

# News and Views from Facilities



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This edition addresses a number of important projects and milestones that are underway which will have significant impact on campus.

We have recently completed rekeying all exterior doors of University Residences and will soon start rekeying all academic building exterior doors. This rekeying effort is the first phase of a larger project to improve campus access controls, as well as improve overall safety and security over the next couple of years. In broad terms, we intend to eliminate the three generations of brass key systems currently in use, to be replaced with a system designed to meet today's operational needs. With the newly designed key system will come a higher level of accountability on the part of all key holders and departments, as well as routine and periodic auditing to verify the existence of issued keys and validate the lists of authorized users.

Many have asked why we are taking this first step now instead of rekeying all at once. There are two reasons: first, we are using the opportunity to speak with area managers to fully understand their operational needs before finalizing the design of the new keying system; second, the issuance of new keys facilitates an examination of internal tracking of keys and authorized users, which will be very helpful as we migrate to electronic access controls on our buildings.

In other news, we are close to signing a contract to acquire a new computerized maintenance management software, replacing FAMIS. We anticipate many positive changes as we implement this software over the next couple of years. Lots more to follow on that topic!

As always, if you are interested in receiving these notes personally rather than through Western Today, please email me ([john.furman@wwu.edu](mailto:john.furman@wwu.edu)) and I will place you on the distribution list.

*John Furman, Director of Facilities Management*

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## Summer Project Planning



With the summer season just around the corner, project planning is nearly complete, and FM crews are scheduled for nearly the entire summer, through to September. If you do have work that absolutely must be completed before the start of the Fall Quarter, please get your request in ASAP. Every year there is a customer who contacts us in early September with some work that can't possibly be finished in time – that particularly applies to work that requires a design and/or a City of Bellingham permit.

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### Sustainability



A common question we are asked is about Energy Conservation: How can I get more information? How much energy does my building use? Through

a Sustainable Action Fund grant, Facilities Management is partnering with the Computer Science department to make electric and steam consumption information available for all to see. The link below takes you to a menu of dashboards.

<https://energydashboards.wvu.edu/>

In other Sustainability news, the Vehicle Research Institute is using a grant from the Sustainability Action Fund to design a prototype electric vehicle for our Outdoor Maintenance Shop. In addition to providing an outstanding educational opportunity for students, we hope to have an environmentally friendly vehicle that can withstand the rigors of light industrial daily use!

### Facilities Management – Faces you should know

Sometimes it's easier to call someone when you can put a face to the name. In FM, when in doubt, call the Customer Service Desk – but just in case your topic is more personal, here are some of our key people:



John Furman  
Director



Julie Larmore  
Assistant Director for Financial and Business Services



Chris Brueske  
Assistant Director for Maintenance & Operations



Greg Hough  
Assistant Director, Facilities Asset Management

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**Hub McCaulley**  
Construction Manager, Central Shops



When you see something that needs fixing, text what you found to [fixit@wwu.edu](mailto:fixit@wwu.edu). Pictures are welcome too!

As usual, we have had our fair share of departures and new arrivals. Some on campus may not even realize an employee has left Western unless they have been told. Here's what's happened in FM this year:

### Comings & Goings

#### October

**Steven "Rosey" Roessel**, Plumber/Pipefitter/Steamfitter – New Hire

**Greg Janson**, Maintenance Mechanic 2, Auxiliary Maintenance – New Hire

**Paul Streubel**, Sheet Metal Mechanic, Retirement

#### November

**Oskar Kollen**, Grounds/Nursery Services Specialist 2, New Hire

**Nathaniel Nichols**, Custodian 1, ACS, Temp to Permanent Hire

**Tim Rinn**, Maintenance Mechanic 2, Retirement

**Jennilyn Michel**, Custodian 1, Resignation

#### December

**Alex Thompson**, Custodian 1, Temp to Permanent Hire

#### January

**James Yates**, Management Analyst 3, Promotion

**Elaine Kazmierski**, IT Specialist 2 Transfer to ATUS

#### February

**Mary Ochoa**, Sheet Metal Mechanic, New Hire

**Lolei Pavao**, Custodian 1, Resignation

#### March

**Ron Rawls**, High Voltage Electrician, Retirement

#### April

**Joseph Ferrario**, Stationary Engineer 4, Promotion

**Tom Yakavonis**, Stationary Engineer 2, New Hire

**Dan Norsby**, Maintenance Specialist 4, Retirement

**David McGarrity**, Stationary Engineer 4, Retirement

**Frank Dwight**, Equipment Technician 2, Retirement

#### May

**Seth Crawford**, High Voltage Electrician, Promotion

#### June

**Don Bakkensen**, Custodial Manager, Retirement

**Andrew Wilken**, Maintenance Mechanic 2, New Hire