September Birthdays

2  Debbie Baxter  
4  Sharon Beavers  
   Regina Ray  
5  Lynn Morse  
7  Charles Blair  
8  Laura Rose  
9  James Coleman  
11 Dick Hennier  
12 Jodi Johnson  
13 Kevin Brooks  
14 Lee Ann Cline  
   Cecil Cooper  
   Mike Hoff  
15 Thomas Gonzalez  
18 Gail Junkins  
19 Nick Henry  
21 Norm Presse  
   Lorie Stennett  
   Holly Woods  
22 Charlsie Sexton  
23 Tony Simones  
24 Larry Cooper  
29 Lamar Lively

Birthday Spotlight

Holly Woods
Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid and Veteran Services

What do you like best about your job?
The random student who gives a heartfelt thank you for something I have helped them with. It is so nice to know something I’ve done truly did help someone out; and on a daily basis, I enjoy the challenge of working on procedures to make our office more automated.

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Let me open this month’s edition of The Monthly Tattler by expressing thanks all around for everyone’s assistance with the beginning of the academic year. Though there were the inevitable brush fires here and there, most observers agree that fall semester got underway about as smoothly as could have been hoped. I noticed a spirit of cooperation all over campus, together with a willingness to resolve problems on the fly. While this is nothing new for DSC, it is especially appreciated during those times when the institution’s capacity is tested.

And now for our DSC Trivia question. The first person to email me the correct response to the following question will win a $25 gift certificate to one of Dalton’s upscale eateries. Which member of the Social Science Division was once the official photographer for a punk rock band?

Just a couple of quick updates for your amusement:

1. As perhaps you’ve already noticed, fall semester 2007 represents another record enrollment. Our headcount is expected to settle out at around 4,500 once C Session registration is complete in mid-October, while our full-time equivalent (FTE) numbers will total about 3,515. These reflect increases over fall 2006 of 3.5% and 9.5%, respectively. The FTE number is of particular importance because it will generate formula funding dollars for new faculty/staff positions as well as providing increased impetus for a new classroom building. We’ll also be in the parking deck business within the next year or two.

2. If you haven’t already, please reserve the evening of September 20 for DSC’s 40th Anniversary celebration. The festivities will begin at 7:00 pm in the Student Center and will feature a concert by the Chattanooga Symphony’s “big band” ensemble, to be followed by refreshments. We’re expecting a good representation from the community to help us celebrate this milestone in the College’s evolution, so join us if you can.

3. Should you need to find the President’s Office over the next month or so, we’ll be in the former Continuing Education office suite, across the hall from our usual digs, while a cosmetic renovation is completed in anticipation of a new occupant. Our phone numbers and other contact information will remain the same, so let us know if we can be of assistance. In the meantime, when you walk into Westcott from the “flagpole” entrance, turn left instead of right and you’ll find us.

That’s about it for now. In the meantime, I hope all will continue to go well.

Yours in Flower Power,

JAB

Transitions

Welcome to:  
Anita Bejarano  
Institutional Research

Kristi Casey-Hart  
Academic Resources

Sheryl Lynn McDaniel  
Enrollment Services

Beverly Jackson  
Library

Venus McEntyre  
Social Sciences

A fond farewell to:  
Dana Holland  
Social Sciences

Gary Mealer  
Technical

Teresa Vejar  
Institutional Research
Campus Watch

An article written by Dr. Henry Codjoe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, has been accepted for publication in the Canadian Journal of Education. The article, entitled “The Importance of Home Environment and Parental Encouragement in the Academic Achievement of African-Canadian Youth,” will appear in Volume 30, the November 1, 2007 edition.

