

my efforts and actually answer my questions rather than direct me elsewhere like my bosses. In order to increase the databases' effectiveness, Jon needed to make a couple of decisions. To her credit, Susan only chuckled when I said that I probably would not be able to speak with him until he got home for dinner.

After serious hours studying the documentation, listening to tutorials and scanning the online reference manual, I dive right in and mess up the database beyond belief. It only took one utterly panicked telephone call to Susan-at-TRIMS to save my database, my marriage, my new job and very likely my life.

With the finance tracking and the database under my tenuous control, we launch into a very serious search to fill two important positions on the staff. I find myself buried in resumé's and the task of keeping those merge files and response letters up to date. In no way does my position in the office give me any decision-making authority but it has been incredibly interesting to become more informed on the specifics. Kind of like George W. turning to Laura over a breakfast bagel and saying, "Wow, that Condi would make a really good National Security Advisor, don't cha think?" Okay, so no one is going to name me First Lady of the Maintenance Facility but you get my drift.

My two office assistants (pictured here) enjoy the new job



immensely. The war whoops, maniacal giggles and ominous crashing noises are all testimony to the fact that they love anything that will distract my attention from them a couple hours a day. Each visit to Daddy's office nets them soda from the machine with his desk change, a golf cart ride and the possibility of playing on the Mount Everest of all sand piles. Life is very good.

I think I can do this thing, being TNG. My boss could use a personality transplant but I seem to have a soft spot where he is concerned. There are those who warn that this will never work, but he has not fired me yet. I do think I will sell tickets to the exit interview though. It should be a doozy.



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*The following are highlights of the MAGCS Board of Directors meeting held Wednesday, June 9, at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Full meeting minutes, once approved, are available upon request.*

- The Board recorded a thank-you note from the Utica Tornado Relief Fund for a \$950 donation (proceeds from the April betting hole plus a 50 cent per dollar match by WGN).
- The Board approved a \$100 donation to the Evans Scholars Foundation and a \$500 tee sponsorship for I\*Mag\*Jen Charities' fundraising golf outing.
- The Board voted to extend an honorary membership to Jim McLaughlin.
- Digital photography and graphics guidelines and specifications for *On Course* are now posted on the MAGCS Web site.
- Discussion ensued regarding opening registration for monthly golf meetings to nonmembers. This discussion resulted in the Board

deciding that while members should continue to enjoy priority registration, the Golf Committee has discretion to open registration to nonmembers within a certain timeframe prior to an event.

