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## Virginia Tech Staff Employee of the Week

January 15, 2006

**Name:** David A. Wedin

**Job Title:** Lab Instrument Maker/Media Specialist IV

**Employee's Home Department:** Theatre Arts

**Employee's College or VP Area:** College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

**Nominated For:** President's Award for Excellence

**Nominated By:** Patricia Lavender, Associate Professor, Theatre Arts

**Virginia Tech Hire Date:** September 1, 1982



### Summary

David Wedin has worked in Theatre Arts production for the past 24 years and currently functions as the assistant technical director. What may appear as the "magic" of the theatre, the art of illusion, in fact is backed up by his extensive hard work and creative solutions to real, physical problems. His "can do" attitude is reflected in his demanding standards for excellence in every public performance every day and on countless weekends. He brings a high level mechanical skill, demanding precision and innovative things to ongoing production activities. He is also a talented sound designer (which is nowhere in his job description) and is so gifted in this area any professional theatre in the country would hire him full-time. Thank goodness he is committed to Virginia Tech and the Department of Theatre Arts. When David takes a set designer's plan and builds a set not only does it look amazing, it is built with a level of excellence unheard of in almost any theatre in the country. He is a remarkably gifted and patient teacher and artist, our faculty, staff, students and audiences are lucky to have him here.

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