Summer Starts with Short but Destructive Storm

During rush hour June 24, skies suddenly darkened, heavy winds seemed to come from nowhere and a driving rain pounded UVa and surrounding areas for about 30 minutes. In that brief time, trees crashed into power lines, homes, cars and, here, a large part of Mr. Jefferson’s serpentine wall at Garden IV. Inspector Kenny Bower (left) was among the several inspectors documenting damage. E.R. Deane (R) of Central Grounds Zone looks. More photos and details on page 3.

Topping Off Rice Hall

At the May 14 Topping Off Ceremony hosted by Contractor W.M. Jordan, Construction Administration Manager Paige Hackler and Project Manager Craig Hilten added their signatures to the top beam before it was hoisted and placed on Rice Hall, the Information Technology and Engineering Building. Rice Hall is one of several new buildings that are part of the University’s science initiative focused on sustaining the ongoing work of existing faculty and attracting new researchers. The five story, 100,000 gsf research facility will feature modern architectural features and will help to define the south entrance to the science and engineering precinct. It will be delivered on a fast-track schedule, which has been challenge, Craig noted. Completion is scheduled for summer 2011. Paige, incidentally, is a 2003 graduate of UVa’s School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Nomination Features Lahendro’s Service, Diligence

Joseph (Jody) Lahendro, AIA, Historic Preservation Architect, was nominated for a 2010 Leonard W. Sandridge Outstanding Contribution Award. Nomination is an honor in itself since only 11 winners are selected annually from among UVa’s more than 13,000 employees. Jody earned his Masters of Architectural History from UVa in 1982. In 2004, he returned as an employee with Facilities Planning & Construction, managing projects and staff to renovate historic structures on Grounds. He also serves as an advisor to the Office of the Architect for the University. Thanks to Jody’s diligence and professional talents, the role of the preservation architect has extended to well beyond the Academical Village to include over 120 buildings on Grounds that have historical significance. Jody has been instrumental in improving other University sites including Mountain Lake Biological Station and Historic Blandy Experimental Farm at the State Arboretum. Jody brings enthusiasm and involvement to his community service which includes serving as President of the Board of Camp Holiday Trails and Member of the State Review Board for the Virginia Board of Historic Resources.
Graduation 2010

Graduation is one of Facilities Management’s biggest annual events. Mike Merriam, Associate Director for Facilities Maintenance, who managed Graduation 2010, provided some numbers showing our responsibilities:

Approximately 40,000 chairs at 50 sites, including 20,500 on the Lawn, are set up for Finals Weekend. About 21,000 chairs are used for the individual school ceremonies that follow the main ceremony held on the Lawn.

We install 12 stages around Grounds and furnish them with podiums, tables, stairs, ramps or lifts, skirting, rails and sound systems.

A quarter-mile of electric wire is used to power monitors and speakers. A half-mile of speaker cable is used to connect speakers.

2,000 pounds of grass seed are sowed on the Lawn starting in early spring

200 Facilities Management employees are involved in the preparation for Finals Weekend, which includes everything from set-up to take-down.

Scenes from graduation setup are counter clockwise from top left:

Farron Gentry made sure the Rotunda steps were perfectly clean and ready for graduates, guests and the many photos that would be taken.

General Services Crew’s Martin Rush, Kassim Hassan, Bernie Farish and Tim Gilmer made sure that a late afternoon delivery of flowers for Graduation’s main stage was taken care of promptly.

Joey Fitzgerald, Brian Hite and Robbie Kincaid work the Lawn set-up. McCormick Zone’s Dale Gilliam, Donnie Hackney, Mark Lamm and Mike Dillard set up Thornton Hall’s Darden Court for the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.

In addition to chairs, stakes and fencing were done by many including (L-R) Chris Horn, Travis Sly, Allan Mowyer, Jeff Short, Greg Bugg and Chris Young.

Chairs were perfectly aligned by Buddy Davis, J.R. Jackson, Top Reuschling and Anthony Whindleton.

Icarus seemed to be hitching a ride on Landscape’s truck.

At the Darden School on North Grounds, Kenny Felton and Chris Brooks made sure the courtyard was immaculate.

John Carey worked with the crew making sure that the Rotunda and Dome Room were spotless.

Alex Harlow and (above) Frank Coffman tested the sound system during a trial run.
Summer Storm Blasts UVa
(Continued from page 1)

A brief but destructive thunderstorm at rush hour June 24 damaged hundreds of trees, took down dozens more and crashed limbs into windows, as seen at Cobb Hall (L). Because one of the University’s main substations lost two supply lines, power was cut to several University buildings to ensure power to the Health System and research facilities. All HSPP zone employees worked Thursday night and the next day on priorities for hospital operation, cooling for patient care (ICU’s), elevator entrapments and operation, temporary repairs to roofs and windows as well as responding to fire calls in the hospital and a steam leak and sprinkler head activation in the hospital. At Sunnyside (top R), a faculty residence off Barracks Road, major roof damage was narrowly avoided when huge trees fell. Landscape crews (lower R) began immediately clearing trees and branches Thursday; cleanup continued in the days that followed. The Serpentine Wall at Garden III (lower L) also had major damage.

