

MARQUETTE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

Facilities Services came up with inventive ways that got employees motivated to give.....



Dunk a Director

How often are you given the opportunity to soak your boss? Not many, probably.

Well, Ron Ripley gave his employees that chance. And, in turn, raised money for Marquette's Community Campaign.

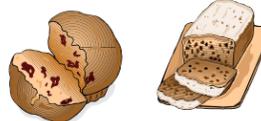
On Friday, Nov. 3, Ron Ripley, Director of Facilities Services, climbed into a dunk tank and sold 3 balls for \$5 to throw at the target that would send Ron into the water.

By the end of the event, Ron had taken 23 dips into the tank and the "Dunk the Director" event raised over \$1000 for the Campaign. Even Art Scheuber, Vice President for Administration, got into the spirit and paid for a chance to send Ron into the water (which he DID).

Thank you to all who participated....and to Ron for being a good sport!



Facilities Services Bake Sale



Not only was there a dunk tank, but on Thursday, Nov. 9, employees from Facilities Services brought in baked goods to sell, with proceeds going toward the Marquette Community Campaign.

Many employees brought in a variety of delicious items. By the end of the day, the Facilities Services Bake Sale raised \$469 in cash and \$184 in payroll deductions making the grand total \$653 for the Community Campaign.

Another great effort by Facilities Services staff. Thanks!



Larry Rickard receives his Years of Service Award from October. (seated, from left) Ron Ripley, Katie Shaw, and Mike Whittow. (back row, from left) Tom Ganey, Toby Peters, Larry Rickard (15 years), Todd Vicker, and Art Scheuber.

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In Memoriam

On Sunday, October 1, Paul Jablonski, Associate Director/Captain for Public Safety, peacefully passed away after a short illness. Paul had not been feeling well for several weeks. On September 6, he went to a concert with some friends. Afterwards, he was having difficulty breathing and drove himself to the emergency room at St. Mary's on the Lake Hospital. His health deteriorated quickly and it was later diagnosed that Paul had suffered Acute Respiratory Distress and a massive inflammatory system response. He was 44 years old.

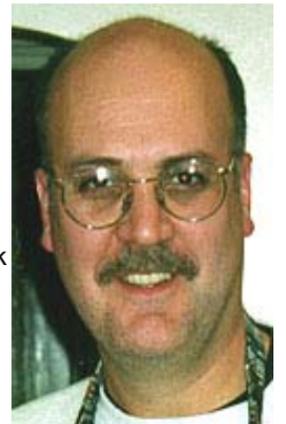
Paul is survived by his mother, Marion; five sisters, Mary, Christine, Monica, Jan, and Judith; four brothers, Lou, James, Gregory, and David; and many other family members and friends.

Paul had been a part of the Marquette campus for 18 years. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history and was a respected member of Public Safety. He worked closely with Facilities Services, IT Services, Facilities Planning, Design and Construction, and many other departments, colleges, offices, the Milwaukee Police Department, and City agencies on various projects including the Avenues West Substation on 21st and Wells Streets, Public Safety's CIC (Command Information Center), as well as the University's Critical Incident Management Plan.

Paul had many interests outside of Marquette, including his 18 years of volunteer work at the Tipperary and Aer Lingus music stage at Irish Fest where he acted as a soundman, an equipment crewman, a backstage co-manager, and a security man.

Paul would make many trips to Glacier National Park with family, friends, and sometimes alone. Paul had hoped to one day retire there.

Paul's absence from Marquette, and the Milwaukee community, will be felt for some time.



"The Grey Squirrel Flies at Midnight"

A Personal Tribute to Paul Jablonski by Cindy Kucher

The grey squirrel flies at midnight. Translation: Cindy has Peanut M&Ms on her desk.

That was the off-the-wall code I would leave for Paul. He came up with the code so he knew there would be a little something for his sweet-tooth when he stopped by the Office of Administration on business, although he said the chance to talk to Katie Shaw or me was the real draw. What a Charmer!

"Tall Paul" typically greeted me with "buon giorno" when he stopped in the office. Since I didn't know any Italian, I generally responded with "hola." So it was always very international when he stopped by. It, also, was always fun when Paul stopped by because of his never-ending supply of cute stories that he would retell.

I'm going to miss Paul. He was always the tallest member of my MS Walk team...affectionately named the Marquette Street Walkers. I would tell Paul that stiletto heels were not required for him to be a Street Walker....he already had the height. Now I'm going to have to find another tall beacon to guide my way on the Walk.

So, the grey squirrel no longer flies at midnight and the candy bowl has not contained Peanut M&Ms since Paul was last here.

Dan Abler Wins Christie Award

Dan Abler, Assistant Director of the Alumni Memorial Union, received the 2006 **Richard L. Christie Staff Leadership Award** at the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region 8 Conference, which recently was hosted by Marquette. The award, named in honor of Richard L. Christie, former Director of Student Life at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, recognizes exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the college union and activities field. The award is presented to individuals based on nominations by students and staff as well as the following criteria:

- how the candidate dedicates herself/himself to the ideals of the college union/student activities field;
- the candidate's volunteer and leadership experience and unselfish giving to the region and the college union/student activities field in working with staff, students, and community organizations;
- the character strengths that distinguishes the candidate from other staff, students, or new professionals; and,
- reasons why the candidate deserves to receive the award.



Dan Abler (center) surrounded by AMU staff and students.

This award is a yearly recognition given by the Association of College Unions International (ACUI). The ACUI brings together college union and student activities professionals from hundreds of schools worldwide. This award is one of only two staff recognition awards given at the annual regional conference. ACUI Region 8 (Wisconsin, Chicago's metropolitan area, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula), of which Marquette is part, is an association representing students and professionals in college union programs from two-year and four-year, public and private, rural and urban institutions of higher education.

Congratulations, Dan.

Alumni Memorial Union Receives Recognition

Annette Conrad, Associate Director of the AMU, accepted the 2006 USI Innovation Award by Ungerboeck Systems International, Inc., on behalf of Marquette University at the annual user's conference. USI provides the Events Business Management Software (EBMS) for Marquette University. The purpose of the award was to recognize best practices and achievements of clients for creative and inventive approaches to the event business management field using USI technology. The EBMS conference was held in St. Louis in mid-October where clients from around the world gathered to share best practices and discuss their needs as event planners.

Currently, the AMU Events Management Office, the Raynor Conference Center, the Law School, the University Information Center, the Office of the Registrar, and Intercollegiate Athletics are all Marquette University users of EBMS.

Great job, AMU Event Management staff.

Years of Service

Celebrating various anniversaries with the University.



Facilities Years of Service Awards. (from left) Toby Peters, Greg Holbus (5 yrs.), Mike Kulik (5 yrs.), Jeff Lampone, Art, Jerry Kohn (25 yrs.), and Ron Ripley.



(from left) Art Scheuber, Russ Shaw, Andrew Fleck (5 yrs.), Andrew's wife and DPS Communications Officer Marissa and their daughter Jakita, Larry Rickard, and Toby Peters.



A recent Facilities Services "Thank You" event had a racing theme.

Pictured (from left to right) Art Scheuber, Mike Whittow, Jerry Kohn, and Toby Peters.