

HAVE YOU HEARD?

an update for the division of business and finance

FACT & FICTION: *Out-Sourcing Dining Services*

As you may have heard during the President's convocation address last Thursday, VSU is looking into out-sourcing its dining services operations. You are probably wondering what this means and how it might affect the university community.

VSU has enjoyed a positive professional dining services operation for many years. However, we lack the financial resources to upgrade our facilities or add new dining options across our growing campus. Out-sourcing would allow an infusion of funds from a private company that would assist in such projects as a renovation of Palms Dining facility and expansion of services to include North Campus. These exciting opportunities would add variety to dining for students, staff and faculty as well as enhance our facilities for employees and customers.

Careful planning and analysis is being done to ensure that if a company is chosen for out-sourcing, it will meet the needs of our entire university community. While any potential change can be unsettling, this change is being undertaken with the best interest of our employees and our customers at heart. The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be written in a manner such that our current employees will be taken care of in every way possible. The new company will certainly have a need for employees that are already familiar with our campus and our current dining operations. We should look at this as an opportunity to enhance our current operations by infusing the campus with new facilities, options, and ideas, while utilizing the expertise we already have on campus. It's an exciting time for VSU and for Dining Services!

Monday, January 10th, 2005



What could outsourcing mean for VSU?

If You Missed the Convocation address...

If you were unable to attend the convocation address on Thursday, January 6th, you still have a chance to hear the latest news, including what the President had to say about out-sourcing.



VSU-TV will rebroadcast it on cable channel 11 on Monday the 10th at 8pm. And in the coming weeks, you'll be able to view the address via webcast at <http://vsutv.valdosta.edu/>

NEWS NOW

VSU Partnering for Health

The University is participating in a health assessment with the Lowndes County Partnership for Health, directed by John Sparks. This health assessment will evaluate the overall wellness of the university's employees and provide valuable information for each individual that chooses to participate. You can get a **FREE** personal wellness profile by completing an anonymous survey. You will receive a customized, personal report that assess your wellness in several areas. The university will get a profile of how "well" the campus is, and then will be able to use this information to promote programs that benefit the overall wellness of everyone on campus. It is significant that this program focuses solely on campus employees (staff, administration and faculty). Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn more about your level of wellness.

You can complete the survey [online](http://www.lcpfh.org) at www.lcpfh.org. Or you can call (229)245-0020 to arrange to take the free personal wellness profile.

Please Welcome Our New Employees!

From July 1st through December 31st, the following people have joined our university community, please help welcome them as you see them on campus!

<i>Employee</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Department</i>
Wiley Gammon	Public Safety Officer	University Police
Meed Kelley	Communications Officer	University Police
Sean Lauderdale	Public Safety Officer	University Police
Charles Lee	Groundskeeper I	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Tonyar Parrish	Custodian I	Auxiliary Facilities
Anthony Sault	Utility Worker II	Building Maintenance
Brandon Schleicher	Utility Worker II	Building Maintenance
Debbie Southerland	Communications Officer	University Police
Jennifer Stone	Section Supervisor	Campus Mail
Kimberly Williams	Custodian I	Auxiliary Facilities

Fire Safety Awareness Emphasized in January

The Department of Campus Safety is promoting Fire Safety Awareness during the month of January. Each year across America, college and university students experience a growing number of fire related emergencies.

Did you know these facts?



- The leading cause of dormitory fires is arson, accounting for over 1/3 of fires.
- Cooking is the 2nd leading cause of dorm fires, accounting for 20% of fires.
- Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles one's chances of surviving a fire.

Some Life-Saving Tips:

- Properly maintain heating and cooking appliances.
- Never leave cooking food or lit candles unattended.
- Make sure electrical outlets are not overloaded and extension cords are properly used.

For more information on fire safety, call Bob or Meredith at Campus Safety (x2783) or visit them on the first floor of Ashley Hall.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



New housing facility opens

Centennial Hall Opens

A ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, January 6th, marked the official opening of Centennial Hall. This beautiful new contemporary housing facility was open for tours by VSU employees and was met with rave reviews. Congratulations to Rob Kellner for his collaborations across campus which made this project such a success.

Police Chief Teaches Course for Department of Justice

Chief Scott Doner recently facilitated a Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness class for the Department of Justice. He provided this instruction at both the University of Miami and Augusta State University. Thanks Chief Doner for sharing your expertise with our colleagues across the region!

