One of my favorite annual activities is the discovery of the recipient of APPA’s Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in Facilities Manager magazine. Selected by the Information and Research Committee from 19 eligible articles, this year’s winner has the unique distinction of being the only APPA member to have won the award an unprecedented four times.

William A. Daigneau, vice president and chief facilities officer at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, is the 2011 recipient of the Rex Dillow Award for his article, “Portfolio Based Management,” published in the October/November 2010 issue. Bill also received the award in 2007, 2000, and 1998.

In addition to his provocative writing in Facilities Manager, Bill has served APPA as a Vice President for Educational Programs, faculty member at the Institute for Facilities Management, and content coordinator for the planning, design, and construction section of the current BOK, APPA’s Body of Knowledge. Bill was also an inaugural APPA Fellow in 2004.

Congratulations on the award, Bill.

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From the Editor:

I enjoy Facilities Manager magazine, the articles are up to date, and even the advertising is a source of what is new or sometimes just new to me. On the cover of the May/June issue I saw the two college students walking across the grass and thought that it was a typical college photo, as the students never seem to walk on the sidewalks. Then I studied the shot. It appears that they have climbed over one brick wall, a wrought iron fence, through a sunken roadway of some sort, and scaled another wall just to be able to walk on the grass.

When I asked my administrative assistant what was odd about the picture, she replied that it was obviously a set-up shot because the woman on the right was dressed for fall and the one on the left for summer.

I have learned two things as a facility manager: One is that students will go out of their way to walk on the grass. The second is that I am never amazed at the way students dress. Your magazine cover shot may have not been a set-up after all.

Again, thanks for the excellent and informative publication.

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