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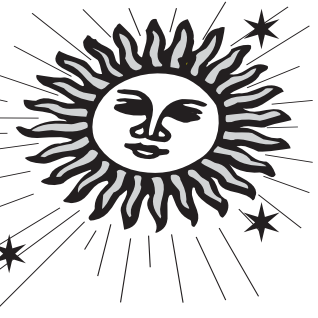
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## SPRING 2003 CARE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Spring 2003 CARE Award recipients were honored in June. Each recipient received a certificate and an engraved clock to commemorate his/her contribution to the University. CARE Awards are given twice a year after nominations are received and reviewed by a committee representing each district of the Staff Council. For more information and the nomination form, see <http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil>. Nominations are due March 31 and October 31 of each year.

### Michael Doty — Career Center

Michael has helped to raise the quality of the service the Career Center offers its customers. He accomplishes more in one day than most accomplish in a week. He has become a systems expert with the new Career eRecruiting system. Michael always treats others with respect and caring. His efforts have facilitated a much more positive reputation for the Career Center.

### Peggy Eckelkamp — School of Arts & Humanities

Peggy is the voice of the School of Arts and Humanities. She presents an air of personal warmth and professional competence. She is always gracious, treating other people with kindness and honesty. She restructured the system for managing part-time appointments and lecturers. She accomplishes tasks on time and with absolute accuracy. She is a pleasant person with a great sense of humor. Peggy works in the Dean's Office.

### Gayle Holt — School of Management

Gayle is always cheerful to everyone, even though the challenges she faces are often less than cheerful. She is very friendly and approaches all concerns with a wonderful professional at-



Michael Doty, Mickey Lewis, Gayle Poirot, Gayle Holt, Lana Sooter, Peggy Eckelkamp

titude. If she does not know the answer to a question, she will search out the answer. Gayle has done a stellar job in correcting the chaos in her position. She and her husband often take weekends to help build homes for Habit for Humanity.

### Mickey Lewis — Office of Undergraduate Education

Mickey is a consummate professional and a down to earth caring person. Even in the worst of times she wears a smile on her face, realizing a smoothly functioning office demands people who care about one another whatever the stresses and strains of the job. No job is too large or too small for her. Mickey has never met a stranger. She helped collect money for Callier kids at Christmas, and is active in community organizations.

### Gayle Poirot — Office of the President

Gayle is the first line of defense in the President's office, and is a marvel of efficiency. She is always courteous, patient, and professional, but firm when necessary. People know when they talk to her they are talking to someone who is listening and who cares. She demonstrates expert handling of the Administration's Angel Tree program, which benefits the children of Callier pre-school. Caring is a way of life with Gayle.

### Lana Sooter — Office of Undergraduate Education

Lana is a rare individual who has tremendous technical skills and a true gift for working with students and their families. She offers her talents and time to students beyond her assigned realm of duties. She works with freshmen who have been denied admission to develop a plan to be admitted to the university in the future. She has made the difference between success and failure in addressing crises large and small.

### THIRD ANNUAL CALLIER PRE-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Staff Development Committee is in their third year of gathering cash and school supplies for Callier Pre-School kids, and hopes to exceed previous years donations. Last year UTD staff donated supplies and cash totaling over \$400. That was more than a 40% increase from the previous year.



*Happy faces, 2002 School Supply Drive*

#### Items Needed:

Supplies or cash will be accepted.

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| Soft soap (pump dispenser)                | Steno Pads        |
| Crayola Crayons (box of 24)               | Kleenex           |
| Fiskar 5" pointed-tip scissors            | Band-aids         |
| Washable School Glue (16 oz.)             | Tape, clear       |
| Washable Glue Stick (large)               | Tape, masking     |
| Crayola Washable Watercolor Paints        | Pencils (pkg. 12) |
| Crayola Washable Markers (box of 8)       |                   |
| Construction paper (pkg. assorted colors) |                   |

Contact a Staff Council member before **August 29, 2003**, for information or to drop off your donation. Donations will be delivered to Callier in early September. See <http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/members.html> for a listing of all Staff Council districts and member contacts.

#### Staff Council Development Committee Contacts:

Paul Bogan	MC18	Dist 4	x2387	MC 1.304
Laurie Brown	JO44	Dist 2	x2085	JO 4.812
Lynda Gary	EC31	Dist 1	x2190	EC 4.302
April Gauer	MC15	Dist 4	x2616	MC 1.302
Darlene Johnson	JO48	Dist 2	x4800	FN 3.210C
Kent Mecklenburg	GR41	Dist 2	x2360	GR 4.528
Pat McEachern	MC34	Dist 3	x2135	MC 3.214
Wendy Newton	FO22	Dist 2	x2852	FO 2.304C

Thank you in advance for your support.

### ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

**Annual Enrollment will be July 7 through July 31.**  
*Important Insurance Changes effective 9-1-2003 Watch your campus email and check the Human Resources website for more information.*

The 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session passed bills that:

- Change Retirement eligibility for health insurance
- Add health plan coverage waiting period of 90 days (new employees)
- Reduce premium sharing for graduate students and part-time employees



### STAFF COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the newly elected Staff Council representatives for the term effective September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2005.

#### District 1

Deb Day  
Rochelle Pena

#### District 4

Lisa Garza  
April Gauer

#### District 2

Barbara Gordon  
Keith Stelzenmuller  
Doug Vass  
Sally Zirkle

#### District 5

Andy Aquatero  
JB Barnes  
John Turner

#### District 6

Carol Lanham  
Betty Loy  
Trudy Muller

#### District 3

Fatihah Lambert  
Matthew Makowka

The returning representatives with terms expiring August 31, 2004, are as follows:

#### District 1

Kathy Gribble  
Emebet Sahle

#### District 4

Paul Bogan  
Roberta Green

#### District 2

Laurie Brown  
Mary Margaret Echevarria  
Gayle Holt  
Darlene Johnson  
Jacqueline Long  
Kent Mecklenburg

#### District 5

Rickie Brown  
Karla Perez

#### District 6

Peggy Attari  
Christy Baxter  
Tina Sharpling

#### District 3

Daniel Calhoun  
Pat McEachern

#### Other

Sandee Goertzen  
(Lifetime Member)

### COOK BOOK

Here's an example of the great recipes that you will find in the upcoming Staff Council Cookbook. Be sure to watch for announcements regarding its publication date and sale.

#### Chicken Wraps

- 1 can biscuits - non flaky
- 1 can golden mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken
- 1 can water
- Salt/pepper to taste
- Pieces of cooked shredded chicken

Wrap shredded chicken in the biscuit - like making a fried pie. Pour liquid ingredients into skillet. Stir, when mixture starts to boil place chicken/biscuit in pan. Cook until done, probably 20 minutes.

## IN MEMORIAM

### BERNARD F. PARSON



The University Police sadly lost one of their most respected members on May 25, 2003. Officer Parson lost his life in a vehicle accident while on his way to work.

Officer Parson joined the UTD Police Dept. in February 2001. Bernard served as a liaison to several UTD student organizations, including the Black Student Alliance and the Explorer program. He was very active in his community and served as Vice President of the Waterford Oaks Elementary School PTA. He was an advisor for the O.C.P.C. youth department and assistant coach with the Cedar Hill Wildcats select baseball team. He was also a certified EMT.

Officer Parson was married with two children. UTD President, Dr. Jenifer said, "Officer Parson was a popular presence on campus and a full member of the UTD community. He had a gracious demeanor and was both an ambassador for good for the university and a protector from bad. He will be greatly missed."

Officer Parson was truly one of the best and will be greatly missed.



### TONY RIGSBY

It is with deep regret that the Physical Plant announces the death of Tony Rigsby on June 2, 2003.

Tony loved deep-sea fishing, baseball, and horse racing. He was very involved in the Gene Autry Festival held each fall in Tioga, TX. Tony was a great cook and published a book titled *Tony's Favorite Recipes*.

Tony was a member of the Grounds Crew, which received the last Business Administration award.

Tony had one sister and was close to all of his extended family. He was very kind, a gentleman, and liked by all who were acquainted with him here at UTD. His main task on the grounds crew was that of field mower and he was responsible for maintaining all of the outlying properties owned by the University and the large fields surrounding the campus proper. He had been employed in the Grounds Department since May 2002.

We will miss his smile and the kind words he had for everyone.

### CORPORATE CHALLENGE 2003

Corporate Challenge 2003 is underway! Ericsson is sponsoring this annual event, which benefits the Texas Special Olympics. For those unfamiliar with Corporate Challenge, employees of area businesses get together and participate in 22 different Olympic-style events. Medals are awarded to the top three participants in each of the events, so it's the North Texas version of the Olympics. Each business is challenged to raise \$1,000.00 for this wonderful cause. Last year the participants of the Challenge raised \$34,480.

This year's Challenge begins August 19. There are still openings on some teams and captains are needed for flag-football, punt/pass & kick, and track and field.

If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please email Cheryl Friesenhahn, [cheryl@utdallas.edu](mailto:cheryl@utdallas.edu).

### STAFF COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following people have received scholarships from the Staff Council Scholarship Fund. Check out the Staff Council website for scholarship eligibility--[http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/staff\\_scholarship.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/staff_scholarship.html).

