

# *Staff Employee of the Week*

## **UUSA Finance Team**

**HOME DEPARTMENT:** University Unions & Student Activities

**COLLEGE OR VP AREA:** VP for Student Affairs

**NOMINATED FOR:** Governor's Award for Teamwork

**NOMINATED BY:** Dr. Guy Sims

### **SUMMARY**

In the fall semester of 2007, University Unions & Student Activities hired Donna Mullins as Accounting Manager and Scott McGee as Associate Director for Finance and Business Services. Since then, UUSA has experienced a change in the way we conduct our financial business and the culture surrounding it. Donna and Scott brought fresh perspectives and a willingness to do things in new ways. Their embrace of new technological tools has encouraged budget managers to be more involved in their financial standing. In addition, Scott has initiated UUSA budget updates at staff meetings, which has led to a new sense of teamwork within UUSA. No longer are budget managers operating in a vacuum. Instead, the group has been empowered by our budget team providing information on what is happening at the university and organizational levels.

Scott's experience and background combined with Donna's management of day to day financial activity has resulted in financial transactions being completed in a more timely manner, which has positively affected cash flow. As a further means of opening communication, Donna and Scott have initiated a monthly Budget Managers Fiscal Forum, an opportunity to discuss common interests, concerns, and needs. The forums will also include training, education, and information vital to managing a budget. Once again, the emphasis is on the individual's impact on the whole.