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***Palmer's Piece***

Welcome to another school year! Your TACRAO Board of Directors is gearing up for this year's **Annual Meeting and Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee on November 15 thru the 17.** Our theme this year is, "*On the Ball.*" Be on the lookout for more details to "roll out" on the web-site soon!

Remember that we all need a little break from the hectic schedules we have! This is a perfect time to get

away and get connected with other members of TACRAO! The TACRAO Conference is designed and conducted for you by you, the members! Here are some of the suggested conference session topics: campus tour development and improvement, graduate student workshop, leadership, registrar issues and topics, new admission recruiter session, transfer student options and information,

FERPA for beginners and advanced, differences between high school and college disabilities, financial aid basics for admissions and registrars, stress management, effective communication with parents, students, and guidance counselors, NCAA-rules and regulations for all types of institutions, retention, and adult student recruitment. I hope to see each of you at the conference in Knoxville in November!



**Brenda's Corner . . .**

Another year and another summer gone! So many exciting things are happening across the state of Tennessee both with public

and private higher education institutions. A great way to share your news, concerns and questions is at the TACRAO Annual Conference! If you are new to the Association or it's been awhile since you've last attended the

TACRAO Annual Conference, you may be eligible for the TAMS (TACRAO Annual Meeting Scholarship.) Be looking for the information very soon! Have a great school year and let us hear from you!

## “You Are Such a Registrar If . . .” by Janice Choate

\*You enjoy working long hours and weekends!

\*You can use such terms as FERPA, IPEDS and Solomon Amendment with authority.

\*You attend AACRAO, SACRAO, TACRAO and Summit in the same year!

\*You actually understand how to compute a lottery GPA.

\*You can register a student, explain



to adjust their schedule to correct deficiencies.

a policy and produce a transcript with one hand tied behind your back!

\*You can actually get the faculty to turn their grades in on time.

\*You can clear potential graduates in time for them

\*You can pre-register the entire student body in one week without human intervention.

\*You can find meeting places for all the courses submitted by departments without having to employ Nashville Tent and Awning.

\*But most importantly, you love students enough to do whatever it takes for their success!

(Thanks to Tim for inspiring this article!)

## Summer Admissions Workshop

The 2006 Summer Admissions Workshop was held at Fall Creek Falls State Park on July 17 and July 18.

Several colleges and universities sent their new and veteran admissions staff for fellowship, professional development and fun!

Mona Snell, the University of Memphis's Regional Recruitment Officer for Middle Tennessee was a key presenter.

Workshop participants were able to share ideas and information related to their jobs in Admissions and Recruitment.



## East Tennessee Support Staff Workshop from Jim McDaniel

On Friday, July 21, the TACRAO East Support Staff Workshop was held in Athens, Tennessee.

Approximately 52 attendees from 12 colleges and universities including five private schools arrived at Tennessee Wesleyan College for the morning sessions. The workshop began with a presentation from Carl McDaniel, East

Tennessee TEMA Area Coordinator.

The session included an overview of TEMA's rules and responsibilities in relation with each counties local emergency management agencies. Mr. McDaniel also stressed the importance of each office obtaining, reading and practicing their colleges/universities emergency plan. The work-

shop continued with the breakout table top discussions in the areas of Admissions and Records.

The afternoon sessions included a change in location to the historic Keith Mansion in downtown Athens. At the mansion, the attendees were treated to a buffet luncheon and a tour.

The final session of the workshop was held at the mansion where Jill Robbins from Tennessee Wesleyan College did a presentation on Healthy Living.

Ms. Robbins presented a fun session with helpful tips on healthy eating choices. The day ended with door prizes and group photos!

## Kendrick's Kudos!

- **Priscilla Gitschlag:** Started August 7 at Pellissippi State, as an Admissions Coordinator. She is previously from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- **Melissa Ripley:** Melissa has been named as Director of Operations for Admissions at Tusculum College!
- **Janet Velazquez:** Congrats to her and her family on the birth of her second child, Rose Elysia Velazquez on April 5, 2006.
- **Connie Bass:** Recently Purchased a new house! Congrats to you and the new home!
- **Scott McDonald:** It is with much sadness that Scott McDonald has left APSU to be the Director of Admissions at Texas A and M. Congrats Scott! We will miss you but we are so proud!
- **Vanessa Palmer:** Named the Assistant Director of Admissions at Tennessee Tech!
- **Bobby Hodum:** Named the executive Director of Enrollment Management at Tennessee Tech!
- **Alexis Pope:** New Admissions counselor at Tennessee Tech! He will be working and recruiting students from East Tennessee (Knoxville to Bristol).
- **Makeba Webb:** APSU Admissions Counselor, purchased a new home! Congrats to you Makeba!

## "Harper's Bizarre and Other Oddities"

Did you know . . .

- Only 1 person in 2 Billion will live to be 116 years old?
- In its ancient form, the carrot was purple not orange!
- Nicole Kidman has a morbid fear of butterflies!?
- Harry S. Truman was the last U.S. President with no college de-

gree.

- 40% of women have hurled footwear at a man! Yikes!
- Men laugh longer, louder, and more OFTEN than women. . . laugh it up ladies! It's good for your heart!
- The average child will eat 1, 500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches by

the time he/she graduates high school.

- It takes a drop of ocean water more than 1, 000 years to circulate around the world!

## Sudoku

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

8		2	6		5			
9	4		2					
		6		1	8		7	
6				9		2		
		7	5	6	2	3		
		3		8				6
	3		1	2		6		
					6		2	9
			7		4	8		3

Got something to share?

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