

THE FACILITATOR

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JIM MCCARTER NAMED SEPTEMBER "SEND ROSES" WINNER

Each month the University's Positive Recognition Committee selects one employee to receive the Send Roses Award for outstanding courtesy and customer service. This month's recipient was Facilities Services' own Jim McCarter.

Jim, a Senior Computer Support Specialist, began working at UT Knoxville for Technical Services nearly 14 years ago. In 1997 he transferred to the Facilities Services Department. However, it is not just Facilities that benefits from Jim's knowledge and expertise. He is a familiar face around campus, and on a typical day can be found hooking up equipment everywhere from classrooms and offices to skyboxes at Neyland Stadium.

Jim truly embodies the Volunteer Spirit. He donates

his time to university radio station WUTK 90.3 The Rock during the summer months when DJs tend to run in short supply. His Send Roses nomination letter cited one occasion where he spent the morning de-icing sidewalks, simply because it needed to be done.

In addition to the September 11th awards ceremony where he was presented with a framed certificate of recognition, Jim received a gift certificate to the UT Book and Supply Store, a reserved parking spot for one month, and a dozen roses.

"And they only lasted a day!" quipped Jim, in reference to the roses. Ever the gentleman, he immediately gave them all away.



McCarter, center right, poses with, from left, Facilities Services Executive Director Mike Sherrell, Human Resources Executive Director Alan Chesney, and Interim Chancellor Jan Simek.

GREEN TIP:

Don't trash your fall leaves, compost them! Starting a backyard compost pile is a great way to eliminate unwanted kitchen and yard waste, and create rich mulch that your garden will appreciate!

For as much FREE compost as you can haul, contact Ted Murphy at 4-3486, or bring your truck or trailer to Morgan Hill between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"To find joy in one's work is to discover the fountain of youth."

- Pearl S. Buck

Nobel and Pulitzer-Prize Winning Author

"SWITCH YOUR THINKING" CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF WITH STOKELY BLACKOUT

On Thursday, September 11th at approximately 7:45 p.m., the lights in Stokely Management Center went dark for the first time in over 30 years. Rather than the cries of panic and surprise that might typically accompany a loss of power, however, the blackout was met with cheers and applause.

The situation had, in fact, been planned well in advance, and was orchestrated by Facilities Services employees with the leadership of Preventive Maintenance Supervisor Johnny Branum.

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Branum, who oversees day-to-day maintenance and operations at Stokely, coordinated 12 P/M employees charged with simultaneously shutting off electrical breakers—two on each floor of the building—to create the desired effect for press conference attendees watching from the street below.

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STOKELY BLACKOUT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

It was all part of the kickoff ceremony for “Switch Your Thinking”, an energy-conservation campaign aimed at reducing campus energy consumption by 10 percent this year. The campaign is based entirely on voluntary measures, and asks the campus community to adopt four simple practices, listed as follows:

- 1) Turn off lights when not in use and at the end of each day.
- 2) Turn off computers when

- not in use and at the end of each day.
- 3) Plug electronics into a power strip and turn it off at the end of each day.
 - 4) Turn off window A/C units when not in use and at the end of each day.

“This campaign comes at a critical time for our campus and for the environment,” said Interim Chancellor Jan Simek. It also arrives as a major electrical upgrade in Stokely is nearing

completion. The project has been several years in the making and involves replacing the building’s antiquated lighting system with high-efficiency motion sensors. The \$500,000 project is being executed by Facilities Services employees and has been funded entirely by the Student Environmental Facilities Fee. The upgrade is projected to pay for itself in energy savings in approximately six years.



Faculty Senate President John Nolt, Interim Chancellor Jan Simek, and Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Denise Barlow pose in front of Stokely with the “giant light switch,” constructed by Facilities’ own Carpentry Shop!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 

- Donald Glover—9/1
- Richard Cannon—9/2
- Carolyn Underwood—9/2
- Gordie Bennett—9/3
- Wanda Boyd—9/3
- William Gann—9/3
- Judy McDonald—9/3
- William Rogers—9/3
- Brian Burch—9/4
- Ted Coward—9/4
- Theresa Furbush—9/4
- Emily Tackett—9/4
- Charles McDonald—9/8
- Douglas Ogle—9/8
- Gerald Perry—9/8
- Thomas Fisher—9/10
- Charles Baker—9/11
- Millard Lett—9/11
- Britton Patterson—9/11

