



Apprenticeship Program

FM has twelve trade apprentices, and these staff are working in the Plumbing, Electrical, and Carpentry shops. These workers are alternating between working and studying within the apprenticeship program as they follow their goal of becoming a journeyman in their chosen trade. Below is the status of our apprentices by shop:

Plumbing: George Smith is a 4th year apprentice; Brad Donovan is in school completing the 3rd block and will soon be returning as a 4th year apprentice; and Fawn Hedderson is currently a 2nd year apprentice.

Electrical (Industrial): Jonathan Sharron is in school completing the 5th block and will then be eligible to write the Journeyman exam; Kevin Healey and Dan Rogers are 3rd year apprentices who will be returning to school to continue their training at the end of April; Nancy Gautche and Crystal Butler are 3rd year apprentices; and Shirley Dunphy is a 2nd year apprentice.

Carpentry: Stephen Noseworthy, James Fleet, and Paul Gill are in the 3rd year of the carpentry apprenticeship program.

Good luck to you all in your study and work endeavours!



The Better Work Supervisor Tip:

Be a good coach. Instead of telling people what to do, mentor them so they can do it themselves.



Letters

To Kent Organ and Ed Shapter, Mechanical Shop from Tom Gordon, School of Music Director



On behalf of my faculty and staff colleagues, as well as the students here at the School of Music, I want to thank you for your professional and very attentive service in trying to address the challenges we've been facing with maintaining acceptable temperature control in the DF Cook Recital Hall during the recent cold snap. We are extremely grateful for your tenacity in looking for solutions to the problem when we know there were a number of other demands on your expertise.

To Kent Budden, Manager of Custodial Services from Paula Eddy, MarComm

I had to go to the R. Gushue Hall this morning for a "decorating emergency", and the guys were there doing the carpets—they looked great! Thanks so much for taking care of it for us.

To Darrell Miles, Director of FM from Paula Eddy, MarComm

I just wanted to send along my thanks for the great job your department [Carpentry] has done on the trophy case for the SIFE World Cup. This is a beautiful piece of furniture, and your teams deserve our sincere thanks for the excellent craftsmanship they have put into the design and construction of this display.





Let's Talk Shop

- ◆ Facilities Management welcomes the following new employees:
Administrative Services: Jenny Hickey, Intermediate Clerk Steno; Eddy Hickey, Plant Stores Clerk
Capital Projects: Robert Guthrie, Assistant Director
CEP: Larry Furlong, Leonard Mullins, and Laurie Newhook
Central Utilities: Geoff Chafe, Power Engineer 3rd Class
Custodial Services: Stephen Corcoran, Denise Flynn, Charlie Noseworthy, and Tina Noftall
Facilities Engineering & Development: Scott Hill, Projects Engineer
Plumbing Shop: Arch Rose
Work Control: Julia Tourout, Intermediate Clerk Steno

- ◆ Congratulations to the following staff who accepted permanent positions:
 Brigitte Parsons, Financial Operations Officer
 Kent Organ, Maintenance Repairperson
 Sheri Fowler, Accounts Clerk (FM)

- ◆ Congratulations to the following staff who were promoted:
 Darrin Kelly and Corina Bartlett to Corporal positions in CEP and Mike Foley to Projects Coordinator in Facilities Engineering & Development.

- ◆ Nicole Furlong of CEP and husband John are the proud parents of their first child, a baby boy. Jack Allan was born in March 2008 at 9 lbs. Mom is back to work and missing Jack terribly.

- ◆ Congratulations to Rick Porter of Custodial Services and wife Jane on the birth of their baby girl, Alyssa, on December 4.

- ◆ Scott Hill of FED and wife Carla are proud to welcome their baby girl, Grace Marie, born on April 3 at 7 lbs 13 oz. Mom and baby are doing great, and son Noah is happy to have a baby sister. Congratulations Scott and Carla.

New LED Street Lighting

Our Electrical Shop recently installed several LED street lights on campus near Burton's Pond Apartments. These lights will effect significant energy savings as well as provide increased lighting to the campus. A total of 60 LED's will be installed over the next year. Here are some interesting facts about LED lights:

- The long life of LED's of up to 50,000 hours, compared with 15,000 hours for the previous lamps, reduces maintenance costs considerably, and the low energy requirements cut down on electricity consumption and CO₂ emissions.
- Specially designed lenses direct the light from the LED's down only onto the street and not into the sky.
- LED lights do not attract flies.

The Optimistic Gardener

Optimism can be defined as the gardener who looks out onto his moss filled garden with twisted and broken foliage, lumpy flower beds, plants cast from the ground, and garbage in the hedge and says "Yes, looks like it's going to be a good gardening season". Who are these people? They look at their garden as their baby, something they can caress, develop, and make a thing of beauty. They rake with new vigor in spring to remove all that nasty moss, then lime, overseed, and feed. Those broken branches on trees—the power of the chainsaw! On second thought, maybe pruning shears or a pruning saw might be the more appropriate tool. Remove all those damaged and crossing branches and those that just don't look right. The plants that were pushed from the ground by some undisclosed enemy can be placed gently back to bloom forth as the season progresses. Once you identify that some neighbour's pet has not left those lumps around, a raking should easily break them up. And the garbage in the hedge, well you know what to do with that. By July, just think you will have created an average garden.

Contributed by Chris Baird.





FM Shop Staff Recognized on MUN Volunteer Day

Three divisions of FM received recognition during MUN Volunteer Day celebrations at the University Centre. Our Carpentry, Electrical, and Plumbing Shops were presented with a Special Recognition Award: Volunteer Department of the Year for their outstanding contribution to the Habitat for Humanity Build last fall for the Anthony family in Mt. Pearl, an initiative of Memorial University and Petro-Canada. This is a one-time award based on this unique collective contribution to a build. Representatives from each shop involved were presented with a framed award certificate from Dave Denine, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Congratulations to all in FM who contributed their time and talent.

Darrell Miles would like to thank all personnel who contributed their time and efforts to such a worthwhile project. The commitment and dedication exhibited by FM's shops were incredibly important to its success.

Pictured on this page are a group photo which includes several personnel from the Carpentry, Electrical, and Plumbing Shops as well as our Director, Darrell Miles, and Dr. Eddy Campbell, Acting President (upper left); Euen Moore, Carpentry, and Dave Denine (upper right); Ray St. Croix, Plumbing, and Dave Denine (lower left); and Bob Ralph, Electrical, and Dave Denine (lower right).

