

# The Facilities Scoop



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### Mark Your Calendar

Finals Week  
May 5th-10th

Graduation  
May 11th

Summer Semester  
Classes begin May 20th

## Wheatley's Commitment to ISU

In 2011, the ISU Foundation and Facilities Services were approached by longtime donor, Jack Wheatley and his family, about the possibility of donating funds that would be dedicated to campus beautification. At the same time, we were starting a new Signage Committee and having discussions about improving the appearance and signage of major entrances to campus to let people know they had arrived at a world class institution. The committee soon realized there were opportunities to not only improve the signage of the campus, but also the look and feel of the entire university. The committee was renamed the Campus Beautification Committee.

The Wheatleys were ready to get started immediately. We began identifying areas where improvements could be made, and hired a consultant to give another point of view. Jack and his son Charles have made multiple campus visits over the past several years and have been very hands-on in the entire process. Through the partnership of Facilities, Master Planning, and the City of Pocatello, the Wheatleys' generous donations have begun to make an impact on the look and feel of Idaho State University, enhancements that will be enjoyed for generations.

Four new campus entry signs have been installed. The signs at 5th & Humbolt and 8th & Carter are complete with new irrigation, plants, trees and mulch. The ground at the signs at Memorial & Bonneville and at the College of Education will be planted when the threat of freezing lessens.

A new sidewalk has been installed from 5th Ave. to the Quad between Liberal Arts and Pharmacy. This sidewalk, often referred to as the "Goody's"

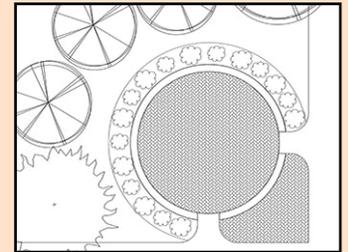


sidewalk, solved a longtime problem of tracking dirt into the buildings from a muddy path through the grass.

Bartz Field has been receiving a facelift. We are adding 165 new trees around the perimeter. 90 trees were planted in 2012, and 75 additional trees will be delivered at the end of April and planted before June.



Ground is breaking on a 40-foot diameter seating/gathering area on the SW corner of the quad near Fine Arts and the Museum. A larger 60-foot diameter seating area will be installed on the NE corner of the Quad later this summer.



These projects will be a very nice addition to the Quad experience.

The Frazier Hall parking lot will be receiving 12 new Shade Master Honey Locust trees which will provide shade and overall cooling of this area. The trees will be installed in diamond-shaped planters that will run in line with the parking lights and will not reduce parking spaces.

Other projects in the works include renovations to the SE corner of the BA building and renovations to the corner of MLK and Cesar Chavez in front of the Admin building. The University and the city are also working on a plan to narrow and enhance the safety and look of MLK Way from Cesar Chavez to Reed Gym.

Keep an eye out for many more improvements being made with help from our generous donors.

*Chris Wagner*

## ISU Cares "Spot" Awards



**Melissa Fredekind**

Melissa Fredekind has worked as a custodian in the Oboler Library for six months. She is in the Respiratory Therapy and BSTIS programs. In her free time she enjoys doing yard work and helping others. Thank you for your hard work and great customer service, Melissa!



**Tre Overby**

Anthony (Tre) Overby has worked as a Security Officer with Public Safety for over a year, has a Law Enforcement Certificate, and enjoys hiking and spending time with his family. He received a Distinguished Service Award for pulling an individual from a burning vehicle. Thank you, Tre!



**Facilities Department**

Facilities Services is the winner of the **ISU Cares 2012 Department of the Year award!** For our outstanding achievement in customer service, we were treated to a pizza and pop party sponsored by ISU Credit Union. Thank you all for your hard work throughout the year!

## Gift of the Goose

You know the individuals you work with, but how well do you know people from other Facilities departments? One way we are trying to increase connections between departments is through new monitor displays. These will be located at the Facilities office, M&O building, Grounds building, Custodial clock-in locations, and Public Safety. The monitors feature photos of Facilities employees in action, attending events, and receiving awards.

