A formal dedication ceremony is held in conjunction with MIT150

The KI locale offers indoor and outdoor spaces

MIT’s recently completed Building 76 is the new home of the David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT. The seven-story, 365,000-square-foot building, which stretches along Main Street between Ames and Vassar streets, houses 25 faculty labs and about 600 researchers. The building’s common areas on the upper floors are clustered in the center to foster a culture of collaboration.

A long exhibit gallery on the ground floor facing Main Street is open to the public. Exhibits in the gallery will feature the research that takes place within the building. So that they remain current and fresh, the exhibits will change on a regular basis. The first exhibits include images by researchers which were selected from a competition sponsored by the MIT Museum and the Koch Institute. Exhibits will also include video and physical objects explaining the intricacies and importance of cancer research.

Scottish artist Martin Boyce’s new artwork, commissioned as part of MIT’s Percent-for-Art program, fills the west wall of the first floor lobby. The work is comprised of a galvanized steel frame with perforated painted steel panels. The angular forms of the frame are repeated in three brass wall grills that together contain text: reading “closer and closer”. Boyce has spoken of the artwork in relation to pattern recognition and the significance of scale in vision and research. The work is approximately 10 feet tall and 95 feet in length.

The work draws on colors and forms from modernist design history. The angular divisions within the frame repeat the geometry of the “concrete trees” by artists Jan and Joël Martel, exhibited in Paris at the Exposition des Arts Décoratifs in 1925.

Beyond the Boyce installation is a café with seats for 80 people. Open weekdays from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, serving breakfast and lunch, the Koch Café offers Peet’s Coffee, pastries made in-house, scratch soups, salads, sushi, made-to-order deli sandwiches and hot entree specials. Also on the menu are fresh flatbread pizza, hot panini sandwiches and an extensive salad bar. The Koch Café replaces the Bio Café which closed in mid-December.

The Koch Café enjoys expansive views of the new north court green space. The plaza and courtyard outside the building should serve as a gathering place for those who work and study on the east side of campus. Jim May, senior project manager in Facilities, characterizes the new courtyard: “If Killian Court is the Institute’s formal outdoor living room used for special occasions, the North Court will be the informal outdoor family room used daily for relaxing and casual recreation.”

The building is expected to be the most sustainable lab building on campus and contains numerous green features including reflective roof material, which will reduce the heat island effect and heat recovery methods incorporated into HVAC systems. In addition, Custodial Services continues its green cleaning program in the building and the 10 custodians who clean the building will use Green Seal approved products.
Messages from the Directors

Extreme weather leads to a workforce alignment

Just by the very nature of our business, Facilities staff work round the clock to keep the Institute operating. During a flood or other emergency, it’s “all hands on deck”. This winter has presented a series of challenges that I am happy to say our staff met and achieved great success throughout. The hard work came from everyone: managers, supervisors, support staff and in particular, our service staff.

Our Grounds crews, with the support of custodians working extra shifts, were literally at the Institute day and night shoveling snow, applying ice melt and chopping ice to keep the walkways safe. We received many accolades from the community on how well cleared the pathways around campus were.

In addition to Grounds other Operations areas faced challenges due to the extreme weather. The Repair and Maintenance teams responded quickly whenever there was an emergency as a result of sprinkler pipes freezing and breaking up in a building, which happened several times.

An excellent example of our groups collaborating was during the emergency on the roof of Building E40. A chilled water coil broke causing a major leak into the third and fourth floors of the building. This resulted in damage to ceiling tiles and caused the carpets to be saturated. R&M and Custodial Services worked together to ensure that the spaces were repaired and cleaned without too much disruption to the building’s occupants.

And, as the saying goes, “the mail must get through” and it did. Mail Service workers have done an excellent job delivering packages and mail despite the weather. Of course, there are still a few weeks of winter left, but let’s hope that the worst of it is behind us.

