# Can Do News

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MTSU Finance and Administration



### Vance Akin III

December 29, 1938—January 27, 2008

Mentor... Friend... True Blue Raider... Encourager... Hero...

Man of God







"Vance represents all that is good at Middle Tennessee State University. He walked the walk and talked the talk. He served as a constant reminder of Christ's love. He prayed for many and served many more. Vance's impact will never leave this campus. He was not the president, a vice president, or a dean, but his works are countless. It is my hope and faith that the work of this great man will continue in the bodies, minds, and spirits of each person that walks on our beautiful, wonderful campus. He loved Middle Tennessee State University and everyone that he met. We should follow his lead!"

~Ben Jones

#### Something to remember about Vance:

"Vance always had his tongue hanging out on the side of his face when he was up to something! Vance also loved the Lord and he would share these feelings with you."

~Mary Glass

#### Message from the VP, John W. Cothern

Although the spring semester is well underway, I want to say happy New Year and hope that you had an enjoyable and safe time off during the holidays. I am thankful that we have not had any major weather problems that seem to affect our operations.

Spring semester enrollment is up. That is good for now as long as the numbers do not create too many challenges. As always though, please be sure to thank our students for making MTSU their university of choice.

If you have not already, be sure to read President McPhee's January 2008 News and Information from the President message that can be found on the MTSU website. It is very informative and covers many projects that involve the Can Do Crew.

As you will note in our Newsletter, several Business and Finance Division activities are being planned for this spring. Your participation would be much appreciated.

Your support of the Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council, by providing input, will be greatly appreciated. We need to hear about any concerns or recommendations that you have.

It is still too early to know about any new budget funding and salary increases. We must wait to see what Governor Bredesen proposes and the legislature approves. MTSU does need significant fund increases for operating, and new salary funding is always welcomed. You may be aware, as well, that we could receive \$115,000,000 in capital project funding during this year's legislative session for construction of the new science building. MTSU received \$15,000,000 two years ago for the planning and design and for construction of a new chiller on the south side of campus.

Thank you for your support and for being a Business and Finance Can Do Crew member.

## Help Change Our I mage...

#### **NEW SLOGAN CONTEST**

Deadline: March 23, 2008

**Departmental Contest:** 

Use your creative side to come up with a new division slogan to take the place of "CAN DO CREW."

You don't want to miss out on this contest!!!

Look for e-mails to follow...

Coffee and Doughnut Break













#### **Crew Members in the Community**

## NAACP names Glass "Humanitarian of Year"

Congratulations to Mary Glass on this award. Mary is very dedicated to her work at MTSU and to her other job responsibilities. Mary has been named this year's recipient of the Jerry Anderson/ Humanitarian Award by the Murfreesboro and MTSU chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She was honored at the organization's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Brunch at MTSU's James Union Building on January 12. We would all like to say CONGRATULATIONS, MARY!!!!

Mary Glass (Business Office) has also been named one of this year's honorees at the MTSU Unity Luncheon.

**Congratulations** to **Travis Emore** who is the new manager of the Tennessee Miller Coliseum! Travis has worked in the Livestock Center for five years and is also a graduate of MTSU.

**Congratulations** to **Becky Bussell** for being named the new bursar in the Business Office!

**Congratulations** to **Matt Garrison** (Business Office) for passing the CPS exam!

Congratulations to Vicki Mooneyham (Bookstore) who became a proud Grandmother to a sweet little girl named Madelyn Ryne on January 21, 2008 (7 lbs. 14oz. 19 1/2" long).

#### We would like to Welcome our new Can Do Crew members

Stephen Busbee **Murphy Center** 

**Heather Hayes** 

**Construction/Renovation Services** 

Natalie Hill **Business Office** 

**Bobby Hicks Murphy Center** 

Elizabeth Magill **Murphy Center** 

**Kristen Smalley Public Safety** 

Caroline Scudder **Business Office** 

#### **Highlights of the Holiday Dinner Theater**







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