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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 25Next classified ad deadline
August 9.....Council meeting
 August 9Next *OpenLine* article deadline
 August 22Fall semester begins
August 23.....Council meeting

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Frivolous Facts

Where's the world's biggest mint? The Philadelphia Mint, the fourth U.S. Mint in that city since 1792, is the world's largest mint, covering over 5 acres of ground. Almost 400,000 people visited it last year, breaking all visitor records.



How can you tell where a coin came from? Mint marks show what minting facility your coins came from—"P" for Philadelphia, "D" for Denver, and "S" for San Francisco. This mark can be found to the right of the subject's face on the obverse side of each circulating coin—with the exception of the "Philadelphia" Lincoln cent, which has no mint mark.

[Source: <http://www.usmint.gov>]

ELECTION RESULTS

~ MARTHA BURK

The Civil Service Council held the first meeting of this fiscal year on July 5 in the Spotlight Room at noon. Civil Service Council officers were elected to hold office from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. The selected officers form the Executive Committee of the Council, and may be contacted via e-mail (cscouncil@ilstu.edu). Congratulations returning officers!

Martha Burk, chair
Vicki Bryan, vice chair
Melody Palm, secretary
Pat Schnitker, treasurer

Newly elected members who began their terms this month were welcomed. We are excited to have new faces and ideas!

Barb Arbogast
Jack Copes
Sarita Cox
Linda Klawitter
Ron Thompson



Of course, we also are happy to have returning members whose terms have not yet ended. Welcome back!

Julie Caplinger
Steven Lancaster
John Moss
Tom Ryan
Jan Jolyn Staley
Jack Wylie

This month also marks the end of some terms for some of our members. We thank those who have recently left our Council!

Christa Lawhun
Theresa Sanchez
Elaine Thoennes
Paul Collins

Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at noon, in the Spotlight Room of the Bone Student Center. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome. Additional information about the Council is available on our Web site (www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu).

Please contact your Civil Service Council representative or a member of the Executive Committee with your concerns. The Council places a high value on confidentiality. Any ideas or suggestions you might have would also be appreciated. We depend on you to help make the organization strong!

SERVICE AWARDS

~ TOM FOWLES

30 YEARS

- Micaela E. McCombs, Sociology & Anthropology, 7/31/1975

25 YEARS

- Nancy Ellen Boulware, Milner Library, 7/1/1980
- Tricia Dee Reimer, University Registrar, 7/8/1980



20 YEARS

- Diana L. Moore, Campus Services/Grounds, 7/16/1985
- Rhonda F. Strong, Campus Services/Grounds, 7/16/1985

15 YEARS

- Gregory Allen Alt, VP Finance & Planning, 7/16/1990
- Thomas Allen Beal, Telecommunications and Networking, 7/1/1990
- Elmer Dale Boulware, Campus Services/Grounds, 7/17/1990
- Creston Leon Dennis Jr., Campus Services/Grounds, 7/1/1990
- Dianne Feasley, Food Service, 7/16/1990
- Paul L. Schobernd, Career Center, 7/16/1990

10 YEARS

- Teresa Garcia, Campus Services/Grounds, 7/9/1995
- Michelle L. Kiesewetter, Facilities Planning, 7/3/1995
- Cherie D. Valentine, Politics and Government, 7/3/1995

POTPOURRI

~ DIANNE LIEBENSTEIN

SYMPATHY – OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO:

- Ann Smoots, Campus Dining Services, on death of her mother-in-law Arlene Smoots, June 5, 2005.
- Dave Zschau, Facilities Management, on the death of his mother-in-law, Edna Louise Smith, June 6, 2005.
- Lesley Hisle, Katie School of Insurance & Financial Services, on the death of her husband, Jimmy Hisle, June 20, 2005.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

~ SHARON STILLE

Telecommunications & Networking is updating information in the current telephone directory. Deans, directors and department heads are being asked to send changes for the FOCUS, the Alphabetical Department Listing, and the Personnel by Department sections.