John DiFava, Director of Facilities Operations and Security

Collaboration plus communication equals success

I recently signed a letter in support of the City’s grant request for a regional bike share program; our commitment was to provide two bike stations over a three year period. The point of writing about this is that it was a collaboration between Campus Planning and Design (Kelley Brown and Adam Serafin) and the Parking and Transportation Office (Larry Brutt). All too often we find ourselves locked in to the day-to-day details of our jobs and the work, focused on the nitty gritty and not able to step back and look at the big picture. I know that happens to me all the time. And yet, when we can pause and get some context and perspective, we can find a way to collaborate and succeed. So while I started on a minor project, a few bike stations, we could expand the conversation to talk about capital renewal or more efficient building operating systems or more effective project turnovers. If we improve on communication and teamwork, the sum of the parts just might be greater than the individual components. Or not; it’s up to us. As we start the new year, let’s find ways to solve problems, and not to blame; to collaborate, and not to complain; to work to improve the services delivered by the entire Department of Facilities at MIT. Thanks for a great 2010; here’s to 2011.

Dick Amster, Director of Facilities
Campus Planning, Engineering, and Construction
By Megan Kefalis

As part of MIT’s energy efficiency program, several lighting efficiency projects and air compressor leak projects were completed during the summer and fall and more projects are underway. Begun in May of 2010, MIT’s Efficiency Forward partnership with NSTAR is geared to save 34 million kilowatt hours (approximately 15 percent of our electric use) over the next three years.

In August, a re-lamping and installation of new ballasts took place in NW16 and NW17. The re-lamping/re-ballast should reduce energy use by one third in those buildings. Other NW buildings were also re-fitted including NW13, NW14, NW15, NW20 and NW21. Most of the work was conducted during the second shift to reduce the impact to the community.

Prior to the installations, audits of existing spaces are conducted to note what type of lighting is present in the space. The auditor uses the report to make suggestions for more energy efficient measures, which may include re-lamping, re-ballasts or installing new fixtures.

Other buildings that received lighting upgrades are 34, 35, 37, 38, and 39. The work included opening existing lighting fixtures, changing out lamps and ballasts to higher efficiency products, and installing wall and in some cases, ceiling sensors. The work in most offices takes about one half hour to complete.

Buildings 34, 36, 38, and 39 had compressed air systems surveyed and repaired. The air compressors were monitored to locate leaks in specific places. These leaks were identified and repaired, allowing the air compressor to work less, therefore saving lots of energy!

Since the beginning of 2010, Facilities has completed efficiency upgrade projects saving approximately 1.5 million kWh. And, we still have several buildings to go. The projects average a 2.5 year payback.

Play an active part and help prevent an accident from happening on the job

By Ed Akerley, EHS Manager

Forward thinking is essential to ensuring that our safety programs are effective. Take the time to look things over, ask questions, and work safely.

A large number of incidents are caused by improper lifting techniques, slips, trips and falls, and overexertion. Many are preventable and indicate a need for training or retraining. When training is conducted it is critical that it is documented in the Fact Sheet database. For questions on training ask Ed Akerley; for questions on the Fact Sheet database ask Mary Tobin.

Bungee cords can reach speeds of 60 mph during snapback and failure. Furthermore, the majority of bungee cord accidents involve the eye and are becoming an increasingly common cause of both severe and penetrating eye injuries. There are safer tools available to use such as cargo straps, ratchet binders, clamps, and ropes. Any employee who must use a bungee cord shall inspect the cord, wear safety glasses, and not stretch it beyond 50% of its original length. Seek alternatives when possible!

All fire protection equipment must be cleared and available to the Cambridge Fire Department. This includes hydrants, fire department connections, and post indicator valves. If you notice that snow is blocking fire protection equipment, call Grounds Services at 617-253-5001.
Preventative Maintenance Team plans ahead

By Ruth T. Davis

When a building first opens everything looks shiny and new to the casual observer. However, Facilities staff know that behind the exterior there’s much to do to get a building’s infrastructure working properly and to keep it that way. Our Campus Planning, Engineering, and Construction (CPEC) group designs, builds, and commissions our buildings. Before a building opens, they work with Operations so that its groups understand the systems and where access is to essential elements.

After the commissioning period ends, the building is turned over to Repair and Maintenance to keep the systems operational. A first element to this is for each piece of equipment to be tagged and entered into a Plant Maintenance system in SAP that will automatically generate a cycle of inspections when items such as fan filters need to be replaced.

Prior to 2010, the regular maintenance of systems was handled by the Zone responsible for a certain building. One challenge with this process was that those same Zones were also responsible for repairing equipment and for handling emergencies. An aging infrastructure coupled with the addition of several new buildings to maintain resulted in the Zone staff handling emergencies more often and ending up with less time for preventative maintenance (PM).

