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MTSU Finance and Administration

Patricia Forman December 1, 1956 – November 4, 2008

Patricia Forman was an Accounts Clerk 3, with Accounting Services from November 2001 until the time of her death. Ben Jones stated, "Patricia was a diligent, conscientious employee who cared for others. Her unique sense of humor brought smiles to the office. She often encouraged student workers and gave treats to them for a job well done. She will be greatly missed." Patricia was survived by her husband, Matthew Forman, and daughter, Fawn Hawpetoss. A private memorial service was held. Her family has our condolences.

Chester D. Bogle June 15, 1939 – November 3, 2008

Chester Bogle worked in the heating plant from August, 1979 until December, 1994 and returned to the university in January, 1996 until his retirement in June, 2005. Mr. Bogle returned to the university in February, 2006 as temporary help until the date of his death. He was a dedicated employee who accumulated over twenty years of service to the university during his years of employment. He is survived by two step-daughters, Valerie Teal and Susan Stewart. His family has our condolences.

Chili Cook Off

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, several members of the Business & Finance division and their families and friends got together to see who had the best chili. The weather was perfect for chili, sunny but cool, and everyone was excited about the football game and all the Homecoming activities. There was six entrants in the Chili Cook Off, Ed Carlton, Facilities Maintenance, Gerald Caudill, Building Services, Anne Maples-Vaught, Campus Planning, Li Lui, Business Office, Kelli Higginbotham, Event Coordination, and Jamie Brewer, Campus Planning. Since the event was held on the same day as the Homecoming Celebrations there were many people that were willing and eager to sample the entrants' chili. When all the votes were counted Jamie Brewer was declared the winner.

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Jamie Brewer, Campus Planning, with Ed Carlton, Facilities Maintenance. Jamie won the Business & Finance Division Chili Cook Off on November 8, 2008.



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Letter from John Cothorn Vice President Business and Finance

I hope everyone had a happy New Year and enjoyable time off during the holidays.

Spring semester will soon be underway and enrollment looks to be up. With our many budget challenges that will be a good thing. As I know you do, please be sure to thank our students for making MTSU their university.

You should be sure to read President McPhee's January 2009 News and Information message that can soon be found on the MTSU website. Just as his recent campus wide messages have advised on budget issues, it should provide the latest information available on budget reductions and planning. It will also provide updates on many projects that involved the Can Do Crew.

I hope you were able to attend one of President McPhee's Public Forums on the budget reductions and made a suggestion. The Work Groups that he appointed are on the fast track to get recommendations to him. MTSU is facing a state appropriation reduction of at least \$11 million and possibly more than \$19 million. Increased students fees will not be large enough to fully cover the reduction. Therefore, budget cuts will be needed as we have already done twice this fiscal year. New budget strategies to increase revenues and how we do business will also be taking place. You will be updated as soon and as often as possible on what will be done. Unfortunately layoffs may be part of what has to take place.

Especially with the current budget situation, your support is more than ever needed and appreciated as well as your continued support for the Image Committee and the Business and Finance Council. We need to hear about your concerns and recommendations.

Do not forget to participate in the Business and Finance Division activities noted in this Newsletter.

Thanks for being a Business and Finance Can Do Crew member.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join us Thursday January 22, 2009 Can Do Crew Doughnuts and Coffee at either

6am until 7am Hazelwood Dining Room JUB

8am until 9:30am Hazelwood Dining Room JUB

Also, there will be a survey available for you to list ideas and suggestions for the Image Committee. Complete the survey to be eligible for a door prize.

Please come and enjoy the doughnuts and coffee and visit with your peers.



Business and Finance Employees Appreciation Day coming in May 2009.

[Please be watching for more details.](#)

We are looking into other possible events; any suggestion for possible events is appreciated.

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Welcome New Employees

Lisa Lynch, Business Office

Jerah Richards, Public Safety

Joey Fabiano, Public Safety

John Blair, Public Safety

Ann-Marie Toombs, Parking Services

Mark Fults, Shuttle Bus

Promotions

Congratulations to Kim Rednour (Public Safety) on her promotion to Police Officer 1.

