

The Director's Corner



As President Thomas has recently said, "I answer in no uncertain terms that Western Illinois University has been here for 117 years, and we do not plan to cease operations." For all of those years, the Physical Plant (or more recently

Facilities Management) has been here to keep the University running. I found this picture in the 1909 Sequel that shows a proud crew of staff that kept the operations going so many years ago. Just as we do now in our "new" Heating Plant, the engineer in the middle picture worked to keep the steam up in the original heating plant that is now the Art Gallery. Also, just as the other gentlemen so long ago kept Sherman Hall clean, our Building Service Workers provide good teaching and living spaces for our students in over 60 major buildings and over 4.5 million square feet of space.



P. 18 1909 Sequel

We are in very difficult times, but I want to thank all of you that have done the absolute best you can with shrinking resources. Recently we held an employee appreciation picnic where 111 of our employees and retirees joined us in Everly Park for a hamburger and good conversation. The University will get through this adversity and will come out stronger on the other side. When the budget is settled, we in Facilities will be there to provide the best service available to our customers, the students, for at least another 117 years.

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Around Campus....



Repairing sidewalks around campus.



Stripping and repainting Boyer Stadium scoreboard



Inspecting LED lights



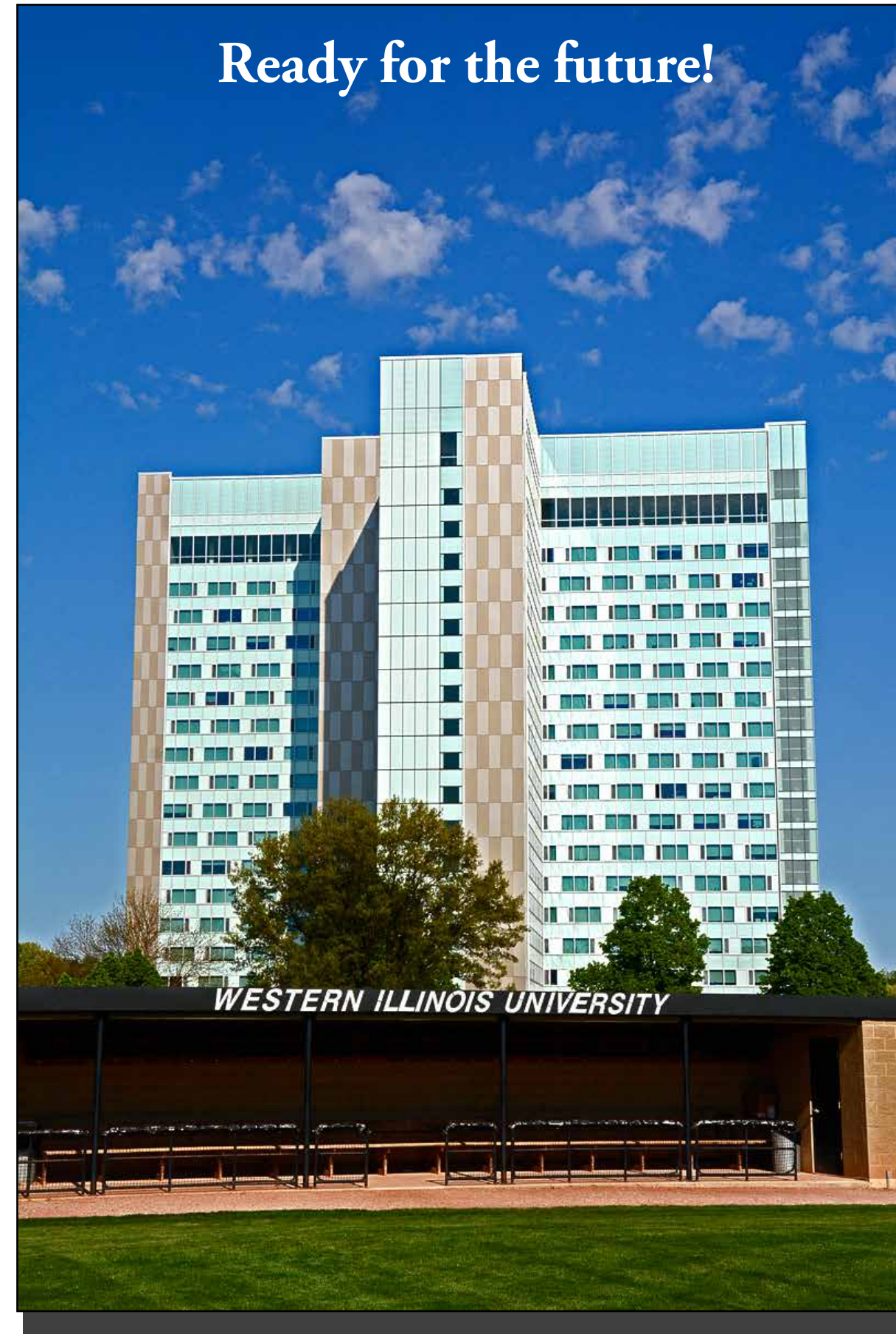
Patching Q-Lot



FM Picnic 2016

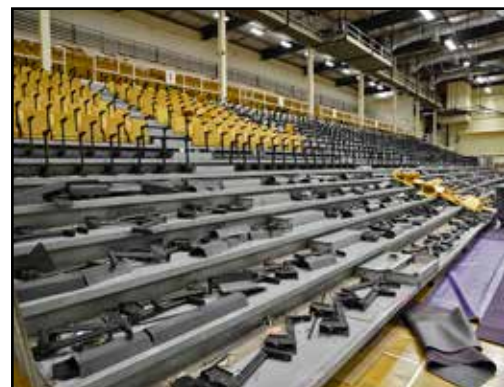


Ready for the future!