Over the past few years, R&M has spent a lot of effort on developing a schedule for planned maintenance and in also building the team that will...
perform those tasks. In March of 2010, a new PM group was launched. During the following months, the R&M zones were restructured and some of the service staff in the zones were moved into a PM Team. The current PM Team consists of three administrative staff, two support staff, and seven service staff.

The group, led by Senior Planner/ Scheduler, Joe McWeeney is forming into a cohesive team that gets along and appreciates each other's knowledge. The service staff are comprised of three HVAC Mechanics and four Maintenance Mechanics and often work as a team in completing PMs in a timely and efficient manner. According to the group, this team approach has allowed the lesser experienced members to learn more of the finer points of the equipment. They travel all over campus, usually using the R&M shuttles, and have a wide variety of equipment to work on. Most of the tasks they perform only require the use of regular hand tools, but one piece of recently acquired equipment that has proved very helpful is a small vacuum. This allows them to clean up easily before they leave a job site. This is especially helpful if they are changing a belt or filter in a lab or office.

Another procedure that the team has found useful is to review the job site and equipment ahead of time so that they can bring everything they need with them. In this way, they can complete a job in one visit rather than having to return to the site. Parts are also ordered in advance so that there is no waiting.

A major renovation like the one in Building E25 can simplify life for the PM team. The building went from 80+ exhaust fans to four adding new equipment and reducing the amount of pieces that require PMs. Also, the project manager worked closely with R&M and provided a list of the equipment that was installed making the administering of the PMs easier to set up and conduct.

In addition to the PM Team, McWeeney creates and administers programs for the R&M Central Teams including electrical and fire safety. Coordinating the PMs with the repairs that these groups do cuts down on outages because the PM work can be done while the equipment is shut down for a repair. This process is especially useful with older equipment that requires more PMs and repairs. The result is that the life of the equipment is extended and operates more efficiently.

Rockin’ round the clock during the holidays

What’s not to smile about when there’s good food and friends to share it? Morss Hall was full of music and laughter on Thursday, December 15 when the day shift joined together to celebrate the end of one year and beginning of the next.

Special thanks go to the team that did the work to make the party happen. They are Party Director Paul Motroni, Chef in Charge Bill Moran, Santa Larry Donaghey, and the elves: Joe Vella, Robin Arena, Richard Volleman, Jani Findlay, Dan Caterino and new recruits Joe D’Entremont and Mike Fahie.

From the FIS team and NE49 (l to r) Cherie Dunn, Jennifer Hausman, Addison Woolees, Larry Orique, Branden Etheridge, Scott McNey, Bill Witts, and Maryla Walters.

Security and Emergency Management (SEMO) team: (l to r) Tom Komola, Andrea Finnin, David Barber, Daniel Whynot and Paul Harris.

(l to r) Ken Callender and Peter Hicks from Mail Services and Peter Layne from Custodial Services.
Nicole McKenna, R&M Operations Center with her husband Bob McKenna, Mail Services.

Facilities EHS Manager Ed Akerley, EHS Officer Joe MacLeod, and Bill Colehower from Campus Planning + Design

The Crew: (l to r) Paul Motroni, Joe Vella, Jr., Richard Vollenmans, Robin Arena, Bill Moran, Jani Findlay, Joe D’Entremont, and Mike Fahie. Not shown in photo: Dan Caterino and Larry Donaghey

Aggie Fernandes, Raul Ortiz, Denise Andrews from Custodial Services
Celebrations bring solidarity to the

This year celebrations were held for night and evening shift custodians on December 17. A breakfast was served to the night shift at 5:00 am. For the first time in several years, the evening shift staff, all custodians plus the R&M workers, joined together in the Bush Room for fun and good food.
evening and night shift workers at the holidays
Infinite Mile and All Star Award recipients honored

The Infinite Mile and All Star Awards are given to individuals or teams for their outstanding leadership and performance and to those who consistently go above and beyond with fanfare. The Infinite Mile award is $1,200 cash for an individual or $5,000 for a team. The All Star Award is a cash award of $750. This year a luncheon was held in the Faculty Club for the recipients and those who nominated them for the awards. Nominations are accepted from colleagues, managers, supervisors or others within the MIT community.

