

'Ambitious Plan' Two Years Later

President John O. Schwenn

Two years ago, *The Daily Citizen* published an editorial entitled "Let's get started on college's ambitious plan" which referred to our 10-year master plans for our campus and academic programs as "audacious."

We're now two years into that timetable which seems to be a good time to review our progress on some of those audacious plans.

We said we expected construction of our new science building to be underway within two years, and it is. Work is progressing at a brisk pace at the site on George Rice Drive between Bandy Gym and Sequoya Hall, and we expect to occupy the building late spring 2014.

We said we expected work to begin to expand student housing on the south end of our campus and to expand the Pope Student Center. A demand study has been completed, and we are hoping for Board of Regents approval soon so we can move forward with these important public-private venture projects.

An athletics feasibility study, mentioned in the editorial, was completed, and we now have a program in place. Play will begin this fall in men's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's tennis, golf, cross country, and competitive cheer.

The editorial cited our plans to expand Bandy Gym; design work has begun following approval by the Board of Regents. In addition to making Bandy Gym more suitable for Roadrunner athletics and student use, we are collaborating with other city, county, and community agencies and organizations to use their venues for athletic events as well.

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Dr. John O. Schwenn

New Regent Scott Smith visits campus

On January 30, Dalton State welcomed Mr. **Scott Smith**, the new University System Regent for Georgia's 14th Congressional District. During his first official visit here as Regent, Smith met with members of the College administration and toured the campus.

Regent Smith is president and chief operating officer of Northwest Georgia Bank and serves on the boards of NW Services Corporation and the Catoosa County Economic Development Authority. He is a past trustee of the Dalton State Foundation.

Regent Smith holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and a master's degree from Georgia State University. ■



On January 30 and 31, The Bandy Heritage Center for Northwest Georgia introduced its new traveling exhibit "**Over Here and Over There: Georgia and Georgians in World War II**" to the public with a display in The James E. Brown Center. In addition to 17 panels featuring topics ranging from the role played by Georgia's textile industry to Liberty Ships to the Little White House, the exhibit offered attendees an opportunity to inspect and handle models, reproductions, clothing, and artifacts from the period.



CAMPUS WATCH

Please submit professional news (after the fact) for the March issue by February 22. Items received after that date will be held for the next issue. Thank you.



POEM NOMINATED FOR PRIZE

“Kidnapping Mary,” a poem written by **Dr. Marsha Mathews**, Associate Professor of English, has been nominated for a **Pushcart Prize** which recognizes the best short stories, poetry, and essays published by small presses. The Pushcart Prize literary project was established in 1976.

Kidnapping Mary is included in Mathew’s collection *Hallelujah Voices* and was nominated for the prize by her publisher, Aldrich Books.

Dr. Bob Clay, Associate Professor of Mathematics, is named one of the solvers of the problem “Rings of Monotonic Functions” proposed by Greg Oman of The University of Colorado and published in Vol. 44, No. 1, January 2013, *The College Mathematics Journal*.

Dalton State’s QEP has been awarded two different grants. The grants, proposed by **QEP Director Jenny Crisp**, are from the Walmart Foundation and the Mohawk Carpet Foundation. They will pay for two sets of student response systems for use in QEP classes. The student response systems, or “clickers,” are part of Dalton State’s commitment to using engaging technology in an instructor-led, supportive environment as part of the QEP. The “clickers” will help students not yet college-ready in writing master those desperately needed writing skills in an engaging environment that will keep them coming back to class and paying full attention.

An article “Coping with Parental Death As Seen from the Perspective of Children Who Attended a Grief Camp” by Irene Searles McClatchey (Kennesaw State University) and **Dr. Jane S. Wimmer**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was published in the journal *Qualitative Social Work* in December 2012. The article reflects the results of excellent volunteer work done by many students in the College’s BSW program over past few years at Camp MAGIK, and according to Dr. Wimmer, Dalton State can be proud of the role we play in providing service to these children who are each grieving the death of a parent. For additional information about Camp MAGIK and the College’s role, please contact Dr. Wimmer. ■

First Place Medals

OCIS Programmer Analyst **Ashish (AJ) Jiwani**, won first place in men’s tennis doubles and 2nd place in men’s tennis singles at the USA National Sports Tournament in Houston during January. “Tennis and cricket are two of my favorite sports,” said AJ, “but over the last few years, I’ve concentrated more on tennis, and I am glad that I did. Also, I would like to thank my doubles partner Shazman Ali who is a student at Dalton High and at the age of 16 was the youngest contender at the tournament.”



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The editorial also cited our plans to expand academic programming to include more bachelor degree programs to fill a pipeline with highly educated graduates ready to meet regional workforce needs. The process of getting a new degree program launched is a lengthy one. Last year, we added the bachelor’s degree in nursing and hope to graduate our first 20 BSNs in May. Proposals for bachelor’s programs in Interdisciplinary Studies and Psychology have been submitted, and a four-year program in Respiratory Therapy is nearly ready to go to the Board of Regents for approval. In addition, we are collaborating with Valdosta State University on an online bachelor’s degree program in Organizational Leadership.

