

Insider News



“More Than a Coach”

John Wooden will be remembered for his amazing basketball coaching record. However, those who played for him or had the opportunity to know him will remember him for being **much more than just a basketball coach**. He was a mentor, teacher, author, devout Christian, husband, father, and grandfather. Even the night before he died, he was thinking of others.....his deceased wife Nellie. At the hospital, he had just one request and that was to have a shave. Everyone knew why.....so he would look nice for his wife, who had preceded him in death by 25 years.

Growing up as a sports fan, I knew of Coach Wooden’s 10 National Championships at UCLA (7 that were consecutive), his 88 consecutive victories, and four undefeated seasons. I was aware of his record as a coach when I was in high school, but it wasn’t until about fifteen years ago that I learned of John Wooden’s now famous **Pyramid of Success** www.mechreps.com/coachwooden. I purchased a cassette audio tape authored by one of Wooden’s successors at UCLA, Jim Harrick. I listened to that tape series about Coach Wooden’s building blocks for a better life many times, as it transcended the ideals that I wanted to possess. Those recordings and the three John Wooden books I have read over the last seven years have proven to me that the man they call “Coach” was that, but so much more.

His devotion to his wife Nellie is also legendary. *Every month* on the anniversary of her death, he would write his wife a letter.....a love letter, informing her how much he missed her and what was going on with their children and their grandchildren. He would place it on a pillow by her bed.

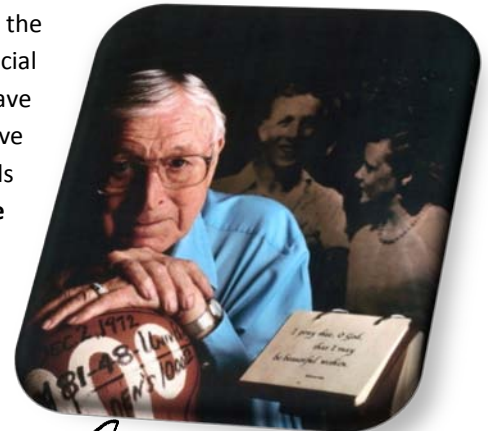
In 2003, UCLA dedicated the basketball court in Pauley Pavilion in honor of John and Nell Wooden. It was named the "Nell & John Wooden Court". Wooden asked for the change from the original proposal of the "John & Nell Wooden Court," insisting that his wife's name should come first.

His faith was more important to him than basketball. He said, "I have always tried to make it clear that basketball is not the ultimate. It is of small importance in comparison to the total life we live. There is only one kind of life that truly wins, and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior."

I had the very fortunate opportunity to meet and get an autograph from Coach John Wooden when Amy and I attended the Wooden Classic basketball game in Anaheim, where UCLA defeated Texas A&M, 65-62. I will cherish that moment forever,

for I knew I was in the midst of a very special man. A man that gave us a quote that I have been telling my kids for years, **“Make Each Day Your Masterpiece.”**

Thank you Coach.



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Austin



As the 2011 Fall Semester begins at Texas A&M University in College Station, the departmental offices and laboratories of the Department of Biomedical Engineering will be enjoying their new home in the new 212,000 sq. ft. Emerging Technologies and Economic Development (ETED) Building. This \$100 million dollar facility is being constructed by Vaughn Construction and is schedule for completion in the Summer of 2011.

Mechanical Reps is proud to be teamed with Garrett Mechanical in the construction of this LEED Gold facility, by providing Price air distribution and terminal units, Greenheck fans and dampers, Energy Labs air handling units, VMC (formerly Amber Booth) vibration isolation, and Yaskawa variable frequency drives.

San Antonio

The South Texas Research Facility is the newest addition to the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio campus. The 222,000 sq. ft. facility has a current budget of \$150 million and is being performed under the general contractor Vaughn Construction. The completed project will house research groups dealing with adult cancer, neuroscience, metabolic biology, healthy aging, and regenerative medicine. The core of the building is a single level of over 100,000 sq. ft. of research space designed to promote interaction between the different research groups. Along with this main research facility is a 21,000 sq. ft. underground vivarium addition, which links the new facility to the existing Cancer Research building.

Mechanical Reps is working with Dynamic Systems, Inc. to complete this 1000 ft. long 4 story research building. MRI has supplied all the Armstrong vertical inline pumps for the central plant, Price air distribution and air terminals, Greenheck Vektor lab exhaust fans, fan coils, and dampers, Yaskawa variable frequency drives, and Semco spiral ductwork. Partial conditioned air is scheduled for June of this year with a completion date of April 2011.





Meet the Newest Team Members of MRI

Eric Christensen joined Mechanical Reps, Inc. in October as a Sales Representative for the Austin office. He graduated from Texas A&M University in May 2009 earning his degree in Construction Science. Eric's experience includes completing a semester internship at TD Industries in Dallas.

Julie Dalton joined Mechanical Reps in April in the Accounts Receivable Department. Julie has over 8 years experience in the HVAC industry specializing in Collections and Accounts Receivable. She will be supporting the Austin, San Antonio, and Rio Grande Valley offices. Julie resides in North Austin with her son and daughter.

Stuart Bloomquist joined the Mechanical Reps Austin office in May. He will be trained as an applied equipment salesman, starting out in inside sales. Stuart attended Texas Lutheran University, where he studied engineering and played on the TLU baseball team. He later transferred to Texas A&M University and earned his Civil Engineering degree in 2007. Upon graduation, Stuart worked for Half Associates, Inc. in Dallas. Stuart and his wife Samantha (Sam) were recently married on April 24th.

Mechanical Reps is thrilled to have Eric, Julie and Stuart join our team.



Price Green Products Seminar

April 14 – 15, 2010 – Price and Mechanical Reps, Inc. held a Green Products Seminar in Austin and San Antonio discussing Displacement Ventilation and Hydronic solutions. These topics represent two air distribution strategies that are ideal for applications where reduced energy consumption, increased indoor air quality and superior thermal comfort are a priority. These breakfast seminars explored the benefits, theory and applications of these technologies.

MRI Austin Grand Slam Warehouse Party



May 27, 2010— The Mechanical Reps Austin branch hosted their first annual warehouse party. This year’s theme was “Baseball”. Semco and Greenheck sponsored an inflatable pitching game which measured speed and accuracy. It was a huge hit with everyone. Congratulations to our grand prize winners. Grady Wright with Dynamic Systems, Inc. took home a 42” flat screen TV, and Kevin Johnson with Wattinger was the winner of a Dell Netbook. We also gave out an Apple iPad, an iPod Touch and over 35 gift bags which included manufacturers’ promotional items. Pictured to the right is the Mechanical Reps team with the manufacturers who attended, as well as some of our lucky winners. We would like to extend a very special thank you to all of our manufacturers for their sponsorships that made this event possible.

If you would like to view more pictures and stay informed about future events for the Austin and San Antonio offices, please visit our website www.mechreps.com.





Solve this new riddle!

By moving one of the following digits, make the equation correct. $62 - 63 = 1$

And the answer to last quarter's riddle is...

What is special about the following sequence of numbers?

8 5 4 9 1 7 6 10 3 2 0

Answer: The numbers are in alphabetical order.
(eight, five, four, nine, one, seven, six, ten, three, two, zero)

**Congratulations to Ron Moy with Brandt
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