Where Were You When the Power Went Out?  Hopefully not in the dark 😊 UAS experienced a power outage on 2/14/2018 that lasted for almost 4 hours. UAS has 7 electrical generators that immediately kicked in to provide emergency power to all public areas of campus. Emergency power covers UAS main computer servers with internet connection, telephone communications, fire alarm system, computerized door lock system and building lighting sufficient to allow occupants to safely exit the building. Restroom lights are not considered emergency lighting. Upon request from the Chancellor, Facilities installed emergency lighting in most restrooms. The emergency generator at the Anderson Building also provides power to all of the laboratories studying aquatic life. UAS Facilities After Action Report (AAP) identified several improvements that are not life-safety or required by code, but would make things run more smoothly during the next power outage.

SHUTTLE BUS

UAS has revised Shuttle Bus schedule and extending service to include finals week. Check out the UAS Shuttle Web Page with shuttle tracker for current updates including results of the fall 2017 Survey. If you have any questions, complaints, suggestions or comments regarding the Shuttle Bus, contact Facilities at uas.facilities@alaska.edu or 796-6496.

PROJECT REQUESTS

When you are considering construction or remodeling projects, please remember that it takes a lot of time to plan, design, and schedule and construct a project. Painting an office can take 2-6 weeks, remodeling a room can take 3-6 months, changes to building floor plans can take 6-18 months and new buildings and remodel’s can take 3-23 years. When you have a project for Facilities, please involve us early so we can help you get it completed on time.

REPORT CARD

UAS Facilities Services is graded just like all of our students. Sightlines is an independent company that reviews and grades universities and colleges all over the country. You can now see our report card by clicking the "2017 Sightlines Report" on the UAS Facilities website. Thank you for helping us properly operate and maintain UAS Facilities that provide pleasant working space for staff and an excellent environment for student learning.
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

DOT&PF is starting up construction the first week in April. They will be finishing the sidewalks and traffic barriers at Auke Creek and near the Anderson Building. They will then move on to the road and sidewalk construction from the Roundabout out to Seaview Ave. Please look for new traffic patterns, lane restrictions, double fines and flagging operations. The Contractors crews will be working from approximately 7am to 5pm Monday through Saturday. You may also check the Contractors project specific Facebook page for additional information: SECON Glacier Hwy. Reconstruction- Fritz Cove Rd. to Seaview Ave.

FACILITIES PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

UAS Facilities Planning and Construction are in the final planning stages for UAS summer projects. All three campuses will occur some much-anticipated improvements. We will work on these projects during the summer to have minimal impact on student education.

Summer 2018 Renovation and Construction Activities

Auke Lake Railing Replacement
The wood railing on the lakeside of the covered walkway from Mourtant to Soboleff does not meet current design standards. The painted wood railing will be replaced in several phases over the next few years as funding becomes available. Facilities will replace the first section near the Mourtant Building this summer with a modular metal railing system. Please watch for more detours in this area.

Pedestrian Corridor Paver Replacement
Many of the concrete pavers (colored bricks) in the campus corridor will be replaced. The concrete pavers deteriorated sooner than they should have. Through a negotiation with the contractor/vendor, the pavers will be replaced this summer. The pavers will be a different shape and laid in a different pattern. This construction work will restrict access and use of the courtyard from the south side of Mourtant to the north side of Hendrickson for a couple months this summer. Detours around the construction will be provided.

Egan Library Siding Repairs
This project will repair several areas of the siding that have lost the fight with Juneau’s wet weather.

Egan Library Penthouse Siding
The existing wood siding on the penthouse has reached the end of its useful life and will be replaced.

Mourant Window Replacement
Phase 2 of the Mourant Window Replacement Project will be taking place this summer. We all enjoy the large picture windows in the cafeteria looking across Auke Lake and the Glacier that were installed in Phase 1. The windows in Phase 2 will not be quite as large, but will offer that same awesome view. We apologize for those who this construction will disrupt your workspace. Nevertheless, it will be well worth the dust, noise and temporary relocations.

Novatney Offices
The north side of Novatney lower floor will receive some renovations to house the Media and Public Relations staff: Alison Krein, Colin Osterhout, Katy Jordan and Jennifer Gross. Also, a minor door alteration at one of the offices will create better access to faculty offices. This construction has already started on a couple of the vacant offices. The remaining construction will start later this summer after folks have been able to move to their new offices.

Soboleff Offices
The south side of the Soboleff upper floor offices (adjacent to the Dean’s offices) will receive some minor renovation to house the Alumni Relations and Development staff: Lynne Johnson, Seanna O’Sullivan, Jessy Post and David Russel-Jensen. This construction work will start sometime after grades have been turned in and will be complete before students return in the fall. Detours will allow faculty and staff to get to their offices at all times.

Soboleff Annex Demolition
After Alumni, Development Relations, and Public and Media Relations groups move to their new spaces at Soboleff and Novatney, The Soboleff Annex will be demolished. This project has been in the UAS Master Plan for many years and can now proceed since the remodeling of the Hendrickson and Whitehead buildings are complete. The area will be temporarily planted in grass until additional funding becomes available to make an outdoor gathering space.

Soboleff Ceramics Room Garage Door Replacement
This project will replace the old leaky garage door with a new double door that is much better at keeping the cold air out, reducing our heating bills and allow for the installation of a UAS standard swipe card lock system to provide more flexibility to students throwing clay late into the evenings.

