

# The AVC's Bullets

By Chris Turletes, CFM, CEFP  
AVC for Facilities & Campus Services

We certainly have enjoyed a mild fall. I'm guessing we'll pay for it with winter weather for the next several months!!! The mild weather allowed us to make good progress on the Engineering Building, the Engineering Parking Garage, temporary Mallard Drive, and the bridge from Engineering over to Health Science Building.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December we will be closing Providence Dr. between Seawolf and Spirit until 4 January. During that time Neeser will be installing the superstructure for the bridge. BMH is in the final phases on punch list items and moving people in. We will be open for business in BMH starting the Spring Semester 2015.

The Alaska Airlines Center (AAC) has taken a considerable amount of effort to learn and operate as a sporting and community venue. I am extremely proud how the team rose to the challenges and worked through them. This facility and the manner it is used is a new concept. We will continue to learn how to best staff and operate it. In the meantime, big thanks Facilities staff for the extra effort!



Chris Turletes,  
AVC for FCS



Facilities Celebration of Life for Marvell

It was a tough fall for the Facilities Family. We lost Marvell Johnson — a 34 year employee and all around great person. We will miss him. We wish his family peace. Marvell is memorialized in the Facilities break room in GHH. We have submitted him for the Bullock Prize for Excellence based on his years of service to UAA, his lifetime of volunteerism the community (36 years for KSKA) and as a loving father, husband and foster parent.

Also this fall, Colin Clausson retired after 25 years with UAA. Colin served us well as an electrician, fire and elevator technician, snow team member, union officer and a member of the leadership team. Colin was also self-appointed MVP at this summer's Facilities softball game. The Plans room behind GHH was named in his honor. We wish Colin the best of luck as he splits his leisure time between tending to his grandson in Alaska and "on the farm" in Pennsylvania.

As I write this we are preparing for the first winter commencement ceremony, and the first on campus in the AAC. A huge thanks to everyone involved for the efforts in getting ready for and recovering from this major campus event. Following commencement we are hosting the Association of Physical Plant Administrators' Supervisor's Toolkit Training. This event will give a lot of our staff a chance to get some leadership training here locally. Then it's the Admin Holiday Party and holiday season and the winter "break".

January will be a busy month. We will have our annual Facilities Leadership Retreat focusing on FY15/16 Goals and teambuilding. Toward the end of the month will be a partnership workshop with the AAC stakeholders, where we will spend some quality time getting to know each other's roles, responsibilities and needs for operating the AAC.

Planning for the summer projects includes: continuation of the storm drain lining on east campus; restart of the ADT roofing work; finalizing Engineering and the Parking Garage; startup of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of WFSC renewal (light) and probably some space renewal work in the bookstore. Work on 1901 Bragaw work is occurring now, and folks will be moved out of Diplomacy by end of June 2015. The Neeser team will move over to the renewal of the existing engineering building once the new building is occupied. That work will be going on for the next year or so.

I want to thank the Facilities family for all the hard work that went into keeping the campus humming and blinking this fall and so far this winter. 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 other campuses of the MAU. Next spring and summer is shaping up to continue to be busy and disruptive but critical work for the Anchorage Campus. HOOOWL!!!! Well done!

As you enjoy winter activities the holiday season 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 with those holiday decorations. *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, staff and faculty. THANKS for all you do for UAA, whether it's fixing broken stuff, cleaning, managing the grounds, plowing snow, supporting critical campus events, communicating, managing our money or planning new projects; keep up the great work. HOOOWL!!!!

From my family to yours Happy Holidays, we wish you an enjoyable holiday season and a Happy, Healthy and fulfilling New Year.



Campus Nighttime Safety Walk

## No Net Tree Loss update:

The final tree planting of the year occurred around the Alaska Airlines Center. Facilities staff were joined by over a dozen student and staff volunteers to plant several hundred trees around the facility.



