

Summer 2006



# HAVE YOU HEARD?

*an update for the division of finance & administration*

## FACT & FICTION: YUMMY YUMMY IN OUR TUMMIES

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Sodexo Campus Services was recently named Valdosta State University's food service provider and it's clear you'll notice lots of exciting changes. Their focus has been to redesign the food and dining environment on campus. The Palms residential dining center reopened on August 9th after a magnificent renovation and now offers a customized approach to culinary dining. Sodexo's approach is to offer a fresh new experience designed by students, for students. This new program is called "SoCuisine", a simple name that connects Sodexo with cuisine. Prepare yourself for a radically different experience ... SO EXCITING ... SO DIFFERENT ... SO UNIQUE!

"Our priority is to give the students healthy, great tasting choices, said Jenna Gilbert, Valdosta State University Dining Services Marketing Manager. "We encompassed a complete redesign of the Palm's food and dining environment based on student's current and future expectations." Gilbert went on to point out that while the menu is clearly a favorite, the program isn't just about the food. "We want everyone to feel like the dining center is their home away from home. Where you can eat, relax and catch up with friends."

The dining center isn't the only change that was made on campus. Additionally, Dining Services has created a distinctive dining environment at several new retail locations on campus, including the Einstein Bros Bagels, Jazzman's Cafe, Quizno's Subs, and Salsa Rico brands. The return of The Loop Pizza Grill, The University Center Food Court, and the Markets at Sustella and Langdale are also part of campus dining. With so many choices, the only hard part will be choosing where to eat!



## NEWS NOW

### Palms Dining Hours of Operation

FUN! EXCITING! TASTY! UNIQUE! Perhaps no where else will you find restaurant-quality dining like you will at The Palms. The chefs will create an ever-changing menu, with only the freshest ingredients. Meals will include international, vegetarian, and classic home-style. Of course deli, pizza station and grilled specialties will also be included. Oh, and don't forget to pick up a dessert! You can enjoy Palms dining during the following hours:

#### Monday -Friday

Hot Breakfast	7:00-9:30AM
Cold Breakfast	9:30-10:30AM
Pizza Grill	11:00AM-1:30PM
Salad Bar	11:00AM-1:30PM
Deli Stations	11:00AM-1:30PM
Classic Lunch	10:30AM-7:00PM
Theme Dinner	4:30-7:00PM
Classic Dinner	4:30-7:00PM M-TH & 4:30-6:30PM FRI



#### Saturday & Sunday

Cold Breakfast	8:00-10:30AM
Brunch	10:30AM-1:30PM
Dinner	4:30-6:30PM

## Other Dining Options' Hours of Operation

**SALSA RICO** - This Baja-style fresh Mexican grill offers nothing but the freshest ingredients. Watch fresh chicken, steak and vegetables being expertly prepared for an authentic Mexican meal. And by the way, Salsa Rico means "delicious sauces."

MON-THURS 10:30AM-9:00PM  
FRIDAY 10:30AM-6:00PM



SATURDAY 11:00AM-6:30PM  
SUNDAY 11:00AM-9:00PM

**QUIZNO'S** - Not just an ordinary sub! We offer an upscale sandwich served on artisan breads and the finest quality ingredients to make the perfect recipe for toasting.

MON-THURS 10:30M-9PM  
FRIDAY 10:30AM-3:00PM

SATURDAY 11:00AM-6:30PM  
SUNDAY 1:00AM-10:00PM

**JAZZMAN'S CAFÉ** - The smell of fresh brewed coffees, a variety of espresso based drinks and the sounds of jazz will help you kick back and relax! Enjoy fresh gourmet salads, sandwiches, snacks and baked goods in our cyber café conducive to studying, chatting or enjoying a good book.

MON-THURS 7:00AM-10:00PM  
FRIDAY 7:00AM-8:00PM

SATURDAY 8:00AM-6:30PM  
SUNDAY 9:00AM-6:30PM

**EINSTEIN BROS BAGELS** - We have bagels and so much more! Einstein's also features gourmet coffees, specialty drinks, baked goods, salads, hearty soups, made to order sandwiches and decadent desserts.

