

THE FACILITATOR

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NEW AVC, SUPERINTENDENT HIRED

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Dave Irvin and Gordon Nelson recently accepted positions with the Facilities Services Department. Dave has been named Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services and will begin on October 3. Gordon is the new General Superintendent for Building Services, and he began work on August 22.

Dave Irvin has more than thirty years of experience in university facilities and maintenance. He is currently Associate Vice President for Plant Operations at the University of Houston and Associate Vice Chancellor for Plant Operations for the university system. In this role, he serves as the university architect and manages maintenance, planning, and construction for the multi-campus operation, which includes 450 facilities personnel who oversee 140 buildings for more than 41,000 students.

Dave has extensive knowledge of and experience with master planning, sustainability, and LEED-standard building as well as emergency preparedness. He led emergency response and extensive rebuilding efforts after Tropical Storm Allison and Hurricane Ike caused extensive damage to the University of Houston's facilities.

Like Dave, Gordon Nelson is a seasoned professional with over 30 years of experience in facilities operations and management. In seven years as Director of Property Management at the University of Maine, Gordon oversaw over \$90 million in housing and dining facility renovations. In addition, Gordon is a Registered Executive Housekeeper and is knowledgeable in emergency preparedness, H1N1, MRSA, pest control and time studies.

Prior to joining the University of Maine, Gordon served as Director of Facilities Management at the Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida. He served as the university's primary contact for the design and construction of its Tampa Campus. Gordon has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University.

Please take a moment to welcome Gordon and Dave to the department!

AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT BY SEPT. 16

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

- Unknown

Do you work with someone with at least 10 years of service to the university who demonstrates exceptional dedication to their job on a regular basis? Then nominate him or her for a Chuck Thompson Award!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Thompson, son and daughter-in-law of former Assistant Director Charles F. (Chuck) Thompson, have established a \$15,000 endowment with the University. The income from this endowment is used to make two annual cash incentive awards for non-exempt employees of the Facilities Services Department.

Nominating forms for these awards are available from the secretary in your work area. The forms are also available from Beth Atkins in room 208. All forms must be turned in to Leo Pedigo in room 107 by **5:00 pm on Friday, September 16, 2011.**

The first Chuck Thompson Awards presentation was made in 1998. Facilities employees nominate their colleagues, and recipients are chosen by a committee of Facilities Services and UT Athletics staff.

The awards will be made in late October or early November.

Facilities Services is full of dedicated employees who don't always get the recognition they deserve. This is your chance to voice your opinion about the best and brightest among us!

NEW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UNVEILED



The UT Knoxville Campus Master Plan was approved by the UT Board of Trustees in June 2011. The plan defines current and future facility needs. It serves as a guide for future capital

improvements for the main UT Knoxville and the Institute of Agriculture campuses.

The plan calls for increased green space, including a grand mall, and a more pedestrian-friendly campus. To do that, the plan recommends building

more densely in some areas (including the renovation and expansion of Strong Hall - see figure to the left) and moving most vehicular traffic and key parking structures to the perimeter of campus.

For more information about the Campus Master Plan visit <http://masterplan.utk.edu>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

September

Glover, Donald - 9/1
 Underwood, Carolyn - 9/2
 Cannon, Richard - 9/2
 Bennett, Gordie - 9/3
 Gann, William - 9/3
 McDonald, Judy - 9/3
 Burch, Brian - 9/4
 Coward, Ted - 9/4
 Furbush, Theresa - 9/4
 Tackett, Emily - 9/4
 Bayless Jr, Guy - 9/5
 Bales, Darrell - 9/7
 McMahan, Brenda - 9/7
 McDonald Jr., Charles - 9/8
 Ogle, Douglas - 9/8
 Fisher, Thomas - 9/10
 Lett III, Millard - 9/11
 Patterson, Britton - 9/11
 Baker, Charles - 9/11
 Newman, Joe - 9/12
 French, Marty - 9/14
 Cox, Sherrill - 9/15
 Godfrey, Travis - 9/15
 Brown, Ethel - 9/16
 Wagner, Mark - 9/16
 Martin, Brandon - 9/16
 Morris, Christopher - 9/17

