Happy Holidays!!! The Facilities newsletter is back after an eight-year hiatus. With so many Facilities-related activities going on around the UAA campuses, I thought this would be a good way to keep everyone in the loop. We hope to publish this newsletter three times a year, approximately at the end of the fall semester (Dec-Jan), the end of the spring semester (May-June) and around back to school time (Aug-Sep). Your contributions to the content of the spring newsletter are welcome and should be sent to lnlepley@uaa.alaska.edu with “Facilities Newsletter Input” in the subject.

UAA Sports Arena back on active design. On Sep 30, 2011 the Board of Regents (BOR) approved $109M to build a 5,000-seat Sports Arena. The approval grants permission for UAA to use a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) methodology. This methodology requires a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). The design teams of McCool Carlson Green from Anchorage and Hastings + Chivetta from Missouri, along with users of the Wells Fargo Sports Complex, and staff of the Athletics and Administrative Services departments are pressing towards final design. The UAA Anchorage Campus has advertised for a CMAR contractor to participate in the final phases of design and hosted a pre-bid conference on November 11 where over eight local contractors and one out-of-state contractor participated. The Contractor Selection date is expected late Dec 2011. Construction is expected to begin mid-2012.

GO Bond Projects all in design. UAA has awarded all of the GO Bond projects to Architecture/Engineering firms for design:

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The BOR provided Schematic Design Approval in September for the projects listed above, excepting VCAL, which was presented and passed at the BOR November Budget meeting. Construction on all projects is expected to begin in the 2012 construction season.

Campus winter projects. The UAA Anchorage Campus has many active heavy maintenance projects in progress on or around campus. This work includes projects large and small, from lighting upgrades, carpet replacement, elevator upgrades, fire panel replacements, all the way to the renewal of the Science Building. Construction activities are disruptive, but a necessary part of campus stewardship. Much of this work will continue through the Winter Break.

Campus snow removal. Beginning on November 5th, the Campus snow removal team worked virtually non-stop, plowing and stacking snow from an unusually persistent November snowfall. The campus snow team logged over 2,000 man and equipment hours clearing November storms.

“I am THANKFUL for all that the Facilities Staff does for UAA each and every day and I personally wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season and a wonderful New Year…..HOOOOWL!”
Sustainability News

By Paula Williams, PhD, Director

Sustainability has been important at UAA long before this office was created in January of 2009. Facilities has been a leader in sustainability efforts on campus. This past year, some of our accomplishments included:

• The expansion of UAA recycling to include plastics and metal cans.

• The implementation of a clause in FP&C contracts that requires contractors to recycle construction waste. In Phase 2 of the Science Renewal project, this activity resulted in diverting 91 tons of waste from the landfill, as well as a tangible project cost savings.

• The finalization of the Facilities FMO building-metering project sponsored by Sustainability, the result of which will be better information for maintenance decision-making.

• The creation of the first UAA student garden, co-sponsored by Sustainability and FMO and grown by the student Sustainability Club. The garden was established for educational purposes on the west side of BMH. It was very successful, and students, staff and faculty were enthusiastic to participate in gardening.

• The planting of 250 trees. Sustainability, in collaboration with Facilities and students, planted 250 trees at the UAF farm in Palmer in September. This was the first installment of honoring the “no net loss” tree policy F&CS has adopted. The labor was performed by students in observance of a day of volunteering.

In an attempt to educate students living in residence halls about what their utility bills would be if they were living on their own, and reduce housing utility bills, we are sending Templewood residents faux utility bills and giving them feedback about how they compare to their neighbors. We are in the process of conducting a campus-wide waste audit, and much more.

Thanks for your support of our sustainable projects and thanks for your work towards a sustainable and cost-effective UAA campus.

Facilities Planning & Construction News

By John Faunce, P.E. Director

Greetings from the world of FP&C. Our staff is busier than a bunch of one-armed paper hangers as a result of several realignments of our facilities funding stars.

The first of our funding stars was a commitment by Governor Parnell to provide a reliable annual R&R/Deferred Maintenance Budget, giving us a better opportunity to plan and execute our work at UAA and our community campuses. We are now in our second year of steady funding and have just learned that we can expect the same in FY13.

The second star in our funding constellation was the GO Bond issue. Approved by the voters last November, it provided $119M in project funding for UAA and our Community Campuses. These projects have now been approved by the Board of Regents and are under design in preparation for construction to begin next summer.

Another star to come into alignment was the final increment of funding for the new Seawolf Sports Arena, now under design and also scheduled to begin construction next summer. This star was preceded by partial funding to begin design of a new Engineering Instructional Laboratory Building. Although full funding for this facility is still pending, design is underway, and there appears to be solid legislative support for the remaining funds.

The final new star in our funding constellation was the Receipt Authority for Deferred Maintenance included in the FY12 Budget. The first bonds have been sold and this funding is already at work, correcting several of our maintenance problems at each of our campuses. Finally, we have received AHFC funding to perform energy audits at each of our community campuses and two of our main campus buildings.

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Above left: Paula Williams, Director of Sustainability
Above right: students and staff at the first Tree Planting, September 23, 2011.
Facilities Maintenance and Operations News

Chris Mizelle, Director FMO

Facilities Maintenance and Operations has had one crazy summer and fall semester filled with fluxes in planned work, systems, personnel, space, and technology.

Successful campus spruce up. In addition to our planned work, we took on “sprucing up” many campus buildings, including the Administration, Engineering, and Professional Studies Buildings. The campus looks great!

New content management system. We are in the process of moving our work management system from Facilities Focus to AIM. The actual transition will take place in the spring of 2012; to prepare, we are reviewing our business practices and mapping them.

Changes in personnel. This summer, Landscaping operated under the temporary leadership of Catherine Shenk and Erik Ohm while Pat Leary wrapped up special projects for the Associate Vice Chancellor. Pat retired in October after 30 years of service. I thank both Catherine and Erik for stepping up. We are in the final throes of selecting a new Grounds Supervisor. Earlier this fall, we selected Colin Clausson as the Electrical Shop Supervisor. Congratulations to Colin! We would like to send a warm welcome to Jo Walker, who joins the Work Management team from the College of Education. We will be doing searches for a CT-3 Electrician, Database Manager, and a Custodial Supervisor in the coming months, so keep your eyes and ears open for good recruits.

Office churn underway. Here is an update on the changes coming to FMO: 1) we will soon have a Building Automation/Database Center, 2) the Work Management area will undergo a facelift, 3) Sherry and Susie will move into the office across the hall from Work Management, 4) Tom Sternberg will move into the area vacated by Susie Morrison, and 5) Tom’s office will serve as the new Associate Director’s office. PHEW!!

Your WolfCard may soon serve as your building key. We have begun the migration to electronic keys in the Health Sciences Building. Retrofitting of existing buildings will be underway soon, starting with Science and the University Lake Building.

Cold, snow, and ice season. This winter season has brought with it record-setting events. As of this writing, we have accumulated about half the normal season snowfall. We have had record cold temperatures for this early in the year, which resulted in a couple of pipe freeze-ups and some cold calls in offices and buildings.

Happy Holidays to a great team! As we look back on the year, I would like to commend the entire staff for a job well done: from the Admin spruce up, the Science Building renewal, the ongoing work in PSB, to the rave reviews on the overall campus appearance, you have all done an excellent job. We wish you and your families Happy Holidays.

Environmental Health & Safety News

Mike Halko, Director of Environmental Health and Safety/RM

We had a busy summer and fall 2011. We participated in the first ever Statewide Environmental Health & Safety review at the UAF campus. The experience proved to be educational, helping us prepare for our own SW EHS review in October. When the review rolled around, we were ready; an inspection team evaluated our exterior walking/working surfaces, lock out/tag out program, fuel storage facilities, and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans. The exit briefing was positive and we are eagerly awaiting the draft report.

Our department has made efforts to reinstitute the Supervisor’s Safety Training, in connection with the New Employee Orientation program. It is our desire that all employees be made aware of their safety training requirements and that they complete the necessary courses.

We participated in building evacuation drills at the beginning of the semester and continue to participate in weekly building blitzes. Clean-up and disposal of used and unnecessary chemical inventories is also an on-going task for our Chemical Hygiene Officer.

In October, two Reportable Injuries were logged for the UAA Campus. The first injury involved a GSS employee who aggravated an existing knee injury while on Restricted Duty. The second injury was to an instructor’s back on 10/11/11 in ADT and had no lost time associated with it.

The use of proper body mechanics in lifting any item is essential to preventing musculoskeletal injuries. Very few tasks require immediate attention. Take the time necessary to determine the task at hand, the inherent risks, and determine if mechanical aid or assistance from a coworker or two is needed. If there is a concern about moving an item, err on the side of safety and head assistance from a coworker or two is needed. If there is a concern about moving an item, err on the side of safety and health.

Safety tip. The entrances to UAA Buildings have buckets of sand with a scoop to improve exterior walking/working surface traction. We would encourage any employee to address a slick situation they find by spreading out some sand. We have arrived in the winter season and are expecting colder weather for the coming months. It is imperative during the winter that building doors and windows are kept securely closed when not actively being used. Please pay attention that doors are not left propped open for extended periods of time and that windows be kept closed. We have had serious and expensive damage in the past from doors or windows left open. Let’s all do our part to keep the University warm and safe during the upcoming holiday season and throughout the winter.
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Want to submit a photo? Send your entries to lnlepley@uaa.alaska.edu!

Happy Holidays from Scott and Nichole Snow’s newest charmer, Jordan!