#### Undergraduate

**Cathy Coursey**, School of General Studies – Interdisciplinary Studies \$300.00, Student Financial Aid Officer III, Financial Aid

#### Graduate

**Patricia Schoch**, School of Arts and Humanities – Humanities \$300.00, Program Manager, Management

**Millie Smith**, School of Social Sciences – Political Economy \$300.00, Manager, Contracts & Grants, VP Research and Graduate Education

**Nicolas Valcik**, School of Social Sciences – Political Economy \$300.00, Asst. Director Strategic Planning & Analysis

**Kimberly Holmes**, School of Social Sciences – Political Economy \$150.00, Assistant Dean, Engineering and Computer Science

**Susan Vail**, School of Arts and Humanities – Humanities \$150.00, Program Coordinator, Engineering and Computer Science

### UTD DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Staff Council has put together an *A to Z Guide* listing UTD departments and contacts. It is available on the web at: [http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/staff\\_atoz\\_guide.htm](http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/staff_atoz_guide.htm). If your department needs to update or correct information, please email [staffcouncil@utdallas.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@utdallas.edu).

### DISTRICT 3 COFFEE WITH DR. JENIFER



Dr. Jenifer and Dr. Sutton met with members of District 3 on April 22.

Dr. Jenifer talked about space problems on campus. The School of Management Building should be ready in July and the 250,000 sq. ft. facility will be full. After Management moves, IR will move to the 3rd floor of Jonsson and A&H will move into space on the 5th floor vacated by Management. The University is considering purchasing the Kodak/Comp USA Building on Waterview and Frankford for Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Other options are also being considered while deciding how to renovate Founders. Long range plans include a parking garage either next to McDermott or on the corner of Drive A and Drive G. Mr. Lovitt wants to present the new master plan to Staff Council before putting it on the web.

Dr. Jenifer said the budget is still being worked out in Austin. He expects a reduction between 2% and 9%, most likely 6%. He stated that 6% is bad, but would not require layoffs or pay cuts.

He reported that for UTD to be considered for Tier 1 status, we need \$100 M in research funding. Currently we have approximately \$25 M. *US News and World* report has ranked UTD as 78th in the U.S., this is the first time we have been ranked and only one of five in Texas that are ranked.

The library staff was very concerned about the possibility of Texshare funding being cut by the legislature as this impacts the electronic databases and electronic journals available to our patrons as well as Texshare library cards and the Texpress courier. Dr. Jenifer is well aware of the situation and shares our concern. We also talked about library archives and faculty status for librarians.

**THE PUB...NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**  
THE PUB in the Student Union is now managed by Student Life. Mike Taylor and David Vera and their student employee staff invite you to stop by and try the great food that they make as you order. Burgers, both regular and veggie, quesadillas, nachos, chicken or beef taco salads, mozzarella cheese sticks and homemade salsa and chips are just a few of the menu items you can enjoy. THE PUB also features STARBUCKS Coffee, Island Oasis smoothies, soft drinks and other specialty drinks.  
☞ For the fall semester, THE PUB is planning to open earlier in the morning for you STARBUCKS customers...watch for details. Current summer hours are: 11 AM – 8 PM, Monday through Thursday and 11 AM – 6 PM on Friday.

### EMPLOYEES

#### New Employees, May

- Dondreae Gray, Registrar
- Trina James, Natural Science & Mathematics
- Carol Johnson, Natural Science & Mathematics
- Michael Johnson, Physical Plant
- Esther Johnston, Registrar
- Yanfeng Kong, Natural Science & Mathematics
- Holly Minor, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- Danny Ramos, Physical Plant
- William Roberts, Physical Plant
- Benjamin Rozzell, Police
- Jerry Shipp, Physical Plant
- David Vera, Student Life
- Jenny Wall, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- Steven Webb, Physical Plant

#### Retirees:

- Chris Bacile
- Gigi Bogнар
- Gary Green
- Edward Jones
- Rita Lastor
- Donna Lamson
- Gregory Smith
- H. D. Stephens (Dwain)

#### Deaths:

- Bernard Fitzgerald Parson
- Anthony Blaine Rigsby



### RECYCLING BIN LOCATIONS

The following locations are designated drop-off points for ink-jet cartridge recycling.

Provost	AD2.104
Natural Science and Mathematics	FN3.118
Procurement	AD3.418
University Management Systems	MP3.204
Hanson Center of Space Sciences	FO2.304
General Studies	GR2.818
McDermott Library	MC3.238, MC3.304
Behavioral and Brain Sciences	GR4.104
Payroll	MP2.240
Physics	FO1.506
Physical Plant	PP1.204
Management	JO5.508G
Engineering and Computer Science	
EE Copy Room	ECSN2.705
Copy Room	ECSN2.232
Dean's Copy Room	ECSN3.722
Faculty Mail Room	ECSN3.504
Copy Room	ECSN4.504
Mail Room	ECSN4.712
Student Services Copy Room	ECSS3.502A
Admin. Work Room	ECSS3.909
Copy Room	ECSS3.702
Admin. Work Room	ECSS4.909
Mail Room	ECSS4.618