

# real cavalier\* attitude

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## New A-Building behind schedule

### New Construction Going On the Darton Campus BY KERI BOWLES

With all the loud hammering and orange road cones, it's definitely hard to miss the construction going on at the Darton campus. From all that work comes a new addition to the Darton College campus: the new Academic Services Building.

A now-\$7 million project that was expected to be done by late June or early July this year isn't expected to be done until possibly late October.

"Our contractors are very optimistic. Everything from late shipments to possibly weather contributes to a late finish. It can never be certain," Ronnie Henry, Darton College's vice president for business and financial services, said about the new building will offer a lot of advantages for faculty, staff, and students at Darton.

The new Academic Services Building, at approximately 34,000 square feet, will house stu-

dent support services, administrative services, college relations, the president's office, development, financial aid, institutional advancement, human resources, purchasing, and records.

The Academic Services Building, designed by architects Flynn/Finder of Marietta and being constructed by Jones Construction Company of Tifton, also will include more space for staff and students, as well as make it easier for students to find where they need to go.

Henry also reported that there are a lot of things open to naked eyes in the old building; for example, the cashiers' drawers are open for anyone to be able to see.

"Our primary focus is on putting all student affairs on bottom and all faculty and staff on the second floor, a separation of atmospheres if you will!" Henry said.

This project had to be bid on three times according to Henry, and eliminating penalties enabled Darton to get the cheapest price.

The bidding process on the Academic Services Building was taken by the University System of Georgia Office of Real Estate and Facilities in Atlanta. The funding for this project was done strictly by the state, through the Georgia Financing Commission.

"This is a long process of events...which starts with a request," Henry said.

Although this project has exceeded its projected \$5 million dollar budget, the construction deadline has not yet passed.

In addition to the Academic Services Building, Darton College also plans to start building



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Nursing Building on campus. This new building will support Darton's huge Nursing program and is another estimated \$5 million project to expand the campus.

Henry stated the estimated and well-anticipated ground breaking should be around early spring of next year. The starting point and main focus at this time is to get a design together with the architects and decide the best location for the new building.

Interior view of new building



## Darton College Mascot Offensive or Poetic?

By Lydia Morey

The Darton Ducks, the Darton Pansies, the Darton Fruitcakes, the Darton Dawgs...we tried. We *really* tried to create a new name for the Darton mascot in Professor Roger Marietta's political science class. But, obviously, we didn't have much luck.

The student government even held a meeting to discuss the issues of the name, and in the end no one was really motivated enough to change the mascot. Why did anyone want to change the name anyway? Good question.

For whatever reason, somebody with more power than I possess decided that the Cavalier name could be considered offensive. Why? Supposedly, Cavaliers were sometimes known for their inappropriate behavior towards females. So maybe that wasn't such a good name for a school where girls are the majority.

After doing as much research as I dared, I discovered that Cavaliers were actually not so bad after all. I went online and "Googled" Cavalier, but all I found was a telephone company, an Internet company, a cable service, the car by Chevrolet and some archery equipment. I must admit I found a little history, but believe me history is NOT my major so I didn't spend much time at Wikipedia. I absorbed only that the Cavaliers weren't so bad after all, and were usually well-respected horsemen.

But to paraphrase Shakespeare, what's in a name? Are we really labeled as the Cavaliers because we go to Darton? Although I must admit the "Darton Cavaliers" looks better on a sweatshirt than the "Darton Ducks." Is there really an issue with the name? I don't think we can complain about the mascot too much. I mean, after all, I've heard of teams call the Lug-nuts and the Muck-dogs. Do we really have it that bad?

Editors Note:

After much discussion, the Student Government Association has abandoned the effort to change our Darton College mascot