Parties: Frosty Ice Cream, Cool Vehicles Celebrate the Season....

June 17 was a great day for ice cream and prize vehicles, Facilities Management’s annual Ice Cream Social and Car Show to celebrate a successful academic year and the start of summer. Employees invited their families and University community colleagues to join in on the fun. The desserts were great, the vehicles were very sharp, the company was the very best! More photos are at http://fmweb.virginia.edu/photos/IceCream2010/

Maintenance Supervisor Wayne Russell with children Beth and Caleb.

Priscilla Beamer (center) presents toy tools to Gary Shifflett’s son (L) and Claude Shifflett’s granddaughter (R).

Chuck Pugh, a North Garden Fire Co. volunteer, proudly displays the Fire Fighter emblem on his Harley Davidson.

June Junes and her shy, young cousins enjoyed the fare.

FM Chief Facilities Officer Don Sundgren (2nd from L) and FP&C retiree Dick Laurance chatted with Heat Plant employees D.L. Ricketson, Mikel Clements, Hassan Mahamud and A.J. Young.

An April 21 Picnic on the Lawn honored (retiring) President and Mrs. Casteen (2nd & 3rd from L) who stopped to say thank you for Facilities Management’s service and chat with our colleagues shown here (L-R) Justin Doniel, Richard Purvis, Richard Gibson, Jon Tolbert and Sam Knight.
Hoo Retired

Linda Mae Walker retired May 20 after 29 years of service with Facilities Management. She began as a temporary housekeeper in 1980. Linda received numerous accolades for her exceptional work. One award recognized her outstanding work in Jordan Hall; a customer commented, “I just cannot say enough about the fantastic job that Linda does for us.” Many of her evaluations rated her as Extraordinary Contributor. Linda’s next career will be managing her own licensed daycare center. “I am certain many children could learn from your values which were exhibited on a daily basis as an employee for the University,” Don Sundgren wrote.

Boyd Anderson (L) retired April 22 after 38 years of service at Facilities Management. He began April 1972 as a carpenter assistant at UVa Hospital. Boyd earned several promotions, and, in 1985 as B&G Superintendent, oversaw planning and estimating efforts, facility inspection and preventive maintenance programs, and the service desk. Boyd transitioned to further responsibilities including the Facilities Management fleet, classroom maintenance and improvements, and other responsibilities. He also graduated from the APPA Institute. Throughout Boyd’s distinguished career, he maintained a sense of humor and willingness to do his best for UVa.

Ben Trail (L) retired May 21 with over 24 year of service which began in the Housing division as a Lead Electrician. Ben joined Facilities Management in October 1996. In April 1998, he was promoted to Electronics Technician in the Fire Protection Department, providing safe working conditions for employees as well as the preservation of the many historic and academic buildings on grounds. When he moved to HVAC Senior Mechanic in August 2003, he was known as the “Night Operator,” keeping everything going until everyone showed up for the next day. He did a remarkable job, as letters of appreciation and outstanding performance awards showed.

Leon Morris retired May 17 after 33 year career at the University. He began as an electrician in 1970 and his first assignment was wiring Gilmer Hall’s first Computer Center. In 1974, Leon left to open his own business and took on the project as an electrician foreman for the construction of phase 1 at Kluge Children’s Rehab Center (KCRC). 1984 he returned to work at UVa Health System Physical Plant providing service to KCRC as a Master Electrician, but his many skills included Cabinetry. Leon built handicap equipment and was highly regarded by the KCRC staff.

Jay Coleman retired May 21 after a 37-year career with Facilities Management which began February 26, 1973 as a temporary electrician. More promotions followed and in 1994, he became Electrical Services Supervisor, taking on leadership responsibility for the UVa electrical substations, all power distribution systems throughout the University, and all building high voltage gear. Throughout his career, Jay exemplified a commitment to personal and professional growth and instilled that same commitment in those he mentored over the years. He and his team are highly respected for their professionalism, knowledge, and ability to meet tight schedules in a cost effective manner.

