Move-In Day a Success!

Tom Hailey did a fantastic job coordinating this huge event on August 14th and 15th. The weather cooperated—with good temperatures and most importantly no rain Wednesday through Friday. That was pretty amazing with the wet weather we’ve had this summer. Unfortunately, students moving in on Saturday did so in the rain. Employees volunteered to direct traffic, move student’s belongings, drive carts, hand out maps and information, hand out drinks and snacks to other volunteers, break down cardboard for pick up, and Recycling employees drove trucks to empty containers as quickly as they were filled. Some students and parents were old hands while others looked perplexed and unsure of what to do or where to go. But, in UNCG style, employees across campus answered questions and pointed new students and parents in the right direction.

Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling (OWRR) set out 29 dumpsters for cardboard collection and 58 trash and recycling carts to collect the additional waste from students moving into campus dorms. These containers remained in place until Monday, the first day of class.

About 4,800 students moved in over the course of the four days and they came with cars loaded. They brought not only small boxes with laptops, room décor items, and school supplies but larger boxes with refrigerators and televisions. Move-In Days typically generate over seven extra tons of cardboard and this year was no different. Additionally, over four tons of commingled recycling was also collected at the residence halls. The large dumpsters adjacent to the residence halls which were emptied twice a day collected over eight tons of waste and the extra trash containers collected over four tons of material for landfill disposal. Students also have more housing options. Three of the four new Spartan Village residence halls located on Lee Street opened this semester.
Spotlight on the Shop of the Month—Plumbing Shop

The Plumbing Shop is made up of six employees who work under the supervision of Bob Johnson. This shop is extremely knowledgeable and skilled with a massive 167 years of plumbing experience shared among these seven employees. But compared to some other shops they are fairly young in terms of years of service at UNCG. While they have a combined 54 1/2 years of service, 25 of those years belong to Bob himself. Daniel Russell, the newest and youngest member of the shop, started his career here a short six months ago. Bob Johnson, Raymond Montgomery, and Drew Bushnoe are licensed plumbers, Bob Johnson, Raymond Montgomery, and Marty Pridgen are state certified black flow testers. Bob Johnson and Marty Pridgen are licensed fire sprinkler maintenance technicians.

The employees in this shop have their plates full taking care of the plumbing needs of the campus. I’ll bet you automatically think sinks and toilets don’t you? That in itself would be a huge job. Have you ever thought about the number of restrooms on campus, not to mention kitchens, break rooms, labs, dining areas, and any other number of rooms, or even outdoor areas that require water? But that’s not the case at all. There’s so much more to this job than that. This small group is actually divided into four sections—plumbing, steam, insulation, and fire protection.

In addition to maintaining the campus water distribution and sewer collection systems, plumbers Raymond Montgomery, Andrew Bushnoe, and Marty Pridgen are responsible for all major plumbing repairs and completing small renovation projects. They perform annual inspections and flow tests to 40 campus fire hydrants. They perform annual tests and repairs to over 150 backflow prevention devices to protect the campus water supply and they read all of the campus water and electric meters monthly.

Steamfitter, Sean Moon is responsible for all steam and condensate lines beyond the Steam Plant. He maintains all domestic hot water at the correct temperature and helps ensure that steam heat is provided to dorms and academic buildings.

Steve Russell, the insulator for the shop is responsible for all re-insulation and repairs of all types of insulation on campus. Marty Pridgen also serves as the fire sprinkler technician and is responsible for maintaining and testing all fire sprinkler systems on campus. Daniel Russell serves as the shop’s maintenance mechanic helping out the other employees where needed. All employees in the shop are also responsible for preventive maintenance in these areas.

This crew stays busy doing much more than most of us realize. I never wonder if I’m going to have hot or cold water when I need it, it’s just there. Employees who work or students who are housed in buildings with steam heat don’t have to worry about cold weather, because these guys take pride in their work every day. They all do a great job and they work well together doing it!
I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for helping us get our offices painted so quickly here at 1100 W. Market Street in July and to say how pleased we are with the job the painters did. There was a lot of activity going on over here during that week and we were very happy that the painters were able to come in here and get all of the offices painted in the time we requested it to be done—and all on short notice!

Wallace Perdue, Jack Mongold, and Kenneth Hall did a great job and we will be looking forward to having them come over and do the remainder of our painting project later on in August.

Judy Piper, Associate Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

Special thanks to Jeannie Lasley, Emily Strandwitz, Vickie DeBari, Audrey Sage, Frankie Jones, Maggie Chrismon, Allen Rogers, Eileen Kane, Jim Kane, Brenda Hampshire, Lee Odom, Trish Plunkett, and several other Staff Senators that are part of the group’s Service Committee. In addition, many “Student Move Crew” volunteers were utilized to encourage folks to use the collection containers correctly. Without this additional help the collections of the extra waste would not have gone so smoothly, many thanks for their hard work and sacrifice during an already busy time of year.

Ben Kunka, OWRR

For the OWRR crew the extra collections at Move-In are taxing, the special container delivery and removal process requires safety-minded focus, the temptation to take short cuts and rush to get collections done all raise the potential for injury. Congratulations to the OWRR crew: Joe Wagner, Jerome Isley, Carlo Frate and Vincent Whitt for completing another Move-In season with no injuries. The additional time and energy that the OWRR crew puts into this busy time of year is substantial. Thanks to all the people that made this year’s Move-In a great success!

