Rotunda’s New Capitals Installed

The installation of the Rotunda’s new marble capitals marked the end of their long journey from the mountains of Carrara, Italy. The capitals started out as 9,000-pound square blocks which were carved at Pedrini Sculptors Studio by a robotic CNC machine and then finished by hand.

“"This process produces nuanced differences between each capital, replicating the fine craftsmanship executed on the originals,” according to Facilities Planning & Construction’s James Zehmer, the assistant project manager.

The project is led by FP&C Supervisory Historic Preservation Architect Jody Lahendro, Supervisory Senior Construction Administration Manager Steve Ratliff, Project Coordinator Sarita Herman and Zehmer, in conjunction with Office of the Architect Senior Historic Preservation Planner Brian Hogg and Architectural Conservator Mark Kutney.

As the capitals were completed, they were shipped to Charlottesville and installed by workers from Rugo Stone. During the process, a structural steel shoring system supported the roof and a large crane lifted each capital onto the structure and into a wheeled cart that was rolled into place above each column. The installation of the 10 new South Portico capitals was completed earlier this year. The six North Portico capitals will be replaced starting in late May. Follow the progress on the Rotunda Construction Blog.

FM Recognized for Weather Event Work

This winter, Facilities Management dedicated nearly 20,000 person-hours to ensure 30-plus miles of sidewalks, almost five miles of roads and 108 acres of parking lots all identified as priority for snow removal were kept clear. In addition to the snow, the record-low temperatures required staff members to constantly monitor (and if necessary, quickly repair) HVAC equipment and freezing pipes. “Our employees worked a lot of hours but it was managed very well and the entire effort came across to outsiders seamlessly,” said Chief Facilities Officer Don Sundgren.

One particularly challenging equipment failure occurred at the Health System on February 17, when freezing temperatures burst a chilled water coil for an air handler unit serving an operating room that was well into a complex procedure on a pediatric case.

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In order to successfully complete the surgery, the HSPP HVAC crew manually operated the unit for five hours, continuously adjusting outside air dampers and unit sequences to maintain the room’s proper conditions. After the surgery, the crew – Kelly Branch, Kevin Henderson, Scott Acree, Antonio Blakey, Todd Gibson, Dickie Williams and Carl Powell – worked into the night to repair the equipment to ensure the use of the operating room the following morning.

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Vice President for Management and Budget Colette Sheehy (right) thanked FM staff at a pizza party recognizing their snow and inclement weather efforts. Employees at the party included, from left, Oatie Vannoy, JR Richardson, Tyler Favcett, Austin Graham, Sheikh Mohamed, Mohamad Saidal, Phil Saunders and Eduardo Espinoza.

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Projects in Progress and Recently Completed

Gross Anatomy & Fresh Tissue Lab Renovation

The $5 million, LEED-certified renovation of the Gross Anatomy & Fresh Tissue Labs was recently completed under the direction of Facilities Planning & Construction Senior Project Manager Kristine Vey and Design Services Manager Joseph Phillips and Project Services Construction Project Manager David Coon, Construction Superintendent Richard Burgess and Construction Project Manager Kemper Tomlin.

The overhaul of the Gross Anatomy Lab enhances the experience of the School of Medicine students with additional lighting and improved technology. The creation of the Fresh Tissue Lab (now called the Surgical Skills Training Center) will be used to more realistically duplicate the surgery experience to train future surgeons. This state-of-the-art lab includes unique offerings, such as a 3-D table that will allow for all-electronic training as well as a new embalming technique that better preserves tissue for a more realistic simulation of surgery.

HSPP Quickly Responds to Renovation Requests

With the hospital in constant use, the HSPP Renovations team must often perform their ongoing work in a short period of time as patient areas become available. The HSPP Carpentry Shop recently responded to an urgent request in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to install a refrigerated cabinet (that also includes a warming unit) for mother’s milk adjacent to the newborn’s bedside. Often times, miscellaneous jobs will come up as well, like the replacement of the floor of one the hospital’s Nutrition Services trucks, which was completed by the Carpentry and Plumbing Shops.

