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Lamplighter illuminates Metro's lofty chandeliers



Photo by Ned Racine

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(March 27, 2008) Jeff Hoel, facilities system technician, rises to new heights to replace lamps in one of the Gateway Building's chandeliers. According to Bob Skarseth, Facilities Maintenance supervisor, Hoel's work is part of a campaign to replace a few hundred lamps throughout the Plaza level of the building.

In addition to replacing each chandelier's 30 lamps, Hoel also checks the ballasts, the electric devices that ignite the lamps, while he works approximately 40 feet above the ground. Skarseth said Facilities Maintenance changes out the lamps every two to three years.