Just like that move-in has come and gone, however I would like to thank all of those listed below for their generous and unselfish act of helping with the move-in. Special thanks to Hal Shelton for lending us carts and drivers, and thanks to the other supervisors who allowed volunteers from their shop to help out. It’s hard work but it’s satisfying to know we are helping to lessen the stress of the move-in particularly for those leaving their child behind for the first time. The parents and students were impressed by the enthusiasm, efficiency, and kindness displayed by our volunteers. This is also great publicity for the university. If you would like to be a part of the greatest show of kindness on campus next year be sure to sign up when the time comes, you won’t regret it. Again THANK YOU to Steve Russell, Daniel Russell, David Alcon, Brad Weatherly, D. J. Joyce, Butch Landreth, Dennis Cardwell, Thomas Everett, Joe Borden, Greg Poteat, Chris Smith, Ronda Goins, Kevin Siler, Gually Morales, Hoyte Phifer, Jeannie Lasley, Vickie DeBari, Dale Williams, Jeff Melton, and others.

Tom Hailey, 2013 Move-In Coordinator

Congratulations Ken Lewis!

Congratulations to Ken Lewis in the Controls Shop. He successfully completed and received certification in the Niagara AX Training Course. The class teaches participants a basic level of technical expertise to effectively and efficiently design, engineer, and program projects using the Niagara AX Framework. Students are required to pass testing at the end of the class to achieve the certification.

Congratulations Mark Cable!

Mark Cable recently completed his degree in Construction Management at Guilford Technical Community College. He was also awarded certificates in Construction Management and Construction Supervision. Mark finished with a 4.0 GPA, was on the Dean’s List, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, and Who’s Who of American Colleges and Universities.
International Housekeeper’s Week

September 9—13, 2013

During the month of September, the Facility Services Department will be recognizing and appreciating the Housekeeping Staff for their dedication, contributions, and commitment to the University.

The department is busy finalizing their plans for several events that will take place next week, including Speakers on Monday, Zone Appreciation Days throughout the week, an ice-cream social on Wednesday, and ending the week with a pot luck meal on Friday.

Certificates of appreciation will be given to all Facility Services employees.

Questions, Kudos, Ideas??
Send to: Vickie DeBari at vjdebari@uncg.edu or Jeannie Lasley at jalasley@uncg.edu

Congratulations to B.E.S.T. for the Month of September

Rebecca Jones—First Shift

Linda Gant—Second Shift

Happy Anniversary

David Mains—Buildings & Trades—25 years
Walter Graham—Facility Services—19 years
Dale Williams—Buildings & Trades—15 years
Chris Miller—Utilities—14 years
Andres Hernandez—Grounds—10 years
Peter Lorenz—Utilities—10 years
Raymond Montgomery—Utilities—10 years
Daniel Kendrick—Utilities—10 years
Chris Chilton—Utilities—10 years
Sam Wright—Facility Services—10 years
Debbie Reynolds—Admin Office—8 years
Arleen Westmoreland—8 years
Al Hanes—Buildings & Trades—7 years
Andrew Gwyn—Utilities—7 years
Ibrahim Samitar—Facility Services—6 years
James Smith—Grounds—6 years
Carlo Frate—Waste Reduction & Recycling—5 years
Valerie Johnson—Facility Services—5 years
Bernard Goodwine—Facility Services—2 years
Shane Beane—Buildings & Trades—1 year
Vickie DeBari—Admin Office—1 year
“24, a day in the life of a Facilities Operations employee” continues with 1:00 pm—2:00 pm . . .

1:00 p.m. — Dareck Beasley opens the door for a lady while cleaning the windows. Kudos for being so thoughtful, Dareck!

1:05 p.m. — Daniel Russell and others busy unloading a cart at Cone Dorm during Move-In.

1:23 p.m. — Dean Perdue coming down from the garage roof. You never know what you’re going to see from my office window!

1:36 p.m. — Joe Wagner and Ben Evans putting the cab back over the engine of the recycling truck.

1:41 p.m. — Rhonda Goins found a brave student and her belongings to transport to her new dorm.

1:45 p.m. — Mae Byers and Helen Burns working with a smile on their faces!

1:50 p.m. — By day two of Move-In, Steve Russell had to be wondering how much “stuff” does a student need?

1:58 p.m. — Dale Williams ensuring new parents and students know exactly where to park during Move-In.

1:07 p.m. — You can always depend on Melanie Sawyer to get the job done!
**August Safety Update**

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**Safety Tip of the Month:** Some jobs carry an increased risk of fire, but understanding fire safety is important for any occupation. Have a fire plan in place for your work area and understand it fully. Avoid use of “power strips” whenever possible. They are often prone to overuse and can start a fire if too many items are plugged into them. Store cleaning and other work chemicals in a well-ventilated room. Some chemicals emit vapors that are highly flammable and have special storage requirements. Know where all fire extinguishers are throughout your worksite and know how to use them. Remember grease fires cannot be fought by dousing them with water. Water will simply splash the oil and spread the fire even further.

**10 Little Workers**

author unknown

10 Workers— feeling fit and fine, one smoked in the solvent room, Then there were 9 . . .
9 Workers— thought they’d be late, one cut through the railroad yard, then there were 8 . . .
8 Workers— looking up to heaven, one fell off a loading ramp, then there were 7 . . .
7 Workers— putting in hard licks, one mixed booze with gas, then there were 6 . . .
6 Workers— glad to be alive, one forgot his goggles, then there were 5 . . .
5 Workers— standing near a door, one thought a wire was dead, then there were 4 . . .
4 Workers— one scratched his knee, didn’t go for first-aid, then there were 3 . . .
3 Workers— with nothing much to do, one indulged in horse play, then there were 2 . . .
2 Workers— took stairways on the run, one missed his footing, then there were 1 . . .
1 Worker— thought of the other nine, began to practice safety, now he’s going to be fine!

**Safety Starts and Ends With One Worker—You**

**Please Work Safe**

**Labor Day**

Labor Day is an annual tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. We hope you had a great day off work!