From May 24-August 21, both lanes of Alderman Road from Whitehead Road to George Welsh Way were closed for installation of a large utility tunnel. Project team members were (L-R) Project Coordinator Charlotte Philen, Construction Administration Manager Charles Durrer, Project Manager Ryan Taylor and Utility Distribution Manager Mark Roach. While the project created inconvenience for area drivers, the finished project will provide new utilities for current dorms and future dorm expansion.

Summer on Alderman Road: New Utilities...

During that installation, Utility Systems Plumber Steamfitters (L-R) Gary Bickers and Bert Watson and Piping Distribution Supervisor Sr. Bo Roberts (operating the shovel) were called in to repair a broken water main that supplied existing dorms occupied by summer conference attendees. Construction Administration Manager Mike Garascia (R) surveyed the damage. Utilities crews worked several nights making repairs that couldn’t be done while the installation contractor was working.

....and New Honors

Facilities Management’s Safety Committee won the 2010 Safety Star Award for Innovative Safety Trainers presented by the Commonwealth of Virginia Workers’ Compensation Services Division. The award recognizes our Safety Committee’s “pioneering” development of four new safety training DVDs teaching snow removal, graduation, electrical arc, and lock-out/tag-out.

The snow removal DVD was especially timely before the record-breaking snowfalls this past winter. The Graduation set-up DVD successfully prevented injuries to employees who are new to the tasks and has reminded experienced employees of the precautions necessary. The electrical arc safety DVD was featured in Perspective http://www.fm.virginia.edu/docs/Perspective/2009-Q3.pdf

Seven members of UVa’s first class of Apprentices presented Leonard W. Sandridge with a plaque expressing gratitude for his support of the Apprentice Program, now in its 28th year. Shown here are (L-R) Mike Flowers, Gordon Jones (presenting the plaque), James Copeland (shaking hands with Mr. Sandridge), Jeff Gibson, Bill Farish, Tony Marusak and (at far right) Joe Jefferson. Fourteen of the original 19 graduates still work at Facilities Management. More photos on-line at http://fmweb.virginia.edu/photos/2010Apprentice/
Hoo Has Work Under Construction....

On the side of Observatory Mountain, a design-build project in four phases spanning the next eight years is replacing all 1960-era Alderman Road Residence Area dorms. The cinderblock shells of Phase II loom behind behind (L-R) Supervisory Senior Project Manager Dade van Der Werf, Senior Project Manager Amy Eichenberger and Senior Construction Administration Manager Richard Sergi. The two new dorms and a commons area, all expected to be LEED certified, will be substantially complete May 1, 2011.

Project Manager Kemper Tomlin (L) checked a carpentry detail for Merlyn Dubney as the Project Services team forged ahead with the two-phase renovation of McLeod Hall. The project will upgrade infrastructure as well as aesthetics. Phase I includes floors one, four and five and is scheduled for completion in December 2010.

Project Services Electrical team members Cody Borelli, Patrick Barksdale, Jason Lam and Chad Simpson (in background), installed the finishing touches to the McLeod LEED compliant lighting package.

Fire Systems Technicians Aaron Shiflett and Forrest Johnson completed testing of the upgraded fire panel at McLeod.

Landscape team members (L-R) Todd Romanac, Wesley Franklin and Mike Dillard worked skillfully with temporary employees like ACC wrestling champion Mike Salopec (R), and two others from the UVa wrestling team whose help enabled Landscape to meet deadlines for the new Academic year and new buildings. Here they are planting sweetbay magnolias at Claude Moore Medical Education Center.

Project Services Electrical team members Cody Borelli, Patrick Barksdale, Jason Lam and Chad Simpson (in background), installed the finishing touches to the McLeod LEED compliant lighting package.

At the University Bookstore Expansion, Construction Coordinator Keith Payne (L) inspects the rebar on the ground level while Senior Construction Administration Manager Richard Sergi reviews the exterior. The capital project will extend the main level of the existing two-level Bookstore on the west side. Construction of approximately 16,500 gsf for open retail space and support spaces will be above the existing third level of the Central Grounds Parking Garage. Project Manager Ryan Taylor was unavailable for a photo on site.

University of Virginia Facilities Management
Hollis Lawson retired from Facilities Management July 2. Hollis joined Facilities Management 39 years ago, June 1971, after proudly serving our country in Vietnam, Chief Facilities Officer Don Sundgren wrote in a letter of congratulations, adding “You have also proudly served Jefferson’s University with the same commitment.” Hollis’ career began as a painter. In March 2008, he was promoted to project manager in Contract Management. His pride in workmanship and his work ethic, from panting the Rotunda with a brush, to managing the painting of the Rotunda and hundreds of buildings and space, was honorable. During his retirement, Hollis plans to spend more time on the golf course, which he needed to do, certain colleagues jokingly noted.

