

### **The Monthly Tattler** by Dr. Jim Burran

Let me be among the first to welcome you to the 2007-08 academic year! This year represents a milestone in the life of the College because we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution's opening this coming September. We have an extravaganza planned for the occasion, details on which will be provided later in this chronicle. In addition, the upcoming academic year will witness a transition in the President's Office, and the prospect of new leadership always brings a sense of anticipation. But most important, the beginning of a new year provides a sense of excitement, especially among the roughly 1,200 new students who will enroll this fall. Never before has the College offered so many programs of study at such a variety of levels, thus giving our students such a broad selection. I think we're in for another good year.

Now for our DSC Trivia question, which is so ridiculously easy that it makes me laugh out loud just to think about it. Remember that the first person who emails me with the correct answer will win a coveted \$25 gift certificate. Which mated pair of faculty members raise Komondors, the breed of dog that looks like a dust mop on steroids?

The opening festivities for fall semester 2007 have been designed to enrapture even the most jaded soul. The particulars follow:

- August 9: Part-time Faculty Orientation
- August 10: New Faculty Orientation
- August 13: Faculty Retreat
- August 13: Faculty-Staff Dinner and Social
- August 14: Registration and New Student Orientation
- August 15: First Day of Class

Though information on these events has already been disseminated, a reminder might be in order that the August 13 social requires reservations. If you plan to attend, and I hope you do, it will be necessary to let your division/department secretary know by August 7. You can also fill out a form, copies of which have been sent to the various administrative offices on campus, in order to achieve the same purpose. Please remember that, while there is no cost to attend, only immediate family members of faculty and staff are invited. This means that Aunt Flotilda Sue will need to stay home and have a TV dinner that evening.

At the New Faculty Orientation and again at the Faculty Retreat, we look forward to welcoming a number of new faculty and professional staff members. Just so you can have a peek at who they are, here's the list.

- Dr. Kris M. Barton, Assistant Professor of Speech
- Ms. Lee Ann Cline, Assistant Librarian (Internal Promotion)
- Ms. Leslie T. Collins, Temporary Instructor in English
- Ms. Cynthia R. Fisher, Instructor/Clinical Coordinator in Radiologic Technology

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### **August Birthdays**

- 3 Cassie Bradley  
Jordy Lawson
- 4 Dana Holland
- 9 Sarita Gale  
Cheryl Grayson
- 10 Pam Lane
- 11 Clint Kinkead
- 13 Jennifer Veve
- 14 Norm DesRosiers  
Constance Morris
- 16 Clare Hite  
Tricia Scott
- 17 Kirsten Andrews  
Gail Ward
- 20 Lynda Lee Davis  
Kelli Loggins-Keener
- 23 Robin Cleeland  
John Pareti
- 25 Carolyn Boatwright
- 26 Arlene Hooker
- 28 Lynne Cabe
- 29 Baogang Guo
- 31 Tina Haven

### **Birthday Spotlight**



**Ms. Sarita Gale**

**Conference Coordinator  
Center for  
Continuing Education**

**What is your age on this  
birthday?**  
Forty-two.

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Ms. Sharon L. Hixon, Assistant Professor of Education (Transfer from Humanities)  
Dr. Bruce C. Hungerford, Associate Professor of Management Information Systems  
Ms. Cathy V. Hunsicker, Assistant Professor of Reading  
Dr. Jean M. Johnson, Associate Professor of Earth Sciences  
Dr. Harold B. Jones, Associate Professor of Management  
Dr. Alan L. Larson, Temporary Instructor in Economics  
Dr. Stephen A. LeMay, Associate Professor of Marketing  
Ms. Rebecca L. Lowery, Instructor in Drafting and Design  
Dr. Lelia Mullis, Temporary Instructor in Education  
Dr. H. Lynn Murphy, Temporary Instructor in Education  
Ms. Kimberly D. Park, Admissions Recruiter  
Ms. Robin C. Sharp, Alumni Relations Coordinator  
Ms. Kay W. Wagner, Instructor in Computer Science  
Ms. Christy D. Walker, Instructor/Clinical Coordinator in Respiratory Therapy  
Ms. Melissa Whitesell, Assistant Librarian (Internal Promotion)

### Campus Watch

will return next month.

In the meantime,  
please email your  
professional news and  
accomplishments to  
to Jane Taylor @ jtaylor  
or call 4469.

I hope that you will take the occasion to welcome these folks to DSC as the opportunity permits.

As I mentioned earlier, we have a number of special activities planned in order to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the College's opening. Several of these will be print pieces, such as a commemorative newspaper insert that will appear in September and a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Dalton State Magazine* that will be disseminated in October. There will also be a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary student barbeque on August 23, details of which will be circulated once the semester is underway. But the main event will take place on the evening of September 20 as a town and gown celebration featuring the Chattanooga Symphony. The exact campus location for this blowout and associated details are still being worked out, but the specifics will be forthcoming shortly. If you're not in class that evening, please make plans to join the merriment. We promise not to go overlong.

