FACILITIES SERVICES STAFF COLLECT 18,000 POUNDS OF CARDBOARD FOR RECYCLING DURING MOVE-IN WEEKEND, SHATTERING PREVIOUS RECORD

From Friday, August 14 to Sunday, August 16, new and returning students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville moved into residence halls and unpacked their belongings, generating an enormous amount of discarded boxes and packing materials. As stacks of flattened cardboard began to accumulate outside the university’s 12 residence halls, Facilities Services employees repeatedly filled the university’s two recycling trucks as well as five Grounds Services dump trucks that were repurposed especially for the occasion.

Throughout the course of the weekend, over 18,000 pounds of cardboard were collected – 5,000 pounds more than the prior record of 13,000 pounds. “I’m very excited about the amount of cardboard we picked up this year,” said UT Knoxville Environmental Coordinator Jay Price. “The Housing staff was a tremendous help in getting the cardboard out and ready for recycling.” When asked about the increase in cardboard collection compared to years past, Price said “The extra 5,000 pounds we picked up this year is in large measure due to all of the help that Housing staff gave us on multiple levels. For the first time we also decided to put a truck and a person at each of the largest sources of cardboard. The cardboard kept coming out, but we were there to handle it and get it on the trucks.”

The amount of cardboard collected from residence halls during the three days of move-in weekend is equivalent to the amount of cardboard typically produced by the entire campus during two weeks. Over 235 tons of cardboard were recycled at UT Knoxville last year. The university boasts one of the most comprehensive recycling programs in the country, and in addition to cardboard, aluminum, steel, glass, plastics #1-7, paper, yard waste, electronics, ink cartridges, and an assortment of other materials are collected for recycling on campus.
AN AUSSIE TRANSPLANT RETURNS TO HIS NATIVE COUNTRY

Jim Wilson, an Estimator in the Architecture & Engineering department of Facilities Services, and a native Australian, returned to his home country at the end of August. Wilson and his wife, Wilma, originally moved to the United States to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law. “My wife was traveling back and forth four, sometimes five times a year for visits, and eventually it just made more sense to come here to live,” he explains.

Wilson is a cabinetmaker by trade, and was originally hired to work in the Carpentry Services cabinet shop. After two years in that capacity he took an Estimator position in Architecture & Engineering. During more than four years with Facilities Services, Wilson has developed strong ties with his colleagues. “The people here are like a family,” he enthuses. “I’ve worked a lot of places, but I’ve truly never worked with such a wonderful group as this.”

Outside of work, Jim often held target-shooting parties on his expansive property in Clinton. The sport is one of his favorite pastimes, and for years he competed for the Scottish, British and Australian national teams. Dozens of Facilities Services employees would be invited to spend the day at the Wilsons’ home, shooting, eating and relaxing, with one small caveat. “We never, ever talked about work,” Jim says. “Those days were purely for the fun of it.”

The last of the Clinton parties is now long past, and the Wilsons departed for Brisbane on August 31st. Wilma, who also worked at the university in the Center for Transportation Research, has recently retired, but Jim will be teaching furniture manufacturing and finishing classes at a local technical college. And while they’re sad to say goodbye to East Tennessee, the Wilsons have a lot to look forward to in Brisbane—75 degree temperatures year round, and the joys of coastal living. “The land is really for the people in Australia, without too many rules or regulations,” Jim explains. “And on Friday, everybody hits the beach!”

IN MEMORIAM: TOM BRIMER

Retired Facilities Services employee Tom Brimer passed away on Wednesday, July 22nd at St. Mary’s Residence Hospice after an extended illness.

Brimer was a longtime employee of the university who held various positions throughout the years. He was originally hired in 1980 as a painter for Carpentry Services. Two years later he transferred to Building Services, where he worked as a custodian until 1991. He then transferred back to Carpentry Services, where he worked as Storeroom Clerk until December 2008.

Outside of work Tom was an active member of the South Knoxville Church of God, and he shared his beliefs in the workplace as well. He could often be seen making rounds in Facilities Services with a shopping bag full of Lay’s, handing out cans of potato chips and wishing his co-workers “Happy in Jesus Christ, love him with all my heart and feel great!”

Brimer, who was 73, is survived by daughters Peggy Joe Sise and Nancy Brimer, grandchildren John Thomas, Erin and Jessica Sise, sister Sue Churchman, brothers Jack and John Brimer, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son Johnny Brimer.

