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Environmental Hero



Andilee Warner receives 2007 Environmental Hero Award from Lt. Governor Pat Quinn on Dec. 27, 2007, in a ceremony held in the Blue Room of the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago.

Twenty-three individuals, schools, and groups received Environmental Hero Awards in recognition of their commitment to environmental health and protection. Among the recipients was SIUC's recycling coordinator, **Andilee Warner**.

"I am proud to honor these environmental heroes and the hard work they have done to protect the health and well-being of people all across the Land of Lincoln," Quinn said. "These individuals, and the organizations and municipalities they represent, are fine examples of good environmental stewardship, and teach us all that we have the power to make our state a better, cleaner place."

Andilee is known as the "compost queen" of Southern Illinois University for starting a composting facility at the Carbondale campus where 2 million red wiggler earthworms are used to digest more than 1,000 pounds of food per day from the residence halls.

The process, known as vermicomposting, is a pilot project between the recycling center and the University's agriculture department. By diverting the material to the vermicomposting facility instead of sending it to the Jackson

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County Landfill, the earthworms reduce the University's removal costs and increase the landfill's longevity. The project, funded through a combination of state and county grants, is the first application of a university using vermicomposting in Illinois and has been a successful means of reducing waste. Tours for the vermicomposting facility off Pleasant Hill Road can be arranged by calling 453-8131.

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Holiday happenings

PSO's annual Christmas party was held Friday, November 30 at the 17th Street Bar & Grill Warehouse in Murphysboro. *Breeden, Bradley & Maze* (P/D retiree Dennis Maze) and *Night Shift* provided the entertainment. Progressive appetizers were served including a variety of desserts. Whether eating, chatting with friends, dancing or just listening to the music, there was something for everyone. SIUC President Glenn Poshard stopped by and greeted PSO employees and guests at their tables. Host Phil Gatton introduced Dr. Poshard to the guests. While addressing the entire group, Dr. Poshard said, "PSO is the glue that keeps us all together." At the end of the evening, everyone left with a door prize.

An annual event which begins after the Thanksgiving holiday and runs through mid-December is "Santa Will Come". PSO employees contribute by making monetary donations, wrapping gifts, and loading vans for delivery. Michele Hines coordinates the event, purchases the gifts and food, and sees that all the goodies arrive at their destinations. Thirty-three children from Jackson, Union, Williamson and Perry counties received gifts and food baskets from the \$2845.00 generous giving of PSO employees.

The Physical Plant foremen's annual Christmas Open House was held Friday, December 21, 2007. This is the special event where PSO's retirees and current employees come together for a festive meal before the start of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Thanks to the foremen for planning and executing this event each year.

The annual Halloween cook-off was another huge success. There were 42 pots of soup and chili for judging. The winners were:
Chili Category

- 1st place - Michele Hines
- 2nd place - Rich Bauer
- 3rd place - Dawn Wilson
- honorable mention - Larry Gibbs

Soup Category

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- 1st place - Larry Gibbs
- 2nd place - Neil Saffelder
- 3rd place - Dana Roland
- honorable mention - Rick Martin

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WSIU literacy van unveiled

A Ford E-150 van donated by John A. Logan College (JALC) to WSIU has been transformed into a wonderfully appealing community asset. According to **Beth Spezia**, outreach coordinator, "The WSIU Literacy Van will extend a presence of SIUC and JALC into the community we serve with a focus on families with young children."



Wrapped in colorful PSB characters, WSIU's Literacy Van is ready to roll into regional communities. Its first stop was at the Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow, Carbondale for its christening on Friday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. **Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman** made the presentation.

WSIU has a long term relationship with the Quality Counts Program at JALC. Quality Counts was generous in the way they managed their resources by donating the van because they believed WSIU could be successful in this venture. WSIU is thrilled!

In affiliation with PBS KIDS, the Raising Readers initiative is a multi-year media research project funded by the U.S. Department of Education through the Corporation of Public Broadcasting. WSIU is one of a handful of stations around the U.S. participating.

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WSIU in participation with Child Care Resource & Referral at JALC will travel to churches, libraries and child care centers in the region engaging families in activities and presenting media (slides & videos). An activity may include participants inventing a story then recording the story on media. A Literacy Van event could be called "learning while having fun" replete with interactive media and give-aways to participants of educational resources (books, stickers, pencils, toys & DVDs) provided by PBS.