Participation in two recently-introduced bachelor’s programs—chemistry and biology—has taken off since they were introduced just a few short years ago. We work closely with local employers to adjust our programs and explore internship opportunities to ensure our graduates have the knowledge and skills they need to meet real world needs.

Our “audacious” goal of 8,000 students by 2021 may seem ambitious in light of our recent dip in enrollment, but we believe we will make it up over the next few years. There have been external factors that have impacted enrollment at all the state colleges in the System, but as we expand student housing and our athletics program gets rolling, we will cast a wider net for prospective students, reaching further into the Atlanta area and beyond. We believe more students and their families will find that Dalton State can be the right fit for them.

So call the plan audacious, but we’re pleased with the progress that has been made in just the first two years, and we look forward to making future reports. ■

CALENDAR for FEBRUARY 2013

Monday, Feb. 4

Concerts on Campus:

Ellie Jenkins, horn, with Eric Hanson, bass, and Kris Carlisle, piano

7:30 pm, Goodroe, free/open to the public, info: 2528
Sponsor: Department of Humanities

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Chinua Hawk, award-winning singer/songwriter

7:30 pm, Goodroe, free/open to the public, info 4428
Sponsor: Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Tuesday, Feb. 5, Fundraiser for Alternative Spring Break
11 am to 11 pm – **Chili's on College Drive Gives Back!**
Contact Student Life for a flyer designating that 10% of your purchase will be donated for students traveling to Jamaica on spring break to work with local youth!

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 6 and 7, 4:30 to 6 pm, Goodroe
Open Auditions for Students/Faculty/Staff for Twelfth Night, which will be performed April 18 - 21
Info: 2451; Sponsor: Department of Humanities

Thursday, Feb. 7, 3 pm, Brown 105

Welcome Reception for Belgian Exchange Students
RSVP to Eunice Cooper at ecooper by Monday, Feb. 4
Sponsor: The School of Business

Sunday, Feb. 17

Concerts on Campus: Atlanta Guitar Trio

3 pm, Goodroe, free/open to the public, info: 2528,
Sponsors: Fine Arts and Lecture Series and the Department of Humanities

Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 18 or 19

Self-Defense Class by Officer Elicia Walker
6 pm to 8 pm, Brown 105, free/open to the public
For info or to register: 706.272.4461

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23

82nd Annual Georgia Communication Conference
The James E. Brown Center
For information, visit: <http://gacomm.org/>
or contact Barbara Tucker, at btucker or 4411

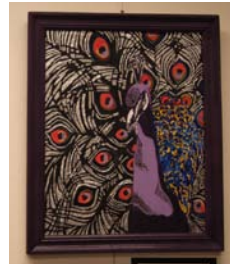
To have College-sponsored events posted to the online **Campus Calendar** or included in the **Bulletin Board** or the **eQuill**, email lmassy or call 4587.



Display Your Art in the Library

“Bicycle Race”
Dr. Kent Harrelson
Associate Professor of English

“Photographs”
Mr. Patrick Tisdell
Office of Institutional Research and Planning



“Aluminum Peacock”
Ms. Viviana Fraire
Dalton State Student

“National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas”
Mr. Eddie Damron
Dalton State Student



For information, contact **Melissa Whitesell** at mwhitesell or 2504.



First recipient of College's International Endorsement

Ms. Eloa Menezes, Class of 2012, has been named the inaugural recipient of Dalton State's **International Endorsement**. To be eligible for the recognition, a student must meet a combination of coursework and approved international activity and participate in the College's International Symposium.

The Endorsement is open to all Dalton State students regardless of major and does not require additional credit hours. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.daltonstate.edu/study-abroad/center-for-international-education.html> or contact Dr. Baogang Guo at bguo@daltonstate.edu or 706.272.2678.

January rewind...



On the first day of spring classes Business Instructor **Ben Laughter** welcomed students to Business Ethics with coffee, orange juice, and guest speakers who talked about what students can do to make the most of college, the local job market, and employer expectations. The speaker pictured left is Dalton mayor **David Pennington**. Other invited guests included: **President John Schwenn**; **Mike Babb**, chairman of the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners; **Dr. Larry Johnson**, Interim Dean of the School of Business; **Athletic Director Derek Waugh**; **Dr. Sandra Stone**, VP for Academic Affairs, and **Ms. Lynn Laughter**, Whitfield County Commissioner.



Dalton native, **St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Mitchell Boggs**, pictured center, meets with **Athletic Director Derek Waugh**, left, and **Bart Rich**, a co-owner of local sports facility Proformance, to discuss plans for a clinic to be held at the facility in Dalton next fall. Boggs and his wife, Lele, have pledged \$10,000 to become "Pioneer" supporters of Dalton State College athletics.



