

# The AVC's Bullets

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Greeting and Happy Spring. What wonderful weather we have been having...according to FMO's weatherman Glenn E. Brown it's going to last all summer. HOOOWL!!!!

We had a busy Spring Semester! In addition to the normal snow and sanding, we helped with the 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Carnival in the Cuddy Quad. This activity was followed by a facilities supported "outdoor movie event" on the top deck of the East Garage. Facilities Supervisors did us proud as they put together our submission for the UAA Prioritization effort. This document says why we exist and how we are relevant to the institution. I think we put forward an exceptional product describing how we are essential to UAA. Lonnie Mansell and Ryan Buchholdt are involved in the evaluation of the administrative support Prioritization submissions — an arduous task that should be done in June. This effort will be important as we move forward in a very tight State fiscal environment.

The 6070/UA Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was ratified in April after a long negotiation period. Rob Askew and Felipe Castro represented UAA at this 18 month effort. Congrats on getting it done!

FMO installed nearly a dozen hydration stations across campus. Stephanie reports we have saved over 50,000 plastic bottles as a result of the stations. We had our Spring Cleanup/Earth Day Celebration, over 130 staff and UAA community picked up 152 bags of trash weighing around 1,600 pounds. Thanks to all who participated!

Glenn Thomas was the Admin Service employee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter — congrats Glenn! In early May we supported Commencement weekend. Students are the reason we are here, our job is to help them succeed. This year UAA's celebrated its largest graduating class ever many of those "walked" at commencement. It makes for a long weekend but it is a special event and I am proud of all of our support.



Engineering & Industry  
Building construction is  
underway

If the Capital budget passes the Governor's veto unscathed we will have all the funding for the Engineering parking garage, which could start as early as this summer, and the for renewal of the existing building. The capital budget also has about \$12M for UAA campus renewal. Governor Parnell has provided a constant flow of renewal funding to the University during his tenure. This has allowed us to take on renewals in the Natural Science Building, Allied Health Science, BMH, Mac Housing work, EM1 and 2 work, emergency infrastructure repairs and replacing several roofs. Next on the list is phased work in the WFSC beginning once athletics moves out, phase work on the Library Core revitalization. Let's hope the next Governor continues this practice because our list is long.

EHS/RM has been busy among their many activities has been planning and training up UA and UAA staff for the 50 year anniversary of the Alaska Earthquake exercise. Most of our campuses participated in this exercise of National prominence. In Anchorage the Facilities staff responded to the event by dispatching response teams and resources, installing emergency power, conducting post disaster building assessments and serving on the Emergency Operating Center staff.

The next couple of years are shaping up to be very challenging fiscally. We will see a 12% cut to our operating budget starting July. We already have lost year-end funds that come our way for department projects this time of year and we will not get use of the balance of our Facilities reserve this year and unlikely to see it at all next year. We must make every dollar we spend COUNT. We'll need to be even more creative and cost effective in our solutions (quality fixes not short-term, quick fixes). We won't be able to provide all the support and services we provide now; we will have to laser focus on the mission essential support activities. Demonstrating positive attitudes and good customer service behavior will be essential to our future success. I am sure we will be able to perform in the coming environment. We have a lot of experience operating with limited resources. In a way we have been preparing for it for the last few years building our team, renewing buildings and resources.

Don't forget to enjoy life in Alaska. Enjoy but be SAFE. Think about what you are going to do, what could go wrong and how you would mitigate it if it did. Let someone know where you are going and when you are due back. We need you here working at full capacity; YOU are our most valuable resource. Thanks for all you do everyday for UAA. We do appreciate you and your dedication to the institution. Keep up the GREAT work HOOOWL!!!!

As many of you may be aware, Stan Vanover is retiring this summer. To honor his nearly 30 years of service to the University, Stan was presented Staff Emeritus status. Few staff have left a mark as great on our campus. In Stan's case, he has left several marks. Over his career with us he has had countless projects, including building the Rasmuson Hall, Consortium Library addition, Gorsuch Commons and residence halls, ConocoPhillips Integrated Sciences Building, and the Alaska Airlines Center. Below is a short interview we did with Stan:



Stan Vanover  
Staff Emeritus

**Q:** What attracted you to stay with the university as long as you have?

**A:** Everything has been so varied. My prior employment was limited in the types of projects. At the university each job has been different, from housing to the CPISB to the Alaska Airlines Center. If you love construction at all, seeing projects of various types take shape is wonderful.

**Q:** What did you like best about working at UAA?

**A:** The people. There are a lot of different personalities on campus. I also truly enjoyed building the CPISB. It was a great, technical project. It was fun working through the different issues. I also was married on the roof!



Stan receives his Staff Emeritus status at the 2014 Commencement ceremony

**Q:** What project or activity that you were involved in are you most proud of?

**A:** The CPISB. It was such a complicated project, and successfully executed. It was the first real time using the CM@R process. We had such an unbelievably good team. I have also really enjoyed the arena as well, in a different way. I have waited a long time to build this facility. I am glad it's under construction.

**Q:** You have had a lot of successful projects that have been completed without issue. What do you attribute this success to?