## Editorial Page

### TAX REFORM: TAX RELIEF OR POLITICAL HIJACKING by Brad Faircloth

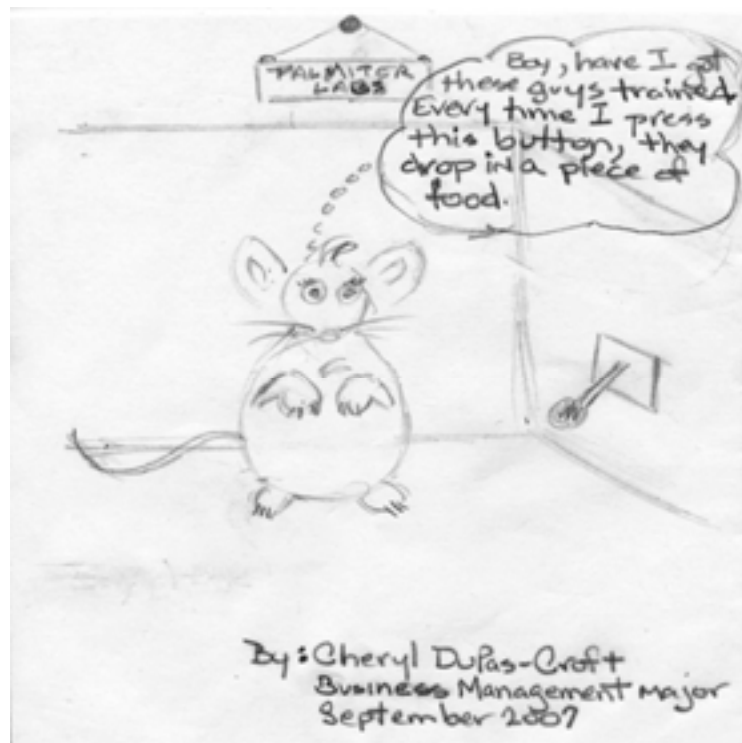
Glenn Richardson, the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representative has introduced a tax reform plan that includes the eliminating of ad valorem taxes in Georgia. The goal of the tax reform is to replace the 10 billion dollars generated by property tax by redefining sales tax to include services, such as healthcare, legal, accounting, landscaping, engineering, cosmetology, construction, vehicle and equipment repair, transportation, child day care, and real estate commissions. While this concept of replacing a tax on a few and expanding it to all is very appealing in some respects. It is generally accepted that Government must be funded and the fairest way seems to get a little from a lot rather than a lot from a little. Within the concept lie some very disturbing details and many unanswered questions pertaining to service delivery and balance of power.

The idea of expanding the sales tax base to increase the revenues of the state so other taxes will be eliminated is a tax shift not a tax cut. In State Senator Chip Rogers opinion, it's "fundamentally wrong to tax somebody's right to property." (Tax "Reform" A 11) Advocates of the speaker's tax proposal continually state that over the last 8 years the property tax increase has been larger than the percentage increase in the average salaries for Georgians. The same is true for income taxes in our state, but what they don't tell you about is the tax cuts that large corporations have received compared to their large profits. Proponents of this tax reform measure understand that there is a problem with our tax system. Opening our minds to new ideas about the funding of Government has a great deal of merit. We must always be mindful that things change, and the status quo is not always right. The idea of a consumption tax has emerged over the years as a generally fair concept for collecting revenues. With this type of reform, a constitutional amendment that has the potential to affect a great many lives and businesses, there should be much debate and study before such actions are presented. When the framers of the Constitution of the United States were writing the Constitution they met for four months. The Speaker is selling his idea banking on the people trusting him with the details. For those of you willing to trust the Speaker with the details, I have some beach front property in Cordele, Georgia that I would like to sell you. I can't give a price, but I'll be fair. Now sign on the dotted line and we will work out the details later.

#### **Personality Types: Where Do I Fit In?**

By Lydia Morey

Society offers many avenues for self help, self understanding, and interpersonal relationships; some of which can be more like a pop culture antidote than data that has been tested over decades by experts. According to his research, all people are either extraverted or introverted, or use either the information that has been processed; or more simply put,



(Personality types continued)

how does one conduct their actions from day-to-day? These four categories, with two options each, create a combination of 16 personality types.. Later Isabel Myers added to his work the fourth category, judging or perceiving, which refers to the way a person employs sensing or intuition to perceive information, and uses thinking or feeling to process information.

For example, **ENFP**, refers to a person that is **Extraverted** (source of energy is external), uses **iNtuition** (relying on feelings from within) to perceive information, uses **Feelings** (makes decisions based on emotions) to process information, and is more comfortable **Perceiving**, which means there is flexibility and a willingness to find alternatives. Another personality type is **INTJ**, referring to **Introversion** (source of energy is internal), **iNtuition**, **Thinking** (makes decisions based on logic), and **Judging**, which means that there is strict planning in life events. A person can be dominantly extraverted and work in a diverse work atmosphere, but need to come home and to regroup, which is introverted behavior.

