Hoorah FMS Team! I want to start by saying once again how proud I am to be a part of this awesome group. Although I’m saddened that our campus isn’t filled with students and employees now, it has given me a chance to really enjoy just how beautifully maintained our campus buildings and grounds are due directly to your hard work and dedication. Chico State really is a special place!

Speaking of getting the students back, I’m sure many of you have heard the news of how we plan to have much greater numbers of students in classes this fall and that campus employees will start coming back to campus in greater numbers starting in June. This is super exciting and what we’ve all been hoping for over this past year. We have just a few months left to get this place looking in tip top shape so that when everyone gets back they are blown away by how fantastic the FMS team is and how they’ve kept the progress moving forward while they’ve been away. I hope you’re just as excited as I am to get them all back.

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of the FMS newsletter!

Hoorah!

Mike
Many low-flow plumbing fixtures that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill due to the demolition of the old Physical Science building (PHSC), were salvaged by the FMS Plumbers who created work orders to replace older, less efficient fixtures around campus. The FMS Plumbers identified fixtures in various buildings that would soon need to be upgraded and replaced them with the newer, water-saving fixtures from the old PHSC building. In doing so, the campus is able to save water and money!

Below are the estimated savings due to the upgrades based on a normal academic year.

**Water savings:**
- PAC: 7 toilets at 3 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 210 gal. saved/day
- AJH: 8 toilets at 3 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 240 gallons saved/day
- 1 urinal at 2 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 20 gallons saved/day
- YOLO: 4 urinals at 2 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 80 gal./day
- GLNN: 2 urinals at 2 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 40 gallons saved/day
- 1 toilet at 3 gal./flush at 10 flushes/day = 30 gallons saved/day

*620 gal. of water saved per day / roughly 128,000 gal. of water saved annually!

**Cost savings:**
- approximately $4,700 saved by not having to buy fixtures, valves, and seats
- approximately $3,500 saved by repurposing additional parts

The FMS Plumbers will continue to salvage and reuse low-flow plumbing fixtures throughout campus. Nice job team!

Thanks to Bob Francis & Jon Simmons for the update!
The Wildcat Switchgear Building is the heart of campus, housing equipment that distributes power to the campus core. The old equipment was outdated, and its replacement was vital to ensuring campus power needs were met. This project has also been referred to as the 12KV Shutdown, as the shutdowns were necessary to replace the outdated equipment throughout campus.

During the project, neither the contractor or FMS Trades could locate the elusive 12kV vault named EP-6, cue Neil Nunn. With great confidence, Neil was certain that a square patch of concrete sidewalk was covering the EP-6 vault. FMS Trades chipped out the concrete, and sure enough, there it was! Neil has a tremendous amount of knowledge about our campus, evident by knowing where a vault was buried 25 years ago!
Way to go Neil!

Thanks to Brendan Coakley & Jon Simmons for the update!
Since 1970, April 22 has seen people across the globe gather to celebrate the place we all call home, planet Earth. While April 22 is a global day of celebration, there are many things you can do in your daily life that will make every day Earth Day! Here are some ideas to get you thinking...

- Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions for Chico State, the City of Chico, the State of California, and the United States as a country! Next time you need to get somewhere, consider something other than driving alone. Did you know your Wildcat ID is also a FREE bus pass?!!

- While we should always be conserving water, as of April 1, 2021, most of Butte County is in extreme drought so extra attention to conservation will be incredibly important. Select native and drought tolerant plants for landscaping. If you are a CalWater customer request a conservation kit, and check for rebates for water saving appliances and irrigation controls!

- The most expensive utility for most people is electricity and summer is particularly a hit to the wallet. Avoid using electricity between 4:00pm-9:00pm if you can, hang dry your clothes in the warm Chico sun, embrace LED lights, try turning your thermostat up a few degrees, and make sure to check PG&E for energy saving rebates.

- Most people try to recycle, but most people are actually Wishcyclers – “recycling” items that should actually be placed in the trash. Keep an eye out for our Recycling 101 trainings to learn how to not be a Wishcycler while on campus or at home.