John Kanjirathunkal (R) retired June 15 with 24 years of service to the University of Virginia. While much has changed since John joined the University in 1983, Don Sundgren wrote, “… what has not changed is your dedication, work ethic, and desire to provide the best possible service to our customers. Your 1995 evaluation noted your “good relationship with patients, guests, staff, fellow workers and the public…” On his own initiative, John studied air conditioning & refrigeration at PVCC & CATEC. He was selected for the Apprentice Program in 1987, graduated in July 1991 and served as a HVAC Technician for Hospital System Physical Plant, Zone 3.

See more Hoo Retired on page 5
Nikki Patterson, an electrician with Maintenance Services, died May 7 as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident that happened as she was on her way to work. Nikki joined Facilities Management in July 1996 as an electrician apprentice and graduated in August 2001. Her skills and expertise were well respected and her responsibilities increased over the years. Most recently, she was in charge of the University’s 44 emergency generators. She earned an “Extraordinary Contributor” award in 2007 for her work during an emergency power failure. After completing the Apprenticeship Program, Nikki took advantage of training opportunities and welcomed the chance to learn. She was pursuing her degree at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

She was an enthusiastic supporter of other women who aspired to trades careers in Facilities Management. At the April 23 Apprentice Job Fair, she promoted the University’s Apprentice Program and talked with prospective applicants.

Although Nikki earned her basic contractor license from Piedmont Virginia Community College and could have started her own business, she had no plans to leave the University, she said in a December 2005 article in Inside UVA Online. “It would be like leaving my entire family,” she said.

When our Human Resources and Training office asked the female apprentice graduates for quotes or anecdotes for a “Women in the Trades” brochure being planned, Nikki gave us these lines from Robert Frost’s poem, “The Road Not Taken,” because she said they inspired her and described her experience at UVa:

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**Joyce Chewning** retired June 18 after a distinguished 34 years at the University which began as a Clerk Typist B in 1975. She also worked in the Finance Division and the Service Desk but learned enough about other operations to become one of those people who “knew everything” – when a question was asked and no one seemed to know the answer, we just said “Ask Joyce.” She also set the bar for customer service and knowing how to treat people: “Joyce is efficient, reliable, and resourceful, remembers everything, and is an outstanding employee. Her rare gift is that she makes all around her feel better. She always has a smile and is genuinely interested in making fellow employees and guests feel welcome,” Jay Klingel said. Perhaps Joyce’s most lasting legacy is her work over the years for Facilities Management and the University with the Combined Virginia Campaign.

**Kenny Bower**, Facilities Inspector with Operations & Maintenance, earned his Commonwealth of Virginia Elevator Mechanic license in May. Kenny is pursuing a Bachelors degree in Human Resource Management through the University of Richmond and he is an adjunct assistant professor at PVCC teaching electrical and project management courses.

**Westley Chesser**, Instrumentation & Controls Supervisor with Energy & Utilities, completed three classes Project Management Basics, Initiation and Execution - through the UVA School of Continuing & Professional Studies, earning 3 undergraduate credits from the University. Westley is also a certified controls systems technician, granted by the International Society of Automation.

**George Cullen**, FP&C Contract Administrator for Construction, recently earned Certified Professional Contracts Manager designation, awarded by the National Contract Management Association. In addition to passing an extensive exam, requirements include an undergraduate degree and a minimum 5 years experience in contract management.

**Betsy Daniel**, a business systems analyst with Operations & Maintenance, is a senior in the Mary Baldwin College Adult Degree Program, majoring in Computer Information Systems. She recently presented her senior project, the new Facilities Management HR&T website at the College’s Capstone Festival. For information on educational benefits, please visit the new website www.fm.virginia.edu/hrt

**Mark Webb**, Associate Director for Work Management, recently received the Educational Facilities Professional credential granted by APPA, the association dedicated to leadership in educational facilities. EFP certification validates knowledge and competence required in the educational facilities field.

**Noted with Regret**

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Long Time Employees Have Seen Years of History Made at UVa

40+ Year Employees
Eddie Kidd began work at UVa in August 1969 and Murble Jean Baker began September 1969

30 Year Employees

25 Year Employees
Tony Roche, Mike Baber, Steve Ratliff, Anthony Whindleton, Mark Breeden, Garth Anderson, Bob Carman and Tam Nguyen.

