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New recycle containers are showing up around campus.

## UT Recycles, UT Cares!!

By Sarah Surak

Don't throw away those aluminum cans and plastic bottles! Help decrease pollution, conserve natural resources, and reduce energy use by participating in the UT Recycles, UT Cares Program.

On October 1, UT began a new recycling contract with Alliance Recycling and Waste, Inc, leading to a few changes in the recycling program. Recycling bins around campus now collect two material streams, "all paper" and "aluminum cans and plastic." In any paper recycling bin you can now recycle white paper, mixed paper, newsprint, junk mail, and paper as thick as cereal boxes. Plastic and aluminum recycling bins now collect all aluminum cans and plastics # 1-7 (anything with a lid). To recycle "special materials" such as batteries, ink cartridges, CDs, and computer disks, simply drop off the material in the recycling coordinator's office in Grounds and Building Services. Cardboard collection remains the same.

Need another reason to recycle? You could win a new car! November 15 is America Recycles Day. Sign the America Recycles Day Pledge and you will automatically be entered into a national drawing for prizes such as a new Ford Focus, a weekend for two, and more! Pledge forms are available from Sarah Surak ([recycle@utk.edu](mailto:recycle@utk.edu) or 4-5107) or drop by Grounds and Building Services to fill one out today.

More exciting recycling opportunities are on the way! On November 15 tailgaters for the UT/Mississippi State game will be given the opportunity to recycle their aluminum cans and plastic bottles. If all goes as planned, tailgaters will have the opportunity to recycle at every home football game next year. A lawn waste composting program is also in the early stages of development. For more information about these and other exciting recycling opportunities UT Recycles, UT Cares program contact Sarah Surak.

## To Move, Or Not to Move

We are in the process of putting together a description of what new facilities might look like if we are asked to move out of our existing complex. Anyone interested may look at the programming document in Room 106 of the Facilities Services Building. The proposed new location would be on Stephenson Drive at the location of the remaining Fleming Warehouse. Nothing is known for certain about when, or if, we will be moving.

## Rep View

By Ken (Wolfy) Wolfenbarger

Below is a listing of accomplishments put into effect as policy due to the efforts of the Employee Relations Committee over the past several years:

- **Steel-toed boots bought for the employees**
- **Overtime compensation paid to employees during a holiday week**
- **The inclusion of Memorial Day as an additional annual holiday**
- **Training classes (job-related and non-job related) offered each year to employees**

These are just a few examples of what the Employee Relations Committee have proposed as changes and additions and have seen implemented into the policies of the University.

**We as an Employee Relations Committee are very proud of these accomplishments knowing that the employees we represent have already greatly benefited.**

## Bonds and Our Budget

You may have heard something about this. What it boils down to is that the State has interpreted the State Constitution to deem that budgeted labor for State employees cannot be paid from projects funded with bonds issues. Projects likely to be funded with bonds are projects like new buildings, major renovations, the major steam line work we have been doing, HPER swimming pool renovation, roof replacements, chiller replacements, and similar projects. This means that, in the future, we will have to minimize using our labor on these projects, and will have to rely more on contract labor of some sort. The University administration is trying to get this interpretation revised. In the past, we have had between \$400,000 and \$800,000 labor per year on these projects. In this current fiscal year we have about \$800,000 in labor that has already been spent, and another \$800,000 in labor would be spent if we completed this work with our own folks. We are not sure if we will be reimbursed for the monies already spent.

## Fixtures

Vaughn Monroe and Steve Trewhitt have recently completed 40 years of service with the University, Billy Burger has completed 35, Mike Sherrell has completed 30, and Darrell Lawhorn, Paul (Peanut) Pritchard, and Chuck Silvey have completed 25 years of service. Congratulations and thanks.

## Uniforms

Leo is reporting that the uniform contract will be rebid in the next few weeks. The existing contract runs out in December. Leo is getting a lot of inquiries from companies that have not bid in the past so we are hopeful we will get good bids from new companies, as well as the ones we have used in the past.

## INSURANCE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Keep in mind that insurance enrollment is between October 15, 2003 and November 14, 2003. If you want to make changes, now is the time.