The van will be going out several times a month through the summer to the point the weather is no longer conducive to holding the events. On hot days canopies will be set up to provide shade to the participants.

Plans are to involve SIUC Early Childhood Development and Radio/Media students in Literacy Van events.

The artwork for the wrap on the van was designed by PBS. Auto Trim Design in Cape Girardeau, Missouri took the design and brought it to life on the van complete with Sesame Street's Big Bird on the roof. WSIU was extremely happy with the finished wrap and the customer service they received from Auto Trim Design. PBS paid for the wrap job on the van. Travel Service serviced the van and put on four new tires. Nearly everything has been donated for the project. WSIU has spent \$600 so far and will also be purchasing production equipment.

Christening of the van was Friday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow, Carbondale. Interim Chancellor **Sam Goldman** made the presentation. He was joined by Carbondale Mayor, **Brad Cole** and representatives from John A. Logan College. It was quite the event with many children in attendance and costumed characters. The Aesop's fable, The Hare and the Tortoise, was brought to life with the children participating in sack races.

Friday evening, April 25, the van will make an appearance at Rent One ball park.

Watch for billboards with Sesame Street characters to start going up around the region to promote the Raising Reader Initiative and the WSIU Literacy Van. For more information on Raising Readers go to www.readytolearnreading.org.

For more information about the Literacy Van or to schedule a trip to visit children and families, please contact Beth Spezia at 618-453-5595.



Catch *Between the Lions* on PBS KIDS and don't miss WSIU's Literacy Van when it comes to your neighborhood!

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PSO employees honored for service

University employees with 10, 15 and 20 years of service were honored for dedicated service during ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 7, 2007. The following is a list of PSO employees, by years of service, who received honors:

20 years:

- Carl Wright, Travel Service
- Michael Bigler, Campus Mail Service
- Paul Fauke, Power Plant
- Rodney Parrish, Carpentry
- Steven Barringer, Building Services
- James Blessing, Grounds
- Keith Craig Harris, Refrigeration
- Michael Hobbs, Printing/Duplicating
- Helen Howell, Building Services
- Marty Rogers, Grounds

15 years:

- Chris Gaertner, Computer Operations
- Shirley Walker, Building Services
- Scott Weber, Engineering Services
- Debra Brantley, Travel Service
- Dennis Bowring, Building Services

10 years:

- Jason Cotton, Building Services
- Kevin Thies, Plumbing
- Randy Popejoy, Carpentry
- John Swiger, Grounds
- Roger Trexler, Printing/Duplicating
- David Bush, Grounds
- Jeffrey Jerdon, Power Plant
- Marion Hill, Ironwork
- David Toler, Electrical
- Ronald Rudloff, Refrigeration
- Grady Sorrows, Electrical
- William Field, Painting

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- Mitch Marlow, Sheet metal
- Vera Gibbs, Building Services
- Gary Kohlenberger, Electrical
- Jason Mueller, Grounds
- Michelle Rositch, Printing/Duplicating
- Matthew Bender, Building Services

This list is representative of 455 years of dedicated service to the University. Congratulations to each employee for the role you have played in PSO's success.

~Nancy Nicholson

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A/C units airlifted to top of Student Center



One of five a/c units air lifted to the roof of the Student Center.

On November 20, 2007, SIUC Construction Management hired St. Louis Helicopter Service to lift and set five air conditioning units on the roof of the Student Center. The helicopter was utilized in lieu of a crane, since a crane did not have

the reaching capacity to set the units at the Student Center. These new air conditioning units will give the Student Center the ability to efficiently cool Ballrooms A, B, and C. With these new units each ballroom can be isolated and cooled accordingly.

Cooling costs at the Student Center will be reduced; this project is an excellent example of the entire SIUC Team working in conjunction with the Student Center to discover and implement cost savings solutions to energy problems at SIUC.

We would like also to thank Department of Public Safety, Grounds at the Physical Plant, Engineering Services, the Athletic Department, Student Center personnel, Administration at PSO, and all the tradespeople at the Physical Plant for their help and participation in this project.

This was teamwork at its finest.

~ Michael J. Schoeppel, project estimator

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Power outage woes

A campus power outage that began in the early hours of Tuesday, March 18, left several buildings in the dark and cold for nearly 38 hours.

