**Employees Recognized**

**Kathy Herd wins Volunteer Spirit Award**

Chancellor Crabtree recognized Kathy Herd’s hard work and dedication by awarding her the Volunteer Spirit Award. The Volunteer Spirit award is used to recognize those who go beyond normal job expectations to accomplish a task for the benefit of the University community.

Kathy’s nomination noted her coordination of the quick and efficient design and implementation of the Student Success Center along with special care taken in a moving situation of an elderly faculty member. During the award presentation Bruce Delaney of the Chancellor’s Positive Recognition Committee said that “there were a lot of great candidates for the Volunteer Spirit Award but Kathy stood out in this group and was the unanimous selection.”

The Facilities Services Department is no stranger to the Spirit Award. The first ever Volunteer Spirit Award was awarded to the Facilities Services Department for its work with feeding the area’s hungry in 1999.

**Kenny Wolfenbarger**

Kenny Wolfenbarger was also recognized recently for his contributions to the University. For many years Kenny has served on the Employee Relations Committee, and also as the delegate for University Operations to Employee Relations Council, which meets with the Chancellor and President. Kenny has always taken his responsibility very seriously, and gives a lot of thought to any issue that comes up. He is well deserving of this recognition!

**2006 Chuck Thompson Award Winners**

Roger McDonald from Electric Shop and David Brown from Building Services were the 2006 winners of the Chuck Thompson Award.

Nominations for the 2007 award are now being accepted. Forms are available in your office (or can be filled out online) and need to be returned to Sarah Surak by Sept 14.
**New Faces**

Megan Hickle - Carpentry
Jay Price - Recycle
Mitzi Green - Plumbing Shop
Sharon Evans - Engineering
Misty Mitchell - Engineering
Paul Whitus - Steam Plant
David Ogle - AC Shop
Robert McKelvey - AC Shop
Brad Brickler - AC Shop
William Rogers - Maintenance
Archie Hurst - Maintenance
Kevin Beeler - Maintenance
William Newberry - Maintenance
Steven Seymour - Maintenance
Daniel Mace - Maintenance
Doris Cannon - Bldg Services
Leon Cannon - Bldg Services

Flora Baker - Bldg Services
Frank Wren - Bldg Services
Angela Jones - Bldg Services
Teresa Harrison - Bldg Services
Richard Campen - Bldg Services
Melissa Jaeger - Bldg Services
Christopher Lewis - Bldg Services
David Hill - Maintenance
Edna Ward - Maintenance
Wilmer Barnes - Maintenance
Betty Hale - Maintenance
Carlos Young - Maintenance
Kendra Crumley - Maintenance
Dustin Callihan - Maintenance
Terri Britt - Maintenance
Jeff Phillips - Grounds
Larry Stalans - Grounds

**Facilities Services Vacancies**

Assistant Director - Arch & Engineering
Construction Inspector - Capital Projects
Project Manager - Capital Projects
General Superintendent - Building Serv.
Sr Special Order Clerk - Admin.
Drafter (2) - Engineering
Estimator - Engineering
Asst Gen Mnt Craft Worker (5) - Steam Plant
Steam Plant Operator - Steam Plant
Sr Design Technician - Steam Plant
Electrician Foreman - Electric Shop
Electrician (4) - Electric Shop
Sr Electrician - Electric Shop
Cabinetmaker - Carpenter Shop
Maint Specialist (2) - Maintenance
Service Aide (18) - Bldg Sv/Arena/Maint
Custodial Foreman - Building Services
Bldg & Grounds Servicer - Grounds

**Movin’ Around**

Terry Ledford has taken on the new position of Sr Project Manager of Capital Projects. Terry is still part of the Facilities Services Department, but his office location has moved to P271 Andy Holt Tower. Terry will be coordinating work on capital projects between Facilities Services and Facilities Planning.

**Green Waste Dumpster:** We are having contamination issues with the green waste, scrap metal, and asbestos dumpsters on the hill. The green waste dumpster is to the far left of the trash dumpster and collects pallets, branches, leaves, and other plant material only. Only scrap metal (no insulation, glass, or plastic) can be placed in the scrap metal bin.

**A Job Well Done!**

This August our department was faced with a massive undertaking: convert a modular building shell into a fully functioning Early Learning Center in less than three weeks.

More than 100 different Facilities Services staff members worked nearly around the clock, including on weekends, to prepare the building. They accomplished a number of tasks that required expertise from across the department, including: installing plumbing fixtures, a fire alarm system and exit lights, electrical systems, building a brick facade to cover the modular structures, building a playground, hanging cabinets and other finish work, and quickly moving the Center's contents into the new building.

"Operating as a team all of the shops pulled together and pitched in wherever help was needed," said Mike Sherrell. "I am very proud of the effort of our entire department. It’s truly amazing what we can do."

Thanks to all the Facilities Services shops working together, the Early Learning Center on Lake Avenue was constructed and open for business.
President Visits Facilities Services

On Friday, August 3rd, President Peterson visited Facilities Services as part of a week-long series of campus visits across the state. President Peterson spoke for several minutes and then accepted questions from the audience. Before and after speaking he along with Chancellor Crabtree and Vice Chancellor Denise Barlow chatted one on one with many Facilities staff members. President Peterson is the first university president to visit the Facilities Services staff.

New Email System

As some of you may know we are moving to a new email system called TMail. The new system will look the same as the mailbox you currently have. There are a few differences in the way calendars are viewed, but mail is exactly the same. You will also have the ability to check your email from home or on the road by going to http://tmail.utk.edu. Jim McCarter will be working over the next few weeks to get everyone moved over as soon as possible.

Facilities Services website
has been updated....
Check it out at
http://facilities.utk.edu

UT Alert System

UT Alert is a new emergency communication system that will send a text message to your cell phone or pager. The system is now up & running and all members of faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for this service. By signing up for UT Alert, you will be able to receive critical information in the event of an emergency when situations require you to act immediately or to be aware of an imminent threat to your safety. Situations would involve serious, violent crime when a suspect is still at large. It would also let you know about major issues involving fire, hazardous materials, gas leaks, power outages, etc. The system is also used if the university shuts down due to severe weather conditions.

The sign up process is easy and should take less than two minutes. All you need to sign up is your UT NetID and the mobile device you are registering. Go to the UT Alert website at http://www.utk.edu/utalert and follow the instructions. The service is free, other than any fee charged by your mobile service provider for text messaging.

We are in the process of setting up a system so that we will be able to add all departmental pagers to the UT Alert system. More on that coming soon.
We hope to have The Facilitator out on a regular basis from now on.

If you have anything you would like to contribute, please feel free to call or email….. Sarah Surak or Tracy Ridings
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Everyone have a great Labor Day!

Fun Times

Green Tip: Remember to turn off the lights when you leave any room- the bathroom, your office, your work area if no one else is there, or the kitchen. It takes 714 pounds of coal to keep a 100-watt light bulb on all year; that’s a big pile of coal! (Jay Price)