Though there will be an update provided at the Faculty Retreat, it might be helpful to provide here the general direction of our enhanced safety and security efforts in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The Emergency Action Plan Committee has been working all summer to implement new measures in a variety of areas, the main elements of which include utilizing the College web site to post emergency messages, purchasing a reverse-911 system that will enable instantaneous communication with the entire College community, installing a public address system throughout the campus, installing emergency telephones on every floor of each building, enabling Public Safety officers to "pack heat," and employing a web-based process for reserving campus facilities so that we can get a better handle on who's on campus at any given time. There are other components besides these, but at least this litany gives you an impression of what's going on as we prepare to open the new year. As an explanatory note, the reason we are not placing emergency telephones in each classroom is that the land line phone system currently in use at DSC does not have the capacity to accommodate that many more lines. In order to accomplish this, we'll need to invest in a replacement system that uses voice-over-internet protocol. This is a \$250,000-\$300,000 up-front expenditure, so we'll need to see how the budget looks once fall semester is underway.

At long last, the Bandy Gym renovation is nearing completion. Besides some cosmetic work being done around the basketball court and the natatorium (that's my fancy new word for the indoor swimming pool), the big news is that our new Fitness Center will open on August 15. For fall semester, operating hours will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday. Garrett Burgner, Director of Campus Recreation, will be happy to provide you with a copy of the Fitness Center's rules and regulations. To begin with, however, please note that the Fitness Center will be open only to currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff. The facility will not be open to family members or to members of the community. We want to be conservative at the outset in order to maintain an appropriate degree of control and a student-oriented environment.

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Our proposed new bachelor's degree programs in math and biology will be considered for approval at the August 7-8 meeting of the Board of Regents. While nothing is a done deal until Regents' approval is secured, we've responded to all of the questions and concerns posed by the System Office staff and I think we'll have smooth sailing from here on out. If approved, they will join our new BBA in Accounting as our newest baccalaureate offerings and will bring the total number of bachelor's degree majors at DSC to 10. It should be noted that the math and biology degrees will include both a straight content option as well as a secondary education option. Just as important, they will join an array of 41 transfer associate degrees, 17 career associate degrees, 14 career certificate programs, and 28 mini-certificate programs. This will give our students an unprecedented number of choices, depending of course upon their career aspirations.

Let me close this one last time with my annual recitation of The Rules of Institutional Citizenship. Because I've noticed that a few of you pay less attention to The Rules than others, this time I'm going to list them in all capital letters. Think of this as my way of shouting at you.

#### THE RULES;

1. SEEK EXCELLENCE IN EVERY ENDEAVOR
2. UPHOLD THE QUALITY OF STUDENT LEARNING
3. BE RESPONSIVE TO CHANGING CONDITIONS
4. FUNCTION WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST
5. DO THE ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARILY WELL

I look forward to working with you as we open the new academic year, and I appreciate all that you do, both individually and collectively, to make Dalton State the fine institution that it is. We're all in this boat together, and it takes our best efforts to ensure continued success. It is my privilege to be associated with you.

Yours in Flower Power,  
JAB

#### Staff Transitions:

##### Farewell to:

Valerie Garlet  
Social Work

Betty Turner  
Academic Resources

Caroline Wooten  
Institutional Research

##### Welcome to:

George Brewer  
Plant Operations

Kimberly Park  
Admissions Specialist

Diane (Di) Shelburne  
Social Work

Kelly Tinney  
Academic Resources

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#### Where did you grow up and where have you lived?

I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, and went to College at Ohio State in Columbus. I then moved to Dalton and have lived here ever since.

#### What are your job responsibilities?

As Conference Coordinator, I take care of groups utilizing the facilities in the new James E. Brown Center.

#### What do you like best about your job?

The people. I get to meet people of all ages and backgrounds. And, of course, the people I work with are wonderful.

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

That I do more than sling hash.

#### What are your favorite hobbies?

You could call me a "foodie." I like to find good local and ethnic restaurants.

#### What is your favorite home-cooked meal?

My dad's Filipino dishes, which I miss, but am learning to replicate—pansit, adobo, and his egg rolls.

#### Whom do you consider family?

My hubby of 19 years, Howard, and my two girls; Jolene, 7, and Mia, 3, and our dog Penny and cat Squeeky.

#### How long have you been employed here?

Eighteen years.

#### Favorite vacation and why?

I have had the chance to go to some pretty great places with my extended family. I would have to say the Phillippines for a reunion with my Dad's family. Eleven members of my family went on the trip.

#### What was your most embarrassing moment?

You might want to ask Carol Burton. It happened at an Elderhostel at Amicalola Falls. The group was on a hike with the park naturalist. I said, "That fox is so still." Carol replied, "It's stuffed." Then I said, "It must have eaten too much." Carol replied, "Not it's STUFFED. It's dead. Can't you see its eye falling out?" And that's what you call a DUH! moment.