

# The AVC's Bullets

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We certainly have had a mild winter. No snow cover will have allowed the frost to penetrate deep so we need to be vigilant later in May for water coming out of the ground. The mild weather may have minimized snow removal, but we have a lot of gravel out there. A sure sign of spring are our sweepers and water trucks hard at work.

The weather allowed us to make great progress on the Engineering & Industry Building and the bridge from Engineering over to Health Science Building. Providence Dr. will be partially closed throughout the spring as Neeser's crews continue to work on the bridge. The renewal of the WFSC office space, infrastructure, and ice equipment starts in May. Davis Construction has a September 15, 2015 date to complete the work.

The Alaska Airlines Center has taken a considerable amount of effort to learn and operate both as a sporting and community venue. I am extremely proud how the team has risen to the many challenges and worked thru them. This facility has already accomplished part of our expectations: it is an amazing venue for our Athletes; a great draw to bring the community onto campus; and enhances student life. It has been a hopping place!



Spring Clean-up Underway!

It was a tough winter/spring for several of our workmates. Some have suffered injuries or illness or losses. I THANK YOU for your generosity for our Facilities Family. I encourage you to continue to keep our workmates in your thoughts and prayers and actions in the days ahead.

As you know we are entering some rough fiscal waters. The state budget will be significantly reduced over the coming years. This means UA's and UAA's budgets will feel the pinch. UAA Facilities will feel the impact from that. At this writing we anticipate that the facilities cut will be in the range of 12% to 16% below last year's budget, or around \$2.5M to 3.2M. We are taking steps right now to minimize next year's funding woes. These steps include: not filling vacancies, reducing scope on contracts, energy conservation, increasing our shop rates, and more. It is probable that our staff will feel the impact either thru reduced hours/pay or possibly even layoffs. I don't expect any personnel actions until mid-fall 2015. Our goal is to maintain our staff so that we can continue to properly plan, construct, EHS/RM/EM, Operate, and Maintain this campus.

It's April so we are deep into tire change overs, street sweeping, and cleaning sidewalks. UAA will be hosted the U.S. Universities Debating Championships April 10-13. It was a great event that saw over 500 students from around the country visit our campus for a flurry of intercollegiate debate. Many don't know, but UAA has one of the best collegiate debate teams and programs in the world. Seeing them in action on this level was a real treat for us.

Thank you to all the Facilities employees for all the hard work that went into keeping the campus humming and blinking this winter and spring. Collectively, we have been very busy with grounds and horticulture work, small projects of various types, renewals, installed "1% for Art" pieces, urgent work, and new construction in Anchorage and the other campuses of UAA.

Last summer and fall we planted about 6,000 tree seedlings on the Anchorage, Kenai, and MatSu campuses. We will continue planting seedlings this summer and fall with a target of about 6,000 trees. After this year's plantings we will have almost caught up with our tree debt from the last several years of construction projects on our campuses.

As spring evolves to summer and physical activities go into high gear please remember to be safe. Think about what you are going to be doing. Think about what could go wrong and have a mitigation plan. Let someone know where you are going and when you are expected back. Also be careful on those spring clean-up activities — we haven't used some of those muscles in a while. Please know YOU are our most valuable resource. We need you fully functional and on the job.

I can't say it often enough: the Facilities and Campus Services Staff work hard — days, nights and weekends — to keep the campus environment safe and comfortable for our students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for all you do for UAA, whether it's fixing broken stuff, cleaning, managing the grounds, plowing snow, spreading gravel, sweeping gravel, supporting critical campus events, communicating, managing our money or planning new projects.

Keep up the great work. HOOOWL!!!!