MON-THURS 7:30AM-8:00PM Mon-Thurs  
FRIDAY 7:30AM-2:00PM Friday

SAT/SUN CLOSED



**JAZZIN' IT UP AT FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - Your senses will be distracted by the rich aroma of robust coffee, providing a break from your busy daily activities. As with our other campus Jazzman's location, enjoy the delicious hot and iced beverages. This is a great place to stop if you're studying in the library or just grabbing something for the walk home.

MON-THURS 7:30AM-8PM  
FRIDAY 7:30AM-1:00PM

SAT/SUN CLOSED

**THE FOOD COURT** - a daily hot buffet line for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Or if you're on the go, stop by our quick service deli and grill. Featured on the menu is an all American favorite, Chick-fil-A. There are also plenty of snacks, candy, ice cream and beverages.

MON-THURS 7:30AM-9:00PM  
FRIDAY 7:30AM-7:00PM



**LOOP PIZZA GRILL** - Known for its upbeat atmosphere and funky style, The Loop is a unique restaurant combining the convenient, no-nonsense service of a fast-food restaurant with the individual attention and quality of a restaurant with full table service. Enjoy our award-winning burgers and our signature California or Chicago-style pizza with a choice of more than 15 fresh toppings. The loop also serves specialty salads, gourmet sandwiches and a variety of scrumptious desserts.

DAILY 11:00AM-10:00PM



**LANGDALE AND SUSSTELLA MARKETS** - Your on-campus convenience stores!

MON-FRI 9AM-11PM  
SATURDAY CLOSED

## 2006 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Saturday, Sept. 2	at Albany State	Albany, Ga.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 9	Fort Valley State	Bazemore-Hyder Stadium	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23	Arkansas Tech	Bazemore-Hyder Stadium	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 28	Ouachita Baptist	Arkadelphia, Ark.	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	Southern Arkansas	Bazemore-Hyder Stadium	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 12	at Delta State	Cleveland, Ms.	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	West Alabama	Bazemore-Hyder Stadium	1:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28	at North Alabama	Florence, Al.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4	Arkansas-Monticello	Bazemore-Hyder Stadium	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 9	at West Georgia	Carrollton, Ga.	8:00 p.m.

## *Centennial In The News*

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According to Charles Harmon, Director of University Relations; Valdosta State University's Centennial is receiving a variety of media attention and is being celebrated in a number of ways via the airwaves and through special publications. The Valdosta Daily Times is producing a special VSU Centennial tabloid insert that will be in the August 13 Sunday paper. In addition ValdostaScene Magazine has features about VSU, including "VSU Celebrates 100 Years" and "Blazers football is 25." Valdosta Magazine's summer issue has devoted a cover story to VSU and the Centennial. The August issue of Georgia Trend Magazine has a special feature on VSU and how it is a magnet for attracting students from Metropolitan Atlanta and elsewhere. Black Crow Media, which owns and operates six radio stations in Valdosta, has produced VSU Centennial Minutes that focus on VSU activities, history and personalities. The Black Crow presentations can be heard on such stations as ESPN Radio (1450 AM) and the Scott James Show (105.9FM). A special Alumni Voice Centennial issue has been published and is currently being distributed to members of the VSU community, including more than 42,000 alumni. Check out all the exciting news from the Centennial Celebration!



### **First Annual Centennial 5k Fun Run/Walk**

**When: Saturday, August 19, 2006**

**Where: Valdosta State University**

**Time: 8:30 a.m.**

**Entry Fee: \$10 or \$5 for students**

Registration Forms can be found online or at Get Active Running & More. For more information, contact University Relations at 333-5980.

### *Plant Custodial Staff Celebration*

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Becky Murphy would like to announce that on August 10th, Plant Operations Custodial Staff celebrated! The objectives of the celebration included: the staff's contributions to Valdosta State University, to motivate and build self-esteem, ways to reduce stress level and the most important was to HAVE FUN! During the celebration, Faye Altman spoke about "Taking Care of YOU, because what would VSU do without YOU." Mr. Black, Vice President of Finance and Administration, thanked all the staff members for their dedication to VSU. Finally, Jim Muzzey handed out gifts and the staff were able to enjoy refreshments and mingle with each other.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### *Coody Promoted to Construction Manager*

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Dan Coody has been recently promoted as Construction Inspector for Valdosta State University. Coody is responsible for inspecting construction projects, handling problems with the projects, coordinating, scheduling, and helping with planning.

Coody attended Valdosta Technical College and has worked for VSU for 14 years.

