

# APDesign E-News

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### FROM THE DEAN

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and fun-filled Thanksgiving Holiday! I realize this break occurs just before the final push of the semester, all the more condensed given the tardiness of the 'last Thursday in November' this year and due to the crazy machinations of getting everything on-line at APD West this year. I am thankful for all of your patience, perseverance and persistence this year.

As I witness progress on the new (old) Seaton and on our new shop facility at APD West I am thankful for the support of the K-State administration, the advocates in the Kansas Legislature and for the law making the Seaton Revitalization a reality. In line with that, I am thankful for the dedication to excellence of our faculty and staff, a great combination with the can-do spirit, drive and intelligence of our students. If it wasn't for the reputation you build and support in concert together, we would not be under construction.

I am thankful that I come to work every day surrounded by selfless individuals dedicated to leading the world in design and planning education, motivated by a belief that nothing is of greater consequence than what we do and what design and planning leadership can mean in improving the lot of humanity.

I am also thankful for our diversity and the richness brought to us by those that

### EVENTS & DEADLINES

#### NOVEMBER

24-5 Ten Year Alumni  
Honoree Exhibit - Chang  
Gallery

23-27 Fall Break

#### DECEMBER

**10 - Faculty/Staff  
Meeting at 11am,  
location 119 APD W.**

16 - Faculty/Staff  
Holiday Party @  
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see our world through the lens of different backgrounds, cultures, religions, regions and stations in life.

I am thankful for being reminded what a special holiday this is. There are many in our community who have never had the pleasure of celebrating the great American tradition of Thanksgiving and are doing so for the first time. I was reminded of this the other day when I encountered one of our international students who excitingly said, 'This is my first Thanksgiving! I can't wait!'

This reminded me that I need to be thankful for the opportunity to be with family and friends....and not answer email for at least a couple of days.

Please be safe in celebration and travel!

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## AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Holiday decoration safety

With the upcoming holiday season it is important to remember a few fire safety regulations, policies and other important information.

The National Fire Protection Agency estimates that Christmas trees, both natural and artificial, were the item first ignited in approximately 920 reported home structure fires from 2007-2011. These fires caused 24 civilian deaths, 88 civilian injuries and \$73.2 million in direct property damage.

During the same period, holiday lights and other decorative lighting with line voltage were involved in an estimated average of 600 home structure fires.

These fires caused approximately 36 civilian deaths, 64 civilian injuries and \$33.6 million in direct property damage.

There are a few fire safety rules in effect at Kansas State University that you'll need to be aware of when decorating. Let's have a safe and happy holiday season by remembering the following fire safety tips.

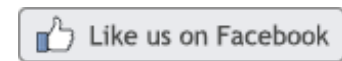
- Candles, incense, incense burners and any other item that produce an open flame are not permitted at the university. Flameless candles and electric scent pots are permitted. Scent pots should be turned off when unattended.
- When decorating corridor walls, you may not cover more than 20 percent of the surfaces with combustible materials.
- Do not place holiday decorations where they may block emergency egress - stairways, corridors, near doors, etc. - exit signs, emergency lights or fire alarm devices.
- Use only flame retardant decorations.
- Avoid using extension cords. If you must use an extension cord, use a heavy gauge, grounded cord and place it in plain view. Make sure the cord does not pose a tripping hazard, run under rugs or carpet, and pass through windows or doors. Do not tandem plug - one extension cord into another - extension cords together and unplug them when you leave. Always try to use a overcurrent protected power strip in lieu of an extension cord.
- Use only FM or UL listed electrical decorations. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-light sets or a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in-style light string sets.
- Fire resistant artificial trees are permitted and preferred. Live trees in university buildings are discouraged but can be used in limited occupancies with very specific and restrictive regulations established by the International Fire Code. A permit must be obtained from Environmental Health & Safety prior to live trees being used indoors.
- Turn off lights when the room is unoccupied.

Also, if using a space heater, it must be kept three feet away from combustibles when in use. It must be plugged directly into an outlet and unplugged when not in use.

If you have any questions about these or any other fire safety tips, please contact us at 785-532-5856, or email us at [firesafety@k-state.edu](mailto:firesafety@k-state.edu).

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[Weigel Library Website](#)



### **Faculty/Staff Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for the next Faculty/Staff Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 119 APD W.

### **Housekeeping reminder**

This is a reminder to keep all sinks clear and clean including the drinking fountains! Take care not to wash any solid material including food, especially concrete or other model making materials, down any of the drains. Solids and semi-solids can be put in the trash cans after being tied up plastic bags or put in closed containers/cups.

### **Third Floor Tidbits - Weigel Library** **Fall Break / Thanksgiving Holiday Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, November 23, 24 and 25,  
Weigel will be open 8 am to 5 pm.

Thursday through Sunday, November 26, 27, 28 and 29, the library will be closed. Regular hours will begin again at 8 am on Monday, November 30. Enjoy your break and your holiday. Travel safely to and from. Then be ready for the last busy weeks of Fall Semester 2015!

### **New, new, new...**

Books, DVDs and serial issues are being added to the November New Resources shelf in Weigel. Come up and take a look. Maybe there's something you could use for your project or research. Hope to see you soon.

### **One Weigel opening for Spring**

Weigel Library is accepting applications for one student assistant for Spring Semester 2016.

The number of hours of employment for student library assistants typically ranges from 7 to 10 per week.

A job application is available in Weigel, Seaton 323. Completed applications are due in Weigel by Wednesday, December 16.

The hiring decision will be made in January, at which time all applicants will be notified of the decision.

### **APD West Fall Break Info**

In consideration of the needs of the students/faculty, Dean de Noble has made an adjustment to the APD West building schedule over the Fall Break. On Sunday, November 29th, the building will open at 8 am to begin a 24-hour open period. The building will now be open the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. however, SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL NOT BE IN OPERATION.

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