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Remember “Y2K”? On January 1, 2000, computers worldwide were to crash because of the abbreviated four-digit year. Lights would go out; bank data would be lost; cars wouldn’t start; clocks would stop. It’s a mere chuckle and smile now, but back then it was hysteria as companies frantically modified systems so the virtual world could survive the close of ’99. That same year, changes were taking place at Northwestern University. Facilities Management had been re-organized with Ron Nayler on board to head FM. Along with FMO and FMDC, a new unit was created to focus on planning and replace the space inventory system. Paul Weller was hired as FM’s first Director of Planning. He had a staff of one—Ann Ziegelmaier, who a decade before had designed the Weber Gateway at Sheridan and Chicago. FMP’s first task? Solve the Y2K problem. All data on buildings and room measurements were kept in a mainframe database that the Millennium bug could wipe out.

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The final results are in from the 2013 United Way campaign. Here are the winners of the rate award contest:

#1—Controller group lead by Sabrina Flowers at 84.21%
#2—Human Resources lead by Sarah Shepherd at 65.09%
#3—Alumni Relations & Development lead by Marissa Kooyers & Claire Gilpin at 53.31%
#4—University Relations lead by Al Cubbage at 47.73%

And Most Improved Participation also goes to HR for lifting its participation rate from 26.42% to 65.09%

Congratulations to all our award winners and a great big Thank You to all who donated.

Know the answer?
Send it in an email to fmnewsletter@northwestern.edu.
Prizes: Not one but TWO prizes this time around, folks.
A snazzy Wildcats drawstring back sack PLUS an NU Maplewood picture frame.
Winner will be selected at random from correct answers received.
Deadline: February 21, 2014. (Winner/answers will be posted on the FM website.)
IF THE GRINCH COULD SEE US NOW
The annual Holiday Party returned to Sargent Hall after a reprieve last time around in Hinman. The winter storm, that also decided to show up on the day of the party, had no effect on the high spirits.

A FEW WORDS FROM FMIT
Upgrades are in progress!
If your computer’s operating system is Windows XP, it will be upgraded to Windows 7. Older computers that won’t run Windows 7 very well will be replaced with new ones.

Maynard Morgan has joined the FMIT Help Desk staff to assist us with these upgrades. FMIT will contact you to schedule a convenient time for your upgrade. We plan to have the upgrades completed in early April.

FM Internal Website = Information at Your Fingertips
Have you used the FM Internal website? Here’s just one example of the information you can get there.
Let’s say you are trying to close a work order in FAMIS, but it refuses to close, possibly because there are purchase orders still open that are tied to the work order. How do you find out what those POs are? Look on the FM Internal website, of course.

Go to this url: http://fmwebprod.fm.northwestern.edu/FMPortal/Default.aspx
Click on “Reporting” on the top bar menu, and then click “Inventory” in the left side menu. The report you want is the first one in the list, “FAMIS PO Info for a WO Number.” Just click the “Execute” button to see the report.

You can see there are several reports in the Inventory list, and there are many report groups listed on the left. To get a list of all the reports available, run the “FM Report Inventory” report that is under the “Website Information” report group. You can subscribe to a report and schedule it to run automatically and be delivered to you. You can also add a report to “Favorites” so it is easy to find next time you want it.

You see only the reports that apply to your job on the website. If you need a report that you can’t see, please call FMIT at 1-2744.

While you are on the FM Internal website, take a look around. You will find many useful documents and forms, and lots of helpful information.
FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The Office of Sustainability, (Allison Potteiger, Julie Cahillane, and Rob Whittier) on the Ford Solar Array.

If you would like to learn more visit the Office of Sustainability’s website at: http://www.northwestern.edu/sustainability/

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Buildings were added, too often without enough of a look at how campus spaces could be shaped as part of this growth. Although there are many wonderful buildings and gardens on the Chicago and Evanston campuses, some seem to have been placed more out of immediate need than as part of an overall plan. Over the last decade, and especially with the design of the new Music and Communication Building, new and renovated structures take into account the “Framework Plan”—taking a broader perspective to enhance or develop campus spaces along with new buildings. As part of the current Music project, the east third of the existing two-level parking garage will be removed to open up a dramatic space in place of parked cars. The new “Arts Green” will extend south from Pick Staiger to the lakeshore. This makes Paul a very happy man.

“Why would anyone put a parking garage on a spot with such a fantastic view of Chicago?” he states emotionally. Good point. Paul has other things he’d like to “fix” on campus, but all in good time. Luckily, today he has the help of a larger team of planners, space managers, real estate managers, and drawing archivists. What will the NU campus look like in 50 years? If Paul’s still here, it will be nothing less than spectacular. Let’s stick around, and see, shall we?

Facilities Management: Sustainability in Focus

Construction on campus seems to be the status quo these days, and many of FM’s efforts are also helping to make NU greener. Here are a few examples.

HVAC energy saving projects in Frances Searle
Project Manager: James McKinney

What are details of the project? FM converted the HVAC from constant volume to a variable air volume system. This project costs $3 million with a payback of five years.

How does this promote sustainability? The renovation of the HVAC system results in energy savings by limiting the amount of air used for space conditioning to match the real-time loads. Additionally, the project reduces the system’s maintenance needs through the installation of updated control systems.

When was the project finished? January 2014

University Library window renovations
Project Manager: David Grosskopf

What were the goals of the project? Renovate existing window system at the University Main Library.

How does this promote sustainability? FM replaced the existing single glass with laminated insulated glass, which reduces heat gain into the building, decreases heat loss, and provides substantial protection against UV light that could damage library collections. FM also chose to repair and repurpose the library’s wood window frames since wood serves as a good insulator and is durable. Cladding the frames with aluminum, and adding a silicone sealant (utilizing proper weeps) ensures a maintenance-free longevity for the renovated window system. Thirty-three tons of glass from the old library windows were also recycled. The new window installation is projected to be 73% more energy efficient than the previous windows.

When was the project finished? July 2013

Replacing lighting at Alice Millar Chapel and Parkes Hall
Project Manager: Richard Painter

How did this project come about? While installing a new fire alarm system, the ceiling had to be taken apart to put in electrical conduits. It came to the attention of FM that the lights in some of the hallways were on all the time. FM saw this as an opportunity to replace the fluorescent lights with light–emitting diode (LED) bulbs and to install occupancy sensors.

How does this promote sustainability? The lights only come on when people are present, which saves energy. LED’s also consume fewer watts of electricity per lumen. Fewer fixtures and longer maintenance intervals reduce FM Operations and Maintenance costs.

When was the project finished? January 2014

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