Prior to his promotion, his position was Carpenter I. "My favorite part of the job is the satisfaction of seeing projects run smoothly with as little impact as possible on students, faculty, and staff," said Coody. "Being busy is a part of a typical day."

Dan enjoys hunting and fishing with his two sons, who are 11 and 12 years old. Also, he and his wife enjoy watching their boys' ballgames and attending church functions.



## Employee Spotlight — O'Barr

**Lisa O'Barr** is an accounting assistant for the 1Card Office. As the accounting assistant her responsibilities include daily deposits of the On-line Card Office and deposits/sales that are in the office. "Other duties include maintaining the Flex Account transactions, such as deposits and refunds, said O'Barr. "I also answer questions from students or parents about their Flex Account either by phone or email. I also supervise the student assistants that work in the office."

When O'Barr began working at Valdosta State University in 2005, she started in the Student Health Center before transferring to the 1Card Office. "One of my favorite parts of the job are the people I work with, said O'Barr. "We have a great group of student assistants who are very hard workers."

Prior to working at VSU, Lisa spent six years in Army. Four of those years were active duty, while the last two were as National Guard. Her contract ended and she had an honorable discharge and left with the rank of Specialist.

O'Barr enjoys spending time with her family and traveling especially the beach. She loves sports. Football is her favorite. "I have been able to work at some of the Blazer home games," stated O'Barr. "I am so glad fall is almost here." Hopefully both you and Lisa O'Barr will find the football schedule on page 2 to be of interest. Look for Lisa at the home games!



## Please Acknowledge Our Outstanding Co-Workers

The following people were recognized with *I Caught You Caring Cards* for their exemplary service in the past month!



Scottie Lee      Plant Operations  
 Kevin Boyd     Business Services  
 Teddi Walker    Housing  
 Natasha Fast    Plant Operations

Wayne Dyal      Plant Operations  
 Tony Wilson     Plant Operations  
 Ryan Teter       Housing  
 Sherri McDonald   Plant Operations

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*Please wish the following people a happy August birthday!*

happy birthday to you...

Olufunmbri Akinluyi  
 Richard Bass  
 James Black  
 Bruce Blease  
 Jessica Broome  
 Shantel Bryant  
 Wilma J. Burgman  
 Jocelyn Campbell  
 Shonta Chambers  
 Samantha Chastain  
 Eric Clausen  
 Kimberly Colon  
 Daniel Coody  
 Courtney Cooley  
 Elsie Crane  
 Matthew Cunningham  
 Dustin Daniels

Marjorie Davis  
 Jackie Deel  
 Wanda Denson  
 Moneika Dilt  
 Shelbie Dixon  
 Christina Englehart  
 Sidney Felder  
 Sarah Forshee  
 Ashleigh Gaillard  
 Joyce Gates  
 Adrianna Gibson  
 John Golden  
 Clifton Green  
 Petra Gromes  
 Elaine Gunn  
 Yolanda Hall  
 Ashley Henderson  
 Jessica Herrin  
 Lachristy Hill

Selenseia Holmes  
 Wanda Holt  
 Brenda Johnson  
 Cynthia Johnson  
 April Jones  
 Laquita Kelley  
 Adam Lawson  
 Dawn MacGregor  
 Meghann Matousch  
 Mike Milburn  
 John Miller  
 Maral Mukhammedova  
 James Muzzey  
 Gloria Myers  
 Dennis Nealon  
 Melissa Otoo  
 Kathryn Parker  
 Ryan Patch  
 Kyle Petties

Dianetra Pharnes  
 Antolina Pilgrim  
 Kala Porter  
 Archie Prater  
 Raquel Presley  
 Catisha Prime  
 Myra Rainey  
 Natalie Ratliff  
 Bobby Ray  
 Deloris Robey  
 Ryan Robicheaux  
 Aaron Roth  
 Sally Sensing  
 Peter Shearer  
 Hope Sinue  
 John Sittler  
 Benjamin Smith  
 Charles Smith  
 Kenyel Smith

Josiah Stephen  
 Jessica Stone  
 Monet Stringfellow  
 Lauren Tennyson  
 Julius Thomas  
 Helen Tucker  
 Christopher Washington  
 Amber Waters  
 Kareshia Wearing  
 Gregory Williams  
 Nakia Williams  
 Laura Williamson  
 Joseph Wills  
 Andrea Zvikas

