



Community Newsletter

VP of Campus Services Selected

On Thursday (April 29) Executive Vice President Katie Lapp announced that Lisa Hogarty (right) will assume the role of Vice President for Campus Services. Lisa comes to Harvard from Columbia University where she most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of Columbia University Medical Center. Ms. Hogarty joined Columbia in 2002 as executive vice president for student and administrative services. As Harvard's Vice President for Campus Services, she will oversee UOS, Harvard University Hospitality and Dining Services (HUHDS), Harvard Real Estate Services (HRES), as well as have responsibility for the administrative and financial operations of Harvard Magazine. Lisa begins her new role here at Harvard in June.



Harvard's Garden Grows, With Help From Landscape Services

FMO Landscape Services played an integral role in the design and creation of the new Harvard Community Garden—which was officially dedicated on Sunday, April 18. The Garden consists of 25 raised beds spaced along stone dust patios at 27 Holyoke Place. It's the result of a collaboration between UOS, the Center for Health and the Global Environment, the University Planning Office, HUHDS, The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Office for Sustainability, and others.

FMO Landscapers Arthur Libby and Ryan Sweeney began working at the site in mid-March and logged countless hours constructing the raised beds and patio surfaces. During the dedication, they teamed up with several students to fill the beds with heavy, dark soil and gravel. "The fact that we're able to work with students one-on-one is pretty exciting," said Arthur. "They're out there, hands-on, learning the importance of sustainability."

Food harvested from the garden will be used during on-site tastings, consumed in undergraduate dining halls, or donated to the Greater Boston Food Bank.



Landscape Services prepares the raised beds of the Harvard Community Garden.



New UOS iSite Will Improve Communication

The new UOS iSite is up and running! If you have not had a chance to log in, just go to the main UOS website and click the "UOS Intranet" link in the bottom right hand column of the home page. On the iSite you will find a number of useful items such as UOS news and information, frequently needed administrative forms, upcoming events and much more.

The purpose of the iSite is simple: provide a web-based, pin protected intranet where UOS employees can collaborate and store business related information (essentially the type of data that shouldn't be published on the public-facing UOS website). Unlike storing documents on the "share" drive, information on the iSite is easily accessible from any computer whether at work, at home, or on the road. For example, Environmental Health and Safety posted much of their emergency response procedures on the site as well as contact lists. Now, if an EH&S employee is in the field, responding to an emergency, that information is readily available simply by logging into the iSite.

If you would like more information on how to use the site and leverage its benefits, please contact one of the following people: Matt Farineau, Eileen Pernokas-Flood, Kathryn Gullifa, or Michael Conner.

Save The Date!

UOS, and folks from around the University, are preparing to say farewell to Acting Vice President for Campus Services Tom Vautin. Tom is retiring after more than 32 years of service at Harvard. To celebrate this momentous occasion, UOS is planning a big party on June 22 in the Blackstone Courtyard. All UOS employees are invited to stop by between 4pm and 6pm to enjoy food and drinks and to say thank you to Tom for his years of dedication to the University and in particular UOS. More information is to come, but please save the date!



Tom Vautin to retire after 32 years

UOS Employees Walk the Green Carpet

Many University Operations Services employees were honored at the 1st Annual Green Carpet Awards on April 23 at Sanders Theater. The Green Carpet Awards were created by the Office for Sustainability to highlight staff from across the University who have made significant contributions towards Harvard's efforts to improve environmental sustainability. The UOS individual award winners were:

- Val Nelson—for developing the Water Quality Assessment Program which determines the quality and safety of a building's tap water, so occupants can reduce their reliance on bottled water.
- Kevin Sheehan—who over the past year has taken great personal initiative to become a Certified Energy Manager; Certified ASHRAE Energy Auditor and Certified Infrared Thermographer. Kevin uses these skills to lead the technical review of building audits performed as part of the new OFS/FMO Energy Audit Service.
- Nick Peters—for his overall leadership and progressive approach towards improving the efficiency of the Blackstone Steam Plant.

UOS also won a Team Award for the recent infrastructure improvements within the Blackstone Steam Plant which included the installation of the back-pressure turbine, and the Boiler 13 upgrade project. Congratulations to all and let's begin thinking about who the nominees should be for next year's awards!