**Infinite Mile Individual Awards**

**Dave Barber, SEMO**

Dave is the kind of person who always has a positive outlook, sees benefit in all he does to support MIT’s mission, and leaves everyone he meets with a positive experience.

**Dan Crovo, Central Utilities Plant**

Dan improved both the accuracy and reliability of the campus metering system.

**Brian Lewis, Central Utilities Plant**

Brian greatly improved purchasing and procurement of all routine supplies and replacement parts. As a result, the maintenance team is able to make repairs more rapidly, there is less wasted time, and equipment reliability is improved.

**Infinite Mile Individual Awards**

**Dan Crovo receives his award from Randy Preston. Dan was acknowledged for his work on the campus metering system and preventative maintenance and calibration programs.**

**Randy Preston presents an award to Mark Cote, Kevin Doran, and Richard Lucas. With three new buildings coming on line in 2010, an expansion and modernization of the grid was required and the High Voltage team worked diligently to support those efforts. They completed a major, multi-year safety upgrade, as well as routine substation PMs and cleaning.**

**John DiFava congratulates Dave Barber as he receives an Infinite Mile award at the Faculty Club in August. Dave received the award for his dedication, knowledge of the organizational structures of MIT, and his compassion and appreciation for the work that is done here.**

**Infinite Mile Individual Awards**

**Lilieth Brown**

Custodial Services

All Star Award

**James Clifford**

Custodial Services

All Star Award

**Jani Findlay**

Repair & Maintenance

All Star Award

**Phyllis Jones**

Custodial Services

All Star Award

**Thomas Komola**

SEMO

All Star Award

**Jack Mannion**

Repair & Maintenance

All Star Award
Infinite Mile Team Awards

Custodial Services
Team Award to Carol Corr, Thomas Stillwell, and Walter Wright
Carol, Tom and Walter were nominated by Medical for their continued and long-term efforts to provide outstanding service. Their attention to their customers and their work enhances morale and demonstrates the best in workplace values.

Team Award to Svetlana Astvatsaturov, Arnold Carter, Stephen Hill, Antonio Pereira, Joseph Plener, Bozena Plener, and Franciszka Soroka
This team was nominated for their consistent willingness to go above and beyond their duties while always demonstrating positive attitudes. They have demonstrated leadership and have been role models and mentors to others.

Team Award to Pearl Bennett, Kevin DeVIncent, Joseph Lagorio, Michael McDonald, Gordon Nickerson, Jr., and Oswald Sweeney
Their most recent accomplishment was the refinishing of Lobby 7 and the application of a green wax finish on the floor. They all showed the highest quality of work with a delivery of a successful project.

Repair & Maintenance
Team Award to Dean Gibbons, Electrician and Antonio Rebelo, Maintenance Mechanic
Whether it has been subzero temperatures in the winter months, torrential rains in the spring or the extreme heat in summer, both Dean and Tony have shown the dedication and initiative to maintain and repair all outdoor lighting on Campus.

Team Award to Mark Cote, Electrician, Kevin Doran, Electrician, and Richard Lucas, Senior Electrical Engineer, Utilities
During the past year, the High Voltage team was instrumental in ensuring the campus high voltage electrical grid was safely upgraded to serve the campus, both today and in the future. They did all of this under a demanding schedule and with an impeccable safety record.

Project Management
Team Award to Janis Burke, Joseph Collins, William Vitkosky, and Michael Kearns
Janis, Joe, Bill and Mike were nominated for their effectiveness as team leaders. They manage their teams with focus, efficiency and effectiveness, and are all excellent mentors and internal consultants to their team members.

Campus Planning + Design
Team Award to Sharon Benedict, Robert Boes, Kelley Brown, William Colehower, Sue Crowley, Thayer Donham, Jennifer Marshall, and Adam Serafin
The MIT 2030 planning effort included many, many meetings with the academic community and administrative units along with hours and hours of time analyzing the current campus statistics, discussing the visions for the future of MIT and mapping numerous options that would allow these visions to become reality. Their hard work and dedication to a sustainable campus will lay a firm foundation for the future improvements and expansions of the Institute.
Dear Grounds Services,

I got a ride into Cambridge today and ended up walking from Sidney and Pacific all the way to E23, along the way going down Vassar, behind Lobby 13, around Stata and finally across Ames. I just wanted to say that there was almost no snow or ice in any sidewalk the entire cross-campus journey. I can't imagine the number of person-hours and machinery it took to accomplish that, and I just wanted to say 'fantastic job'.

