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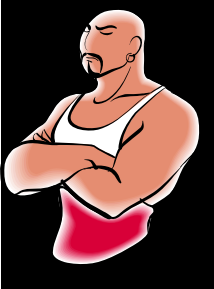
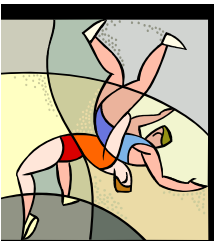
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Anthony Lamont Harris
Carla Hayes
Beverly Velevia Hill
La' Toya D. Hill
Carl H. Hobbs
Ryan Christopher House
Kelly Marie Jackson
Shonda Shelida Jackson
Nikki D. Jackson
Nechesa H. Jenkins
Nechesa Hope Jenkins
Garrett Clayton Jones

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International Festival - grand and tasty success

By Lydia Morey

The 2007 International Festival at Darton College was a celebration of dance, food, and music from around the globe. This event brought ethnic groups of Darton students together to share traditions and celebrate their unique differences with students, faculty, and staff at the college. This year it also allowed high school students from Lee and Dougherty counties the ability to visit the world.

On Monday, November 12th, the Student Center became an international para-

dise of nationalities coming together to proudly share their unique cultures. The festival is a traditional celebration in the fall that honors the heritage and diversity among the students through music, dance and performance, exhibits, demonstrations and authentic foods.

Comments from participants ranged from, "It was fun, busy and lively," "Tasty, energetic, fun and crowded (in a good way)," and "More than I had expected," to "A good representation of the countries of the world."

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Editorial Page

Dear Editor,

On November 15th, I attended at Darton College what was billed as a "Seminar on Current Trends in Drug Abuse." I was disappointed that the primary speaker, George Camp, saw fit to use his position with the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office and the forum to lobby the public on the issue of medical marijuana. Predictably, Mr. Camp is against it, which I suppose is about as surprising as the National Cattleman's Beef Association encouraging me to eat hamburgers. While I would like to see Darton bring in a speaker to present an opposing viewpoint on the subject of drug legalization, I will take the opportunity to respond here.

Mr. Camp seems to feel that the subject of medical marijuana is closed with the availability of a THC pill, and incredibly, dismissed any issue over the ability of a patient to consume that pill. He claims that anyone who is able to swallow food is able to swallow a pill, and presumably feels they should be thankful that the government allows them to medicate at all, regardless of their ability to ingest that medication.

The issue over marijuana isn't how sick a person must be in order to be permitted to make their own decisions, nor is it about the drop-off in effectiveness of a synthetic compared to the original form. It isn't about medicinal use at all. The real question is, how do we justify criminalizing personal activity? The consumption of marijuana is a dangerous personal behavior that often has negative consequences to one degree or another. The same can be said of overeating, watching too much television, smoking cigarettes, and abusing alcohol. These practices pose a great cost to society, both in resources and lost time. However, most people realize that a great burden of proof must be met in order to bring the resources of government to bear upon people who engage in unwise behavior.

Representative government is a collective exercise aimed at protecting the greatest amount of freedom with the least imposition. It does not and cannot protect humans from themselves; rather, it protects humans from other humans. From this perspective, the primary justification for a law is based on whether it aims to prohibit an activity that poses a danger to persons other than the would-be criminal. The secondary justification is whether or not it can effectively prohibit this activity without having an overly negative effect on the rest of society. While there are a number of debatable arguments regarding the impact of drugs on persons other than the user, the evidence is that marijuana already permeates our society. There is not a credible argument that the persons most likely to pose a danger to their fellow citizens (those willing to break the law) do not have nearly unfettered access to it today.

While the benefits of medical marijuana and the excesses and failures of the war on drugs offer ammunition against current government policy, the greater issue is the morality of the government's use of its power to impose upon the decisions of free citizens.

Deymond Lashley, deymondrl@yahoo.com

Dear Editor,

The Art show or the "Fall Convocation" that was held on Nov. 20, 2007 was spectacular. The Show not only consisted of photographs by both the staff and Darton students but it also involved the Darton Choir, the DC Players, the Dancer's and the Jazz band. The Show all together was a great turn out and many people consisting of students, teachers, and parents attended.

