Message from Sean

At the end of July, Lee Green will relinquish his position as the Chair of the Employee Recognition and Appreciation Committee after about two and a half years of service. It seems like only yesterday that I asked Lee if he would help lead this fledgling initiative that I hoped would honor the efforts of our staff and offer additional social occasions and fellowship for the entire department. As I look back on where we started and where we find ourselves today, I’m filled with a sense appreciation for the work that’s been accomplished; the creation of Quarterly Awards for our staff along with our Hall of Fame in the hallway of the Facilities Maintenance Building, our monthly luncheons sponsored by the various shops, the Annual Chili Cook-Off, the free Summer Manager’s Picnic, and increased participation in submittals to the Staff Employee Council Employee of the Quarter are all the outcomes of Lee’s leadership. Lee would rightfully indicate it was the Committee and not himself that was responsible for all these positive changes and that is true enough, but it was his guiding hand that was steering the course for all these improvements, and for that we are all indebted to Lee.

Please take note that we added a section to our newsletter that includes letters from satisfied customers, which outline the great work our staff provides on a daily basis. When customers take the time to write us about the care and professionalism our staff exhibits as they go about their business, it’s a great compliment and one that I’m very appreciative of.
Team Spotlight: Moving Crew

Like many of the Facilities Services personnel, the Movers do most of their work behind the scenes. They complete the planning, coordination, set-up and tear down of projects and events with little fanfare. If everything goes right, very few people even know they were there. They are some of the “special forces” of the Facilities Services department. The team is led by Scot Kozlowski, with team members Jason McInnes and Jeff Tupa.

Since January the movers have completed 223 work orders and moved 156 offices. Examples include moving Continuing Education from on campus to the Redfield campus and the Legal Department from Sarah Fleischmann to Clark Administration. The Moving Crew has delivered and picked up over 3,300 tables and 8,500 chairs, just in the last SIX MONTHS. They have delivered and set up over 50 special events, including Commencement, the Jazz Festival, and other events, like the ground breaking for the new E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center.

A couple of the strangest things the Movers have been tasked to move over the years include actual human skeletons — YIKES! — and heavy-heavy antique printing presses.

Because of the sheer magnitude of some of the events, the Movers could not be successful without help. Thanks goes out to all the other trades for helping them be successful and ultimately making Facilities Services a success.
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) revised the Hazard Communication Standard on March 26, 2012. There is a four year phase-in period for these changes. The most significant change is the adoption of the United Nations’ Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals, (GHS).

So now what used to be called a Material Safety Data Sheet, (MSDS) are referred to as Safety Data Sheets (SDS). The information in a SDS is similar to what the MSDSs used to have, but the format has changed. Sections 1 through 8 of the SDS contain general information about the chemical, identification, hazards, compositions, safe handling procedures and emergency control measures. Sections 9 through 11 and Section 16 contain other technical and scientific information such as reactivity, toxicological information and exposure control information. Sections 12 through 15 contain ecological information, disposal considerations and transportation information.

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- Signal Word
- Hazard Statement
- Pictograms
- Precautionary Statement
- Description of any hazards not otherwise classified.

Here is an example of a label and where this information goes:

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Manufacturers should begin sending SDS information with their products. Begin asking your vendors for the new GHS labels for chemical products. We have until June 1, 2016 to update our workplace labeling and hazard communication program to comply with the new OSHA Hazardous Communication Standard. Please see Sean Heenan if you have any questions.
Annual Refresher Training Committee

The second year of annual refresher training is complete! Thanks to the 2015 Annual Refresher Training Committee for doing an outstanding job! The committee realized that our most important assets – YOU – should be the focus of our training. This is why we included the health and wellness portion. We truly hope that it pays dividends in your work and home life. Again – thank you four for your time and commitment. Everyone did an outstanding job!

Development Team – Menard Lontoc, Aaron Silverman, Katie Newman, Yul Echo

Guest Speaker Jim Fitzsimmons, Director of Campus Recreation & Wellness, discusses work capacity and methods to keep yourself in shape!

Menard Lontoc builds on confined space training principals.

Guest Speaker Ryan Averett, Assistant Director, Sports Medicine, demonstrates various stretching methods.

Yul Echo discusses job hazard analysis and the importance of pre-job planning.

Aaron Silverman discusses suspension trauma and rescue methods.
New building projects aren’t the only major construction happening around here on campus right now. We also are doing major renovations on some of our oldest, faithful buildings:

**Lincoln Hall, 1896** | One of the oldest buildings in Reno, Lincoln Hall is a grand piece of history standing on our campus. To keep it standing, it needs structural repairs and upgrades to address safety and seismic concerns. We just completed a Historic Structure Report for this hall outlining the necessary restorative work, and hope to begin construction in December this year. Completion of this $5-8M project is scheduled for August, 2016.

