



HAVE YOU HEARD?

an update for the division of business and finance

FACT & FICTION: *Word Around Campus Is ???*

Monday, April 4th, 2005

Do you have any questions about things happening on campus? Are there rumors floating around that you'd like to verify or dismiss? Have you noticed something and just don't understand why or how it came to be? Is there a process you find particularly confusing or frustrating? Please share any of these types of concerns with us and we'll be happy to hunt down the details and provide you with accurate information, in future editions of *Have You Heard?* Ideas can be submitted to Carolyn Gaston at cgaston@valdosta.edu or Christy Coons Yates at cbc Yates@valdosta.edu. All are welcome to submit information and you may remain anonymous if you choose!

NEWS NOW

Taking Some Initiative

President Zaccari recently approved the Budget Advisory Council's (BAC) funding recommendations for FY05 Strategic Planning Initiatives.

Strategic Planning Initiatives are proposals for programs, projects, events, or upgrades on campus that can enhance our overall operation and help achieve our organizational mission. Departments propose these through the Strategic Planning Database. Initiatives are then given a priority ranking by Department Heads and a final ranking by the Vice President or Cabinet member representing that campus unit.

Planning Initiatives Approved



The BAC uses these rankings and the goals in our University's Strategic Plan to identify the initiatives that merit immediate funding. This arduous process begins with the information describing proposed initiatives provided in the Strategic database; discussions are held by department heads, deans, Vice Presidents, and Cabinet members, and eventually final rankings are decided. Unfortunately, not all initiatives can receive funding. The BAC has to balance the needs across our campus for maintenance of our current programs and facilities with the need to develop new programs and generate new opportunities for growth. The BAC frequently invites members of the campus community to give additional information regarding proposed initiatives, and considerable discussions are held prior to issuing recommendations.

The initiatives are recommended for funding in several phases. A group receiving high priority is recommended for immediate funding in the current fiscal year. Another group is recommended 'pending funding' and departments are notified to continue preparations in case funding is available within this fiscal year. A third group of initiatives is considered for funding in the next fiscal year's budget process.

To see which initiatives have received approval for immediate funding, and learn more about the Budget Advisory Council, go to their website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/bac/> and click on 'FY05 approved Initiatives.'

Examples of Initiatives

- Pedestrian Mall
- Data-warehouse Development
- Herbarium Dehumidifier
- Conversion of Student ID Cards
- Media Image Consulting
- Internal Building Network Upgrade
- Renovate UC Conference Space

Bursary Welcomes New Cashier

Please welcome our new cashier at the Bursary. Kate Chappell, originally from Mobile, AL, grew up in Tennessee, Indiana, and here in South Georgia, where she graduated from Lowndes High School. This June celebrate her 5th anniversary with her husband, Chip. The Chappell's have a 2 year daughter, Ansley and enjoy attending Perimeter Road Baptist Church. When not at the Bursary, you can find Mrs. Chappell spending time with family, swimming, shopping and engaging in photography.

If your department has a new employee (or one in a brand new position) that you'd like our Division to know more about, please email details to cgaston@valdosta.edu. As space and time permits, we will feature new employees with brief profiles, like this one of Mrs. Chappell.

Lighting Gets Upgrades

Plant Operations is upgrading some of the lighting on the main campus to add additional poles and light intensity. This project is intended to provide additional safety and security for students, faculty and staff. You may have seen some of the new poles at the north entrance to Brown Hall. More of these poles and fixtures will be installed in the future, in full compliance with the University Lighting Policy.

Multi-Media Information Developed for Crime Prevention Awareness

University Police, under the guidance of our campus crime prevention officer, Corporeal Dennis Nealon, has developed a film that highlights their department's services to our campus. It is available on VCR tape, DVD and it is on the University Police Web site at: <http://services.valdosta.edu/vsupd/>. This information provides a way for all of us to learn more about this department on campus and it's daily operations.



Corporeal Nealon has also prepared a disk that University Police officers provide to anyone who has had their purse or wallet lost/stolen. The disk contains valuable information about what to do after your personal information is stolen. Contact information is provided for various agencies that should be informed of the theft. This concise information will be an asset to anyone who has experienced these crimes, and can be found at <http://services.valdosta.edu/vsupd/lostorstolenwallet.aspx>



Fire Facts

In an on-going commitment to educate our campus community about safety issues, the Office of Campus Safety would like to elevate our understanding of fire. *Fire* is a chemical reaction involving rapid oxidation or burning of a fuel.

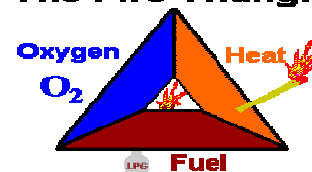
Fire needs these 3 elements to occur:

Fuel: any combustible material (solid, liquid or gas). Many solids and liquids become a vapor or gas before they will burn.

