

Footpaths

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FACILITIES

PEOPLE PROMOTIONS

Janice Troitte has accepted the new position of Assistant to the Director, Larry Zitzow. She took over her new duties on July 16, 2005. She still managed to keep up with her former duties of recycling/refuse, overseeing the Laundry, pest control and helping out Paul Clark (Associate Director). Congratulations Janice!

Deb Merrill has accepted the position of Assistant to the Associate Director and Business Manager. Deb will be working for Paul Clark and Laura Thoreson. She will be taking over Janice's former duties, (recycling/refuse, laundry, pest control). Deb will also be assisting Laura with reports and budgeting. Congratulations Deb!

FAMIS

With the implementation of the new Famis Program, Facilities will soon be working like a well-oiled machine (or so they say)! The Famis (Facilities Management) computer program was installed on July 12, 2005. Most employees went through a crash-course (4 hours) during the month of June. We can take a little comfort in knowing our supervisors had to spend 8 hours learning their new computer jobs. Everything from entering time to purchases to work orders is now being done via Famis. The Famis Top Gurus are Laura Thoreson (aka Business Manager) and Mark Johnson (aka Associate Director of Facilities). There are still a few bugs (at least they aren't virus bugs) to work out and then we will be really "movin' and groovin'" with the times. Hopefully as time goes along, it will get easier and people will become more comfortable with their new computer requirements.

FAMIS TIP FOR THE DAY:

How to run a Labor Entry Report:

1. Make sure the POP-UPS are allowed for

the FAMIS web page (if you don't know how to do this, contact Doug or Billie).

2. After you have logged on, right click in the blank area under the quick pick buttons and click on "add a quick pick button", then pick reports, then pick the Employee Labor Entry Report and type in the label you want to use in the blank space, now pick finish and you are ready to use it. (Lots of pickin' goin' on there!)
3. Now click on the button you just made for Employee Labor Report.
4. At the Database User Authentication page your user name should already be there, just type in the same password you used to get into Famis and the report parameters will come up.
5. Fill in the correct EMPL-ID number (including the '0') and put in the dates you wish to examine, then click submit.
6. Wah-Lah.....the report appears in PDF format that you can print if you want to.
7. No luck in getting this? Please see The Labor Entry Guru Billie Gaddie or call her @ 7-4072.....

~...Gracie Dahl...

Facilities Frogger says... Know What?....

- University of North Dakota
- Facilities
- Interesting Statistics - 2004-05



- 5,248,907 Total Square Feet Maintained
- 55,790 Tons of Coal Burned
- 75,138,039 KWH of Electricity Consumed
- 145,401,000 Gallons of Water Consumed
- 24.86 Miles of Sidewalk Maintained
- 98.66 Acres of Parking Lots Maintained
- 5.16 Miles of Roads Maintained
- 1,561 Project Requests Completed
- 27,130 Maintenance Work Orders Completed

~...Gracie Dahl...

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Thanks!



TO: Paul Clark (Grounds, Landscaping, Kurt Papenfuss, BS Supervisor)

From: Bob Gallager, VPFO

Date: August 25, 2005

RE: August 15, 2005 Picnic Luncheon

"I want to say a special thanks to you personally for your help with organizing the "Celebrate Our People Working With ConnectND" picnic luncheon....The event turned out great, food was delicious, ... and set up/cleanup for the event was handled extremely well....everyone that attended enjoyed their meal and mix with co-workers during their lunch. The weather even cooperated! I know your hard work and dedication helped in getting everything done in the short time you had to prepare for the event. Thanks again for making the event most successful."

Employee Assistance Program

St. Alexius Medical Center of Bismarck, ND offers Professional Counseling as part of Employee Benefits at UND. They send us a newsletter every few months with good advice. The following information was taken from January 2004 edition about "The Nature of Change":

"Change is healthy and natural. This does not mean it will be comfortable to experience. The frustration and anxiety that results from significant change are normal reactions. Dealing with your emotional and physical responses to change requires a take-charge attitude that will empower you to effectively manage the changes you experience.

How We Perceive Change

The perceptions and emotions we experience during major changes will help us to adapt to our rapidly changing world. As we review our responses to change, we can often identify times when we were in transition and handled situations in a positive and healthy way. It may have been difficult but we were able to grow and to move forward. Think about and identify what strategies or solutions you have used in the past that could assist you again in moving forward through each new transition.

The Role of Feelings

The most powerful feelings you may experience when change is on the horizon are fear and anger. Both of these tend to surface when we feel threatened. Fear is often a reaction to the unknown. It leads to a variety of feelings including resentment, depression, embarrassment, uneasiness and resistance. Anger is our most common reaction when demands are placed upon us and we believe we have no choices or alternatives. To deal with these feelings we must accept that change is inevitable, search for a position solution, and then move on.

Responsible Change

Change is a problem only when you believe you cannot handle it. The key to responsible change is to choose realistic goals and then adapt to the new circumstances one day at a time. Choose small goals that can be achieved in a short time and have alternatives ready in

New Faces in the Crowd



Row 1: (AC) Academic BSTs: Kim Alaird, Diane Heap, Dennis Miller
Row 2: AC BSTs: Danny Peterson, Lynelle Peterson, and Michael Glimsdahl
Row 3: AC BST Kurt Ganyo, Painter Don Barstad, AC BST Todd Hagen
Row 4: Stead Plant operators: Lenny Lillo, William Kronsberg, Craig Machart
Row 5: Housing BSTs: Connie Lillo, Judy (Bambi) Lerma, Betty Clauthier
Row 6: Comm Center - John Birkeland

Welcome!