Dr. Baogang Guo, Associate Professor of Social Science, and Ms. Laura Rose, Associate Professor of Accounting, participated in the 2007 South Korea-China Professional Development Seminar organized by the Asia Council between June 5 and June 24, 2007. The program, co-directed by Dr. Guo, focused on the impact of modernization and globalization on the two countries. The group visited Seoul and Suwan in South Korea, and Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Macau in China. Fifteen professors from USG institutions participated. The group heard nine lectures on a variety of topics offered by well-known scholars in South Korea and China and had meetings and exchanges with government officials, scholars, business leaders, and college students. Ms. Rose received a USG Chancellor’s Award and a DSC Foundation Grant for this trip. Dr. Guo also directed the Summer Study in China Program in Zhengzhou prior to the faculty seminar and participated in an international symposium in San Francisco between July 13 and 15.

Dr. Marilyn Helms, Professor of Management, received the prestigious 2007 Award for Excellence in Teaching from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. This year, the BOR presented four faculty members and one program with the Regents’ Award for Excellence in Teaching, while three faculty members were tapped to receive the Regents’ Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

An article that Dr. Helms submitted to the International Journal of Public Sector Management was chosen by Emerald Literati Network as an Outstanding Paper for Excellence 2007. Her paper, co-authored by Margaret B. Takeda, was entitled “Bureaucracy, Meet Catastrophe: Analysis of the Tsunami Disaster Relief Efforts and Their Implications for Global Emergency Governance.”

She also received notification that she passed the Association for Operations Management (APICS) Certified Supply Chain Professional exam and successfully completed requirements to earn the CSCP designation.

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How long have you been employed here? I started in 1995 as a work study student in Financial Aid. I left to finish my bachelor’s degree in 1997 and came back in 1999. I left again to work at UTC in 2002 and came back again in 2004. (Dalton State just can’t get rid of me!)

What do people on campus not know about what you do or what someone in your position does? In our spare time, ha ha, we act as a collection agency contacting students who are fast approaching default on their student loans. We do everything we can to prevent the student from defaulting on their loan.

What are your main responsibilities? The job responsibilities that keep me the busiest are working with student loans, reconciliation of aid programs, reviewing Special Circumstance appeals, working on procedures that help to automate our office, and spending time with students.

If you were not working here, what would you be doing? I’d love to work for Car and Driver, Motor trend, or Road and Track completing car reviews.

Where did you grow up and where have you lived? I was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, and other than living in Milledgeville, Georgia, while completing my bachelor’s degree, I have always lived in Chatsworth.

Whom do you call family? Husband Brian, daughter Lauren “Berkley,” parents Ken and Laura Headrick, brother-in-law and sister Shane and Anissa Downey, in-laws Bill and Ruth Woods, brother and sister-in-law Alan and Mendy Woods, nephews Jake and Josh Downey, niece Emma Kate Woods, Mom #2 Linda LaChapelle, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a few close friends.

What are your favorite hobbies? I enjoy being with Brian and Berkley, reading, and going to car shows.

That or which you are most proud? Definitely my daughter.

Favorite home-cooked meal or dining spot? El Pueblito in Eton.

What words of wisdom would you give to students these days? From my corner of the world: Read. Apply for financial aid early. Never say, “Nobody told me.”

Favorite vacation and why? Brian and I have spent several vacations in the Rockies. My favorite was a ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with some friends. I had never skied before, so to ski for the first time in the Rockies was awesome.

What will you do when you retire? I will travel the Rockies with Brian.

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Dr. Keith Perry, Associate Professor of English, taught three Elderhostel programs for Dalton State’s Continuing Education this summer, including one on Huey P. Long’s translation from history to fiction to film and popular song, two on the history of early cinema and the transition from silent to sound film in particular. He also submitted to the University Press of Mississippi the final revision of his second book Larry Brown and the Blue-Collar South, co-edited by Jean W. Cash of James Madison University.

Dr. Christy Price, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented a program called “Engaging the Millennial Learner” to faculty at both campuses of Sullivan University in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 27. The focus was on working with faculty to help them identify and alter their teaching methods to meet the needs of the younger generation of students, aged 18 - 24.