

### Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band to perform on Thursday, January 11

The world famous Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will be back on campus again this winter for a performance on Thursday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.



The Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band is a family group that plays a repertoire of music that ranges from classical to rock and roll – using oil drums.

Band members use oil drums as instruments on which they play modern, classical and Calypso music. This art form was developed after World War II when natives of Trinidad discovered that abandoned oil drums could be used for playing musical tunes. The original band was formed several decades ago and has grown into an organization that has played for audiences at the Rockefeller Plaza, Central Park, and Lincoln Center Mall, among many others.

In 1972, the group won an award for their gold album “Liberace Presents.” Over the years, the group has achieved a number of career highlights including: an 18-month engagement as an attraction at Expo '67; two command performances for the Queen of England; a two-year tour with pianist Liberace; a one-year tour with Sergio Franchi; and major television appearances.

### Manhattan Piano Trio concert scheduled for Thursday, January 25

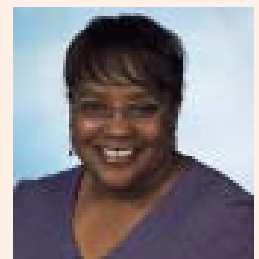
*The Manhattan Piano Trio will make its first appearance at Dalton State on the stage in Memorial Hall on Thursday, January 25, at 7:30 pm. Comprised of pianist Milana Bahl, cellist Dmitry Kouzov and violinist Dmitry Lukin, the trio has performed at colleges, universities, churches, civic centers across the nation. Upcoming scheduled performances include concerts at Kings College, William & Mary College, Vanderbilt University, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and the University of Tampa, among many others.*



### January Birthdays

- 2 Valerie Cutrale  
Gina Kertulis-Tartar  
Madalyn Smith  
Richard Smith
- 12 Nick Carty
- 13 Tom Mullen  
Kelson Smith
- 15 Cathy Rollins
- 20 Brenda Chapman
- 21 Jackie McGintis
- 23 Donna Hendrix
- 24 David Carlton
- 25 Benjamin Hawkins  
Jami Kuhns  
Tricia White
- 26 Martha Ann Robertson  
Janet Vetter
- 28 Myrna Cabrera  
Lydia Knight
- 30 Dee Langford
- 31 Steven Weaver

### Birthday Spotlight



**Jackie McGintis**  
**Technical Support Specialist**

**What do you like best about your job?** The benefits. For example, when my father had cancer in 2005, the sick leave allowed me to take him to his appointments and to be with him during his surgeries.

**What do people on campus not know about what you or someone in your position does?**

In my position, one has to constantly learn new ways to meet the ever-changing demands of technology. We are responsible for

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### The Monthly Tattler

by Dr. Jim Burran

Happy New Year! I hope that spring semester is getting off to a good start for one and all. I also trust that 2007 will prove to be a good year for the entire DSC community.

Now for our DSC trivia question. The first person to email me the correct answer to the following will win a \$25 gift certificate to one of Dalton's high class eateries: Which member of the Social Science Division holds a degree in art and occasionally displays his work in "one man shows?"

Now on to this month's updates.

1. As perhaps you are aware, the 2007 session of the General Assembly cranks up this week. From comments published in newspapers and elsewhere, it appears that healthcare funding and transportation issues will dominate the budget negotiations. Education stands to fare reasonably well, and the Governor is expected to recommend full formula funding for the University System. There is no word at this writing on salary increase recommendations, but that figure should be out within the next few days. Meanwhile, our area legislative delegation tells me that the Session should be relatively free of controversial issues. We'll see.

2. Under the "heads up" banner, you should be aware that the Board of Regents is considering a new policy that, if approved, will require criminal background checks on every new hire in the University System as a condition of employment. While I am personally saddened that it has come to this, we will of course comply with Board policy and, at the appropriate time, develop local procedures accordingly. This proposed policy will not affect those who are currently employed, so for a few of you this caveat may be considered the equivalent of dodging a bullet! Just kidding.