**Upcoming Recycling 101 Trainings**

- Wed, April 14, 9:00-10:00
  [https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/84002244664?pwd=T2RXcz8CcTNGZotyVVYSOUh92h6QTo9](https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/84002244664?pwd=T2RXcz8CcTNGZotyVVYSOUh92h6QTo9)
  Meeting ID: 840 0224 4664
  Passcode: 350918

- Fri, April 23, 10:00-11:00
  [https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/88903427860?pwd=OTdjamtSeljEdGNTb2ZtZEV2UEM5QT09](https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/88903427860?pwd=OTdjamtSeljEdGNTb2ZtZEV2UEM5QT09)
  Meeting ID: 889 0342 7860
  Passcode: 993154

- Thurs, April 29, 3:00-4:00
  [https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/86812003174?pwd=MlFCQ25xbnhyNilkwXYzREkvNm5hdz09](https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/86812003174?pwd=MlFCQ25xbnhyNilkwXYzREkvNm5hdz09)
  Meeting ID: 868 1200 3174
  Passcode: 322159

Thanks to Cheri Chastain for the update!
FLOOD RESPONSE

Early Friday morning on March 19th, the office was notified of a leak, resulting in a flood in the new Science Building. All hands were dispatched to include Plumbers, Electricians, and Custodians. Upon arrival it was indeed alarming as the water source was from a faulty valve in a lab on the 4th floor. As water does (with gravity’s help), it traveled down, flooding two labs below it. Power was shut off, and the Custodians were in full force with mops and extractors cleaning up the water. As it turns out, the 4th floor Custodians, Shelly D’Acquisto and Blanca Vazquez, were the ones who found the leak, reported it, and were able to shut off the water. Quick thinking on their part helped minimize the damage!

A great team effort by all!

Thanks to Durbin Sayers for the update!
As the campus changes and grows it’s nice to also feel that familiar Chico State charm that buildings like Trinity and Colusa provide. They have withstood the test of time and will continue to for years come as we welcome students back to the campus we all know and love.

Thank you to Durbin Sayers for helping us track down yearbook photos from the 60’s!
GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

PROJECT MANAGER

Ray Kelly

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
The SF Bay Area.

What song would you sing at Karaoke night?
“Wish You Were Here” by Pink Floyd

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Grilled salmon, asparagus and a spinach salad

If you could go back in time, what decade would you travel to?
1970’s

Is there anything you wish would come back in fashion?
Manners: Men do not wear hats indoors; men walk on the road side with women; people respect others and value diversity.

What was your first job?
Paperboy at age 11 and 12

GROUNDSWORKER

Dmitriy Galkin

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Thailand

What song would you sing at Karaoke night?
Swim Good by Frank Ocean

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Khao Man Gai. Ginger rice with chicken. Broth on the side, ginger sauce with cucumbers and cilantro on the side.

If you could go back in time, what decade would you travel to?
The 60’s

Is there anything you wish would come back in fashion?
ipods

What was your first job?
Auto Body Paint Shop.

BUILDING SERVICE ENGINEER

Paul Willadsen

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
A small Town called Chico Ca. Have you heard of it?

What song would you sing at Karaoke night?
It’s a toss-up between, “Chicken Truck” by John Anderson. Michael Bublé “The Best of Me”

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Start with oven baked orange sweet potato, served with a little butter and a sprinkle of cinnamon. Rosemary Chicken, pan fried no oil. Asparagus lightly steamed & fruit compote.

If you could go back in time, what decade would you travel to?
1980’s

Is there anything you wish would come back in fashion?
The "Fedora" hat

What was your first job?
Newspaper boy
EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Thank you to the following FMS employees for their hard work and dedication:

Dan Hayden
Facilities Control Specialist

Annalisse de Vroome
Payroll & Customer Service Assistant

NEW TO THE TEAM

FMS welcomes new members to the team:

William Dickison
Groundworker

Scott Shirley
Groundworker

Vichai Xiong
Account Tech I
EMPLOYEE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES
April - June 2021

Michael Ernandes, Custodian, 20 yrs of service on 4/2/2021
Mark Cooper, Auto/Equipment Mechanic, 15 yrs of service on 5/1/2021
Sam Gimple, Custodian, 5 yrs of service on 5/2/2021
John Kelly, Plumber, 5 yrs of service on 5/9/2021
Phil Platanitis, Facilities Project Supervisor, 5 yrs of service on 5/23/2021
William Phillips, Custodian, 5 yrs of service on 6/19/2021
Kenneth Lund, Custodian, 5 yrs of service on 6/27/2021
William Berry, Custodian, 1 yr of service on 6/29/2021

*recognition at 1 year and in increments of 5 years