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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 29 *OpenLine* deadline
June 29 Classified Ads deadline
July 4 Independence Day
July 5..... CS Council meeting @ noon
July 19..... CS Council meeting @ noon

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QUICK QUOTE



“Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer.”

-- Erma Bombeck

[Source:
<http://www.worldofquotes.com/topic/Vacation>

FRIVOLOUS FACTS

In 1983, Cookies 'N Cream, made with real Oreo cookies, became an instant hit, climbing to number five on the list of best-selling ice cream flavors. It also holds the distinction of being the fastest growing new flavor in the history of the ice cream industry.



[Source:
<http://www.makeicecream.com/hisoficecrea.html>]

iPeople – It's Time!

~ Julie Jenson, Human Resources

On May 2, 2011, Illinois State University's new Human Resource Information System, iPeople, went live for online Benefits Choice selections. Open labs were available on May 4th at the Benefits Choice Fair where over 100 people stopped by to try out the new system. Overall the feedback has been very positive; people have been impressed by the ease of navigation within the system as they continue to access the system to make benefits choice selections.

The full go-live of the iPeople system will occur on July 1st when all other employee self-service, management self-service and functional office applications become operational. Employees will use the new on-line system to report usage of vacation and sick-leave benefits; update personal information such as addresses, emergency contacts, and degrees received; and submit life events that impact benefit eligibility (such as birth of child, marriage).



Open Employee Self Service classes are being offered by the iPeople Team, and several iPeople liaisons have been busy providing training to their home departments. The iPeople Functional Leads—Derek Story, Amanda Hendrix and Jeff Jacob—have also been busy training employees in Human Resources, Payroll, Budget Office, and Administrative Technologies on the behind the scenes aspects of iPeople.

Administrative Technologies has launched a new Enterprise Service Desk to handle all calls related to iPeople and the Budget Management and Reporting System (BMRS). Employees having questions about the new system or who have difficulties using the new system should contact the Enterprise Service Desk at 438-3308.

If you are interested in seeing how the system works you can view online simulations at www.ipeople.illinoisstate.edu/training and click on the User Productivity Kit (UPK) link. If you would like to attend hands-on training you can find a calendar of all available training sessions on the same page. To see a list of the iPeople Implementation Team Members, Steering Committee Members and Departmental Liaisons visit:

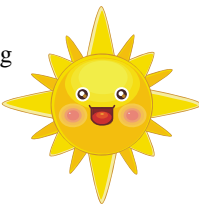
<http://ipeople.illinoisstate.edu/team/>
<http://ipeople.illinoisstate.edu/resources/index.shtml>

TIP OF THE HAT

~ Ramona Hartweg, Human Resource Representative

WELCOME TO ISU – MAY 2011

- Brett Baldovin, Ed Admin & Foundations
- Laurie Demry-Dow, Mennonite College of Nursing
- Cinderretha Jackson, Campus Services/Grounds
- Kristine Koch, Classroom Technology Support
- Lena Morgan, Campus Services/Grounds
- Monique Townsend, Campus Services/Grounds



PROMOTIONS – MAY 2011

- Jeanette Harrison, Customer Service Specialist, Julia Visor Academic Center (April)
- Deborah Brown, Office Manager, University College
- Melissa Nergard, Business/Administrative Associate, Energy Management
- Jeffrey Fishel, Building Service Foreman, Campus Services/Grounds
- Rebecca Kovar, Administrative Aide, Equal Opportunity/Ethics
- Juliana Duncan, Special Events Facilitator, Alumni Relations

RESIGNATIONS – MAY 2011

- Karl L. Kieser, Campus Dining Services
- Karen J. Bandusch-Harris, Health Services
- Danielle Marie Rusk, Human Resources
- Kristine A. Foley, Communication Sciences
- Bradley Richard Harris, Information Systems
- Shane E. Brown, Enterprise Systems Support

RETIREMENTS – MAY 2011

- Mary Etta Witham, Bone Student Center
- Sue A. Feltner, Health Services
- Marie E. Evans, Campus Services/Grounds
- Carol Jean Stout, Campus Services/Grounds
- Richard A. Corry, Campus Services/Grounds
- Diane L. Tetley, University Housing Services
- Gary L. Otto, Campus Services/Grounds
- Michele Ann Ganschow, Politics and Government
- David Arthur Clark, Heating Plant
- Loretta J. Veach, Human Resources



