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PETERSEN VISITS FACILITIES SERVICES

Each year UT President John Petersen makes a tour of the campuses and departments that comprise the University of Tennessee system. On Tuesday, October 7th, Petersen came to Facilities Services for the annual President’s breakfast. Employees gathered in the rear parking lot for coffee, donuts, and remarks from Petersen and Interim Chancellor Jan Simek. A number of employees posed questions to Petersen, on subjects ranging from energy conservation to the search for a permanent chancellor, to most frequently, impending budget cuts and their projected effect on the department.

According to Petersen, a committee of the Board of Trustees entitled “The Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency” has been formed to assess the use of resources throughout the system as cuts are made to programs and operations.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Randall Hanson—11/1
James Martin—11/1
Jackie Summy—11/1
Kenny Miller—11/2
Ali Virtanen—11/4
Tim Tomlinson—11/6
Dustin Webb—11/6
Harry Moore—11/7
Hazel Norris—11/7
Willie Battle—11/8
James Graham—11/8
William Miracle—11/9
Edward Roach—11/10
James Rogers—11/11
Yunni Yang—11/11
Phillip Sise—11/12
Joe Johnson—11/12
Jerry Rutherford—11/15
Bryan Shirk—11/15
Alex Johnson—11/16
Crendel Wees—11/16
Robert Atkins—11/17
Archie Hurst—11/19
Trish Richards—11/19
Johnny Monahan—11/20
Ruby Page—11/20
Jess Perrito—11/20
Ernest Harbin—11/21
Randy Longmire—11/21
Harvey Mahan—11/21
Lester Carver—11/23
Christian McDaniel—11/23
Ackron Porter—11/23
Anthony Sharp—11/25
Kevin Garland—11/26
Phillip Keener—11/26
Dennis Lee—11/26
Larry Noe—11/26
Paula Click—11/29
Angela Jones—11/29
Kristina Shermer—11/29
Brian Howe—11/30
Pedro Berenguer-Torres—11/30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jarvis Hines—12/1
Mickey Walker—12/1
Terry Mioelen—12/2
Tommy Oakley—12/2
Mary Saffell—12/2
David Tallent—12/2
Stuart Mitchell—12/4
John Williams—12/4
Kevin Jolly—12/6
Gary Nichols—12/7
Jonathan Parigan—12/7
Jeffrey Monger—12/9
John Dorado—12/11
Teresa Harrison—12/11
Michael Day—12/12
John Beeler—12/13
Luther Holloway—12/14
Charles Meredith—12/14
Sherri Satterfield—12/14
Leon Cannon—12/15
Albert Davis—12/15
Timothy Brooks—12/17
Barry Mitchell—12/17
Randall Nicley—12/19
David Duncan—12/21
Ronald Kidd—12/21
Edmond Warren—12/22
John Helton—12/23
Edward Jeter—12/23
Kenneth Keck—12/23
Clarence Bowles—12/24
David Crigger—12/25
Chris Mabe—12/25
Mary Jo Shermer—12/25
Christopher Smith—12/25
Lynn Anderson—12/27
George Cleverenger—12/27
Wes Willoughby—12/28
Jason Cottrell—12/29
Edward McDaniel—12/29
Daryl Roe—12/29
Monte Seymour—12/29
Robert Underwood—12/29

GREEN TIP:

Open curtains and blinds during the day to warm your rooms and fill them with natural light. Close window shades in the evening to prevent heat from escaping. This is a great way to heat your home or office, keep your plants happy, and stay positive and energized, all without spending a dime!
A FAMILIAR FACE HEADS SOUTH

Johnny Branum, a supervisor in the Preventive Maintenance area of Facilities Services, will retire on December 31st after 40 years with the university, where he has worked since 1969.

As a P/M supervisor Branum is involved in everything from building maintenance and operations to event planning and orchestration. He was instrumental in the recent Switch Your Thinking energy conservation campaign’s kickoff press conference. At the event, Branum was tasked with coordinating 12 Preventive Maintenance employees as they simultaneously shut off electrical breakers to create a “blackout” effect in Stokely Management Center. The event was a success and received coverage on all three major news networks as well as in the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Following retirement Branum and his wife, Linda, plan to spend time in Florida with their daughter and two grandchildren.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Retiring
Jerry Atkins—Senior Heavy Equipment Operator, Care of Grounds
Larry Baker—Senior Carpenter, Carpentry Services
Johnny Branum—Supervisor, Preventive Maintenance
Harlan Kinkead—Craft Supervisor, Lock & Key Services
Steve Trewhitt—Senior Drafter, Engineering Services

New Faces
Gunaranjan Arepalli—Care of Grounds
April Beard—Building Services
Rita Clark—Athletics
Mary Davis—Building Services
Thyson Gray—Athletics
Edward Hibbert—Preventive Maintenance
Howard Ruiz-Hidalgo—Athletics
John Logan—Care of Grounds
Kimberly Mink—Engineering

Brenda Mitchell—Athletics
Sean Riccio—Athletics
James Rogers—Arena
Jonathan Taylor—Athletics
Edmond Warren—Air Conditioning
Christopher Williams—Building Services

Promotions
Brian Beeler—Senior Carpenter
Chris Cook—Service Aide II
Roy Elder—Service Aide II
Tim Hanson Jr.—Service Aide II
Wesley Hinshaw—Cabinet Shop Foreman
Cassidy Lionheart—Service Aide II
Perry Luttrell—Service Aide II
Larry Stalans—Welder

Transfers
Wanda Case—Athletics to Building Services
Brenda Mitchell—Athletics to Building Services

VACANCIES

Estimator—Engineering
Electronics Technician—Steam Plant
Assistant General Maintenance Craft Worker—Steam Plant
Senior Steam Plant Operator—Steam Plant
Craft Assistant I—Carpentry Services
Painter I—Carpentry Services
Carpenter—Carpentry Services
Cabinetmaker—Carpentry Services
Senior Electrician—Electrical Services
Line Installer/Mechanic—Electrical Services
Craft Supervisor III—Electrical Services
Senior Craft Specialist I—Lock & Key Services

Senior Plumbing & Heating Specialist—Plumbing & Heating Services
Maintenance Specialist—Preventive Maintenance
Custodial Foreman—Building Services
Service Aide I (7)—Building Services
Service Aide II (4)—Building Services
Senior Truck Drive—Care of Grounds
Heavy Equipment Operator—Care of Grounds
General Maintenance Skilled Craft Worker—P/M (D)
Custodial Foreman—P/M (Arena)
Service Aide II (5)—P/M (Arena)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.”

- Unknown
Senior drafter Steve Trewhitt has finally worked himself to the bone! After 45 years of service to the university, culminating in winning the annual Chuck Thompson Award and receiving an official proclamation signed by Senators Jamie Woodson and Ron Ramsey, Trewhitt was looking forward to retirement. However, he has returned to engineering services on a part-time basis to continue work on ongoing projects. Congratulations, Steve! Keep that chin up.