

The sky's the limit.

The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran



Happy Holidays! No matter what your religious tradition, or lack thereof, I hope you're beginning to feel the holiday spirit. Whether your plans call for travel or relaxing at home, I trust your break will be safe and enjoyable. As we busily decorate for Christmas at my house, I've placed an order with Santa for hypnotic powers over the Chancellor. I don't think I'll hold my breath, though.

Now for this month's DSC Trivia question. The first person to email me with the correct answer to the following will win a \$25 gift certificate to one of Dalton's upscale gastronomic emporiums: What current member of the Library staff was a student worker in the Library while enrolled here during the mid-1970s?

Under the heading of "Coming Attractions," let me remind you of a couple of events. The first is our December 8 Faculty Meeting, which will get underway in Memorial Auditorium at 12:30 pm. We've already sent you the major agenda items for the occasion, but if you wish something else added, please let me know by the end of the day this Tuesday. I promise I will not make you practice the *Alma Mater* this time.

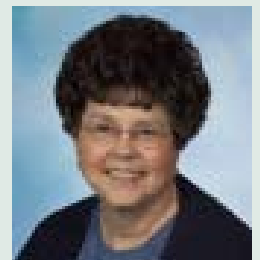
The other upcoming event is our annual Faculty-Staff Christmas Luncheon, scheduled for noon on December 15 in the Student Center. Announcements for this bash are in circulation even as we speak, including the basic rule that you bring a side dish or dessert or pay \$4.50 per person. As an all-you-can-eat extravaganza, this price is hard to beat. And new for this year is a dessert contest, featuring three mystery judges who will be sampling the desserts and awarding a fabulous prize to the winning entry. Criteria for the dessert contest will include taste, appearance, and creativity. So if you've been holding back on Granny's recipe for rhubarb pie, now's the time to blow away the competition. On the other hand, if you show up with a Kroger's sheet cake that says "Happy Birthday Arnold," our experienced and discerning judges will become immediately suspicious.

Our latest electrical malfunction, this time affecting the Library, will be repaired within the next few days. A switchgear box, whatever that is, has given up the ghost. This turn of events explains the impressive-looking portable generator that has occupied the sidewalk just west of the Library building. Elsewhere, residents of Liberal Arts will be all a'twitter with the news that a spanking new boiler will be installed over the semester break. Billed as the silver bullet cure for all of Liberal Arts' heating and cooling ailments,

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December Birthdays

- 2 Rodney Bailey
Teresa Weimann
- 3 Carol Gavagan
Micah Norton
- 5 Lois Bradford
Alice Spradley
- 7 Richard Collison
- 9 Linda LaChapelle
- 11 Billie Precise
- 12 Marilyn Fitzpatrick
- 13 Mike Doyle
- 14 Benny Bridges
- 15 Shelia Croft
Tricia Rafey
- 16 Don Mroz
- 17 Michael Masters
Barbara Tucker
- 18 Nancy Tyler
- 19 Mary Nielsen
- 21 Bennett Langham
- 24 Badella Ridley
- 25 Melissa Blevins
Michael Gravitt
- 27 Kim McCroskey
Sherry Riley
Bridgett Thomason
- 28 Kerry Dunbar
Glenda Pileggi
- 30 Felicia Smith
- 31 Monte Salyer



Birthday Spotlight

Billie Precise

Associate Professor of Nursing

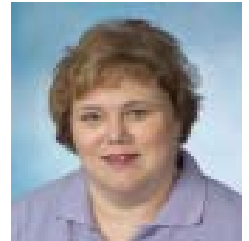
Age on this birthday? I am proud to say that I will be 58 on my birthday.

What are your responsibilities as Associate Professor of Nursing?

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Campus Watch

Dr. Robin Cleeland, Assistant Professor of Social Work, presented a paper at the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Boston on November 6th. The APHA Annual Meeting is the premier platform in the United States for public health research. The paper that she presented was entitled “The Effect of Physicians’ Characteristics on Recommendations for Medical Care.”



Dr. Robin Cleeland

Dr. William Jackson, Dalton State College Foundation Chair and Professor of Management, was selected as the initial “Dean of Fellows” at the Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship’s annual meeting in Corpus Christie, Texas. The “Dean of Fellows” was established as a mentor position to assist current officers with administration of the organization. He also participated as a discussant for two sessions at the Southern Academy of Management annual conference in Clearwater, Florida, in October.



