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IT'S A QUOTE

“Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some, and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.”

—robert fulghum

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ARIZONA STUDENT UNIONS



JOIN US FRIDAY December 14, from 7–9am in the Cellar for our annual Employee Recognition Holiday Breakfast. We will announce and award our Employees of the Semester and celebrate all of our fantastic Union employees! There will be a “Naughty or Nice” prize wheel, Snowman building contest, Gingerbread house building contest and of course our famous Cheesy Potatoes and all the fixings for breakfast. So come on down to the Cellar and lets have some Snowman fun in the Holiday Sun! ■

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

—robert keiser

THIS MONTH'S EMPLOYEE profile features Mark McGeehee who is currently one of our Night Custodial supervisors. In this capacity he is responsible for coordinating and assigning both standard operating tasks and any special projects that need to be accomplished on his shifts. He signs out keys and equipment, keeps track of supplies requested by his employees, and inspects completed tasks for quality control concerns. He also pitches in when necessary to see that assigned work is completed as scheduled, completes/checks daily night reports, and is responsible for evaluations of the custodians who work mainly on his shifts (Friday through Monday).

Born in Tucson, Mark's father owned two local bars years ago—the Round House and Larry's Hideout. Since then Mark has more or less alternated his residence between the Hot Springs, Arkansas area—its hot springs are highly recommended—and Tucson, not counting his time in the service.

While in Arkansas Mark decided to split from home and join the army at the ripe old age of 17, spending his first three years as a cannon crew man and his last seven as an Air Borne Ranger. His service assignments took him all over the world, most memorable being a stint in Korea, if only because of the severe cold weather he had to endure there.

Upon leaving the service Mark took any number of odd jobs, both here and in Arkansas, including working as a tire changer for heavy duty truck tires and cleaning hotels, which is where he received most of his custodial training, and where he eventually became a

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BIRTHDAYS

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES CELEBRATING THEIR DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

- 2 Norberta Santiago
- 3 Enrique Ornelas
- 4 Andrew Gardiner
- 4 Alberto Godoy III
- 5 Estella Zatarain
- 6 Dorothy Stout
- 7 Antonio Carranza
- 7 Norma Contreras
- 7 Mary Lou Robinson
- 8 Chelsea Ewer
- 8 Michael Gilliam
- 8 Hector Gonzales
- 11 Joe Von Glahn
- 12 Sarah Davis
- 13 Glen Loftis
- 17 Ethan Askew
- 17 Victoria Christie
- 18 Christopher Volenec
- 19 Manja Blackwod
- 21 Donna Pollock
- 23 Coleen Cummings
- 23 Nellie Lopez
- 25 Mary Nett

January

- 1 Scott Button
- 3 Christiana Ageh
- 3 Kim Kyte
- 6 Brett Brestel
- 9 Mario Celis
- 10 Alejandro Robles
- 12 Rhonda Sayles
- 14 Michael Sutton
- 16 Griselda Vargas
- 17 Antonio Hernandez
- 23 Gertrudis Figueroa
- 25 Rene Barnett
- 26 Francisco Montano
- 28 Peter Pereira
- 30 Marielena Cruz-Celaya
- 30 Connie Monson
- 31 Vincent Dixon
- 31 Carmen Leon



WE ALSO WISH A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT EMPLOYEES!

EMPLOYEE NEWZ

Congratulations!

■ Congratulations to **Dr. Dan Adams** who has been appointed as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs overseeing Student Living, Health and Wellness. His areas of responsibility will include the Arizona Student Unions, Residence Life, and Campus Health and Wellness.

Cactus Grill Decorations

■ Take a stroll to the Cactus Grill and see the fun holiday decorations that were "magically" displayed by our very own **Leo Lopez** (Cactus Grill) and **Eddie Contreras** (PSU). From penguins guarding the pastries to snowflakes falling by the cashiers—they've given the spirit of the holiday season to all.



Address Correct?

■ Please check your address on your paycheck or in Employee Link to make sure that it's correct. Any changes must be updated by Dec. 14, 2007 so that the correct information will print on your Form W-2, or any check mailed over the holiday break. You can easily change your address on Employee Link: <http://emplink.arizona.edu>

Holiday Closure

■ As we head into the holiday season, here's the Union's holiday schedule and a few reminders before you head out.

Park Student Union (PSU) will close at 3pm on December 14 and will not reopen until 9am, January 14. The heat in the facility will remain on but at a lower level. An Operations Manager (OM) will walk the building every day to ensure the building is secure and no utility problems occurs.

The Student Union Memorial Center (SUMC) will begin reduced hours on December 15, opening from 8am to 5pm on the weekends and 7am to 5pm on the weekdays. SUMC will go back to regular hours on January 13.

In addition, during this period SUMC will be entirely closed (except U-mart) December 16, and from December 22 to January 1. Like PSU, an OM will walk through SUMC daily to ensure the building remains secure and problem free.

A few helpful reminders before you leave include:

- Turn off your computer & monitor
- Turn any thermostats in your area down to a lower setting (68 degrees)
- Secure all work areas and equipment, and water your plants, and ensure no food items are left out
- Ensure your card access works if you will be in the building, and most important:

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY BREAK!

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project manager for a hotel chain.

Mark's last move occurred late in 2002, when he moved back to Tucson from Arkansas. Here he worked briefly as a furniture mover for Sam Levitz until obtaining a position as a custodian in the Unions in February 2003, a position he found much more satisfactory than that of a furniture mover.

Mark has two daughters and two grandsons, the latter currently being raised by him and his wife. While the boys basically run Mark ragged, they provide him with a lot of joy too, and he is happy to have the added responsibility.

During his spare time Mark enjoys working with his hands, and likes to tinker with vehicles—he's modified and restored an 1927 Ford Model T, and taken classes on building and maintaining Harley Davidson motorcycles. He also enjoys fishing—a prime pastime of his in Arkansas—and watching NASCAR, especially when he feels too "old and decrepit" to chase after his grandchildren. ■