**A:** A lot of luck. We have had great contractors and consultants to work with. A lot of projects could have turned sour if we didn't have the right consultants.

**Q:** You have an extensive history with the university and the department. What are your thoughts on the future?

**A:** The FP&C office is in okay shape. The talent is there to carry on and serve the institution well. I'm very excited about the assistant project managers we have brought on.





# Facilities Planning & Construction News

By John Faunce, P.E., Director

It's hard to believe that it is time for another Newsletter Article already. However, as always, we have a lot happening at FP&C.

I'll begin with extending a warm welcome to our two new employees:

- Ilene Holst came to us after serving 14 years with Chugach Alaska Corporation. She initially joined us as a temporary employee to fill our vacant Administrative Assistant position. However, she worked out so well, we have since selected her to fill the position on a permanent basis.
- Kim Knudsen was recently selected to fill our new Construction Contracting Officer position. Kim transferred to FP&C from UAA Procurement Services, and previously worked for the Cook Inlet Housing Authority.



John Faunce, Director  
of Facilities Planning &  
Construction



Engineering & Industry Building

Our other significant personnel news is the upcoming retirement of our Senior Project Manager, Stan Vanover. Stan will be retiring this summer after almost 30 years at UAA. During that time he has managed some of the UAA's most challenging projects, including the Consortium Library, the Integrated Science Building, and the Alaska Airlines Center. The Center, pictured below, is scheduled for completion in July, with an opening ceremony and first major event scheduled for early September. In recognition of his many accomplishments and exceptional dedication to UAA, Stan was awarded Staff Emeritus status by Chancellor Case during the May Commencement Ceremony.

We have several other major projects currently under construction. The new Engineering & Industry Building is rapidly taking shape with the building envelope nearing completion, and interior walls and rough-ins under way. Pending approval by the Governor, the Legislature has

provided full funding of the new building, the associated parking garage, and the renovation of the existing Engineering Building.

The renovation work at Beatrice McDonald Hall is proceeding well and is on schedule for completion in time for the Spring Semester. Similarly, the new Mat-Su Valley Center for Arts and Learning is planned for completion in October and will also be ready for Spring Semester occupancy. There is also our usual variety of summer projects throughout the campus this summer. Please see our Summer Project Map at the FP&C Website for more info on these.



# Facilities Maintenance & Operations News

By Tom Sternberg, Director

We have started off the season with an overdue warm and dry spell. Sure feels good after a long winter. Snow accumulation was below average, but crews spent a lot of time dealing with ice mitigation. With summer in full swing we are working hard to keep buildings cool. We have several new properties to maintain and are looking forward to the opening of the Alaska Airlines Center.

Several positions were filled within Maintenance:

- Frank Lahr is our new Preventative Maintenance and Asset Supervisor, advancing from a CT3 Refrigeration Technician. Frank will be responsible for populating AiM with assets, maintaining the Preventative Maintenance program, and general inventory.
- Ryan Gentry is our new IT Administrator and is responsible for the daily IT operation. Ryan comes to us from ITS.
- Greg Summerlin has accepted the position of CT3 HVAC Technician/Commissioning Liaison to the Sports Arena, and will be involved with the commissioning process and asset management.
- Tim Evers transferred from Grounds to Mechanical as a CT2 HVAC Technician position.
- Jim Donaldson joined us as a CT2 plumber.

In other personnel news, Deng Nanthalaksa was upgraded from a MSW4 HVAC Maintenance Service Worker to a CT1 HVAC Technician. Lost long time CT2 HVAC Technician Ron Breckenridge relocated out of state. We are currently recruiting for a CT3 Refrigeration Technician and a CT3 HVAC Technician if you know of anyone interested, see UAKjobs.



Glenn Thomas receives his Employee of the Quarter Award from Vice Chancellor Spindle

We have purchased the iDesk app for AiM, this will allow us to send electronic work orders directly to the field technicians. The app will send a work order from the supervisors PC to the technicians iOS device in the field. This allows for the technician to have all the job information without having to return to the shop. The technician can then complete the work order, add notes, materials and time, and return it to the supervisor electronically. We are in the implementation mode and are working on new processes with Work Management, supervisors, and technicians.

Turf and Horticulture have been busy with spring clean-up. Soon crews will start painting parking lots lines, planting flowers and installing hanging baskets, mowing grass and sprucing the shrubs beds around campus. Congrats to Tessa Sellars for earning her Commercial Driver's License. Spring Clean Up was a HUGH success. 117 folks helped our staff collect 152 bags of trash estimating 1600 pounds not including the clunker Greg forked over to claim the "Largest" piece of trash. Thank you everyone!

Window cleaning project is under way on campus. ABM crews have started cleaning outside windows moving from west to east including housing. They are expected to complete the project by August with cleaning interior windows before classes begin. The Custodial Shop was instrumental in the cleaning of the Chancellor's House and elevator shafts in the 1901 Bragaw Building. Procurement is working our shop supervisor, Edwin, in drafting a new RFP for the Custodial Contract in the coming years. We are also welcoming a new hire for Custodial: David Michaelson.

