It’s March and some things here at KU don’t change too much year after year. KU Men’s basketball won their 10th consecutive Big XII Conference regular season championship, and March Madness will soon be upon us. March came in like a lion with an early-month snow storm, and it will hopefully go out like a lamb with more temperate spring weather. Facilities Services again has done a great job with snow removal this season, and it is much appreciated by everyone on campus (please see the Chancellor’s comments in this issue).

Please enjoy this special time of year on our campus. It is so very beautiful in the spring here at KU as we prepare for Commencement please enjoy the campus and take pride in the fact that you are responsible for how great the campus looks and how well it operates every day. – Rock Chalk JayHawks - Go KU!

My guiding principles for Facilities Services are:
SAFETY FIRST – QUALITY ALWAYS – TEAMWORK – INTEGRITY
THANK YOU for your hard work every day here at KU!
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Since the passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the fatality rate has plummeted, from 18 deaths per 100,000 workers to only 3.6 today, saving more than 451,000 workers' lives. Workplace fatalities have been reduced by more than 65 percent and occupational injury and illness rates have declined by 67 percent. At the same time, U.S. employment has almost doubled. Worker deaths in America are down—on average, from about 38 worker deaths a day in 1970 to 12 a day in 2012. Worker injuries and illnesses are down—from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to 3.5 per 100 in 2011.

Take a minute to look at those numbers again. Enough lives have been saved to fill the Allen Fieldhouse almost 28 times, almost two seasons worth of fans. The average family size in the US is 3.14 people. Saving the lives of 451,000 people means that almost a million people did not lose loved ones. These regulations save lives and preserve health.

One part of the OSHA regulations that is generally discussed only by safety people is the General Duty Clause (29 U.S.C. § 654, 5). Basically, the General Duty Clause says three things:

- Employers must provide employment that is free from recognized hazards.
- Employers must comply with OSHA.
- Employees must comply with OSHA.

The second two points are self-explanatory, but in the first bullet there is the phrase “recognized hazards”. Recognized by whom? OSHA? If that were the case, this clause would be meaningless, you would just need the regulations. Case in point: Do you remember when the trainer was killed by an Orca at Seaworld? OSHA regulations do not cover Killer Whales, but initially Seaworld was fined $75,000 (Seaworld is contesting the fines). OSHA believes Seaworld management knew the ORCAs were dangerous and did nothing.

Recognized by whom? YOU. Your fellow Jayhawks. OSHA wants YOU to report hazards. Of course we don’t have killer beasts on campus, but we do have hazards. Our hazards may not be as obvious, they can be just as deadly. Management normally finds out about hazards one of two ways: someone gets hurt, or someone tells them. The second way is much better than the first. Nothing gets fixed if no one knows it’s broken. Please report all near misses and hazardous conditions. Remember the golden safety rule: Never Ignore A Hazard.

Why has Facilities Services chosen to move towards OSHA compliance? There is no legal requirement for us to do so. So why bother? The answer is we have the responsibility for providing safe work, and the OSHA programs work. Here’s proof:

Basic Computer Training

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My best friend is the man who in wishing me well wishes it for my sake.

Aristotle

EAC—Employee Advisory Council

The EAC has continued to hold more meetings. They have now established an FS only Employee of the Month program in which any FS employee can be nominated. Forms are available on the FS website or all AA’s should have copies. Specific EAC concerns are answered and sent out after each session in an email by Jay Phillips. Please continue to place suggestions in the suggestion boxes. Boxes are checked for suggestions the day before the meeting. The council also announced it has the EAC suggestion boxes hung at the following locations:

- FS Main foyer
- Store Room by water fountain
- Garage
- KS Union 4th Floor Entrance
- Oliver Hall basement by time collection
- McCollum Hall Zone 2&3 break room area
- Burge Union 1st floor by time collection

NEXT MEETING:

June 11, 2014 8 p.m.
Courtside Room, Burge Union
Please send your primary representative from your shop/zone. If your primary is unavailable, please send your alternate.
Chamberlain holds numerous NBA records and is widely considered one of the greatest and most dominant players in NBA history. He played the center position and is widely considered one of the greatest and most dominant players in NBA history. Chamberlain holds numerous NBA records in scoring, rebounding and durability categories. He is the only player to score 100 points in a single NBA game or average more than 40 and 50 points in a season. He also won seven scoring, nine field goal percentage, and eleven rebounding titles, and once even led the league in assists. Chamberlain is the only player in NBA history to average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game in a season, a feat he accomplished nine times. He is also the only player to average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game over the entire course of his NBA career. Although he suffered a long string of professional losses, Chamberlain had a successful career, winning two NBA championships, earning four regular-season Most Valuable Player awards, the Rookie of the Year award, one NBA Finals MVP award, and being selected to 13 All-Star Games and ten All-NBA First and Second teams.