An electrical feeder line supplying power to the Agriculture Building, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and Greek Row was at fault. Circuitry had to be rebuilt to remedy the problem. Before that could happen, **Electrical Crew 1** had to navigate the underground electrical distribution system to find the faulty wire. Due to the rapid and prolonged rainfall, the electricians had to pump nearly six feet of water out of each underground manhole before access could be made to the high voltage lines.



A tent was placed around the manhole where the high voltage electrical line was being repaired. The incessant rain and wind created extreme working conditions.



Electricians in an underground manhole behind the Physical Plant work to restore power. (Wed, 3/19/08)

Mother Nature's 3-day deluge of rain doubled the time taken for repairs. The rain on Tuesday measured 6.31 inches, the most rain measured in a 24 hour period since the installation of the weather station at the Physical Plant in September 1997. The rain fell continually from Monday evening to late afternoon Wednesday. The power was restored at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday evening.

The project of restoring power was overseen by electrical

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engineer **Steve Lazorchak**. Electrician crew 1 includes foreman **Scott Hagler, Keith Field, Rick Martin, and Joe Wolfe**. The electricians worked round the clock to restore power to the affected buildings. These men exemplify the dedication of PSO tradesmen to their work.

~ Nancy Nicholson

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A new focus on safety

PSO is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its employees. To further enhance this commitment, a new PSO Safety Committee has been formed. As some may remember, a Joint Safety Committee existed in 1996 under the chair of D.R. Huppert, Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance. The current Safety Committee is co-chaired by the Director, Phil Gatton and Safety Coordinator, Dawn Wilson.

Workplace injuries and related costs as well as decreased productivity are issues that plague every business. No one is immune from becoming the victim of an accident. Safety is a conscious act. We need to be mindful and think about our environment.

Mission Statement: The PSO Safety Committee's mission is to work toward the reduction of work place injuries and illnesses by increasing awareness and training, as well as addressing on-going safety concerns. In addition, this committee strives to ensure that all employees have an understanding of any health and safety hazard associated with their jobs and that all employees maintain a safe work environment.

Safety Committee Members

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Dawn Wilson, Chair | 453-8170 | Administrative Office |
| Jim Hancock | 453-7180 | Center for Environmental Health & Safety |
| Judy Jones | 453-6794 | PPES, Admin, Accounting, Computer Operations |
| Bob Smith | 453-5163 | Building Services |
| Tyson Moore | 453-5058 | Building Maintenance, Power Plant, FOC, BAT and Key Control |
| Gib Thomas | 453-6740 | Building Maintenance, Power Plant, FOC, BAT and Key Control |
| Roger Trexler | 453-2268 | Printing/Duplicating, Mail Service, Travel Service, Materials Management |
| Mike Schoeppel | 453-6705 | Construction Management and crews |

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Jerry Womick

453-8185

Grounds, Recycling and TON Grounds

A display case located in the main hallway of the Physical Plant is for the sole purpose of safety initiatives. One can find committee member names, meeting dates, meeting minutes, guidelines and mission statement, and monthly safety tips and/or posters.

All employees are encouraged to contact Safety Committee members or use the existing "suggestion boxes" which are located around PSO to report known hazards, unsafe work conditions, or suggestions for improvement. A dark green "PSO Safety Concern/Suggestion" form can be found at each "suggestion box". Suggestions may remain anonymous; however, the Committee would like to be able to recognize those suggestions that significantly improve working conditions.

Look for a Safety Committee column in each newsletter. "[Safety Matters](#)"



~Nancy Nicholson

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Reported injuries since 1-8-08: **19**
12 were slips on the ice

Next safety meeting
May 20, 2008

Safety Training Topics

April -- Lifts, scaffolding & ladder safety
May -- Proper lifting techniques & back injury prevention
June -- Heat stress

The last Safety Committee meeting was held March 11, 2008. Two "Safety Concern / Suggestions" were received in the suggestion boxes:

- "My concern is of the safety hazards posed by the vehicle and foot traffic through the coal yard with the destination of the Key Control building. Many people in cars and trucks come through the coal yard on their way to park and enter the Key Control building. The tall concrete wall blocks the operator's and the coal truck driver's view of incoming vehicles until they are in the path of the working equipment and/or trucks. Many other vehicles come off the highway so quickly that they are also in the work area before being perceived. This puts the workers in danger of being run down. Large trucks and smaller vehicles in a small confined area is a cause for safety concern. The large trucks are not always stable and have, on at least two occasions, turned over. If this should happen when another vehicle was near, it could have very serious results. Foot traffic through this area poses another level of danger. If a person walks up close to a very large truck or piece of equipment, the operator of the truck or equipment cannot see that person. This foot traffic puts the pedestrian in danger of serious injury. I would like to suggest a protected

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path from the parking lot be provided for persons needing to conduct business with Key Control. This protected path would replace the need for vehicles to park at the Key Control building, thus eliminating one of the hazards of vehicle traffic in the coal yard. At the present time, there are no caution signs warning of the dangers."

