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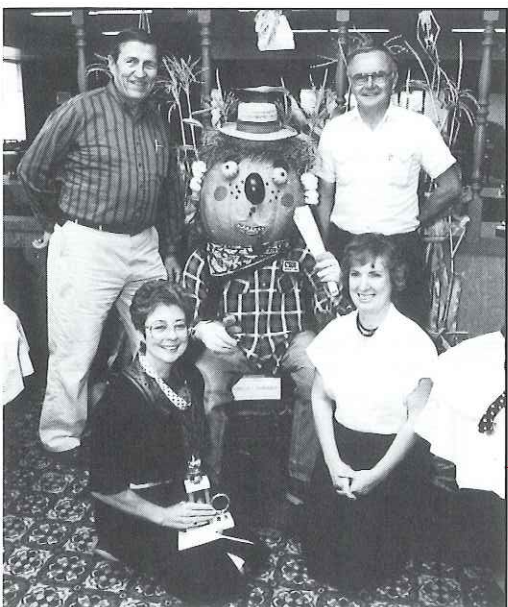
Becky Youngs
Chair, Staff Assembly



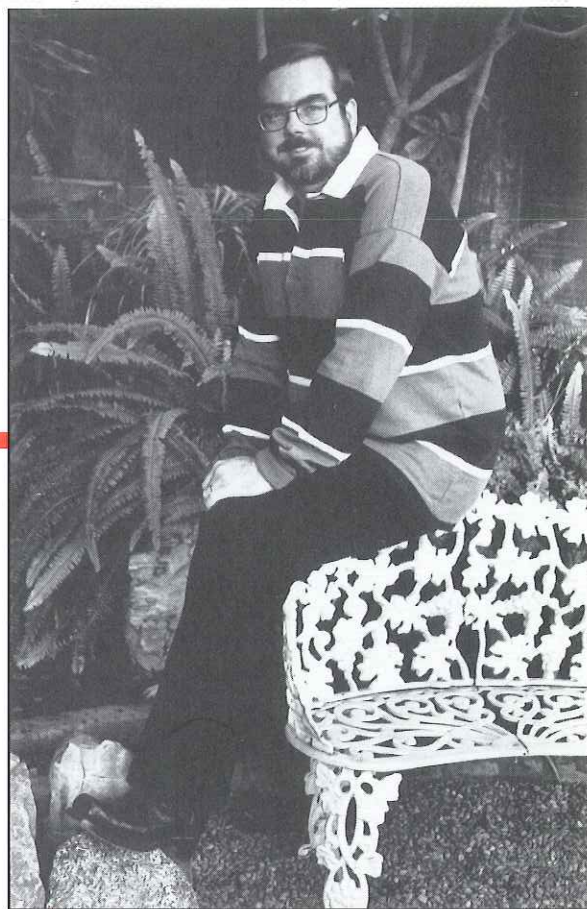
At the Fall Kick-Off Assembly, members of the university community turned their attention to a performance of country-western music after a hearty barbecue treat.

Many view the Assembly as an avenue for meeting other people who work on campus. But the blessings of Staff Assembly-related activities are not reaped by members alone. Better working relationships do create a more pleasant and productive environment for everyone, benefiting faculty members and students in the end.

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Staff members let their imaginations run wild when they decorated pumpkins for the young patients at Valley Children's Hospital. While Phineus T. Pharmer (center) was the clear winner of the annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, credit for his victory goes to the many people who kept adding to his physique while he sat on a tractor in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. With Phineus are (clockwise, standing from left) Gene Waterbury, Charles Lee, Shirley Lindal and Jonell Robinson.



To be recognized by your peers for doing the things you do as an employee is a great feeling. Receiving the Outstanding Male Employee of the Year Award has been a real honor for me as well as a major surprise since my position does not afford many opportunities to work with other areas of the campus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow employees across campus who felt I was the most deserving of this award. I feel that this program allows all employees the chance to be recognized and sparks the desire to work even harder to make our campus the best it can be. After all, this is why we are here — to create the best environment we can for our students.

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