



The decorating of the gazebo was a lot of fun, complete with hot chocolate and cookies.



CULTURAL EVENTS

Cultural Events and Arts Happenings
January & February 2006

January 17, 7:00pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Presented by CSIL, Farthing Auditorium

January 24, 8:00pm

Flying Karamazov Brothers, Presented by the Office of Arts and Cultural Programs. Farthing Auditorium, for more information please call (828) 262-4046. Admission is charged

February 7, 6:00pm

Southern Comfort. Presented by CSIL, Attic Window, Plemmons Student Union

February 8, 8:00pm

Aquila Theatre Company: The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Presented by the Office of Arts and Cultural Programs, Farthing Auditorium, for more information please call (828) 262-4046. Admission is charged.

February 8-10, 8:00pm

The Vagina Monologues performance in Blue Ridge Ballroom, Student Union. Tickets on sale (\$10/\$8 students) at Farthing Auditorium.

February 14, 8:00pm

Valentine's with Todd Wright & Friends, presented by the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music, Rosen Concert Hall, Broyhill Music Center, FREE

February 15-18, 8:00pm & February 19, 2:00pm

Twelfth Night, Presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, Valborg Theatre, for more information, please call (828) 262-3063. Admission is charged.

February 20, 8:00pm

The United States Air Force Band, Farthing Auditorium, FREE

February 21, 8:00pm

Symphonic Band Concert, presented by the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music, Rosen Concert Hall, Broyhill Music Center, FREE

February 22, 7:00pm

From Auction Block to Hip-Hop. Presented by CSIL, Blue Ridge Ballroom, Plemmons Student Union

February 22-25, 8:00pm

The Fantasticks, Presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance, Greer Studio Theatre, for more information, please call (828) 262-3063. Admission is charged.

These are just a few of the events happening in January and February. For a complete listing, go to www.oa.appstate.edu.



Staff Council members enjoying the Christmas luncheon. December 13, 2005



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STAFF UPDATE

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

www.staffcouncil.appstate.edu

Announcements



Please join us for the next Staff Council meetings, January 10th and February 14th 2006. Anyone is welcome to attend and you do not have to be a member to participate on a committee.

The Office of Student Employment is pleased to announce The Appalachian State University Student Employee of the Year Scholarship. This scholarship is to honor an outstanding student who is also an employee on campus and who has made a valuable contribution to ASU through their work as a student employee. Please refer to www.studentemployment@appstate.edu for complete details on nominee requirements. If you currently supervise a student employee who you feel might qualify for this scholarship, we invite you to download the nomination packet available online. You may also call our office for hard copies. All nominations must be received in the student employment office no later than 5:00 PM on February 1, 2006. The ASU Student Employee of the Year will receive a \$1000 scholarship awarded as a \$500 installment each semester beginning in the fall. The scholarship recipient will be announced during Student Employee Appreciation week during the first week of April. If you have questions about the scholarship, the requirements, or the paperwork, contact Kathy Graham at the Student Employment Office, ext 2879.

Staff Corner

New Employees

Robert Barrington

Mark Bartold
Chris Benfield
Learlene Berry
Shayna Clark
Isaacs Critcher
Toni Dishman
Ginnie Eggers
Laurel Elam

Gary Gentile
Paul Grant
Laura Griffen
Ronald Hamby
Traci Hartley
Susan Jennings
Thelma Lewis
David Meadows

Institute for Health & Human Services
Building Services
University Police
College of Education
Park Place
Physical Plant Administration
Admissions
Housing Operations
Appalachian Regional Development Institute
Food Court
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Park Place
Park Place
Registrar's Office
Library
Food Court
Zone Maintenance

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Staff Profile

Staff Profile by Betsy Anderson

This month's Staff Profile features Art Kessler, Assistant Director of Food Services assigned to Welborn Cafeteria. Food Services is a part of Business Services, and Welborn Cafeteria has the primary function of providing aid and comfort to all students, faculty and staff during meal periods. There are 34 people that work in the cafeteria along with 20 student employees. The staff prides itself on providing "hospitality" rather than just food service.

Art's entire career has been spent in Food Services under different capacities both incorporate and the location level with different companies. He has degrees in Business and Hotel/Restaurant/Institutional Management from Michigan State University and a degree in Culinary Arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Approximately three years ago, he moved from Charlotte to join the Appalachian family.

Art has been married to his wife Marguerite (Marge) for 30 years. They live in Historic Todd with their two cats Ted and Alley. Their daughter, Christen (24) who lives in Richmond, VA, also works in the food service business. Since Art and his wife were brought up in different faiths, they attend two churches, Boone United Methodist Church and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Art's favorite pastime is walking and hiking. He averages around 20 to 27 miles per week, and more when the university is on breaks and holidays. Cooking and grilling at home is also a favorite activity. He admits to being an avid college sports fan - primarily football and basketball. Hmm! I can imagine some fantastic tailgating cuisine!