- "Can the used salt and cinders swept up by the street sweeper be collected and reapplied?"

The Safety Committee also reviewed five concerns that were forwarded from the PSO Employee Advisory Committee:

- There is a huge hole near Mae Smith which is big enough for a picnic table to fall into, near the playing field. There is also a hole near the light pole in the same area.
- The sidewalk on the southeast side of Life Science II is 1" higher causing many people to trip.
- The path leading from the tennis courts, up the hill, to Campus Mail Service needs to be repaired. It has washed away in some places and is very dangerous, especially at night.
- The manhole covers on the east side of the Technology building are too high causing pedestrian traffic to trip.
- There is a deep hole next to the stop sign by the coal yard at the Physical Plant that needs repaired.

Item to note: An employee can call 1-800-773-3221 and report an on-the-job mishap as an "incident only" instead of an "accident" and avoid the paperwork. An "incident only" can be reported when you do not plan to seek medical treatment. If you then develop problems as a result of the "incident", you can call and change it to an "accident". See "[what to do if you have an on-the-job accident](#)" for PSO's policy.

~ Nancy Nicholson

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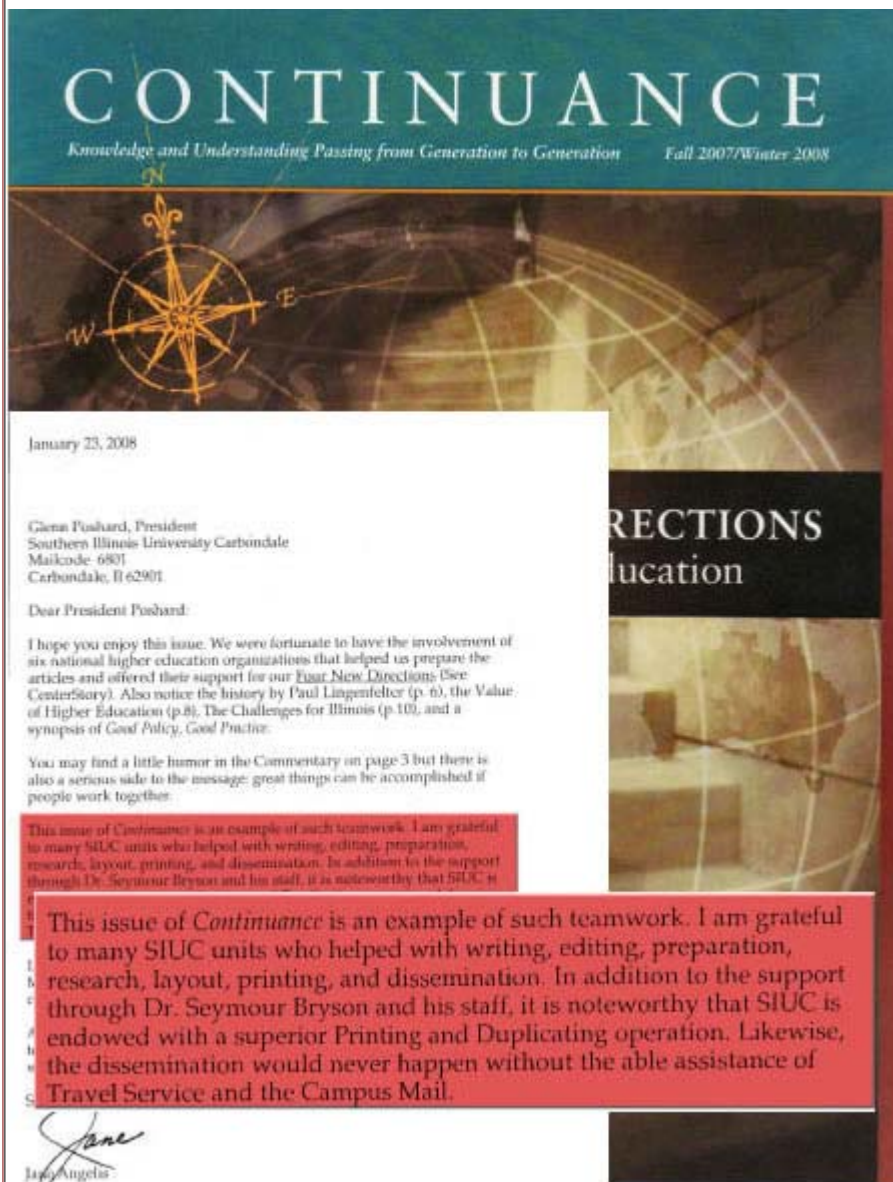
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Congratulations to Printing/Duplicating/Mail Center, Travel Service, and Campus Mail for recognition of a job well done for their part in printing and disseminating the current issue of *Continuance*, published by the Intergenerational Initiative. The entire issue of *Continuance* can be viewed in pdf format at <http://www.siu.edu/offices/iii/Continuance/ContinWinter2008.pdf>