- Joe Newman—9/12
- Sherrill Cox—9/15
- Travis Godfrey—9/15
- Ethel Brown—9/16
- Brandon Martin—9/16
- Mark Wagner—9/16
- Kenny Lane—9/17
- Christopher Morris—9/17
- Johnny Spangler—9/17
- Joseph Watkins—9/17
- James Reagan—9/18
- Jeffrey Brown—9/19
- Glon Lanagan—9/19
- James Reno—9/19
- Julia Sothen—9/19
- Steve Trewhitt—9/19
- Shelia Foltz—9/20
- Everett Hanley—9/20
- Kenneth Wolfenbarger—9/20

- Thomas Anderson—9/21
- James Hastie—9/21
- William Messamore—9/21
- John Patton—9/21
- Tami Schultz—9/21
- Lisa Hayes—9/22
- Carlos Luttrell—9/24
- Mark Ford—9/25
- Garrett Johnson—9/25
- Scott Knight—9/25
- Michael Underwood—9/25
- George Clevenger—9/26
- David Hileman—9/27
- Barbara King—9/27
- Evelyn Williams—9/28
- Joseph Lewis—9/29
- Marqueetia Byrd—9/30
- Timothy Hanson—9/30

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- Interim Chancellor
Jan Simek

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 

- Alan Hill—10/2
- Paul Hash—10/3
- Terry Baker—10/4
- Nathan Ownby—10/6
- Michael Tackett—10/7
- Seth Cannon—10/8
- Ed Maples—10/8
- Timothy Matthews—10/8
- Paul Hoose—10/9
- Mark Ragan—10/9
- Arthur Tezak—10/9
- Robert Dyles—10/10
- David Garbacz—10/10
- Eugene Llewellyn—10/10
- Sam Webb—10/11

- Daniel Holbert—10/12
- Tracy Williams—10/13
- Michael Nicholas—10/14
- Vicki Larmer—10/16
- Jay Price—10/16
- Paula Blair—10/18
- George Click—10/19
- Ronald Cox—10/19
- Steve Moyers—10/20
- Gladys Wren—10/20
- Dale Abernathy—10/21
- Sandra Britt—10/21
- Larry Cain—10/21
- Donald Zachary—10/21
- Robert Bryant—10/22

- Clark Kent—10/22
- Travis Smith—10/22
- Victoria Clevenger—10/23
- Gordon Brooks—10/25
- Stanley Elder—10/25
- Matthew Jaeger—10/25
- John Lewis—10/26
- Edgar Weaver—10/26
- Linda Willingham—10/26
- Austin Elder—10/27
- Danny Hensley—10/27
- John Farmer—10/30
- Jim McCarter—10/31
- Paul Pritchard—10/31



Don’t forget to wish your colleagues a happy birthday!

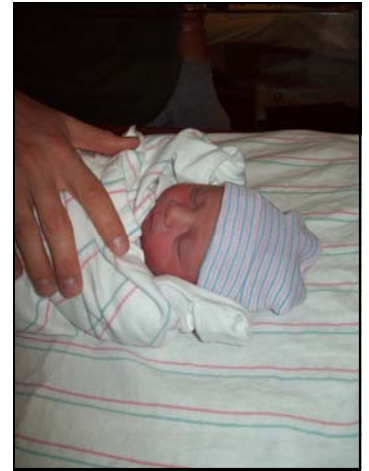
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The winners of this year's Bob Evans and John Parker Memorial Scholarships have been announced!

The winner of the Bob Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund for the 2008-2009 school year is Luke Downen, son of Keith Downen, Architect for Engineering Services. To qualify for this scholarship candidates must be a child or grandchild of a Facilities Services employee (current or retired). The winners of the John Parker Memorial Scholarship Endowment for the 2008-2009 school year

are Kelly Tomlinson, daughter of Tim Tomlinson, Superintendent for Electrical Services, and Kristin Wagner, daughter of Johnny Wagner, Senior Maintenance Specialist for Preventive Maintenance. To qualify for this scholarship candidates must be a legal dependent of a Facilities Services employee and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Selection of recipients is made by the UTK General Scholarship Selection Committee.



