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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 25Next classified ad deadline
November 8 **Council meeting**
November 8Next *OpenLine* article deadline
November 11 Veterans Day
November 22 **Council meeting**
November 24Thanksgiving

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FRIVOLOUS FACTS



Pumpkins have been grown in North America for 5,000 years. They are indigenous to the western hemisphere. In 1584, after French explorer Jacques Cartier explored the St. Lawrence region of North America, he reported finding “gros melons.” The name was translated into English as “pompions,” which has since evolved into the modern “pumpkin.”

[Source:
<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/halloween/?page=pumpkin>]

LUNCH ON THE PLAZA SERVES UP FUN

~ PAM BURRESS



Faculty, staff, retirees and students seemed to enjoy the Fifth Annual Lunch on Milner Plaza sponsored by the Civil Service Council. It was held on September 16.

The profits from this fund-raising event will benefit the Civil Service Scholarship Fund (for children of employees). The photos were provided by Martha Burk and Christa Lawhun. More photos are available on the Civil Service Council Web site.

See you there next year!



Top: Faculty, staff, retirees and students enjoying the picnic

Bottom: (At Left) Vicki Bryan, The Dancing Picnic Chicken (Christa Lawhun) and John Moss; (At Right) President Al Bowman having lunch with other attendees

SERVICE AWARDS

~ TOM FOWLES

25 YEARS

- Richard Alan Hamblin, 3470 Admin Information Systems, 10/13/1980
- Lawrence Portland Starkey, 1520 Central Receiving, 10/6/1980



20 YEARS

- Patricia Ann Foltz, 4620 Psychology, 10/16/1985
- Una D. Hollenbeck, 2610 Food Service, 10/1/1985
- Judith A. Holt, 2600 University Housing Serv, 10/16/1985

15 YEARS

- Yvonne Marlene Crutcher, 2200 Admissions, 10/15/1990
- Nancy Louise Fry, 8900 Milner Library, 10/10/1990
- Ronald Ford Glenn, 2600 University Housing Serv, 10/8/1990
- Theodore Douglas Lasley, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 10/16/1990
- Laurel Jean Retzer, 7130 Intercollegiate Athletics, 10/9/1990

10 YEARS

- Allan L. Feltner, 9000 Facilities Management, 10/2/1995
- Tamra Ann Purcell, 2540 Health Services, 10/2/1995
- Debra Kay Wylie, 4090 Extended University, 10/9/1995

HR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT SESSIONS

~ TOM FOWLES



Retirement Workshops: Designed for members of Traditional and Portable plans to learn more about purchasing service, sick and vacation payouts, Social Security, Medicare, etc. All sessions run from 11-4:30 p.m.: Oct 10, NS 101; Nov 17, Fell 212; Dec 7, Edw 306.

SURS Benefit Estimator: Designed to help staff project their own retirement benefits under the Traditional or Portable plans. There is usually time to ask personal retirement questions. All sessions are in Julian 113: Oct 13, 10-11:30 a.m.; Nov 11, 1-2:30 p.m.; Dec 9, 1-2:30 p.m.

Contact HR at 438-8311 to register for any of the sessions listed above.

POTPOURRI

~ DIANNE LIEBENSTEIN

SYMPATHY – OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO:

- Jerry Trhlik, Facilities Management, on death the of his father-in-law, Charles Frieburg, on September 11, 2005. At the time of his death Charles was working as a Building Service Worker for the University.
- Viola Marsee and Sue Schimanski, Campus Dining Services, on the death of their mother, Agnita Peasley, on September 11, 2005.
- Susan Sancken, Campus Dining Services, on the death of her mother, Louise Sue Bidle, on August 31, 2005.
- Norman Cochran, Facilities Management, on the death of his father, Lynn Cochran, on September 21, 2005.

BIRTHS:

- Jesse Diaz, Facilities Management, on the birth of his son, Devon Jesus Diaz, on September 19, 2005, 8 lbs, 7 oz., 20 inches long.

BIRTHS (CONTINUED):

- Betty Swartz, Thomas Metcalf School and Kelly Swartz, Facilities Management, on the birth of their grandsons (Triplets), born on September 23, 2005: Ethan Olsen, 1 lb., 15 oz., 14 inches long; Calvin Olsen, 1 lb., 14 oz., 13 ¼ inches long and Aidan Olsen, 2 lbs, ½ oz., 13 ¾ inches long.
- Vicky Taylor, Facilities Management, on the birth of her granddaughter, Delaney Lynn Thoman, born on September 26, 2005, 8 lbs, 1 oz., 18 ¾ inches long.



RESIGNATIONS – AUGUST 2005

- Richard L. Evans, Campus Dining Services
- Heather R. Fey, Thomas Metcalf School
- David L. Golden, Facilities Management
- Allison R. Kemmer, Infrastructure Support System
- Marisela Link, Bone Student Center
- Leon Sims, Campus Dining Services
- Kristen L. Wolber, College of Business

WELCOME TO ISU – AUGUST 2005

- Nicholas P. Ball, Campus Dining Services
- Scott M. Cummings, Campus Dining Services
- Ami J. Demlow, Campus Dining Services
- Frank J. Ehrhardt, Campus Dining Services
- Lolita Frazier, Campus Dining Services
- Christopher J. Heatley, Campus Dining Services
- Amanda M. Holliday, Campus Dining Services
- Justin M. Jones, Comptrollers Office
- William H. Morris, Campus Dining Services
- Barbara K. Murrell, Campus Dining Services
- Megan E. Perry, Office of Human Resources
- Danielle M. Rodriguez, Thomas Metcalf School
- Diane D. Ruch, Office of Human Resources
- Bobbi Jo Schaefer, Curriculum and Instruction
- Kelly J. Sprague, Campus Dining Services
- Brandon M. Staley, Chemistry
- James Zuniga, Campus Dining Services