Isabel developed a standardized test to type called the MBTI, which stands for Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. "Since the publication of the MBTI® instrument, applications and research on type have expanded nationally and internationally. The MBTI® instrument has been officially translated into thirty languages". The knowledge attained from Isabel Myers' research can bring successful results at the work place and with family members.

## MY DAUGHTER IS IN COLLEGE AND I DON'T FEEL SO SMART ANY-MORE

By: David Morey

I'm going to return my Darton diploma and ask for a refund. My daughter has only been at Darton for a few weeks but I have already realized that my seven-year investment in an associate degree was really a bust. Compared to what she is learning, I don't think I learned much of anything at all.

Now I realize I went to college a long time ago. When I was a student we only had a few classes; MIDDLE ENGLISH 1 & 2, YE NEW SCIENCE IN SOLAR-CENTRIC CONTEXT, MATHEMATICS FOR TWO HANDS AND ONE FOOT and a class called A SURVEY OF GEOPOLITICAL CONSTRUCTS IN MODERN TIMES: MIDDLE AGES AND THE EARLY RENAISSANCE. I graduated feeling educated and empowered. After Katie's first day, I just felt like a fool.

She came home from classes and told me she needed some help with her math. I took off one of my shoes and told her I was ready.

"Daddy," she said, "I don't understand imaginary numbers. I have to solve the problem  $4i + 2$ ."

"Imaginary numbers?" I asked. "Did you say imaginary?"

"Yes," she said.

"Well, if they're imaginary," I said, "I imagine the answer could be fifteen."

She turned in her work the next day. A couple of days later she came home from math class and informed me that her teacher said he couldn't imagine what we were thinking. I imagine I was about one foot shy of the correct answer.

But that wasn't all.

A few days later I was sitting in my chair, looking at my feet and reading a self-help book on new math techniques. Katie came into the room and said, "I need you to put the new java on the computer. WebCT is having a problem with the applets." Well, I might not be the best in math but I've learned a few things about putting coffee on a computer.

"Now Katie," I said, "You just can't go putting java on a computer. Remember the time I had to spend the night in the hospital and then get a new job? That was because of java on a computer. And, just what do tiny apples have to do with you getting your homework done? You're not making any sense."

She was very insistent.

"Daddy," she said, "that was an old computer and old java. I have to get this done."

"OK." I said. I wasn't going to look stupid to my daughter again.

I went to the kitchen, found the new bag of coffee and made a pot. I poured up a small cup and walked to the computer. Katie wasn't there so I decided to go ahead and put the new java on the computer myself. A bobble, an explosion, one nasty shock and a smoke filled room later, I was afraid I had messed up again.

Katie ran into the room and yelled, "WHY DID YOU BLOW UP THE COMPUTER?" I yelled back, "I WAS JUST TRYING TO PUT THE NEW JAVA ON THE COMPUTER LIKE YOU SAID! GO GET YOUR MOTHER! I THINK I NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL!"

I had a few days in the hospital to think about my daughter being in college. I decided I wasn't educated enough to try to help her anymore. College was a long time ago for me and I guess there is just a lot more to know. I told her to get a tutor for math and to ask her eight-year-old brother to take care of the computer.

But you know, if I get that refund, I may just go back to Darton and get my associate degree again. Maybe with Katie's help I can get

through in five or six years this time. And, Katie said something about a writing lab. I've never heard of a writing lab before but I can just imagine what you can do with sulfuric acid, a bunsen burner and a twenty-page paper on geopolitical conditions in the modern world. Cool.

### BIOGRAPHY:

David is a 1986 graduate of Darton College. He also received the Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Mercer University. His specialties are labor management and business process engineering. He is currently employed at BMR General Contractors in project sales and management. David's daughter is enrolled at Darton as a dual enrollment student.

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## WHAT WILL YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

By Cheryl Croft

All students, right out of high school or nontraditional, should think about their financial future. I know, I know – sounds boring, right? But give a minute to consider the following:

Are you looking for change in the couch toward the end of the month, or always seem to be short on money?

Have you already maxed out on your credit card?

Do you know the importance of your credit report and score; how it means the difference when you apply for a loan (a car maybe)?

Would you like to understand student loans, how they work for you and your college education?

