

Facilities & Operations

Mission Statement

Facilities & Operations is dedicated to providing an attractive, clean, accessible, safe, secure, and well-planned educational environment to facilitate campus activities, and support the mission and goals of the university. All efforts of the department are service based, and satisfactory customer service is an essential component and goal of all departmental undertakings.



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Special points of interest:

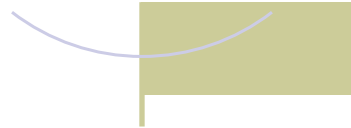
- Staff Senators:
Jorgy Umfor
Kevin Bennett
Marcia Pendleton
- **November 16, 2012**—
F&O Thanksgiving Dinner
11:30am—1:00pm
- **November 22 & 23, 2012**—UAH Staff Holidays!
- **December 18**—F&O Christmas Dinner
- **December 24—January 2**—UAH Staff Holidays!

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Structures



Message from Mike

It's a great time to be at UAH! We have many construction projects underway which are making our campus a better place for students, faculty, and staff. Currently, Charger Union (the new student center) and the Greenway are well under construction and the impact these projects will have on our campus will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Facilities & Operations is committed to providing exceptional customer service through each branch of our department. We are continually sending employees, technicians, and directors for training so we can better serve the campus community. On that note...

I would like to congratulate Mark Cowherd on obtaining the CEFP (Certified Educational Facilities Professional) credentials in September. This designation represents superior proficiency in the core competencies and professional strength in educational facilities management and is held by less than 200 professionals nationwide.

With the holidays quickly approaching, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for you and your family to have a safe and happy holiday season.

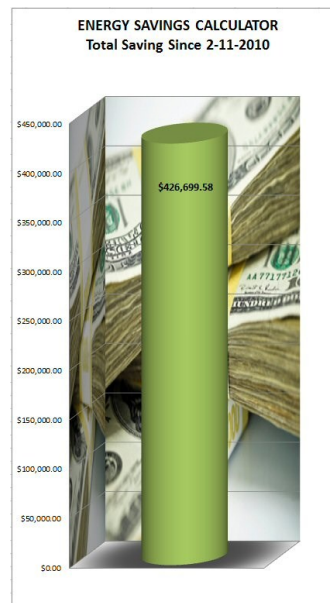


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Cowherd's Corner

Please "Take Charge, Go Green" and support our efforts to increase the "green" on our campus. As we prepare to close for our annual extended holiday break, please be sure to turn off all electronics in your area and empty your trash before you leave for the holidays. Our HVAC technicians will be setting thermostats across campus at the optimal temperature to reduce energy consumption. The chart to the left shows the energy savings across campus since February 2010 which totals a notable \$426,699.58!



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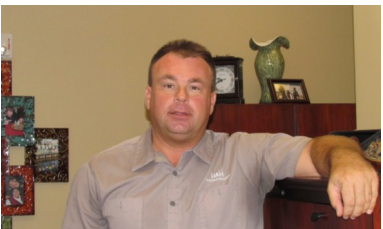
Tony & John in Johnson Control Rm



Josh at Central Plant



Danny painting Charger Mural



Congratulations John!



Mike, Lisa, Peggy, Milton



Enjoying the picnic!

Tom's Two Cents—Tom Estes

Our team has been busy trying to prepare campus buildings for cold weather. We've repaired a few HVAC equipment failures so those respective areas will be comfortable, and we've repaired indoor and outdoor lighting systems. The Electrical Shop reconfigured a single parking lot light at Spragins Hall so that the light will operate continuously at night.

The plumbing shop installed a special water cooler at the UC, which will allow folks to refill their

reusable water bottles and avoid using plastic disposable bottles.

Our specific efforts have been to perform more Preventive Maintenance so that less Reactive Maintenance (failures) occur. We're more successful if you hardly know we're here, but that's a tough mission with our experienced crew.

Josh Sisco, John Dant, and Tony Davis will be attending training in December to increase their knowledge in each of their specialized fields.



Building Business-Terry Willoughby

The painters have completed painting the hallways in the Physical Plant Building. The new colors look great and help show our team spirit. Danny, Brad, and Reggie did a great job!

The Bevill Center Roof Project is moving along smoothly. The roof replacement on the Corps side is finished and flashing is being installed at this time. We have moved to the high

center part of the building and will continue to the hotel side soon.

I am pleased to announce the promotion of John Kennedy to Interim Building Maintenance Supervisor. John replaced Mike Perry who retired after 29 years of service. I look forward to working with John in the future.



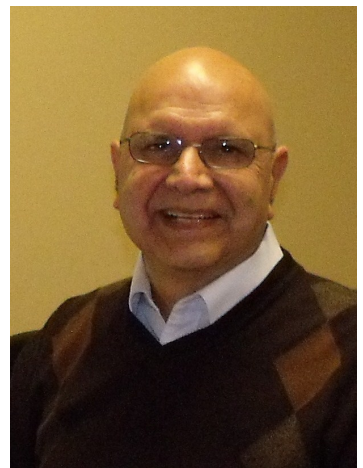
The Clean Team - Ravi Seth

Our floor tech team has kept busy with projects ranging from routine to seasonal to special during all summer. We were tasked with a number of special requests and projects. Our team responded in a professional manner, and as a result, we realized an especially successful quarter. Other projects completed for

the fiscal year included:

- 56 in-house inspections
- shampooing 189,419 square feet of carpet
- floor finishing 245,485 square feet.

