



Monthly Newsletter

FACILITIES FORUM

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Exciting Updates Ahead: Check Out What's New This Month!

Welcome back to this month's edition of Facilities Forum. Time for the announcements!

Congratulations to **Dirk Champlin**, he is September's Employee of the Month. If you have a nomination for future EoMs, visit this [link](#).

The second annual Food Truck Rally put on by the Alaska Nanooks will be on Saturday, September 14th, at the Patty Center parking lot. For more information see their [website](#).

Chancellor Dan White invites everyone to join him on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Davis Concert Hall for the 2024 Convocation.

Please help welcome **Chrystal Hannan**, who starts next week with the Alarms shop.

The professional photo of our group, by Leif Van Cise, is now available and you can see it below.



Thank you for being a part of Facilities Services.

Facilities team x

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PHOTO BY LEIF VAN CISE

It Takes a Campus

by David Hooper

Bartlett and Moore Hall have reopened after being renovated for the last 15 months.

By the numbers this was a large project:

Toilets installed: 88

Light fixtures installed: 2,000+

Flooring replaced: Acres

Plumbing piping replaced: Miles

Dorm rooms renovated: 378

Hundreds of trades people working for GHEMM Company were involved and literally every FS Shop worked on the project. Nicki and Chris with the Housing Shop were instrumental in the project's success. Chris and Jeremy with the Lock Shop adjusted hundreds of doors and combined every dorm room lockset. John with the Sign Shop made close to a thousand room signs for both buildings. Larry with the Alarm Shop spent many hours troubleshooting the fire alarm system after the fire trucks showed up for the dozen or so nuisance fire alarms. Jazmyn, Tim, and Logan from Design and Construction spent thousands of hours keeping the project on track; they never lost sight of the goal even during the hundred quality control inspections that all bled together because every floor looks exactly the same.

The 650 students currently staying in the dorms may not recognize the level of effort required to complete a project like this, but I do and I want to thank everyone involved.









Trash Truck History



by Darrin "Bear" Edson

When operating the old white trash truck E-296, to empty the trash you lift the entire back end of the box and a huge hydraulic ram pushes the trash out. In the late 90s I had done this process thousands of times, and each time the space inside the garage truck box was dark. Then, one day I was emptying the load and for some reason, my co-rider and I noticed it was very sunny and illuminated inside the box.

Upon inspection, we found a perfectly round hole on the side of the truck, about 8 inches across. The side of the truck was

mushroomed out as though a bullet had gone through the wall.

Turns out, that is exactly what happened, the hole was the same size as a compressed oxygen tank, and it was explained to us that one had shot out of the truck. While we were compacting the trash the valve must have been torn off the full tank, and away it went. The police and fire chiefs at that time believed it could have gone over a mile before crashing down someplace. There was never a report of anyone seeing it happen or finding the tank, but that is why the patch you see on the truck was installed.

Current Recruitments

[Senior Mechanical Engineer](#)

[HVAC Technician CT3](#)

[Contract Specialist](#)

[CT3 Electrician -Utilities](#)

[Operations Laborer](#)

[Facilities Engineer](#)

[HVAC Technician MSW4-CT1](#)

[Utilities Laborer](#)

[Customer Service
Coordinator](#)

LARS Tank Pads

by Jason Schoening

Here are some pictures of the new concrete tank pads the carpenter shop poured on Wednesday, August 28th 2024, out at LARS. The tanks had been sinking into the ground, so HVAC emptied and disconnected them and Labor/grounds got the tanks moved and the ground prepped and carpenters James Mitchell and Nikolay Repenko built some forms and finished the concrete. These should be good stable tank platforms for the foreseeable future.



Hand Rails



by Nathan Platt

We've been working with one of our term contractors to fabricate and install new handrails in the Salisbury Theater in Fine Arts. The project wrapped up the week of August 23rd 2024.

Thank you for reading!



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