

A Day in the Life...

a photo essay on the men and women of maintenance and housekeeping at midland

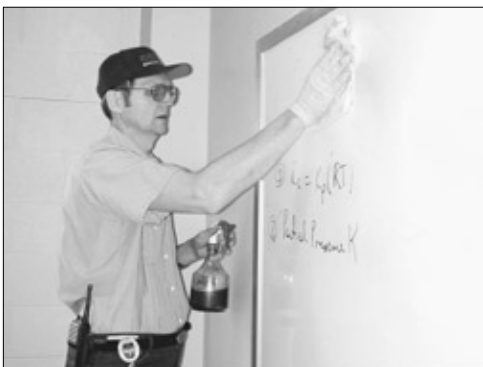
photos by Nikki Carlson and Robyn Thomsen



Kevin Claussen, maintenance, leans over and checks the readings on the back-up generator located in the student center. Claussen is in charge of the heating and air conditioning on campus. The back-up generator is tested during the weekend to make sure it is always in working condition. His job also demands that he checks five boilers that provide heat for campus. All five are checked daily to make sure they are in working order.



Phyllis Lopez, housekeeping staff, scrubs the sinks in the women's bathroom on the second floor in Gunderson Hall. Taped to the walls of the bathroom are messages from the girls on the floor. One of the messages said, "Mrs. Lopez, Gracias por todas tu atenciones", which reads, "Mrs. Lopez, thank you for your work." While scrubbing the sinks she said, "My girls go here. I know how busy they are with studying, and this makes it easier for them."



Doug Winfield, custodial staff, wipes down the dry erase board in a classroom on the third floor of Swanson. Winfield starts his shift at 5 a.m. in Swanson so he doesn't disturb the classes that start at 8 a.m. Winfield said that the students notice if the place is clean and will make more of an effort to keep it clean if it's clean to begin with.



Ricky Halladay, housekeeping/custodial, cleans out the toilet in one of the 14 bathrooms in Men's Memorial Residence Hall. Halladay cleans Men's every morning during the week. Halladay said that he enjoys the people that he works with. "They're a lot of fun to be around. They're a good bunch of people," he said.



Wilbur Rayl, maintenance, changes an old bulb in the Physical Plant Monday morning. Rayl specializes as an electrician for the college. The Physical Plant is the main office for the maintenance, housekeeping and custodial staffs.



Marian Carlson, housekeeper for Beegle Hall, carries out the trash from the women's bathroom located on the second floor of Beegle Hall. Carlson has been working at Midland for three years.



Cheryl Hammond, housekeeping for Augustine Hall, sweeps the main stairwell of Beegle Hall. Hammond has been working in housekeeping for almost a year. She said she likes the people that she works with and enjoys the students at Midland.



Gary "Doc" Vondra works on a broken window in the Physical Plant. Vondra works as the resident carpenter. All the people on the maintenance staff make rounds early in the morning and check their Internet site for things that need to be fixed around campus.