

E-QUILL for May 2005

An email newsletter for Dalton State College faculty and staff

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Graduation Events:

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 p.m.

CNA Pinning Recognition Ceremony in the auditorium of Memorial Hall on campus

Thursday, May 5

7:00 p.m.

LPN Pinning and Capping Ceremony at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center – lower level

Friday, May 6

9:00 a.m.

Graduation practice at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center – lower level

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Graduation Luncheon featuring Moe's buffet
Free lunch for all graduates, faculty and staff!
Upper level of the Pope Student Center

Noon

RN Pinning rehearsal at the lower level of the Trade Center

1:30 p.m.

Pictures for RN Pinning at the lower level of the Trade Center

2:30 p.m.

RN Pinning Ceremony at the lower level of the Trade Center

3:00 p.m.

Radiologic Technology Ceremony on the upper level of the Trade Center

4:00 p.m.

Reception for the 2005 Dalton State College Radiologic Technology and Registered Nursing graduates and their families and friends – Banquet Hall on lower level of Trade Center

5:15 p.m.

Graduate group picture at the Trade Center, lower level

6:00 p.m.

Graduation line up

7:00 p.m.

Dalton State College's 37th Commencement Ceremony

The College's 37th Commencement Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. A record number of students, around 500, are expected to graduate this spring.

Registration for summer semester begins mid-May

Registration for A, B, and C summer sessions begins on May 17 with Wednesday, May 18, being the first day of classes for A and B sessions. Late registration will take place on May 18-19. C session classes begin on June 20.

***THE MONTHLY TATTLER for May* by Dr. Jim Burran**

As the 2004-05 academic year staggers across the finish line, let me thank you again for yet another successful campaign in the storied chronicle of DSC. As you know, it takes all of us working together to realize the College's potential, and I appreciate all you have done in connection with the effort.

Now for a few updates that may be of interest.

1. At this Friday's graduation ceremony, **Dr. Nat Hansford** will serve as commencement speaker. Dr. Hansford recently retired as president of North Georgia College & State U., where he enjoyed a very successful tenure. Prior to that assignment, he was dean of the School of Law at the U. of Alabama, which we won't hold against him. Early in his career he practiced law here in Dalton with the Erwin Mitchell firm, which we likewise won't hold against him, so he has local connections. What's more, he is married to the former **Frances Fincher** of Chatsworth. So let's not be telling any Murray County jokes while we're lining up for the processional!

2. For those among you who actually care about such things, we will be sporting a new academic mace at graduation. The old one, which started out as a stair newel at Home

Depot, has served us well over the last several years despite its homely (no pun intended) origins. The new one was crafted by a local artisan from a black walnut tree harvested in Whitfield County. Its proportions are a little off, but it will do for now.

3. On the construction front, there are two positives and one negative. (I think that's some sort of mathematical expression, isn't it?) On the good side, the James E. Brown Continuing Education Building is officially underway, with completion scheduled for the summer of 2006. In addition, though it still awaits the Governor's approval, a proposed new Technical Building at the site of the Whitfield County Schools' Career Academy has survived the General Assembly's recently concluded session. On a sour note, however, is the news that DSC's long-awaited bell tower won't be constructed this summer. Two things derailed this project: the final design is not yet finished, and the construction funding from the Foundation has not materialized as anticipated. I remain hopeful that everything will be in order for the tower to be built during the summer of 2006. Summer, by the way, is the only time of year for such an effort, since construction will block a major pedestrian artery impacting Westcott, Sequoya, and the Student Center.

4. We are expecting the Board of Regents to consider our new Respiratory Therapy AAS degree proposal at its August meeting. This will give us an academic year to ramp up prior to admitting the first students in the fall of 2006. Elsewhere on the new program front, the specialized accrediting agency for teacher education programs (NCATE) has tentatively scheduled its accreditation site visit for the spring of 2006. Ah, the price of progress!

5. At last week's Faculty Meeting (let's just skip over the "fashion show" for the moment), I reported that the University System's latest transfer student report had just floated in. Among the two-year and state colleges, here are the average GPAs after one year at the receiving universities listed by college of origin:

Dalton–3.17
 Macon–2.91
 ABAC–2.73
 Atlanta Metro–2.47
 Bainbridge–2.88
 Coastal Georgia–2.98
 Darton–2.92
 East Georgia–2.45
 Floyd the Barber–2.66
 Gainesville–2.95
 Georgia Perimeter–2.90
 Gordon–2.69
 Middle Georgia–2.64
 South Georgia–2.79
 Waycross–2.80

Onward, Mighty Blue and Silver!

5. Finally, best wishes once again to those who will be leaving us soon. **Beth Burdick, Tom Deaton, Mike Borja, Hubert Kinser, Jim Head,** and **Linda Davis** are retiring. **Vickie Guarisco, Margie Bruner, David Brown, Tim Faulk, Dee Mitchell, Valerie Cutrale,** and **Chad Cicci** have resigned or are in temporary positions and will not be returning. These people have helped advance the cause, in some cases for many years, and they deserve our thanks and best wishes. We are losing valuable experience, however, and so this time of year is always bittersweet.

See you Friday if not before.