Dr. William Jackson

Also, Dr. William Jackson and **Dr. Mary Jo Jackson**, Associate Professor of Management, served as panelists at the Academy of Management’s annual meeting in Atlanta and presented “Surviving the Process: What to Expect and How to Succeed” to over 50 potential applicants seeking management positions.

Dr. William Jackson, Dr. Mary Jo Jackson, and **Dr. Larry Johnson**, Associate Professor of Economics, coauthored a manuscript that will be published in the Journal for International Case Studies in the upcoming issue entitled “Tom Brown, Inc.: Surviving in the Oil and Gas Industry.” This manuscript was recognized as a “Distinguished Research Award” winner at the Allied Academies International Conference in Reno, Nevada, in October.



Dr. Mary Jo Jackson

Dr. Jack Waskey, Associate Professor of Social Science, lectured at the Osaka University of Foreign Studies in Osaka, Japan, on “American Elections: The Election of 2006” and “The American Judicial System: The Supreme Court—Recent Cases and Newly Appointed Judges” on November 20. He also presented a paper entitled “Clashing Cosmologies: East Meets West” at the 19th Annual Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia on November 22 in Makati City in Manila, Philippines.

Dr. Marilyn Helms, Sesquicentennial Chair and Professor of Management, pictured back row, left, spoke to the Chattanooga Chapter of the National Association of Purchasing Management on November 14 on the topic of “Reverse Supply Chain Logistics: The Case of the Carpet Industry.” She also just completed the five-session “Our City” module of



Junior Achievement for the third grade at Tunnel Hill Elementary. The future DSC Class of 2016 learned about entrepreneurship, planning and zoning issues, and practiced operating several businesses, including a construction company, a restaurant, a newspaper, and a bank.



Dr. Larry Johnson



Dr. Jack Waskey

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this custom-made machine has been variously described as “jewel-like” and “space age.” And literally up the hill, the Gym remodeling project is now well into the demolition phase. Turning a sow’s ear into a silk purse takes time, effort, and money, you know.

DSC’s budget conference for the 2008 Fiscal Year will take place on December 8 in the sumptuous offices of the University System. We will convince them that we need more money, but they will tell us they don’t have any money. We will remain unconvinced, but they will insist, with carefully rehearsed looks of pain and anguish, that the well is dry. Thus goes the budget conference.

In a related vein, we will be hosting the Northwest Georgia legislative delegation here on campus on January 3. Our group is comprised of twelve state senators and representatives from the geographic area that furnishes most of our students, and all of them possess a legitimate interest in DSC. What’s more, for the first time since I’ve been here, all twelve incumbents were re-elected. This means seniority, and seniority means power. I hope we can make some additional progress during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

Let me end on a personal note. I appreciate all of the well-wishes that have been extended to me over the past year. It will come as no surprise that I now have a new appreciation for things I formerly took for granted. Like waking up in the morning. While I am not yet out of the woods, all indicators are pointing in the right direction. So let me wish you good health and prosperity over the upcoming holiday season and throughout the new year. Let me also suggest that you stop and sniff the roses once in awhile.

Yours in Flower Power,
JAB



Transitions

Welcome to:

Courtney Purdy
Continuing Education

A fond farewell to:

Andrea Everett
Continuing Education
Diana Ellard
Food Services

**Faculty/Staff
Christmas Luncheon**
Friday • December 15
12:00 noon

Reminder: College offices will be closed December 23 – January 1.
Have a safe and happy holiday!

Billie Precise (continued...)

I teach the psych/mental and cardiac portion of med/surg nursing. I have been employed here for nine years, but I am a graduate of Dalton Junior College’s second graduating class.

What do you like about the beginning of the school year?

The innocent, excited looks on freshmen nursing students’ faces.

Nurses are the ones with patients 24 hours a day and make life and death decisions while the physician makes rounds, keeps his office hours, and goes home.

Whom do you call family?

My husband James, my mother and my mother-in-law. James and I have been married for 32 years. He’s my best friend. My extended family are my co-workers.

What is your favorite vacation?

To go with my husband to Florida. We usually take our motorcycle and tour everywhere with the bugs on our teeth (that’s the sign of a happy motorcycle rider) while we are there.

What words of wisdom would you pass on to our students?

I would tell them to make the most of their education. That’s something that no one can take away from you. You earned it and it’s yours forever.

What do you consider your most embarrassing moment?

That was when I woke up from surgery one time and was telling the doctor what to do. The nurses were all laughing and said that even under anesthesia, I could not keep my mouth shut.

Of what are you most proud?

Entering my master’s degree in nursing.

When I retire, I will . . . ?

. . . cook, quilt, and do volunteer work for the American Red Cross.