

The Facilitator

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War Dog Memorial – This statue was created to memorialize dogs in military service that gave their lives during World War II. The memorial was originally built a couple of years ago. It was recently relocated to allow for planned expansion of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital. To the left, Carpenter Shop and Grounds folks are putting finishing touches to the concrete finish. TC Fritts is applying the pattern to the concrete while Johnny Moore applies the release agent. To the right is the finished product.

Bonuses

From email from Dr. John Petersen dated 8/19/04

I am pleased to provide you specific information concerning the employee bonuses you learned about several months ago. These special bonus checks will be issued on October 1, 2004, in recognition of your service and dedication to the University. We are most appreciative of the governor and the legislature for providing funds to recognize the efforts of our employees. I am also glad to announce that the University of Tennessee is able to provide additional funding so most of our regular part-time employees can receive bonus payments as well.

Vice President Sylvia Davis has provided the following specifics about the bonus payments:

Both regular full-time and part-time employees will receive a non-recurring (not part of your base pay) bonus based on your number of years of service. To be eligible for the bonus you must be in an active pay status on both August 31 and September 1.

If you normally receive longevity pay, you will receive \$70 for every full year (twelve months) of service completed as of August 31 up to 25 years for a maximum payment of \$1,750. The minimum payment is \$210 regardless of your years of service.

The amount of the bonuses for regular part-time employees who usually don't receive longevity pay are based on years of service regardless of the percent of time worked:

- Employees with 0 - 5 years of regular service receive \$210
- Employees with 6 - 10 years of regular service receive \$315
- Employees with 11 - 20 years of regular service receive \$472
- Employees with 21+ years of regular service receive \$708

Your chief business officers and human resource officers are available to answer your questions. You also can find additional information about the bonus payments at <http://www.tennessee.edu/bonuses>

Retirement System Changes

The State Legislature has approved provisions to allow employees to transfer their retirement from ORP plans to TCRS plans. If you are in ORP, you will be receiving information comparing the benefits from the two plans, and the costs involved in transferring plans. Training sessions will also be made available to explain the costs and benefits involved.

Heart Walk

Many thanks to those that have contributed to the Heart Walk fund. The walk itself is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2004, at 7:00 AM. It is not too late to sign up to walk, or to make a contribution.

If anyone wants to be a regular contributor to this rag, please let Tracy or Terry know what you have in mind. You are needed.

Facilities Services Vacancies:

Engineering – Mechanical Engineer, Drafter
Steam Plant – Steam Plant Trainee, Sr. Steam Plant Mechanic
Central Supply – Material Control Clerk
A/C Shop – Refrig/AC Mechanic, Sheet Metal Worker
Carpenter Shop – Senior Carpenter
Electric Shop – Electrician, Crafts Assistant
Key Shop – Sr. Locksmith
Preventive Maintenance – Maintenance Specialist, Sr. Maintenance Specialist
Bldg Services – Sr. Custodian (2), Service Aide II (3), Floor Cleaner, Coordinator II, Custodian
Grounds – Sr. Truck Driver, Lawn Gardener (2), Laborer (2)

Fixtures

Folks that have been around a while

35 year anniversaries – Larry Shoopman.
25 years – Tom Harbin, Steve Newman, and Willie Smith.
20 years – Jackie Suffridge.
15 years – James McClellan, Gary Phillips, and Carolyn Underwood.
10 years – Dale Fisher and Marie Lemons.
5 years – Jerry Snyder, Mike Underwood, Randy Nicely, Bill Brooks, and Steve Andrews.

New Faces in Town

By Jennifer Hatcher
Lynn Anderson, Carpentry Services
Keandra Carter, President’s Residence
Brandon Cooper, Grounds
Decarlos Jackson, Building Services
Don Lawson, Electric Shop
Thomas Lytle, Carpentry Services
James Martin, Electric Shop
Jennifer McDonald, Building Services
Deterion Parks, Grounds
Dollie Posey, Building Services
Trish Richards, Building Services
Sherri Satterfield, Preventive Maintenance
Victor Smallin, Preventive Maintenance

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Training

Coming attraction – Career Ladder – meetings are just getting underway to design this much needed training.

Future Look!!

We have an artist’s rendering of what a new Facilities Services complex might look like if and when we are relocated to the Fleming Warehouse site. The area would be shared with Parking Services and the Motor Pool. These are in Room 106 in a notebook labeled Facilities Services Program.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday and Closing Schedule:

Labor Day – September 6, 2004
Thanksgiving – November 25-26, 2004
Christmas – December 24-30, 2004
New Years – December 31, 2004

Chuck

Thompson

Award –
Nominations need to be in by 9/3/04.



Steam Plant EPA Tests

As most of you witnessed, the coal fired boilers at the Steam Plant underwent emissions testing during the last week in July. The tests themselves went very smoothly, mostly due to the preparations made by the folks at the Steam Plant and folks from most of the other shops. The actual results of the tests will not be available for several more weeks.

Be Energy & Environmentally Conscious

If you don’t need it, don’t turn it on.
If you are done with it, turn it off.

In fiscal year 2003-04 we expended:
Coal: \$1,380,000
Electricity: \$13,200,000
Water: \$1,100,000
Sewer: \$1,420,000
Natural Gas: \$2,340,000

Movin’ On

By Jennifer Hatcher
Nothing really to report except am hearing talk about Buddy Byson.

Movin’ Around

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Montgomery Seymour to Estimator, Engineering
Edward Jeter to Crafts Asst., Electric Shop
Bill Burger to Service Aide II, Arena

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.

Scorecard

In fiscal year 2003-04 we closed 5,863 charge work orders for a total of \$2.8 million and 8,714 no charge work orders for a total of \$2.2 million.