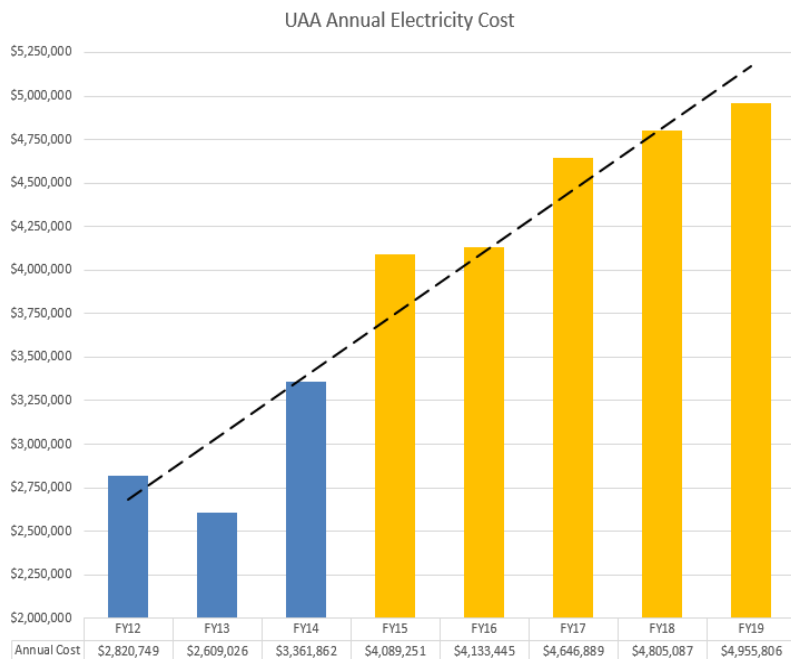
Alaska Airlines Center Tree Team

## Energy Update:

As you have no doubt heard, Municipal Light & Power has a series of large rate increases projected over the next several years. While the first round of increases is being challenged at the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, the fact of the matter is the cost of electricity will continue to rise. Applying ML&P's package of proposed or scheduled-to-be-proposed rate increases on our historical kWh consumption paints a bleak picture. These projections do not account for the addition of the Alaska Airlines Center or Engineering & Industry Building, and do not account for Housing.

As we move forward it will become even more important to all UAA employees to assist with reducing our electricity usage. Turning off your computer, monitor, and lights — or at least setting a sleep mode timer — and unplugging small electronics when you leave for the day goes a long way. Please go to the Office of Sustainability's website, for tips on how to reduce your load:

[www.uaa.alaska.edu/sustainability/](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/sustainability/)



From an approximately \$20 million Facilities budget \$5.9 million is budgeted for *all* non-Housing utilities. Under these rate increases our current use of electricity will continue to strain the operating budget of UAA. We need every employee to do their part in reducing this cost.

# Facilities Planning & Construction News

By John Faunce, P.E., Director

Our FP&C staff continues to move our busy project workload towards successful completion. The Beatrice McDonald Hall project team has received a Conditional Certificate of Occupancy from the Municipality, allowing the occupants to begin moving into the renovated facility in preparation for Spring Semester classes. This renovated/repurposed facility will serve the campus well for many years to come.

The renovation work at 1901 Bragaw is underway, with JKM General Contractors conducting the work. Tenants of the Diplomacy Building are making preparations for moving into the facility prior to June 30th.



John Faunce, Director  
of Facilities Planning &  
Construction



Valley Center for Arts and Learning

At the Mat-Su Campus, the Valley Center for Arts and Learning, recently named the Glenn Massay Theater, is scheduled for construction completion by the end of December. The Grand Opening is scheduled for early February.

The Engineering project is progressing on schedule with the new building scheduled for completion in July. The site work and foundations for the associated parking garage have been completed and are protected for the winter. Work is scheduled to resume this spring.

The construction of the Pedestrian Bridge across Providence Drive is rapidly moving forward. The 36" steel pipe sections that are now being welded together for installation over the winter break. Neeser Construction is erecting the end sections on either side of the road prior to the closure. The bridge will open with the new building this fall.

The design for the second phase of the WFSC renovation project is nearing completion, with construction expected to begin next spring. Current tenants will be relocated over the summer months to allow for major renovations to the building infrastructure. This project will provide more appropriate spaces for the UAA Hockey team and improved spaces for recreation and other activities using the facility.

