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***TGEI Class of 2003
Announced***

The Department of Personnel officially announced the selection of the TGEI 2003 class on June 20, 2003.

The thirty selected represent a total of twenty three (23) different State Agencies and Departments. The Class Orientation is scheduled to be delivered on July 17, 2003 at the BellSouth Building, Nashville TN. All class members have been notified of their selection and have accepted the challenge. In August 2003, these thirty individuals will head to UT Knoxville to begin their metamorphosis.

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***Spotlight
Article:
Barbara Charlet
Class of 2000***

A victim of the proverbial “seven year itch”, Barbara Charlet, Class of 2000 alumna and recently appointed Director of Management Information Services for the Department of Correction, is with the third agency she has served since beginning work with the State in 1986. She came to the Attorney General and Reporter’s Office as System Administrator from Hospital Corporation of America in August 1986. Roughly seven years later, she transferred to General Services as an Information Systems Analyst Supervisor with primary responsibility for the State’s purchasing system (TOPS). Following

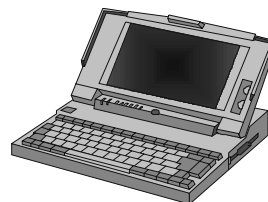
about seven years there and a promotion to Manager 2 and acting assistant director, she moved to Correction in April 2001 as Assistant Director of MIS.

A 1973 graduate of the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University, Barbara was a design major. In 1979, she received her master’s degree as one of the two original (and few) graduates of what was then the MBA program at Austin Peay State University. The program has since been transferred to Tennessee State University. Early career work included librarian, editor and marketing experience at the daily newspaper in Clarksville where she met her husband Jim. She also enjoyed the entrepreneurial role of owning a small business there. “I learned a lot, especially about what I didn’t know about running an office supply business.” A new baby and her husband’s career move to Washington, D.C. gratefully brought an end to that learning experience.

With such a varied and non-technical background, Barbara appreciates the opportunities that State service has afforded her. Particularly satisfying has been her involvement with the Information Systems Managers Group, from and through whom she has gained and shared valuable technical education and supportive professional friendships. She has served as chair, past chair and secretary for the Steering Committee as well as Co-chair of the Events Committee, which produces an annual conference. She has been the recipient of both the ISM Team Award and the ISM Individual Award for a TOPS conversion project and conference leadership, respectively.

Of all the management training and experience she has had, Barbara credits parenting with teaching her the most about the personal commitments and relationships required of a good manager. “You get to know yourself, and you learn patience, listening skills, when to take charge and when to let go, even if it means letting others make their own mistakes,” she explains about raising daughter Jamie and son Cal to their college years, as well as about coaching staff.

***Web Site
Directory Reminder***



Have you updated your TGEI Directory information accordingly? What about your address, phone or e-mail “@ Home”? The TGEI Directory is used as a mail list to distribute important information of interest to you and to keep you informed of events as they are forthcoming. It is important that you keep this information updated.



Class News

Class of 1984

Joe Gaines – State Department of Agriculture - “my daughter Amanda is graduating from high school this spring and will then follow in her dad’s footsteps to UTK this fall. (Well, hopefully she won’t exactly follow in my footsteps.)”

Class of 1987

Wanda Moore – is now working with PSI on Child Support enforcement. Even though **Wanda** has retired from state government, she is still accepting new challenges.

Albert Murray – is not in Kansas anymore! He is now in Montgomery, Alabama, working with **Donal Campbell** as Deputy Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Correction. **Albert** is enjoying his new assignment and the fact that he is again teamed up with **Donal**.

Lynn Stenglein – retired on May 27 after 29 years of state government and says she plans to travel, read, write, pull weeds, repair barns and wash windows. She also intends to volunteer her many abilities to things like libraries and museums. **Lynn** says she is ready for her next great adventure!

Kent Taylor – has taken up Boy Scouts in a big way. He is now certified in rock climbing and rappelling due to his son’s involvement in the Scouts. You all know that **Kent** is not a spring chicken; nevertheless, he is going to the Tetons in Wyoming for 16 days this summer with 59 Scouts and adults. Good luck, **Kent**, and we all hope to see you in one piece this fall!!!

Class of 1997

Mike Morrow – has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner of F & A Operations. As Deputy Commissioner, Mike will be responsible for the oversight of the department’s day-to-day administrative operations.

Class of 2000

Partnerships forged in TGEI offer much to management of Tennessee State government. Just ask Class of 2000 graduates **Loren Chumley** and **Sam Chessor**. Governor Bredesen named **Loren** Commissioner of Revenue on January 1. Shortly afterward, she named **Sam** Assistant Commissioner.

Loren, who had resigned in December as Revenue’s Audit Director to enter private law practice, “felt the karma” when she interviewed with the Governor on New Year’s Day. Bredesen said to her “this is where your heart is. I want you to be part of the team.” Less than an hour later, while sharing the news with her to-be partner at Bass, Berry & Sims, she heard the same words “this is where your heart is.” **Loren’s** heart-felt passion reflects her desire to make Revenue a “client-centered culture. I have a number of initiatives to encourage voluntary compliance with tax laws, including education and use of technology.” Her only regret is that she can’t do it all at once.

Ed Holt –Class of 2000’s own Crocodile Hunter, is practicing law with Mitchell & Mitchell in Murfreesboro, “and although I’ll be doing whatever walks in the door at first, I want to eventually concentrate on criminal defense.”

