

Spring 2006



HAVE YOU HEARD?

an update for the division of finance & administration

FACT & FICTION: SODEXHO MAKES CHANGES

As of Saturday, March 18th, Sodexho has taken over operations of dining services. You will see as you walk through University Center new signage and a new look in many of the service lines. In Palms, Sodexho is installing new equipment such as a new pizza oven, omelet bar, and pasta station.

The south wing of Palms and temporarily the north wing are closed for renovations. Most of the renovation changes will be made throughout summer. Keep your eyes open for all the great changes that are happening with our dining services!

Campus Visit



Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. is visiting Valdosta State University on April 24th. Please make him feel welcome!

Friday, March 31st, 2006

You are invited to attend:

*Tuesday, April 4th
Dewar College of Education
Dedication
11:00 a.m.
Education Center*

*Monday, April 10th
Pedestrian Mall Dedication
10:30 a.m.
Pedestrian Mall*

*Monday, April 10th
Bailey Science Center
Dedication
11:30 a.m.
Front Lawn*

NEWS NOW

Environmental and Occupational Safety Update

Environmental and Occupational Safety has a lot going on! Our new Administrative Secretary, Lybrea Drake joined us in March. She graduated from Midwestern State University in Texas with a Bachelor degree in Accounting and recently moved here from Texas with her husband who is a member of the United States Air Force. Please make her feel welcome!

We're also focusing on Life Safety - an important aspect of Environmental and Occupational Safety's mission at VSU. Many are unfamiliar with the term "Life Safety," but it includes several facets such as emergency response and fire safety. As a part of this effort, we recently provided a fire extinguisher/fire safety course for Student Workers at Campus Recreation, at the request of Assistant Director Shawn Phippen, during the week after Spring Break.

Because of the importance of Life Safety, E&OS is currently focusing on performing building inspections. Key areas are ensuring that exits are adequate, fire extinguishers are inspected regularly, exit lighting is functional, and that any unsafe conditions are corrected. To adequately inspect a building will require visiting all areas of the building. We look forward to seeing you around campus!

Training & Development – Workshop Opportunities Programs-April

New Employee Orientation- Offered the last Thursday of every month from 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The class provides a welcome to the University and to acknowledge an employee's value to the organization. Helps staff members connect with their new workplace by understanding the vision, mission, and goals of the University. Teach staff about the services provided by various departments on campus.

Communication Skills for Women-April 25th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Continuing Ed building, Room 220
Faye Altman, M. Ed., L.P.C. will use a variety of interactive exercises that will bring you a better understanding of your individual communication style. It will also show your strength and weaknesses, communication strategies that enhance relationships, and how to design a personal plan.

TRS-Pre-Retirement Workshop- April 4th, from 3-5 p.m. Odum Library Auditorium

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Welcome and Congratulations !

The following employees have been hired, promoted (*), or moved to new positions since January. The Division of Finance and Administration would like to offer our welcome and congratulations!



<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Job Title</i>
Shawn Bennett	Plant Operations	Utility Worker
Brian Smith	Plant Operations	Utility Worker
Philip Hester	Plant Operations	Utility Worker
Jeremy Freeburn	Plant Operations	Utility Worker
Lynita Hamilton	Registrar	Recorder
Jamian Hogan	Custodial	Custodian
Mike Milburn	Plant Operations	Concrete Mason
Jacqueline Johnson	Registrar	Recorder
Hazel Dasher	Finance & Administration	Receptionist
DeElridge Miller	Custodial	Custodian
Machelle Powell	Financial Services	Accountant
Jodi Griner	Student Financial Services	Accountant Clerk

Corporate Cup Team Win Two Third Place Medals!

On Saturday March 25, 2005, Valdosta State University competed at the 2006 Corporate Cup at Valdosta Technical College. Events included: Sprint Relay Run, Volleyball, Horseshoe Toss, Tug of War, Dizzy Lizzy Basketball Free Throw, and the Final Relay. VSU took two third place medals in the Tug of War and Horseshoe Toss.



Participants included Holly Decker, Campus Mail; Bob Delong, Environmental & Organizational Safety; Courtney Edington, Human Resources; Laura Hoffman, Counseling Center; Ralph Gosnell, Information Technology; Brian Lucas, Employee & Organizational Development; Sementha Matthews, University Relations; Mike Meacham, Social Work; Bill Moore, Information Technology; Tim Yorkey, Auxiliary Services; Barbara Tucker, Institutional Research; and Tim Yorkey, Employee & Organizational Development.