“Every day is different – from fixing a door to fixing a floor to hanging a picture – you never know what the day will bring,” said Carpenter Barry Crawford.
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**McCormick Utility Relocation**

In preparation for the construction of the McCormick Road Utilities Tunnel this summer, the Utilities team recently relocated gas and water lines to the westbound lane of the road where the new tunnel will be located.

This new, approximately 1,000-foot-long utility tunnel — between Engineers Way and Hancock Drive — will include medium temperature hot water and chilled water lines, in addition to the relocated water and gas lines, for the renovation of the McCormick Road Dorms, Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building. Senior Project Manager Steve Dempsey, Supervisory Senior Construction Administration Manager Richard Sergi and Utility Systems Distribution Manager Cameron Ratliff are managing the project.

**Utilities Services team members, including Pipefitter/Steamfitter David Hermes and Welder Dustin Watson (left) and Utility Systems Welder Senior Freddie Rogers (right), recently relocated gas and water lines in preparation for the construction of the McCormick Road Utilities Tunnel.**

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**Name the Newsletter Contest!**

The Facilities Management newsletter *Perspective* needs a new name and we need your help!

As part of a committee review of the quarterly newsletter and its content, we are reaching out to the FM community to help us choose a new name for the newsletter.

Staff members are asked to submit a suggested new name (and if you’d like, a corresponding banner design) to HR&T Communications Generalist Jane DeGeorge by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Employees may work in groups or as individuals. The entries will be reviewed by the committee. Contest rules subject to policy.

Questions? Contact Jane DeGeorge at 2-5846 or jad2tm@virginia.edu

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**Project Services Renovates Ivy Building**

Project Services is currently renovating the Ivy Foundation Translational Research Building owned by the School of Medicine. The project — managed by Facilities Planning & Construction Supervisory Senior Project Manager Brian Pinkston and Project Services Assistant Director for Construction Bree Knick and Construction Project Manager Kemper Tomlin — is expected to be complete in September.

Demolition of the space was completed earlier this year and recent activities include framing and installing piping. The space will be U.Va.’s first facility devoted exclusively to translating basic science discoveries into new treatments and cures for some of the world’s most urgent medical challenges, including diabetes, cancer, addiction, neurological disorders and childhood diseases.
Best Wishes for a Long & Happy Retirement

**Mary Mitchell** of Building Services retired February 20 after over nine years. Mary (pictured left with Supervisor Judy Kingrea) worked as a housekeeping worker on the fourth floor of Jordan Hall for the majority of her time at the University. She plans to spend her retirement traveling to see family, including upcoming trips to New York and Florida. “We all will truly miss your smile and your warm and friendly disposition,” Associate Director of Building Services Vibha Buckingham wrote in a note recognizing her retirement.

**Bob Vincel** of the Heat Plant retired March 20 after over 17 years. Bob joined FM as an operator in 1997, bringing experience from various businesses and organizations. During his tenure at the University, Bob provided many creative ideas, redesign and re-engineering suggestions for the equipment and systems at the Heat Plant. Some notable events of his superior performance were displayed during the snow storm of 2009 and the coal bunker fire. “During your career at the University, you received numerous awards and recognition for your professionalism, strong work ethic, ‘can do’ attitude and dedication to the Heat Plant and the University,” said a letter recognizing his retirement from Director of Operations Cheryl Gomez.

**Barbara Schroeder** of Environmental Resources retired March 20 after over 36 years. During her time at the University, Barbara worked in four different departments, including the Hematology lab, Comparative Medicine and Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). She joined FM as an Environmental Projects Coordinator when the Environmental Resources team was formed during the fiscal year 2014. Barbara plans to move to Kentucky where she will work with thoroughbred horses, something that was a passion for her as a child.