Bulk Purchasing Saves Substantial \$\$\$

The Business Services Office has completed an analysis of the cost savings of purchasing in bulk for the Central Warehouse, as compared to purchasing from the mandatory State

Contracts in small quantities. This analysis shows a projected savings of approximately \$50,000 by purchasing in bulk, rather than the smaller quantity through State Contracts. When bulk purchasing, most items are bought in a quantity which allows at a least a 3% discount from the usual State Contract price. Other items, such as 30% recycled paper, desktop calendars, and printer toner are purchased in larger quantities, which allow an even greater savings. Using these products from the Central Warehouse can have a significant cost savings for the university.

Employee Accomplishments

We have many employees who were promoted, reclassified, or placed in new positions during the fall semester. Please congratulate them on their new positions!

Employee	Title	Department
Edward Alexander	Trades Helper	Building Maintenance
Timothy Allen	Craftsperson	Building Maintenance
Michael Barnwell	Programmer III	Financial Computing Services
Dr. Christy Coons Yates	Org. Dev. Specialist	Organizational Development & Training
Harry Crumley Jr.	Plumber I	Building Maintenance
Clarence Dunaway Jr.	Trades Helper	Building Maintenance
Grady Pearl Everett	Custodial Supervisor	Custodial Services
Michael Fountaine	Sergeant	University Police
Kimberly Gardner	Cook I	UC Food Court
Lisa Kay Hayes	Custodial Foreman II	Custodial Services
Gloria Histon	Custodian II	Custodial Services
Yolanda Jackson	Cook II	Palms Dining Center
David Kennedy	Corporeal	University Police
Johnnie Kier	Custodian II	Custodial Services
Linnie Kinard	Programmer II	Financial Computing Services
Carolyn Lee	Administrative Secretary	Organizational Development & Training
William Lee	Painter II	Plant Operations Administration
Richard Lightsey	Trades Helper	Plant Operations Administration
Patrick Loveless	Auto Mechanic I	Building Maintenance
Curtis Lowe	Custodian II	Custodial Services
Olivia McClendon	Custodial Foreman I	Custodial Services
Nicolas Parks	Groundskeeper II	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Anna Marie Priest	Buyer III	Procurement
Catherine Richardson	Cook I	The Loop Pizza Grill
Catherine Roark	Personnel Assistant II	Plant Operations Administration
Anthony Rolls	Equipment Operator II	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Sally Sensing	Cook I	Palms Dining Center
Russell Severns	Sergeant	University Police
Rayfield Scurry Jr.	Trades Helper	Building Maintenance
Frederick Waters	Groundskeeper II	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Akbar Washington	Groundskeeper II	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Carolyn Wilson	Personnel Assistant II	Dining Services Administration

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

Michael Bauer	Stephanie Foster	Beth Martin	Renee Pond
Brian Belanger	William Foster	Christopher Maurer	Bobbie Staten
Robert Bell	Iskren Georgiev	Julian McCoy	Charles Steward
Michael Black	Cowanna Gilmore	James McKinnen	Corey Stilwell
Willie Bradley	Keith Grant	Kevin McLean	Ashley Strickland
Rodney Braithwaite	Adrian Greene	Tawanna Merritt	Brandon Sweatt
Addie Bryant	James Grubbs	Natalie Newbury	Moses Tejuoso
Qiana Cannon	Shanika Hezekiah	Sarah Parrish	Pitoon Thompson
Emily Cawthorn	Monroe Inman Jr.	Boyana Peeva	Amira Vasquez
Benjamin Cleveland	Nkechi Jack	John Porzio	Andreas Vlittis
Douglass Cobb	Christine Jeffery	Marquitta Robinson	Christi Waller
Ruby Delaney	Misha Jones	Meldrim Rogers III	Zulima Webster
Jessica Ebersberger	Charles Lee	Barton Rye	Martha White
Jack Edwards	Richard Lightsey	Sterlin Sanders	Larry Williams
Kristyn Epps	Greg Lofton	Christina Sesto	Angie Willis
Crystal Erby	John Luke	Celina Silvia	Timothy Yorkey
Daniel Fifield	Stephen Manning	Derrick Sinclair	Winset Sanders