We also want to acknowledge our employees for their hard work by scrolling through recognition write-ups sent in by coworkers and others on campus. Please nominate your coworkers when you see them performing exceptionally by going to [www.isu.edu/facilities/nominate](http://www.isu.edu/facilities/nominate).

Another purpose for these monitors is to keep everyone up to date on important news and events. Check back often for events occurring on campus that may affect you.

If you have taken any photos of your coworkers (full-time, part-time, or students) hard at work or receiving an award, please email them to [wrigkimb@isu.edu](mailto:wrigkimb@isu.edu), and we will try to add them! Please include names of the individuals in the photos.

## Years of Service

We would like to say thank you and congratulations to our employees for their dedication and years of service to Idaho State University.

### 5 Years

Camille Clark  
Kirk Cummings  
John Heckler  
Sarah Hook  
Barry Hulet  
Michael Johns  
Stuart Jones  
Jeanette Rose-Adams  
Virginia Taylor  
Micheal Timm  
Tiffany Waggoner  
Bryon Waite

### 15 Years

Brad Brezk  
Rodney Jackson  
James McGinn  
Raymond Skeem

### 20 Years

Jeff Behrend  
Robert Colling  
Laurie Schorsch  
Richard Strandy  
Linda Tobias

### 25 Years

John Cameron

### 35 Years

Dona Bell

## Retirees - Gene Simpson and Denton Dance

Gene Simpson has been one of the most dependable and steady employees I've ever had the privilege to work with. He started with the Idaho Falls campus in 1992, and has since then been a supportive, friendly part of University Place. Although his official title was custodian, he always did more than was expected of him, including work as a certified EMT. He helped out with a smile for students and staff alike, making sure the campus was safe. In short, he always cared and showed pride in ownership through his work.

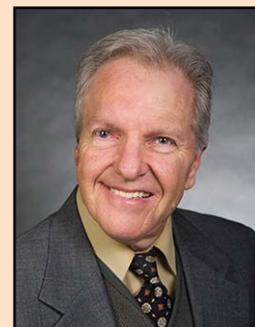
He is now planning on traveling to the coast and hanging out with his family. I'm sure the fish in the local rivers will hear his unmistakable voice and laughter long before the worm hits the water, while those of us in Idaho Falls will miss him in the silence that is left.



Denton Dance, our Senior Architect, has been with ISU since 1998. His designs on campus, including the recent Human Resources and Finance office remodels, will serve ISU well. He has also worked on many DPW projects at the PAC, Goranson Hall, Bilyeu Theatre, Idaho Accelerator Center, and SUB, among others. All the projects at the Meridian campus have been his responsibility as well. Beyond this, he has always been involved in mentoring student workers and participating in student critiques.

Denton's knowledge and expertise are irreplaceable. Yet he's done his time and is looking forward to traveling and visiting his family in Las Vegas while soaking up the sun in warmer places than Idaho.

We will miss him, but still wish him all the golfing he can enjoy.



# FFA - Mugs of the Quarter



**Jay Jones**

Grounds

Has worked at ISU for nine years

Favorite Color: Green  
Hobbies: Mountain Biking, Gardening



**Dee Rasmussen**

RISE

Has worked at ISU for three years

Favorite Movie: The Hobbit  
Favorite Food: Sushi



**Darlene Durrant**

Custodial

Has worked at ISU for two years

Favorite Color: Rainbow  
Favorite TV Show: The Lucy Show



**Kent Blessinger**

M&O - Electrician

Has worked at ISU for six years

Favorite Color: Red  
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing



**Timothy Weichers**

Meridian Maintenance

Has worked at ISU for two years

Favorite Movie: Open Range  
Favorite Superhero: He-Man



**Travis Duncan**

M&O - Heat Plant

Has worked at ISU for five years

Favorite TV Show: Dumb and Dumber  
Favorite Vacation: Disneyland



**Rex Lenroot**

Custodial

Has worked at ISU for seventeen years

Favorite Super Hero: Batman  
Hobbies: Games, Fishing



**Cory Flandro**

M&O - Shops

Has worked at ISU for one year

Favorite Food: Hoosh  
Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction

## Did You Know?

An employee can use sick leave when needed due to a death or funeral in the immediate family.

