

dietrickHUB

team dietrick's window to information

D2 gets into the spirit of the holidays

It's always a great day at Dietrick; and definitely never dull. The Grand Opening gala seemed hardly a memory as Team Dietrick sprang into action to prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

Everyone pitched in to serve the annual Thanksgiving feast on Wednesday November 17th, 2004. And for good measure: the night's headcount exceeded 2000!!! Be certain to ask Lance and Cheryl who won their bet!! Leftovers were scarce, if even obtainable at all for the following day.

In fact it was such a success that Dietrick received favorable press from the sports commentators in the CT. (see inset quote)

While the rest of us enjoyed feasting with family & friends, several dedicated team members returned early from their holiday to gear-up DXpress for the annual VT-UVA football game. Karin reports our cash sales were the highest ever!

Of course our Hokies won!

But even though the semester winds down for the students, the Dietrick engine rolls on....check out the Gingerbread houses from the recent Chef Series event; displayed at Terry's latest



“Dietrick does it again...
The Thanksgiving feast
was simply awesome!”
~ Collegiate Times

creation: Snowman Central.

You can't miss it: located just in front of the Premium Grill..

And thanks to Kelvin, Dietrick staff got a chance to display their creative talents; he made certain to include extras from the Southgate Bakeshop.

o Lance, exactly how many *Twizzlers* DID you end up using?

Left: Chef Chad advises students on building the perfect Gingerbread House
Above: D2's Thanksgiving Centerpiece... show me the turkey!
Below: Carolyn puts the finishing touches on the yummy chocolate mousse





Building a village of gingerbread

35 Gingerbread houses and 2 hours...students dove into bowls of sweets and treats for this year's *Chef Series: Make your own Ginger-bread House.*

Materials included Skittles, candy canes, gumdrops, frosted mini-wheats, and of course the main ingredient: royal icing.

Creativity ruled the event! From Virginia Tech inspired houses to a unique winter Igloo to a meteor hit house, it was an amazing sight to see.

Think it had anything to do with all that sugar?!



Chef, we know what you're thinking....

Cheryl, that's enough sugar for you!

Above: A team concentrates on finishing the roof
Above Right: Creative... What is the North Pole without an Igloo?
Middle Right: Chef Chad overseeing the Gingerbread Chef Series
Bottom: After hours of setting up for the event, it's time for a sugar boost!

StudentRAP

Welcome Back Students!

UPCOMING EVENTS:.

Mon, 12.13: Cram Jam (Ice Cream Sundaes)

Thu, 12.16: D2 closes at 1:30PM

DXpress closes at 2:00PM

EXAM WEEK INFORMATION:.

All VT student schedules will be omitted starting Reading Day, 12.9 through 12.16. You must sign up for a new schedule during exam week. Students are required to work 2 shifts during Exam Week.

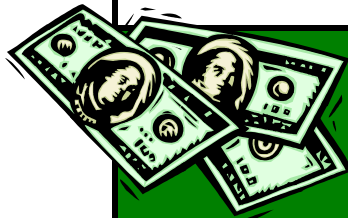
SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULES:.

Fall Schedules will be erased at the end of this semester, and you can sign up for a different schedule for Spring Semester.

To sign up:

DXpress: Email Mike:

mhaberma@vt.edu



Cashin'In

It is my pleasure to convey the coveted "Star Cashier"

Award to Sydney Harrell.

Sydney is very deserving of this award for her continual attention to detail and willingness to take on new projects. She always seems to have a positive attitude and we will very rarely see her without her signature smile!

GREAT JOB SYDNEY.

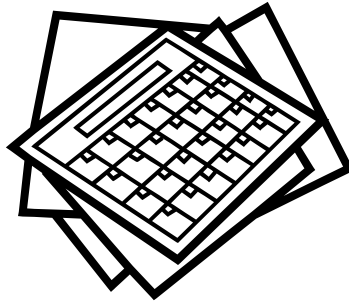
Be on the lookout for our new cashier, Anna MacBean! Welcome from D2

Our prayers are with Judy Raines for a swift and complete recovery.

~ Karin



Don't forget! After December 17th, staff is required to return to work on **Thursday, January 6, 2005**. We will be offering optional work days for wage and salary:



- Dec 17
- Dec 20 - 23
- Jan 3-5

Please speak with Terry if you are interested in working.

Salary Street

- Remember that Friday December 17th, 2004 is the beginning date for voluntary sign-out for the upcoming holidays.
- Be certain that you have enough leave time to cover the entire period. Remember it is your responsibility to manage your time.
- Schedule an appointment with me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your benefits and leave balances.
- Roll-over date for Annual carry-over, Family Personal and Personal Sick balances is January 10th, 2005.
- Be certain to notify me if you wish for a specific type of leave to be used for your holiday.
- Have a wonderful holiday!