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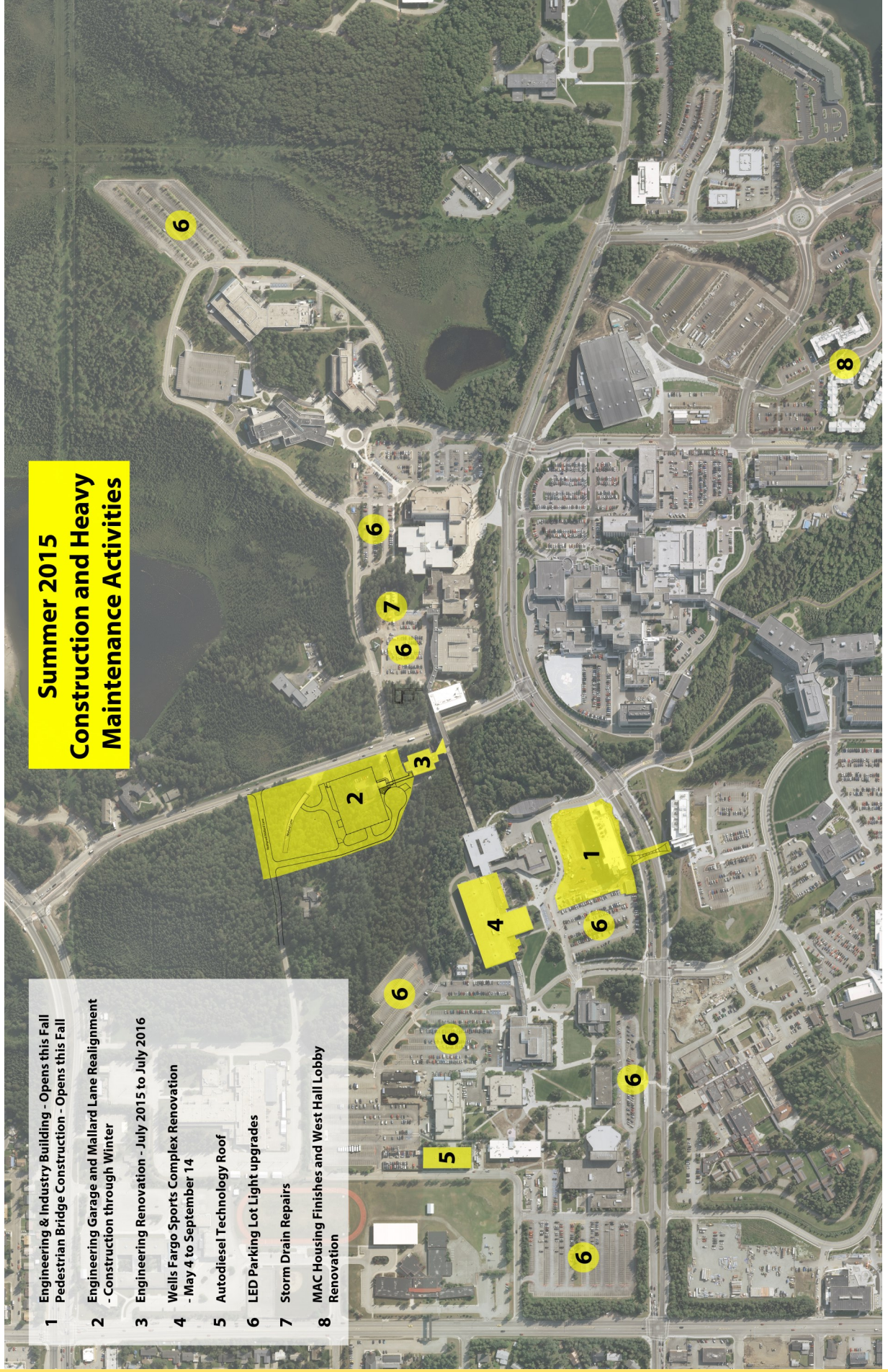
Alaska Airlines Center Tree Team



# FACILITIES BULLETIN

- 1 Engineering & Industry Building - Opens this Fall  
Pedestrian Bridge Construction - Opens this Fall
- 2 Engineering Garage and Mallard Lane Realignment  
- Construction through Winter
- 3 Engineering Renovation - July 2015 to July 2016
- 4 Wells Fargo Sports Complex Renovation  
- May 4 to September 14
- 5 Autodiesel Technology Roof
- 6 LED Parking Lot Light upgrades
- 7 Storm Drain Repairs
- 8 MAC Housing Finishes and West Hall Lobby  
Renovation

## Summer 2015 Construction and Heavy Maintenance Activities







John Faunce, Director  
of Facilities Planning &  
Construction

## Facilities Planning & Construction News

By John Faunce, P.E., Director

With the budgetary doom and gloom, and other sad news going around FP&C lately, it's time to celebrate some good news.