Ms. Rachel Michelle Wilder

Dear Editor,

When I used to get to get hungry and want something to eat, I would head down to the student center to get something to eat. I would go to Subway and get either a bowl of soup or a pizza that was to my selection. A restaurant that can make a sandwich or pizza to their customers' liking was a pretty good place for me, but I noticed how some people would just get chips, soda, or cookies. I just thought that they were not hungry, but they ordered the same thing for an entire week. I then remembered the Cavalier Grill was closed since spring semester. Maybe it was that they had no other choice because it was closed down for repairs, and people only had Subway to eat at. A week ago, the Grill was cleared to reopen for business and had a great first day. People were lining up to try something new, and they were satisfied with the Grill being back in business. Subway was happy that the grill was opened again because they also had another business to help out the school. The reopening of the Cavalier Grill was helpful when a student asked for something with another variety and different taste. Jermaine Mullin and the SGA (Student Government Association) pushed for it to open during the summertime. Martha Snow received bids for the Grill and was Mullin's direct contact. Richard also helped with the opening and now works at the Cavalier Grill. Mullin said that if students want something added to the menu or changed, they should ask him. All the people who work in the grill are just happy that its finished and it has reopened. With a new or reopened food business comes more choices to satisfy students' hunger with a hamburger instead of having a turkey and ham sandwich, or chicken strips combo instead of a pizza. This could go the other way around if someone wants to try Subway again after having the Grill food for a while. This way everybody can win. Also, the Cavalier Grill has nice service just as at Subway, so students do not feel pushed at all. People have good things to say about the Grill. Trish Grady from Subway said, "I love it. I am actually glad that it is open." Emily Arnold who works at the Grill said, "It's nice to have a choice and we offer a great variety." Codey Brown said, "Amazing." Blake Butler said, "The hot dogs are good, and the burger and chicken tenders are also good," and Lindsey Dickinson said, "It needs to stay open so we have something to eat beside Subway." The Grill's reopening will be a great addition to Darton College, and, hopefully, it will stay open this time. With some of people's favorite foods on the menu, the Grill was welcomed with open arms. If you have not tried the food yet, you should, it is pretty good.

Welcome back, Cavalier Grill.

Jevon Johnson

**More Graduates (continued
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**Associate of Science in
Nursing**

Vickie M. Alford
Sekeithia Sims Austin
Lovelina Barron
Kinshishi Tellis Batson
David J. Bean
Joanna L. Bell
Amanda D. Blankenship
Dana Donaldson Booth
Jared E. Butler
Katsu Shibata Cannon
Terrance L. Cannon
Lisa Marie Catig
Richard Edward Chaney
Catherine L. Daniels
Casey Day
Elisa DeVeyra
Brandi Elizabeth Edwards
Jarrett Elliott
Antoinette Latamara Ellis
Susan L. English
John Stephen L. Estur
Emma J. Evans
Beverly L. Fowler
Shauna Marie Gates
Juliana L. Hamlin
Joshua Adam Hand
Recy D. Hansen
Christina Rae Hinman
Ronda Je'anne Holbert
Kenneth Ivey
Harold E. Jackson, Sr.
Jared L. Jarrett
Caleb Will Johnson
Ashley Jones
Craig Erwin Kelson
Candice Jatoya Kemp
Ashley King
Talisha Michelle Lloyd
Raymond Mark Manry
Stephanie Joy Mattox
Sheldon T. Mattox
Lori A. Maxwell
Michelle D. McMickin
Christy Joann Meadows
Misty Lynn Minshew
Jamie Christin Moates
Michael B. Mock

Kimberly Lou Molargik
Anne Wanjiru Mugo
Vivianne Bernice Muthoni
Edward Mungai Njoroge
Stephen M. Otruba
Timothy M. Putman
Peter J. Radano
Micah Fripp Rayburn
Nakesha L. Rayford
Leslie M. Register
Lindsay M. Respass
Brent Eric Rogers
Jennifer Marie Rouse
Rochelle Sanders
Robert Michael Seago
Lori Michelle Spikes
Ashley Leann Stuckey
Rakia Kalicia Studdard
Kimberly J. Sullivan
April Terry
Alan R. Thomas
Robert N. Thomas III
Jamie L. Towe
Victor J. Valencik
Theresa Tiffany Whiddon
Lucretia Wright Williams
William T. Wood
Maria Margarita D. Yu

