

THE FACILITATOR

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SEVERAL 'LONG-TIMERS' RETIRING THIS YEAR

By the end of the year, Facilities Services will say goodbye to several outstanding employees: Larry McElyea, Clarence Pratt, George Clevenger, Chuck Baker and Paul Pritchard. Combined, these gentlemen have accrued over 150 years of service at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville!

Since coming to UT Knoxville in 1981, **Larry McElyea** has seen computers shrink dramatically in size, while campus facilities have grown to about 14.5 million gross square feet. During his first 10 years with the university, Larry worked on several system/program development teams in the Student 'Admissions' Areas. As Facilities Data Coordinator, he has been responsible for the integrity, maintenance, and reporting of the campus space inventory, which includes some 37,000 rooms and 230 buildings!

When asked about his feelings toward retirement, Larry says "It has been rewarding to know that my service toward maintaining accuracy of our space information has influenced our State and Federal funding. Retirement will provide attention to a list of 'several lists' of things I want to do; everything from restoring an old truck and tractor, to caring for several acres of property; from camping, amateur radio, and such, to family care giving, church and missions work."



For **Clarence Pratt**, what started out as a short-term position with the Electrical Shop turned into a career. Clarence began working for Facilities Services as a temporary electrician in 1986. With hard work, Clarence earned a permanent position with the department, and in 1989 he was promoted to Electrical Foreman, a position he has held since 1989.

Clarence has worked on a number of challenging work projects, including scheduled and unscheduled power outages. But as Clarence enters retirement and looks back at his three decades at UT Knoxville, he doesn't talk about buildings or projects - rather, he talks about people.

"Over the past 26 years, I've met a lot of friends at work, including people from other departments on campus," says Clarence.

In retirement, Clarence plans to maintain close ties to campus by attending Vols football games. He also looks forward to spending time with his wife and family, as well as hunting and fishing more often.

When Grounds Supervisor **George Clevenger** joined Facilities Services in 1967, he was still finishing up high school! In fact, George's first full time job was here on campus as truck driver for the Grounds Shop.

Since his early years with the department, George has worked his way to a number of leadership positions. He even filled in as Grounds superintendent for a brief period of time.

Born in Newport and raised in Knoxville, George has seen campus grow tremendously over the 40-plus years he's dedicated to the university. He jokes, "Buildings have come and gone during my time with UT - that is a sign that it's time to retire."

Once retired, George plans to spend more time with his son and two granddaughters. In addition, he hopes to finish work on a street rod and also tour the country by RV. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower. "

- Albert Camus





'Lighting the Way' graduates Jay Price (upper left) and Kevin Garland (upper right)

STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP

On November 5, the Office of Employee and Organizational Development (EOD) recognized Facilities Services employees **Jay Price** and **Kevin Garland** for completing the *UT Leaders Lighting the Way: Part 2*

Management certification. Please take a moment to congratulate Jay and Kevin! Part 2 certification involves training delivered during a two-year period with certification achieved after 70 hours of train-

ing. The training includes technical processes and compliance training, employee and team development, organizational development, and personal and professional development. Participants start the process by

taking the initial class *Leading at UT*. For more information about the *UT Leaders Lighting the Way* program contact EOD: 220 Conference Center Bldg Knoxville, TN 37996 Phone: 974-6657

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hanson Jr., Randall H - 11/1
Summey, Jackie T. - 11/1
Martin, James R - 11/1
Miller, Kenny R - 11/2
Limbaugh, Jerrald W - 11/2
Idle, Heather M - 11/4
Kennemore, Michael L - 11/5
Webb, Dustin J - 11/6
Tomlinson, Timothy S. - 11/6
Bailey, Derek W - 11/7
Norris, Hazel M. - 11/7
Moore Jr., Harry V. - 11/7
Graham, James C - 11/8
Battle Jr., Willie Z. - 11/8
Miracle, William T. - 11/9
Roach, Edward N. - 11/10
Rogers, James C - 11/11
Parton, Gregory M. - 11/11