When asked what he liked best about Appalachian State University, Art said, "Location, location, location, and the staff I work with." He said that moving from the big city environment of Charlotte, he noticed a difference in the people at Appalachian. He said his staff is hard working, genuine and honest, traits hard to find in a big city environment. He said "I owe any successes that I have attained since I have been here entirely to the supervisors and staff that work with me." When asked what he liked least about the University, Art stated that some of the buildings around campus are older and in need of repair. Since Welborn Hall is one of them, he is excited about the plans for a new Food Services building to be built in a couple of years that will house a new dining hall, catering facilities and a new food court. As a result, there will also be an increase in the foods they will be able to offer. He feels this will help him and his coworkers to better serve the students, faculty and staff.

Art's advice to anyone who lives in the surrounding area is to take time to look around and see the beauty of where each of us live, work hard and don't take anything for granted. What will he be doing in 5 - 10 years? "Hopefully", he said, "my wife and I will still be working, healthy and enjoying the culture of Appalachian State and the mountains."

Congratulations to Appalachian State University's football team, 2005 Southern Conference and NCAA Division 1-AA National Champions! Way to go APPS!

MLK Challenge

The 7th Annual MLK Challenge, sponsored by the ACT Department, will be held January 16, 2006. When it began, this day of service was something unique to Appalachian and started as a result of seeing needs that could be met by faculty, staff and students donating their time.

MLK Challenge consists of 15 different service challenges with the day beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 6:30 pm. These projects are kept confidential until the morning of the Challenge. That morning, site leaders and participants gather at Legends where they are then given a project. All projects are assigned as goals for the day to be completed by 5 pm. Though it sounds exhausting to spend your day off as a "day on", it is actually quite refreshing.

If you would like to be a participant or a site leader, you may contact Jenny Koehn at 262-3032 or email koehnjr@appstate.edu. The deadline for pre registration is January 12, 2006. Sign up is first come first serve.

Staff Corner *continued*

Dustin Miller	Warehouse
Sharron Moore	Student Accounts
James Pitts	Cascades Café
Garry Powell	Instructional Technology Center
Bob Powell	Printing & Publications
Donald Presnell	Admissions Office
David Richardson	Building Services
Katherine Sbarbaro	College of Education
Jimmy Secrest	Park Place
Grace Tandoh	Lucy Brock
Melba Watson	Cafeteria
Dempsey Wilcox	Athletics
Gail Winebarger	Conferences & Institutes
Cathy Ziegler	Advancement Services

New Departments

June Cannon	Park Place Café
Cheryl Creed	Controller's Office
Selena Dollar	Registrar's Office
Jayne Fletcher	Registrar's Office
Peggy Hicks	Academic Affairs
Beth Higley	Conferences & Institutes
Jackie McInturff	Curriculum & Instruction/Adult Basic Skills

C. Dawn Sturgill	Controller's Office
Melisa Vanover	Vending
Janice Voss	Graduate Studies & Research

Resignations

Joshua Chambliss	Farthing Auditorium
Betty Howard	Cascades
Russell McNeill	Food Court
Andrea Morgan	Extension & Distance Education
Lois Waugh	Building Services
Terry Wolfe	Parking & Traffic

Retirements

Douglas Canipe	Design & Construction
Russell Cornett	Motor Pool
Charles Folk	Park Place Café
Nancy Foster	Human Resource Services
Wava Hodges	Food Court
Zola Idol	Cafeteria
John Moody	Central Warehouse
William Spinks	Information Technology Services
Ida Wilson	Building Services

Give a Child a Christmas

The 25th annual Give a Child a Christmas Shopping Day was a huge success. Guidance counselors chose 84 local children to participate in the program on December 8. Volunteers met the children over breakfast at the Broyhill Inn. The volunteers and children made a day of it, shopping at local stores, eating lunch at Bandana's, and becoming fast friends! The children received backpacks full of fun, useful items and purchased lots of necessities such as boots and clothing.

Dianne Dula (Computer Science) and Deborah Brown (General Studies) co-chaired the 2005 committee. Deborah and Dianne spearheaded several successful fund raisers which made this day possible. We appreciate the efforts of both of these ladies, as well as those of Janice Voss (Graduate Studies & Research) who coordinated volunteers.

The Christmas Fund Committee would like to thank:

ASU Bookstore
ASU Knitting Club
Bandana's
Dianne Barber
Boone Ford Lincoln Mercury
Boone Service League
Broyhill Inn & Conference Center



Dianne Dula and Deborah Brown, co-chairs of the Give a Child a Christmas Program this year.



Chancellor Peacock
Cheap Joe's
Custom Fabricators & Specialty Welding
Harvey & Susan Durham
Freshman Seminar
Jane Helm & Business Affairs
Hollar & Greene
Megan Honaker/Mrs. Lorraine Honaker
Goody's
K-Mart
Meco Electric
Michael Mayhew, DDS
Mary Presnell
Quality Inn
Pepper's Restaurant-Jack Pepper
Sagesport
Smoketree Lodge
Vivian Thompson
Tar Heel Capital (Wendy's)
Walmart
The Wine Cellar

And last but not least, the members of the Appalachian Family who gave of their time and donations that helped make this day possible.