Employees are able to transfer accrued vacation leave to any eligible state employee for use as paid sick leave when that employee or an immediate family member suffers from a serious illness that necessitates absence from work without pay.

Prior to utilizing the above facts, refer to the leave section of the Human Resources web site located at: [www.isu.edu/humanr/Benefits/leaveplans.shtml](http://www.isu.edu/humanr/Benefits/leaveplans.shtml)

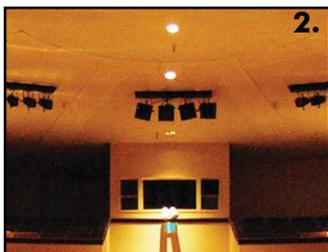
## Activity Zone

How well do you know the interior and exterior of our campus buildings? Where are the following images located? Email the answers to [wrigkimb@isu.edu](mailto:wrigkimb@isu.edu) or drop them off to Kim in the Facilities Building, #18. All Facilities employees who answer all four questions correctly will be

entered into a drawing to win a prize. The drawing will take place on April 26th, so get your answers in soon! Answers will be revealed on the Web Site after the drawing. ([www.isu.edu/facilities/scoop.shtml](http://www.isu.edu/facilities/scoop.shtml))



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## Department Updates

### Maintenance & Operations:

Our M&O teams have been very busy over the last few months. Shops is constructing new office furniture for various departments around campus, while Maintenance is keeping the buildings in good repair and freshly painted. The HVAC team has hired a new technician and is prepping the air conditioning units for summer. The Heat Plant is preparing to begin summer boiler maintenance as soon as the heating season is over.

### Transportation Services:

We've bought four new Chevy Malibus for the fleet, which will be ready to go within two months. We're also purchasing more vehicles for departments within Facilities Services. Brian has been doing a great job keeping up with repairs. We're installing more 50-series engines and completing repairs on our buses. Steve and Abner have been staying busy nearly every weekend with driving activity trips.

### Public Safety:

We've recently apprehended the individuals responsible for vandalizing the Rendezvous building over the past three months. With the help of IT, we've also recovered a stolen laptop. In addition, we're working to increase security around campus by installing more cameras, alarms, and card readers.

### Meridian Campus:

We've completed construction of the Pharmacy Research Tenant Improvement project; researchers have moved in and are ready to begin working in the new lab. The construction team is now in the planning stage for a new Anatomy and Physiology facility. We're also reviewing the Emergency Notification System Upgrade which will begin in late spring.

### Custodial:

We would like to welcome Camille Clark, our new lead worker for the Pocatello campus, to the team. We also welcome five new full-time custodians; Brian McHugh, Skyler Boyd, Derek Zohner, Katie Swope, and Tammy Hollingsworth. Our recycling program is growing this year as we work with the ASISU Green-Up Club to install a community recycling bin at Holt Arena. Look for it soon at the southeast side of the parking lot, and help us fill it up!

### Grounds:

With the weather finally warming up and summer on the way, we've started removing snow plows and blades from our machines, replacing them with equipment for mowing operations. We're also energizing the irrigation systems; repairs will be made to each system as it is turned on. Over spring break, we swept the parking lots on campus. In April the Bartz Field tree plantings will resume, weather-permitting. We'll also begin construction of a seating area at Fine Arts.

### Planning, Design, & Construction:

There are several important projects to be completed this quarter. The projects in Pocatello include: the practice field south of Holt Arena; a remodel of the Museum gallery; HVAC upgrades and third floor remodel in the Administration Building; the Turner Hall elevator upgrade; and the Pond Student Union restrooms and leadership center. In Idaho Falls we will be providing HVAC upgrades to the CAES building. Finally, the ISU Campus Master Plan is in its final stages - stop by when you have time for a look at the plan.

### Priorities:

#### Exemplary Service

We provide reliable and responsible service.

#### Team Unity

We are professionals serving professionals.

#### Ownership Mindset

We know, protect, and improve our facilities.

#### Communication

We minimize surprises through listening, understanding, and being understood.

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