Upcoming Can Do Crew Events

Doughnut Break January 21, 2010 in the JUB Hazel Wood Dining room 6am-7:45am or 8am-10am

Stop by to have coffee and doughnuts and visit with friends. We encourage everyone to attend and give us your thoughts on 2010 events. We will have the annual survey for you to fill out and make suggestions. We're also offering a drawing for Phillips Bookstore gifts! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Can Do Scrapbook Day February 6, 2010 at the TN Miller Coliseum 8am (or whenever you choose to come)

We will be gathering together for a day of fun with fellow scrapbookers! Come share ideas and enjoy the day! You may choose to bring your own lunch or you can participate in a group lunch for only \$5.00. A refrigerator

and microwave is available for anyone wanting to bring their own lunch or snacks.





Can Do Crew Update from Senior Vice President John Cothern:

Happy New Year and welcome back after your time off for the holidays.

Spring semester will soon start and, as last year, enrollment will be up, which is positive considering our budget challenges.

Please be sure to read President McPhee's January 2010 News and Information message that should soon be on the MTSU website. It will provide the latest information available on budget reductions and planning. President McPhee too will be updating the campus community on our Positioning the University for the Future Initiative.

In a nutshell, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) voted at its November 2009 meeting to recommend to Governor Bredesen and the legislature how an additional overall six percent (6%) reduction should be made in higher education effective July 2010. Since MTSU is a state formula funded institution, we will have a higher percentage reduction that will be approximately \$6 million. If approved by the legislature, this will make our total state appropriation reductions \$31 million over a three year period. Thankfully there has been federal stimulus funds and state maintenance of effort funds, which the state had to provide higher education institutions in order to receive federal stimulus funds, to help gradually meet the reductions, including help fund a voluntary employee buyout plan. Those funds though will last only to June 30, 2010 when we must have secured new funds to replace the state appropriation reductions or make actual cuts.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated including your support of our Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council. We need to hear about your concerns and recommendations.

Thanks for being a Business and Finance Can Do Crew member; and as I try to regularly do, please be sure to thank our students for making MTSU their university.

Can Do Crew Announcements:

Kelli Higginbotham & Deborah Roberts are serving on the Food Service Committee. They are able to share input on the food service operation from fellow MTSU employees. The committee meets once a month and they would be happy to share any comments they receive with the committee. MT Dining is very interested in feedback from their customers so every comment is appreciated. Please share your thoughts with Kelli or Deborah. Contact information:

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Jeff McConnell, Gerald Grimes and Terri Carlton have graduated from the APPA Institute for Facilities Management. They attended the final sessions from September 10th to September 14th after having completed three other sessions at various times during the past three years.

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Congratulations to Meredith Short on her recent marriage to Brian Crockett. Meredith works in Event Coordination

Teresa Isbell (grounds dept.) and Patrick Isbell (facility services) wish to announce the marriage of son, Joey Laxson, to

India Ware on Oct. 15, 2009.



Accounting Services is very pleased to announce a couple of recent changes in our staff. After 5 years as Grants Manager, Ben Jones has taken on new challenges and responsibilities as the Assistant Director of Accounting Services. To fill the position of Grants Manager, Tammy Wiseman will be joining our staff. Her previous experience and knowledge in grant accounting will be very valuable to our office and allow for a

smooth transition. Congratulations to both! Contact Information: Ben Jones, Assistant Director 898-5328 bwjones@mtsu.edu

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New Can Do Crew Employees

Jennifer Tosh in Parking Services Email : jtosh@mtsu.edu Phone: 8105

Vicki Pare in the Business Office Email: vpare@mtsu.edu Phone: 2024

Joseph Orr in Public Safety Email : jmorr@mtsu.edu Phone: 2424

Kelle Knight in Facility Services Email: <u>kknight@mtsu.edu</u> Phone: 2308

Service Awards for members of the Business and Finance Division

<u>10 Years</u>

Cindy Brown Gerald Caudill Keith Chilson Mike Gower Gerald Grimes **Brett Huskey** Shannon Jobe Gino McClain Annie Mount **Curtis Phillips** Tracy Read James Reed **Rollie Sneed** Lisa Stem **Misty White** Joe Whitefield Jim Wilson

<u>15 Years</u>

Earl Bogle Janine Brink Norman Buck Houston Dobbins Sarah Garner Becky Hall Lottie Hooper Lisa Jones Les Mayberry Lori Pugh Regina Simmons Harlan Summers Ronnie Viola Tanya C Williams **Parking Services Building Services TN Miller Coliseum Business Office Building Services Public Safety Business Office Custodial Services** Murphy Ctr Custodial **Custodial Services Parking Services Custodial Services Custodial Services Bookstore Public Safety Facilities Services Receiving and Moving Services**

Construction Administration Office of Senior Vice President Energy Services Campus School Business Office Post Office Office of Senior Vice President Human Resource Services Energy Services Bookstore Energy Services Energy Services Energy Services Bookstore

<u>20 Years</u>

Rabon Brandon Karen Burks Lisa Hackney Ron Malone Joyce Reed

Ground Services Human Resource Services Bookstore Events and Transportation Services Building Services

<u>25Years</u>

Katherine Adams Tammy Barton Jim Fanguy Sam Gaither Bookstore Custodial Services Public Safety Construction/Renovation Services

<u> 30 Years</u>

Jim Whyte Duke Jimmy Stokes Nancy Weatherly Bookstore Campus School Parking Services

Upcoming events at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum:

Southern Invitational Indoor Truck and Tractor Pull

January 8 & 9, 2010 Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Saturday midday at 11 a.m. Buy tickets online at <u>www.southernmotorsports.net</u> Admission prices range \$15 to \$20 (children 10 and under free)

RMAX Arena Cross Tour

January 16, 2010 Doors open at 6 p.m. with the event starting at 7 p.m. General admission tickets day of show: Adults \$18, 11 & under \$10 and 3 & under free

Bull Madness

January 30, 2010 Also featuring "The Double Barrel Tour:" Rhett Akins, Andy Griggs and Colin McKaig Times and admission prices yet to be announced.

Find out about all the events at the TMC on their website at www.mtsu.edu/~tmc