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Some things we just all instinctively know. Ted's past finally caught up with him. Not really, Ted was this year's participant in the MDA lockup. Our folks contributed \$370.50 for the cause. About 1/3 of those contributing wanted the funds to go toward keeping him. That just wasn't enough, they let him back out into society.

Budget Update

Really no update at this point. We are still in a waiting pattern until the Legislature finalizes and passes a budget.

Sick Leave Bank Enrollment

Each year during the months of April, May and June, eligible UT employees can complete an application to become a member of the Sick Leave Bank. For details, see Jennifer or the Employee Relations web site at <http://uthr.admin.utk.edu/benefits/default.html>. Call 865-974-6018 with questions.



Grounds and Carpenter Shop folks are making ready for the new sidewalk at Jessie Harris. If you have not seen the finished product, run by and see. It looks great!!

Mission trip to Thailand

By Ernie Cox, Harvey and Millie Hill

This was a chance of a lifetime for us to see the other end of the world and to try to make a difference in other peoples lives. The biggest thing we had to do was to be available and committed to serve others in ways that we never thought we could. We had very long days of working and ministering to people who have no freedom to hear the Gospel. During this trip to Thailand, we had the opportunity to serve with other mission teams. We gave out 26,000 packets of material over a 26 day period and saw many people come to Christ. They did not know how much they were ministering to us by accepting the gifts we had to offer them. This is something we hope to do again because it makes you appreciate where we live and our freedom to worship God freely.



Chuck Thompson Awards

Benny Rayfield was unable to attend the awards ceremony as he was on jury duty. Benny and Mike are shown here with the award. Benny and Jackie Suffridge are both very deserving of this award.

Outages of Note

Electric - One more electrical power outage has been scheduled for the buildings on circuits 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9. This outage will be held on Sunday, May 9, 2004, beginning at 12:05 a.m. and end at 8:05 a.m. The purpose of the outage is to replace some undersized cables between two manholes, perform much needed maintenance in an overcrowded manhole near the Humanities Building, and to connect the new Black Cultural Center to a permanent high voltage power supply.

An electrical power outage has been scheduled for Art and Architecture to replace the old switchgear in the building. This outage will last from Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 8:00 AM until Saturday, May 29, 2004, at 4:30 PM.

Steam - A Campus wide steam outage is scheduled to start on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 8:00 PM, and continue until Sunday, May 16, 2004 at 8:00 AM. The purpose of the outage is to replace boiler feed pumps and related piping at the Steam Plant. During the outage other maintenance will be performed in the steam distribution system. During this outage buildings will be without steam which will affect domestic hot water, building heat, humidity control systems, autoclaves, sterilizers, and other steam related systems.

LOCK OUT - TAG OUT

Facilities Services Vacancies:

Engineering – Estimator, Mechanical Engineer, Drafter
 Steam Plant – Steam Plant Trainee, Asst Gen Mnt Craft Worker
 Carpenter Shop – Carpenter (2), Cabinetmaker
 Electric Shop – Electrician (3)
 Preventive Maintenance – Maintenance Specialist (4)
 Bldg Services – Custodian (2), Service Aide II (2)
 Grounds – Sr. Truck Driver, Lawn Gardener
 Key Shop – Senior Maintenance Specialist



New Faces in Town

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Theresa Furbush – Preventive Maintenance
 Vickie Fortner – Building Services
 Sheila Foltz – A/C Shop
 William Gibbs - Grounds
 Ginger Doane – Building Services
 Chris Mabe – Grounds
 Terrell Biggerstaff – Building Services
 Amanda Kirkman – Engineering Services
 Mark Adams – Building Services
 William Gann, Jr. – Preventive Maintenance
 David Latham – Plumbing Services
 Jason Titlow – Building Services
 William Rhines – Building Services
 Thomas McConnell – Electrical Services
 Jessica Llewellyn – Building Services
 Marilyn Underwood – Building Services
 Keith Downen – Engineering Services
 David Johnson – Grounds
 Scott Knight – Grounds
 Clifford Davis – Preventive Maintenance

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SAFETY GENERATION?

Noise

In late June we will be conducting EPA required emissions testing at the Steam Plant. This will require steam venting, with some associated noise. See **Noise, below**

Ted always told me if I *ever* caught Anthony working to get a picture. Believe it or not, that is Anthony.

Healthy Stuff

Prostate Cancer Screening, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Student Health Services Building, 1818 Andy Holt Blvd. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in males. Screening costs \$14, includes digital rectal exam and blood test, takes 15 minutes. For all faculty, staff, and their spouses over the age of 40. Call 544-6877 for an appointment. Sponsored by the UT Medical Center.

Recycling

Sarah will be giving an encore presentation of what happens to stuff after it goes in the recycling bin on April 21, 2004, from 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM in Room 224 at the University Center. This is a lunch & learn so bring your lunch and eat while you listen. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Shorts

Did you know that Central Supply has purchased over 18,000 square feet of plywood since 7/1/03? Stacked, this would be over 30 feet high.

Training

The electrical safety classes are now complete. The folks in this class created CD-ROM modules that others will be able to use to work their way through electrical safety training. We are looking into Life Safety Code training that will also culminate with CD-ROM training modules. Sarah Surak and Keith Downen are getting ready to attend a workshop for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) workshop that will culminate in their becoming LEED certified. The information they obtain, plus the resulting certification should help us to become more conscious of energy saving construction, and construction that is more cognizant of recyclable materials and renewable resources.

Concrete Fact

Since 7/1/03, our folks have purchased and installed over 550 cubic yards of concrete. This is about 2,138,000 pounds and is enough concrete to cover a football field 5” deep, including the end zones.

Movin’ Around

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Michael Weaver to Sr. Locksmith, Lock & Key
 Malcolm Shoffner to Sr. Maint Spec, Lock & Key
 Donald Sims to Gen Maint Cft Wkr, PM Dining Halls
 James Ezell to Service Aide II, Building Services
 Marie Fox to Sr Secretary, Building Services

Movin’ On

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Michael Hill retires 04/16/04
 Bobby Smith retires 04/30/04
 John Ford retires 05/28/04

Upcoming Events:

Holiday and Closing Schedule:

Memorial Day – May 31, 2004
 Independence Day – July 4, 2004
 Labor Day – September 6, 2004
 Thanksgiving – November 25-26, 2004
 Christmas – December 24-30, 2004
 New Years – December 31, 2004

Be Energy & Environmentally Conscious

When you leave an area, your office, etc. turn lights off if you are going to be out more than 20 minutes!! This not only saves electricity, but it also greatly reduces the amount of pollutants that are put into the air while making the electricity. Also turn off air conditioning where you can, when you can. This works at home, too!!

Noise, cont’d

We are in the process of purchasing silencers that will reduce the noise as much as we can. The steam will be venting at the Steam Plant and at the Ceramics Annex on the Ag Campus. It may also look like Foggy Bottom at these locations.

Scorecard

We currently have 221 open, active projects at an estimated cost of \$15.039 million. There have been over 14,500 new workorders since 7/1/04, over 6,200 of these are still open.

Reminder – Lunches with the Executive

Director are scheduled for the last Tuesday in each month from 12 noon until 1:00 PM for folks on first shift, and at 5:30 PM for folks on second shift.