



SUMMER 2006

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Brenda's Corner

Welcome to the beginnings of a great summer! I know most of you are busy with registration and new student orientation, but let us stop for a minute to think about those who have impacted TACRAO.

On April 2, 2006 W. O. Johnson, Columbia State's first Director of Admissions and Records and the first director of admissions and records appointed by the State of Tennessee on April

1, 1966, for the Tennessee Community College System, passed away.

Mr. Johnson retired from Columbia State in December 1992. The original admissions and records office located in the Pryor Administration Building was named in honor of Mr. Johnson on January 30, 1997. W.O. Johnson was TACRAO Secretary/Treasurer in 1970 and according to Sharon Bowen at Co-

lumbia State, he was "a "man for all seasons" and a true pioneer in Admissions & Records. Our continued prayers to his family.



Tips for the Summer . . .

Wanna beat the heat? Here are some tips as reported by the American Red Cross for safety in the sun!

Dress for the heat! Wearing white reflects the sun's rays and keeps your body

temperature down. Wearing a hat can also keep your head cool. Apply sunscreen liberally every forty five minutes, making sure that the first application is done thirty minutes prior to going outdoors. If you can avoid soft

drinks—then do it! Drink lots of water and stay in doors during the hottest part of the day.

Need an excuse to beat the heat? Take some time off of work and relax by the pool with a good book!

Registrar's Roundtable *by Janice Choate*



The 2006 annual Registrars' Roundtable was held June 12 on the campus of Lipscomb University. The sixteen attendees represented ten schools:

four public, six private, two two-year schools and eight four-year schools. This year attendance was held down primarily due to required Banner conversion training. (During the meeting references to the "B-word" were purposely held to a minimum!) Hopefully, next year more people will be able to attend. Those who came were treated to continental breakfast

then a session on relaxation therapy by Dale Jenkins, hypnotist. Mr. Jenkins has used hypnosis to aid many people in learning to relax the mind and body completely. Registrars are usually in very stressful circumstances, so this was a delightfully restful experience. We all felt relaxed for the rest of the day due to the post-hypnotic suggestion.

The relaxing morning session and a wonderful luncheon, sponsored by Jostens, was followed by Registrar "401": The Hard Things About Being a Registrar. Some of those "things" identified were: conflict resolution

with parents, students, etc., FERPA issues, disaster recovery, compliance mandates (such as lottery and SMART grants)...well, you get the picture. Other items of discussion included use of additional services offered by the National Student Clearinghouse, best practices for graduation clearance and preparing for a ceremony, graduation honors calculations, and dual enrollment issues.

In all, the day was well spent. Plan to attend next year if you get the chance. Next year's location and date are TBA.

10 Best Paying Jobs with Associate Degrees *from CareerBuilders.com*

According to Laura Morsch, writer for Careerbuilders.com, "a four-year education is not always the ticket to a swollen bank account." The following jobs as researched and ranked by the BLS as the high-

est-paying jobs held by those with associate degrees pay more than many jobs that require a bachelor's degree:

1. Computer specialist - \$59,480 **2. Nuclear Technician--**\$59, 200 **3.**

Dental Hygienist – \$58,350 **4. Radiation Therapist—**\$57,700 **5. Nuclear Medicine Technologist—**\$55,840 **6. Fashion Designer—** \$55,840 **7. Aerospace Engineering and Operations Technician—**

\$52,500 **8. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer--** \$52, 490 **9. Registered Nurse--**\$52,330 and the number ten highest paying job with an associates degree is an **Engineer Technician** making \$49,440.

Diploma Mills in High School? *by Heather M. Mattson*

With each semester Offices of Admissions, especially the community colleges, are growing increasingly aware of the troubles related to non-accredited, highly profitable "online and easy as 1, 2, 3" schools offering high school diplomas for "monthly low

payments of \$199.99 or pay in full with Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and now accepting Discover—it pays!"

It pays to do the research and for TAC-RAO's membership to

take a stand. Please start investigating high schools that seem to be TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

Volunteer State Community College, in the course of just a few weeks has found several "fly by night" schools. We want to know if you

have run into the same issues? Ever heard of Enterprise Online High School? Not to be confused with the legitimate Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Alabama. You can buy a degree online from the phonies for \$295. Be on the lookout!