Shuttle summer session will begin May 19th and run through August 2nd, Monday – Friday 8:45 am to 4:38pm. The stops include Commons, Rasmuson Hall, and University Center. Please note, "no service" available at 10:08am to 11:08am and again at 3:08pm to 3:38pm. Drivers for the summer are: Richard Crook, Mark Southwick, and Nick Weaver. The ridership from the fall/spring semesters was 171,886 passengers. In addition, 210 individual charters were completed as well during same period.



Tom Sternberg, Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations

# Environmental Health & Safety & RM News

By Doug Markussen, P.E., Director

A lot has happened in EHSRMS since the holidays.

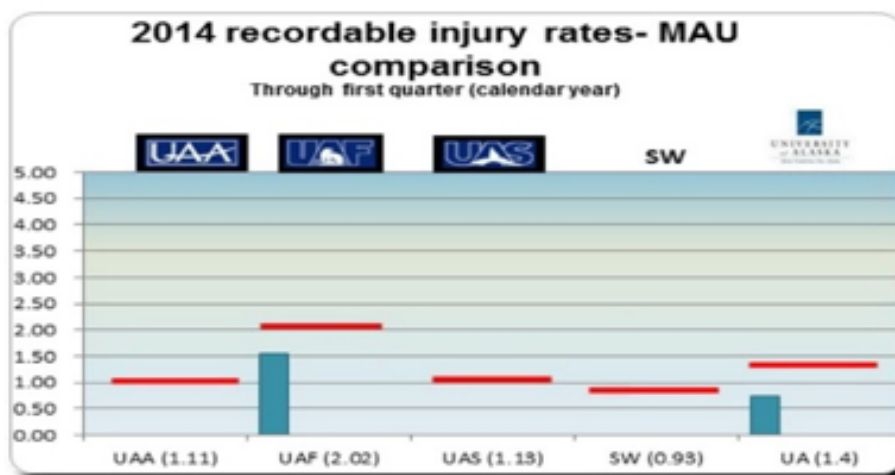
Doug had shoulder surgery the day after Christmas. He was out of work for several weeks past the holiday closure. On the heels of that, he underwent spinal surgery and was out for several more weeks. He owes a lot of credit and thanks to his team for covering a busy time.



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

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a new addition to the EHSRMS Team: Jeaneen Bailey. She officially started January 6<sup>th</sup> and we haven't managed to scare her off yet. As hoped, she has proven to be an excellent asset to our department and UAA as a whole. She jumped right into the fray and is heading up our effort to revamp the biological safety program.

Aside from participating in the Prioritization process, helping with the Winterfest events, and preparing the AFD's Community Right-to-know Report, another significant event was the hiring of Praesidium Inc. to lead UA and mentor the development of our Minor Safety on Campus efforts. UA now has a new draft policy and online questionnaires identify affected departments. UAA's draft policy is undergoing review, and departmental policies and procedures will follow. All of this information, along with the underlying reasons for doing it, was presented to approximately 100 of UAA's Deans and Directors and their key staff. So far over 50,000 minors have been identified as participating in UA activities every year. This not only represents a tremendous outreach opportunity for the colleges, but also a tremendous risk if not done correctly.



International Travel will be another area of focus in the very near future. We should know who is where, when, why, and how they got there. What are they doing and what risks are involved? There will be more information concerning this to come.

The reportable incident rates for the calendar year 2013 and 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2014 show the great efforts and vigilance of UAA's employees. Give yourselves a pat on the back – you deserve it.

MAU	Previous year		2013 YTD # of OSHA recordable injuries	2013 Target rate	2013 OSHA annualized recordable Injury rates by calendar quarter				2014 Target
	2012 #	2012 Rate			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
UAA	28	1.37	13	1.23	0.8	0.48	0.82	0.62	1.11
UAF	53	2.00	61	1.80	1.96	1.57	2.09	2.3	2.02
UAS	5	1.27	5	1.14	0	0.5	0.36	1.26	1.13
SW	6	2.01	3	1.81	0	1.35	0.93	1.03	0.93
UA	92	1.71	82	1.54	1.25	1.06	1.42	1.51	1.4





## Hails

Ryan Gentry — FMO  
Aaron Green — FMO  
Jim Donaldson — FMO  
Ilene Holst — FPC  
Kim Knudsen — FPC  
David Michaelson — FMO

## Farewells

Ron Breckenridge — FMO  
Josie Cherry — FMO  
Melissa Homa — FMO  
Nina Schwinghammer — FMO  
E.G. Sutton — FMO



The “Slice of Light” is going into the BMH

## Upcoming Events

**May 10-17** – Chancellor moves into the Rasmuson Residence  
**May 19** – First Summer Session Starts  
**May 26** – Memorial Day  
**June 5-6** – Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage  
**June 19-20** – Mayor’s Marathon  
**June 28** – Summer Admin. Services Picnic  
**July 10** – Ownership of the Alaska Airlines Center transferred  
**August** – Alaska Airlines Center opens  
**September 5** – AAC Kick-Off Week Starts