Whether you are a new college freshman, or have returned to college to further your education, wouldn't you agree that knowing how to best use the money you earn or the student loans you apply for is smart?

Darton College is sponsoring the Georgia Peer Financial Counseling

(PFC) Program to help students get answers and information about their financial future. Its goal is to help equip college students with a basic understanding of personal financial management. All of the content of the PFC program was created by and for college students on the premise that the best way to reach college students is using their peers to provide valuable information and experiences that they can relate to and that can be applied every day. These programs have the potential to make a real and important difference in the lives of every Darton student.

Students here at Darton will be presenting modules on the following topics, and each will be approximately 20 minutes in length. Pizza and drinks will be provided (while they last), and a door prize will be given away at each event.

Making It On A College Budget

Your Credit and Debt

How to Benefit From Savings and Investments

Understanding Student Loans

Be on the lookout during the next thirty days for announcements and flyers. Come join us for food, fun and useful information written and intended just for you!

**The Hispanic Scholarship Fund and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc are proud to announce their new scholarship program for the 2007-2008 academic year. Scholarships of \$2500 are available for the school year.**

\* To be eligible, students must be of Hispanic heritage, be a US citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States, at sophomore level or higher and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

\* The application period is from August 1 to October 15.

\* Students may apply online at [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net).

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# Darton Sports

## Cross Country Off to a Great Start !

By Terence Boyd

The Cross Country team has made a good start. As a team, the men's side finished 2nd, and the women's team finished 1st in their first meet. In the second meet, the men's team finished 4th overall, with a close encounter to have the 3rd place spot against Valdosta State. Practices are held at the tennis pavilion, starting at two o'clock, in which they stretch and start their daily routines before running. David Mann, the head coach, gives the runners speed workouts and long distance runs in order to prepare them for success for their upcoming races. Speed workouts are held on Tuesday's and Thursdays, which consist of mile repeats, four hundred repeats and other workouts. Throughout the other days of the week, Mann has his team running distance for endurance. The men's team will usually run 7-8 miles between workout days and before races; the men's team will run the course the day before the race to see how challenging the course is. On the women's side, they will run 3-4 miles between workouts and will also run the course with the men's team. The cross country team will train on the trials to stay healthy throughout the season. The women's and the men's team have a good chance at winning the region title and going to the national championships held in Indiana. Mann believes that his team will have an amazing year if training goes to plan and if they stay injury free.



### DC Cross Country Sweeps Oglethorpe Invitational

The Darton College Cross Country teams each won first place at the Oglethorpe University Cross Country Invitational on Saturday. The

David Marley (below)



Darton College men were led by first place finisher David Marley with a time of 28:39. Following Marley was third place finisher

William West (31:01), fourth place Nicholas Felder (31:03), eighth place Wes Bowen (31:44), and ninth place Devin Simpson (31:54). On the ladies side, first place Darton College was led by Brittney Skiles who finished second overall with a time of 21:10. Tabitha Payne third place (21:26), Daniell Sumner fourth place (23:00), Catherine Pirro fifth place (23:00), and Rekita Landy eighth place (23:20), each contributed to the vic-

torious team effort.

### Women's Soccer Improves to 8-0 on Season Faces #1 Ranked Young Harris Saturday, September 29.

The Lady Cavalier's soccer team improved its season record to 8-0 following victories versus Oxford College of Emory University and Andrew College. Leading the scoring attack for the fourth ranked Lady Cavaliers in the 9-0 victory versus Oxford were Cherrelle Albert (3 goals, 1 assist) and Stephanie Daniels (2 goals, 3 assists). The Lady Cavs continued their high-paced scoring attack in an 8-0 victory versus Andrew College.

### Darton Baseball Wins One of Two from CVCC

The Darton Baseball team split a doubleheader on 9-18 against CVCC from Phenix City Alabama. In game 1, the Cavs were unable to hold a one run lead in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Taylor Whitenton and Trent Dooly had two hits each to pace the Cavs offense. In game 2, the Darton offense erupted for 11 runs and held off the Pirates for an 11-7 victory. Darton finished the game with 10 hits. The split evens the Cavaliers fall record at 2-2.

# Cordele Corner

## Student Activities Come to the Cordele Center

By Caroline Fielding

This is an exciting semester for Darton College's Cordele Center. For the first time there is an SGA Senator representing the 250 Cordele students. This is a record number of students for the Center too.