Congratulations to Recycling Coordinator Jay Price and his wife, Barbara, who welcomed 5lb 10oz baby girl Gabriela on September 17th at 12:06 p.m.! Gabriela was three weeks early, but delivery was smooth and mother and baby are healthy at home.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Retiring

John Bardill—Service Aide I, Building Services
David Bayless—Supervisor, Grounds
Sue Carr—Senior Secretary, Steam Plant
Pryor Gossett—Supervisor, Preventive Maintenance
Harlan Kinkead—Supervisor, Lock & Key Services
Steve Trewwhitt—Senior Draftsman, Engineering

New Faces

Gordie Bennett—Sustainability
Jonathan Cameron—P/M (Athletics)
Ian Cross—Building Services
David Duncan—P/M (Athletics)
Calvin Esau—Steam Plant
Samuel Henry—P/M (Athletics)
Sherry Lane—P/M (Athletics)

Barry Loveday—Building Services
James Manley—Preventive Maintenance
Edward McDaniel—Carpentry Services
Nakia Mitchell—Building Services
Charles Mobley—P/M (Athletics)
Douglas Ogle—P/M (Athletics)
Nathan Ownby—Care of Grounds
Tiffany Shuler—Engineering
Christopher Smith—Preventive Maintenance
Tracy Stephenson—P/M (Athletics)
Ali Virtanen—Public Relations
Jonathan Young—Administrative Office

Promotions/Transfers

Frank Bunner—Craft Specialist II
Harley Finley—Senior Service Supervisor
Eugene Iannaccone—Painter I
James Sulfridge—Senior Maintenance Specialist

VACANCIES

Computer Aided Draft/Designer—Engineering
Estimator—Engineering
Electronics Technician—Steam Plant
Assistant General Maintenance Craft Worker—Steam Plant
Senior Steam Plant Operator—Steam Plant
Senior Refrigeration/AC Mechanic—A/C Shop
Welder—A/C Shop
Craft Assistant I—Carpentry Shop
Cabinet Shop Foreman—Carpentry Shop
Senior Electrician—Electric Shop
Line Installer/Mechanic—Electric Shop

Custodial Foreman—Building Services
Service Aide I (3) - Building Services
Service Aide II (10) - Building Services
Senior Truck Driver—Care of Grounds
Welder—Care of Grounds
Lawn Gardener—Care of Grounds
General Maintenance Skilled Craft Worker—P/M (D)
Maintenance Specialist—P/M (R)
Senior Maintenance Worker—Arena
Custodial Foreman—P/M (Arena)
Service Aide II (5) - P/M (Arena)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.”

- Albert Camus

Nobel Prize-Winning
Author and Philosopher

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<http://facilities.utk.edu/>

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T H E F A C I L I T A T O R

Rise in Fines for Parking in Handicapped Spots

Effective July 1, 2008, the penalty for parking in handicapped spots without proper verification will increase from \$150 to \$200. The change comes from the Tennessee Legislature and applies state-wide.

Provisions of the new law include the elimination of any waiver or appeal process for these types of citations, as well as the possibility of a sentence of up to five hours of community service in addition to fines.

At least two percent of campus parking spaces are designated exclusively for handicapped use.

IN MEMORIAM



Kinard "Pa-Patch" Fugate

1944-2008

Building Services

Kin Fugate of Maryville passed away on Tuesday, August 19th, 2008 at the age of 64. He was survived by fiancé Nikki Andrews, daughter and son-in-law Lori and Jonathan Gano, son Chuck Fugate, and granddaughter Vyala.

Kin worked for the Facilities Services Department from 1978 until his retirement in 2006. He was a Supervisor in Building Services as well as the university's first ever Recycling Coordinator.



Carl Henry Gann

1946-2008

Carpentry Shop

Carl Gann of Strawberry Plains passed away on Friday, August 29th, 2008 at the age of 62. He was survived by wife Wilma Gann, daughter and son-in-law Carla and Mike Parker, and grandchildren Katie, Zachary, Julian and Hector.

Carl worked for the Facilities Services Department from 1969 until 2008. He started as a Stock and Storeroom Clerk, before moving on to the positions of Cabinetmaker and then Senior Cabinetmaker. He was promoted to Foreman in 1986.