GREEN TIP

Instead of buying a new Halloween costume at a store, take a shopping trip to your own closet! This is a fun, creative way to put together a costume for yourself or your kids, and you’ll be sure to create something completely unique! Not only will you help the environment by repurposing material, you’ll save that other kind of green—money!
Judy McDonald, a Building Services employee who works as a Service Aide in the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy, was named the July recipient of the Send Roses Award for her outstanding courtesy and customer service.

McDonald has only worked for the university for two years, but has made a big impact during that short time. “Judy started off working at the Law College,” said Building Services Superintendent Bob Porter. “It didn’t take us long to realize that as soon as the new Howard Baker Center opened that this would be the perfect place for her. Judy has a very good work ethic that is only surpassed by her great personality. She is a self-starter and always completes her work in a professional manner. I never have to worry or wonder if the Baker Center is clean and ready for the next day’s events because of the pride that Judy has in everything she does.”

Praise for McDonald is equally warm outside of Facilities Services. In fact, it was staff from the Baker Center who nominated Judy for the Send Roses Award, and alerted her supervisors to her exceptional performance. “I have received several compliments and e-mails from the Howard Baker Center regarding Judy’s work,” explains Porter. “She is an asset to our department and well-deserving of this award.”

Congratulations to Wayne and Rhonda Cowden (formerly Rhonda Cansler), who were married on Saturday, August 29th in the UT Gardens! Wayne, a senior electrician, and Rhonda, an electrical apprentice, do not work on the same crew, but became friendly about four months ago when Wayne began giving Rhonda rides home from work. They quickly became inseparable, and it wasn’t long before Wayne knew he wanted to propose.

“One day when we were leaving, Rhonda was walking the opposite direction from me. She was getting a ride with somebody else,” Wayne explains. “I just got sick to my stomach. I drove around for about an hour and a half after that just thinking, and that’s when I knew I was falling in love with her.”

The pair, who honeymooned at a bed and breakfast in Dandridge, have also recently moved in together. They plan to host a reception for Facilities Services staff at their home sometime in the near future.

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**Seeking Friends of Switchie**

Supporters of the Switch Your Thinking energy conservation campaign can show their support for the program by becoming "Friends of Switchie".

Friends of Switchie (FOS) volunteer to shut off lights and electronic equipment (e.g. copier machines, faxes, window AC units) in the common areas of their office at the end of each day. Participating offices receive an FOS sticker to display with pride from their front windows.

For more information and to sign up for the Friends of Switchie program, call Gordie Bennett at 974-7780 or e-mail switchie@utk.edu.

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### September Birthdays

- Donald Glover—9/1
- Richard Cannon—9/2
- Kenneth Hooker—9/2
- Carolynn Underwood—9/2
- Gordie Bennett—9/3
- Bill Gann—9/3
- Joseph McDonald—9/3
- Judy McDonald—9/3
- Brian Burch—9/4
- Ted Coward—9/4
- Theresa Furbush—9/4
- Emily Tackett—9/4
- Guy Bayless Jr.—9/5
- Charles McDonald—9/8
- Doug Ogle—9/8
- Thyron Gray—9/9
- Matthew Cornelius—9/10
- Dale 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
- Michael Musselman—9/18
- Glon Lanagan—9/19
- James Reno—9/19
- Juliea 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 Shultz—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
- Ronald Gibson—9/28
- Evelyn Williams—9/28
- Joseph Lewis—9/29
- Marquetia Byrd—9/30

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### October Birthdays

- Paul Hash—10/3
- Alan Hill—10/3
- Terry Baker—10/4
- Sara Malley—10/6
- Nathan Ownby—10/6
- Michael Tackett—10/7
- Seth Cannon—10/8
- Ed Maples—10/8
- Tim Matthews—10/8
- Troy Grant—10/9
- Paul Hoose—10/9
- Arthur Tetzak—10/9
- Robert Dykes—10/10
- David Garbac—10/10
- Gene Llewellyn—10/10
- Samuel Webb—10/11
- Chris Williams—10/11
- Daniel Holbert—10/12
- Jerry Lethco—10/12
- Claude Mills—10/12
- Tracy Williams—10/13
- Michael Nichols—10/14
- Vicki Larmer—10/16
- Jay Price—10/16
- Jonathan Long—10/17
- Paula Blair—10/18
- George Click—10/19
- Ronald Cox—10/19
- Danny Hensley—10/20
- 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
- Travis Smith—10/22
- Stanley Elder—10/25
- Matthew Jaeger—10/25
- John Lewis—10/26
- Edgar Weaver—10/26
- Linda Willingham—10/26
- John Farmer—10/30
- Jim McCarter—10/31
- Paul Pritchard—10/31