Replant Mount Oread launched a two-week fundraising campaign with $5,000 goal. "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now." This Chinese Proverb guides Replant Mount Oread, an effort by the University of Kansas Campus Tree Advisory Board to raise funds for campus trees and involve the campus community in annual planting events. Replant Mount Oread launched in the spring of 2012 to help maintain and enhance the beauty of the KU landscape. Jayhawks will be able to experience the same benefits that students, staff, faculty and visitors enjoy today. Age, storm damage, and disease take a significant toll on trees across campus, and in recent years the loss of trees has been as high as 80 to 90 trees per year. However, the current landscaping budget only allows for about 50 trees per year to be replanted and maintained.

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Wilton Norman “Wilt” Chamberlain (August 21, 1936 – October 12, 1999) was an American basketball player. He played for the Philadelphia/San Francisco Warriors, the Philadelphia 76ers and the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA; he played for the University of Kansas and also for the Harlem Globetrotters before playing in the NBA. The 7-foot 1-inch Chamberlain weighed 250 pounds as a rookie before bulking up to 275 and eventually to over 300 pounds with the Lakers. He played the center position and is widely considered one of the greatest and most dominant players in NBA history.

Chamberlain was subsequently enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978, elected into the NBA’s 35th Anniversary Team of 1980, and chosen as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History of 1996. Chamberlain was known by various nicknames during his basketball playing career. He hated the ones that called attention to his height such as “Goliath” and “Wilt the Stilt”, which was coined during his high school days by a Philadelphia sportswriter. He preferred “The Big Dipper”, which was inspired by his friends who saw him dip his head as he walked through doorways.

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

-Walt Disney
Recognition

January: Natalya Vorobey

Natalya Vorobey is a custodian in zone 3. She is known to her coworkers as a hard worker who gets everyone motivated and is cited as having a kind and gentle heart. “Above & beyond and always gives 110%” says her supervisor Leslie Payne. Natalya received multiple nominations.

Zone 3

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for the wonderful employees you have sent us to paint our rooms. Bill and Kevin are professionals. They are doing a great job in our building and we are getting a lot of great compliments. We really needed this in our Department. I could not pass another day without telling you. You have some great workers.

Thanks again,
Yvonne Acevedo-Hood, Administrative Associate
Visual Art Department

To Mike Lang-

I (Stephanie Chamberlain) just got a call from Sandra Wiechert who requested the parking lot be cleared out at the Dole Institute for the 70 elderly ladies yesterday. She wanted to call and thank you for the wonderful job that you all did with the parking lot and sidewalks. She expected 70 ladies and 85 showed up. Best of all they left intact and with no broken legs! (Quoting Sandra) She was very grateful and wanted to thank you for your hard work. GREAT JOB!!!

Zone 5

The hallways on the 7th floor of Fraser look spectacular!!! Thank you so much!

~Janelle
Senior Admin Associate
Dept. of Sociology
University of Kansas

Zone 2/Wade Olson

Thank you very much for completing the work today and for the quality and professionalism of fixing the things in my apartment.

Kindest Regards,
( Student)

Zone 3

I just wanted to take the time to say that the two guys that stopped over to help us with are air handling in Budig 10 did a great job and they took the time to explain what they had done to fix the problem.

I know lots of people spend time sending emails to businesses complaining about the service they have received but Randy and the other guy who’s name I can not remember did a great job and I think that is something supervisors or managers should also hear.

Respectfully, John White, eLearning Support Specialist

March: Ron Allen

Ron Allen is a senior plumber in the plumbing shop. Many have noted that Ron is well experienced in his craft. But a comment that would be seen over and over is Ron’s genuine kind nature and dedication. Ron has sacrificed holidays and always looks out for his fellow employees. In a comment by Charles Garzillo, plumbing shop supervisor, “His knowledge of the university and systems is unprecedented and I am proud to nominate him for this award.”
Hey Gate, Let’s Communicate!

Changing the way we communicate

Last week we all received an email from KU IT about ‘A New Way to Communicate’. In this email, they outline a new feature to campus: Microsoft Lync. This is exciting news for FS. Microsoft Lync works with your current list of outlook contacts and with the push of a button (or two), you can text, make a voice call, video call, or start an online meeting. So how does that affect us? Many of you now have iPod touch devices primarily for use with EzMax and email. Some of you may be utilizing facetime, voxer, and/or iMessage to communicate with other KU staff on these devices. Lync pulls together all of these platforms into one easy to use app. Essentially – when fully operational – these devices will operate like a cell phone over wi-fi. Call your supervisor, call your customer, call a coworker in your shop or another, attend an online meeting – all from where you are. For those of you who use PC’s and laptops – Lync will be available for you as well. This feature is currently scheduled to roll out on April 14th 2014. We will send out details on how to start using this feature as we find out more.