BAKING TIPS

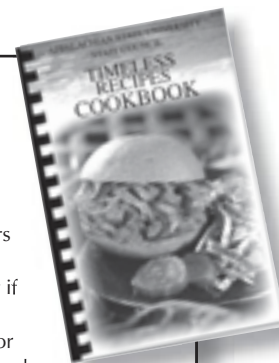
Ever wanted to make that perfect pie or cake? Follow these easy tips found in the back of the Appalachian State University Staff Council Cookbook!

Perfect Cakes

- 1) Fill cake pans two-thirds full and spread batter into corners and sides, leaving a slight hollow in the center.
- 2) Cake is done when it shrinks from the sides of the pan or if it springs back when touched lightly with the finger.
- 3) After removing a cake from the oven, place it on a rack for about five minutes. Then, the sides should be loosened and the cake turned out on a rack in order to finish cooling.
- 4) Do not frost cakes until thoroughly cool.
- 5) Icing will remain where you put it if you sprinkle cake with powdered sugar first!

Perfect Pies

- 1) Pie crust will be better and easier to make if all the ingredients are cool.
- 2) The lower crust should be placed in the pan so that it covers the surface smoothly. Air pockets beneath the surface will push the crust out of shape while baking.
- 3) Folding the top crust over the lower crust before crimping will keep juices in the pie.
- 4) In making custard pie, bake at a high temperature for about ten minutes to prevent a soggy crust. Then finish baking at a low temperature.
- 5) When making cream pie, sprinkle crust with powdered sugar in order to prevent it from becoming soggy.



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Q&A issues are always welcome. Please send your questions to a Staff Update committee member.



Staff Happenings

Congratulations to:

Jim Bryan, head of landscape services at Appalachian State University, and members of Appalachian's grounds crew have been recognized for their work to keep campus walkways navigable during inclement weather. The University's 2005 "Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities" was dedicated to Bryan and the grounds crew in recognition of their exemplary service, positive attitude, cooperative spirit and outstanding helpfulness with members of the campus community who have disabilities. The resource guide provides information to students, faculty and staff regarding the most current practices associated with the variety of disabilities a student may present while pursuing her or his academic career at Appalachian. Recommended accommodations, strategies, methods, and techniques for specific disabilities are discussed, along with the most current information on all federal and state laws governing the disability area.

Patsy Snyder, an accounting technician with the Appalachian State University Foundation, has received the 2005 Outstanding Employee Award from the university's Division of University Advancement. The award was presented by Jerry Hutchens interim vice chancellor for University Advancement. Snyder has worked at the foundation since 1998. Employees are nominated for the award by their co-workers based on attitude, teamwork, initiative, creativity, hard work, and going beyond the call of duty. Snyder was recognized by her peers for her work ethic, knowledge of foundation policies and procedures, and her patience when helping others.

4th Annual Give a Child a Coat Program a Success

Staff Council thanks you for participating in the 4th annual *Give a Child a Coat* program. This year we collected and delivered 266 coats to A Cleaner World where they were cleaned and mended. The coats were then donated to the Salvation Army Store where they will be given to local residents who need them. In the past 4 years, we have successfully collected and donated over 1,100 coats as well as many hats, scarves, and gloves.

Many thanks to all of those who collected coats this year: Deborah Brown (General Studies), David Cook (Equity Office), Sali Gill-Johnson (Turchin Center), Gail Hampton (Housekeeping), Susan Hisle (Belk Library & Information Commons) BR Hoffman (Living & Learning Center), Denise Marsh (Health Promotions), Michelle Merski (Extension & Distance Education), Lottie Oliver (Belk Library & Information Commons) Tina Parlier (Center for Student Involvement & Leadership), Carol Query (Attorney's Office), Charlie Wallin (Food Services), Jenny Ware (Registrar's Office), and Fran Wilson (Broyhill Inn).

2006 Women's Leadership Conference

The 2006 Women's Leadership Conference will be held from 12:00-6:30 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2006 in the Plemmons Student Union, and we are asking for your help. Please consider designing a presentation for this conference using our theme "*She Ain't Heavy, She's My Sister.*" In these turbulent times, we think it is important to embrace diversity and to create an environment where we celebrate the differences that we hope will bring us closer together.

The planning committee for this year's conference has come up with some topics that are related to our theme. We are striving to focus on sisterhood, connectedness, strength for ourselves and being able to provide strength for others. Your proposals can be on any topic, we just ask that they relate with the overall theme. If you are interested in presenting at this year's conference, please complete a Program Proposal Form and return it to Suzette Patterson or Tina Parlier in the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL) office by Friday, February 3, 2006. Forms may be found online at <http://www.csil.appstate.edu>.

Please keep in mind that the presentation should be kept to about an hour in length and should appeal to a diverse audience. Thank you for considering presenting in the 2006 Women's Leadership Conference! We hope to make it an enjoyable and educational event for everyone involved. If you have any questions, please contact Suzette Patterson or Tina Parlier at 6252.