Employee Spotlight

Ashley Haynie is a Residence Hall Director for Brown Hall, a 200 bed co-ed residence hall, which also houses Emerging Leaders. She has worked for Valdosta State University for almost nine months. Haynie received both her B.S.B.A in Marketing/Management and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida. "My favorite part of the job is getting to help students, especially freshmen," said Haynie. "Helping freshmen and their parents feel at ease on move in day is a great feeling, she added. As a residence hall director, no day is a typical day.



She supervises 20 student employees that work at the 24 hour front desk. She helps recruit and train student employees, advises hall council, meets with residents involved in judicial cases, maintains budgets, and plans the Housing Appreciation Banquet.

In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, sailing, dancing, and reading. She also is the recruitment advisor to Alpha Gamma Delta.

If you would like to spotlight an employee, please contact Kate Gurley at kgurley@valdosta.edu or at 245-6435.

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!

Jessica Broome	Campus Mail	Monroe Inman	Plant Operations
Gary Carman	Campus Recreation	Sue Kinsey	Financial Aid
Joanne Coppage	Plant Operations	Bobby Lacey	University Relations
Ted Davis	Campus Mail	Taylor Poole	Langdale Hall
Ruby Delaney	Financial Services	Njeri Pringal	Housing
Lainey Drummond	Housing	Daniel Pusey	Campus Recreation
Kim English	Campus Mail	Paul Riggs	History
Yoric Erb-Summers	Campus Recreation	Mary Royster	Registrar
Maria Fort	Campus Mail	Kae Sinkule	Dining Services
Ryan Frost	Campus Mail	Jennifer Stone	Campus Mail
Kelsey Heuer	Campus Recreation	Rickey Wisenbaker	Info Tech
Pete Hitt	Campus Recreation		



Please wish the following people a happy March birthday!

Adams, Melissa D.	Gardner, Meaghan E.	Long, Christina J.	Stearns, Mandy J.
Alford, Ralph C.	Gilliam, Kristen N.	Lucas, Marjorie D.	Stephenson III, Lawrence
Ancrum, Patrice A.	Green Elizabeth C.	Matthews, Ava V.	Swint, Joshua
Anderson, Shirley C.	Griffin, Ellis K.	McDonald, Sherri D.	Thomason, Kellie
Bass, Bethanie B.	Hamilton II, Hugo B.	Njuguna, Willie F.	Tindall, Robert J.
Bauknight, Glenda M.	Hamm, Mike R.	Patrick, Carolyn M.	Tinson, Amber N.
Belcher, Terika R.	Harlequin, Gerville E.	Peak, Danielle Y.	Vendemo, Linda J.
Berry, Crystal C.	Heid V, Louis F.	Postel, William K.	Vickers, Ryan P.
Brett, Brandin N.	Holmes, Kirby D.	Punke, Joseph E.	Walker, Octavia A.
Bridges, Eric B.	Holsendolph, Wallace C.	Rasmussen, Kim G.	Washington, Akbar R.
Brogdon, Jed L.	Howard, Todd K.	Reaves, Joan W.	Watson, Johnny
Carnine, Donald L.	Ivey, Antonie D.	Rechkunova, Maria	Whitaker, Ashton, R.
Collins, Shane M	Jackson, Brantly E.	Reynolds, Michelle B.	Wilson, Roy L.
Crook, Cheyenne D.	Jackson, Terry W.	Rhodes, Jennifer J.	Woods, Benjamin D.
Daniels, Kindell J.	Kellner, Robert D.	Robinson, Oi	Yem, Victoria
Ellington, Martha S.	King, Shannon S.	Rolls, Anthony	Young, Brandon L.
Emert, Kevin J.	Lamb, Johnnie M.	Santoro, Mary Beth	Young, Freddie L.
Engnell, Kristopher M.	Lauderdale, Sean E.	Severns, Russell M.	
Flemming, Keith C.	Lawson, Ryan C.	Shiroka, Fred	
Flowers, Bobby V.	Levy, Terriann L.	Shiroka, Marsela	
Gandhi, Dipsy H.	Littmann, Dana M.	Simmons, Beverly	

