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End of semester draws near

A and C session classes will come to an end on Tuesday, December 9, with final exams running from December 11 – 17. (*Don't forget: Little Debbie's and soft drinks will be available during exams*). Grades are due on Wednesday, December 18. The College will be closed from December 23-27 and again on January 1.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Town Meeting

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) will host a Town Hall Meeting on campus on Monday, December 2, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The goal of the HSF is to encourage the pursuit of higher education among Latino students nationwide. A panel of experts will be on hand to provide information on navigating the college and financial aid processes and panelists will speak to students about the importance of a college education.

"We are delighted to have representatives from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund back with us this year to present this program," said **Jodi Johnson**, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services at DSC.

"The evening will begin with a fajita dinner for participants at the Pope Student Center, followed by an informative program in the auditorium of Memorial Hall."

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. HSF was founded in 1975 with a vision to strengthen the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans.

In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country. In its 27-year history, HSF has awarded more than 54,000 scholarships totaling nearly \$89 million, to students studying at more than 1,300 universities and colleges throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

InDEciSIon? to perform on Tuesday, December 3

The musical group **InDEciSIon?** will perform on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

InDEciSIon? is comprised of four singers, reminiscent of a barbershop quartet of the past, who will perform a number of familiar melodies and a few holiday favorites during their concert. Formed in 1999, InDEciSIon? performs a wide variety of a cappella selections, including doo-wop, gospel, swing, country, patriotic numbers and many traditional barbershop songs.

Last year, during the Harmony Sweepstakes in Atlanta, InDEciSIon? won both the Championship and the coveted Audience Favorite Award. The Atlanta-based group is comprised of four male singers. Bob Yelton sings tenor; Robert Shelby is a baritone; Bill Hickman sings bass; and Ed Avery is the lead singer.

Frequently performed tunes include: “The Band Played On,” “Caroline,” “God Bless the USA,” “I Love You Truly,” “I’ve Got Rhythm,” “Lullaby in Ragtime,” “Moon Glow,” “Sixteen Tons,” “Slow Boat to China,” and many more. During the holiday season, InDEciSIon? often performs such favorites as “Christmas Eve in My Home Town,” and “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” This performance will be the final event in the Fine Arts and Lecture Series for fall.

Student Activities will host recognition of World Aids Day

In recognition of World Aids Day, the Student Activities department is welcoming members of the Northwest Georgia Health Department on campus from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 3. Health department representatives will distribute brochures and information about the AIDS virus and will offer free and confidential AIDS screenings on site.

Dr. Beesley to read original fiction on December 4

Dr. Frank Beesley will be reading original fiction Wednesday, December 4th, at 12:30 p.m. in the ACE Conference Room. The reading is sponsored by CreativeMinds. All are welcome to attend. Call **Dr. Marsha Mathews** at 272-4502 for more information.

Say cheese for Santa . . .

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to drop by the Pope Student Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, to have free pictures made with **Santa Clause**. But just who is Santa this year? **Garrett Burgner** isn’t saying, but Jolly Old Saint Nick is likely to be well under the age of 30.

New PTK members to be inducted on December 6

New members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will be inducted during a ceremony on Friday, December 6, in the Upper Level of the Pope Student Center. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a welcoming reception.

Sheriff's department presents lessons on DUI on December 9

Members of the Sheriff's Department will be on hand on Tuesday, December 9, to show students and others the dangers of drinking and driving by means of an Alcohol Driving School demonstration. Using special goggles that distort vision, students will be able to see what driving under the influence feels like as they attempt to drive a golf cart. The "eyes-on" demonstration will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. "This should be a good way for students to see how driving under the influence affects vision and judgment," said **Garrett Burgner**.

DSC alum Randy Patton to speak on campus December 9

Dr. Randy Patton, DSC alum and current Associate Professor of History at Kennesaw State University, will be on hand on Monday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. to address students, faculty and staff in the auditorium of Memorial Hall. He will talk about his upcoming book on the history of Shaw Industries, which is scheduled for publication later this month by UGA Press. A native of Chatsworth, Dr. Patton's articles have been published in a number of history journals, including the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* and *Atlanta History*. His first book, *Carpet Capital: The Rise of a New South Industry*, was published in 1999.

LPN Graduation and Capping Ceremony on December 12

Georgia State Senator **Dr. Don Thomas** will be the featured speaker during the LPN Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, December 12, in the auditorium of Memorial Hall. During the event, 11 graduates will receive their pins and 17 first-year students will be dedicated and will receive their nursing caps. The Ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m.

Final faculty meeting for 2002 set for December 13

The Fall Faculty meeting will take place on Friday, December 13, in Sequoya 102 at 12:30 p.m.

Outdoor Club to explore Cumberland Island

The College's Outdoor Club will visit Cumberland Island for three days this month, December 18-21. While there, the group of eight will camp out and hike around the island. There are still spaces for three more hikers. Contact Garrett Burgner if you're interested.

Holiday Luncheon slated for Friday, December 20

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 20, at noon in the Pope Student Center. As always, the event will be "pot

luck” with plenty of “good eating” for all who attend. Watch your mailboxes for sign-up sheets in the coming days.

Transitions

Welcome to:

Carolyn Boatwright, Plant Operations

Carolyn Perry, Food Service

Campus Watch

Dr. Joe Baxter, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems, is taking a group of four business students, **Charles Davis**, **Rodney Patterson**, **Phyllis Forster**, and **Laurel Brenda Cochran**, on a trade mission to Hannover, Germany, in early January 2003.

Elizabeth Bagley, **Barbara Jones**, and **Judith Weber** hosted the Chattanooga Area Library Association (CALA) on campus the evening of November 14. About 35 librarians from other libraries and schools in the region came to tour the new space and to hear about the library staff's two moves during the past academic year. Moving from two-year to four-year program support was also a topic of discussion.

Congratulations to **Faith Miller**, Payroll Supervisor, and her fellow members of the Song of Atlanta Show Chorus for placing eighth in the world during the Sweet Adelines Chorus International Competition, held in Nashville in early November. The 150-member Atlanta-based group competed against about 32 chorus groups from around the world.

Birthdays for December

- 1 **Adam Fite**
- 2 **Rodney Bailey**
- 3 **Carol Gavagan**
- 4 **Wyatt Cooper**
Linda J. Davis
Brooks Lansing
- 5 **Lois Bradford**
- 7 **Elizabeth Whiteside**
- 9 **Linda LaChapelle**
- 11 **Amanda Burt**
Billie Precise
- 13 **Frank Beesley**
Mike Doyle
- 14 **Benny Bridges**
- 15 **Shelia Burkett Croft**

- 16 **Don Mroz**
- 17 **Michael Masters**
- 18 **Nancy Tyler**
- 19 **Mary Nielsen**
- 21 **Andrea Everett**
Bennett Langham
- 27 **Kim Cameron**
Sherry Riley
- 28 **Kerry Dunbar**
- 29 **Debbie Melton**
- 30 **Karen Marks**
- 31 **Monte Salyer**

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