Fall semester has started and, as usual, the Can Do Crew was well prepared. Hopefully the hot weather is close to being over and cool weather will become the norm. I think we all are looking forward to true “football weather.”

With the new academic year we only had a few small issues. We did though have a 6% enrollment drop, which was more than we had anticipated. Most Tennessee Board of Regents schools had an enrollment decrease as well. We will be able to manage this year’s budget even though we had revenue reduction due to that enrollment drop. It will, however, be difficult to do so in the future if the enrollment drop trend continues.

As advised this summer because of that trend, Dr. McPhee has placed a greater emphasis on enrollment recruitment, retention and transfers. Significant work is being done to improve on those areas and that work includes the academic departments and faculty. We very much want to be successful in order to avoid future budget reductions that may require employee reductions.
Even if we experience enrollment drops, it will paramount to not let that reduce our service to student. That is really why we are here.

Please be sure to read President McPhee’s August 2013 News and Information message that is on the MTSU website. It provides the latest information on several areas of campus.

Your continued support of the Image Committee and participation Can Do Crew events will be most appreciated. I saw many of you at our first two home football games. Athletics is pleased with your support.

Thanks again for being a Business and Finance Can Do Crew member; and if you have a concern or recommendation, please do not hesitate to let your supervisor or me know.

As always, we should be thankful for our jobs and the many blessings that we have and thank all students for attending MTSU.

John W. Cothern
Senior Vice President
Everyone had a blast at the Ice Cream Social on August 1st. We had close to 150 Can Do members take part of the delicious event.
2013 Annual Enrollment Transfer Period (AETP)  
October 1 through November 1, 2013

- All information regarding the 2013 Annual Enrollment Transfer Period is located on the HRS web page under the “Annual Enrollment” tab. The link to the designated AETP web page is http://www.mtsu.edu/hrs/benefits/Annual_Enrollment_Transfer.php

- If you are not making any changes to your benefits, no action is necessary (exception – flexible benefits).

- Flexible Benefits booklets and forms are not available at this time. As soon as they are available, HRS will send out a notification.

- Any changes made to State of Tennessee benefits, must be done through the Edison Employee Self-Service System (ESS). Employees will receive a temporary user name and password mailed to the home address. You need to bring this with you if you attend one of the assistance sessions. Prior username and password for Edison will NOT work and you CANNOT use your MTSU Banner or Pipeline Credentials.

- The HRS Benefits office will be posting a quarterly “Newsletter” highlighting benefits. The first newsletter is posted on the above web page.
CAN DO CREW SUPPORTS BLUE RAIDER ATHLETICS

HOMECOMING
Saturday, October 5th

- PARADE @ 10:00
- RAIDER WALK @ 12:15
- GAME @ 2:30
MTSU vs. East Carolina

Don't miss your opportunity to cheer on your Blue Raiders during the first ever Conference USA home game on October 5 vs. East Carolina!

Join the entire MTSU community as we celebrate homecoming 2013, themed "The Deep Blue Sea", by taking advantage of an exclusive online offer. You can now purchase reserved seats for only $8 (reg. $18) as a thank you for being a valuable member of the MTSU family.

To purchase exclusive MTSU Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day tickets, click on the following link and enter the code "TRUEBLUE"

https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=mtsu&o=152587&g=73

Pass code - TRUEBLUE

**This is an exclusive online offer using the link above. The discounted tickets will not be available for walk up sales on the day of the game.**

Season tickets on sale NOW for both Men's and Women's basketball. Guess what, they can be payroll deducted. Women's are only $49 a seat and Men's are $70 a seat.
Beverly Smithson won the quarterly secretarial / clerical award.
Tammie Dye has a new Grandson: Alejandro Yegros
Born on July 25
Weighing 6lbs 9 oz
20 1/2 inches!!!
Parents Britnea & Ale Yegros and live in Asuncion, Paraguay

Teresa Isbell, Grounds Services, would like to announce the birth of her sixth grandchild: Abigail Marie Laxson
Born on June 29, 2013
Weighting 7lbs 8 oz
Home birthed in McMinnville, TN
Tammy Hughes from the Key Shop in Facilities Services, is a proud mother to Caleb Hughes who fishes for the MTSU Bass Fishing Team. Caleb and Cory Jones placed 3rd for MTSU in the TN Collegiate Bass Fishing Trail tournament on Nickajack Lake on September 21st. Next stop—Guntersville Lake on October 26th.

Caleb and Cory

Good Luck Guys!!
The Campus Post Office spent the summer taking over the space held by many of the unused post office boxes. The new square footage is about 2 ½ times the size of the previous workspace. They are now able to house all of the many packages that resident students receive – going from 8 package shelves to 24. Along with this wonderful renovation the Post Office has a new counter area, shiny new furniture, and room to move around.
Can Do Crew

Up Coming Events

Look for an email on coming events!

October
Bowling Night with the Family

November
Can Food and Toiletry Drive

DECEMBER
A Night at the Theater