**Thompson Building, 1920** | We are currently in the schematic design phase for renovations that will address safety and technological upgrades, ADA access, environmental impact reduction and more efficient space planning. This $2.7M project will begin construction in January 2016, when the current occupants relocate to the newly finished Pennington Student Achievement Center. The project is scheduled to finish by August, 2016.

**Palmer Engineering, 1941** | Interior renovation to the basement, first and second floors will include new lab space, faculty offices, grad student work spaces, new restrooms and classroom upgrades. The HVAC and electrical systems will be upgraded, and new sprinkler system added. This $13.2M upgrade will begin in May 2016, and be completed in January, 2017.
HVAC Heat Plant Technician, Pat Smith was selected as the Facilities Services Department Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2015. Pat handles the campus pump, motor and bearing repairs and also assists other technicians in HVAC repairs and emergencies.

In his nomination, Pat’s supervisor, Robert Hernandez wrote, “Pat has over thirty years’ experience working with pumps and motors of all sizes and types. Pat noticed that when problems occurred with pumps and motors the HVAC shop was buying new pumps and motors and discarding the old ones. Pat took it upon himself to collect the bad pumps and motors. He began repairing them and storing them for future use. To date he has repaired over twenty pumps and motors. This saves the University money and time. An example is one motor he repaired took him two hours to repair and thirty-five dollars in parts. This is a motor that cost the University seven hundred dollars and normally has a one week ship date.

Pat’s attitude is that everyone, pulling together, can make the University a better place to work and a better place for students to get a true education. Pat takes the time to teach every co-worker the proper way to make repairs. He is a great instructor and everyone who learns from him is eager to learn more from him. He has passed on his trait of “don’t just do it like it has always been done, do it the correct way.” Pat looks at doing things to save the University time and money. He is always asking his co-workers to do the same.

Pat is the kind of employee that makes UNR look good. He has a positive attitude and always finds a way to get the job done. Whether working on his own, assisting other workers, directing workers, or dealing with customers, Pat is the kind of employee that leaves a lasting positive impression.”

Pat was also selected as the SEC employee of the month for June. Congratulations Pat on receiving both of these well-deserved honors!
April SEC Employee of the Month

In her nomination of Amy Simonds for SEC Classified Employee of the Month, Michelle Horton wrote, “Amy flawlessly coordinates over 450 special events on campus annually. This entails the rental of parking spaces, assigning parking lot attendants, providing shuttle services and designing special signage. Each time a special event is arranged, the decision on where to park the attendees is very important so as to not disrupt the zone parking system on campus. Poor decision-making can leave event attendees with a negative image of the Parking Services Department of the University. Amy is aware of this balance and handles each event perfectly.

Amy is often the first point of contact with the University and her pleasant demeanor and helpful attitude is well received.

Amy is well liked by customers as well as co-workers. She is always friendly and the campus community feels ‘welcomed’ when they arrange special events with her. She goes above and beyond of what is expected of her to ensure that parking arrangements are set up in a clear, concise and well thought out manner.”

Goodbye Torii!

Torii Hayes, Accounting Student Worker, graduated in May, 2015, with a Bachelor of Arts in Physiology. In the two and a half years that she was a student worker in the Facilities Services Accounting Department, Torii proved herself to be a valuable addition. Her easy-going personality and willingness to step up and take on new challenges has been a tremendous help. She helped with many tasks, but her main responsibility was “Key Master”. She recorded all the key deposits and processed all the key refunds and key changes.

Torii plans to move back to her home town of Las Vegas. She will attend graduate school to study for a master’s degree in Substance Abuse Counseling. She will be greatly missed, not just by the accounting staff, but by everyone with whom she came into contact.
Hogwild Barbeque

On April 29th, during the week of our All Staff Training, we were all served a scrumptious barbeque lunch hosted by the Carpenter Shop. These talented people are to be thanked for all they did to make this great lunch possible. Alan Simpson graced us all with his greeting skills and Cory Jares helped with the logistics to make sure everything happened smoothly. Outside, Bad Brad Henrikson was the master of the barbeque with Radical Rick Wuelzer assisting. Their pulled pork was superb! Jake Arnold and the Miller bunch, Aidan, Hayden and Amadeus, helped by keeping the fire stoked, which was no small feat. Back inside, Jeff Rogers, aka Sgt. Slaw-ter, made the tasty coleslaw and the Lock Shop made the delicious and hearty baked beans. Dr. Dale Mueller supplied the great buns for the pulled pork and Jorge Ramirez made his custom barbeque sauce, which was awesome! Thanks Carpenter Shop, great job!!
More Hogwild Barbeque Photos

