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NC STATE UNIVERSITY

FACILITIES DIVISION

TEAM EXCELLENCE



Looking Good!

In the front row:

- **University Housekeeping:** Brenda Reid, Zone Manager; Carolyn Dixon, Housekeeper; and Rodney Vinson, Maintenance Mechanic
- **Grounds Management & Fleet Service:** Santos Mendez, Grounds Worker; Billy Sanders, Grounds Supervisor; George Davis, Vehicle Mechanic

In the second row:

- **Building Maintenance & Operations:** Alan Stephens, maintenance mechanic and Jason White, maintenance mechanic
- **Repair & Renovation:** Charles Shearin, maintenance mechanic in the General Shop and Bobby Ray Smith, painter in the Paint Shop
- **Grounds Management & Fleet Services:** Dean Klemushin, Grounds Worker



Over the course of the past year, we have focused on improving the look and comfort of our uniforms. Because of the variety of units within our division, we do have some variety of uniform types. I thought it might be good for you to see the uniforms now worn on a daily basis by your teammates. Thanks to those who served as models.

As I walk across campus and encounter members of our team, I am impressed with the pride you show wearing your distinctive work uniforms. As an organization, we promote a professional image to our customers by wearing outfits that look good and help identify us as members of the elite Facilities Division team. Our nametags and nametag backers are also a special way we convey to our customers who we are. It is our goal to have everybody wearing their uniforms and nametags with backers whenever they are on duty so there is no doubt about our great pride in the Facilities Division.

While a lot of the campus community is gone over the summer, we will continue on, using this time effectively as always to do lots of disruptive projects and heavy cleaning. But, I also hope you find time during the summer to enjoy the things you like to do outside of work as well.

Remember – I CARE
Kevin MacNaughton

Late Breaking News: As this was going to print, we received word that we have been awarded the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Award for Excellence. The award is APPA's highest institutional honor. This is a tremendous honor in which you should take great pride. It means you are part of one of the most outstanding higher education facilities teams in the nation. Congratulations! You should all be proud, knowing that we are receiving the award based on the excellent work you do day in and day out to advance the mission of NC STATE. Thank you.

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Meet the NC State Energy Management Team

The NC State Energy Management Team, led by supervisor Ed Sekmistrz, is based at the Yarbrough plant. The team is responsible for maintaining the controls on the equipment in the five campus thermal plants and recording monthly readings on over 600 utility meters to account for the use of energy and water.

The team is committed to promoting energy efficiency and reducing energy usage on our campus. **Ed's** group comprised of **Wade Fulghum, Steve Brown, Brandon Vann, Abdul Belcouria** and **John Grawert**. They genuinely care about supporting campus energy conservation efforts. The group has implemented various conservation projects on campus, participated in the university's Earth Day activities, and created the "**Just Switch It Off!**" campaign, which sends their message of energy efficiency to students, staff and faculty across campus.

This team enjoys working at NC State, and they are passionate about making NC State a better place to work and attend classes.

Abdul was drawn to NC State initially for the job security that comes with State employment, and has stayed with the university because he enjoys his work. **Abdul**, originally from Morocco, likes visiting Jordan and Johnson Lakes with friends and family. He also likes the short commute to work and going to Fountain Dining Hall for lunch.

John agrees that job stability attracted him to the university, and also lists the academic environment and close proximity to home as

benefits of working here. He states that having a great supervisor like **Ed** has kept him here. **John** lists the dining halls, as well as the bookstore, as places on campus he likes to visit during his break times. During his free time away from work, **John** enjoys watching auto races on television and reading spy novels.

Steve, who says relaxing and playing basketball are how he likes to spend his time away from work, lists the health and retirement benefits as what drew him to NC State. Like **John**, **Steve** says that Clark Dining Hall is his favorite place to visit at lunchtime.

Wade came to work at the university to take advantage of the many learning opportunities afforded to NC State employees, and considers himself a "good fit" at the Yarbrough plant. He likes facing the challenges that come with working at the plants and solving them together as a team. **Wade** enjoys working out at Carmichael Gym in the mornings, and sometimes likes getting a group of co-workers together to have lunch at Clark Dining Hall. **Wade** is active in his church and stays busy playing with his 4-year-old son.

Brandon calls himself a "lifetime learner" and agrees that the university environment provides employees opportunities to continue education in many ways. **Brandon** will demonstrate this love of learning by completing an Energy Diploma class given by the State Energy Office next month. Also, he will soon complete a



Front row, left to right with years of service in parentheses: Ed Sekmistrz (5), Wade Fulghum (1 Month), Steve Brown (2), Abdul Belcouria (2)
Back row, left to right: John Grawert (2) and Brandon Vann (3)

second degree in computer engineering. At home, **Brandon** enjoys learning about computers in his spare time, and says he is able to apply that knowledge on the job as well. Also, **Brandon** likes watching science fiction movies.

Ed came to North Carolina to escape the cold, snowy winters of Michigan. Like some of his team members, he came to the university to take advantage of the variety of opportunities and wonderful benefits the State offers its employees. During lunchtime when the weather is pleasant, **Ed** likes to walk around the campus and enjoy the outdoors. When he is away from work, **Ed** sometimes travels to the beach or mountains of North Carolina, or visits one of his five children in Texas or Michigan.

When asked what they'd like readers to remember about them, the **Yarbrough team members remind everyone on campus to do what they can to conserve energy.** Practicing simple habits such as turning off lights when leaving rooms and unplugging electrical equipment that are not in use has a cumulative effect on energy savings on campus. This group truly cares about energy conservation at the university and hopes others on campus do as well.