The Faculty/Staff section containing campus and home information is maintained by Human Resources. If either campus or home information has changed, a PERS 903 form found on the HR Web site must be completed. Employees also need to make sure HR has their proper home address for the January mailings of W-2 forms since undeliverable W-2 forms will be returned to Illinois State's Payroll Office.

University telephone numbers and University e-mail addresses cannot be restricted. Questions regarding e-mail should be directed to the Help Desk at helpdesk@ilstu.edu or 438-HELP.

Address update information for the Emeritus/Retired section of the telephone directory will appear in the August annuitants newsletter. Any questions concerning the directory need to be directed to Sharon in Telecommunications and Networking at 438-8728.

Quick Quote



“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.”
-- Booker T. Washington

[Source: <http://www.timelessquotes.com/>]

NEW COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

~ MARTHA BURK

Legislative changes, on the state and federal level, affect all of our lives. A recent example was the state's plan to radically change our benefit choices. A state-wide protest prevented the plan from being enacted. In recognition of the importance of such civic involvement, the Civil Service Council has appointed a new Legislative Committee. The Committee's charge, formally adopted in June, 2005, is:

Civil Service Council Legislative Committee Charge

1. The Legislative Committee will monitor activities and pending legislation primarily in Springfield but also Washington D.C.
2. As a regular meeting agenda item, the Committee will bring concerns and information to the Council for review and discussion.
3. The Council will collectively determine what issues need further attention/action. Actions may range from contacting appropriate ISU administrators for input to writing letters to state or federal representatives.
4. Legislative Committee Members will submit draft letters addressing specific concerns to the Council for revision/approval to go to the next step.
5. Any final letter will be sent to the appropriate representative by the Council Chair on behalf of the Council.



GOVERNMENT WEB LINKS

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY'S SHARED GOVERNANCE

Academic Senate www.academicsenate.ilstu.edu
Annuitants Association www.annuitants.ilstu.edu
Administrative/Professional Council www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu
Civil Service Council www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu
Student Government Association www.sga.ilstu.edu

STATE OF ILLINOIS

State Universities Civil Service System www.sucss.state.il.us
SUCSS Classification (status notices)..... www.sucss.state.il.us/cpm.asp
U.S. Representative Jerry Weller weller.house.gov
11th Congressional District
State Representative Dan Brady www.rep-danbrady.com
88th Representative District
State Senator Bill Brady www.senatorbillbrady.com
44th Senate District
U.S. Senator Dick Durbin durbin.senate.gov
U.S. Senator Barack Obama obama.senate.gov

NATIONAL

National Education Association www.nea.org

WHAT THE COUNCIL MEANS TO ME

~ PAT SCHNITKER



It has been my privilege and honor to serve on the Civil Service Council since 2001, and to serve as Treasurer since 2003. Being involved in the University through this venue has provided considerable enjoyment and a growing sense of pride. First, I want to convey how humbled I am that so many of my colleagues in Group I voted for me to represent them in this capacity. Before the

very first meeting in 2001, I was so looking forward to regularly sharing information about our University and the state. This venue provides an awesome environment in which to network with and for Civil Service employees at a level that simply cannot occur through individual work units or other gatherings on campus.

Participating this closely with the shared governance process has been an amazing experience. The reality is that our Civil Service involvement and acceptance in this unique University philosophy has been considerably strengthened in recent years.

Most recently this is especially due to President Bowman's commitment to the inclusion of each campus population in this process. During his short tenure, he has already participated in several meetings with the Council, and with the Council chair, to assemble our collective input and feedback on direction and decisions affecting the University. Dr. Bowman has also clearly conveyed to us his sincere interest in considering the needs of the Civil Service employees at Illinois State.

There is on-going, open communication with Dr. Ira Schoenwald and Tammy Carlson from Human Resources. We have increased our communication ties with the Annuitants Association. Their organizational focus on retirement and pension benefits are so beneficial to all current employees and ultimately will be essential for all of us. To more closely monitor state activities and politics which directly impact our constituents, our Council Legislative Committee has been resurrected.

All of these things are serious, major life affecting concerns, which your Civil Service Council addresses on behalf of all of us. Our constituents are our primary concern. Each of your Council representatives is sincere and serious about their responsibilities regarding matters affecting our constituents.