Other projects in progress include the installation of LED lighting in the North Parking Lot, renovation of the Fine Arts Elevator, and repairs to the Student Health Center following a significant glycol system leak in the facility.

Congratulations to Chis McConnell, FP&C Assistant Project Manager on his recent successful completion of his M.S. in Engineering Management. Congratulations also to Cornerstone Construction on the Excellence in Construction Award from Associated General Contractors for their outstanding work on the Alaska Airlines Center. Thanks to each of you for your support and understanding for the disruptions that we have imposed on you over the past year while we make the repairs, renovation, and construction to improve campus facilities.



Center Arch for the Pedestrian Bridge



Merry Christmas to everyone and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

# Facilities Maintenance & Operations News

By Tom Sternberg, CFM, Director

Our buildings are keeping up nicely with the mild weather we have been having. We have been busy completing projects across campus and assisting with commissioning of the new and remodeled buildings. The safety walk discovered several minor lighting issues and corrective actions are in progress. For the upcoming holidays and winter break we plan on having reasonable coverage, including at least one staff member on site daily and standby coverage in the evening.

We have several new employees on staff: Tim Lee is working in the Electrical Shop as a MSW4 Electrician Assistant (specializing in refrigeration) and Jerry Forestal filled the Electrical Supervisor position after Colin Clausson retired. We are currently advertising for Electricians, Plumbers and HVAC technicians if anyone knows someone who might fit, please see the UAK job site.

The UMED area experienced a power outage on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Facilities Maintenance responded to the call to check building systems and generators. The campus has 21 large emergency generators — 19 fixed in place and 2 portable. Operations mechanics checked on several generator problems and were able to resolve one problem immediately, but were unable to restart the Arts generator. By the 2nd hour without power additional Maintenance personnel were called in and a portable generator was relocated to Arts to cover for the failed generator. Around 4 PM (~3 hours into the outage) the power was restored to campus and the Maintenance crew began to check buildings and reset equipment back to normal operation. A total of 9 Maintenance people responded during the outage to ensure our facilities stayed warm and safe. The portable generator remained at ARTS until repairs are completed.



Colin receives the Employee of the Quarter Award from Vice Chancellor Spindle at his retirement party

Facilities Maintenance provided support for events at the Alaska Airlines Center including the Grand Opening, Tim McGraw concert, and the Shootout. Crews from the HVAC/Mechanical and Electrical shops worked with Global Spectrum and Athletics to cover the shows. Due to the planning and preparations were completed prior to each event only minor issues needed to be addressed by the staff and the events were a success.

The current custodial agreement with ABM is nearing to an end. Procurement and Edwin Delatorre, Custodial Superintendent, have drafted and released an RFP seeking a new agreement for custodial services for the next 5 years. The agreement includes the addition of estimated 140,000 square feet of floor space in the Alaska Airlines Center. In addition, Edwin reports the need for more day porter service as the campus life is becoming a 7 day week business for his department. The new contract is in place before the spring newsletter.

The Heart Run will be held again this year on April 25th, but with a new start/finish line. Much of the original route remains the same with the runners starting on Health Drive, turning onto Elmore south, then north to APU. From APU, runners will run west to Alumni Loop and north to the Fine Arts parking lot looping back to Providence, Elmore and back to the finish line in the Alaska Airlines parking lot. This new approach expected to ease parking pressure on the east campus during finals week.

Near BMH is a Bur Oak tree. We aren't sure how old it is, but it is certainly one of the largest oaks of its kind in the area. The design of the BMH renovation called for a new entrance on the west-side of the building. One thing stood in the way and that was a very large Bur Oak. For the new entrance to work the tree had to go, either from the site or transplant to a new location on site. The tree was moved estimated 30 feet north of its original location. To date the tree appears to be healthy and have weathered the journey fine. Thanks go out to Mike Post and Tree Talls Inc.

Each year around the third week of September through third week of October, Catherine Shenk and staff host tree tours for the area elementary schools. This year 7 different tours were conducted for mostly 3rd graders. We helped them understand the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees. These events coincide with school science projects. Great job!



Tom Sternberg, Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations



Bur Oak near BMH

# Environmental Health & Safety & RM News

By Doug Markussen, P.E., Director

There's never a dull moment when you're working in safety.

