton, Dr. Kevin Doheny, Dr. Kerry Dunbar, Dr. Randall Griffus, Dr. Vicki Guarisco, Dr. Celeste Humphrey, Dr. John Hutcheson, Dr. Hubert Kinser, Dr. John Lugthart, Dr. Andy Meyer, Dr. Lee Ann Nimmons, Dr. Geoff Poor, Dr. Vince Postell, Doris Shoemaker, Dr. Patricia White** and **Dr. David Wycherley**. Dalton State College personnel who served as Event Judges included: **Dr. Barry Peyton, Dr. Joe Baxter, Tyra Stalling, Dr. Jack Waskey, and Debbie Melton**. Other DSC volunteers included: **Joan Beard, Dr. Jim Burran, Tommy Dedmon, Harry Feltman, Dr. Jim Head, Cheryl Nuckolls, Mildred Parker, Mollie Rogers, and Janet Vetter**.

Transitions

Welcome to:

Cary Brown, Catoosa Center Site Coordinator

A Fond Farewell to:

Ed Vickrey, Catoosa Center Site Coordinator

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 5 **Lisa Gregg**
 8 **Celeste Humphrey**
 Ann Taylor
 Laraine Teasley
 9 **Barry Peyton**
 11 **Joe Jackson**
 13 **Hassan Elnajjar**
 14 **Randall Griffus**
 Kevin Wellwood
 15 **Mary Andrews**
 17 **Susan West**
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 Margaret Smith
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