Spangler, Johnny - 9/17
 Watkins, Joseph - 9/17
 Lane, Kenny - 9/17
 Musselman, Michael - 9/18
 Reno, James - 9/19
 Lanagan, Glon - 9/19
 Adams, Ronald - 9/19
 Sothen, Julia - 9/19
 Foltz, Shelia - 9/20
 Wolfenbarger, Kenneth - 9/20
 Hanley, Everett - 9/20
 Anderson, Thomas - 9/21
 Patton, John - 9/21
 Hastie, James - 9/21
 Messamore, William - 9/21
 Shultz, Tami - 9/21
 Hayes, Lisa - 9/22
 Luttrell, Carlos - 9/24
 Underwood Jr., Michael - 9/25
 Johnson, Garret - 9/25
 Knight, Scott - 9/25
 Ford, Mark - 9/25
 Clevenger Jr., George - 9/26
 Hileman, David - 9/27
 King, Barbara - 9/27
 Williams, Evelyn - 9/28
 Gibson, Ronald - 9/28
 Lewis, Joseph - 9/29

Byrd, Marqetia - 9/30
 Hanson Sr., Timothy - 9/30

October

Hash, Paul - 10/3
 Hill, Alan - 10/3
 Baker, Terry - 10/4
 Mace, Tamika - 10/4
 Ownby, Nathan - 10/6
 Tackett, Michael - 10/7
 Maples, Edward - 10/8
 Matthews, Timothy - 10/8
 Cannon, Seth - 10/8
 Tezak, Arthur - 10/9
 Grant, Troy - 10/9
 Hoose, Paul - 10/9
 Garbacz, David - 10/10
 Dykes, Robert - 10/10
 Llewellyn Jr., Eugene - 10/10
 Webb, Samuel - 10/11
 Williams, Chris - 10/11
 Mills, Claude - 10/12
 Holbert, Daniel - 10/12
 Lethco, Jerry - 10/12
 Williams, Tracy - 10/13
 Nichols, Michael - 10/14
 Larmer, Vicki - 10/16
 Price, Jay - 10/16
 Long, Jonathan - 10/17

Blair, Paula - 10/18
 Click, George - 10/19
 Moyers, Sheri - 10/19
 Cox, Ronald - 10/19
 Hensley, Danny - 10/20
 Moyers, Steven - 10/20
 Wren, Gladys - 10/20
 Abernathy, Dale - 10/21
 Fike, Melvin - 10/21
 Cain, Larry - 10/21
 Britt, Sandra - 10/21
 Hurt, Jessica - 10/22
 Smith, Travis - 10/22
 Bryant, Robert - 10/22
 Elder, Stanley - 10/25
 Jaeger, Matthew - 10/25
 Lewis, John - 10/26
 Willingham, Linda - 10/26
 Weaver Jr., Edgar - 10/26
 Elder, Austin - 10/27
 Trece, Justin - 10/28
 Farmer, John - 10/30
 McCarter, James - 10/31

TVA, KUB PARTNERSHIP TO RESULT IN ENERGY ROADMAP

In partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), UT Knoxville has agreed to develop a long-term plan to enhance campus energy efficiency and energy management.

TVA's EnergyRight Solutions for Business program will work with Facilities Services and others from the Knoxville campus to create a 10-year strategic energy roadmap, setting targets for electricity demand reduction and annual energy savings. The plan could become a blueprint for energy management programs at other colleges and universities.

"We look forward to working with TVA and KUB on a 10-year energy management plan to enhance our energy and cost reduction efforts and lessen the overall impact of our operations," UT Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek said.

"TVA's resources in the energy efficiency arena, coupled with UTK's willingness to embark on this ambitious effort, will create a unique opportunity for all of us to learn more about how institutions can become more energy efficient," said KUB President and CEO Mintha Roach.

SAVE THE DATE: 2011 FALL FESTIVAL

The 34th annual Autumn in Knoxville fall festival is right around the corner. Hosted by Human Resources, the festival will occur on **Friday, September 30 from 11:30 am until 3 pm** at the TRECS complex on the Knoxville campus.

This annual employee appreciation event always draws several thousand UT staff and faculty from all over the Knoxville area. As in years past, the festival will feature music, food, games, and prizes. Come watch your co-workers "butcher" long-forgotten karaoke songs!

