Patterson Hall - LEED Certified

The new technology and architecture at Patterson Hall is not all that the renovation has to offer the Eastern community. The Construction and Planning Services department is in the process of collecting all the documentation necessary to receive its LEED certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a program that provides third party verification of green buildings. In other words, the LEED certification is given to buildings that conserve energy, water, and other resources, are healthier and safer for occupants, and lower operating costs while increasing asset value. In order to qualify for the LEED certification, Jim Moeller, EWU’s Senior Project Manager, put into place advancements to the structure. A certified building receives points from design and construction. Mr. Moeller revealed that the majority of the points for Patterson Hall came from designing the building to use minimal energy consumption. Patterson Hall exceeds what is known as the ASHRAE standard, which requires every room to have 40% fresh air every hour. Mr. Moeller stated, “We don’t just mix our air in the classrooms in Patterson Hall. It’s 100% fresh all the time.” The design goes even further when it comes to keeping all that fresh air to a precise temperature. The HVAC system in Patterson Hall uses a heat exchanger to capture and reuse 90% of the heat the building produces. This means the air is healthier and safer, especially those with allergies, and there is less energy needed to heat the building. At the moment, Eastern has already received its points for design but is in the process of getting points for construction. The construction process will gain points from recycling and repurposing the tear down from the former building. With the introduction of the LEED certification, the cost of renovating Patterson Hall added approximately half a million dollars, which is 4-5% of the total price. However, the advancements could recover the investment with the amount of money and energy saved. So the next time you are in Patterson Hall, take a breath of fresh air and feel good you are standing in a building that was designed and built with the environment in mind.

-Garrett Arave, Miguel Lopez, Tasia Pele
Debut of New Technology

Patterson Hall now offers a more advanced environment for students and faculty. We spoke with Dr. Scott Finnie PhD, Professor of Africana Education Program and History Department on just how education will change at Eastern Washington University with the new technologies that Patterson Hall has to offer.

We spoke with him to find out which of the new gadgets was the most useful for him in Patterson Hall. He focused on the new document camera that he has begun to use in the classroom that EWU has installed in the ceiling. Of all of the places that Dr. Finnie has spoken or taught at, he has never seen the new document camera used. It is a piece of technology that has been encouraged by the cutting edge creative folks of EWU’s education departments. Presentations for Dr. Finnie are now as easy as bringing in primary documents, letters, or even 3D objects to be projected and simply pressing a button. Having access to the document camera lets him be spontaneous.

Dr. Finnie’s students are now more pleased that teaching changed from lecture notes to using the document camera. He believes lessons come across clearly through visual and the document camera is indispensable in that area. It offers a multifaceted approach to teaching that keeps the students interest and attention.

Dr. Finnie believes the use of social media is the way of reaching everyone quickly. The document camera allows an object to be visible in the eyes of many without having to pass the object around and using up precious class time. It brings in learning of commonality much like social media does in its own lane. It is a valuable piece of technology that can be used in all fields of study.

-Liz Anderson, Mikyas Ayele, Teng Ma

Dr. Torgerson Researches Victorian Sociologist

Who would you say has inspired you? In a recent interview with Dr. Beth Torgerson, Associate Professor of English, we discussed who her inspiration was. Dr. Torgerson replied Harriet Martineau. Martineau is considered by many to be the first female sociologist. She was an influence in Victorian culture and wrote about numerous topics, including education and international politics. She lived in England and traveled countries in the Middle East. Martineau had an early influence in the study of disabilities. Martineau herself was mostly deaf and listened with an ear trumpet. When Dr. Torgerson was on the Brontë’s and Victorian medicine, she discovered Harriet Martineau an English social theorist. While researching Harriet Martineau, Dr. Torgerson stated she mainly used books and articles she attained here at Eastern Washington University, but also relied on using Google Scholar as well. However, to attain further resources that was written in Martineau’s day, she became a visiting scholar through the University of Washington. Dr. Torgerson’s research took her across the country and to England, where she visited the University of Birmingham (UB). UB’s library holds the largest collection of Harriet Martineau’s papers, including some original manuscripts. While in England, many of Dr. Torgerson’s time were spent in the research libraries. “I could be there anywhere from 8 (am) to 8 (pm).” said Torgerson.

Dr. Torgerson was able to find old medical journals at Eastern Washington University and the University of Washington, and manuscripts and diaries of Harriet Martineau and Lord Morpeth in Birmingham. The diaries contained two versions of what happened while Martineau was experimenting with mesmerism as a means of medicine in Reed castle. Dr. Torgerson has completed only a portion of her research and she still has much more she wishes to accomplish. In July, Dr. Torgerson will be traveling to England again to attend a conference in Liverpool, England. She will also spend four nights in the Lake District, where Martineau lived for the last thirty years of her life.

