

# E-QUILL for September 2002

## An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty and staff

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### DSC sets record enrollment

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, and to all those who helped spread the good news about Dalton State College! DSC has reached a “milestone” enrollment for fall 2002, surpassing 4,100 students enrolled this term and marking a 13% increase over last fall's record numbers.

Two years ago, DSC enrolled 3,139 students. More than 3,600 enrolled in the fall of 2001, and nearly 500 more have matriculated during fall semester 2002.

“We are very pleased to see that the growth in student population is represented in virtually all of the major fields of study offered by the institution,” said Ms. Jodi Johnson, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services.

“Overall, the increase shows that young people and older adults alike realize the importance higher education makes to their career paths and to a better quality of life,” she added.

### Elvis Lives! – The King is immortalized in pictures

Thanks to all of the very good sports who allowed **The King** to appear in classrooms, office spaces, the Grill, etc., during last week's much anticipated “sighting.” It is assumed that Elvis appeared at DSC to dispute any vicious rumors of his demise. As he was overheard to say many times last Friday, “I earned over \$36 million last year. How can anyone say that I'm dead?”

To all of those who allowed **Linda Massey** to snap their picture with The King, rest assured that you can have your very own copy, yours to keep or destroy. Photographs of employees with “The Big E” will be on display in the Faculty Lounge beginning on Thursday, September 5. (Hope everyone caught the photo of The King with **Janet Vetter** on page one of the *Daily Citizen News*. It was great!)

By the way, Elvis would like to thank **Don Wright** of Wright Printing of Dalton for appearing on his behalf.

### **Comedy and Cream**

Comedians **Bean & Bailey**, aka The Kings of Comedy, will be on hand on Monday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pope Student Center. An ice cream social will take place at the same time.

### **Got Blood? Give to the Vein Train**

The fall Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, September 12, from 9 – 3 outside the Pope Student Center. “We hope that people will take this opportunity to remember the victims of 9/11 by taking advantage of the chance to donate blood this fall,” said **Garrett Burgner**, Director of Student Activities.

### **Motivational speaker to appear**

**Troy Stende**, a motivational speaker, will address students, staff and faculty on Monday, September 16, in Memorial Hall, beginning at 10:30 a.m. He will tackle such topics as how to make better grades, how to better manage time, and much more.

### **ThinkFast**

**The ThinkFast Game Show** will take place on Monday, September 23, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pope Student Center. Contestants can win “cash money.”

### **GMT to present Shakespeare duo on Monday, September 30**

DSC will present two plays by Shakespeare, *Macbeth* and *The Taming of the Shrew*, on Monday, September 30, in the auditorium of Memorial Hall. Both productions, which will be performed by Georgia Mountain Theatre (GMT), are free and open to the public. The production of *Macbeth* begins at 10:30 a.m. and *The Taming of the Shrew* will be performed at 7:30 p.m.

An experienced cast will be on hand to bring the tales to life. GMT is a professional theater company based in Rome that tours classical theater productions and workshops to schools, colleges, and theater audiences in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and other neighboring states.

### **Watch for Newsweek’s Jon Meacham in early October**

The Managing Editor of *Newsweek*, one of the nation’s premier newsmagazines, will be the featured speaker for the Westcott Lecture on Tuesday, October 8. **Jon Meacham** is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who currently oversees the publication’s coverage of politics, national news and international affairs. His speech will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.

“The Westcott Lecture has traditionally been associated with people who strive for academic and personal excellence,” said Dr. Jim Burran, President of Dalton State College. “Jon Meacham certainly fits into that category. He is a scholar, and in a broad sense, an educator. We are so pleased to have him with us this fall.”

Jon Meacham joined *Newsweek* in 1995 as National Affairs Editor following his stint as an editor with *The Washington Monthly*, a Washington-based political journal for

which he is still a contributing editor. He began his career in journalism at *The Chattanooga Times*, where he worked as a reporter from 1991 to 1992.

