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DPS Forming a Connection with the Community

Ronald Parr and Joyce Sprague



Faith Biesecker

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has always been an integral part of the campus community; however, in the past few years many in the department have worked diligently to identify and address issues important to the health and well-being of each of us, including Life Safety, Parking, Emergency Mass Notification, Campus Emergency Response, Crime Investigation, and Sexual Violence Prevention. Soon after she was hired, Faith Biesecker became a key component of that effort.

Not long after Faith started at DPS, she began working with Ron Parr, Life Safety Manager, on the Community Policing / Liaison committee, appointed by Director William Lafferty. Director Lafferty quickly recognized Faith's strengths and abilities and began giving her more responsibility. Faith welcomed the challenges and rose quickly through the ranks: Community Service Officer (October 2012 – April 2014); Field Training Officer (April 2014 - June 2015); and Sergeant, Field Training Officer Coordinator and Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator (June 2015 - June 2016). The position of Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator was a new position, but Faith quickly took charge of her responsibilities and shaped the position into a very valuable tool for the campus community. She has held the position of Lieutenant, Field Training Officer Coordinator and Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator since June 2016.

Director Lafferty observes that "Faith has proven to be an asset not only to the department, but to the College as a whole. Her work with our students around sexual assault awareness and prevention is extremely important and invaluable and our students continually recognize her for her great efforts. Students have certainly formed a connection with DPS through Faith's proactive outreach and partnership development. She has become a symbol of what community-policing is all about." Thank you, Faith, for your hard work and dedication both to DPS and the campus community.



Notes at Noon

Megan Blount

During the lunch hour, Musselman Library is commonly filled with chattering students either grabbing some lunch with friends or frantically finishing that essay due for their 1:10 class. Occasionally, something a bit different happens on the main floor. For many years, the Library has been hosting a series of Notes at Noon concerts presented by the Sunderman Conservatory and other student musical groups.

For the 2016-2017 season, Musselman Library is offering several exciting performances. This fall we'll see the Jazz Dispatch play works by Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, and Sonny Rollins, as well as the Sunderman Wind Quintet presenting pieces from their upcoming CD recording. In addition to these established concerts, the Library is also introducing pop-up performances this year. If you missed the Flash Fencing event last month, keep an eye out! There will be three other surprises coming in October and November.

- **Wed Oct 26** *Pop-Up Surprise!*
- **Mon Nov 14** *Sunderman Wind Quintet*
- **Wed Nov 16** *Pop-Up Surprise!*
- **Wed Feb 8** *From the Piano Bench: Love Songs*
- **Wed Mar 1** *Music for Voice and Guitar*
- **Wed Apr 19** *A Preview to the Spring Opera Workshop Performance*

Long-Time Employees Pass Away

Linda Miller



Michael Maxwell

May 25, 1990—April 29, 2016

Michael Maxwell passed away in April 2016. Mike began working as a Dish Room Attendant in 1992 and spent 25 years with Dining Services. Co-worker, Deb Hydock,

describes Mike as a hard worker who took very little time off. Mike made Dining Services his “family,” although he was close with his brothers and sister, and was a dedicated son to his mother, Dolores. Mike’s sense of humor reached everyone, like when he would empty the trash cans in the main office and leave them in various places so that the staff had to hunt for them. Mike had a few favorite sayings. If you asked him how he was, he always replied, “same old, same old.” On payday, he’d say “the more you make, the more they take.” Mike’s health issues prevented him from working for many months prior to his passing. He would stop in or call, and say how much he missed working and wished he could be here. The feeling was mutual. Mike is missed.



Darlene Currens

May 21, 1937—May 12, 2016

Darlene Currens passed away in May 2016. She worked at the College for 32 years, from 1970 to 2002.

Darlene was the bookkeeper at Musselman Library, responsible for

paying bills and keeping track of the Library’s funds, down to the last penny. Co-workers Pat Boron and Nancy Bernardi remember Darlene as a cheerful, caring, generous person — always willing to help others — with a warm smile. She loved to laugh. Pat recalls she and Darlene organizing the Library’s Holiday Party at a local restaurant. They “had such fun as Santa’s helpers, wearing suitable attire and assisting Santa (our supervisor, Lee Krieger) distribute gifts.”

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jay Currens, as well as stepchildren Denise and Bradley, step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, brothers, and sisters.

Get Gardening!

Deborah Savidge



Are you loving the cool weather and getting a chance to catch up on some dirty business? Get gardening! You can’t help but enjoy being outside. Because of the dry summer, chances are some of your garden favorites may need a little help before next spring. Take a look around and see what made it through this tough summer — these are the keepers. You can replant, divide, or send the fussier plants to the compost pile. My philosophy: Give them a little TLC, but if that doesn’t work, move it, reuse it, or recycle it. Don’t fret about those plants that don’t do well; some plants are just a bit difficult. Gardening should be fun and enjoyable!

Here are a few rules for dividing and transplanting. The best time for this is when the plant looks good and the ground temperature is warmer than the air. If your plant is flowering, let it alone until after it’s done, as it is using a lot of energy at this time. Dig or divide before frost, or wait until spring. Dig away from the bulbs and do not pull your bulbs up by the foliage, but lift them up from below. Check older bulbs for disease — if they are squishy, discard them. Divide plants after 3-5 years, or they lose their vigor. As you may know, squirrels love to eat tulips, so replant tulips every fall.