-Hector Garza, Kyle Hall, Rakim Freeland
After the recent completion of the Patterson building remodel, Eastern Washington University is at it again with plans to remodel the PUB (Pence Union Building). The $57 million Patterson reconstruction strained students and faculty alike due to the temporary loss of classrooms and faculty space. The PUB remodel, although only in its pre-design phase, should not present similar issues. According to Amy Johnson, Dean of Students, and Frank Navarro, Executive Vice President for Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, the hope is that the PUB remodel will be a phased renovation. If that is the case, then students will still be able to access the building throughout the remodel. Students are absolutely encouraged to voice their input by attending a series of workshops, the first of which is starting February 27th.

With the Patterson Renovation, upcoming PUB remodel, and the potential Gateway project associated with the athletic department, it would appear that EWU is making a considerate effort to modernize and possibly expand the university. Eastern officials, like Amy Johnson, prefer to refute that claim, stating that the Patterson and PUB remodels are unrelated. The Patterson building is academic versus the student life building that the PUB is for, but that may be where the differences end. Initial plans for the PUB show schematics with plenty of glass to allow for ample natural light. Looking at the new Patterson building, it would appear that using glass was an objective for that remodel as well. The Patterson remodel is a “state-of-the-art building” that includes enhanced classrooms, two computer labs, and a forensic lab. The PUB remodel also hopes to achieve this modernization effect by adding an information desk, multiple lounges, a gaming room, more club space and improved dining services. The two buildings may be fundamentally different in terms of their purpose, but in terms of aesthetic and technological advances, it would seem that the two remodels are part of one master plan.

- by Taylor Sutton, Jeff Minnerly, and Kaden Mathis

First Patterson, Now PUB: Eastern Closes in on Final Design

We interviewed several former EWU graduates to see what they were up to, and find out where their English degrees have taken them, and how they handled the transition from diploma holder to active member of the workforce.

Gwendolyn James, a professor at SCC, uses her degree every day as an English teacher and says the most valuable information she learned were the skills she picked up as a teaching assistant in the classroom. Since she already had experience working with the student population she felt very comfortable transitioning into the field of teaching. James also stated she is exactly where she thought she would be while she was in college. Originally planning on studying nursing, she took a few college level writing classes at Eastern and switched to teaching. She advises new graduates to be practical, have a plan and warns that “arrogance is not going to get you very far” in the job market.

Thom Caraway, Spokane’s first poet laureate and Whitworth University professor, is another successful Eagle alumni. Caraway said that “EWU equipped [him] to adapt to a given situation, and the confidence to develop my own solutions.” Like Gwendolyn James, Caraway is exactly where he thought he would be after leaving EWU. After graduating with his MFA, he found a teaching job in Spokane right away. Reflecting on advice he was given while a student at

Now What?
Two English Alumni Weigh in on Their Eastern Experience

Ever wonder what you’re going to do with that English degree once you attain it? Are you worried it might just sit up on a shelf and collect dust while you work some mundane 9 to 5 that hardly employs your talents as an English major?
EWU, Professor Caraway said that some of the most important advice he received was to not be afraid to fail. He advises future graduates to focus more on the process and the approach rather than focus on the potential failure.

So, if you’re still wondering what you’re options might be after graduation, follow their advice, and you might end up working someplace that will gladly employ your English talents.

-Jessica Netzel, Clay DeBord, Sara Weinand

Patterson Hall Remodel

The current Pence Union Building (PUB) is in need of a renovation and the pre design process has already begun. Troy Bester, the Senior Project Manager at Eastern Washington University, and the design committee are going to create a more efficiently used building for the EWU population. The design will include a lot more natural light, expanded dining services, and improved circulation. Since the PUB is a place where so many services are offered, the committee has created solutions to keep most features open while the construction takes place. Vital areas such as the dining services and the bookstore will be renovated during the summer while the traffic in the PUB is at a minimum. This is an important part of the redesign process, so that students and faculty may still use the PUB while the renovation takes place.

The ASEWU student leaders will play an important role in the design process. Student input has been encouraged by the design committee and the EWU President Dr. Arevalo has made it clear he wants the process to be a student function. The ASEWU will vote on a fee that will help pay for the new building. It is similar to the rec fee that students pay every quarter, which helps pay for the new rec center that opened in 2008. Eastern has had growing registration numbers the past few years and with the addition of the new dorm, the renovation of Patterson Hall, and the future redesign of the PUB, the trend looks to continue.

The Patterson Hall reopened just in time for winter quarter classes! The new Patterson Hall is a huge improvement from the old hall. The old building resembled a dark jail hall that made students and faculty feel secluded and closed-in. The original Patterson Hall was built in 1970 during the student riots, hence why the building had very small windows and was mainly constructed all of brick. The new building now has huge glass windows that allow plenty of natural light flow through the classrooms. The first phase of construction included the addition of new office wings on three sides of the building; this phase was completed in the summer of 2012. The second phase was the reconstruction of classroom space and the modernization of the structure. The second phase was completed right on time with the reconstruction plans and the reopening was celebrated with a red ribbon cutting and our EWU President Dr. Arevalo. The new building also contains new and modernized technology to enhance student and teacher interaction which is a big improvement in itself from the old building. Students and faculty are now able to enjoy their class time in a well-lit building with high tech resources right in their reach.

-Tori McKlosky, Dylan Zylstra, and Joe Ryan-Mekkhavong