Maryanne Kirkbride
MS/MBA, RN
Clinical Director for Campus Life

Dear Repair & Maintenance,

I would just like to inform you that the gentleman did a wonderful job. Thank you also for the fast reply in getting this job done.

Gratefully,
Rita DeMeo
Administrative Assistant,
Department of Biological Engineering

Report public space issues

txtdof@mit.edu is a new way for you to let Facilities know about an issue when you find it on campus. Send a message to txtdof@mit.edu and include the location, problem to be resolved, and a photo, if you’d like.

Most cell phone providers do allow both SMS and MMS text messages to be sent to e-mail addresses by default. So, you should be able to type in the txtdof@mit.edu e-mail address instead of a cell phone number when using SMS or MMS. A “Smart” phone such as an iPhone, Blackberry or Android allows a user to send either a text message or an email.

If you would like to track the progress of the issue, include your email address in the message. Our Customer Service Center will add your email address to the Work Order and you can check on the job.

The primary way for customers to request services will remain through the Building Services SAPweb page: http://web.mit.edu/sapweb/PS1/facilities_home.shtml, but this new method will allow our customers to report things as they see them.

DoF Operations staff focus on customer service

Provider Fair

Promoting their services at the Provider Fair in September are (l to r) Deb Puleo of Mail Services and Dave Shawles of the Customer Service Center (CSC). Items given away at the fair included a new Facilities Service Guide. The CSC staff moved into their new office space in Building 7-020 in the fall.

Event Planners Fair

At the Event Planners’ Fair in November, Larry Brutti, manager of the Parking and Transportation Office, talks to a customer while Robynn Cruz (background) gives information about parking options for visitors. Customers should contact their office when they need a shuttle for visitors or parking information for visitors coming to campus.

Keeping the campus free of ice and snow.

Many hands were needed this winter to clear the snow and ice from campus. Robbie Kuykendall scoops snow while John Hames and Rob Lyons team up to remove ice from the steps of the Stratton Student Center after one of the many snow storms this season.
Volunteerism is strong inside and outside of the Institute

Community Giving
A bake-a-thon was held in NE49 as part of the MIT Community Giving Campaign. The event was held in the Aruba conference room from Noon to 1 PM on Monday, December 6th. Participants were asked to either bake or judge; to be a judge a $5 donation was requested and the sampling of as many desserts as possible was required. Judges chose their top three favorites, which was not easy since there were 18 bakers and lots of delicious treats. The winners were: first place, student intern Monica Kuczynski for her Truffle; second place, Angela Garrawy’s Cranberry Walnut Cheese Cake; and third place, Annette Montminy’s Grasshopper Cupcakes. Honorable Mentions went to Scott McNey and Sonia Richards. The event raised $120.

MIT students provide ambulance service
By Matthew Meisner, Chief of MIT-EMS
The MIT Emergency Medical Services (MIT-EMS) is an entirely free, student-run ambulance service that responds to emergency calls from the MIT campus. We are more than happy to respond to calls of any nature even if the patient is simply ill and unable to easily get to a medical facility on their own. We are also qualified to respond to far more serious calls such as cardiac arrests or heart attacks, but unlike many city ambulance services we encourage people to call us for minor injuries as well. MIT-EMS will be in service 24/7 during the school year. In fact, we expect to play a larger role in providing medical care at night than we did previously. Since the MIT community no longer has access to on-campus medical care at night, those who need immediate care from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am will need to be transported off-campus, and we can provide these transports.

MIT-EMS can be reached by calling the MIT Police (617-253-1212 or dial 100 from campus). If you call 911, the call is routed through the state police, Cambridge emergency center, and then finally forwarded to the MIT Police and MIT-EMS.

Daffodil Days at MIT
Special thanks to our Daffodil Coordinators: Sue Crowley, Jani Findlay, Donna Fucillo, Jennifer Garland, Norman Magnuson, Celeste Martin, Patti Pisani, and Debbie Puleo. Flowers and bears will be delivered on Monday, March 14.

