

Local news briefs

**ASU EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED**

Arkansas State University employees who were recognized Thursday as recipients of the Distinguished Performance Awards for 1997-98 included (front row, from left) Carol Johnson, Renee Emerson, Linda DeSpain, Janet Hardin, Sandra Miley, (back row, from left) Maria McKay, Sandra Bramblett, Clint Halcom, Gina Bowman and Leslie Welch.

ASU personnel are cited for contributions

Arkansas State University conducted its fifth annual service recognition and performance awards program Thursday for classified and non-classified personnel.

Dr. Les Wyatt, president of the university, said the program was initiated to recognize outstanding service and performance by the university's non-teaching employees.

Ten employees received Distinguished Performance Awards in their respective employment categories. Two awards were presented in two of the categories.

The employees, their departments, and their employment categories were:

- Gina Bowman, Sports Information (executive, administrative);
- Clint Halcom, Physical Plant (skilled crafts);
- Maria McKay, Physical Plant (service, maintenance);
- Janet Hardin, Human Resources (technical, paraprofessional);

national Programs.

An additional 34 employees were recognized for 10 years of service.

- Sandra Bramblett, Finance, and Sandra Miley, internal auditor (professional, non-faculty);
- Carol Johnson, Department of English and Philosophy, and Renee Emerson, College of Fine Arts (clerical, secretarial);
- Leslie Welch, Management Systems and Planning/Institutional Research (part-time employee);
- A customer service award was presented to Linda Despain, Graduate School. Candidates for this award are nominated by students.

Winners of the Distinguished Service Awards received a plaque and a \$500 savings bond. The winner in the part-time employee category received a \$100 savings bond.

Two university employees were recognized with an engraved plaque for their longtime service to ASU as of May 1. Irene Martz, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, was recognized for 40 years of service, and Ron Carmack, assistant vice president for facilities and director of the Physical Plant, was recognized for 30 years of service.

Sixteen employees were recognized for 20 years of service. They include Carol Barnhill, Purchasing; Phareta Calkin, Journalism and Printing; Robert D. Clements, Building Maintenance; Renee Emerson, Fine Arts; Noble Grady, Student Housing; Sharon Griffin, Library; Lola Langley, Purchasing; Kathy Masters, Freshmen Studies; Barbara Perry, Custodial Care; Dewayne Powell, Building Maintenance; Dr. Jenifer Rice-Mason, Disability Services; Jimmie Rushing, Radio-TV; Lanny Tinker, Building Maintenance; Patricia (Carol) Tinsley, Student Affairs; and Bill Ward, Reng Center.

Twenty employees who have retired or will retire during this fiscal year were also recognized. They are Ginger Akers, Testing Center; Sherry Blevins, Finance; Willis Brenner, Library; Gerald Craig, Financial Aid; Jimmy Dean, Grounds Maintenance; Bertina Emery, Purchasing; John Albert Finley, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Bill Fisher, Purchasing; Norma Fisher, Agriculture; Betty Higgins, Audiovisual; Ruth Jeanette Holt, Custodial Care; Margie Jones, Food Services; Billy Kain, Arkansas Services Center; Tom Manning, Alumni Relations; Faye Niswonger, Custodial Care; Thurza Rorex, Food Services; Maxine Rose, Agriculture; Grady Timmons, Custodial Care; Calvin Trowbridge, University Police; Lucille Wade, Food Services; and Afak Haydar, Inter-