POTPOURRI

~ Sarita Cox, Treasurer, Civil Service Council

SYMPATHY – OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES TO:

- John Gunter, Student Warehouse Helper, on the loss of his mother, LuBertha Gunter, who passed away on May 17, 2011.
- Dave Scott, Recycling Route Driver, on the loss of his mother-in-law, Sharon Chamberlain, who passed away on May 13, 2011.
- Randy Garrett, retired Building Mechanic, on the loss of his mother, Edna Garrett, who passed away on May 29, 2011.

BIRTHS – CONGRATULATIONS GOING OUT TO:

- Nancy Kerns, Faculty Resource Center - College of Business, on the arrival of granddaughter, Mazie Bea Carter, on May 24, 2011. Mazie Bea arrived at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 20 inches long. Parents are Megan Kerns Carter (Milner Digital Center 2006-07) and Seth Carter.



Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Feel free to voluntarily provide Potpourri information, taking note of the article deadlines printed in each issue. Report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members via email to csccouncil@ilstu.edu. Notifications are not verified by birth, marriage, or death certificates.

SERVICE AWARDS

~ David Schaafsma, Human Resources Asst. Director

35 YEARS

- Amy Irene Armstrong, 2202 University Registrar, 6/2/1976

30 YEARS

- Robert Duane Boma, 4120 Biological Sciences, 6/29/1981

20 YEARS

- Teri Rae Derango, 8610 Conferencing Unit, 6/3/1991
- Deborah Lynn Lescher, 4400 Geography – Geology, 6/17/1991

15 YEARS

- Teresa J. Drollinger, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 6/23/1996
- Mitchell Thomas Shadid, 1200 Comptroller's Office, 6/10/1996

10 YEARS

- Dylan N. Bauer, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 6/24/2001
- Frank Bennett Gatza, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 6/24/2001
- Jennifer Janine Horton, 2610 Food Service, 6/18/2001
- Teresa Marie Long, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 6/24/2001
- Roberta K. Shoemaker, 4560 Physics, 6/11/2001



WRIGLEY BUS TRIP RECAP

~ Jean Darnall, Civil Service Council Vice Chair

Chicago certainly lived up to its nickname as the “Windy City” on May 27, with cold winds blowing into the friendly confines of Wrigley Field for the 1:20 p.m. game between the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Approximately 240 ISU Civil Service, A/P, faculty, retirees and their family and friends watched the Cubs lose the game with a score of 4 -2, but everyone still had a great time.

Our “And the Pitcher is” raffle winner, Ryan Johnston, threw out the ceremonial first pitch, with three of his friends watching him from the field. Ryan got it over the base and even had it in the “strike” zone. Great job Ryan!

Thanks again to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. We were able to raise \$900, with all proceeds going towards the Civil Service Council Scholarship fund.

Drawings were also held on each bus for a small cash prize of \$10 each. The winners were Greg Kiesewetter, Cassie Burningham, Bonnie Crutchley Fern, Daniel Kane, and Carol Forrest.

Congratulations to all the winners!



CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

~ Andrea Rediger, Chair, Election Committee

The election committee is pleased to announce the results of the recent election of Civil Service Council Representatives. We wish to thank all who voted, because the election process only works when individuals exercise their right to vote. We also want to acknowledge those candidates who were not elected this time but were willing to serve. Please know that non-Council members have many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer their services. If you would like to help with any of the various Council projects, please contact any of the Council members.

Group I

Seann Berrocales was elected to a three-year term representing Group I. Seann works in University Housing and has been with the university for six years which is how long he has been married to his wife, Heather. He loves working at Illinois State University and is interested in learning and knowing what is going on in the University community so he can share with others to make improvements.

Group II

Katherine Scott was elected to a three-year term representing Group II. Raised in Normal, Katherine worked at the Braden Box Office for ten years before moving to Florida. When she returned to Normal (no pun intended) her first thought was to work at Illinois State University and now works in the Agriculture Department. She has two sons, one of whom will be graduating from ISU this fall, and a wonderful 7-year old granddaughter. Katherine is interested in new challenges and is willing to dedicate herself for the best interest of her fellow civil service colleagues.