**Laura Garrison** of Work Management retired April 3 after five years. During Laura’s time working at the HSPP service desk, she handled over 5,000 service calls per year. “The Health System is a better place because of your conscientious effort to connect customer needs to the right resource, your steadfast and reliable presence and your passion for making the University a great place to work,” said a letter recognizing her retirement from Associate Director for Work Management Mark Webb. Laura plans to travel around New England and Canada with her husband Hugh, who retired from HSPP last summer.

**Thomas Quarles** of North Grounds Custodial retired January 25 after over 31 years. Thomas worked as a housekeeping worker at the North Grounds Recreation Center, the Law School and the Judge Advocate General (JAG) School buildings. Previously he worked as a housekeeper in Alderman Library. To celebrate his retirement, North Grounds Custodial staff members gathered in late January and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

**Upcoming Events Honoring Service**

Facilities Management’s traditional photos for employees with 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service will be taken May 7 at The Colonnade Club (Pavilion VII) on The Lawn between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at staggered arrival times. A schedule of arrival times for each group will be emailed out to those eligible to attend and their supervisors. We will take individual photos of each person and group photos of each milestone year. Please be sure to RSVP to this event by contacting Jane DeGeorge at 2-5846 (office), 981-7118 (cell) or jad2tm@virginia.edu.

Mark your calendars for the University Human Resources Service Awards events at John Paul Jones Arena. Those with 10, 15 & 20 years of service will be honored on Tuesday, May 19, and those with 25 through 50-plus years of service will be honored on Monday, June 8. Visit the UHR Service Awards website for event details, parking and shuttle information.

FM Years of Service Photos
- Thursday, May 7, with groups arriving between 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.: Years of Service photos for 25, 30, 35 & 40 years of service at The Colonnade Club.

UHR Service Awards Ceremonies
- Tuesday, May 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m: Service Awards ceremony for 10, 15 & 20 years of service at John Paul Jones Arena.
- Monday, June 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Service Awards ceremony for 25 through 50-plus years of service at John Paul Jones Arena.
FP&C Increases Safety Efforts

Facilities Planning & Construction has increased its safety efforts by providing additional training for staff members, working to ensure employees wear their personal protective equipment (PPE) on construction sites and increased interaction with the FM Safety department, which is now called the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) team.

FP&C has been working with its contractors to make sure they have identified safety hazards on job sites, such as electrical and roofing safety issues. The department and the OHS team also work collaboratively with contractors to discuss the importance of safety and health on the job site before they go to bid and prior to the start of work.

FP&C Academic and Health System staff recently attended a Competent Person Trench Training designed by professional trainers to help them better understand the hazards associated with working in and around an excavation. This training taught staff about soil classification in order to identify the proper trench and excavation requirements. FP&C continues to work collaboratively with OHS to elevate and support the health and safety efforts of the contractors that work with us.

New FM Sustainability Council

The Facilities Management Sustainability Council was established earlier this year in an effort to further promote sustainability as a key initiative within FM. The council first met in February and will continue to meet monthly throughout the year to develop our leadership in environmental stewardship for the University with sustainability embedded in our practices, our daily operations and the actions of our staff.

We want to be seen as an extraordinary example of a community within U.Va. working as a unified team toward achieving the sustainability goals of the University. One of the council’s initial projects will be to implement the Green Workplace program, which will engage employees in actions to conserve energy, save money and advance sustainability.

The council encourages feedback and ideas from everyone in FM. To share your feedback, contact Co-Chair Derek Wilson by email at ddw4m@virginia.edu, Co-Chair Andrea Trimble at art2k@virginia.edu or any other council member. For more information, visit the FM Sustainability Council’s website.

Keith Lewis named Respectful Workplace Champion

Central Zone Housekeeping Supervisor Keith Lewis has been named a Respectful Workplace Champion through University Human Resources’ Respect@UVA program. Keith was nominated for the recognition due to his genuine concern and interest in others, his innate ability to diffuse emotionally charged situations, and his exceedingly polite and courteous nature that makes those around him feel appreciated and respected. The Respectful Workplace Champions program recognizes individuals who make an exceptional effort to show genuine concern for their colleagues as well as demonstrating interest in the welfare of their community. For info about the program, please visit the Respect@UVA website.