At the same time this has consistently been a "fun" group. I feel like I have become close with each council member. The networking opportunities within this group will undoubtedly continue long after we've all stepped down from these official elected positions. And when I think about that, it's just about as exciting as the realization of how much we attempt while here.

This is what being on Civil Service Council means to me. Being involved is most definitely worth the time and effort it requires. I would encourage anyone who may even be slightly inclined to do so, to seek to serve in this capacity some time during your ISU tenure.

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

WELLNESS

~ NIKKI BRAUER



Adventures in Parenting

Join a group of parents and caregivers, connecting with one another to share ideas and offer support throughout their Adventures in Parenting. The format is flexible and the topics of discussion are decided by the group. Summer meetings will be held in Moulton 102C on the following dates: July 21 and August 17, 2005.



Cholesterol and Blood Chemistry Screening

Friday, July 22 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. at the Lab Corp facility on 1703 Clearwater in Bloomington. A \$3.00 draw fee will be added to the total cost.

Lipid Profile	\$25.00
Chemistry Panel + Lipid Profile	\$27.00
PSA	\$71.00

Fitness Program for Faculty & Staff

Summer fitness program registration is now being prorated at \$20.00 for the remaining weeks of the session. We're offering badminton, fitness lab, lap swimming, pilates, water aerobics, soccer, T'ai Chi, table tennis and yoga. Registration forms are located on our Web site at www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness/efp_registration.shtml or contact Megan at 438-7003 for a printed copy.

Wellness Walking Group

Join us on Tuesdays at Noon by the Old Main Bell. Please wear comfortable attire and supportive shoes. Everyone is welcome!



Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The State of Illinois offers assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through Magellan Behavioral Health, at 1 (866) 659-3848. Employees and their dependents, covered by the State of Illinois Group Insurance Plans, are eligible to receive 3 free visits, per year, with a mental health professional provided by Magellan. Any visits beyond this will need to be covered through your individual insurance carrier. The on-campus EAP contact is Nikki Brauer, 438-8845 or nbgegel@ilstu.edu, during regular business hours.

Ergonomics Reviews

The Wellness Program staff person will provide recommendations for a safer work area and ergonomically sound equipment that assist with reducing risk factors that contribute to ergonomic injuries. Please contact Nikki Brauer at 438-8845 or nbgegel@ilstu.edu, to arrange an appointment.

Please contact the HR Customer Service Center at 438-8311, to register for all of the above sessions. For further information, visit our Web site at www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness or contact Nikki Brauer at 438-8845.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale – Auto

- 1985 Honda Civic Wagon.
 Low mileage, new clutch,
 and A/C works great!
 \$1000 or best offer. Call
 Gary at 532-1290.



For Sale – Other

- Solid Oak Hoosier cabinet.
 Procelain top. Mint
 condition. \$600. Call
 Fran, 454-6917 after 5 p.m.
- For any of the following items, please call 452-8009:
 - Chrome brush guard for Chevy or GMC; \$100.
 - Cash register. Royal 480nx. \$100.00 or best offer.
 - Shelving unit. Good condition. \$20.
 - Glass shelving unit and matching table. \$30.
 - Beauty salon equipment and supplies with manicure and pedicure included. \$400 or best offer.

Personal Service

- Tree and shrub trimming. Please call Carl or Terry at 310-3397, 530-5137 or 527-4492.
- Radon questions or problems? Licensed radon professional. Over 700 systems installed with 100% success rate. Call David (Bud) Smith at 473-2955.

Wanted

- Renter. Two BR duplex. Owner Manages. Garage, walking distance to ISU campus. \$650 plus deposit. Call 824-7524.

OpenLine Classified Ad Submission Form

All information must be printed clearly.

First and Last name: _____

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

Home phone: (_____) _____ - _____

ISU phone: _____ - _____

Best time to reach you at your home phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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.

(Make checks payable to: Civil Service Council - *OpenLine*.)

Visit www.ilstu.edu/depts/civilservice/documentation/openline/Ad.pdf
 for more information about advertising in the *OpenLine*.

