

# HAVE YOU HEARD?

*an update for the division of business and finance*

## FACT & FICTION: *Campus Communication*

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"I never know what's going on!" Now you have the opportunity to be informed on a regular basis, from a credible source. *HAVE YOU HEARD?* is our new Divisional update and you will be receiving it biweekly via email and/or print. You will find 3 sections each week; Fact & Fiction will address the latest rumors, News Now will provide announcements and general information, and Accomplishments & Acknowledgements will help us celebrate our successes!

You can be a part of *HAVE YOU HEARD?* Just submit news or information to Carolyn Gaston at [cgaston@valdosta.edu](mailto:cgaston@valdosta.edu).

We'll have more ways for you to submit info in the future via a special web-link and telephone line!



Check out *HAVE YOU HEARD?*  
On-line or in print!

*happy holidays to you ...*

## NEWS NOW

### *Divisional Leadership Meets*

Leaders in the division were invited to attend a seminar this morning that gave them the opportunity to hear Mr. Black's vision for the division; meet campus leaders from Faculty Senate, Student Government and the Council on Staff Affairs; and learn a bit about proactive PR and telling our story across campus. Collaboration, partnership, and adding value to each other's lives were key themes this morning. So as you see your supervisors this week, ask them what "honoring the individual in community and honoring the community in the organization" means. Ask how you can add value to another person's experiences on campus. Ask how you can help be proactive in our PR and explain who we are and what we do for our campus community. And think about how each thing you do has the potential to enrich the lives of others.

The Division of Business and Finance wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!

After New Years, be sure to catch the next two issues of *HAVE YOU HEARD?*

January 10th

January 24th

In the meantime, send in news or accomplishments from your department to [cgaston@valdosta.edu](mailto:cgaston@valdosta.edu)

### *Plant Operations Finishing Nevins Renovation*

Phase One of the Nevins Hall renovation project is winding down. The building interior is ready for occupancy and the external elevator tower and stair tower will be completed soon.

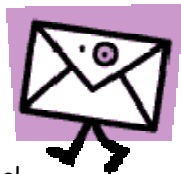
Everyone should notice rapid changes in the area within the next month to restore it for campus use. Bob Bell hopes that "everyone will be impressed with the new south façade of the facility and the appearance of the new stair and elevator towers." So keep an eye out on main campus for these exciting changes.

### *Steam Line Improvements*

The completion of the Nevins Hall renovation project dovetails nicely with the completion of the campus steam line improvements. The steam project has been difficult, as they have had to come through a frequently trafficked main campus corridor. However, improvements are nearing completion and landscaping the disturbed areas will begin soon. This will provide improved people-friendly areas on main campus.

### *New Mail Location*

A new Campus Mail location was recently established through the renovation of an existing property. This renovation was completed using our own VSU Plant Operations personnel and will greatly enhance the capabilities of our mail service on campus.



The new area is located on Jane Street just south of Martin Hall.

### *Dining Services — Holiday Hours*

Season's Greetings from VSU Dining Services. Please be aware of the following dates that may be of interest:

Dec 3-17: UC Food Court & The Loop open 11-2 for lunch  
Jan 6: Palms reopens at 4:15p, The Loop reopens at 11a  
Jan 7: UC Food Court reopens at 7:30a  
Jan 10: Oasis reopens at 7:30a, Food for Thought at 8a

### *New Office and New Name*

As our campus grows and changes occur, it can become difficult to locate our colleagues. One such change has been the renaming and relocation of Training and Development to Entrance 1 of the UC. The new office provides a centralized location for their staff and a pleasant professional reception area. And the new name, Organizational Development and Training, highlights the two primary services of the department. Stop by, say hello, and share some holiday cheer!

### *Faces in New Places*

We have two employees who are providing assistance to other areas on campus, outside their regular duties for the division. Marge Belanger and Linda Vendemo are serving as helping hands in the President's office. They are filling in for Wanda Lockhart, who recently retired. As a result, only one of them will be in their regular Financial Services' offices at a time. Thanks Marge and Linda for continuing to provide quality services to VSU and adding value to other areas on campus with your hard work!

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



New, money-saving idea implemented across campus!

### Postage Charge Back Saves \$\$\$

An exciting outcome of recommendations made by the University Planning Council has been a considerable cost savings from changes to our postage charges. Since the Division of B&F implemented changes to make departments responsible for their own postage budgets, we have seen a reduction in 72,790 pieces of mail over the last 4 months. This has saved the university community approximately \$9,511!

Congratulations to Bill Filtz, Campus Mail, and the VSU departments for making wise use of our resources!

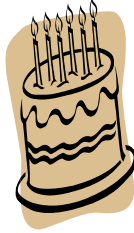
### I Caught You Caring Rewards 146 Employees

Since the "I Caught You Caring" program began in May 2004, 146 employees from the Division of Business and Finance have been recognized. Of those 146 employees, 7 of them have been recognized three or more times. Congratulate **Michael Black**, Accounts Receivable Manager, Bursary; **Ted Davis**, Mail Carrier, Campus Mail; **Bobby Flowers**, Horticulturist, Plant Operations; **Betty Lee**, Custodian, Plant Operations; **Bubba Nolan**, Director of Plant Services, Plant Operations; **Deborah Reaves**, Personnel Assistant, Human Resources, and **Angela Steele**, Food Service Worker I, Palms Dining Center for their continued commitment to service excellence.

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

happy birthday to you ...

Margie Belanger	Bob Green, Jr.	Brett Logan	Renee Pond	Dana Vazquez
Kendall Belisle	Jerome Graham	Caragh Lynch	Felicia Powell	Rachel Wallace
Ricky Berry	Stephanie Goethie	Halaria Mack	Margaret Powers	Bradley Ward
Jenna Bilich	Joseph Green	Willie Millings	Maggie Roberson	Rosezella Ward
Edna Boxx	Walker Gross	Shelley Milton	Heather Sanders	Luke Williams
Steve Boyd	Rakisha Harris	Nuan Mitchell	Javier Sauve	Holly Willis
Joann Bryant	La-Juan Haynes	James Moore	Kate Singleton	Carolyn Wilson
Josie Butler	Katherine Hinson	Ronya Morgan	Tabatha Smallwood	Derray Young
Thomas Carter	Alfred James	Charles Mullins	Elizabeth Smith	
Brandon Cheeks	Stephen James	Kaylee Murphey	Elizabeth R Smith	
Claydous Cobb	Carin Jones	Timothy Murphy	Mary Smith	
Taya Combs	Nikki Jones	Marianne Muzzey	Patrick Smith	
Christine Cormack	David Kennedy	Kelly Napper	Jason Staley	
Darli Devane	John Lampert	Nwabueze Okebatta	Katie Steffan	
Ronald Duncan	Sylvia Lancaster	Josh Owen	Helen Stewman	
Drew Durham	Roosevelt Lawrence	Cescily Parker	Jonathan Stroble	
William Filtz	Robert Lee	Amy Pearce	Shirley Thomas	
Sangar Glasser	Hattie Lockhart	Lacey Phillips	Michael Towns	



### New University Police Officers Receive Honors at Academy

Two officers received special recognition in their graduating classes. Officer Jim Barker received the Overall Achievement Award and was elected class president at the South Georgia Police Academy. Officer Wiley Gammon was ranked 2nd academically in his class. We're fortunate to have such talented new officers.

### Congratulations ♥

Please congratulate Scott Doner in University Police and Mary Jane Keene in Student Affairs, on their Nov. 6th nuptials.

On Dec. 18th, Judy Hunt in Financial Services will wed Redden Hart. Best wishes!