FM Diversity Team Needs Your Help

The FM Diversity Team wants your feedback!

Do you have comments, suggestions and questions about their efforts to promote a welcoming community that celebrates diversity? Send them to fmdiversity@virginia.edu.
Compliments from Customers

To Sathish Anabathula and team: I responded to a library survey several years ago that I felt uncomfortable at times walking from Alderman Library to U-Hall or the Culbreth Road Garage in the evenings or early morning. The new street lights installed along University Avenue make a significant difference in safety and appearance. It gives this side of the University a lighted gateway toward the Rotunda. Please extend my appreciation to the crew who worked on this project. It was much needed and looks beautiful. — Cindy Bono, Department of Acquisitions, Alderman Library

To Sonny Beale, Victor Martin and team: Thank you very much for all of your help and support for the Gameday Challenge. Without you, we would not have been able to recycle all of the plastic, glass and cardboard waste from the tailgate areas, Pancakes for Parkinson’s and the entire football stadium. We know that a lot of work is done to make sure that all of the recycling bags were picked up and we truly appreciate it. Recycling at U.Va. is very prominent and one of our strongest aspects of sustainability, which is all due to your continued efforts. — Recycling Team & Office of Sustainability Student Employees

To Bushiri Salumu: It is a pleasure to have Bushiri working on the Cancer Research hallway. He is exceedingly polite, minimally disruptive and helps with anything we ask. It is important that you understand how much we value him and appreciate his hard work. Thank you to Judy Kingrea for leading such a helpful and courteous staff! — Sara Adair, Department of Surgery

To Cris Reynolds: I wanted to share what a great job Cris is doing on the third floor of Rice Hall. The difference is remarkable; it hasn’t been this clean since Jody retired! Thanks for all you and your crew do! — Terry Tigner, Department of Electrical Engineering

To Otis Hackett, Josh Beverly, Timmy Shifflett and Roy Sillett: A very expensive item for our department was shipping from Germany and came earlier than expected. However, facilities staff was here and willing to help when needed and we are very thankful! — Ruth Aldridge, Department of Ophthalmology

To Richard Barbour, Dickie Williams and team: Your team was successful in getting a hot water dilemma fixed in the Cardiac Transition Unit (CTU). The hot water supply at the main sink in the CTU was not working properly and your teams were able to identify the electrical issue that was causing the system to fail for certain sinks. Fantastic work! I really am grateful for your hard work and determination to get to the bottom of and solve this problem. You are true professionals! — Greg Wozneak, Cardiac Transition Unit

To Landscape team: In preparation for the Days on the Lawn event at which we welcome newly admitted students, the gardeners and landscapers did a splendid job raking leaves, pruning, planting, and really giving the Grounds a pretty and polished air. They have made it possible for us to look our best when the prospective students are visiting. I hope you will convey to them how much I appreciate what they do to keep our Grounds so pretty and appealing. — Teresa A. Sullivan, President

To Warren Wood and Chris Horn: Thank you again for installing the signs on our front doors. They look awesome! Everyone in the office is impressed with your work. You both deserve commendation for helping to build our brand identity and improve our work space. — Andrew Bell, Centers for Computation Research & Scholarship

To Simesh Gebreselasse: Please know how thankful we are in the Allergy department on the fifth floor of MR4 for the wonderful help and cleaning service we get from our regular housekeeper, Simesh. She is always pleasant and helpful; unobtrusive yet available. She is a treasure. She keeps everything in our labs and offices in great shape. We are very happy to have her help. — Lisa Workman, Department of Medicine, Allergy and Immunology