Diana Nelson was elected to a one-year term representing Group II to complete the remainder of a current representative's term. Diana is a Bloomington-Normal native who has two children, a daughter and a son. She is proud to be a Girl Scout leader since 1989 and loves to travel, read, and learn about other locations and cultures. Diana works for the Motorcycle Safety Education Program and would like to meet people from across the campus so she can learn about other departments in order to help in any way possible to improve the campus community.

Group III

Amanda Smith was elected to a three-year term representing Group III. Originally from Morton, Amanda is an Illinois State University graduate who worked for a small design firm in Peoria before relocating to Normal where she works at Institutional Web Support Services. Outside of work, Amanda is filling her time training for a marathon, playing summer softball, and planning her wedding. Amanda knows that because of the state's financial situation everyone has concerns for the future and she wants to help with the communication between the civil service employees and the governing bodies. She is excited to be part of the process in helping collect scholarship monies so students may achieve their educational goals.

Group IV

Jean Darnall was elected to a three-year term representing Group IV. Jean has been married for 34 years and has two sons and two wonderful grandchildren. Jean has been the Operations Supervisor at the Bone Student Center for over 11 years. Jean and his wife have been part of the American Passion Play where they have been members for over 40 years. Jean is currently serving on the Council as Vice Chair and represented the Council at the "Council of Councils" in Chicago last fall. He is an Ambassador of the "Gladly We Give" campaign and has served on several committees.

Group V

Lois Soeldner was elected to a three-year term representing Group V. Lois works in Admissions Processing and loves her job. She lives with her husband in her hometown of Ellsworth. She has two children and five grandchildren. Lois is active at church, a member of the McLean County League of Women Voters and has been an Election Judge for several

years. She is also the President of her local American Legion Auxiliary. Lois considers her co-workers to be her second family and considers many from other departments as part of her university family. She felt it was time to take a turn watching out for the interests of her university family. Lois knows we face many obstacles as state employees and will try to consider employee issues from every viewpoint.

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

~ Nikki Brauer, Director, Health Promotion and Wellness

Health Promotion and Wellness is located in Suite 187 McCormick of the Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall. Our main number is 438-WELL (9355).

Health Status Survey Open – June 2-20, 2011

Health Promotion and Wellness is running its Health Status Survey via email. Please take the time to provide your feedback so we can better identify health priorities of the campus and improve the programs and services we provide. Direct questions to Nikki Brauer at 438-8845.



Ergonomics for the Office

Pain and discomfort are signals that your body is out of balance; have you considered an adjustment of your work space? One-on-one appointments can be requested to review work postures that increase risk of injury and offer recommendations for a safer, seated work environment.

Ergonomics 101 presentations may be scheduled for your department as a proactive approach to working safer. Contact 438-8845 if interested in the above.

Menu of Healthy Living Presentations:

Contact 309-438-WELL (9355) or Nikki Brauer at nbgegel@ilstu.edu to schedule one of the following sessions for your department:

- Ergonomics 101
- Healthy Living: The Basics
- Benefits of Strength Training
- Meditation and Guided Relaxation
- Update - Campus Health Behaviors
- Yoga at Your Desk



Nutrition Guidance

Health Promotion and Wellness offers individual diet analysis and guidance for those striving to improve their lifestyle. If you are interested in scheduling this service contact Amanda Novy at wellnessnutrition.illinoisstate.edu or 309-438-WELL.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Personal Service:

- Licensed Day Care Openings – Safe-Healthy-Fun! \$30/day – full-time; \$20/day – part-time. Call Judi: 454-8003



- Affordable personal training-customed plans to help you reach your fitness goals! Call Heather/242-2895 or *NewCreationFitness.net*

NOTE: The Civil Service Council does not endorse any of the product(s) or service(s) included in the Classified Ads section of the *OpenLine* newsletter.

NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE

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The next deadline to submit articles to the *OpenLine* newsletter will be **Wednesday, June 29, the last Wednesday of the month.** Articles, news, and ideas pertinent to civil service employees can be sent to the newsletter staff at cscopenline@ilstu.edu

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

ONE word per box. 20 words or less.

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Sarita Cox, 5570 MBA Program, 438-2981

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