Oxygen: The air we breathe is about 21% oxygen. Fire only requires about 16% oxygen.

Heat: Heat is the energy necessary to increase the temperature of the fuel to a point where sufficient vapors are given off for ignition to occur.

The Fire Triangle



A Chemical Reaction can occur when all three of the above elements are present in the proper conditions and proportions. Fire (rapid oxidation) is the result. Take any one of these factors away and the fire cannot occur OR will be extinguished if it was burning.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

New Faces in New Places

From January 1st to March 11th, the Division of Business and Finance hired the following new employees. Please make them feel welcome to our campus community.

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Position</i>
Matthew Mullis	Auxiliary Facilities	Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Jennifer Rhodes	Parking & Transportation	Senior Secretary
Ella Scurry	Custodial Services	Custodian I

Congratulations on Your Promotions !

The following employees have been promoted since the beginning of the year. The Division of Business and Finance would like to offer our congratulations on your accomplishments!



<i>Employee</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Position</i>
Shauna Morris	Bookstore	Department Manager-Administrator
Joseph Dyal	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance	Groundskeeper II

They Were Caught Caring

We continue to display excellent service every day by providing extra care and concern for each individual that we meet. Congratulations to those members of our division who earned I Caught You Caring cards from January 20 through March 20, 2005.

Bethanie Bass, Bookstore		Margaret Powers, Bursary
David Bennett, Catering		Deborah Reaves, Human Resources
Glenda Cook, Dining Services		Raquel Rivera, Campus Mail
Ted Davis, Campus Mail		Chelsey Sears, Financial Services
Jack Edwards, University Police		Patricia Smith, Plant Operations
Bobby Elston, Plant Operations		Horace Solomon, Printing services
Bob Green, Bursary		Frank Tucker, Auxiliary Facilities
Carolyn Jones, Auxiliary Facilities		Jenny White, Financial Services
Jim Muzzey, Plant Operations		Jerry Wilson, Auxiliary Facilities
Dennis Nealon, Public Safety		Carolyn Wilson, Dining Services

It's particularly meaningful when students catch us caring and acknowledge our extra efforts to make their experiences at VSU more positive. In the past few months, several students recognized Business and Finance employees who went out of their way to show service excellence. One student acknowledged Margaret Power in the Bursary for "being kind to me when I needed an emergency loan and was panicking. Thank for helping a new VSU student!" Both Frank Tucker and Jerry Wilson in Auxiliary Facilities were recognized for their work ethics and pleasant personalities as they assisted students with messy situations after hours. Sometimes it's the little things that get students' attention. Glenda Cook in Dining services received rave remarks for getting something special for a student when it wasn't required. Dennis Nealon of University Police provided excellent service when he helped a student look for an earring in the Rec Center that had sentimental value. Each of these colleagues provided kindness in a moment of need for a student. With simple smiles and a few moments of their time, they made a big difference!

Spring is here — ♥ is in the air

Please congratulate Dianetra Pharmes and Clifton Green, two of our VSU employees, on their recent engagement. Ms. Pharmes works as a cashier in the Bursary and Mr. Green works with our Central Stores in the Warehouse.



happy birthday to you ...

Please wish the following people a happy birthday as you see them this April!

Kathy Alexander	Marty Atkins	David Bennett	Taryn Black	Denise Bone	Melissa Boyd
Joshua Bradley	Wade Broussard III	Rebecca Brown	Anthony Bryant	Amanda Cagle	Terrence Calloway
John Cameron	Latonya Carson	Eddie Choice III	Cindy Cobb	Phillip Cobb	Brett Collins
Hallie Crumbley	Marjorie Dees	Matthew Doughty	Dana Ebron	Kenneth Folsm	Curtis Foster
Bryce Fulton	Anna Fussell	Michelle Gailes	Stephen Gessler	Brandon Glass	Leslie Golden
Benjamin Graham	Gary Grall	Jennifer Hardy	Larry Harris II	Micah Hegwood	Greta Hezekiah
Jarrood Hill	Charlina Hollie	Erin Hooper	Louis Jones	Johnnie Kier	Bradley Kight
Patrice Kirk	William Lee	Deborah Leisey	Meghan Luby	Mary Mark	Sherry Mattox
Ashley McMillan	Scott Mitchell	Ethel Mosley	Chacorra Nixon	Njeri Pringle	Ebony Ramsey
Deborah Reagan	Brian Roberts	Michael Roe	George Rudd	Madine Ryan	Katie Schinitzer
Latissua Scruggs	Carl Smith	Debra Smith	Latoya Smith	Amy Speir	John Spence
Courtney Sprinkle	James Steinberg	Sarah Stewart	Jenna Thompson	Austin Vannoy	Freda Wade
Fredrick Waters	Alexis White	Adam Wiley	April Wilkes	April Williams	Willie Williams
Alison Wilson	Irina Zakatsiolo				