Take Time to Relax by *Tim Amyx*

Any of you who know me know that I'm not very good at slowing down. I'm pretty much "on" from the moment I get out of bed until the minute I fall asleep at night. (Yes. That drives my wife nuts sometimes.) Of course, not slowing down doesn't mean I don't know how to relax and unwind. (Of course I unwind full speed ahead too.)

Unwinding is different for everyone. For me, I find it relaxing to head out on a "photo safari". (No wild animals required.) Over the Memorial Day weekend, I headed out with my wife to Balsam, NC and the Balsam Mountain Inn. No TV and no phones for three days. (OK. There was good Cingular

service and wireless internet. Sitting around at a Bed & Breakfast isn't quite what it used to be.) There was no air-conditioning either, but that didn't really matter with a box fan and an open window. The cool mountain air was all we needed.

We enjoyed the mountains and the tourist stop towns in the area. Balsam is just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, so we were able to catch a mountain sunset from 6300 feet. The next morning,



we caught a mountain sunrise from the Inn which is much closer to sea level.

Vacation? Relaxing you say? I know what many of you are thinking. "I don't have time. There are too many students to serve, and don't get me started on Banner..." I'm just like you. I don't often have time to take a "real" vacation, but I'm working on it. That doesn't mean I don't relax sometimes and you should too.

Let me give you one good

job-related reason to relax. Taking time off is a service to students. Yes the emails will pile up (unless you take your laptop like me!), but overall, I'm betting if you take a little time to relax, you'll feel better afterward. If you feel better, you'll be sharper, happier and ready to smile the 9000th time some student asks you when classes start for fall.

Take a little time for yourself every day. Talk a walk. (In case you haven't noticed, the weather outside is great!) Read a book. (I know that's a new concept form some of you who swore off reading as soon as you received your degree.) You'll be amazed at how much better you'll feel.

Camp TACRAO—Summer Admissions Workshop

If you are planning on attending the **TACRAO Summer Admissions Workshop July 17 and 18** do not forget to make your hotel reservations now at Fall Creek Falls State Park! TACRAO has a block of

rooms reserved until July 1. You can contact the part at 1-800-250-8610 and ask for the TACRAO rooms and rate. Also the invitation for the workshop can be found on the TACRAO website at <http://www.tnacrao.org/> by

following the Activities link. If you have questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Brandon Ponder by calling 423-425-4662 or by emailing him at Brandon-ponder@utc.edu. See you soon!

Lookout! TACRAO Calendar 2006-2007

Are you wondering when the TACRAO calendar is coming out? Need to plan your schedule for the fall? The TACRAO calendar is slated to "hit the stands" on July 1. Your copy will be distributed to the contact person at your school. Please check with your contact person **after** to ensure you have received

your calendar. Questions regarding the calendar? You may contact Holly Vincent at Cleveland State Community College 423-614-8743.

Please remember that the calendar is still a work in progress and some items have not been finalized for the 2006-2007 traveling sea-

son. Please try to wait until after you have received the calendar before making your travel schedule. Holly and her fine group are working hard to get this calendar to you! Thanks for being patient and we hope to see you this summer at the Admissions and Support Staff Workshops!

Kendrick's Kudos!

- **Destin Barcroft:** U of Memphis, starting July 1, will be a Regional Recruitment Representative!
- **Jerrold McRae, Jr.:** Formerly of TSU is now selling pharmaceuticals for Pfizer. Hearts are broken across the state!
- **Rodney Robbins:** MTSU, left the Office of Admissions to work in Academic Advising as the main RODP Academic Advisor and to work with some of the BS in University Studies Degree students! Sadness has befallen our hearts.
- **Paul Casebolt:** WKU, tying the knot on June 24, 2006!
- **Kate Howard:** U of Memphis, replaced William Winstead in January as the Recruitment Coordinator!
- **Recey Williamson:** U of Memphis, as of June 1 is a Regional Recruitment Representative/Extended Programs Site Coordinator at the Jackson satellite campus of the University of Memphis located at JSCC. **Recey** will recruit in Madison County and the surrounding areas.
- **Brandon Ponder:** UTC, finally moved into his house and has lived in it for several months without any type of tragic experiences! Congrats to Brandon for his continued success in his new home!



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.

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