If you haven't heard, we celebrated the highly successful renovation of Beatrice McDonald Hall with a reception for the Board of Regents in February. The Regents were impressed with the outstanding work that was accomplished to rejuvenate this aging facility, bringing it up to better-than-new condition. We recently learned that the project won a 2015 Illuminating Engineering Society Lighting Award.



Freshly Renovated Beatrice McDonald Hall

We also celebrated the successful completion of the Glenn Massay Theater on the Mat-Su campus with a grand-opening ceremony in February. This beautiful 500 seat auditorium has already become the center of attraction for many campus and community events in the Mat-Su Valley.

Another success story is the recent completion of the renovation work at 1901 Bragaw. Although some work, including repaving the parking lots, remains to be completed, occupants began relocating from the Diplomacy Building into the newly renovated building in early April — well before the June deadline for vacating the Diplomacy Building. The new tenants have been favorably impressed with the transformation of this recently acquired facility.

The new pedestrian bridge structure spanning Providence Ave between Health Science and the new Engineering Building was a very welcoming sight for everyone coming back to campus after the Christmas break. This impressive campus gateway is scheduled to be completed this summer along with the new Engineering building.

We have also celebrated the completion of several smaller, but still important projects such as: the installation of LED lighting in the North Parking Lot, renovation of the Fine Arts Elevator, and repairs to the Student Health Center.

There is even good news on the budgetary front. Even though it appears that there will be little if any Capital funding in next year's budget, a recently established Facilities Fee is providing an opportunity to proceed with projects that would not otherwise be possible. The funds collected during the 2015 Spring semester are allowing us to replace the remainder of the lighting in parking lots throughout the campus with new LED lighting. This reduces energy consumption, maintenance costs, and improves safety — a triple win! This funding will also allow us to replace the lighting in Rasmussen Hall 101 — one of our highest-use lecture halls.

So, yes, there is good news to celebrate, with more to come as we continue with our work on the Engineering Parking Garage, WFCS renovation, Bookstore renovation, Library North entrance, and numerous other projects on our UAA and Community Campuses.



Pedestrian Bridge Construction Has Resumed

# Facilities Maintenance & Operations News

By Tom Sternberg, CFM, Director

What happened to winter? Spring seems to be here but who knows... as of March 31<sup>st</sup> Anchorage had the second lowest snowfall on record. Supposedly we received 20.7" of snow. The National Weather Service says Anchorage has seen such low snowfall because of the "unusually" high amounts of rain which is the result of high sea surface temperatures in the Bering Sea and the northeast Pacific Ocean. The only winter season in which Anchorage had recorded less snow by end of March was the winter of 1985-86, when only 14.7 inches fell by that date.

Please be patient as we begin to move into cooling season. We don't start the cooling equipment in most buildings until the daytime temperature is above 55 degrees and the nighttime temperature stays above 45 degrees. This normally occurs in mid-May.



Tom Sternberg, Director of  
Facilities Maintenance &  
Operations



RoboCrib Industrial  
Vending Machine

We are looking forward to the opening of the Engineering & Industry Building and Pedestrian Bridge this fall, and the move to 1901 Bragaw. This summer we will be involved with the remodel of the WFSC and the Engineering Building.

Taylor Fire Protection personnel will be on campus May through August completing the Fire suppression and Fire Detection system annual inspections. They will be looking into every room during this inspection and conducting scheduled audible alarm testing. Facilities Maintenance is currently inspecting fire extinguishers across campus and will continue with that well into the summer (there are ~2,000 extinguishers of different varieties across campus). In addition, Municipal Elevator Inspectors are making the rounds across campus performing the bi-annual elevator inspections.

We have a new addition to the FMO organization: welcome what we affectionately call RoboCrib. Located in Gordon Hartleib Hall, RoboCrib is an industrial vending machine that is set up to track and dispense PPE and maintenance supplies 24-7. All our employees need to do is swipe their ID card. We expect to see it in full operation by May.

Several positions were filled within the organization. Jason Ketchum joined us as a CT3 Refrigeration Technician in the Electrical Shop. Jason is an Air Force veteran and spent the better part of his career in the service business in Anchorage. Steve Dail is our new CT2 HVAC Technician within the Mechanical Shop. Steve is also from the Air Force with 20 years of service.