Sandy H. Lambert III, AIA, retired July 28 after 28 years of service to the University. A 1964 graduate of the School of Architecture, Sandy returned to UVA as a Medical Center Project Manager in October 1982. He became Medical Center Architect in 1984, overseeing many multi-million dollar capital projects as the Medical Center expanded and transitioned to Health System. Sandy also served as Interim Assistant State Building Official (ASBO), supervising a local team of architectural drawing and code review professionals. He later served as Architectural Reviewer on that ASBO team, then Senior Review Architect with the Office of the University Building Official. Sandy also made substantial and invaluable contributions to the UVA Facilities Design Guidelines and the Higher Education Capital Outlay Manual.

Bobby Shafer retired August 27 after more than 43 years of service to the University. His career and accomplishments were recognized by his fellow plasterers at Pavilion IX that morning and later in the shop where he was presented with this plaque and other honors. Bobby began work at UVA as a temp in housekeeping, and in 1969 began work as a plasterer’s helper. “This led to a long and illustrious career as a mason/plasterer, during which you have worked on nearly every historic building at the Mr. Jefferson’s University,” Chief Facilities Officer Don Sundgren wrote in a letter of congratulations. “Your work, and the work of plasterers who you have trained over the years, will forever be a part of this special World Heritage Site.”

Murble Jean Baker (center) was honored at her retirement July 27 by colleagues Glenn Gianatasio, Lois Crenshaw, Phyllis Gough and Jannie Fincham. She began her career at UVA in September 1969 at what was then known as Blue Ridge Sanitarium. After 31 years of distinguished service, she retired in May 2000 but returned that July as a temporary employee. Mrs. Baker is widely respected by her co-workers and the Clemons Library staff for her positive attitude, strong work ethic and gracious manner.

HVAC Technician Roy Brown retired from HSPP August 27 after an impressive 11-year career as one of only two mechanics hired to maintain Health System dietary equipment. That new responsibility was assigned to HSPP in 1999. Former HSPP Superintendent Will Shaw said the assignment was the Medical Center’s vote of confidence in HSPP and reflected a growing appreciation for HSPP’s quality and dedication. Roy brought considerable knowledge and experience to the job and helped HSPP exceed customers’ expectations, providing better and more efficient service. Dietary maintenance responsibilities took Roy all over the Health System, to all patient floors, and especially to the Hospital Main Kitchen and cafeteria where he maintained steam cooking vats, ice builders, quick chillers, walk-in refrigerators, freezers and other equipment vital to dietary services.
September 22 marked the 19th annual Day of Caring. More than 80 Facilities Management employees volunteered to leave their usual work assignments to do landscaping and many other tasks that improve facilities used by senior citizens and children. Left photo: The windows at the Senior Center gleamed after Reggie McGhee (in the lift), David Gentry (at the controls) and Tony Thomas (not pictured) completed the exterior cleaning of the highest windows. Throughout the Center, a Building Services team cleaned more windows, waxed floors and polished furniture. (Watch for those volunteers in an upcoming special edition in honor of National Building Services Month). Top right: Chris Ward aerated, seeded and fertilized the Lane Babe Ruth Baseball League Field.

Left: At Camp Holiday Trails, Page Fox and Tommy Benson (not pictured) worked with (next photo) James Zehmer, David Perry and Bill Farish to build a tool room enclosure for the main pavilion. Above right: Aaron Morris and Glenn Hall did a variety of masonry repairs at the Camp. Along the road and on hillsides, tough vegetation met its match when the landscape trio of Bobby Breckenridge, Shawn Tindall and Kenny Felton arrived.

Below L-R: Kenny Graham, Kevin Sharrer and Westley Chesser made repairs to the front of the dining hall. Lou Persinger and others not pictured applied the weatherproof staining for the dining hall. J. Odetta Morris and Idris Hassan saw that the cabins were professionally cleaned.
Above: More volunteers with the tools of their trades (even for one day) included (L-R) Tony Ditolve, Kenny Graham, Lynn Rush, Martin Best, Lois Crenshaw, Artie McDonough, Jannie Fincham, Gary Allen and Tim Spencer; (seated L-R) Betty Bowman, Shawn Walker, Hawa Mohamed, Sandy Payne and Art Panzer.

Left photo: Jannie Fincham and Tim Spencer loaded mulch for the new plantings (and they made the work look easy and effortless).

Below L-R: Shirley Bennington and Gary Bickers worked with Joey Tombs, Jeff Moore, Chris Brooks and Michelle Beaudreau installing plants at the new residence cabins, designed by Jody Lahendro of FP&C, for the Camp pediatrician and family.

Many thanks to those who stayed at their assigned jobs throughout Facilities Management and did extra duty to cover for those who worked on these community service projects.