Maria Lopez

Travis Lovett, Dean Hummel, Tony Salvi

Silvia Lund, Estefani Miranda, Alan Humphreys, Don DelPorto

Nick Ebsen, Mike Warren, Mike Ahlmeyer

Randy Klatt

Cory Jennings, Dean Hitchcock

Michelle Buck, Caitlin Oleson, Jordan Deweerd, Katie Newman

Yul Echo
Mario & Luigi Meatball Extravaganza

After a lot of planning, organizing and hard work, the guys in the Plumbing Shop put on a delicious meatball feast for us all on June 4th. A huge shout out goes to Chef Kevin Barnett for mixing all the meat and making his wonderful sauce at home! Scot Kozlowski helped by purchasing some of the meat and rolling almost 600 handmade meatballs! We also need to thank Clint Neudauer for making his delicious pasta salad and Ken Moore for his 20lbs from scratch potato salad that went like hot cakes! Thanks goes to Darren Charles for doing the shopping and planning for the event, and the shop leader Greg Torvinen for helping to keep everything organized. All of our events can’t take place without the help of our Moving Crew, you are so appreciated! Way to go Plumbing Shop ALL-STARS !!!

Yum, let the fun begin!

Kevin Barnett

Dawn Harada

Chelsea Stufflebeam, , Michele Rice, Adam McWhirter

Duane Randolph

Menard Lontac, Lyle Woodward

Ariel Lauzardo, Scott Brown

Alberto Baltazar, Maria Calderon, Anthony Salvi, Mike Warren, Pat Smith, James Johnson

Greg Torvinen

Kevin Knuf, David White
More Mario & Luigi Meatball Extravaganza Photos

Upcoming ERAC Events
Details will be announced closer to the events

- **July 30**: Summer Barbecue hosted by Directors and Managers
- **August 19**: Ice Cream Social hosted by the ERAC Committee
- **September 17**: Event hosted by Building Services
- **October 22**: Cowboy Chili Challenge hosted by the ERAC Committee
- **December 10**: Annual Holiday Potluck
Hail and Farewell
New Hires—April, 2015 through June, 2015

Adriel Hollandsworth
Planning & Construction

Francisco Del Real
Custodial Services

Paruyr Mazlumyan
Custodial Services

Welcome!

Happy Retirement

Rodney Freeman, HVAC
Nicholas Ebsen, Motor Pool
Thomas Shuhmacher, Carpenter Shop
Silver and Blue Reflections

Lincoln Hall turns 120 years old next year, and is the “Old Man” on Campus as one of just six surviving buildings built before 1914. Lincoln is the oldest continuously-operating residence hall in the western United States. And yes, Lincoln Hall is named after its contemporary, President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1885 (130 years ago!), the University moved from Elko to a railroad town named Reno, population 3,000, and began building its campus on ten acres of alfalfa, a mile north of the railroad depot. For the original resident students, the living was not easy: the men slept four to a bed or on the floor of the Mechanical Building... which caught fire in 1895. Fortunately, Lincoln was on its way...

In 1896, UNR opened two beautiful new dormitories — Manzanita Hall for the ladies, and Lincoln Hall for the gentlemen. While Lincoln Hall has always been primarily a dormitory, it served intermittently to bunk troops in the midst of two World Wars (1918, 1942, 1946).

The most major renovations Lincoln Hall as seen were in 1952. The plumbing and electrical systems were updated, and many of the original features in the hall were lost -- a grand staircase was replaced with two flights of stairs on the east and west wings, the fireplace was boarded up and replaced by a television, and old trophies were lost. Additionally, Lincoln was not built with seismic concerns in mind, and the aging structure is not as spry as it once was.

The exciting news is that Lincoln is a classic that UNR is not ready to part with -- and over the next year, Lincoln will not only be upgraded to meet new codes for fire and seismic concerns and provide ADA access, but will be freshened up to look a bit more like it did in the golden days. Though, don’t get your hopes up: while you’re welcome to play the banjo in Lincoln Hall as much as you want, it will never again be okay to smoke a pipe on your bed!

Do You Know . . . ?

...that 130 years ago, in 1885, UNR almost moved from Elko to Carson City? The Carson proposal lost by one vote, and Governor Adams signed a bill that moved the University to Reno.