Our custodial team specializes in creating and sustaining an attractive, clean, and safe environment.



Police Beat – Chief Snellgrove

UAH Police partnered with Alabama A&M Police in late October and put on a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training class. R.A.D. is an educational, enhancing, and empowering basic physical defense course that teaches realistic, hands-on self-defense techniques to women only. RAD training is very popular on college campuses across the nation and is a great community service program for law enforcement agencies.

UAH Police Officers Kelli Day and Wes Jarrett are certified RAD instructors, and they reported about a half dozen young women participated in this class.

October 21 - 27 was National

Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. UAH PD hosted a Fatal Vision (Beer Goggles) Event on 10/24, outside the UC. Students who dropped by were able to drive a golf cart through the spooky Halloween course, while wearing the goggles that simulate being alcohol impaired. Capt. Marshall said about 70 students participated.

Special thanks to Sgt. Michael McLaughlin, Officer Jeremy McKinney, and Officer Matt Wassum for setting up the course and even carving the pumpkins used in the decorations!



Sgt. Jarrett teaching students at RAD.



Student driving with beer goggles.

Down to Earth – Robert Redmon

Fall is always a busy time in grounds. The staff has been winding up critical functions such as getting pre-emergent down in beds and turf, planting winter season flowers, and overseeing and fertilizing areas of campus. Of course, keeping leaves picked up is a never ending chore until Christmas break!

We also were awarded a grant with the Alabama Dept. of Environmental Mgmt. this past year and received a baler to use in the recycling program. The recycling committee is also

working to get hallway bins and desk-side bins in all buildings.

Lastly, we are also glad to have the Community Garden; a student organized and maintained area for students to be able to grow their own vegetables year round.

If you wonder what makes leaves turn different colors in the fall, here's a good article by the National Arboretum. <http://www.usna.usda.gov/PhotoGallery/FallFoliage/ScienceFallColor.html>



Sign for student Community Garden.



Paul baling recycled materials.

OEHS – Marcia Pendleton

Does your department or any of your procedures use hazardous materials? OEHS requires knowledge of hazardous materials on campus in order to promote health, safety, environmental stewardship and campus sustainability.

OEHS works with the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Procurement to ensure that all chemical requisitions for purchases are reported to the OEHS. We also need your help

in this process. If you are a researcher using hazardous materials, please submit a project registration prior to your use and or purchase of them to the OEHS. This form can be found at http://www.uah.edu/OEHS/ehs_links.html. We appreciate your help in this process!

Rani Jacob is currently conducting lab audits across campus. We are removing chemical waste from all labs at no cost to the researchers. Call x2171.



Rani Jacob on a Lab Audit





Charger Union Groundbreaking



Aerial View of Greenway—11/01



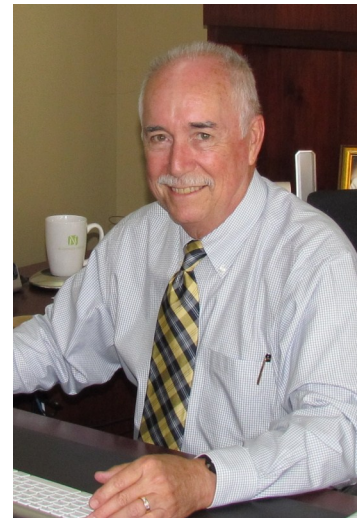
Courtney at PowerSave booth.



Kyle & Bryan assembling the smoothie bike!

Campus Works—Larrell Hughes

There are several projects currently underway across campus. A few can be seen as you drive across campus; however, most projects are only noticed by those they affect. On our website, you will be able to see each of our projects as well as the current status. I also have a newsletter with more information about each project on the website. You can see what information is available by looking at facilities.uah.edu.



Chargers Unplugged—Vanessa Ennis

October was Energy Awareness Month. In an effort to promote energy awareness, the PowerSave Campus interns integrated this message into the homecoming events. They participated in the Homecoming Parade, Trunk 'R Treat, and obtained 225 energy pledges. They also provided CFLs to all UAHuntsville residents in exchange for their energy wasting incandescent lamps. Sixty T-shirts were given out during Trunk 'R Treat as well as several bags of candy.

The UAHuntsville PowerSave Campus team will be traveling to the University of Mississippi November 17 and 18 to meet up with teams from six other campuses to discuss campus energy saving initiatives and best practices.

The 2013 Residence Hall Competition is kicking off soon. For more information, visit <http://facebook.com/UAHPowerSave>

For more information or to sign up for the PowerSave Campus monthly newsletter, log onto www.powersave.uah.edu.