Some fall plants that like to be divided are peonies, hosta, iris, and bulbs, as they have a chance to establish new roots before winter. Bulbs may also be dug out in the spring, after the foliage yellows. Store them in a cool dry place and replant them in the fall.

So get out there and get dirty! After all this digging and transplanting, your garden will thank you!

Deb Savidge

*Certified ISA Arborist
Facilities Services Grounds*



President's Post

Janet Morgan Riggs

I hope you've all seen my email regarding our new strategic plan, *"The Unfinished Work: A Strategic*

Direction for Gettysburg College." Inspired by the words of Abraham Lincoln and our desire to prepare students for the "unfinished work" still before us, our plan is built around three key themes: Impact; Inclusion and Internationalization; and Innovation. The focus of this plan is to provide superb preparation to all Gettysburg College students—a new generation of socially responsible leaders who will live and work in an increasingly diverse, globally-interconnected, and fast-changing world.

There are many roles we have as community members in moving this plan forward, but I'd like to point out two in particular. First, we all have the responsibility to build an inclusive environment here on our campus, in which we respect one another's differences and are willing—in fact, eager—to learn from one another. This kind of environment provides a rich educational context for our students; and our students can learn a great deal from observing the way we interact with one another.

Second, we want to promote an innovative climate on our campus, one in which we are not afraid to try new ways of doing things that will improve efficiency and/or enhance quality. This will lead to a better working environment for all of us; and it will also model an innovative and creative spirit for our students, which they will need to be successful in this fast-changing world.

Every one of us can model the value of inclusion and the spirit of innovation in our corners of the campus, no matter what our specific jobs might be. If we all do this together, we will have significant positive impact on the campus culture for working and learning. Thank you all for helping to promote a vibrant learning community here at Gettysburg College!

Do great work

Retail Operations: Serving Our Community

Amy Ellicott



Did you know that Retail Operations employs 18 full-time staff and almost 130 students? Retail Operations includes the Bullet Hole, Commons Café, Ike's Sushi and Salad, and The Dive. We serve an average of 3,000 customers between the four locations each day. In addition, we serve the LIU students during the semester three days a week, help coordinate the Servo Thanksgiving pre-dinner event, serve patio picnics, and in the last two years have prepared and served the 4th of July dinner on the Bullet Hole Patio.

The Bullet Hole operates the e-pickups program. Please place your order a few days ahead of time to ensure we will have the product you need.

Whether you are a member of the College community or a visitor, we look forward to serving you!

President's Dinner for Support Staff

Sat, Jan 7, 2017

Sit-down dinner to be held at the Eisenhower Inn. Doors open at 5:30, meal at 6:00, program at 7:00, followed by dancing with DJ Mark "The Man" Rosensteel. Service awards to be presented. Invitations will be sent via campus mail mid-November.



New Support Staff Hires

since March 2016

- **Anthony Alexander** Dining Services
- **Taylor Burdette** Center for Global Education
- **Carolyn DeLoe** Health Services
- **John Dettinger** Musselman Library
- **Keri Frail** Dining Services
- **Mark Fredrikis** Grounds Services
- **Martin Garcia** Department of Public Safety
- **Jazmin Green** Custodial Services
- **Carl Henry** Custodial Services
- **Dottie Ledden** Custodial Services
- **Kate Murphy** Health Services
- **Ryan Nadeau** Musselman Library
- **Robin Oliver** Departments of German/French/Italian
- **Riley Piechnick** Athletics Office
- **Benjamin Redding** Dining Services
- **Annamarie Robison** Dining Services
- **Jeffrey Sealock** Dining Services
- **Logan Shetter** Custodial Services
- **Declan Sullivan** Department of Public Safety
- **Cody Thompson** Department of Public Safety
- **Ruth Topper** Admissions Office
- **Kelly Whitcomb** Multicultural Engagement
- **Jeffrey Wilson** Athletics Office
- **Clifford Wilson** Athletics Office
- **Olivia Young** Information Technology

Support Staff Transfers

since March 2016

- **Amanda Whitcomb** College Bookstore to Department of Biology
- **Tara Bowman** Admissions to Religious Studies/LACLS/Philosophy



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:00 - 7:30 • Majestic Theater

- Movie, *Elf*, shows in the main theater from 5:30 - 7:00.
- Reception in upstairs and downstairs lobbies from 4 - 7.

Shuttles available from Constitution Lot. More information to come.

Narcan Available on Campus

Ronald Parr



Front: Ron Parr, Life and Fire Safety Manager, and Judith Williams, Director of Health Services.

Back: Faith Biesecker, Tom Ahlers, and George Neely.

The Department of Public Safety announces the Naloxone Prescription for Overdose Prevention Program. Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan) is a medication prescribed for the reversal of an overdose from one or more opioid-related drugs. Narcan nasal spray does not require assembly and delivers a consistent, measured dose when used as directed. This prescription product can be used on adults or children, and is easily administered by anyone, even those without medical training.

The Department of Public Safety, along with the PA Dept of Health, Adams Regional EMS, and the Adams County District Attorney's Office, under Act 139 and Standing Order DOH-002-2016, have worked together to train the DPS staff to administer Narcan in times of emergency, as well as to set protocol procedures. Narcan will be available in the two DPS patrol vehicles. All officers are trained to recognize symptoms and dispense the nasal spray product.

To date, no overdose has been recorded on Gettysburg College campus. We believe in education and the prohibition of drug use as a strong deterrent to prevent an overdose. Having Narcan available, and staff with the proper training, is another step in serving our community.

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