Taking an alternative tack on the first day of classes, **Assistant Professor of Communication Jerry Drye** shared his collection of books and materials on humor and the humorous, and for once perhaps Mr. Rodney Dangerfield, right, was able to "get some respect."



Ten Dalton State students traveled with **Dr. Baogang Guo**, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for International Education, to Rock Eagle 4H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, in January to attend the 2013 Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC). The conference brings together international students and study abroad students from Georgia institutions of higher education, providing a place to share ideas, network, and develop leadership qualities. Pictured are, from left: **Alberto Perez**; **Malaka Awad** (President); **Omar Awad**; **Ranim Altaminimi**; **Dr. Guo**; **Josue Limas** (Secretary); **Carolyn Gomez** (Vice President); **Lourdes Rios** (Treasurer); **Kayla Almazan**; **Viviana Fraire**; and **Joey Garcia**.

January 9, 2013

To the faculty and staff of Dalton State College:

Thank you so very much for gathering Christmas toys for children served by the Family Support Council. The generosity demonstrated by you and your colleagues made a real difference to many children on Christmas morning. There are so many things about their lives that we can't change, but with your help, we were able to bring a few more smiles to a few more faces....

Have a wonderful 2013.

Holly Rice, Executive Director
Family Support Council
A United Way Agency



Readers with an interest in Japanese history, life, and culture are invited to check out the new “Read Japan” collection recently donated to Roberts Library by the Nippon Foundation.



According to Library Director Lydia Knight, the collection includes 100 academic and university press books selected by a committee of Japanese and foreign scholars and journalists. The collection covers topics ranging from anime to samurai, Knight said. Volumes are sorted into five categories including politics and international relations, economy and business, society and culture, literature and arts, and history.

In our global society where information can be readily accessed with a single click, it can be easy to forget to place news and information into a cultural context.

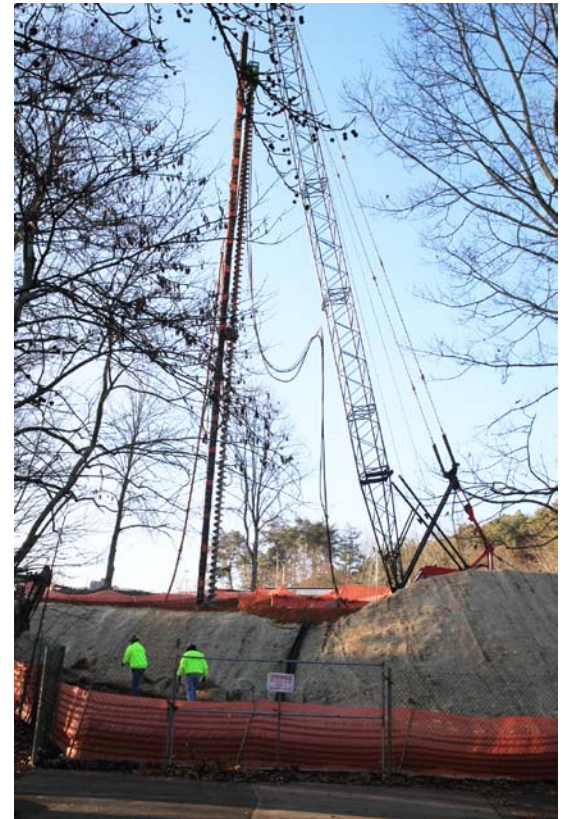
“It is now possible to exchange vast volumes of information through cyberspace in real time,” said a representative of the Nippon Foundation. “This unprecedented access to information has made the realities of foreign countries feel much closer to us. However, we do not always receive a complete picture of life overseas.”

“An understanding of other people is essential if we are to collaborate and coexist with people of different cultures and customs,” he said. “We hope this will serve as a useful guide to those interested in deepening their understanding of present day Japan.”

“We are so grateful to have this donation,” Knight said. “During this period of limited resources, these gifts are greatly appreciated. This collection of Japan related books will enrich our collection and expose our students to another culture and society.”

The collection of 100 books on contemporary Japan brings to nearly 135,700 volumes maintained in Roberts Library. In addition, the library maintains more than 200 periodical subscriptions, nearly 168,000 e-books, and more than 10,000 media items.

Roberts Library is a community resource; any adult in the northwest Georgia region is welcome to check out materials from Roberts Library. ■



Workmen take advantage of a recent sunny day to make progress on the College's new, eagerly awaited, science building.

TRANSITIONS

Welcome back to:

Ray Dales,
Department of Technology

Farewell to:

Patricia Kresl
Office of the Registrar

Debra Moyer
Office of Enrollment Services

Irfan Okay
Department of Mathematics