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Transitions

Welcome to:

Kraig Wilkinson, Technical

Jack Reynolds, Plant Operations

Campus Watch

As a guest of **Dr. David Boyle,** Associate Professor of Social Work, **Carlos Garrido de la Calleja,** MSW, spent 10 days at Dalton State recently as a visiting professor from Mexico. A professor at the University of Veracruz completing his doctorate in immigration studies at the State University of Puebla, Senor Garrido specializes in Mexican immigration, particularly to the United States. While in Dalton, he spoke to social work groups and Spanish classes on cultural diversity, immigration, social work methods with Latino clients, and visited practicum sites with seniors in the social work program.

Dr. Don Davis, Associate Professor of Sociology, has been named as a Fulbright Scholar to Romania for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Dr. Davis, the author of several books and numerous journal articles, will spend the next year at the Babes-Bolyai University in northern Romania. While there, Dr. Davis will teach sociology and will complete research that should lead to his next book, which will be an environmental history of the Carpathian Mountains.

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 150 countries as an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government that is designed to promote understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries.

In addition, Dr. Davis was a presenter recently during the RTM Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character discussion series at Kennesaw State University. His talk, on April 19, was on "Environmental Ethics: Lessons from the Grassroots," and in it he discussed some of the major issues in the field of environmental studies involving environmental preservation. Much of Dr. Davis's grassroots experience comes from his ongoing work

with the Armuchee Alliance, a local environmental group that formed during the mid-1990s in northwest Georgia.

Dr. Davis also spoke on April 12 at Maryville College's Community Conversations Series on "Appalachian Environment: Past, Present, and Future." And on May 1, he lectured to members of the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy during their annual meeting on the American Chestnut tree.

Between May 11 and June 7, **Dr. Baogang Guo**, Associate Professor of Political Science, will take a group of 24 students and faculty members to China where they will visit Beijing, Xian, Zhengzhou, Luoyang, Kaifeng, and Shanghai. This four-week long study abroad program is sponsored by the University System of Georgia Asia Council, Dalton State College, and Valdosta State University. Between June 7 and July 29, Dr. Guo will join a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Development Seminar which he helped organize. This group will study China's Great Western Development Program and its impact on China's minorities.

Dr. Mary Nielsen, Chair of the Division of Humanities, presented a lecture on "Preparing Students for COMPASS English: New Interactive Online Practice" during the 29th Annual Learning Support Conference in April which was held on St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

Congratulations to the following faculty members who have been granted a promotion in rank this spring: **Dr. James Adams**, Professor of Biology, **Dr. Kerry Dunbar**, Professor of Biology; **Dr. James Stevenson**, Professor of History; **Kent Earley**, Associate Professor of Allied Health Technology; **Carol Gavagan**, Associate Professor of Computer Networking and Service Technology; **Dr. Baogang Guo** Associate Professor of Political Science; **Dr. Dr. Kent Harrelson**, Associate Professor of English; and **David Cochran**, Assistant Professor in Computer Networking Technology.

Congratulations to the following DSCers who were presented Service Awards during the recently faculty meeting in April:

5 years - (1999-2004)

Patricia Diane Bearden - Roberts Library

Margie Bruner - Instructor in Psychology

Michael P. D'Itri - Associate Professor of Industrial Operations Management

Cyrus E. Kirk, Jr. - Plant Operations

Jacqueline E. McGintis - OCIS

Rita H. Moore - Associate Professor of Management Information Systems

J. Geoffrey Poor - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Kelson M. Smith - Assistant Professor of Electronics Technology

Margaret K. Smith - Bookstore

Sherri M. Stafford - PREP Coordinator

Julia L. Tharpe - Mathematics Laboratory Coordinator and Instructor in Learning Support Mathematics

10 years - (1994-2004)**W. Rodney Bailey** - Roberts Library**Kevin R. Doheny** - Associate Professor of Mathematics**Victoria F. Guarisco** - Associate Professor of Chemistry**M. Kent Harrelson** - Assistant Professor of English**M. Kathryn Montgomery** - Secretary - Division of Business**15 years - (1989-2004)****Stephen B. Bettis** - Public Safety**Wesley K. Davis** - Associate Professor of English**Kent H. Earley** - Assistant Professor of Allied Health Technology**Sarita S. Gale** - Division of Continuing Education**William A. Gee** - Director of Public Safety**Thomas W. Mullen** - Associate Professor of Political Science**Jane K. Parks** - Assistant Professor of English**F. Vince Postell** - Associate Professor of Mathematics and Coordinator of Learning Support**Norman J. Presse, Jr.** - Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Division of Social Sciences**Gail D. Ward** - Associate Professor of Nursing**Andrew Jack Waskey** - Associate Professor of Social Science**Gail M. Womac** - Secretary - Technical Division**20 years - (1984-2004)****Timothy H. Mitchell** - OCIS**25 years - (1979-2004)****Cheryl C. Nuckolls** - Secretary - Division of Nursing**30 years (1974-2004)****John A. Hutcheson** - Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History**Birthdays for May****2** **Barbara Durham Jones****Jerry Stockard****3** **David Elrod****4** **Kent Earley****8** **Laurie Raper****11** **Patricia Kresl****Mollie Rogers****12** **Jim Burran****15** **Peggy Sumida****18** **Katie Bramblett****19** **Christy Shannon****27** **Linda Massey****29** **Jane Parks**

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