The People of UOS

Did you know that UOS employs more than 700 people and most of them work in various locations around the University. We would like to take some time to highlight the employees who are on the front lines everyday, performing important work, and interacting with our customers and the greater Harvard community.



*Blackstone Steam Plant
Operating Engineer
William Parks has worked
at Harvard for 6 years. He
was born and raised in
Brockton.*

What's your typical day like? I operate the Steam Plant boilers, turbine and other equipment such as pumps and motors during the 7-3 watch. I'm constantly monitoring the operation of the equipment that's on-line, the system steam, and electric demand. I'm also monitoring emissions so the plant remains compliant with our air and water permits.

What do you like best about your job? Every day is different and you never know what to expect. It's really a team effort as you have to direct operators in the plant to line-up equipment and address any problems that may come up.

What has been your proudest moment here at Harvard? The plant has gone through many changes in the past few years and keeping the old equipment in the plant running, while demolition was going on all around us, and new equipment was being installed was a real challenge. We had very few upsets considering a new boiler, turbine, water treatment and other associated systems were installed and commissioned during this time. That's something all of the plant operators can be proud of.

ODDS & ENDS

EH&S Employees Race to the Finish

Congratulations to EH&S employees Josh Girard and Dave Tibbetts for completing the 2010 Boston Marathon in impressive fashion. Dave crossed the finish line with an official time of 3:50:57. Josh, who raised more than \$3,600 for Horizons for Homeless Children, completed the course in 4:12:32.

Introducing the Blackstone Bunnies

You may notice a few new furry

creatures are calling the Blackstone Courtyard home. A mother rabbit along with 3 or 4 of her kids were recently spotted in the grass. They've been coming and going over the last few weeks but if you're lucky you just might be able to catch a glimpse.



Microsoft Upgrade and Training

University Information Systems (UIS) is upgrading all UOS computers to Windows 2007 and employees are required to register for training. Once an employee registers and completes the training program, which takes approximately 3 hours, the upgraded software will be installed remotely. For instructions on how to register for training, please log on to the UOS iSite and click the Microsoft 2007 link under the News and Advisories section.

RED SOX BLOOD DONOR

Of the Game

The UOS Diversity Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on May 11. Everyone who donates blood will receive a Red Sox t-shirt and have the chance to win 2 Boston Red Sox tickets and be honored on the field at Fenway Park as the Blood Donor of the Game. You can donate at the following locations:

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Graduate Housing Building & 10 Akron Street (West Common Room)

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Northwest Lab Building (52 Oxford Street Parking Lot)

Appointments Are Required: Call 1-800-RED CROSS or log on to www.redcrossblood.org.

Sponsored by The UOS Diversity Council and the Graduate Commons Program.

Getting to The Root of The Problem

FMO Landscape Services is utilizing a new technique for transplanting trees that significantly increases the odds that the tree will survive. Typically during transplantation, an excavator removes a three foot deep root-ball and slices through the majority of roots outside this zone. Now, using a device known as an air-spade, the soil is removed across a much wider diameter to a depth of about 12 inches (*see photo*). This process reveals the extensive root system which can then be carefully removed and deposited somewhere else. By saving most of the root system, the tree has a much higher survivability rate.



Using an air-spade, a wide swath of soil is removed, exposing the vast root system which is then carefully removed.



The tree is then carefully placed in a very shallow hole, with much of the root system intact.

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You've Got Questions... We've Got Answers!

Someone asked if it would be possible to install automatic doors at the front of Blackstone South to make the building more handicapped accessible. Here's the answer from FMO Director Jeff Smith: *"The courtyard entry at Blackstone was redesigned as part of the renovation project in 2006 and meets all of federal, state, and local accessibility requirements for the permitted building use. The accessibility features include the wheelchair accessible ramp, as well as the door design and pull handle heights. Additional assistance entering the building can be signaled by using the fully accessible intercom located at the entry. As for installing automatic doors, it's certainly an idea that will be considered."*

Keep your questions and suggestions coming! Boxes can be found at: the Blackstone South rear stairs, Blackstone North 1st floor main lobby.

You can also send your suggestions/questions via inter-office mail to: UOS Diversity Council, 46 Blackstone Street, South Building.