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Banner

As November approaches we have almost completed our first Banner module — Human Resources. HR is scheduled to “go live” in early January 2006, almost eight months after training began. Formal off-campus functional training is almost finished, but there is still much work to be done as prototypes are tested and modified with a view towards the January date. NSCC staff who have been directly involved in the training will be very busy with this phase of the project — and their involvement will continue for a number of months after the “go live” date, as they fine-tune this module.

Training for the Finance module is in full swing and involves many more staff members than the HR training required. Banner Student had its initial overview during the last week of September and will become more regular during the last

week in October. This module also involves many staff members. As always, your planning/patience is greatly appreciated as you find yourself in need of the services provided by these departments.

Also, there have been no yellow or red status alerts as the project schedulers send off their weekly reports. Modules currently being reported on are HR, Finance, and Luminis. By the end of October, the Student module will join this list.

Though the “completion” of this project lays far ahead in the future, you can be assured that NSCC colleagues/staff are diligently and methodically working to make this project a success.

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library



Early November

Early November brings two more exciting Basler Library programs! Go to <http://www.NortheastState.edu/library> to read more about the remainder of programs for Fall 2005.

Mon., Nov. 7, 12:30-1:30, L106 ==> Eating With the Experts, David Haga

In observance of Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, Mr. Haga will speak about Viet Nam from a soldier's point of view.

Thurs., Nov. 10, 12:30-1:15, L106 ==> Open Books, Dr. Robert Russell

A pastor and educator, Dr. Russell's book *Answers to Life*, addresses some of the difficult questions faced in life and attempts to answer them with Christian-based approaches. Dr. Russell will have copies of his book available for purchase at a discount — they typically sell for \$16 plus tax, but he will make them available for this event at a cost of \$14.

AND, **December's EWTE Program** will be our own beloved raconteur, Keith Young from the Elizabethton Campus, with his now-traditional “Seasonal Stories and Songs” program. You won't want to miss this event as it is ALWAYS well-attended and just the trick to get us all in the holiday spirit! Join us in **L106 on Monday., Dec. 5, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.**



The Spotlight



October's Spotlight staff member is **Travis Brooks!** Travis graduated from NSCC. (We erroneously reported last month that Cindy Robins is the only Library staff member to have done so.) He has worked in the Basler Library for about two years, starting out as an assistant to former Media Services Coordinator Eric Morrith, then as the Media Services Technician/Director of Media Services himself for the past 14 months. Travis and his department of part-time student assistants is a busy crew! Travis explains that his department is responsible for “the installation of all new media equipment (LCD and overhead projectors, audio equipment, video distribution equipment, VCR/DVD players, visual presenters/document cameras, and other miscellaneous components), setup and production for the campus news program *Direction: Northeast*, conference audio and multi-media setup, video-taping of various college-sponsored events, video-/audio-editing, video duplication, DVD authoring, equipment maintenance, satellite rack operation, departmental administrative tasks (budget, inventory, statistics), telecourse maintenance, and other assorted duties.” Although Travis maintains that there are many things that he enjoys about working here, he admits, “I would have to say that my favorite thing about Northeast State is the professional and caring faculty and staff with which I get to work.”

Travis is working on a Bachelor's degree and eventually wants to enroll in a university offering a Masters in Digital Media. His hobbies include cinematography, disk golf, and music (Travis is very musically gifted!), electronics, and computers. A few of his favorite authors include Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou, Hunter S. Thompson, and Richard Bach. Some of his favorite books are *Illusions* (Bach), and *Fight Club* (Chomsky). His family is a big part of his life, too, including Kathy & Bob (mom and step-father), Gary & Karen (father and step-mother), and Nikki, his “loving fiancée.”



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Yummy Yummy Yummy **Pork Tenderloin Au Poivre**

2 Whole pork tenderloins, trimmed

½ cup Crushed peppercorns. A multi-color peppercorn mix looks best. Avoid a mix with a lot of white peppercorns. Peppercorns can be crushed in a plastic bag with a mallet or the back of a pan. A coffee grinder works best, but be sure not to turn the peppercorns into total powder.

Vegetable Oil

8 cups Brown Chicken or Beef Stock (for a good recipe, do a site search for "Brown Chicken Stock" at www.foodnetwork.com) **boiled down (reduced) to 2 cups**

1 cup Cognac (Hennessy preferred)

1-2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

¼ cup Butter (use garlic butter for an added flair) in about 1/2" cubes

1-2 Tbsp. Chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 350.

Roll the tenderloins in the crushed peppercorns. Shake off excess peppercorns into sink. In a heavy frying pan, fry the tenderloins in the vegetable oil on medium heat, turning until all sides are light brown and seared. Be careful not to burn the peppercorns. Place the tenderloins on a rack, put in the oven, and bake until fully cooked, about 15-20 minutes. If you don't mind your pork with some pinkness in it, reduce the cooking time by 5 minutes. Allow the pork to rest at least 10-15 minutes after coming out of the oven. Slice thinly with a sharp knife (don't use a serrated knife).

Wipe the frying pan to get rid of possibly burnt peppercorns and excess oil. Add the cognac and reduce (boil down) the cognac to about 1/3 of a cup. You can flame the cognac if you want (it will probably flame anyway if you are using a gas stove), BUT BE CAREFUL! Don't add the cognac to an extremely hot pan and flame it, or you will lose your eyebrows; in addition, the flames can get a little high, so don't melt your microwave if it is mounted over your stove. Once the cognac is reduced, add the chicken stock. Boil down the mixture by about half until the sauce starts to thicken. Add the mustard and whip in using a whisk. Lower the heat. Add the butter a little at a time, whisking constantly. **DO NOT BOIL THE SAUCE ONCE YOU START ADDING THE BUTTER!** Once the butter is incorporated into the sauce, add some chopped parsley for garnish. If you want the sauce a little spicy, add some of the crushed peppercorns. The sauce should be a nice balance between the richness of the stock, the tanginess of the cognac, the spiciness of the mustard and peppercorns, and the smoothness of the butter.

— Contributed graciously by our favorite culinary cuisine-artist, Eric Fish

Cold November Rain

Take a break from the chilly, drab days that November so frequently brings. Take a *book break* and check out some of these great new titles!

Fiction: *Uncommon Grounds* (Balzo); *Graveyard Position* (Barnard); *Old English Literature* (Donoghue); *Change of Heart* (Gulley); *Daddy's Girl* (Keillor); *Truck of Fools* (Liscano); *Atomic Romance* (Mason); *Disturbed Earth* (Nadelson); *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (Rowling); *44 Scotland Street* (Smith); *Time of the Uprooted* (Wiesel); and *Pardonable Lies* (Winspear).

Non-Fiction: *Truth About Witchcraft Today* (Cunningham); *Archetypes and Motifs in Folklore and Literature* (El-Shamy); *Ambiguity of Teaching to the Test* (Firestone, et. al); *Images of America: Jonesborough* (Haskins); *Machine Shop Operations and Setups, 4th Edition* (Lascoe et. al); *Origins of American Constitutionalism* (Lutz); *Community Colleges of Tennessee, Volume 2* (Nicks); *More Book Lust* (Pearl); *Art of Venice* (Pedrocco); *Eight Italian Masters* (Scala); *Cinderella Man* (Schaap); *Pissing on Demand: Workplace Drug Testing and the Rise of the Detox Industry* (Tunnell); *Sounds of Place: Music and the American Cultural Landscape* (Von Glahn); and *Cats of Sanctuary House* (Winifred).

Please remember that the Basler Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving Break, from 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23-Sunday, November 27. We will re-open on Monday, our regular hours (7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.).

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