...that 120 years ago, in 1895, the first public service division of the University was established? The Mining Analytical Lab provided free mineral and ore analysis (assay) of Nevadan soil to any U.S. citizen. Today, Mackay hosts four public service departments: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, Nevada Seismological Lab, Nevada State Climate Office, and Nevada Stable Isotope Lab.

...that 100 years ago, in 1915, UNR graduated its first class in Electrical Engineering?

...that 50 years ago, in 1965, University enrollment first surpassed 5,000? Today, there are over 20,000 students (undergraduate and graduate)!

...that 30 years ago, in 1985, the campus grounds were named a state arboretum by the Nevada Legislature? Just this year, the trees on our grounds were honored again as we were named a Tree Campus, USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation on April 22, 2015.

...that 10 years ago, in 2005, the University rated as best in the nation overall for providing opportunities for women in sports by a Title IX study called the Kennedy Index? This year, we will begin construction on the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center and new Outdoor Tennis Courts, and continue to make more space for our lady athletes to hone their skills and make us proud.
Campus News

Classified Staff Recognition

Annually, the Staff Employees' Council (SEC) recognizes classified staff with milestone years of service at University of Nevada, Reno. This year, several of our very own Facilities classified staff hit some impressive anniversaries. Topping the charts with over thirty years of service is Scot Kozlowski, our Facility Supervisor and Moving Crew Fearless Leader, which shocked us all since we thought he must have only graduated from high school a few years back.

30 Years: Scot Kozlowski (Moving Crew).
25 Years: FMS: Dana Bratcher (Electric Shop), Yul Echo (Controls), Duane Randolph (Paint), and Randy Jacobsen (Planning & Construction).
20 Years: Roy Grissom (Custodial), James Johnson (Custodial), and Martin Ruiz (Custodial).
15 Years: Jeremiah Bolger (Electric Shop), Maria Calderon (Custodial), Jeanette Schubert (Custodial), and Lynn Ruward (Planning & Construction).
10 Years: Deborah Alexander (Custodial), Howard Hess (Fire & Life Safety), Jeffrey Hills (Fleet Services), Juan Martinez (Custodial), Mary Miller (FMS Support Services), Clint Neudauer (Plumbing), Darren Schryer (Paint), Dwayne Zaval (Grounds), and Andrew Lutz (Planning and Construction).

Please congratulate these employees when you see them on their notable years of service to the Facilities Services Department and the University!

Also, if you're classified staff, and you're not familiar with the SEC, we recommend you pay attention as they represent your interests on most UNR committees, honor classified staff through Employee of the Month and other awards, and host events like the Silver & Blue Salute throughout the year. Read more at: www.unr.edu/sec.

Letters From Our Customers

Dear Michael Averett, Kevin Knuf and Lee Green,

I've been chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance for the last seven years. During those seven years we've had a veritable platoon of workers in our spaces at various points (both internal UNR employees and contractors from the outside). None have been as conscientious and hardworking as the group of painters here. Aaron, Darren, Pete and Duane painted our scene shop and the space under our main stage theatre during the last month and their work was stellar!

The scene shop, while an important learning space for our students, was a complex painting task. We were actually hesitant to put in a work order because the scope of the task was massive. It turns out we didn't know half of the story. In addition to the size of the task; your crew quickly discovered the space was covered with sawdust from thirty years of us building scenery. It never deterred them though. They actually seemed to double down and work even harder on improving the space.

Under the stage presented a different set of unique challenges. The space had fifty years of odds and ends from electrical to plumbing and heating ducts—some of which were no longer in use. They worked with us to remove obsolete items, patch holes, and update the space.

Your crew has done excellent work for us several times in the last few years. This year their efforts were above and beyond even our highest expectations. Their level of skill is extraordinarily high, but more importantly, they care about the work they do for us. It makes all the difference.

Our spaces look incredible. Kudos to everyone involved!

Rob Gander
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Family Events and Photos

Dawn Harada with her daughters Tiffany and Crystal after completing the Tinkerbell Half Marathon at Disneyland.

Ferris Ian DeWeerd
Born May 20, 2015
New son of Jordan and Ian DeWeerd

Sarah is the oldest of Jon and Lisa Cady’s three daughters. Just for fun this summer, she will be going to Stanley, Idaho to work with an initial attack fire team for the U.S. Forest Service.

Silvia Lund’s daughter, Viviana, at her high school graduation

Darren Charles’ son, Syler on his 1st Birthday!

How to stay cool this summer...

We want your input for the next issue of The Facilitator.

Please send news from your shop or department and pictures of your family, hobbies, etc... to:
vdale@unr.edu.
Thanks!!