35 Year Employees
Joe Carpenter, Bill Hodges, Martha Creasy, Mike Remley, John Sauer and Eddie Wood
2010 Years of Service Honorees

40 Years
Operations & Maintenance
Marble Jean Baker
Eddie Kidd

35 Years
HSPP
Joseph B. Carpenter

Operations & Maintenance
Florine F. Early
William T. Hodges
Michael R. Remley
John C. Sauer
Edward C. Wood

Operations & Maintenance
Murble Jean Baker
Eddie Kidd

Finance
Martha E. Creasy

30 Years
Operations & Maintenance
James Copeland
Felix Crawford
Chris Deane
Bill Farish
Floyd Fowler
Roger Henry
Mary F. Johnson
Tony Marusak
Randolph Morris
Keith Wood
Energy & Utilities
Mike Dalton
Bill Parrott

FP&C
Garth Anderson
Bill Bond
Steve Ratliff

HSPP
Tammy Dean
Tam Nguyen
Jim Offield
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15 Years
Energy & Utilities
Alan Coss
Gary Bickers
Robert Watson

FP&C
Randy Porter
Richard Sergi
Bill Shirey

Operations & Maintenance
Mike Beaudreau
Jerry Brown
Max Coleman
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Colleagues Kathy Moon and Violet Snipes-Azzi (2nd & 3rd from L) congratulated Daisy Walker (L) and Kim Morris (R) for their 10 years of service, Sandy Payne (2nd from R) for her 15 years.

William Clifton (R) was joined by family members in honor of his 10 years at UVa.

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Yoke San Reynolds (2nd from R) and Mechanical Trades Superintendent Henry Garrison (2nd from L) joined a colleague from Printing Services in congratulating Randy Spencer (L) and Ronnie Herrion (R).

Your 106 colleagues listed here represent over 2085 years of service.
Compliments from Customers...

To Mary F. Johnson who is doing an excellent job at Aurbach MR Bldg. The building always looks A-1 and Mary just did an outstanding job on a top-to-bottom lab prep for an incoming researcher and it really looks good. Also thanks to Supervisor Dorothy Payne for her effort and the quick turn-around on this (and to Barbara James for her daily work at Aurbach.)

- James M. Fredrick, Research & Facility Mgr, Dept. of Medicine, Div. of Endocrinology

To Josh Beverly, Timmy Shiffett, Maurice Gough and Chris Toney for the opportunity to work with HSPP staff for the first time recently... it was a pleasure. They worked with me many long hours to off load a tractor trailer, rearrange furniture to fit the shipment in, clean out a very full attic, and take things to surplus. The men were very professional and extremely hard working. I also appreciated their good attitudes and willingness to be flexible throughout. - Dominique Cocuzza, Assoc. Curator, Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, UVA

To Reggie Steppe for his wonderful work in the community. My son is a Tandem student and one of Mr. Steppe’s basketball players…we have known “Coach” for two years now and he is GREAT! The effort he puts in to both work at UVA Facilities and coaching is tremendous... it is great public relations for UVA FacilitiesManagement staff to be engaged in the community in these ways. - Brenda Wilson, LCSW, CEAP, Geriatric Care Manager, UVA FEAP

To HSPP’s Kenny Williams, Otis Hackett, Keith Bridges, Dwayne Herring, Tony Campbell, C.J. Gross, Steve Pease and Emmett Dudley: The painting/patching project was made a priority and the team did a bang-up job to make this happen quickly. I am grateful for their efforts. Thanks, guys! - Michael Payne, MHA, Facilities Planner, Dept. of Facilities Planning & Capital Development

To HSPP Service Desk and Zone 3’s Royl Williams and Larry Garton for your prompt response.... The folks who answered the phone were kind, professional, and caring, and the guys who came and flipped the AC on are truly heroes in my book. A general thank you also for the recent fast, professional response when we needed plumbing and electrical help. - Margaret Edwards, Trauma Counselor in Residency, UVA Women’s Center

To HSPP’s Dean Lackey, Mike Doniel, Jesus Goana, Alex DiGiacomo & the FM Sign Shop and Recycling Team: Many thanks for your exceptional help in preparation for the annual Hospital Employee Picnic May 10. Dean and Alex are always quick to find a solution to the interesting challenges we push to them. Your work with signage, tent layout, electrical service, fire security and recycling were essential to the success of this event. -- Robert C. Larsen, UVA Health System, Marketing - Program Development

To HSPP Zone 4 and Milan Rusic: Thank you for taking care of our plumbing issues in Adult Neurology at Fontaine for two days. I couldn’t believe how quick the response was to our plea for help. HSPP Zone 4 oversaw some major work from the looks of things; we hope they have solved the problems which have plagued us for quite some time. -- Susan Dietrich, Health Care Compliance Specialist, Adult Neurology

To Bruce Jackson, Contract/Project Manager: The renovations in the Chemistry Building are proceeding in a timely manner while having minimal impact on the summer session lecture and laboratory classes. This is not easy but you have accomplished it. Thank you very much for your time and effort. - Robert Burnett, Professor, Chemistry Department

To HVAC Supervisor Mike Staton and Mechanic Chris Land for coming so quickly to check out our A/C system at Booker House. They were very thorough, checked back several times and didn’t leave until they were sure the system was repaired. Keep up the good work! - Marilyn Anderson, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost