

## 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:

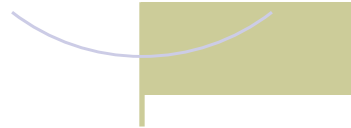
- **Staff Senators:**  
Jorgy Umlor  
Kevin Bennett  
Marcia Pendleton
- **March 29, 2013:**  
Staff Holiday—Spring Break
- **March 25-29:**  
UAH Student Spring Break
- **April 25-May 1:**  
FINALS week
- **Saturday, May 4:**  
Spring Commencement—VBC

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## Message from Mike

I can't believe it's already been 3 months since our last newsletter. We have been very busy keeping our campus in tip-top shape for all students, staff, and faculty. We have sent people for training on various topics as we continually seek the "latest and greatest" inventions and tools to help us serve you better.

I'm very excited about what is in the near future for UAH. With various construction projects taking place, along with the renovations and additions to existing buildings, we are definitely "moving and shaking" in Facilities! If you want to see what we are doing, please check out our website, [facilities.uah.edu](http://facilities.uah.edu) for the latest updates on projects.

As you read our newsletter, you will find out exactly what each department has been doing to improve their service capability. If you would like further clarification on things mentioned in this newsletter, please contact the appropriate Director. I hope you will contact me or someone in Facilities if you ever have unresolved issues.



Mike Finnegan

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## Cowherd's Corner

I would like to congratulate Vanessa Ennis on her promotion to Director, Energy Management and Plant Systems! In her new position, Vanessa will additionally oversee Motor Pool, the Work Order Desk, and the Physical Plant Stockroom. I'm very excited to see what changes will take place as a result of the expertise Vanessa brings to this position!

UAH participated in APPA's Facilities Performance Indicator (FPI) Benchmarking for FY12 with a total of over 300 educational institutions across the country. The FPI allows extensive comparisons of the average costs for staffing levels, salaries, and performance levels for custodial, grounds, maintenance, and other functional areas. Once the data has been finalized, we will be able to identify our strengths and weaknesses.



Mark Cowherd

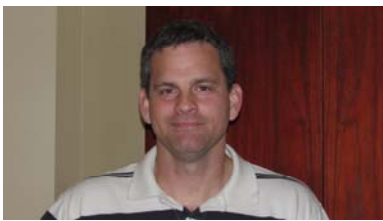
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Jeremy Mitchell—on the MSB roof



Solomon & Ernie—Plumbing Shop



Glenn Hall— Supervisor ... Housing



Allen replacing PPB ceiling grids



Jo Jo & Alberto at BAB



Ronnie & Gary at Wilson Hall

## Tom's Two Cents—Tom Estes

Documentation was developed to simplify identification of critical utilities in all campus buildings. Specific locations of water valves, power, emergency generators, natural gas, fire alarm systems, fuel storage tanks, etc. were documented on a single map. These maps will ensure that technicians will be able to quickly identify critical utility locations during emergencies.

UAH was selected as a Beta Test Site for implementing and evaluating new Johnson Controls Metasys 6.0 software. The MEP Team supported this successful process. Some of the upgraded capabilities include quicker response times, solar clocks, greater interfacing of software versions, and enhanced capability of zone temperature thermostats to include motion sensors.



## Building Business-Terry Willoughby

We have a new Supervisor of Maintenance and Repairs for Housing.

Glenn Hall has experience in residential and commercial construction and maintenance. He has a broad knowledge of various trades including plumbing, electrical and mechanical. He has a strong background in

working with other tradesman, and in supervisory skills. We are glad to have Glenn as part of the housing team!

We have several projects going on around campus to improve our buildings and work areas. We strive to minimize the impact on students, faculty, & staff.



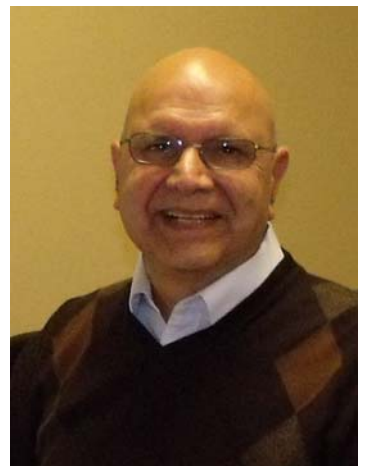
## The Clean Team - Ravi Seth

In addition to developing people, Custodial Services is committed to pursuing excellence. Quality assurance tools help us compare promises with results and manage our projects.

Other projects completed between 10/31/12—1/31/13 are:

- 14 House Inspections
- Shampooed 51,211 sq.ft. carpet
- Finished 50,885 sq. ft. of tile floors

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





### Police Beat – Chief Snellgrove

UAHPD would like to welcome back Markus Bressler as a Police Officer. Markus is returning from serving in Alaska as a Probation Officer. We are happy to have him back on our force.

You might notice some strange birds in the sky over the next few months, but don't be alarmed, they are just our UAV's (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle). UAH Police Officers are training on the smaller

models to gain the requisite experience and expertise to operate larger multi-engine rotor aircraft that will be potentially be used later to assist in patrol coverage, area searches, parking lot usage surveys, aerial campus photographs, damage assessment after storms as well as for a variety of other uses.

UAHPD is working with SMAP on this endeavor.



Welcome back, Markus Bressler!



UAHPD's new UAV



### Down to Earth – Robert Redmon

One would think the winter months would be slow in grounds care. Not So! There are many winter tasks such as pruning back ground covers, ornamental grasses and shrubs, and putting down fresh mulch in as many beds as we can before spring, when it gets really busy.

As the campus becomes more of a pedestrian campus you may notice that we are operating more and more out of utility vehicles such as golf carts. These allow us to get into areas and work more efficiently as compared to trucks. Recently, we just added a 4 season utility vehicle, primarily to have access to the greenway upon completion.



New 4-season Utility Vehicle



Aerial view of Greenway facing south



### OEHS – Marcia Pendleton

Along with the new Facilities and Operations Newsletter and the updated website, the Office of Environmental Health & Safety decided it would be a great time to introduce the campus to the *UAHuntsville Chemical Hygiene Plan* along with the companion document

*Template for Laboratory-Specific Chemical Hygiene Plans.*

The complete plan is on our website at [oehs.uah.edu](http://oehs.uah.edu) or if you any questions you can email me at [greenm@uah.edu](mailto:greenm@uah.edu) or call me at x6053.





Charger Union—February 1, 2013



Greenway—February 1, 2013



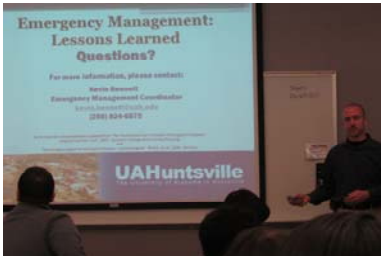
Thresa (Motor Pool) &amp; Jorgy (Work Orders)



Keith (Stockroom) &amp; Stacy (Utilities)



StormReady University Award Ceremony



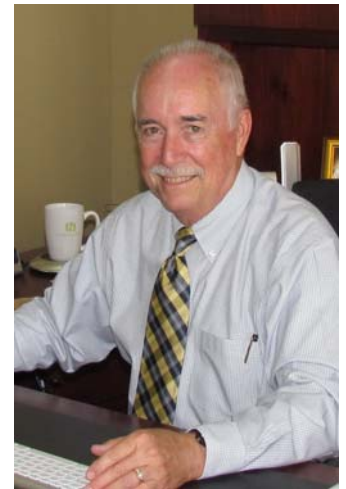
Kevin speaking at IAAP January Meeting

## Campus Works—Larrell Hughes

Charger Union is scheduled to open at the beginning of the Spring semester of 2014. We are very excited at the prospects of things to come with the completion of this building. This single building will bring to fruition our vision of providing a “heart” to our campus with its location at the center of campus.

The Greenway is scheduled to be completed during Summer 2013, which will give our students an opportunity to enjoy the summer and fall outside.

For additional upcoming projects, check out <http://www.uah.edu/facilities-and-operations/architect/progress>.



## Chargers Unplugged—Vanessa Ennis

Chargers Unplugged residence hall energy competition is underway. The UAH PowerSave Campus team, along with UAH Housing is sponsoring an energy competition between university housing facilities. Between February 8 and March 1, each residence hall or Greek house will receive points for conserving electricity or promoting energy conservation practices. The winning hall/house will receive the Chargers Unplugged trophy and an item of their choice such as a pool table.

Also, check out the photos of my new team! Thresa, Jorgy, Keith, and Stacy (left) have been here assisting you with your Plant Systems needs, and I have recently joined them as Director, Energy Management and Plant Systems. I am fortunate to be blessed with such great co-workers!



## ChargerReady—Kevin Bennett

March, April, and May represent the peak months for severe weather in North Alabama. We encourage you to take a few moments to review your severe weather preparedness both and home and at work. Be sure you have emergency action plans for both locations for you and your family. We recommend you maintain an emergency supply kit at your home and work, too.

Be sure to review and update your UAlert emergency notifications preferences on a regular basis.

**Always stay weather aware and be ChargerReady.**



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