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**Quote of the Month**

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

- Albert Einstein

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**UT Bike Day**

Wednesday, September 2nd

Bicycling is fun, healthy and good for the environment! To promote these and other benefits of bicycling, Make Orange Green is co-hosting the first-ever 'UT Bike Day' along the Pedestrian Walkway. This all-day event will feature fun yet informative activities about bicycling, including bike rides to local attractions (bring your own bike and helmet), tricycle races and bike-powered smoothies (sorry - you have to do the pedaling) during lunchtime. For more information visit [http://bikeday.utk.edu](http://bikeday.utk.edu) or call Gordie Bennett at 974-7780.
**UT PAYROLL GOES PAPERLESS**

Beginning in September, UT’s Payroll office will no longer issue printed pay statements. Statements will be available for viewing on a secure website, accessible with individual NetID and password. At the end of each pay period employees will receive an e-mail message stating that their pay statement is ready for viewing, with a link to the pay statement website.

This system, however, will not apply to all Facilities Services employees. For those employees who are paid on a bi-weekly basis, Accounting Specialist Jennifer Hatcher will print pay statements, which will continue to be distributed as normal. The next bi-weekly printed pay statement will be distributed on Tuesday, September 8th.

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**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**Retiring**

Harold Wayne Raby—Senior Maintenance Specialist, Preventive Maintenance

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**Transfers & Promotions**

Gunaranjan Arepalli—Lawn Gardener to Heavy Equipment Operator, Grounds

Wally Beets—Supervisor, Preventive Maintenance to General Superintendent, A/C Services

Dale Fisher—Supervisor to General Superintendent, Plumbing Services

Theresa Furbush—Maintenance Specialist to Senior Maintenance Specialist, Building Services

Dennis Lee—Supervisor to General Superintendent, Preventive Maintenance

Fannie Owens—Service Aide I to Service Aide II, Building Services

Victor Popescul—Refrigeration/AC Mechanic to Senior Refrigeration/AC Mechanic, A/C Services

James Scarbrough—Maintenance Specialist to General Maintenance Craft Worker, Preventive Maintenance

Tim Tomlinson—Superintendent to General Superintendent, Electrical Services

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**New Faces**

Guy Bayless Jr.—Electrical Services

Hattie Blair—Building Services

A’Deidra Carter—Building Services

Joshua Cash—Preventive Maintenance

Ronald Gibson—A/C Services

Gary Grayson—Building Services

Donna Harris—P/M (Athletics)

Landon Lane—P/M (Athletics)

Jerrald Limbaugh—Preventive Maintenance

Jonathan Long—Steam Plant

Joseph McDonald—Grounds Services

Bridget Meadows—P/M (Athletics)

Jennifer Murray—Building Services

Matthew Neubert—P/M (Athletics)

Michael Noel—Building Services

Derek Orbesen—Carpentry Services

Felix Phillips—P/M (Athletics)

Donald Sims—A/C Services

Christina Solomon—Building Services

Sherwin Taylor—Building Services

Linda Watkins—P/M (Athletics)

Joseph Whitton—Preventive Maintenance

David Wright—Preventive Maintenance

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Congratulations to Grounds Services employees Raj Arepalli, Willie Battle, Larry Cain, John Deforrest, Harley Finley, Jimmy Helton, Ken Hooker, Rodney Jackson, Scott Knight, Roger Norris, Gerald Smith and Larry Stalans, who were honored on August 18th at a ceremony celebrating the new location of the Rock!

Each of these gentlemen was integral to the Rock’s move to its new location at the corner of Volunteer Boulevard and Pat Head Summitt Street, from calculating the angle at which the Rock needed to be set down, to mulching and landscaping the new site. To learn more about the Rock’s move, visit [http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2009/08/18/at-students-employees-and-visitors-celebrate-the-rock/](http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2009/08/18/at-students-employees-and-visitors-celebrate-the-rock/).

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**DID YOU KNOW**

Project Coordinators David Bryan, Mark Heneagar, Kathy Herd, Joe Johnson and Monte Seymour have moved out of the Architectural & Engineering Services suite, and now have offices at 915 22nd Street, where they report to Senior Project Manager Terry Ledford.
Do you work with someone with at least 10 years of service to the university who demonstrates exceptional dedication to their job on a regular basis? Then nominate him or her for a Chuck Thompson Award!

Nomination forms are available in your Superintendent’s office, as well as from the Executive Director and in room 205. All forms must be turned in to Ali Virtanen no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, September 4th.

Last year 40 nominations were turned in, and this year we want to double that number! Facilities Services is full of dedicated employees who don’t always get the recognition they deserve. This is your chance to voice your opinion about the best and brightest among us!

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