Since our last newsletter, EHSRMS has been performing inspections and clean-outs throughout campus. The monthly chemical waste disposal runs have been keeping us all hopping. Fortunately, UAA is maintaining its Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) status with the EPA. This keeps our campus safer, our programs "greener," and reduces overall levels of paperwork and red-tape. Special thanks to our Chemical Hygiene Officer, Maury Riner, for all of his hard work and diligence.

This past quarter our department has also been providing New Employee Orientation safety training, ergonomic workstation assessments, recurrent contract review and insurance needs, various program risk assessments, investigating reported incidents, and many miscellaneous safety training sessions.

The Nighttime Safety Walk on October 16th was a success. The campus was in relatively good order; mostly burned out lights and minor tripping hazards were identified. Work is well underway to remedy the issues. For the first time in the history of the Nighttime Safety Walk, the Chancellor took part. Thanks to him for his continued focus on safety.

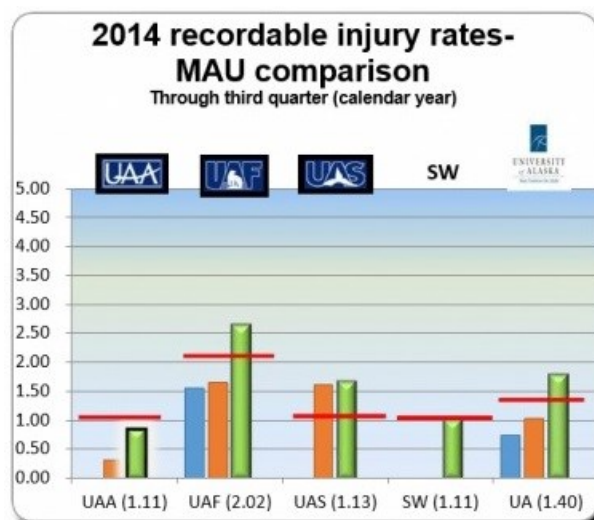
The Spikies Program has been of little need so far this winter – no snow, no ice! Be assured that Alaska will deliver normal winter conditions eventually. The combination of snow, ice, water, and darkness can make for tricky walking. Use your Spikies; they may save more than just a bruised ego if your feet shoot out from underneath you.

The go-live for Origami, UA's new incident reporting and claims software, projected to be operational in October, has been postponed until mid-January; issues identified in the Claims module have delayed the release.

The number of reported incidents, injury included or not, continue to increase. The safety awareness this generates has effectively lowered our OSHA reportable incident rates. Even though our target rate was reduced 10% by Statewide to 1.11 incidents per 100,000 work hours in 2014, we are most likely to hit that target (I hate to jinx things, but we may even end up slightly under it). Obviously 4th quarter statistics are not closed out yet, but UAA is looking good. Great job!



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



MAU	Previous year		2014 YTD # of OSHA recordable injuries	2014 Target rate	2014 OSHA annualized recordable Injury rates by calendar quarter			
	2013 #	2013 Rate			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
UAA	13	0.62	11	1.11	0.00	0.3	0.85	
UAF	61	2.3	43	2.02	1.55	1.65	2.65	
UAS	5	1.26	4	1.13	0	1.61	1.68	
SW	3	1.03	2	1.11	0	0	1.02	
UA	83	1.51	60	1.4	0.73	1.02	1.79	



## Hails

Timothy Lee — FMO Electrical

## Promotions

Gerald Forestall — Electrical Supervisor

## Farewells

Colin Clausson — Electrical Supervisor

## Rest In Peace

Marvell Johnson — FMO Custodial



Facilities booth at Campus Kickoff



## Upcoming Events

**December 14** – Fall Commencement in AAC

**December 15-19** – APPA Supervisor's Toolkit  
Training

**December 15-30** – BMH Move-in

**December 19** – Admin Services Holiday Party

**January 7** – Facilities Leaders meeting

**January 12** – Spring Semester starts

**January 21** – Facilities Leaders Retreat

**February 19-20** – Board of Regents in  
Anchorage

**March 9-13** – Spring Break