**Associate of Science in
Occupational Therapy
Assistant**

Melinda Lynn Beasley
Rachel Heath
Katelyn Loraine Kaun
Wilhemenia Carter Johnson
Mary Sherella Shreve
Shanika Nicole White
Lakeisha D. Williams

**Associate of Science in
Physical Therapy Assis-
tant**

Monique LeClair Allen
Betty Jean Brown
Amanda Kaye Bush
Denise Callaway
John David Cooper
James Davis
Jessica Smith Edwards
Nicole Hawkins

Kelsey Hooper
Kerry Lloyd Kimmel
Sherita Colette Peterman
LaQuonna Jacinta Pless
Justin K. Posey
Lacie C. Ratliff
Joseph Lee Ricketson
Brittany Steele Varnedoe
Jessica Ann Walker
Melissa Marie Wilkins
Jennifer Gail Wisham

**Associate of Science in
Respiratory Care**

LaShawn Tenika Benton

**Associate of Applied
Science in Accounting**

Terressa Devon Fields
Angela Marie Warren

**Associate of Applied
Science in Business
Computer Specialist**

Nancy Varnadoe Sexton

**Associate of Applied
Science in Cisco Sup-
port Specialist**

Jess White

**Associate of Applied
Science in Histologic
Technology**

Jocelyn R. Idlette

**Associate of Applied
Science in Management**

Rosalyn Rebecca Brown
Dustin Stinnett

**Associate of Applied
Science in Network
Support Engineer**

Corey O. Anderson

**Associate of Applied
Science in Network
Support Specialist**

Tawana La' Tia Parks

Associate of Applied

**Science in Office Ad-
ministration**

Natalie Lynn Granade
Lakeisha N. Jackson

**Accelerated Polysom-
nography Certificate**

Sha'neidra Marie Green

Accounting Certificate

Nancy Varnadoe Sexton

**Addiction Counseling
Certificate**

Tanya Michelle Welch

**Certificate in Market-
ing**

Cheryl L. DuPas-Croft

Word/Information

Processing Certificate

Bernethia Necole Thomas

Cynthia F Griffith

**Criminal Justice Man-
agement Certificate**

Jerome Lowery

**Medical Coding Cer-
tificate**

Mary Elizabeth Dorsey

**Women's Leadership
and Management Cer-
tificate**

Shalonda Arniece Heard

**Congratulations
to all our 2007
Darton College
Graduates!**

....Graduates (continued from Page 1)

Allison Tate Kilcrease
Gwendolyn Michele Lee
Esha S. Love
Jason Lowery
Kenneth Blake Lusk
Somansh Malik
LaTishia Marie Mason
Portia R. Mayberry
Cherdrina Maria McCray
Oscar Merideth, Jr.
Michael Moody
Kristin Murdock
Marla Shay Omiscar
Catherine McCabe Owen
Margaret Ann Paul
Mallory Kay Payne
Shannon Emmyann Pearson
Rebecca Phelps
Sean Carlos Pinto

Carlene S. Porter
Gabriel Kendrell Raines
Somiki Monique Reddick
James Michael Schmitz
Maison Scozzari
Ashley Dominique Shorter
Angela Lamb Smith
Kennzy C Smith
Casey Noelle Smith
Jennifer Leigh Smith
Justin Martin Stephens
Sonya Michele Tompkins
Jawaan D. Toney
Miki Tsujimoto
Gary D. Vinson, Jr.
Angela Marie Warren
Janelle K. Washington
Stacy L. Weeks
Raina E. Welch
Cicely West
Lori Mechile White

Alicia Ann Wiggins
Sandra A Williams
Jennifer Paige Worsley
Jessica Rena Wright
Christa M. Young

Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Lindsay Nicole Banks
Joseph Oliver Campbell, III
Melissa Sue Franklin
Susan Sasser

Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services

Holly Estes Bailey
David J. Bean
David Alan Kidd
Jarrett Edward Reese

Alan R. Thomas
Robert N. Thomas III
Associate of Science in Human Services Technology

Angeleta Taylor
Associate of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology

Dourinina Beal
Dana Michelle Cole
Mary Cook
Courtney L. Dewberry
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Nancy Hernandez Millan
Brandon Nichols Robitzsch
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Darton Sports

Darton College Pitcher Signs National Letter of Intent with GA Southern

Dexter Bobo, a sophomore left handed pitcher for the Cavaliers, signed a national letter of intent to play at Georgia Southern University for the 2009 season. Bobo led the 2007 Cavalier pitching staff in strikeouts while winning 5 games. Dexter is from Cumming, Georgia and plans to major in business. Darton College would like to congratulate Dexter and wish him the best this upcoming season.

Darton Wrestling team finished 2nd

By Josh Watts

Darton Wrestling team finished 2nd at the dual tournament this weekend that we hosted. We posted a record of 4-1 losing only to the 1st ranked University of Central Florida. At the midway point of the season we have a team record of 5-2 with our two losses coming from the same team. We have

finished in the top 3 in every tournament that we have entered in and we have one championship. We are currently ranked 7th in the nation.

Lady Cavs Lose To Southern Union

The Darton College Women's Basketball team lost Southern Union last on Tuesday at Cavalier Arena. The two teams faced each other previously on November 6 with Southern Union holding on to defeat the Lady Cavs 58-63.



DC's leading scorers:
Shyconia Oliver (above) and Shannon Coleman (below)

SGA Does Thanksgiving Right! Donny Snyder, VP BA



Jennifer Phillips (left), Donny Snyder (center), and Vivian Inandan (right).

On Monday, November 19th, the members of SGA's Community Services Committee dropped off three Thanksgiving baskets to Salvation Army, one more than planned because of the large amount of canned goods donated by SGA senators. The committee had so many canned goods that they had an entire boxful left, which they gave to St. Clare's, whose volunteers were in desperate need to fill their shelves for their Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to everyone for their help. The committee ended up with more than enough canned goods, enough to give one more than they were planning. A special thanks and blessing to Jennifer Phillips for generously donating the two other turkeys needed, Ashley Shorter for designing the wonderful flyer used to collect canned goods, Lisa Price for coming up with the model list for a Thanksgiving dinner that was used extensively, Vivian Inandan for donating the three baskets to put the dinners in, and to Roger Marietta for collecting canned goods in his classroom.

From left, Jennifer Phillips, Donny Snyder, and Vivian Inandan display the three completed baskets.

Drug Abuse Seminar

By Lydia Morey

On Thursday November 15, 2007 numerous Darton students attended another lecture in the Effective Living Series hosted by the Psychology and Sociology Departments on campus. This lecture was presented by Major Derrell Smith and Investigator George Camp of the Albany Dougherty Drug Unit. Students who attended this lecture learned that there are currently twenty-seven employees in this unit and that this unit boasts two K9 teams. Interestingly enough, it is believed by many that there are just as many illegal drugs in Albany as there are in Atlanta. Also, there was some brief discussion about the legalization of marijuana. Students and faculty alike shared their opinion on the matter after Investigator Camp shared some of his knowledge with us. However, there is still some hesitation about legalizing the drug even for its medicinal purposes because marijuana is often considered to be the “gateway drug” as it tends to lead the way for drug

users to try harder drugs. Though Investigator Camp spent most of his time addressing marijuana, he did discuss other drugs and details about the production and distribution of illegal substances. Overall, this was a lecture that taught everyone in attendance that staying out of illegal affairs is always better than the alternative.

DC DIVERSITY

Submitted by the Ethnic Diversity Committee

Ethnicity means how a person or group distinguished, either by culture, language, rituals, etc. I distinguished myself as a Nigerian American. I considered myself a Nigerian American because I can relate to both sides. I think ethnicity affects me in good and bad ways. It's complicated but also beautiful. The complication of my culture makes me even more proud of it.