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Glen Poshard, President
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Mailcode: 6801
Carbondale, IL 62901


Dear President Poshard:

I hope you enjoy this issue. We were fortunate to have the involvement of six national higher education organizations that helped us prepare the articles and offered their support for our *Four New Directions* (See CenterStory). Also notice the history by Paul Lingenfelter (p. 6), the Value of Higher Education (p. 8), The Challenges for Illinois (p. 10), and a synopsis of *Good Policy, Good Practice*.

You may find a little humor in the Commentary on page 3 but there is also a serious side to the message: great things can be accomplished if people work together.

This issue of *Continuance* is an example of such teamwork. I am grateful to many SIUC units who helped with writing, editing, preparation, research, layout, printing, and dissemination. In addition to the support through Dr. Seymour Bryson and his staff, it is noteworthy that SIUC is

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Jane
Los Angeles

From Julie K. Ray, custodian at Life Science II
Received: 3-21-08
To Whom It May Concern:

I was very happy to see that the craftsmen had come in today and laid the tile in the men's bathroom and had fixed the electrical socket in the basement of Life Science II. They did a wonderful job and they were quick to get it done. Would you please thank these workers for a job wonderfully done. I appreciate everything that can be done to make Life Science II a better building. Thank them for me and let them know I think they are great craftsmen.

From Julie K. Ray, custodian at Life Science II
Received: 4-8-08
Dear Mr. Brooks:

Would you please let the Craftsmen know, that again, they have done a wonderful job. The girls bathroom in the basement looks so much better than it did. I appreciate the hard work they have done for Life Science II. Thank you.

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Oil products change

Travel Service has a new oil products vendor. Santies Wholesale Oil Company replaces Shafer Oil continuing to provide synthetic oil for the University fleet and all Grounds motorized equipment. Santies will do all installation of the EPA required equipment to store the oil. Travel Service expects to net a \$27,000 annual savings in oil costs.



Illinois Green Fleets

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has been designated an Illinois Green Fleet after completing a lengthy application process. SIUC is the second Illinois university to attain this status and the first to purchase a hybrid vehicle in 2003. The University is listed on the Illinois Green Fleets website at www.illinoisgreenfleets.org.

Under the administration of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Governor Rod R. Blagojevich the Illinois Green Fleets Program, Douglas P. Scott, Director, is a voluntary program where businesses, government units, and other organizations in Illinois gain recognition and additional marketing

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opportunities for having clean, green, domestic, renewable, American fuel vehicles in their fleet. It is a program to recognize a fleet manager's progressive efforts in using environmentally friendly vehicles and fuels to improve air quality while promoting our domestic fuels for greater national energy security.

Green signifies the economic advantages often experienced in using less expensive fuels, lower maintenance costs and saving money in the overall transportation budget while promoting environmental and domestic energy benefits.

Through the Illinois Alternate Fuels Rebate Program, Travel Service will be able to apply for 2008 E85 fuel rebates in January 2009. Rebates in the amount of \$340 or \$450 per vehicle, depending on miles driven per year, that is fueled at least 50% of the time with E85 will be considered. Travel Service has 45 qualifying vehicles. A potential maximum rebate of \$20,250 per year for a three year maximum of \$60,750 is attainable.

