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Celebration Time!

FedEx Institute of Technology opens with a bang!

There were dignitaries, politicians, musicians, cheerleaders, staff and faculty members, students, scientists and alumni in attendance as the University of Memphis christened the new FedEx Institute of Technology on Wednesday, November 19, 2003. A star-studded cast, including President Raines, Governor Bredeson and Mayors Herenton and Wharton, gave a warm and rousing welcome to the University’s newest facility.



The closing of the ceremony was marked with blue and gray confetti being shot from two cannons and the University Orchestra, made up of students from the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music, playing the Tiger Fight Song.

Physical Plant staff members and crews played a vital role in the celebration, as well as assisting with finishing details on the facility. Members from Custodial and

Landscape Services and all Crafts and Trades worked around the clock to ensure that nothing was forgotten.

According to Trent Holmes, FIT Building

Supervisor for Physical Plant, much preparation had to take place. “(The crews) cleaned the entire building, from top to bottom,” explained Holmes. “The terrazzo floors had to be scrubbed and buffed many times.” Holmes continued to say, “Its hard to believe its finished and I’m excited and happy to be here.”

The work did not finish then. When the celebration ended and the tours come to a conclusion, the crews were quickly forced to prepare the building for the evenings Gala.

The 95,000 square foot facility will house numerous centers, including those for Artificial Intelligence, Multimedia Arts, Spatial Analysis, Supply Chain Management and Life Sciences. The world’s most cutting-

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Thanksgiving Treat: Special Hot Potatoes By Cindy Pufahl

- 1 – 10" x 13" aluminum pan or pan line with foil
- 10-12 Med. to Lg. White Potatoes(peeled/cut cubes)
- 1 sm. Jar Jalapeno's
- ½ Lg. Purple Onion (sliced or diced)
- 2 sm. cans Mushrooms (sliced or whole/drained)
- or use 16 oz. Fresh Mushrooms
- 2 sticks of margarine
- 2 lbs. Velveeta Cheese (sliced)
- Salt

- 1. Slice one stick of margarine lengthwise and place on bottom of pan. Add 1 can of mushrooms (or ½ of the fresh mushrooms), ½ jar of Jalapeno's and some juice, ½ lg. purple onion, and salt (to taste).
- Put in all of the potatoes
- Repeat Step 1.
- Cover the dish with slices of Velveeta Cheese (may not use all of the cheese/only amount of choice)
- Cover pan with foil and cook @ 400* for approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours.
- Uncover pan last 15 minutes.



Turkeys and Tigers and Touchdowns?...OH MY!

7-3 Tigers are BOWL BOUND!

Lifelong Tiger football fans have endured thirty years of frustration. Even the last Tiger team to go to a bowl game had a losing record. Although many have tried to rebuild the Tiger football program, all have failed. Until now!

This year, as we eat our Thanksgiving turkey and spend time with loved ones, there will be something else on everyone’s minds. Where will the Tigers be playing?

By the end of the Thanksgiving holiday, the U of M’s bowl

Tiger Time w/ Drew

destination should be known. Five bowls have tie-ins to Conference USA: AXA Liberty (Memphis), GMAC (Mobile), Hawaii, New Orleans and Ft. Worth. So where are we headed? Who knows! Who cares! The important fact is that we’re going.

Let’s take a brief look at the

**Physical Plant
TIGER
Report Card
September 2003**

	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Production Efficiency	106	A+
Customer Satisfaction	94	A
Accident/Injury Free Days	85	B
Training	100	A
Building Inspections	83	B
Average	94	A

**SUMMARY
2002 - 2003**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	
July	95	A
August	87	B
September	88	B
October	94	A
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
AVERAGE	91	A

**October
Building Inspections**

Administration Building	B
Alumni Center	B
Athletic Office Building	B+
Ball Hall	C
Billy Mac Jones Building	A
Boiler House	C
Browning Hall	B
Campus School	B+
Catfish Research Building	B
Clement Hall	C
Earthquake Center (All Bldgs.)	C
Ellington Biology	B
Engineering Administration	B
Engineering Science	B
McCord Hall	C
AVERAGE	B

Physical Plant at Work..

11/10/03

Dear Mr. Lee and Mr. Hellums,

On behalf of the entire University of Memphis campus, thank you for your quick response and for restoring electricity to the campus. I appreciate each and every Physical Plan employee who dedicated time, energy, and their own resourcefulness to solving our problems.

Sincerely,
Shirley Raines,

10/15/03

To Whom It May Concern:

I teach at the Campus School and would like you to know that our school seems especially clean this year. I'd like to complement Gloria Hobson, in particular, for doing such a great job in my room and for having a positive attitude about her work.

Thank you,
Judith Thomson

The Campus School Crew:

Georgia Boone	Harold Gilkey
Gloria Hobson	Shelia Hobson
Melvin Jones	Earnestine Ousley
Andrew Porter	Helen Stewart

edge research will be conducted in the building and those associated with the project



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will be competing with the nation's top universities, such as Stanford and MIT.

The building was designed by Looney Ricks Kiss Architects and The Crump Firm. Flintco Constructive Solutions served as the projects general contractor. The



23 million dollar project was funded through numerous sources, including the State of Tennessee, Shelby County, City of Memphis and FedEx. The facility features a cyber café, the Methodist Healthcare Presentation Theater and The Zone—a lecture hall, similar in appearance to something from outer space.