Congratulations to Theresa Toy (Parking Services) on her promotion to Office Supervisor.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Cindy (Parking Services) Brown on the birth of her grandson, Camron Isaiah Koepfgen, born on December 29, 2008.

Congratulations to Ben (Accounting Services) and Helon Jones on the birth of their son, Kaixin (Kai) Walter Jones, born on October 10, 2008.

Congratulations to Quintina (Event Coordination) and Trent Burton on the birth of their daughter, Tristyn Layla Burton, born on October 4, 2008.

Congratulations to Teresa (Grounds Services) and Patrick (Facility Maintenance) Isbell on the birth of their second grandson, Asher Michael Laxson, September 24, 2008.

Marriages

Congratulations to Ann (Rutland), Business and Finance Services, on her marriage to Bill Payne, November 20, 2008. New email annpayne@mtsu.edu

Congratulations to Shana (Risinger), Tennessee Miller Coliseum, on her marriage to Patrick Miller, November 1, 2008. New email samiller@mtsu.edu

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Office Relocations

Several staff members in the Business Office have relocated and have a new name. Business and Finance Services is now located in Cope Administration Building (CAB) 211. The individuals in this new location include:

Mike Gower, Associate Vice President Business and Finance

Alan Thomas, Controller

Ann Payne, Accounting Manager

Carol Rozell, Director of Financial Systems

Martha Slaybaugh, Executive Secretary

Cynthia Taylor, Account Clerk III

Sarah Garner, Clerk/Typist

Retirements

Congratulations to Ken Bow (Phillips Bookstore) on his retirement after 39 years of service.

Congratulations to James Richardson (Custodial Services) on his retirement after 12 years of services.

Conferences

Judy Holt, Jeff Whitwell, Kristie Gilley, Melisa Warner, and Vicki Pitts (Phillips Bookstore) attended the National Association of College Stores in Chattanooga, Tennessee recently.

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Business and Finance Staff Council

The following is a list of current members of the Business and Finance Staff Council. Please contact them via e-mail (preferred) or telephone with questions or concerns to be addressed during their monthly meetings.

Name	E-mail	Department	Extension
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Business and Finance Division Years of Service

Congratulations to the following employees for their years of service to the university.

10 Years of Service

Reather Arnold (Parking Services), Ben Coman (Public Safety), Charles Fitch (Distribution), Matt Foster (Public Safety), Penny Hall (TN Miller Coliseum), Linda Hardymon (Facilities Services), Sherri Justice (Business Office), Mike Patrick (Public Safety), Zackie Sanderson (Business

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Office), Donald Smith (Custodial Services), Kim Taylor (Human Resource Services), Darrell Towe (Murphy Center Operation), Sherry York (Vehicle Operation)

15 Years of Service

Benny Barrett (Murphy Center Operation), Jennifer Coppinger (Budget and Financial Planning Office), David Feagans (Custodial Services), David Gray (Facilities Services), Ann Sparks (Facilities Services), Melisa Warner (Phillips Bookstore)

20 Years of Service

Cindy Camp (Human Resource Services), Darrell Collins (Public Safety), Bruce Currie (TN Miller Coliseum), Janet Dutton (Phillips Bookstore), Demetra Majors (Procurement Services), Robert Tittle (Ground Services)

25 Years of Service

Janice Benson (Office of Senior Vice President), Dean Daniel (Business Office), Yvonne Dunaway (Murphy Center Custodial), Nina Endsley (Business Office), Debbie Givens (Human Resource Services), Jeff Henderson (Energy Services), Nina Lee (Procurement Services), Vicki Pitts (Phillips Bookstore)

30 Years of Service

Donna Reed (Business Office)

Remember you can anonymously send suggestions to the President's Strategic Workgroups about potential efficiencies and conservation of university resources. You can make any suggestions at the following web site: <http://www.mtsu.edu/strategic/suggestions.shtml>