In addition to his responsibilities at *Newsweek*, Meacham is the editor of *Voices In Our Blood: America's Best on the Civil Rights Movement* (Random House 2001). An author, he is currently at work on a biography of the friendship between Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

## Transitions

### Welcome to:

**Ms. Karen Davis**, Temporary Instructor in Speech

### A Fond Farewell to:

**Charley Bowen**, Vice President for Student Affairs

## Campus Watch

Four Dalton State College students, a professor, and a local businesswoman will depart for England this week to participate in an international trade mission made possible by a U.S. Department of Education grant.

DSC received a two-year federal grant for \$179,000 earlier this spring, and the money will be used to internationalize the business programs at the College, to support faculty development in that area, and to provide programs for the local business community. Some of the grant funds are being used to enable students to attend the trade mission in Harrogate, England, where they will participate in the National Floor Show, which takes place from September 1-8.

The students attending the trade mission include **Willie Anderson, Andrea Everitt, Juanita Hamblin, and Josh Killion. Dr. Mike D'Itri**, Chair of the Business Administration Division, and **Wanda Ellis**, President of the American Floorcovering Alliance, will also attend.

**Dr. Ken Ellinger**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and **Dr. Baogang Guo**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, attended the annual meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA) held between August 29 and September 1 in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Guo co-sponsored a panel on Chinese political culture and presented two papers to the meeting. One of the papers he presented was about using computer labs to teach American government classes. Both papers are available on-line at APSA's Web site: <http://apsaproceedings.cup.org/>

**Dr. Marilyn Helms**, Professor of Management, recently spoke (August 23, 2002) to the 2002-3 Leadership Catoosa Class at the Simpsonon Conference and Retreat Center in Norcross, Georgia, on "The Community Leadership Project and Process." Each year the

Chamber of Commerce selects 25 area leaders to participate in the 9-month program to better understand the region and to develop community service projects.

**Dr. Tom Mullen**, Associate Professor of Political Science, recently returned from an eight-day seminar on Quebec, sponsored by Plattsburgh State University, New York. Dr. Mullen was one of nine academics chosen nation-wide to participate in the annual Quebec Summer Seminar. He attended seminars hosted by academicians, government and civic leaders to discuss Quebec's internal and external politics and relations with the rest of Canada and the U.S. The seminar covered politics, economics, business, and society and culture.

A memorial service was held recently for **Mr. Rob Narke**, Assistant Professor of Speech, who died at the age of 63 following complications from surgery. Rob taught at DSC for 12 years, and his other appointments included teaching at Kennesaw State College, the Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles, California, and Alfred University in New York. While at Immaculate Heart, he served as the Chair of Performing Arts.

A native of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, Narke earned a bachelor's degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in Communications from Loyola Marymount University.

Survivors include his wife Jean B. Narke of Marietta; three daughters, April Cramer and Jennifer Narke of Los Angeles, and Ginger Taylor of Roswell; four sons, Billy Taylor and David Taylor of Marietta, Chas Taylor of Tunica, Mississippi, and Joe Taylor of Atlanta; brother, Joe Narke of Shamokin, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; two nieces, and one nephew.

Contributions may still be made to the Atlanta BaBa group in Atlanta or the BaBa Trust in India.

### **Birthdays for September**

- 4**     **Don Bowen**
- 5**     **Lynn Morse**
- 8**     **Laura Rose**  
          **Harold Welch**
- 11**    **Robert Weathersby**
- 12**    **Jodi Johnson**
- 13**    **Joyce Nichols**
- 14**    **Lee Ann Cline**  
          **Mike Hoff**
- 15**    **Roy Akins**  
          **Creig Tudor**
- 21**    **Norm Presse**  
          **Lorie Stennett**
- 23**    **Tim Meyer**
- 28**    **Wanda Aldridge**
- 29**    **Miles Lively**
- 30**    **George Jones**

**Happy Belated Birthday to Arlene Hooker on August 26.**

**If you are a full-time employee and we have left your name off the birthday list, or if you would prefer not to be recognized, please let us know.**

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