The Human Resources Benefits Fair, that is. It’s on Tuesday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Campus Center Carroll Room. Stop by the Staff Council table to say “hi.” We will have a slide show of Staff Council-sponsored events, ballots for the January movie night, and information about upcoming activities. We will also unveil suggestions for the Staff Council logo and motto. If you have an idea for the logo or motto, we have extended the deadline to submit ideas. Please send ideas, comments, drawings to “Staff Council Logo” via interoffice mail, or send an e-mail to staffchronicle@smith.edu by October 15 if you would like to be involved in the process.

See You at the Fair!

Council News

Kathleen Mosley has stepped down from the Council. Thank you Kathleen for your service over the past year! Madelyn Neely will serve on the Council for the remainder of Kathleen’s term.

Lou Bouley is the new chair of the Personnel Policy Committee. PPC is responsible for examination, review, and comment on College personnel policies and for promoting improved staff training and development. The committee meets regularly with Larry Hunt, director of Human Resources.

Abida Adnan, co-chair of the Diversity Committee, is the Staff Council representative on the newly formed Diversity Council. She will serve for one year.

Reminder: The H1N1 Influenza Information & Prevention Web page can be found at www.smith.edu/influenza.

Article III, Item 3, of the Staff Council charter has been amended as follows: “The president is invited to appoint two non-voting representatives to act as resources and information liaisons. These presidential appointees serve for a two-year term and should serve no more than four consecutive years.” Previously, the presidential appointees did not have term limits.

At its August meeting, the Staff Council met with Paul Ominsky, director of Public Safety. He presented an overview of the shared management of Public Safety with Mount Holyoke College. To learn more about this, see the August minutes: www.smith.edu/staffcouncil/minutes/090806.doc.

The following Staff Council members are serving on the 2009-2010 Smith College Council on Community Policy: Mairin Brady, Sharon Fagan, Scott Morin, Barbara Pliska, Kelly Richey and Rachel Siegel.

Now & Then

Fifty Years of Smith Faces

Portraits by Dick Fish
1 - 19 October
Jannotta Gallery
Hillyer Hall
Brown Fine Arts Center

To see more of Dick’s photos from the exhibition visit the Online Staff Gallery located at: www.smith.edu/staffcouncil/09.

It has been several years since there has been a “Visions” staff exhibition. If anyone is interested in organizing an exhibition, please contact the editors at staffchronicle@smith.edu.
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Meetings
All staff are welcome to attend meetings or serve as a non-voting member on a committee. Check the Staff Council Web site for additional meetings, updates, or changes: www.smith.edu/staffcouncil.

October 8 (Thursday)—Communications Committee
Time: 2:00 p.m. Place: Campus Center Café
Co-Chairs: Barbara Pliska, Kelly Richey

October 20 (Tuesday)—Activities Committee
Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Campus Center Café
Chair: Scott Morin

October 30 (Friday)—Diversity Committee
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: 30 Belmont Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Co-Chairs: Abida Adnan, Ana Gorman

November 5 (Thursday)—Full Council
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Campus Center, Room 204
Chair: Sandy Bycenski

Upcoming Events

October 13 (Tuesday) Cider & Donuts. Stop by the front of Lilly Hall (near College Hall) anytime between 9-11 a.m. and enjoy some award-winning Atkin’s Farm cider donuts & cider. Hosted by the Staff Council Activities Committee.

December 5 (Saturday) New York City Bus Trip. This trip is open to Smith staff, faculty, and their guests. Cost is only $35 per person. The bus will leave Smith at 7:00 a.m. and leave New York at 7:00 p.m. Please reserve your seat by November 19, 2009. Contact staffactivities@smith.edu or call extension 2678. The bus is handicapped accessible; advance notice of special needs is required.

January (TBA) Movie Night. More details to be announced. Vote on the movie to be shown at the Staff Council booth at the HR Fair on November 3.

March 22-23—Book and Media Exchange. Details to come.

Did You Know?
Smith College offers a Computer Loan Program to permanent employees. The loan program is designed to allow qualified staff and faculty to purchase a computer system and software to further their computing skills. The loan is by payroll deduction for a maximum of 3 years with an interest rate of Prime minus 2 percent. To learn about all the terms and conditions, visit the Computer Store Web site: www.smith.edu/computerstore. Please contact the Computer Store if you have any questions about this benefit: cstore@smith.edu or extension 3027.

Request for photos
Do you have pictures from any Staff Council-sponsored events or related activities? If so, please contact Barbara Pliska, bpliska@smith.edu, or Deb Letourneau, dletourn@smith.edu.

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