Virginia Lewis – has been named Warden at Southeast Correctional Complex in Bledsoe County. Virginia was formally warden at the Department of Correction’s DeBerry Special Needs Facility in Nashville. SECC is near Virginia’s original home, and she is glad for the opportunity to be closer to family.

Barbara Charlet – has been appointed Director of Management Information Services for the Department of Correction. She has been with Correction for two years as Assistant Director for MIS.

Deborah Neill – has been promoted to Director of Childcare, Adult and Community Programs for the Department of Human Services. Although previously serving as director of the central state portion of Childcare Services, she has assumed responsibility for about 100 field positions as well as all adult protective services and all community programs. And as if career change didn’t offer enough challenge, **Deborah** is a first-time house-owner, moving from the relatively small world of condominium living to a renovated 1960’s ranch.

Class of 2002

Alvin Pearson, TGEI 2002 Class President, has accepted the position of Assistant General manager with the Memphis Area Transit Authority. He left his position as Director of Civil Rights with the Tennessee Department of Transportation in April. Several class members attended a going away reception in his honor hosted by TDOT.

Each month the class of 2002 meets for lunch on the 2nd Friday at 12:00 noon, AmSouth Bank 5th floor.



Statehood Day

On June 1st, Statehood Day, the Governor dedicated the 96th bell of the Carillon. The 96th bell, located on the northwest capitol grounds, is an “answer” bell to the carillons at the Court of Three Stars, and chimes on the hour. It can be heard on the top floors of the Tennessee Tower, so many downtown workers should be able to hear it. Finance and Administration just finished managing the design and construction of this final piece of the Bicentennial Mall project.

Did you know? The recent tornados in Tennessee have created quite a bit of emergency repair projects for Finance and Administration's office. In Jackson, F & A is repairing the Lowell Thomas State Office Building and the State Supreme Court building.

Did you know? The Jackson Armory had significant roof damage when one of TEMA's radio towers fell onto the building, and that the Turney Center Correctional Facility received damage from lightning strikes. The strikes burned out several key components in the campus-wide electrical power system causing power outages at the prison and the TRICOR facility. Temporary power has been put in place, but the entire electrical distribution system will need to be upgraded and repaired.



Did You Know? Happenings Around the State

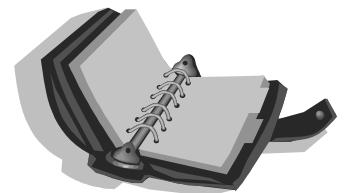
Did you know? Renovation will start on the fountains at the War Memorial Plaza in the next month or so. Following that, renovation will begin on the entire Plaza, which will involve taking up all of the Plaza floor to replace the waterproof membrane underneath. This membrane acts as the roof for the Legislative Office Building below. Once completed, renovation will begin on the interior of the Legislative Office Building.

Did you know? A twin building to the Lowell Thomas State Office Building in Jackson is under construction. Foundations are being put in place at this time. When this building is completed next summer, everyone in the Lowell Thomas Building will move into the new building and renovation will begin on the old building. The newly renovated old section will be filled with State offices that are currently in leased space in the Jackson area.

Did you know? The new Regional Transportation Management Center in Nashville for TDOT has just been completed. This is the building that houses all the high tech computer and video monitoring systems that operate the new computerized advisory signage now seen around Nashville's Interstate roadways. F & A is currently designing another similar system for Knoxville with construction targeted to start later this year. TDOT is planning similar facilities in Chattanooga and Memphis.

And of course, there is the ongoing TPAC Lobby renovation, which will be quite spectacular when completed. The new lobby will provide much needed additional lobby space for theater patrons. There will be new elevators, new restrooms, a special water feature with a fountain and a high-tech marquee over the new entrance. Most of this project is being funded with private funds. Completion is targeted for this fall.

Mark your Calendars



ALUMNI FALL CONFERENCE 2003

Mark your calendars now for the 2003 Alumni Fall Conference set for Thursday, October 30th. The TGEI Steering and Fall Conference Committees are developing an exciting agenda. Governor Bredesen has been invited to speak to the group and we are on his calendar! Additionally, Mark Robertson of Satori Leadership will be a guest speaker. His organization's mission is to “support leaders in creating organizations built on trust, whose people communicate clearly and honestly and work together impeccably.” More information on registration, location and additional details will be available on the TGEI website in the near future. Stay Tuned!

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST 2003

While you have your calendars out, circle December 12 for the Holiday Breakfast. This year's event will be held at Ellington Agricultural Center and our cooks are already dusting off their cook books to have some great new breakfast dishes, and we have a special treat planned for our musical entertainment. Registration information and specific details will be available on the web site soon. Plan to be with us on December 12th!

TGEI Class Reporters for 2003

The newsletter staff is always looking for updates, stories, good news, etc., on our fellow alumni. In order to accomplish this, we utilize "Class Reporters" representing every one of the TGEI Classes. The reporters for 2003 will be contacting you via e-mail, telephone or in person to pick your brain on any information you might have regarding fellow classmates as well as your own update. Please contribute information because your input is what makes this network so very viable. Listed below are the latest class reporters:

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To Enhance the effectiveness of executive in Tennessee State Government through education, fostering personal networking strategies, developing new leaders and practical application of principles of contemporary management philosophies.