Folashade Abayomi

Cultural Exchange Club

By Larissa Adelantar

Have you ever wondered what it was like to travel around the world without a passport? This was exactly what the Cultural Exchange Club of Darton College has brought to the students, staff, faculty, and members of our community during the International Festival that was held on November 12, 2007. The concept of the festival was to promote cultural awareness by having over 40 booths represent different countries bringing to you a taste of their culture through home made cooking, arts and crafts, songs and dances, and exciting information about the country's geography, people, clothing, etc. Some highlights of the festival were the flamboyant Costa Rican dancers, a sample of European music, a Filipino line dance called “todo-todo” taught to the crowd, and last but not least, prizes given away to all those people who participated in our scavenger hunt.

The Cultural Exchange Club is open to all Darton students, international and non-international, interested in learning about a variety of cultures. The purpose of the club is to promote in the college community a greater awareness of diverse cultures and to provide students with diverse backgrounds in academic and personal network. There are over 100 members of CEC, repre-

senting over 40 different countries and more. International students also get involved in the festivals and accumulate points towards their fellowship and scholarship. This year our cabinet is made up of the co-presidents, Larissa Adelantar and Denver Brown, vice president Vanessa Lauderdale, secretary Jennifer Roundtree, treasurer Tina Onate, and web designer Skarlet Yelverton along with Ms. Shani Clark and Mr. Tanaka Shigeru as the club's advisors. The club meets every 2 weeks usually on Wednesdays at 3PM. Flyers are usually posted around the schools to inform students of meeting times and place.

For the spring semester, we are going to hold a mini festival focusing on a certain geographic part of the world. In the past, the Cultural Exchange Club has done Africa Day and has brought to the people a closer look at the African arts and culture. We are looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you in our meetings and the festivals. If you're creative, artistic, musically-inclined, got rhythm, or just simply interested in learning about various cultures, their traditions and way of life, come and see for yourself what the Cultural Exchange Club has to offer.

MEMORIES.....

Cheryl L. DuPas-Croft

What a night! The Darton Honor's Club went to the RiverCenter in Columbus, GA and were treated to a performance of *Cats* on November 26th. This musical is based on "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" by T.S. Elliot, enhanced with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and included fantastic costumes, dancing, singing, a bit of Italian opera, and a little magic. It all combined for a wonderful evening.

The basic premise of the story was cats meet at an annual ball, cats tell about the naming of cats, various cats do their thing, old cat selects cat of the year, and then, to borrow from Shakespeare, "Alls well that ends well." The performance included a yellow tabby called Rum Tum Tugger (who could have given Elvis' hips a run for their money), Grizabella, the chosen cat who sang the unforgettable song "Memories," and Old Deuteronomy, who sat transfixed on stage for the entire intermission, to name only a few.

We, the Honor's Club, would like to thank Mr. David Latona, our Advisor, for providing us with the opportunity to see



what was a very fine production, and with additional happy memories of our association with Darton.



"William Upton" by Jessica Cates

Destroyer of the World

By Jevon Johnson

Look at me
 For I am the destroyer of the world
 I step on plant life
 And leave ashes in my wake
 Numerous animals' lives I've taken
 Without a moment hesitation
 For that I feel a strange sensation
 Look at me
 For I am the destroyer of the world
 Cold as Hades' heart
 From my soul I part
 To seek power
 All the elements of the terra I lay to rest
 I laughed at her
 At Gaia's crying face
 Look at me
 For I am the destroyer of the world
 I looked at the damage ozone with glee
 That I have killed over centuries
 The perfect food is what I seek
 So I wash my food with chemicals in my sink
 Look how perfect they are
 Look at me
 For I am the destroyer of the world
 Do I care about my doings?
 No
 For there are others just like me
 With the same interests
 Many, many destroyers of the world



Lauren Adams, Dougherty County Law Librarian (center), speaks to Jill Radwin, Staff Attorney, Child Support Commission, (left) and Elaine Johnson, Child Support Guidelines Coordinator, (right) from the Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts on Tuesday, November 27, during a child support seminar sponsored by the Paralegal Student Association at Darton College. The seminar titled "Assessing Georgia's Child Support Guidelines and the Tools to Calculate Child Support" highlighted the 2007 child support laws and the online worksheets available for judges, attorneys, and pro se litigations at <http://www.georgiacourts.org/csc/>