Follow procedures after industrial accidents
Both an employee and supervisor must comply with MIT Policy and the OSHA Massachusetts Workers’ Compensation law when an occupational injury or illness occurs. It is MIT policy that employees seek medical attention from MIT Medical for the first visit.
When MIT Medical Urgent Care is closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, an employee should call MIT Medical at 617-253-4481. If a triage nurse advises that you go to a nearby hospital, employees should call a taxi and then turn in the receipts or request a Checker Cab Company voucher from your supervisor. The voucher will provide transportation to the hospital and a return ride to MIT. The voucher must be filled out completely and the pink copy turned in to the Workers’ Compensation Administrator in E19.
Work with your supervisor to fill out the online Supervisor’s Injury Report. If for medical reasons you are not able to do this prior to leaving campus, call your supervisor from home to do it over the telephone. Injury reports must be filled out within 24 hours of an injury.
For more information, please review the employee’s instructions that are posted around the department.

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Retirements
Cesar Cafua, Custodial Services
Ed Dimond, Repair & Maintenance
Jack Narcotta, Repair & Maintenance
Cantello Tirella, Custodial Services

Farewells
Michael Livingston, Custodial Services
Mary Ciampoli, Custodial Services

Promotions
Kevin Connolly, from Assistant Manager to Manager of Repair & Maintenance

Transfers
Robin Arena, from R&M Supervisor to Key Office Associate, SEMO
Michael Roberts, from CAC to Custodial Services

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
Kevin Connolly was promoted to Manager of Repair and Maintenance in November after serving as interim manager for eight months. Kevin’s 20+ years of experience at MIT provide him with a solid foundation to lead the group through the many challenges they face every day. In the next year Kevin will focus on accountability, work quality, productivity, and enhancing the planning and scheduling of work. 

Al Legere has held several supervisory positions in R&M. He served as the interim Technician Supervisor and recently assumed the position of Supervisor in the Preventative Maintenance office where he will lend his broad HVAC knowledge to the oversight of the PM Team.

Paul Motroni has served as a supervisor in Custodial Services and in R&M as a Zone supervisor. He recently supervised the HVAC mechanics during the transition. Paul is now supervisor of the Maintenance Mechanics.

Ed Rita replaced Jack Narcotta as Plumbing Supervisor in October. Ed brings to Facilities his extensive experience in the plumbing trade. He was the supervisor for a large workforce for a plumbing contractor in Southern Mass. His environmental efforts will focus on water conservation.

Aaron Sellers was hired in December as HVAC/Instrument Technician Supervisor. Aaron most recently worked for Schneider Electric (TAC Andover Controls) as an on-site project manager here at MIT. Aaron brings knowledge in building management systems as well as in the HVAC industry.

Jack Narcotta worked around the clock during his 40 years in Physical Plant/Facilities. He started his career at MIT as a steamfitter on the evening shift in 1970. He was promoted to Preventative Maintenance supervisor for the night shift. After working nights for a while he came on days as the Steamfitter Supervisor. Jack also did a stint as a supervisor in the Central Utilities Plant before returning to Repair and Maintenance as the Plumbing Supervisor. Not only is Jack a talented guy, he is a real gentleman. After his official retirement, he stayed on in Facilities for a few months until the new plumbing supervisor, Ed Rita, was hired. Jack also assisted with Ed’s training. That’s a classy way to end a career.

Ed Dimond, Maintenance Mechanic in R&M celebrated with the missus at his retirement party in the Muddy Charles Pub this fall. Ed retired in October after 35 years at MIT.

Evening shift custodian Cantello Tirella retired after eight years. During his time at MIT Cantello received several WOW awards for good service.

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A Polisher/Machine Operator Custodian on the night shift, Cesar Cafua retired after eight years in Facilities.

Celebrating together at Christmastime are four generations of family: (l to r) Sogna Scott, administrative assistant in Grounds next to her mother, Gale Cutchen, an evening shift custodian. Gale holds Sogna Aurora (18 months), who sits next to her mother, Sogna Ariel.

Facilities employee in training?
Dylan Harrington, grandson of Mary Harrington of Operations.