TIP OF THE HAT:

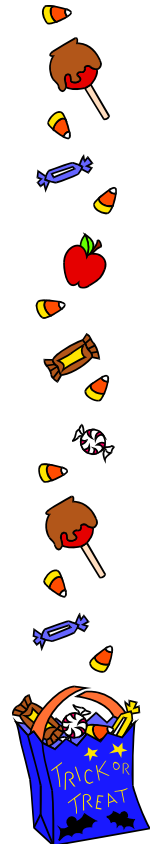
PROMOTIONS – AUGUST 2005

- Mary E. Anderson, Head Cook, Campus Dining Services
- Kameron M. Cox, Chief Clerk, Univ. College
- Capri E. Gonzalez, Account Tech II, Comptrollers Office
- Shauna M. Meyer, Account Tech II, Biological Sciences
- Allen P. Wheatley-Pfaff, Kitchen Laborer, Campus Dining Services
- Winnetta L. Danner, Library Operations Assistant, Milner Library
- Michelle A. Ganschow, Secretary IV, Politics & Government
- Narry Kim, Chief Clerk, University Advancement
- Pam J. Merna, Staff Secretary, Athletics
- John M. Muir, Systems Programmer III, Admin. Information Systems

RETIREMENTS – AUGUST 2005

- Vicki L. Erickson, Telecommunication Office
- Gregory K. Langhoff, Unvi. Marketing/Communications Office
- George W. Meisenbach, Unvi. Marketing/Communications Office
- Phyllis J. Myers, Honors Program
- Raymond T. Ryan Jr., Facilities Management

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Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact Dianne Liebenstein by phone (438-8311) or by e-mail (dbleibe@ilstu.edu) to report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members.



WHAT THE COUNCIL MEANS TO ME

~ MELODY PALM



As an Illinois State alum, I'm proud of our university and its mission. I have fond memories of the many staff members who helped along my student journey, sometimes "just" by listening. As a staff member, each day brings me into contact with students and visitors to the campus, and I hope to be part of their positive experience. For me, being a member and officer of the Civil Service Council is an extension of that.

I'm amazed at the variety of knowledge and skills covered by Civil Service Job Classifications. Civil Service Council members are elected by a diverse staff, and we do our best to represent the interests of all. It's challenging and rewarding as we discuss differing viewpoints and focus on the good of our campus community. I gain a broader understanding and appreciation of the work of fellow staff members.

During my membership on the Council, I've found that we share goals of improving our campus culture, building a sense of community, helping others to be heard, providing important information, and highlighting the accomplishments of Civil Service staff. While the Council plans events, it's the participation of staff throughout campus that make them successful, whether it's attending an activity, or generously supporting the Scholarship Raffle, which this year granted 10 scholarships to dependents of Civil Service staff. I hope you share my pride in these activities!

I encourage you to support the Council's efforts by attending meetings (you're always welcome!), participating in activities, sharing concerns, and considering standing for election. We want to hear from you – it's your Council!

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS ELECTRONICALLY

~ TOM FOWLES

In the last issue we discussed the "old" way of changing your address with the university. The "old" way was paper-based -- the "new" way is electronic. Go to the iCampus portal at www.icampus.ilstu.edu and log in with your ULID and password. At the top of the page are three tabs. Click on the one entitled "My Info." Then enter your four-digit PIN and you will see Course Information, Benefits, and Updates (For more information regarding PIN numbers, see <http://www.ssrc.ilstu.edu/PIN>).



Click on "Update My Address" under Updates and view the various addresses that are on file at ISU. Make changes as necessary. Your insurance records at CMS will be updated automatically and your health and dental insurance carriers will be automatically notified of your new address. You do not need to visit HR or complete a form. If you contribute to a 403(b) or 457 plan, you will need to contact them.

After you have updated your address, you can view your sick leave and vacation balances, as well as view your current insurance coverages. If you see anything that doesn't look correct, contact Human Resources at 438-8847.

QUICK QUOTE



"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween."

-- Erma Bombeck

[Source: <http://www.quoteagarden.com/halloween.html/>]

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

~ MELODY PALM

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~ MELODY PALM

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88th Representative District
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CONTACT US



Please feel free to contact any Council member if you have questions, comments, or ideas so that we may better serve you. Any campus activities or information that would be relevant to Civil Service personnel can also be submitted. Send information to the Council officers (cscouncil@ilstu.edu), to the OpenLine editor,

Pam Burress (paburre@ilstu.edu), to our Council liaison, Vicki Bryan (vlbryan@ilstu.edu), or to any other Council member prior to the deadline.

OpenLine Classified Ad Submission Form

All information must be printed clearly.

First and Last name: _____

Employment status: Full time / part time / retired / _____

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ISU phone: _____ - _____

Best time to reach you at your home phone: _____

Email: _____

Campus Box/Dept: _____

Check one category:

- Free Items (\$2) Personal Service (\$5)
 For Sale-Auto (\$5) Wanted (\$2)
 For Sale-Other (\$2)

ONE word per box. 20 words or less.

Send this completed form and payment by the 25th of the month to:

Pat Schnitker, 4040 Graduate School.

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