FACILITIES FEE INCREASE TO FUND UPGRADES

The UT Board of Trustees has approved an increase to the facilities fee that students pay. The fee will be raised from \$70 to \$270 a year and generate approximately \$4.8 million per year. The University will use the additional money to more aggressively update and repair classrooms and renovate laboratories. It also could provide a source of funds for construction projects.

Of the 220 buildings on the Knoxville campus, more than 30 percent are 50 years old or older. In addition, campus has about \$200 million of deferred maintenance currently on the state list. These are "big ticket" items with price tags of \$1 million or more.

According to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, campus needs to grow by as much as 870,000 square feet - or, the equivalent of five large science buildings - to meet current needs.

The campus administration plans to establish a committee of faculty, staff and students to recommend how the extra facilities fee money should be spent. The committee may also help decide whether to use cash or bonds to pay for selected projects.

Last year, student leaders indicated to Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Chris Cimino and Vice Chancellor for Student Life Tim Rogers that they want new and improved classrooms and labs, as well as a greater say in prioritizing facilities fee projects.

GREEN TIP: PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

Please follow these tips to reduce stormwater pollution:

- Pick up after pets
- Compost yard waste
- Wash cars in lawn or carwash (not driveway)
- No dumping down storm drains
- Use a rain barrel

For more information call Knox County Stormwater Management at 865-215-5540. Thanks for helping to Make Orange Green!

VACANCIES AS OF 7/6/11

Jobs Currently Advertised:

Admin Support Assistant III - Administration
 Construction Projects Crd - Architecture & Engineering
 Engineer II - Capital Projects Mgmt
 Sr Steam Plant Operator - Steam Plant
 Asst Gen Maint Craft Worker - Steam Plant
 Electrical & Electronics Tech - Steam Plant
 Steam Plant Mechanic - Steam Plant
 Sr. Material Control Clerk - Administrative Services
 Control Specialist II - Air Conditioning Services
 Painter - Carpentry Services
 Electrician I - Electrical Services (2 positions)
 Electrician Foreman - Electrical Services
 Service Assistant I - Preventive Maintenance
 Service Aide II - Building Services (3 positions)
 Service Aide I - Building Services (4 positions)
 Truck Driver I - Building Services (2 positions)
 Custodial Foreman - Building Services

Lawn Aide I - Grounds/Transfer & Hauling
 Craft Specialist II - Preventive Maintenance (Dining)
 Sr. Maintenance Worker - Preventive Maintenance (Arena)
 Service Aide II - Preventive Maintenance (Arena)
 Maintenance Specialist - Preventive Maintenance (Athletics)
 Service Aide II - Preventive Maintenance (Athletics; 5 positions)

For more information contact HR - Employment:

221 Conference Center Building
 Knoxville, Tennessee 37996
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KUDOS & MILESTONES

YOUR BI-MONTHLY "FIX" OF FACILITIES NEWS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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Construction Coordinator **Kathy Herd** and Accounting Specialist II **Jennifer Hatcher** have retired. Thank you both for your many years of service to UT and best wishes in retirement!



SWITCHGEAR TO BE INSTALLED

As part of ongoing improvements to the electrical distribution system, a state-of-the-art high voltage electrical substation is under construction on Laurel Avenue. This substation will be a new incoming service point for the campus that will receive power from a new KUB substation being built on Dale Avenue.

What makes the substation unique is it will be equipped with gas insulated switchgear (GIS) with isophase design. This makes it virtually impossible for a short circuit to occur internal to the switchgear. Because of this the reliability of the gear is greatly enhanced and the switchgear is the safest in the world to operate.

Considerable attention was given to the architectural design of the substation building in which this gear will be housed. The safety and compactness of the switchgear makes it possible to locate the equipment inside a relatively small building. The design team took care to ensure that the building, intended to mimic the look of a historic "carriage house", blends in with the architecture of the Fort Sanders neighborhood.

SEPTEMBER 2011 EVENTS

OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Home football							1 Home football
4	5 Labor Day Holiday	6 	7	8	9	10 Home football	2	3	4 	5	6	7 1st Session ends (students)	8 Home football
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10 2nd Session ends (students)	11	12	13	14	15 Home football
18	19	20 	21	22	23	24	16	17	18 	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29 Fall Break (students; thru 9/30)	30 		23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Home football
							30	31 					

= Biweekly staff pay day

= Monthly staff pay day