Eat, drink and be merry!

~Ariel



words from **BEHIND THE SCENES**

The Chef's Table

Chad Brodtkin, Carolyn Bess, and Nathan Gessner

Many thanks to Carolyn Collins for all her hard work in Betty Smith's absence. And to the entire back of the house crew we salute you for your teamwork in Nathan's absence. Nathan get well soon! ~Carolyn & Chad

Chad's Fabulous Stuff Mushrooms

12 oz	large fresh mushrooms	1/2 oz	bread crumbs
2 3/4 oz	shredded mozzarella cheese	1 pinch	fresh garlic
		3/4 tsp	whole oregano
2Tbsp	1tsp grated parmesan cheese	1 3/4 tsp	whole dried basil
		1 dash	iodized salt
1/4 oz	chopped pimientos	1/4 tsp	ground black pepper
1 pinch	fresh coarsely chopped parsley	2Tbsp	1tsp softened butter

DXpress it

Happy holidays to all!
It's been a busy semester so far; the Poppa Pies idea has been a huge success!!!
Many thanks to those staff members that cut their Thanksgiving break short to get ready for the VT-UVA game. Our first recipient of the Star Cashier award is Katie Kreutzer. Way to go, Katie!!!
~Denny

From the Manager's Office

It's hard to believe we have reached the half way point. We have come far together; the Grand Opening was awesome; and D2 & DXpress have been very successful.

We have served 33,556 more guests than this point last year; to date we have served 448,119 meals. At this rate, Dietrick will serve in excess of one million meals this year.

To put this into perspective, my home town is only 4,000 people; Dietrick averages serving that many every day.

We have much for which to be proud. Opening was quite a feat; but the Chili challenge, Grand opening, Chef's series and Thanksgiving meal were all huge hits for our guests.

Team, thank you for a job well done!

I hope you can take the holiday break to enjoy time spent with family and friends. Enjoy!
~Kelvin

Holiday Decorations



Introducing the winners of the shop decorations & Gingerbread houses:
Check out the Potato Guys!

Shop decorations:

1. East Side Deli
2. Mangia!
3. Pan Asia

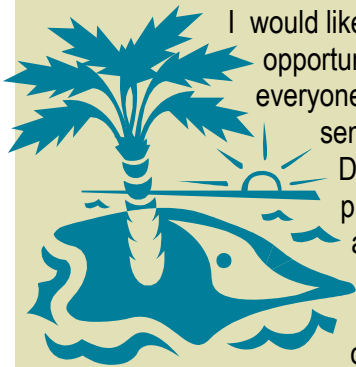


Gingerbread houses:

1. Lance & student managers
2. Mangia!
3. Dish wash crew

The Staff Shout-Outs!

Howzit!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for an awesome fall semester here at Dietrick. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Each and everyone of you make a difference in our "ohana" (team /

family). As 2004 comes to an end, reflect upon the good things in life; more importantly our families. Take the opportunity to spend time with all of them whether it be in person or on the phone. You all deserve a restful and pleasant time off. Enjoy every minute of it and be safe wherever you may travel this holiday season!

Mele Kalikimaka - Haouli Makahiki hou!
your hawaiian buddy - lance.

New Faces

Welcome to our new staff members:

Johanna Simmerman
Phuong Mills
Jeff Baines
Anna & Ken MacBean
Katie Gilreath
Regina Vest
Nathan Robertson



**Got something to share?
Here is your opportunity!**

SHOUT IT OUT!

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

~Thomas Edison

Don't forget the next Roundtable is Tuesday December 14th, 2004

The White Elephant gift exchange will immediately follow. Be certain to sign up and notify Terry!!!





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Get well Judy Raines!!!

We hope she returns to full time duty after the holidays. The students certainly miss her!!! (We do, too!!)

Also Get Well Soon:

Betty Smith, recovering from surgery
Jack Masella's wife, Chris

December / January Birthdays

Susie Bergsten	Dec 14
Charles Morse	Dec 29
Jeannie Davis	Jan 4
Chad Brodtkin	Jan 8
Lance Mailem	Jan 11
Betty Smith	Jan 17

**If you wish to include your or someone's birthday, please speak with Ariel. She will include it in the next edition.*

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dietrickHUB is the official newsletter of team dietrick (D2 and DXpress). We strive to provide useful and motivational information to all staff members. If you want to contribute to dietrickHUB just let us know and we'll add it to our next issue.



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WANTED

Guess who this team Dietrick member is?

The clues....

- I'm an honorary team member
- I've got sticky buns
- I wear a red neckerchief in addition to my chef coat & hat
- I'm generally found hanging out with the ladies.
- I spice up wherever I go.
- Betcha can't catch me!!!!



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