We continue to review and change our internal processes as we figure out the most efficient way to use AiM, our maintenance management system. Our big initiative is to move to a paperless work order process. We envision the process to flow from customer service requests to completion without ever having to consume paper. More of our technicians are using the mobile devices to access their work orders in the field. With more technicians carrying mobile devices in the field, we are now able to bar code the building equipment. This allows a technician to scan the equipment with a mobile device and quickly access information. This will speed up the technicians' ability to complete work orders and ensure that information on work conducted is appropriated to a piece of equipment. This data will enable us to make more informed decisions on repair vs. replacement of assets.

Bill Hartman, Robin Gurung, Kara Monroe, and Staffany Willhauck received their Commercial Driver's Licenses, and Kara Monroe received her Alaska Pesticide Certification. Congratulations to these great members of our Horticulture and Turf shops!

Long-time employee Cathy Wagner plans to retire on June 30th. Her service to the department and our campus will be missed by all!



Our Electricians restored the Admin lobby lights to their original design. In short, we have light again!





EHS Team: (L to R) Jeaneen Bailey, Manch Garhart, Doug Markussen, Maury Riner

## Environmental Health & Safety & RM News

By Doug Markussen, P.E., Director

It's been a busy time for EHS! A big change for the department has been the addition of Emergency Management. This function was recently transferred from the University Police to EHS. Ron Swartz has hung up his lieutenant's badge, gun, and holster, and moved to the civilian side of life. Ron will retain his title of UAA Emergency Manager and will continue his great work to keep

UAA prepared for whatever comes our way. Manch Garhart will also retain his title of UAA Assistant Emergency Manager. The department name, Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management Support, may be changed to reflect the addition; we're aiming for the longest department name at UAA! Joking aside, Ron will be a valued addition to the team!

An important part of improving the safety of campus is quickly identifying and responding to incidents or unsafe conditions. A new online incident reporting system, Origami Risk, has been designed to make reporting easy and simple for all employees and students.

An "incident" is an injury, damaged property, or damage to vehicles. Examples of "unsafe conditions" include: damaged walking surfaces, broken hand rails, inadequate lighting in common areas, and even fire hazards. Employees and students can actively participate in keeping our campus community safe by reporting injuries, non-emergency damages, or potential hazards.

This process also replaces UA's Worker's Compensation paperwork. Origami has a complete claims module that will be integral to the Statewide claims process. The current forms will be phased out over the next few months as use of Origami grows. During that period paper reports and claims will continue to be accepted, but use of the new system will be strongly encouraged.

Online incident reporting allows for faster, easier reporting. Electronic submissions can be handled more rapidly, providing better customer service for worker's compensation and general insurance claims. EHS will be notified as soon as an incident report is submitted, speeding up the investigation and response process. To access the system, visit [www.alaska.edu/origami](http://www.alaska.edu/origami) or visit EHS' homepage.



**Online Incident Reporting**  
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Is there someone depending on you to be there in a time of emergency? Our spouse, parents, children, relatives, friends, co-workers, place of employment, pets etc. are counting on YOU. If so what's your plan?

Remember, in an emergency situation if your attentions are drawn elsewhere (like worrying about home and loved ones) your ability to help UAA may be diminished. Preparations and training at home makes you a more valued asset here at work.

The Environmental Health and Safety wants to challenge you to Make a Plan, Get a Kit and Be Prepared. Take the opportunity to have the conversation and know what is expected when things don't go according to plan. For more information please contact EHS at 786-1300 or [ehsrms@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ehsrms@uaa.alaska.edu).



Ron Swartz conducting a CPR training

As the warmer months approach, remember to stop and think about who in your life depends on you to be prepared. All employees have a personal responsibility to be prepared for a disaster, but some may not realize that others depend on them as well.





## Hails

Jason Ketchum — FMO Electrical  
Steven Dail — FMO HVAC



John Hanson, John Faunce, and Cory Fischer on the Bridge

## Upcoming Events

**May 3** – Commencement  
**May 14** – Development Day  
**May 18** – First Summer Session Begins  
**June 17** – Juneteenth  
**June 25** – Second Summer Session Begins  
**July 4** – Holiday  
**August 24** – Fall Semester Begins



Facilities Leadership Team—met in January to plan the year's goals