Ener-G, y G as in George!

Westar Solar Project

In January information was received from Westar Energy that they were seeking to do a solar energy project with a building owner in Kansas. The project will entail the installation of up to 30 KW of solar power, which Westar will pay all the cost of, materials, installation and a 25 year service agreement. To qualify for this project, the building owner needed to submit an application to Westar detailing the location and benefits of installing solar power. Westar’s goal being to get a highly visible project which could be used for learning and research into solar energy. Westar was invited to come and look at a number of location on campus and give recommendations. The sites that were identified are:

- The grounds around the Hills Engineering Research & Development Center
- The roof of Lindey Hall
- The roof of M2SEC
- The roof of Eaton Hall
- The top deck of the Allen Fieldhouse Parking garage

The application has been completed and sent to Westar. Expectations are that Westar will make a decision sometime in March.

LEEP2 Chiller

In January information was sent out regarding the chiller selection for LEEP2. The analysis that was done compared a McQuay Chiller to a Carrier Chiller and Carrier was the chiller selected. After reviewing the information provided questions arose as to why Trane was not included in the comparison. The response was that Trane was excluded due to clearances the chiller required for maintenance. This information was investigated further and it was found that Trane could meet the clearance that was provided in the installation. The mechanical portion was rebid and the Trane Chillers selected based upon their higher efficiency and ability to save over $14,000 annually in energy cost.

Boiler Tuning

In January the boiler operators shared that they were seeing a discrepancy between what the utility bills showed for the power plant gas use compared to the gas meters on the boilers. Upon investigating the matter further it was discovered that it had been over 10 years since controls on the boilers had been calibrated and tuned. This process insures that the boilers are operating safely and at peak efficiency. The calibration and tuning was done in January and February and its estimated to save about $5,000 annually.

Parking Garage Lighting

Both the Allen Fieldhouse and Mississippi Street parking garages lights were replaced with new LED fixtures. This project was completed on December 30th which quality’s the project for the tax deduction that the University and Parking Services was seeking.

Energy Metering

The energy metering project is still underway and the scope of that project is being defined. Along with the metering, the server that the metering system communicates with is being upgraded to a web based system. This mean greater access to those who need to see what buildings are doing electrically.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

-Albert Einstein
Dear Tommy and Dave
A heartfelt Thank You for your persistence in getting the Sauna up and running. I deeply appreciate you making this happen. I guarantee you that we have a lot of smiling and perspiring Robinson users. :)
Respectfully
Bernie Kish, Ph. D., Director of Facilities/Lecturer, University of Kansas-School of Education

Zone 4:
I’m sending kudos to you and your team for the faucet repair/replacement completed in 1031 Dole Human Development Center in December 2013. They tried to repair and then replaced a faucet in a kitchen space within 1031. They were professional and did a great job in a short time frame. I’ve thought of them each day I use the sink during the hectic days since the completion. Please pass my thanks along to the three men who were responsible for this work order.
Best regards,
Billie Archer, Grant Specialist Kansas Institute for Positive Behavior Support

Recognition

February: Allan Flanner
Allan Flanner is a storekeeper at the store room. Allan is cited for having extreme attention to detail, work on any task assigned to him, take on extra tasks and all the while be a true delight to visit with when going to the store room for parts. Store room Julie Bellucci added, “I can’t thank Allan enough for stepping up to the plate and keeping the store room running smoothly.” Allan received multiple nominations.

Zone 5
Many thanks to all the wonderful, wonderful people in zone 5. We really appreciate the time and attention you give to Dyche Hall and all our unique needs and special requests. Thanks for taking such good care of us.
Best, Lori Schlenker, Jamie Keeler, Natural History Museum

University Award Winner: Laura Sellers
If you’ve ever needed anything moved, painted or looking good for a special event, chances are you’ve coordinated this with Laura Sellers. Laura takes on a huge responsibility each year with a heavy involvement in commencement and each year it comes off with beauty and grace. Laura was bestowed by the university with the February EOM distinction.

Work Management
And thank you (and the WM team) for all that you do! All the work up here starts in one place——yours. The WM team consistently performs their tasks with excellence and efficiency. You all make it really easy to submit a work order and therefore, a lot of work is performed!
Best, Doug Carter, Housing Administration

Keep Giving Them the Pickle!