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TWO WOLVES ...Which one are you?

One evening an old Cherokee chief told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, service and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "**The one you feed.**" Author Unknown

"Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him." Booker T. Washington

"It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust." Samuel Johnson

"Nothing is more contagious than example, and no man does any exceeding good or exceeding ill but it spawns new deeds of the same kind." Francois Duc La Rochefoucauld

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success be achieved." Helen Keller

Always remember, **You** have the power to choose! Sandra Hoffman, Director of Facilities Resources

It's great to have the students back. Now some people complain about all the traffic and congestion from this sudden influx of over 20,000 students

moving into our community. But I see it as a transition back to what we are here for; to educate students, they are the lifeblood of our campus.

It's amazing the capabilities of the young students, saw one walking on campus



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yesterday drinking a cup of coffee, an iPod attached to one ear, a cell phone to the other and talking with two others walking alongside. You can always identify the new ones; they have a map and a lost look as they try to locate a building, their classroom, the Library, the Union, or whatever. I enjoy walking up to them and asking if they need any help. Gives me an opportunity to find out where they are from, what they are studying and how do they like K-State. Invariably three things come up; (1) the football team, (2) the basketball team and (3) the campus is beautiful. Sometimes one will ask how to get to Aggville.

During the first few weeks the campus seems to be bursting at the seams with students as they dash from here to there and then like magic they discover a rhythm and it doesn't seem as hectic or crowded. In reality it's just as busy but the students have learned they do not have to drive everywhere.

I find the beginning of the new school year to be invigorating, just from the energy these young students bring to campus. They also reinforce the understanding of why we (Facilities) are here. We are here to support the students and faculty in providing a safe, healthy, educational environment that allows the students to learn and to develop into adults.

Wow, what does that mean? It means we are all doing our job to the best of our abilities. It means we are working as a team supporting each other because like a sports team if one member doesn't do their job the team is not successful. Kansas State University is a very special place where everyone bleeds purple, works together, and is a member of a very successful team. And without the students there would not be a Kansas State University. So enjoy the busy crowded streets and walks bursting with students and get caught up in the

energy they bring to our campus. If you have an opportunity to help someone, do it and be enriched by that experience.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to K-State, have a great year.

Ed Rice

The familiar statement echoed across campus, "There Back!", bringing several other correlating thoughts to mind.



With more people on campus and seasons changing, we each must be mindful and diligent in taking precautions with the threat of H1N1 flu. As Benjamin Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it, or cough into your sleeve instead of your hand!
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. *You can get these in the storeroom.*
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick.

The second change with school starting is the fall-semester deadline for changing our computer passwords. We all have until September 9th to complete this. There has

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been a change this year, allowing 7-30 characters in our new passwords. If you would like more information on how to do this, check out the Info Tech Tuesday web site link below. You can sign up to receive their newsletter every week also. <http://itnews.itac.k-state.edu/>



Joe Zerby's last day of work will be August 31, 2009. Joe started at Facilities in March of 1968. Thanks Joe, for the 41 years of service. Best wishes in your retirement.

September Birthdays!



- 9-1 Charlie Bukacek
- 9-2 Michael Seymour (Sr.), Bob Quinn
- 9-3 Lowell Bingham, Kim Caffrey
- 9-4 Warren Berg
- 9-7 Maria Lomibao
- 9-8 Max Fritz
- 9-9 Jimmy Sester
- 9-10 Bill Glover
- 9-11 Skip Davis
- 9-12 Gary Johnson

9-13 Mike Feldhausen, John Lacy

9-14 Justin Homer

9-16 John Hofmann

9-17 Paul Savage

9-18 Elke Yergin, Betty Slattery

9-19 Kevin Williams, Loren Gray

9-22 Chad Starr, Dale Boggs, Martin Jones

9-23 Sharon Slack

9-26 Sandy Hoffman, Robert Hauck

9-29 Mike Warren, Evens Pittman, Al Seely

My Piece of the Picture...



Each employee is like a piece of a Jigsaw Puzzle. We are all a part of the big picture. We are all Facilities. Each piece is of value, no matter what part of the puzzle we fit into. All the pieces are needed in order for the whole picture to be seen clearly.

FM News will be building a Jigsaw picture of Facilities; one piece at a time, with a new feature called, "The Face of Facilities; My Piece of the Picture".

Attached is a form with questions to be completed and returned to Lynn Salsbury, 117A Dykstra Hall. We are asking each employee to fill out a form. Every month one employee will be selected and featured in this article. This is not a case of tooting your own

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horn, but individual cooperation in connecting all the puzzle pieces that make us who we are, The Division of Facilities.

“Caught in the Act of Doing Good!”, is a new feature we are adding. Co-workers, Supervisors, Directors, Managers and Building Users are being asked to spot-light actions of our employees who have done work or acts above and beyond our normal duty. Any random acts of kindness can be included. Let’s reward good behavior and give employee’s kudos for a job well done!

Additional forms are on Facilities web site at:

<http://www.k-state.edu/facilities/forms/index.html>

The Appreciation Party! We had a great time! Thanks, Dr. Rice.

