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Czech Roma Gypsy Music Group to appear April 2

The Roma (Gypsy) **Cilagos** Music Group from the Czech Republic will take the stage in Memorial Hall on Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The members perform mostly traditional Gypsy songs from Eastern Slovakia. The group developed from a children's group in the early 1990s, and the musicians try to maintain the authenticity of this folk art in their very lively performances. The performers include three women and six men playing bass and acoustic guitars, violins and accordions. Two years ago, Cilagos performed in Vysokov for University System of Georgia professors who were attending a System-sponsored Faculty Development Seminar in the Czech Republic. As a result, the Roma Cilagos Music Group was invited to come to Georgia for a two-week USG tour around the state, performing their program of spontaneous music and dance to audiences at eight System schools, including Dalton State College. Cilagos musician Olga Vnadova says that this art form should be passed down to future generations. "Those songs are under my skin," she says. "My mother and especially my grandmother used to sing them. They were simply part of my childhood."

Vein Train keeps on rolling . . .

Back by popular demand, the **Vein Train** Bloodmobile will appear on campus primed and "ready for blood" on Tuesday, April 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:20 p.m.

GMT's *Trail of Tears* to be performed April 9

Georgia Mountain Theatre of Rome returns to Dalton this spring with a production of the **Trail of Tears**, a play filled with Native American legends, folklore, Indian culture, and sign language. The play tells the tale of a Cherokee Indian hero who fights for the survival of his people and their way of life. It will be performed on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Memorial Hall.

Spring Fling – weather permitting – April 10

Student Activities is sponsoring **Spring Fling** on Wednesday, April 10, outside of the Pope Student Center – that is, if the weather cooperates. In case of rain or other inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled. Events for students include the ever-popular foosball contest, the bungee run and the giant slide. Students may also choose to take a walk on the wild side by sporting a temporary tattoo. The fun will last from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

SNAKES Alive!

On Monday, April 15, **Keith Gisser**, a herpetologist and otherwise really great guy, will return to campus lugging his snakes, lizards and four-foot alligator for his **Herps Alive!** exhibit. He will display his collection of reptile-like creatures from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Upper Level of the Pope Student Center. Caution: This event is not for the faint hearted.

Earth Day speaker Andrew Kimbrell to speak on April 22

Andrew Kimbrell, a noted ethicist, author, and political activist, will be the guest speaker for an Earth Day observance on campus at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium on Monday, April 22. Andrew earned a J.D. from New York University Law School, and he has been involved in public interest efforts to critically assess the moral and ethical implications of emerging technologies. In 1994, he founded the International Center for Technology Assessment, a non-profit foundation. In 1998, he established the Center for Food Safety, a public interest and environmental advocacy organization that works to address the impact of our food production system on human health and the environment. Recently, his group filed a legal petition against the Food and Drug Administration, asking them to properly test, label, and regulate all genetically engineered foods.

Ellie Jenkins to perform in horn recital on April 25

Ellie Jenkins, sister of DSC's **Linda Jenkins Davis**, will give a French horn recital at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, in the auditorium. Ellie is a freelance horn player and teacher who is a DMA student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She currently performs with the Rome Symphony, the Roman Festival Brass, and the Chamber Players of the South and she teaches at the Creative Arts Guild in Dalton. Joining Ellie in the concert will be **Jennifer Quammen**, a senior at Shorter College, who will soon enter graduate school.

Awards Day and PTK Induction set for April 26th

Yes, it's that time again. Awards Day is set for Friday, April 26, in the auditorium of Memorial Hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. That evening at 6:00 p.m., PTK will hold its Spring Induction Ceremony to receive into membership those receiving undergraduate honors. The ceremony will take place in the Pope Student Center.

Campus Watch

Dr. Wayne Bosché, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and five of his System colleagues will receive the WebCT “Exemplary Course Project” award on April 1 in Athens for work that they completed while working on the System’s eCore project. Last year, WebCT, the world’s leading provider of integrated e-learning systems, announced the winners of the 2001 Exemplary Course Project, which included 16 winners and four honorable mentions. The Math Modeling course developed by the University System of Georgia was one of the 16 projects, as were three other System developed eCore courses.

Dr. David Boyle, Associate Professor of Social Work, and his on-campus Social Work Club sponsored a workshop and dinner in honor of National Social Work Month on March 14 in the Westcott building. **Mr. David Aft**, MSW, who is President of Northwest Georgia United Way, was the guest speaker. Mr. Aft spoke on the theme for the month, which is *Community Needs: Human Connections*. He highlighted the contributions of community organizers in the history of social work.

Associate Professor of English **Dr. Wes Davis** made a 60-minute presentation on “Film as Literature” at the Two-Year College English Association Southeast Conference in Richmond, Virginia, on March 1, 2002. Dr. Davis showed and discussed Robert Enrico’s 1961 film *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*, an adaptation of a short story written by Ambrose Bierce.

Associate Professor of Sociology **Dr. Hassan Elnajjar**, has created a Web site that is aimed at bridging the gap between America and the Arab and Muslim worlds. It can be accessed at <http://www.aljazeera.info> and includes daily news from Arabic sources, articles, columns, and editorials. The site contains numerous photos.

Dr. Marilyn Helms, Professor of Management, has been selected to participate in the Russia Faculty Development Seminar in St. Petersburg, Moscow, from May 23– June 15. The purpose of the seminar is to provide opportunities for curricular enrichment, to future research, and to enhance future student programs and faculty exchanges with institutions in Russia. Dr. Helms has received a Chancellor’s Award of \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the program.

Dr. Tom Mullen, Associate Professor of Social Science, recently attended the annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association in Toronto where he delivered a paper called “False Faces and International Politics in the Films of John LeCarre’s ‘The Little Drummer Girl’ and ‘The Tailor of Panama.’”

Birthdays for April

- 5 **Katherine Prater**
- 6 **Betty Turner**
- 8 **Jennifer Ross**

- 10 **Mike Borja**
- 11 **John Black**
Natalie Patterson
- 12 **Harry Feltman**
- 14 **Jackie Pitts**
Christi Price
- 17 **Becki Bowman**
Mary Taylor
- 18 **Diana Bonifacious**
Tim Mitchell
Joan Rankin
- 19 **Rena Goodman**
- 20 **Jeremy Pickard**
- 22 **Andy Meyer**
- 26 **Jane Clark**
George Cooper
- 28 **Cathy Ingram**
Carolyn Jensen
- 29 **Sally Addis**

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