3. Chancellor Davis and the Board of Regents are in the preliminary stages of developing a new University System strategic plan, about which you will hear more in the fullness of time. Meanwhile, working groups are developing strategic initiatives around the following goals:

- Re-examining the Core Curriculum to ensure that it contains the competencies needed by today's students;
- Identifying means by which to increase the System's capacity for growth outside of the major research universities (the System expects up to 100,000 additional students by 2020);
- Using the research institutions more aggressively as instruments of economic development, especially as Georgia attempts to move into a position of leadership in biotechnology;
- Identifying strategies that will enable the System to maintain its affordability, especially considering the work to be done in improving postsecondary participation rates;
- Working more aggressively with the State Department of Education in developing partnerships that will better prepare students for college while at the same time improving the graduation rate; and
- Finding ways to increase efficiencies in University System operations, including "back room" functions at the various institutions.

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Members of the Northwest legislative delegation attended Dalton State's annual legislative briefing recently to learn about challenges and opportunities for the coming year. Many area state legislators representing Catoosa, Dade, Gordon, Walker, and Whitfield counties were on hand for the event, which was held in The James E. Brown Center on campus. Pictured in front of James Brown's portrait are: Senator Don Thomas of Dalton, Representative John Meadows of Calhoun, Representative Roger Williams of Dalton, and Representative Tom Dickson of Cohutta. In attendance but not pictured were Senator Jeff Mullis of Chickamauga, Representative Jay Neal of LaFayette, and Representative Martin Scott of Rossville.

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There will be substantial participation from among the System schools once the Board has decided more specifically what strategic goals it wants to pursue. Don't be surprised if all six of the above are part of the new plan.

4. Finally, an item of System trivia in which I thought you might have an interest. At a meeting last week of all 35 System presidents (think of a room full of peacocks displaying their plumage), there was a discussion item having to do with tweaking the remediation policies on the Regents' Test. At one point, one of the presidents (not me) asked what the System record was for the number of attempts on the RTP by a single student. The answer? 37. And on the 37<sup>th</sup> attempt, this student passed. While I would have to question any testing policy that permits 37 separate attempts, you can't fault this poor student on the subject of persistence.

That's about it for now. More news in February. In the meantime, thank you for all you do for the Mighty Blue and Silver.

Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

## **Campus Watch will return next month.**

**Please send in your recent  
accomplishments!**

### **Transitions**

*Welcome to:*

Melissa Teem

Enrollment Services

*A fond farewell to:*

Nancy Tyler

Business Administration

### **Birthday Spotlight**

#### **Jackie McGintis**

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560 plus computers in labs and in classrooms on the campus. Without my student workers, this would be impossible. A major portion of my time is spent training students how to provide quality customer service to faculty, staff, and visitors.

#### **Whom do you call family?**

My family is anyone who has a legitimate need for my assistance. I have taken in many sick relatives, and I still provide assistance to relatives and non-relatives in many ways.

#### **What is your favorite dining spot?**

My husband and I like to eat at the Waffle House on 23rd Street in Chattanooga. At this location, we find many opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

#### **What are your hobbies?**

I love to play the piano.

#### **As a student at Dalton State, what was your favorite class?**

My favorites were classes in cultural diversity, taught by Robin Cleeland and Henry Codjoe. These classes offered me a chance to look at myself and others and to learn to accept people for who they are, not who I think they should be.

#### **What is your favorite movie? Your favorite book?**

*The Color Purple* and the *Bible*.

#### **Of what are you most proud?**

I look forward to becoming certified in music at the master's level in 2007. This is something I have pursued for many years, and since I earned my BAS in Technology Management degree in 2005, I have been able to devote more time to fulfilling this aspiration.

#### **What was your most embarrassing moment?**

When I went to work with my shirt inside out. Someone was kind enough, at 3:00 pm, to tell me.

#### **What makes you stand out from others at DSC?**

My students say I have a unique laugh. I have never noticed!

#### **What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?**

Respect others. Treat people the way you like to be treated. When you finish a goal, set another one.

#### **When I retire, I will . . .**

Teach music!