...Patti Ryan Schmidt...

case unexpected developments occur. By accepting the need for change and taking action in a focused and solution-oriented manner, you will gradually become stronger and happier as you live a productive and enjoyable changing life." *...Gracie Dahl...*

Halloween Trivia and Jokes



ANIMAL FACTS

- Black cats, those customary Halloween icons, were originally believed to be witches' familiars, a kind of cosmic sidekick who protected the witches' powers from negative forces.
- Some so-called vampire bats do drink blood, but they're not from Transylvania. They live in Central and South America and feed on cattle, horses, and birds.

FOOD FACTS

- The biggest pumpkin in the world tipped the scales at a whopping 1,446 pounds. This gigantic gourd was weighed in October 2004 at a pumpkin festival in Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada.
- Of all canned fruits and vegetables, pumpkin is the best source of vitamin A. Just a half-cup of the orange stuff has more than three times the recommended daily requirement.
- The very first jack o' lantern was made out of a turnip.

BUSINESS FACTS

- Halloween isn't just for kids. While 82 percent of children take part in Halloween festivities, a surprising 67 percent of adults also join in the fun.
- Candy corn, anyone? With an estimated \$1.93 billion in candy sales, Halloween is the sweetest holiday of the year, beating out Easter, Valentine's Day, and Christmas. In fact, one quarter of all the candy sold each year is purchased between September 15 and November 10.
- U.S. consumers spend as much as \$ 1.5 billion on costumes each year, and more than \$ 2.5 billion on other Halloween paraphernalia, such as decorations and crafts — more than \$100 million of which is spent online.
- The first Halloween card was made in the early 1900s. These days, U.S. consumers spend about \$50 million on Halloween greetings.

HALLOWEEN JOKES and RIDDLES

How do you fix a jack-o-lantern boo-boo? With a pumpkin patch.
What did the little ghost have in his rock collection? Tomb-stones.
What did the skeleton say while riding his Harley? I'm bone to be wild.
What do ghosts and goblins drink on Halloween? Ghou-aid.
What do you call a ghost with a broken leg? Hoblin Goblin.
What do you call a witch who lives at the beach? A sand-witch.
What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frost-bite.
What goes "Ha-ha-ha . . . THUD!" A monster laughing his head off!
What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its radius? Pumpkin pi
What's a haunted chicken? A poultry-geist.
What happens when a ghost haunts a theater? The actors get stage fright.

...found on the Web by Gracie Dahl...

WHERE DID THE HALLOWEEN TRADITION COME FROM?

The word itself, "Halloween," actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, "All Hallows Day" (or "All Saints Day"), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints.

But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sow-en), the Celtic New year.

HALLOWEEN HISTORY AND FOLKLORE

The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-turnip to keep it glowing longer.



The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.

So, although some cults may have adopted Halloween as their favorite "holiday," the day itself did not grow out of evil practices. It grew out of the rituals of Celts celebrating a new year, and out of Medieval prayer rituals of Europeans. And today, even many churches have Halloween parties or pumpkin carving events for the kids. After all, the day itself is only as evil as one cares to make it.

The "Where Did The Halloween Tradition Come From" and "Halloween History & Folklore" is:
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Keel's Kartoon Korner



Harrison Keel is a Housing BST

"So...how is Miss Billie doing today?."

So how is Miss Billie doing today?

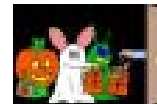
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MORE HALLOWEEN FUN STUFF



Halloween is an annual celebration, but just what is it actually a celebration of? And how did this peculiar custom originate? Is it, as some claim, a kind of demon worship? Or is it just a harmless vestige of some ancient pagan ritual?

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

Probably a better explanation of why the Celts extinguished their fires was not to discourage spirit possession, but so that all the Celtic tribes could relight their fires from a common source, the Druidic fire that was kept burning in the Middle of Ireland, at Usinach.

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IN-HOUSE PROJECTS

- Noren Hall & West Hall elevators were updated this past summer. Housing is looking at possibly upgrading Brannon & Selke Halls next summer
- Upton I - large project in Room 100, lab area - Dec 2005 start construction
- Gallery Pool Roof - have hired an Engineering firm, we will either repair or replace the roof
- Barnes & Noble - working with them - possibly recarpeting entire building
- Merrifield Hall, Leonard Hall, O'Kelly Hall, Education - class room upgrades, adding LCD projectors and screens
- Robertson / Sayre - various rooms receiving new carpet and paint
- Twamley Hall - VPAA & V - currently estimating the renovation of this area
- Law School - project coming down the pike remodeling of Room 108
- Squires West Entry - landscaping the outside.

... Sara Peters...

REMINDER

Don't forget to nominate your co-workers anytime during the year for the Golden Hammer or the LeRoy Facilities Award. See Gracie or Patti for Nomination Forms.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling. On November 1, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven.



Some of you may recognize the above photo from our archives--Guess who! The Cuties below were having a "howling good time" - Who are they?

