

The dust has settled, the ringing in your ears from Pillar has subsided, the bruises have healed, the cuts and scrapes have become scabs and been picked off by now, the lasting effects of a walkin' taco have long since passed...ah the memories of Sonshine. With another record attendance of just over 20,000 the crew performed exceptionally well in all areas of security. Crowd Patrol had probably the best crew it has ever seen. We had some amazing rookies as well as some veterans returning after missing a year or more. Most notably, **Keith Voller** returned after missing Sonshine 2003 while serving over a year in Iraq for the 142<sup>nd</sup> Engineers. **Billie Jo Bukowski** came back after being absent since 1997! **Kelly Lowe, Angie Jenkins, and Beth Darmante** all missed Sonshine 2003 to have a baby and returned this year.

Before looking at Sonshine 2004 I would like to look back at the process of getting there as it's evolved. Many older crew members from the 90's never had the pleasure of filling out the 30-40 question application or the nerve racking joy of sitting in front of the five person panel interview. This year the wide-eyed crop of some 55 interviewees, whittled down from the 80-90 that applied, arrived at North Heights Lutheran hoping for one of the only 8 available backstage, 8 crowd patrol, or 16 SRT crew spots. For three consecutive Saturdays in April, **Greg Nordin, Jon Ness, Charlie Bowen, Chuck Hinkley**, and myself threw every type of question at the unsuspecting hopefuls. (**Randy Quiggle** and **Leigh Lundy** took over when Charlie got married 4/17! **Andrea White** and **Janna Langer** organized the interviewees and served as hosts while they waited) We rattled a few while most showed the poise and confidence we look for. Some withered under the pressure and did not make the cut. Some scored points by taking shots right back at us. When all was said and done, I think we picked an incredible lineup of rookies that did a wonderful job at Sonshine 2004.

I tip my hat to whoever convinced **Jeremy Bartunek** that the Sonshine party was a week earlier than it actually was. He arrived at the park only to find it deserted. Thought for next year: I think I'll give the wrong date to everyone we don't really like!

Sadly, we missed the company of many crewmembers unable to join us this year for various reasons. **Shawn Klein** is currently serving in Kuwait where he says the sandstorms and cricket plagues are almost as fun as working a Relient K crowd.