



Can Do Crew News

Employee Appreciation Day May 24th.

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Can Do Crew Canoe Trip

Saturday, June 17th

Join us for a day of fun on the river as we canoe down the Duck River near Normandy, Tennessee.

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Join us for a Picnic in the Walnut Grove (area between Peck Hall and Cope) on Wednesday, May 24th. We will be eating from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Also, we will have music performed again by several members of the Crew.

We will have a breakfast in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the James Union Building for those Crew members who work the night shift. The breakfast will be from 6:00 am to 7:30 am on Wednesday, May 24th.

The rain location for the Picnic is the Tennessee Room in the James Union building.

Message from the Senior VP John W. Cothern

Our academic year is nearly over; and we will soon be involved in summer activities, including classes and preparation for the fall. There are, however, many more tasks and events to handle before we start the new academic year.

Although the Sun Belt and TSSAA basketball tournaments have come and gone, we now have a new TSSAA event. It will be the Spring Fling at the end of May. It will include track, softball, baseball, and tennis. Lights and seating are being installed at the track for that event. A pressbox, restrooms and locker rooms will be added before next year's event. These projects are being funded from a gift by the City of Murfreesboro. The City is also going to fund some improvements at the baseball stadium.

As you may have heard or read, we have a new Director of Public Safety/Police Chief. Chief Buddy Peaster joined us April 1st. Please welcome him as a new Can Do Crew member.

Governor Bredesen has proposed in his 2006-2007 state budget a 2% salary increase for all state employees including higher education. This is welcomed, however, as currently proposed, higher education is being asked to fund the increase from new fees or reallocation of current funds. Even though that will be a challenge, we will make it work.

The Business and Finance Employee Appreciation Day (breakfast and picnic) will be on May 24th. Be sure to attend and wear your new Can Do Shirt that I understand will be distributed before then. Please thank the Image Committee for their hard work on this event and for planning and coordinating the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre event. We hope to do that again.

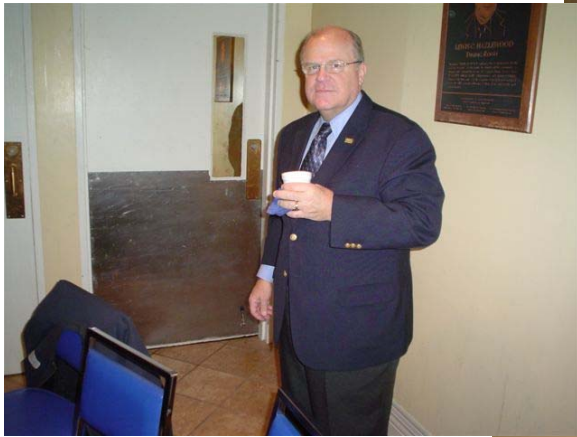
As I continue to advise, it is vital for us to hear about any concerns or recommendations that you have. Therefore, please provide input to the Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council.

As always, your dedication and everything that you do for MTSU, especially in making our Business and Finance Division look good, is most appreciated. Take care this summer.

John



Coffee and Doughnut Break 2006



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Crew Members in the News

Rabon Brandon, Marcus Chandler, Mitchell Williams and Dale Witty (Grounds Services) were recognized by the Noon Exchange Club in Murfreesboro for their ongoing care of and proper display of the U.S. flag. They received the organization's "Proudly We Hail" award.

Ed Carlton (Grounds Services) was featured in an Shelbyville Times-Gazette article regarding his farm and his participation in the Community Supported Agriculture program. Ed grows organic produce and has free range chickens.

James Luter (Grounds Services and Motor Pool) was awarded a jacket from Coach Peterson during the Ground Hog day luncheon recognizing James' "behind the scenes" help.

Carol Rozell (Business Office) was promoted to Director.

Will Pritchett (Procurement Services) will receive his Ed. D. in Education with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from TSU this May.

New Crew Members

Byron Barnes: Parking and Transportation Services

Jay Chalmers: Business Office

Jeff Cogdill: Building Services

Bill Harrell: Building Services

Carl Peaster: Public Safety

Adam Sauer: Receiving and Moving Services

Walter Spain: Public Safety

Amanda Witt: Construction and Renovation Services

Robert Wofford: Public Safety