E-150 van donated by JALC to WSIU



WSIU is the fortunate recipient of a Ford E-150 van from John A. Logan College. The Literacy Van is part of the Raising Readers Initiative and affiliated with PBS KIDS. The plan for the van is to travel to various child care centers, libraries, & churches in the region with costumed characters and outreach activities. The van was acquired on Wednesday, April 2. Travel Service quickly secured licensing and registration for the

van and thoroughly checked out the vehicle and serviced it as needed.

See story about WSIU's new Literacy Van [here](#).

~ Nancy Nicholson

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Kudos to outstanding PSO employees



2007 Employee of the Year recipient Elizabeth Cheek receiving \$200 bookstore gift certificate from director Phil Gatton

Third quarter outstanding employee, **Elizabeth Cheek**, was selected as PSO's 2007 Employee of the Year. Elizabeth works in the Human Resources/Payroll office and does an excellent job of managing employee benefits and payrolls to ensure that PSO employees are paid timely and accurately.

James Allison, maintenance laborer in the Grounds department, was chosen as Outstanding Employee for the first quarter of 2008. Co-worker Julia Haug nominated James citing his ability to motivate his co-workers, to get work orders done in a timely manner, his training ability and supervisory skills, and his generosity as reasons to honor him. James provides free masonry in the community. He is always willing to help people and puts others' needs before his own.



1st quarter, 2008, outstanding employee winner James Allison (center) receiving \$50 bookstore gift certificate from director Phil Gatton. Grounds foreman Leon Bagley is on the left.

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Brooke Ensign, Building Services (center) receives \$50 gift certificate from Director Phil Gatton for Student of the Semester honors. Alecia Tucker, Foreman, is on the left.

Brooke Ensign, a student worker at Building Services, was awarded Student of the Semester honors. Brooke works evenings in the office at Building Services doing routine cleaning as well as clerical duties. She received five nominations from her co-workers. Brooke is an asset to the office and leads by example.

PSO extends its congratulations to these three employees for jobs well done.

~Nancy Nicholson

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Don Rendleman, Assistant Stores Supervisor, Materials Management, 12-31-07

Richard Guye, Chief Plant Operating Engineer, Power Plant, 12-31-07

James Blessing, Driver, Grounds, 12-31-07

Billy Abernathy, Stationary Engineer, Power Plant, 1-31-08

Richard Arbeiter, Painter foreman, Building Maintenance, 1-31-08

Roger Hines, Assistant Superintendent of Building Maintenance, Physical Plant, 2-29-08

James Fricke, Painter, Building Maintenance, 12-31-07

John Swiger, Laborer, Grounds, 12-31-07

Michael Bigler, Mailing Services Supervisor, Campus Mail Service, 12-31-07

John Ammon, Building Service sub-foreman, Building Services, 1-31-08

Richard Snell, Driver, Coal Yard, 2-29-08

Bruce Francis, Grounds Superintendent, Grounds, 3-31-08

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Glenn Morgan, *Building Service Worker*, Building Services, 3-31-08

NEW HIRES

Timothy Baggott, *Building Service Worker*, Building Service, 10-17-07

Harold Wasson, *Architectural Draftsman*, Engineering Services, 12-3-07

David L. Tippy, *Superintendent of Grounds*, Grounds, 12-1-07

Winston Jones, *Building Service Worker*, Building Services, 12-13-07

Kathryn Randall, *Illustrator*, Printing/Duplicating, 1-14-08

Scott Brandon, *Stationary Engineer*, Power Plant, 1-28-08

Jesus Rosado, *Building Service sub-foreman*, Building Services, 3-17-08

Everett Porter, *Stationary Engineer*, Power Plant, 4-7-08

Samantha Eiskant, *Distribution Clerk*, Materials Management, 4-7-08

William Wallace, *Building Service Worker*, Building Services, 4/7/2008

Christopher Radake, *Building Service Worker*, Building Services, 4-13-08

DEATHS

Harlyn Beckman, *Retired Grounds foreman*, 3-29-08

Gilbert Snyder, *Retired Building Services sub-foreman*, 3-31-08

Ronald Eaton, Sr., *Retired Maintenance Laborer*, 4-19-08

BIRTHS

Isabel Faith Moore, *daughter of Tyson (electrician) & Melissa Moore*, 8 lbs. 15 oz., 21 inches, born Saturday, January 12.

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