



SUMMER 2007

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Palmer's Piece



Let's see. . .The class of 2007 has graduated, it's technically summer already (It definitely feels like summer!) and, vacation time is (hopefully!) just around the bend for you. And, yet, the work does not seem to slow down, does it? If you're like me, your desk is a little messy (or, a lot messy) and you're wondering when things will ease up for you so you'll get a "summer break", right? I've determined that summer breaks and slowdowns were done away with in budget cuts. To refresh your

mind and work spirit, plan to attend a summer TACRAO workshop this year. Workshops are only one or two days long, and you will leave with new ideas about your job and a refreshed mind. And, it's a great chance to talk with other colleagues about common problems and concerns. The summer activities will be posted and updated on the TACRAO website. I attended the AACRAO Conference in Boston, MA, this year on behalf of our statewide organization. It was a wonderful time to slow down

and learn new ideas. I want to thank you as TACRAO members and the TACRAO Board for giving me the opportunity! It was a great event with several Tennessee schools represented. As you plan your summer and fall, pencil in the TACRAO Annual Meeting, November 14-16 in Memphis, TN. Your Board of Directors is planning this event as you're reading this newsletter, and I hope you'll all attend this fall. Enjoy the summer, find time to renew your work spirit, and we'll meet in Memphis in November!



Harpin' Heather

Greetin's folks! I hope your summer is going well thus far! Just wanted to take a minute to "croak" about something I am very excited about for the state of Tennessee. The TBR is

hosting the Conference on Information Technology in the Community College, in Nashville, Tennessee November 11-14. This is an INTERNATIONAL conference. Anywhere between 2,000 and 3,000 folks will be at this conference.

Would you like to attend the conference? **We NEED volunteers!** Check out the website at www.league.org/2007cit/. If you would like to volunteer for the conference, please contact me! I would love to talk to you!

Meet Wes Gentry...

TACRAO's Emmy award winning journalist *Florence Humperdink* had the opportunity to sit down and chat with Wes Gentry, TACRAO's latest VP for Admissions and Financial Aid.

FH: Who is Wes Gentry?

WG: I am a Regional Rep for the University of Memphis and live in Nashville.

FH: So do you recruit?

WG: I recruit high school and community college students.

FH: Ahhh, high school? Where did you go to high school?

WG: Well, I grew up in Memphis

and graduated from White Station High School and the University of Memphis.

FH: What was your major at Memphis?

WG: I have an undergraduate degree in Communications and I am currently pursuing a master's degree in Corporate Communications at Austin Peay.

FH: *Let's Go Peay!* So, what do we really need to know about you Wes?

WG: I have run a marathon in the past and regularly drove a bullet-proof Suburban for a previous job in Washington, DC.

FH: Are you with the CIA?

WG: (ignoring the question) I have a passion for football. I have attended more than 100 college football games—which also might indicate I do not have a life.

FH: Thanks for sharing with us Wes.



Summer Admissions Workshop. . .*Pass it on!*



The 2007 Summer Admissions Workshop will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park July 19 and 20. Look for more information to be posted on the TACRAO website!

If you are new to your institution, this is a great opportunity for you to meet and fellowship with your counterparts at other institutions.

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

Contact *Wes Gentry* if you have questions about this event and what workshops will be offered! His email address is wgentry@memphis.edu.

There's a NEW *Sheryl* in Town!

Stop the presses! Hold the beef! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's *Sheryl Gray* the Registrar at Carson Newman and another **new** member of the TACRAO Board of Directors. *Sheryl Gray* was elected to the TACRAO Board as the VP for Records and Registration upon Janice Choate's retirement from the Board. And now, without further ado. . .drum roll please. . . Congratulate Sheryl on taking Brandon Ponders' position as President Elect! She will be carrying out

both her roles on the board until the annual meeting.

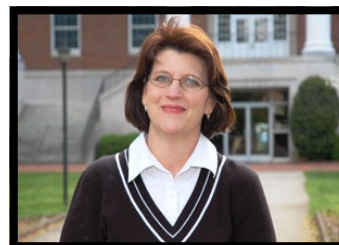
Sheryl is originally from Florida, where she went to High School. She has a Bachelors of Science in English Education and a Masters of Science in Higher Ed Administration from Florida State University. Mrs. Gray has taught high school for one year before she fell in LOVE with higher education!

Could she really be a Registrar with 15 years experience as the Director of Ad-

missions at Carson Newman? Yes, in fact, she could be a Registrar. Since June of 2004 Sheryl has done transcript evaluations, NCAA athletic certification review, VA certification, degree plans, plus anything else a Registrar has to do!

Mrs. Gray has been married for 19 years to Don and has one son, Donald Thomas. She is an avid gardener, growing roses and tons of vegetables. She lives on a farm and grows her own beef. Errrr,

WHAT? She also sings in the Adult choir and in an adult ensemble at her church. Sheryl will be in charge of organizing the Summer Seminar for Records and Registration. If you have questions, check the TACRAO website or email her at sgray@cn.edu.



Kendrick's Kudos!

- **Heather Harper of Vol State:** We bought a house
 - **Ryan Forsythe of APSU:** Welcome Ryan from Westfield College! He's the Director of Admissions at APSU!
 - **Destin Tucker of U of Memphis:** Coordinator of New Student Orientation and Recruitment Events.
 - **Holly Vincent of Cleveland State:** Holly's a Mommy! May 18th little Miss Anna Jaye (A.J.) Vincent came to stay!
 - **Christian Brothers University is please to announce the following promotions:**
 - **Molly Foster of CBU:** Associate Director of Admissions/Operations Manager.
 - **Maureen Collins of CBU:** Senior Assistant Director of Admissions.
 - **Tela McEwen Thigpen of CBU:** Assistant Director of Admissions.
 - **Danielle Larabee of CBU:** Assistant Director of Admissions.
 - **Betsy Loe of CBU:** Senior Admissions Counselor.
 - **Brad Romig of CBU:** Senior Admissions Counselor
- AND FINALLY**
- **Brandon Ponder of UTC:** He's gone! He now works for Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga! We are so sad.

Summer Schedule of Events

Summer Seminar for Records and Registration—June 16th at UTC's University Center!

East Support Staff Workshop—July 27 at the Roane State Loudon Campus

Summer Admissions Workshop at Montgomery Bell Park July 19 and 20 so, check the website!

More workshop dates will be announced soon! Check the TACRAO website at

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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