Housing Lodge Fuel Tank Replacement
The fuel tanks at housing are more than 30 years old and ready for replacement. The fuel tanks will be replaced one at a time over several years as funding becomes available. The existing underground fuel tank at the Lodge will be replaced this summer with a new double-walled fuel tank with leak detection monitoring. This work will restrict access around the outside of the Housing Lodge.

Banfield Hall Fire Alarms Replacement
The fire alarm system in Banfield will be replaced with a more modern alarm system after finals and mid-May.
Concrete Patches
Ongoing concrete patching will be taking place at various places at Housing and on campus this summer.

Landscape improvements recommended by the UAS Auke Lake Shoreline Master Plan.
Our UAS Facilities Services Grounds Crew will work on portions of the landscaping mentioned in this Master Plan as time allows. There is currently no funding for the improvements recommended by this Plan.

Landscaping above the Glacier Highway concrete wall constructed by DOT&PF
Last summer will soften the view of the Facilities Services site and lessen the “wall” effect.

UAS Auke Bay Marine Station
Our design consultants have been hard at work the past couple of months meeting with faculty, staff and administration in the planning and design of the UAS Auke Bay Marine Station. The goal is to present a Schematic Design to the Board of Regents during their May 24th meeting. Check out the Facilities website if you would like to view previous approvals from the Board and other project documents. Current project schedule includes removing the existing building this summer, start construction of the new building next summer 2019 and be ready to start classes fall 2020.

TEC (Downtown) Garage Door Replacement
The garage doors have worn out and need to be replaced. We do not have funding to replace them all this year. Therefore, we will be replacing them one at a time as funding becomes available.

Sitka Campus: Exterior Doors Replacement
Exterior doors will be replaced at the Sitka Campus. We are also looking into an electronic locking system for several of the main doors networked to the main campus.

Ketchikan Campus: Maritime Center
The third and final phase will be completed this summer, converting the former Robertson and Hamilton buildings to a new facility dedicated to maritime education.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING THEFT ON CAMPUS

A theft occurs when someone “appropriates property belonging to another with the intention of permanently depriving the other of it; and “thief” and “steal” shall be construed accordingly”.

Most thefts that occur on college campuses involve crimes of opportunity (leaving property unattended, unsecured even for short periods of time) and are easily preventable through personal awareness, common sense thinking and practicing theft prevention techniques.

Some of these best practices include:

Secure your vehicle: If you drive to campus, make sure that your windows are rolled up, your car doors are locked and any personal belongings are hidden out of sight (or in the trunk) when parking on campus. The cost of replacing a broken window can be costly in time and dollars!

Secure your bicycle: Always park your bike at a designated bicycle rack. Secure your bicycle to the rack using a secure locking device. Take quick release parts with you. Make sure you have the bicycle’s make, model, color, and serial number written down.

Protect your personal belongings: Do not leave your backpack/laptop/cell phone/pocketbook out in the open, even when you are going to be gone for just a minute or two. It just takes a few seconds for someone to steal your property. Either take it with you, or secure it in a locked office or drawer. Lock up your desk and/or office when you leave from work each day.

Awareness of others and your surroundings: Politely offer assistance to persons in your building/office area you do not recognize. If they have legitimate business, they will appreciate your help. If they act suspicious, notify your immediate supervisor and/or Facilities Safety Manager at 796-6077 and be prepared to give a detailed description of the individual including height, weight, and description of their clothing.

If you would like someone to speak to your group or department, please call Facilities Services; we can arrange a visit from Dan Garcia, UAS Health and Safety officer.

Although not all thefts can be prevented, we can minimize them. Remember that thefts of opportunity are the most preventable of crimes and are the direct result of belongings left unattended and unsecured. Help prevent thefts from occurring—it all starts with US!
WHITEHEAD GATHERING SPACES

Have you been to Whitehead yet to see the new furniture in the placed in the wide corridors? The design for these was to create organic sculptural seating and display niches to distinguish the new faculty offices and to create an inviting space for students. The architect, in collaboration with the contractor brought this functional wood sculpture into reality at the newly renovated Whitehead Building.

During conceptual planning for Whitehead, the Arts and Sciences Dean and Department Heads expressed an interest in a natural theme of color and finishes in the building design. The design concept was based on the term “stoa”, which at its root is an archetypal circulation/gathering space. Simply placing an inviting dynamic and functional object in the space transforms what would otherwise just be circulation space into circulation/gathering space...or “stoa”. That concept was combined with the desire expressed by the natural sciences department to “bring the outside-in” by using natural materials where possible - hence, the carved spruce.

The furniture was made from a sustainably-harvested selectively-cut spruce tree, locally sourced and milled at Icy Straits Lumber in Hoonah, and delivered to the architects’ workshop at Thane in July 2017. There, it was shaped, sanded, grooved and polished by Architects Dave Hurley and James Bibb. This locally-sourced furniture cost no more than it would have cost to purchase commercial manufactured furniture. Alaska Commercial Contractors, Inc. worked with the architects by delivering the lumber to the Thane workshop, making some large initial cuts, and then delivering it to Whitehead where it was set into place.

Questions or comments? Let us know what you think! Contact Facilities Planning & Construction Project Manager Pua Maunu at 796-6262 or spmaunu@alaska.edu.