**Facilities Services Vacancies:**

Engineering – Estimator, Mechanical Engineer, Architect, Senior Secretary  
Steam Plant – Mechanic  
Central Supply – Senior Material Control Clerk  
Carpenter Shop – Supervisor, General Superintendent, Cabinetmaker  
Electric Shop – Crafts Assistant  
Preventive Maintenance – Supervisor  
Building Services – Floor Cleaner (2), Custodian (2), Service Aide II (3)  
Grounds – Sr. Hvy. Equip. Operator, Grounds Foreman, Laborer, Lawn Gardner (2)  
Arena – Custodian (4)

**Blue/Orange Blood Drive**

Don't forget the Blue/Orange blood drive the week before the Kentucky game. It is disconcerting that it has been several years since UT has won this worthwhile competition. **MEDIC is in desperate need of blood.** As always, you do not need to use leave time to go to MEDIC to donate.

**Food and Clothing**

Don't forget the Coats for the Cold Campaign and Christmas Baskets these coming holidays. Coats for the Cold will be collected through mid-November and Christmas basket collection will start in late November. We need to remember and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

**Reminder – Lunches with the Executive**

**Director** are scheduled for the last Tuesday in each month from 12 noon until 1:00 PM for folks on first shift, and at 5:30 PM for folks on second shift.

**Movin' Around**

By Jennifer Hatcher

Sherrill Cox – Program Resource Specialist  
John Berczy – Asst. General Maintenance Craft Worker  
Marie Lemons – Custodial Foreman  
Joey Longmire – Grounds Foreman

**Haunts**

Always thought there was something about these folks. Jim McCarter, Paul (Peanut) Pritchard, and Wayne Shoffner share a birthday on 10/31!!! In case you don't get it, that is **HALLOWEEN!!!** They have haunting personalities??? Oh, well. Happy Birthday!!!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Holiday and Closing**

**Schedule:**

Thanksgiving – November 27-28  
Christmas – December 22-26  
New Years – January 1  
Martin Luther King Day – January 19

**Folks A' Movin' On**

(Recent Retirees)

By Jennifer Hatcher

Don Lawson  
Gordon Coward

**Did ya know?**

The Key Shop cuts over 20,000 keys each year, and uses over 150,000 pins (tumblers) each year rekeying doors

**BE SAFE!!!  
EVERYONE IS  
IMPORTANT!!**

**New Faces in Town**

By Jennifer Hatcher

Sarah Surak – Recycling Coordinator  
Robert Crumley – Plumbing Shop  
James Hancock – Plumbing Shop  
James Nipper – Building Services  
Travis Solomon – Building Services  
Nikki Woosley – Preventive Maintenance  
Tracy McCulley – Building Services  
Grace Payne – Building Services  
Joishua Tuggle – Building Services  
Randall Hanson – Building Services  
Jerry Helton – Arena  
Ginger Slusser – Building Services  
Juanita Yates – Building Services  
William Davis – Electric Shop  
Veronica Huff - Administration  
John Palmer - Grounds  
Glon Lanagan – Preventive Maintenance  
Darrell Moore – Building Services  
Charles Traylor – Grounds  
Jesse Cowden – Arena  
Carl Brashears – Electric Shop  
William Wilson – Building Services



Here is a Chip off of some old block from somewhere. Chip Rayman is in Administrative Services. Among other things, Chip is responsible for paying bills, including being sure we get paid.

**SAFETY**

**Lockout/Tagout.** – Be sure to lock out energy sources when working around them.

**Shorts**

UT-Knoxville uses about 87,000,000 cubic feet, or 650,000,000 gallons of water each year. This volume is equivalent to about 1.25 miles in length of the Tennessee River as it passes the Arena.

**Bob Evans and John Parker Memorial**

**Scholarships** have been established to help dependents of Facilities Services employees, retirees, and survivors to defray some of the costs of attending The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Applications for these scholarships are due by February 1 of each year for the following fall semester. See Beth Atkins for applications.

**Scorecard:**

There have been 204 new chargeable projects generated since 7/1/03 at an estimated cost of \$2.7M.  
There have been 78 maintenance projects generated since 7/1/03 at an estimated cost of \$5.3M.  
We currently have 310 open non-maintenance projects on the books with an estimated cost of \$15.4M.