--Photos by Garth Anderson, FP&C Resource Center
Compliments from Customers...

To Steve Pease, Dwayne Herring, Keith Bridges and C.J. Gross of HSPP: I take my hat off to the professionals who completed our painting job. They were courteous, thoughtful, and responded to our needs and occasional changes with a smile. They were great and did a splendid job. -Dawn R. Starks Johnson, Exec. Assistant, Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Matt Acree, Fire Systems Senior Technician, and Frank Coffman, Fire Systems Supervisor: We appreciate the efforts and dedication of the UVA fire protection group... and the value and knowledge they bring to every project. They repeatedly assist CAMS and our contractors to address the toughest situations and consistently provide the support we need to reach successful resolutions. Thanks for all they do to make our projects safe and successful. -- Jessica Hurley Smith, AIA, LEED AP, Construction Administration Mgr., FP&C

To Keith Lewis and Pee Wee Morris: Keith goes above and beyond for my lab on a daily basis. The lab looks great since he has taken over cleaning my area. Pee Wee also does a fantastic job stripping and waxing our floors. That makes the lab look 100% better. We sincerely appreciate Judy Kingrea’s staff and all that they do. -- Nancy Rush, Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics

To Charlotte Anderson and the outstanding Building Services staff at Rouss Robertson Hall: You do a wonderful job. Special appreciation goes to Charlotte who took great efforts to get the worn floor to a beautiful shine, making this a pleasant and professional looking place to work. Charlotte did this in addition to taking care of all her routine assignments. -Judy Adams-Mikell, Help Desk Consultant, McIntire School of Commerce

To HSPP Carpenters Otis Hackett, Rodney Spencer, Dan Lindsey, Scheffel Carpenter, Jennifer Maiorano, Al Hensley; Plasterers Sherwood Gibson, Dan Ballard, Kenneth Smith, Mike Canellas; Moving Crew Members Josh Beverley, Timmy Shifflett, Maurice Gough; Electricians Dean Lackey, Richard Purvis, Paul Chaney; Painters Kenny Williams and Rick Johnson: Thanks for doing an outstanding job on the MR4 renovation. It is always a joy interacting with your staff. Your great employees go above and beyond. -Mollie W. Bishop, Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery, UVA Heart Center

To Mark Webb, Mark Stanis, Spike Weeks and Bruce Johnson: Materials Science & Engineering and the Nanoscale Materials Characterization Facility thank you for your most productive assistance, proactive involvement, and concern for our time constraints and uncertainties in the Wilsdorf Hall B013 renovation for the new Titan electron microscope. Thank you for the ways you facilitated and expedited the project! -William C. Johnson, Professor & Chair, Mat. Science & Engineering

To Kenny Smith: After the end of the day shift, a pipeline break necessitated an emergency clean-up at the Heat Plant construction site. Other asbestos staffers were already out of town. I called Kenny who now works with HSPP Cost Center 36 but still has a current asbestos abatement certification and had worked with us. Kenny readily agreed to come in to help me with the cleanup. The Heat Plant project was not delayed and the contractor could continue work. Kenny’s “can do” attitude is an asset to UVA. -- Rufus Rush, Asbestos Supervisor

To Wanda Lucas, Tammy Agee, Harry Felton and Melvin Toney: Compliments for your superlative job waxing Astronomy Room 150. We had a group of visitors arriving and wanted the room to look better. Your team spent extra time to scrape and strip the old wax, and three coats of the anti-static wax. It looks great! Thank you! - Paul Maseman, UVA Astronomy Department

To Tyrone Hughes and Louise Toliver: For a job well done. When Tyrone noticed a large stain on the carpet, he and Louise procured the shampoo and machines to clean the entire carpet. I am very pleased with the job they do daily, and this was above and beyond their normal duties. Please convey my gratitude. -- Suzanne Golisz, PhD., Scientific Prog. Admin., Catalytic Hydrocarbon Functionalization Ctr.

To HSPP’s Warren Britts, Otis Hackett and Work Center 36: When the Health System classrooms moved, your crews quickly transformed patient rooms into temporary classrooms. They allowed us to continue providing school services without interruption. Thank you for this wonderful complement of talented workers. -- Nancy Ellen Artis, Ed.D., Education Dir., UVA Children’s Hospital

To Wanda Snead, Michael Anderson, Lilie Feggan, Norman Hughes, Tyrone Hughes, Susie Jones, Reginald McGhee and Louise Toliver: Thank you for a wonderful job cleaning the floor in our lab and surgery room. We commend you for a job well done and your professional manner. (As a former housekeeping employee, I can appreciate their hard work) – Denise T. Holmes, Menaker Lab Manager, Biology Dept.

