

Footpaths

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Facilities 18th Annual Awards Day

8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1st the Facilities crowd and visitors began to arrive in the Chester Fritz Auditorium rehearsal room. Welcoming smiles along with cookies, bars, sweet breads, coffee and punch greeted everyone.

Larry Zitzow, Director of Facilities, welcomed the group by acknowledging the past retirees that were in attendance and our special guest, President Charles Kupchella. Unfortunately, Vice President for Finance and Operations Bob Gallagher was not able to join us this year. He was weather-stranded in Fargo. (Maybe he should have driven that Payloader to Fargo!)

President Kupchella led us in a glimpse of the past year and its accomplishments. Although enrollment has dropped, North Dakota is the leading state for percentage of 19-year-olds that start in a doctoral college instead of a community or junior college. President Kupchella told us that UND has reached its capacity for students and a decline has begun. UND's outreach ideas include: Engineering on-line (only one in the US), Space Studies that will reach worldwide researchers, and more distance education to accommodate people that seek a degree from home.

Scattered throughout the program were stories of achievements by our Facilities workers.

1) Larry Zitzow told a story about the Engineering Department and a conference table. It was needed and seemed improbable, but the carpenters came up with a way that it could be done and did it. 2) Mark Johnson told a story about Noren Hall and a plumbing project. Half was expected to be done over the summer. By the time the students returned in the fall it was completely done at half the budgeted price. 3) Larry Zitzow had been contemplating what to do with the façade on a Maintenance Hangar at the Airport that was falling off. He finally decided to ask maintenance to go out and see what needed to be done. They were able to secure the façade so it did not have to be a major project. Lots of money was saved by allowing the maintenance crew to look at it and fix it. 4) Paul Clark gave us a

run-down on what Facilities workers are doing beyond their normal jobs. Rick Sethre (SY) and Doug Osowski (Network Administrator) went to Louisiana to help after Hurricane Katrina. Patti Schmidt gathered items and cards for care packages to be sent to Paul Holien (PT) who was called to active duty. Gary Lunski (FS) organized a fund drive to help out Richard Carlson who had to take a medical retirement. Richard was able to purchase a much needed chair that had a lift with the \$1300 he received from the generosity of other Facilities people. 5) Mark Johnson applauded everyone for their patience and persistence with learning FAMIS.

AWARDS:

FOUNDERS DAY HONOREES (February 23rd) with 25 years of service are: Susan Bartlette (BS), Lily Dubuque (BS), Jerry Humble (SY), Rick Palmiscno (PL), and Art Rice (BS).

RETIREES: John Meagher (SY), Lily Dubuque (BS), Bill Ekren (BS), Jeff Byzewski (HC), Bob LaMotte (BS), Ron Thiede (BS), Richard Carlson (FS)

ZERO SICK LEAVE: Vern Anderson, Vincent Cadreau, David Daucsavage, George Finn, Marie Fontaine, Loretta Gothberg, Marco Holter, James Kotrba, Joseph LaPorte, Janice Lewis, James McKay, John (Dennis) O'Donnell, Kurtis Papenfuss, Arthur Rice, Mark Schwieters, Craig Swenson, Ray Tozer, Pam Zimbelman

EIGHT HOURS OR LESS SICK LEAVE: Jerry Braaten, Jacque Brockling, Steve Dohman, Peter Grabanski, Mark Johnson, James Klein, Dan Kurtz, Richard Martin, Jack McLaughlin, Maryann Olson, Leyton Rodahl, John Jay Seibel, Richard Sethre, Carol Smaaladen, David Sundine, John Toay, Larry Zitzow
JOHN MEAGHER ECOLOGY AWARD: Ray Tozer (SP) for the use of alternative fuels

SAFETY AWARDS: Mary Lou Feilen (BS Manager), Charlotte Bratvold (BS Lead), Marsha Larson (HC Manager), GayAnn Akset (HC Lead)

LeROY FACILITIES AWARD: Ray Tozer (SP)

GOLDEN HAMMER: Billie Gaddie (Office)

(pictures are located on the inside page)



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Thanks!



TO: Larry Zitzow
 FROM: Karin Walton, ND Higher Education Consortium
 for Substance Abuse Prevention
 RE: Departmental Move
 DATE: January 25, 2006

"...to let you know that our move from McCannel Hall to 314 Cambridge went very well. I would like to recognize and extend appreciation to those who helped to make that move quite smooth ... Jim (Jerombeck) who cleans Cambridge (and Native American Cultural Center) was very helpful while we were cleaning up the office space and has continued to be available when needed. Troy (Coulter) and Jon (Schumacher) - moved our furniture over to Cambridge on two different occasions and assisted with information needed to surplus items that had been left there.

Your staff is to be commended for, not only the hard work they do, but the positive attitude in which they present themselves. Thank you for all your help.



FAMIS Work Orders

With the implementation of the FAMIS System, many additional features have become available. A very important one is the availability of the history information that stays with the work order. So it follows that it is important that the details of the repair or work done is added to the work order. It is easiest to find when included by the supervisors in the Task Plan area when closing the work order. If it's not documented there, employees can include this information in the Comments section of their labor entry. Either way, please make sure the details are recorded on the work order.

Keel's Kartoon Korner

Harrison Keel, HC



CANDY DAY AT FACILITIES



New Faces in the Crowd Welcome!



Row 1 BS: Merrilee Guzman, Mitch Reid, Bronson Clauthier
 Row 2 BS: Jerry Kadlec, Doug Praska, Ben Wharram
 Row 3 BS: Arlen Eggen, Ricky LaFountain
 Row 4 HC: Patrick Jacquemart, Kathryn Lacey, Racheal Anderson
 Row 5 HC: Amanda Brown, Jack Bundy
 Row 6 SP: Marlin Karlstad, Brad Faiman

...Patti Ryan Schmidt...

Facilities Awards Day Photo Gallery

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Larry Zitzow - Ray Tozer



President Charles Kupchella



Mark Johnson - John Meagher



Larry Zitzow - Billie Gaddie



GayAnn Akset, Larry Zitzow, Charlotte Bratvold, Mary Lou Feilen, Greg Krause



Paul Clark - Ray Tozer



Rick Sethre, Richard Martin, Larry Zitzow, Dave Sundine, Leyton Rodahl, James Klein, Dan Kurtz, Peter Grabanski, Jerry Braaten, Mark Johnson



Art Rice, Kurt Papenfuss, Ray Tozer, Marco Holter, Vern Anderson, Pam Zimelman

Golden Hammer & LeRoy Award Selection Process

The five-person selection committee consists of staff from: (1) Building Services Technicians; (1) last year's award winner; (2) Labor Group 1 & 2, Steam Plant, Laundry; (1) Central Warehouse, Drafting, office.

The first year, two members and the past year's award winner will serve for one year, two members will serve two years. This will give us a rotation of three new members each year. After that members will all serve a two-year term. Nomination and voting forms to select the new members will be sent to all Facilities staff several months prior to the next Awards Day.

Both award forms contain four categories to write your reasons for nominating a co-worker for an award. Each of the four categories is worth five points. Therefore, there are a possible 20 points a person could attain. The nomination that receives the highest score is the recipient of the award.

The committee is given time to read silently and individually on each nomination. There is no discussion during the reading of the nominations. Each committee member writes their score 1=low 5=high by each of the four categories. The points are then totaled. Any nominee receiving more than one nomination will receive one point for additional nominations. The highest score of the multiple nominations will be the base number. For example: Betty received three nominations. One nomination was written very well and explained why Betty deserved the award. This nomination totaled 20 points. The other two nominations were not written as well and did not state their case as well as the first. Therefore, the base point is 20 and Betty received one point for each of the other nominations. Betty's final score is 22. If there is a tie, there would need to be some discussion within the committee.

The winners are identified and the committee informs Larry of the final outcome.

...Janice Traill...

Demolition of West Green 1 is complete. The new Housing Complex will begin this spring. They will be ready to be occupied by Fall 2007.



St. Patrick's Day Trivia

Here is a collection, for your amusement, a collection of St. Patrick's Day trivia. Some are facts, some are false beliefs and some are just plain interesting. They're sure to be good conversation starters on St. Patrick's Day. Here are some St. Patrick's Day trivia, myths and legends known affectionately as *blarney* in Ireland:

- St. Patrick did not drive the snakes out of Ireland. They probably never had snakes on the Emerald Isle in the first place.
- "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" isn't a popular Irish ballad. It was composed by an American.
- The shamrock isn't a real plant. Rather, the plant is a type of clover that grows in Ireland.
- Leprechauns aren't cute little sprites. They're evil, mean-spirited little creatures that perform treacherous deceptions to keep you away from that pot of gold.
- The national symbol of Ireland is the Celtic harp, not the shamrock.

America has a long history of Irish immigration, with most of our Irish ancestors coming to our eastern shores during the Irish potato famine in the mid-1840s. Here are a few facts about these ancestors and their descendants:

- Since 1820, almost 5 million Irish citizens have immigrated to the U.S. legally.
- Almost 34 million current U.S. residents claim some Irish ancestry.
- The largest concentrations of Americans with Irish ancestry are in Massachusetts (Middlesex and Norfolk counties).

- A total of nine American towns are called Dublin, with the largest in California.
- In Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the leading ancestry group is Irish.
- During the Irish Potato Famine in the 1840s, 75% of Irish immigrants landed in New York.

Here are some more tidbits that you can use to quiz your friends:

- St. Patrick's Day parades have a history that goes back hundreds of years, but didn't originate in Ireland. The parade in Dublin has a scant 50-year history, while those in Montreal and New York City go back almost 200 and 300 years respectively.
- Irish gays and lesbians are banned from marching in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Corned beef and cabbage is not a favorite St. Patrick's Day dish in Ireland. It's an American dish. The Irish prefer ham or bacon.

... Found on the Internet by Deb Merrill...



From the Archives



Who wouldn't welcome this little Irish Lass (Patti Schmidt) and Leprechaun (Deb Merrill)?