What’s new with you?
Send your photos for us to publish in The Foundation. Wedding, graduation, new baby or just plain fun photos are always welcome. Mail them to Ruth Davis, NE49-2100, or email them to rtdavis@mit.edu.
Louis Andreottola, 61, passed away after a long battle with cancer on October 27, 2010. Lou started as a custodian in Custodial Services in 2002 and moved to Grounds the following year. In 2006 he transferred to Athletics but returned to Facilities in 2008. He worked as a mover for Grounds Services until June of 2010. Lou is remembered by everyone who knew him as “a really nice guy.”

Originally from Reading, Lou moved to North Reading and was living there with his wife of 18 years Stephanie (Browne) Andreottola. He had three children Lyndsay Brown, Lauren Andreottola, and Samuel Andreottola, age 6.

George J. Devlin, Jr, 50, died suddenly on Monday, August 9. He had been a Maintenance Mechanic with the Physical Plant since 2002. He left his wife, Paula Devlin.

William R. Dickson Cogeneration Plant for five years. Among his duties were the repair and inspection of boilers, the alignment of motors, and the cleaning of chillers. Prior to coming to work for MIT, he worked for Boston Edison for 22 years as a power plant mechanic. When the South Boston plant he worked for closed, he and four co-workers all came to work together at MIT. George was born in Jamaica Plain and lived in South Boston. He is survived by his wife, Paula Devlin.

Howard F. Miller, 79, passed away on September 30, 2010. Howard started in Physical Plant after receiving a Master’s of Science Degree at the Sloan School of Management in the late 1950’s. He left Physical Plant to work for Bill Dickson when Bill became Senior Vice President. Later in his career, Howard was the manager of the MIT Endicott House. He retired after 37 years of service to the Institute.

Howard will be greatly missed by all who knew him and were lucky enough to have been a part of his life. He will especially be missed by his wife of 48 years, Kathleen (McDonnell) Miller, and their children Karen Miller, Marie Reggio, and Christine Miller.

Teresa P. Moszkowicz, 53, died suddenly on Wednesday, August 25. Teresa had worked as a custodian on the night shift since 2002.

Teresa lived in Chelsea and was an avid gardener. She particularly enjoyed growing tomatoes and strawberries. She really enjoyed cleaning, not only at MIT, and was meticulous about cleaning her own home. She was also a huge fan of TGIF’s fried green beans and asked the restaurant for the recipe so she could make them at home for her family. Teresa is survived by her husband, Roman, and her two children, Art and Rob, whom she adored.

Austin Petzke, 67, lost his battle with cancer on November 23. Austin, who served for many years as the manager of Building Services in Physical Plant, never did retire because he came back to MIT part time.

Austin kept close ties to Facilities friends and returned often to say hello. He’s seen here with recent retiree Sharon Flanagan at the Day Shift Holiday Party in 2006.

Petzke started out in Facilities, then Physical Plant, as a supervisor on the night shift and after seven years moved to evenings before ultimately working the day shift. As manager of Building Services, he was responsible for the mail and shipping areas as well as grounds and custodial services. He was also a training supervisor and created and taught a custodial training program: “I always told the custodians that they are a very important part of MIT.”

“Austin was such a marvelous individual,” said former Chief Facilities Officer Vicky Sirianni. “He filled our days at MIT with laughter, but also with great wisdom, excellence and good will. He was very special to me and so many others.”

Harry P. Portnoy, 88, died in September. He was the campus architect in MIT’s Department of Facilities, for many years.

Portnoy joined the planning office at MIT in 1967 and eventually became campus architect. In this role, he was responsible for design, building programming, design review and construction administration for new buildings and renovation work. Prominent among the projects during his tenure was the Media Lab building, an especially innovative project in which Portnoy worked with I.M. Pei ‘40 and partners, and with three artists who became integral to the design. After retiring from MIT in 1985, Portnoy consulted with various architectural firms, served as guest lecturer in the Department of Architecture, and continued work with the Boston Architectural Center.

Next Faces in Facilities

Molly Harrington granddaughter of Mary Harrington, Operations, was born October 7, 2010.

Alexander Jacob Sherman, son of Mike Sherman of Applications and Desktop Services (ADS) was born August 30, 2010.

Molly Maureen Witts, daughter of Bill Witts of Facility Information Systems (FIS), was born April 18, 2010.

Are there any new little ones in your family? If so, let us know and we’ll print their photo in the Foundation.
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