Colt Tallent is a political science major who plans to go to law school. He thinks that Darton College's Student Government Association is a great place to start his political career. Since getting involved as a Senator, Colt has set up a suggestion box and he has brought his own suggestions to the Center staff for improvements too. Better vending machines were at the top of his list, and a new snack machine has already been installed,

Also, Student Activities has set up a new program with a local fitness center, Impact Sports and Fitness. Darton students can use the facility once a week at no charge.

This is a first attempt at providing off-campus students with some of the benefits that students on the Albany campus take for granted.

Cordele Center students also have the opportunity to attend Foodstock together— riding the college bus. Again, this is the first time there has been an organized attempt to bring Cordele Center students to the Albany Campus to join in some of the many extra curricular activities that are such an important part of the college experience. There are plans to bring a busload of Cordele students to FOODSTOCK and the International Festival.

## Cordele Center welcomes new staff

Visitors to the Darton College Cordele Center will meet Debra "Debbie" Collins at the front desk. Debbie just started at the Center as the Administrative Assistant. She comes to Darton from Auburn University where she held a similar position in the Math/Statistics Division.

Debbie will be working with students from their first phone call or visit to the center to registering them for classes. As one of only two full-time employees, she will be responsible for many aspects of the day-to-day operation of the Center as well.

Before her stint at Auburn, Debbie worked for 10 years as a high school and middle school teacher. She graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene from Darton College and earned her bachelor of science in education from Brewton-Parker College when she decided to start her second career.

Brad Young is the Cordele Center's full-time math instructor. Mr. Young came to Darton College from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Students are already applauding his teaching ability and his enthusiasm for everything that he undertakes. Mr. Young is teaching a wide range of courses from MATH 0099 to pre-calculus at Crisp County High School for ACCEL students. Brad will also be advising and registering students.

**Debbie Collins, Admin Assistant, Cordele**



**Cordele Campus Computer Lab**



## Student features

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&

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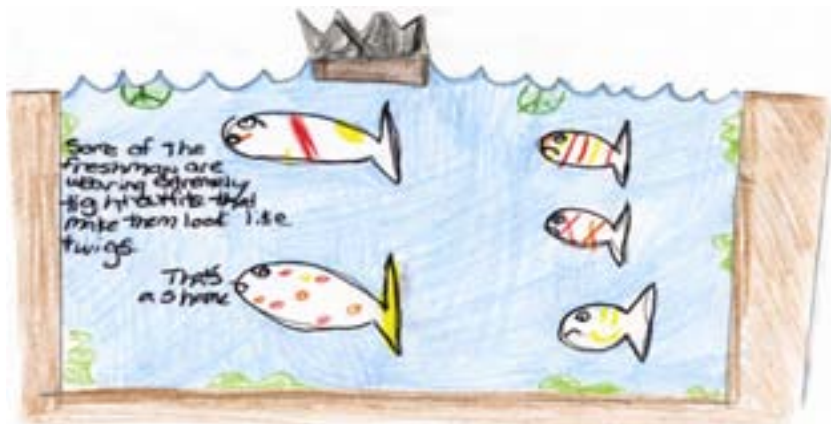
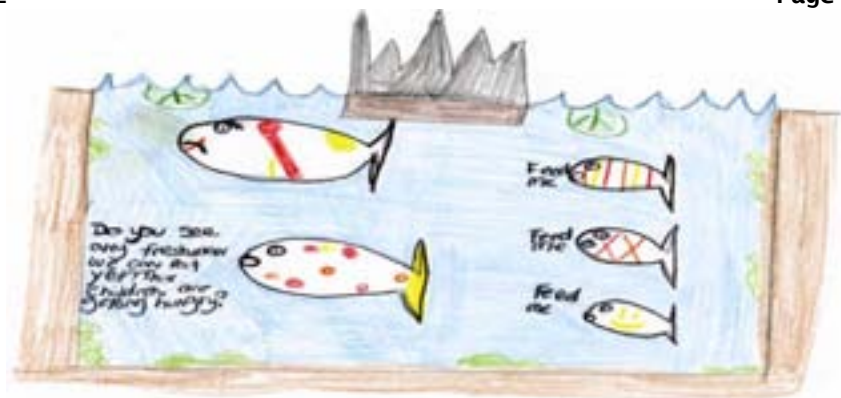
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By Vanessa

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