Moyers, Jeffery D - 11/11
Yang, Yunni J - 11/11
Brock, Debra E - 11/12
Sise, Phillip S. - 11/12
Pritchard, Christopher L - 11/13
Shirk, Bryan C. - 11/15
Rutherford, Jerry W. - 11/15
Wees, Crendel G - 11/16
Johnson, Alex S. - 11/16
Corbin, Jerry W - 11/18
Hurst Jr, Archie D - 11/19
Perrin, Jess R. - 11/20
Fuller, Derek L - 11/21
Mahan, Harvey R. - 11/21
Monahan, Johnny - 11/21
Longmire, Randy E. - 11/21
Harbin Jr., Ernest T. - 11/21

Mcdaniel, Christian C - 11/23
Porter Jr., Ackron P. - 11/23
Carver, Lester R. - 11/23
Sharp, Anthony W - 11/25
Garland, Kevin A. - 11/26
Noe, Larry D - 11/26
Lee, Dennis R. - 11/26
Taylor, Sherwin M - 11/27
Raper, Michael J - 11/28
Jones, Angela G - 11/29
Click, Paula K. - 11/29
Jackson, Michael T - 11/29
Rowe, Brian H - 11/30



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Caughron Jr, Samuel A -12/29
Parigin, Jonathan K -12/7
Crigger, David J. -12/25
Willoughby, Wesley M. -12/28
Seymour, Montgomery J. - 12/29
Kidd, Ronald E. -12/21
Oakley, Tommy L. -12/2
Tomlinson, Joel G -12/14
Holloway, Luther D. -12/14
Mitchell, Stuart H. -12/4
Keck Jr., Kenneth C. -12/23
Nichols, Gary W -12/7
Bowles Jr., Clarence E. -12/24

Hines, Jarvis T -12/1
Jeter, Edward J. -12/23
Penalba, Cesar A. -12/18
Tallent, David S. -12/2
Mcdaniel, Edward S -12/29
Grobe, Matthew A -12/18
Nicley, Randall P. -12/19
Brooks, Timothy S. -12/17
Mitchell, Barry M. -12/17
Monger, Jeffrey L. -12/9
Satterfield, Sherri L. -12/14
Wright Jr, David F -12/14
Cannon, Leon E -12/15
Richeson, Joshua R -12/19

Robinson, Joyce J -12/10
Roe, Daryl A. -12/29
Saffell, Mary L. -12/2
Shermer, Mary Jo -12/25
Walker, Mickey L -12/1
Aparijo, Anthony G -12/3
Brown, Cruz C -12/13
Clevenger, George J. -12/27
Cottrell, Jason C. -12/29
Jolly, Kevin P -12/6
Mabe, Chris E. -12/25
Moore, Kenneth Jr -12/26
Miolen, Terry L -12/2
Htang, Simon S -12/5

Construction Technology Concentration Now Offered on Ag Campus

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) is now offering a concentration in Construction Technology. This academic program is designed to prepare you for construction management opportunities in areas such as residential, agricultural, commercial, paving and excavation construction.

Construction Technology students typically enjoy the outdoors, and enjoy the sense of accomplishment that can be quickly realized seeing a project grow from an idea to finished product. The CASNR program is designed to provide you a strong background in science and math, with exposure to relevant technology such as CAD, GPS/GIS, sensors and electronic information transfer. In addition, with additional coursework in business, the program can lead to a Minor in Business Administration.

For more information contact: Eric C. Drumm, Ph.D., P.E. Department of Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science 2506 E.J. Chapman Drive Phone: 974-7266 Email: edrumm@utk.edu

LAUREL HALL WINS POWER CHALLENGE

For the second straight year, Laurel Hall residents can claim to live in the 'greenest' residence hall on campus. After four weeks of spirited yet friendly competition, Laurel Hall won the Make Orange Green POWER Challenge this October.

As part of the POWER Challenge, residence halls earn points based on their per-capita water use, electricity use, and recycling during the month of October. Halls can boost their standing in the contest by hosting environmental-themed programs such as recycling used Snapple bottles into arts and crafts (see photo at right).