*Top, Left—UM Pres., Shirley Raines
Mid, Right—Shelby County Mayor,
AC Wharton*

Condolences

Willie Guy Frix,
Father-in-law of
Rosemary Frix,
Facilities Operations
Died 11/18/03

Willie Earl Mull,
Father of
Darrell McKissick,
Campus Landscape
Died 10/20/03

New Employees

Donna Williams
Custodial Services

Staff Service Awards

10 Years of Service	Jeannie Smith Pam Cash Kenny Clark David Evans Leroy Folsom, Jr. Shedrich Frazier Joyce Hancock Mary Harris Earl Harrison James Hubbard Diana Humphrey Bobby Kelly Dianna Kilpatrick Mary Moy Larry Patterson Robbie Thomas Paul Cade Greg Myers
20 Years	Jim Hellums
25 Years	Bobby Speck Calvin Strong Cornelius Stump Bill Underwood Barbara Carnes Addie Stump Bill Singletary
30 Years	
35 Years	

Thanksgiving Reflections

By Brad Frewin

The holiday season is upon us already! Where did this year go? 2003 has been a very busy year for all of us at Physical Plant. Sometimes we get so busy that we forget about the simplest things in life; things like showing common courtesy toward other people, or taking time to let someone know you care about them.

The holiday season often helps me get things back into the proper perspective. I recently received the following story in an e-mail from a friend. I don't know who the author was, but the story made an impression on me. As you read it, think about the importance of caring about

each
A
man
live
son,



other.
frail old
went to
with his

daughter-in-law, and four year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled

From the GREENhouse... by Joellen S. Dimond, Horticulturalist

CHASING THE PERFECT TREE!

It's almost time to see the instant Christmas tree lots! But how do you know if you have the right tree? Here are five of the most popular cut trees and how their structure might meet your needs.

First is the Scotch Pine (shown in figure 1). This

European native holds its long, dark green needles for several weeks. It has sturdy branches and good shape to allow for lots of ornaments.

Next in popularity are green and blue Spruce Trees (figure 2). Like

the Scotch Pine, the Spruce has sturdy branches, perfect for loading ornaments.

Third is the Fir Tree (figure 3). These trees are popular because they are the most fragrant of all cut trees. They have strong upward facing

branches, good for draping garland. Fir Trees tend to have open branching and are not always full.

Fourth in the list is the White Pine (figure 4). White Pines have long, lush needles and slender branches for more delicate ornaments. This is a good

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possibilities:

AXA Liberty Bowl

December 31
Memphis, TN
USM vs. Utah

GMAC Bowl

December 18
Mobile, AL

CUSA #2 vs. MAC or
WAC representative

Sheraton Hawaii Bowl

December 25
Honolulu

CUSA #3 vs. WAC
New Orleans Bowl

December 16
New Orleans, LA
CUSA #4 vs. Sun Belt
Champion
**Plains Capital Ft. Worth
Bowl**

December 23
Ft. Worth, TX
CUSA #5 vs. Big 12

Well, that's the breakdown. Most are within a short drive of Memphis and we could go to any of these! We'll just keep our ears open and enjoy that turkey!

In the meantime, congratulations, Tigers,



"T" DeAngelo Williams shakes off a Louisville defender, as the Tigers plucked the Cards 37-7! Williams has also been named to the CoSIDA All District Academic Team.

As if there wasn't enough happening...
Tiger Basketball begins!

To those who love watching Tiger basketball, this year's team should be fun! Young, small and fast, the Tigers look poised to return to the NCAA tournament.

I'll begin reviews of the basketball program when I come down from my football emotions.

Thanks for your patience!

GOTIGERS!!!



Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5

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choice for allergy sufferers, since it has the least fragrance.

Last are native Red Cedars (figure 5). It has lacy, compact branches that are shiny and dark green. It has good fragrance, but tends to dry out faster than the others.

To ensure your tree stays hydrated, re-cut the bottom of the tree before you set it in its container. Since trees

still need food for energy, add four ounces of a clear, high fructose beverage, such as Sprite, 7-Up, Sierra Mist, etc. that the carbonation has been released. Pour four ounces (approximately 1/2 can) in a glass and let it sit for several hours or overnight. The carbonation has bubbles that can get trapped under the truck of the tree blocking the trees ability to take up water, thus allowing your tree to dry out faster.

Good luck and have a wonderful

food.

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The four year old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four year old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

Author unknown

Happy Birthday

Pam Cash	Dec. 2
Ann Peterson	Dec. 3
Wesley Morgan	Dec. 3
Jack Crosby	Dec. 6
James Washington	Dec. 7
Winston McClain	Dec. 8
Jeffrey Clements	Dec. 12
Corky Mason	Dec. 12
Robert Herring	Dec. 12
Samuel O'Mayes	Dec. 14
Jimmy Milton	Dec. 14
Samuel Midgett	Dec. 15
Kenny Clark	Dec. 15
Alberta Echols	Dec. 18
Linda Thomas	Dec. 20
Carol Biggs	Dec. 20
Eddie Hogue	Dec. 21
Carla Covington	Dec. 24
Jimmy Craft	Dec. 26
Thomas James	Dec. 29
Deb Crawford	Dec. 30



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