To David Peterson and Garry Anderson: Thank you for the unbelievable turnaround on our requests to quickly clean unoccupied offices before staff members moved in. I know the hard job you all have every day, and I just want to take a moment and thank you. It is so nice to have you in our area, it has never looked so good. — Barbara Dudley, School of Engineering and Applied Science

To Brian Pinkston, Kemper Tomlin and team: The second floor of McLeod Hall is looking awesome. It has been a great six years working with all of you and it will be sad not getting to see you all on a regular basis. I am happy to celebrate the efforts of all who worked so diligently to give the School of Nursing it’s much needed makeover. Please relay my expressions of thanks to every member of your team. — Becky Bowers, School of Nursing
Spark Session
Facilities Planning & Construction’s first quarterly Spark Session on February 6 was hosted at Monticello. Featured speakers included University of Virginia Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato and Monticello Instructor and History Specialist Aurelia Crawford. Sabato spoke about the upcoming 2016 elections while Crawford spoke about the history of Monticello and all of the countless people – both enslaved and free – who lived and worked on Thomas Jefferson’s dream property. The group was treated to a house tour of Monticello and its grounds by Director of Monticello Facilities Ken Mitchell and Interim Director of Restoration Gardiner Hallock.

Photos by Sarita Herman
At the FP&C Spark Session, staff listened to a speech by U.Va. Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato (left) before taking a tour of Monticello.

Noted with Regret

**Melvin Clark**, who worked as a Materials Specialist Lead in Work Management, died February 5. Melvin previously worked in the HSPP Storeroom before joining the Materials Division team in 2013. He was a dedicated employee who loved his faith, family and being part of the University community. His smile and can-do attitude will be missed by many. “Melvin kept a positive outlook and this was exuded in his work. It was a pleasure working with him,” said Materials Manager June Bates.

**James “Jimmy” Bartlow**, who worked in Facilities Maintenance, passed away on March 31. Jimmy began his career as a roofer at FM in 2007 and was a great asset to the roofing shop with his many years of experience, according to Roofer Supervisor Shannon Wood. “It only took a call and Jim was there, he was always willing to help no matter what the project may be or who it may be for. Jim was a good friend to all and an all around good guy,” according to Shannon. Jim had a passion for tinkering and restoring antique vehicles, especially Dodge (Mopar) products.

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Community and Special Events, Save the Dates

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Facilities Management employees enjoying the U.Va. Staff Appreciation Pancake Breakfast on March 10 included, top row from left, Project Services staff George Davis, Paul Norford, George Vandyke and Ken Burchell; Facilities Maintenance staff members Claude Shifflett, David Mumma, Randy Spencer, David Gentry and Billy Searcy; Project Services staff Cheryl Larocco, Rob Bower, Trevor Harlow, Dwayne Wood and Robby Kincaid; bottom row from left, FM staff members Jess Wenger, Dennis Bianchetti, John Jones, Kate Meyer, David Dillon, Sathish Anabathula, Jeff Sitler, Kristin Carter and Dawson Garrod; and HSPP Zone 1 HVAC Installation and Repair Technician Senior Mark Evans.

FM Blood Drive

Facilities Management employees donating blood aboard the Virginia Blood Services Blood Mobile on March 3 included, from top left, HSPP HVAC Installation And Repair Technician Walter Wimberly, whose blood type O negative makes him a universal red cell donor; Locksmith Supervisor Troy Miller who donates because he says he likes to help people out and “you never know when you’ll need it one day”; Heating Plant Maintenance Supervisor Robert Adcock who regularly donates; and Customer Service Representative Ernestine Burruss who was in high spirits as she waited in line to make her donation. A total of 21 units of blood were collected during the spring blood drive. The next FM Blood Drive is set for Monday, May 11.

April 20 & 22: Trades Recertification Training.
May 7: FM Years of Service photos. More info on page 4.
May 11: FM Blood Drive from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 16-17: Final Exercises.
May 25: Memorial Day Holiday.
June 8: Service Awards Ceremony. More info on page 4.
June 18: FM Ice Cream Social & Car Show.

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