During the last week of competition, Volunteer Hall earned an impressive 78 points, edging out

Laurel Hall and the nine other halls on campus. However, this last-minute effort was not enough to defeat Laurel Hall, who scored big every week of the competition.

UT Recycling and the Office of Sustainability will be awarding Laurel Hall the POWER Challenge trophy 'Mo Green' once again this year.

Keep up the good work, ladies, and thanks for helping to Make Orange Green!



Trash to Treasure: Reusing Snapple bottles at Laurel Hall.



"Mo Green", the highly sought after POWER Challenge trophy.

FACILITIES STAFF 'RACE FOR CURE'

On Saturday, October 30, Facilities Services employees **Sandra Britt** and **Mary Saffell** were among more than 15,000 people who participated in the 14th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5K Walk/Run at World's Fair Park. Walking in memory of **Jackie Suffridge** and others whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, Sandra, Mary and their family members helped raise over \$400 for breast cancer research and treatment. Please contact Mary or Sandra to learn how you can get involved with next year's race.



Mary Saffell and family enjoy the 14th Annual 'Race for the Cure'



Beloved Plumbing Shop secretary **Jackie Suffridge** passed away from breast cancer in December 2006.

VACANCIES AS OF 11/3/10

Estimator-Architecture & Engineering
 CAD/Design Operator-Architecture & Engineering
 Steam Plant Mechanic-Steam Plant
 Asst Gen Maint Craft Worker-Steam Plant
 Sr Steam Plant Operator-Steam Plant
 Heavy Duty A/C Mechanic-Air Conditioning Services
 Refrig/AC Mechanic-Air Conditioning Services
 A/C Specialist I-Air Conditioning Services
 Carpenter-Carpentry Services (2 positions)
 Sr Carpenter-Carpentry Services
 Electrician-Electrical Services (2 positions)
 Sr Electrician-Electrical Services
 Craft Assistant I-Electrical Services
 Craft Supervisor III-Electrical Services

Senior Locksmith-Lock & Key Services
 Custodial Foreman-Building Services
 Service Aide I-Building Services (4 positions)
 Service Aide II-Building Services (3 positions)
 Lawn Aide I-Grounds Services
 Truck Driver I-Grounds Services
 Service Aide II-Assembly Center & Arena (2 positions)
 Sr Maintenance Specialist-Preventive Maintenance (A)
 Service Aide II-Preventive Maintenance (Athletics, 4 positions)
 Custodial Foreman-Preventive Maintenance (Athletics)

For more information about these positions call Human Resources at 974-6642 or email bremloyment@utk.edu

GREEN TIP



Did you know that tap water consistently performs the same as or better than bottled water in taste tests? That's because up to 40 percent of bottled water is actually just tap water - even though it costs about 2,000 times more! Don't like the taste of your tap water? Try cooling it in a pitcher overnight in your refrigerator. This should help neutralize any unpleasant taste. The next morning, fill a reusable bottle with the water and take it to work.

Check out the Facilities Services web page!

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

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EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26 	27
28	29	30 				

DECEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 	10 End of semester—no classes thru January 11. Residence halls close	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24 	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

= Biweekly staff pay day

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'LONG-TIMERS' RETIRING (cont. from Page 1)

Senior Maintenance Specialist I **Chuck Baker** and Steamfitter **Paul 'Peanut' Pritchard** retired in late-October/early-November. Both gentlemen dedicated 30-plus years to their work at the university. Chuck started in Building Services, and then worked his way into Preventive Maintenance. Peanut worked at the Steam Plant for a number of years, then assumed other responsibilities with the Plumbing Shop.

Congratulations, George, Clarence, Larry, Chuck and Peanut! We appreciate your service and wish you the best in retirement.

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS

Dear Facilities,

The other day, I left an iPod in a classroom on the 5th floor of Haslam Business Building. As you can imagine, I was upset for having lost this item, as it was not only valuable to me, but also had personal information that I was very concerned about.

The device was returned to me by Building Services staff **Tammy Roe**. Not only did Tammy recover my iPod, but she also made sure that it was secure until she could return it to the rightful owner. Thank you, Tammy!

David Duhamel
 Graduate Student
 College of Business Administration