To Spike Weeks, Bruce Jackson, Shaun Farrell of Operations and Maintenance: Thank you and your team for completing the ITC rooms in time. I am assisting in a design course which meets in the nicely renovated 213 room. Great job. Thanks. -- Hossein Haj-Hariri, Professor & Chair, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

To Martha Creasy and Aurora Crane, Patricia Napier and Sandra Mawyer and all the timekeepers in Financial Operations: You are doing a great job at getting accurate information on the timescards. Facilities Management is a large organization and I am so impressed with how few leave corrections we receive from you. Thank you! -- Carrie B. Harper, Leave Supervisor, UHR

To the Web Daily Time Users and Information Technology Analyst Wei Sun: We thank you for your support in this timescards task! -- Bill & Payroll Manager Martha Creasy and the Staff
Five Apprentice graduates were honored at the July 21 Apprentice & Education Recognition Ceremony: (R-L) Charlie Pierce and Juan Colindres, mason/plastering; Mike Rosson, electrical; Brian Wheeler, plumbing; and Walter Wimberly, HVAC. Including these new graduates, 91 apprentice graduates still work in Facilities Management. Officials attending were (L-R) Department of Labor & Industry Commissioner Courtney Malveaux and Regional Apprenticeship Representative Todd Cook, Director of Operations & Maintenance Jay Klingel, Chief Facilities Officer Don Sundgren, HR&T Director and Apprentice Program Manager Rebecca Leinen, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Leonard Sandridge, Vice President for Management and Budget Colette Sheehy and HSPP Director John Rainey.

The July 21 Apprentice & Training Recognition Ceremony also recognized Chris Blakey (3rd from L) for earning his Associate of Applied Sciences Technical Studies Degree from Piedmont Virginia Community College, Brigitte Broohm (2nd from R) for her award-winning Voices of Adult Learners essay “Africa Colors,” and June Jones (R front) for earning her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Averett University. Congratulating the honorees are (L-R) Energy & Utilities Cheryl Gomez, Jay Klingel, Don Sundgren and Colette Sheehy.

Photos by Cole Geddy, UVA Office of Public Affairs

Professional Development Achievements in July

Kevin Lawrence passed the Commonwealth of Virginia Journeyman Electrician Exam. This accomplishment has significantly increased Kevin’s electrical knowledge base and troubleshooting ability as reflected during routine maintenance and service calls, Elevator Superintendent Eddie Morris said. “In addition to his positive attitude and perseverance, Kevin continually raises the educational bar and has added strong credentials to our elevator program.”

HSPP Trades Utility Senior Worker Brandon Garrison passed his welding certification test for shielded metal arc process established by American Society of Mechanical Engineers Section IX-07 and conducted by Froehling & Robertson, Inc. The certification applies to welding steam pipe and flat plate in a hospital setting. For more than a year, Brandon has prepared for this test on his own time and initiative, according to Plumber Steamfitter Supervisor Freddie Snoddy. “That he passed the test on his first attempt is quite an accomplishment. The welds are examined by X-ray to ensure accuracy.”

Congratulations to UVa’s 17 New Apprentices

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Acceptance into the Program is always highly competitive but this year, HR&T Director and Apprentice Program Manager Rebecca Leinen noted that there were nearly 1000 applications for the 17 positions. “This is the largest incoming class since 1986 when we also inducted 17 new apprentices,” she added. The only class that was larger was the first in 1982 with 22 new apprentices.
While we proudly show readers our new construction, award winning work and accomplishments, Facilities Management also has a full schedule for routine maintenance to ensure reliable service for our customers. (L) Vernon Mays at the Heat Plant and HVAC Technician Scott Harrison in HSPP Zone 4 are among the skilled trades who attend to that vital task.

Facilities Management’s Employee Council has new representatives to help get answers to your questions and concerns. Check their new flyer at http://www.fm.virginia.edu/docs/EmployeeCouncilBrochure/2010-2011EmployeeCouncilBrochure.pdf

A planter near Newcomb Hall made us almost forget the several feet of snow in that same location seven months earlier.

Supervisory Historic Preservation Architect Jody Lahendro (L) and Supervisory Sr. Construction Administration Manager Steve Ratliff oversee the Garrett Hall renovation for the new Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy.

June Jones checks the School Supply Drive donations, Facilities Management’s summer community service event.

(Left) The Colonnade Roof and Railing Project replaced the slate covered hipped roof and railing system between Pavilion VII and Pavilion IX on the West Lawn. The replicas of the Chinese railings were made exclusively by our Cabinet Shop Carpenters, including Randall Sheler (L) and Allan Moyer, shown here. (Center) Carpenter David Simpson prepares the supports for the new roof deck. (Right) Lead Carpenter Walter Harris discusses progress with FP&C Project Coordinator James Zehmer.