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Once again, Facilities has pulled through!! We received a total of $2,249.00 from our charity drive! This is the largest amount that we have contributed, since the inception of our “Share Your Holiday”.

All of the funds have been distributed, and each recipient was extremely thankful for our gifts.

It is a sobering experience to make these deliveries. While we were at the Salvation Army, many people were there picking up their Christmas baskets and presents. There was also a large crowd at the Charleston Food Pantry. Watching them choose their food items, meat selections and various toiletries was difficult to do. Especially when you think about all of the food you have in your own homes, all of the gifts that you have purchased for your family, as well as the number of luncheons you have already attended and will continue to attend. It is a humbling experience, to say the least.

As for my part, I feel that it is exactly those sights, that helps me feel obligated to continue to donate to these worthy causes.

I heard a saying once that went something like this “To whom much is given, much is expected”. In the family of man, we most likely would be considered as having much.

It is wonderful that we have come together as a group, to make sure that we share our “much” with so many others.

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Fun, Fellowship and Food, what more could you want?

Festive spirits and full stomachs were the order for the day when the annual FPM Christmas lunch was held on Tuesday, December 14th. There’s a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into making a dinner go smoothly, for a group the size of Facilities. Jeff Bailey and Rob McKinney, in addition to baking the 3 hams, injected all 12 turkeys the day before the dinner with Creole butter to give them that extra delicious flavor. Mike Carter, Jason Jacobs and Bruce Sanders deep fat fried the turkeys and Dave White and Steve Hayward helped with the food set up. Central Stores has always graciously donated the use of the Receiving area plus helped with set up and decorating. In addition, many employees organized all the wonderful covered dishes brought in by Facilities employees and Boyce Dillman, as always, gave a thoughtful and heartfelt blessing. The FPM Christmas Dinner is a wonderful and delicious tradition.

Submitted by Cathy Gray, Administrative Clerk in Facilities Planning and Management (AKA—PCard Princess)
Another Quiz! How’s your history skills?

Ok, the last quiz was more building related.....so, this time we thought we’d try something different. This quiz will be historically related, as well as building related. Same as before, the winner will be the first one that replies with 100% correct answers. Good Luck!!

1. What year was Eastern’s first graduating class?
2. How large was this class?
3. In 1899 Illinois Governor Tanner came to Charleston. Why was he here and what did he participate in, while he was here?
4. Why was construction stopped on Old Main, in the fall of 1896?
5. What was the name of the contractor that completed Old Main, and what town was his business located?
6. What was “Trailerville” and when was it on campus?
7. “Campus City” made it’s debut after Trailerville—what was it and when was it on campus?
8. Eastern was completely closed (not a break) for more that two weeks in what year and for what reason?
9. What year was the second half of Eastern’s summer term discontinued, due to a nationwide occurrence?

Email your answers to dlblack@eiu.edu. Winner will once again, receive a great prize!

Aaron’s Alerts

Normally, there would be some sort of interesting topic in this column, concerning computers and/or today’s latest technology issue.

This month’s topic is somewhat different, in that we will be discussing the latest software produced by the Allison’s.

Baby Allison, 2.0 version, entered the world on December 10, 2010. It’s relatively small packaging concept, allowed all components to be wrapped in a highly technical, 7.5 pound, 21 inch long presentation.

The Allison’s appeared to have been thinking globally, with the name they chose for the male version of their prodigy programs. Version 2.0 was aptly named London. At this writing, we do not know if any secondary names have been included; that is, if indeed there was a secondary naming opportunity.

All of the staff of Facilities Planning and Management wish the very best to the Allison’s, and this latest addition to their growing enterprise! Good Luck Aaron, Jenny and family!!

FPM helps Santa supply toys, once again!

FPM continues Tradition—Toy Drive for Local Children

FPM worked with the EIU Student Community Service and EIU Phi Rho Eta, to donate toys for needy children in the local area for Christmas 2010. As per past years, the collection box overflowed with toys. There were toys for young and old. No “Scrooges” here.

So a big THANK YOU to all of the FPM employees who donated this year; you brought smiles to many children’s faces.

Submitted by Cathy Kimball, Records Management at FPM
Safety First! - A Quiz from the Environmental Safety Office

1. When should scaffold parts be inspected? A. Before the scaffolding is erected B. While the scaffold is being erected C. While dismantling the scaffold D. All of the above.
2. Parts that are damaged or defective...A. Can be used with care B. Must be immediately repaired or removed from service C. Must be indentified before using them.
3. The load capacity of a scaffold varies depending on its design and use. A. True B. False
4. When installing the platform, the space between the planks should be no more than...A. One-half inch B. One inch C. Two inches D. Three inches
5. In most scaffolding situations, if guardrails are not erected along the front edge, then how far should the front edge of the platform be from the face of the work? A. Less than 4 inches B. Less than 8 inches C. No more than 12 inches D. No more than 14 inches.
6. Is it a good idea to cover wood platforms with paint to protect their surface? A. True B. False
7. At what height must a means of access be provided for scaffolds? A. 1 foot B. 18 inches C. 2 feet D. 30 inches
8. Cross braces can be used to climb unto the scaffold. A. True B. False


This safety quiz was submitted by Britney Munos, from the Environmental Health and Safety Department.

Where is it located? Winner announced

Several people tried their skills at answering last month’s quiz. However, there was only one person who answered all questions 100% correctly. That person was Steve Shrake, from Facilities. He received a lovely gift, just ask him!

For those of you curious as to what the correct answers were, they are as follows:

1. Napoleon (a dog), buried in the N. Quad south of Old Main, he frequented classes and events. 2. The Business office. 3. Greenwood School, north of Buzzard. 4. Three, Livingston C. Lord Administration building, Doudna Fine Arts, Robert G. Buzzard Hall. 5. The lake was located where McAfee and parts of the Union are presently built. 6. Burl Ives Studio. 7. Physical Science. 8. Nine! Mary Booth, Florence McAfee, Ruth Carman, Isabel McKinney, Ellen Ford, Annie Weller, Francis Hampton, Lucy Gabbard (and her husband Earnest), and June Giffin (and her husband James) 9. Old Textbook Rental.

Thank you to all who participated!!

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This year’s Food Drive was another successful event. FPM donated a large box full of non-perishable items for the EIU Food Drive; sponsored by EIU Student Community Service office.

THANK YOU to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Submitted by Cathy Kimball, Records Management at FPM
Recent Retirees

Facilities Planning and Management wishes to congratulate all of the recent retirees. Included in this outstanding group of people are:

Al Green, Electrician foreman — retired 12/31/10
Anita Swart, BSW — retired 12/31/10

Untimely Losses

Unfortunately, Facilities has also witnessed some untimely losses, since our last newsletter.

Jerrod Harden’s father, Bryan Kent Harden passed away 1/19/11. Jerrod is one of our R&A carpenters.

Sprucing up the Klehm

Klehm Hall has been the site of a lot of activity by the FPM Department. The Masons are one of the departments that have been busy during the Christmas / New Years break, with a procedure known as Vitrifying Terrazzo and Polishing Concrete.

For this process the Masons used a grinder with diamond wheels to grind the concrete floor surfaces, whether new or old, to a high-gloss finish that never needs waxes or coatings. The Masons have come up with a solution that is cost effective and long lasting.

All of this is being accomplished for the School of Technology’s ATMAE certification process which will take place in April.

I for one think that the Masons really did an outstanding job. They went above and beyond in accomplishing this task. They worked long hours and split shifts to get this job completed in a timely manner.

Jim and his gang have every reason to be proud of their work and the effort they put forth.

Submitted by John Sigler, Administrative Assistant II at FPM

Upcoming Events

February:

Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday observance day will be Friday, February 11, 2011, Eastern will be closed on this day.

Valentine’s Day is Tuesday, February 14th—don’t forget your sweetheart!!

George Washington’s birthday is February 22nd. Eastern is open on that day.

March:

March 14th through the 18th is Spring break. Many will be basking in the sun, during this week, while many of us will be here, working away!

March 17th is St. Patrick’s day. Remember to wear green!

The first day of spring (hurray) is March 20th! Hopefully all the snow will be gone by then!

April:

Palm Sunday is April 17th.
Good Friday is April 22nd.
Easter is Sunday, April 24th.
Calling all interested parties………..

We want to hear from you! What type of features would you like to see in this newsletter? What articles could you do without? We would like to make this little periodical something of interest to you, therefore we need to know what interests you!!

Have any of you ever been bitten by the writing bug? Any of you secret authors? Great photographers? Would you like to be a part of something that would allow use of those talents? If so, the FPM newsletter would love to have you as part of the team!

Please, don’t hesitate to let either John Sigler, Aaron Allison or Deb Black know if you want to join the staff. You can either email any one of us, call, or just drop by our desks……….our doors are always open!

Thank you, Aaron Allison, John Sigler and Deb Black; your friendly FPM Newsletter staff.

Focusing on Facilities - the Carpenters

Almost everywhere you look on Eastern’s campus, you will witness the results of someone’s carpentry skills. It is safe to say, that there IS NOT a single building, that hasn’t had a carpenter involved in either its construction or maintaining it’s useful life.

Eastern’s FPM carpentry staff consists of two components. One is the Maintenance Shop carpenters, who are responsible for maintenance carpentry work; and the other is the R&A carpenters who perform construction carpentry.

Without all of these skilled workers, our campus would suffer greatly. Generations of these dedicated workers have toiled throughout the years, assuring that the required upkeep to all buildings continued; allowing shelter to the current occupants; as well as the required renovating to keep these buildings up to date for future students, faculty and staff.

Beginning with this issue, we will expand our feature to include information about the randomly chosen individual.

This month’s featured department in Facilities Planning and Management, is the carpenters, specifically Scott Erwin.

Scott began working at Eastern as an R&A carpenter in 1999. When an opening occurred in the Maintenance shop, he was able to fill the position. Scott is part of a two man team, with Max Balch, Jr. They work on various maintenance projects throughout campus.

Scott and his wife live in the country, outside of Mattoon. They have three adult children. As well as five grandchildren ranging in age from 2 years old to 12 years old. Scott has been a carpenter for most of his adult life. Proof of his skills are in the fact that he has constructed five different homes for himself and his family.

If a person is measured by what they do outside of the work environment, then Scott is a very busy man! He not only enjoys sports, particularly Cardinals baseball and Bears football; but he also enjoys his classic cars. Scott doesn’t have just one or two—he owns 6 classic vehicles! Scott’s current fleet includes two 1955 Chevys; two 1940 Chevys; a 1953 Studebaker truck; along with his current project a 1946 Ford pickup truck! Now that’s more than just a passing fancy, that’s a collection! But even with all that, he still finds time to enjoy a trip away ever so often; having been not only to the Bahamas, but to Hawaii as well.

And Scott is just one example of the diverse staff at FPM! Check out our April edition to see who will be featured next!

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