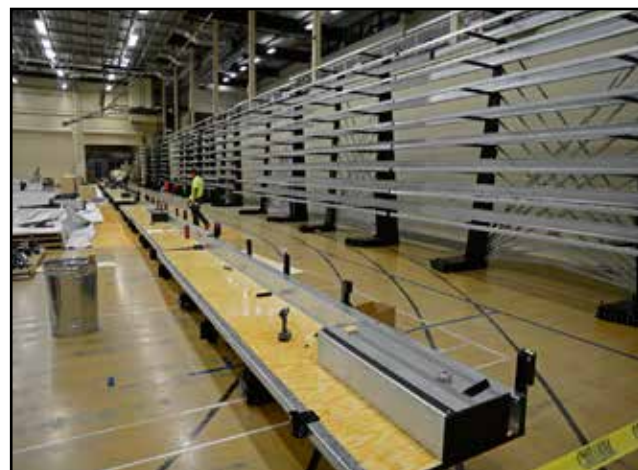
Bleacher replacement at Western Hall



Demolition of old bleachers.

order to meet National Fire Protection Association egress requirements for large events. This work was unanimously approved by Student Government Association in September of 2015. When completed, the project will update life safety requirements of Western Hall while simultaneously increase seating capacity for any event held therein. Project Coordinator **Ted N. Renner** said the project is running on schedule and should be completed before students return in August.

The Western Hall bleacher replacement and rehabilitation project consists of the complete removal and replacement of the lower bleachers and renovation of the north balcony bleachers. The renovation is necessary due to the fact the existing bleachers do not meet current ADA code; they are at the end of their service life; they are difficult to operate; and service parts are no longer being manufactured. Furthermore, in conjunction with this work, entrances into the gym that were covered in 1985 will be reopened in



New bleachers being assembled.

North Quad Drive Repairs



Several sections of deteriorated roadway have been replaced this summer. With a limited budget, **Andy Daniels**, Project Coordinator, identified the worst areas and started the process of repair. The entire drive from University Drive to Charles Street entrance was deemed necessary to replace but, with only a fraction of the total cost available, it was decided to replace the worst areas now and hope for a larger sum to be available in the future. The drive was closed to all traffic shortly after school ended in May and is scheduled to open in July.

New Cell Tower coming to campus



Construction began in June on the new cell tower going up on the south side of Q-Lot. The 150 ft. monopole tower (no guy wires) is being constructed by SBA Communications Corporation. The company has leased an area from the University and hopes to have the tower finished this summer. Once complete, the company will then lease antenna space to cell phone providers that have already shown interest. When the tower is fully operational, it will provide much better coverage to the campus area as well as the region.

Facilities Management

Spot Light



Despite dwindling numbers of employees and severe cut backs in State funding, the group of dedicated personnel at Facilities Management continues the fight to maintain and improve the campus infrastructure. As the campus goes through these changing times, this unique group of individuals makes up a strong team of fighters. Their heroic efforts at saving campus buildings, landscape, and utility assets are often overlooked by all that are affected in their daily life on campus. As this core group is cut, time and time again, the campus proper remains the same size and complexity. As the aging buildings and their mechanical systems slowly succumb to time and lack of money to properly repair each, the people who are tasked with the overwhelming job of "doing more with less" continue to step up to the challenge and so far have been able to stay ahead of the inevitable. They move about, mostly unnoticed, keeping students, faculty, and staff comfortable and surrounding them in a beautiful environment despite the circumstances. This spotlight goes out to the whole group that makes up Western Illinois University's Facilities Management Department. Thank you for all you do!

Historical Markers

Several new historical plaques have been recently added to campus. Markers at Lake Ruth, Sherman Hall, and Wetzel Plaza are in place now. Additional plaques are being planned for the future including (old) Grote Hall, Alumni House, and Simpkins Hall.



Facilities Focal Point

Congratulations to **Mark Anselment**, Steam and Power Plant IV in the Heating Plant, for being the Spring 2016 recipient of the Facilities Focal Point. The Facilities Focal Point is a quarterly employee recognition award.



Mark first began his employment at Western Illinois University in March 1997 as a Building Service Worker. In 1997, he accepted a position as a Stationary Fireman Helper in the Heating Plant. In 2003, he became a Stationary Engineer and in 2014, he was promoted to his current position as a Steam and Power Plant IV. In his current position, Mark oversees the operations of the Heating Plant. The Heating Plant must be staffed around the clock, 365 days of the year because it is responsible for the heating and cooling of the Macomb campus.

Mark says the best part of his job is interacting with his coworkers. He says that he can't solely accept this award because of all the employees in the Heating Plant help make his job a success. "We all work together as a team and if we didn't - we wouldn't be efficient and successful."

Mark's nominator states, "Mark has successfully transitioned from a SPP3 field position to a SPP4 plant position in charge of Heating Plant operations for Facilities Management. He has promoted an improved working environment at the Heating Plant as well as effectively supervising last year's plant shutdown for maintenance. Mark has also implemented equipment procedures and coordinated all boiler and vessel annual inspections. Mark is a great asset for WIU."

Mark is originally from Minnesota and he has lived all over the place, including Alaska. He served four years in the Navy and worked as a civilian inspecting aircraft on an Air Force Base in California. Mark now resides in Macomb with his wife, Melody, and lots of pets. They have five children ranging in ages from 15 to 24 years old. In his spare time, Mark enjoys working on his home.

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